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- 2012 September 1-2, Portland, Oregon
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on the Columbia River
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- 2013 August 29th-September 2nd
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and Midwest Dahlia Conference Show
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- 2014 August 28th-September 1st
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Closeout for the June 2012 Bulletin is April 15, 2012.

Please remember your ideas and articles are greatly needed.

Norm Hines
Bulletin Editor

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On The Cover

Best Dahlia Photo of 2011

"Are You Looking At Me"

Photo By Steve Boley

Gardening with Dahlias

Gardeners from many countries have chosen to grace their homes, landscapes, and garden plots with dahlias, one of the longest blooming flowers in cultivation. While many grow dahlias solely as a decorative planting, others are more interested in artistic arrangements, cut flowers and even exhibition. Whatever your reason, you'll have more success when you become a member.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It's becoming obvious; the middle of January isn't too soon to start planning and purchasing dahlias for the coming season's garden. Waiting to mid March is getting to be a bit on the late side these days, especially if your intention was to add some of the "hot" new varieties to your plot. It's the middle of January where I'm sitting and I've been looking at several dahlia supplier web sites. Many of the smaller commercial suppliers are showing "out of stock" on many varieties. For the late shopper, this is unfortunate. Thankfully, many fine dahlias are still available, especially from the larger companies. The big guys grow many more plants for stock and therefore they generally have an abundance of tubers to supply their customers. If you are relatively new to dahlias, start thinking about the following year's garden about the time you're digging the tubers from the past season. Commercial growers seem to be updating their online catalogs earlier each year, and remember, "the early bird gets the"

If you've been reading this Bulletin within the past several years, and particularly the articles dealing with organic gardening, you must have read where earthworms are good. We're told we need to encourage worms! They are our friends! Unfortunately (I guess) when it comes to wooorrrms, I can't claim to have an abundance of the things where I grow dahlias. Sure, there are some of these wiggly critters hanging out there, but not nearly like in other parts of my yard. The most recent soil test reports our dahlia beds as high in organic content. I'm supposing this doesn't necessarily translate to worm food, however. Most everyone recommends tree leaves as a special attractant and food for worms, so this past fall I added shredded leaves to the garden. My expectation is this will increase worm activity and perfect organic balance will be restored. I know, ...good luck. It takes a whole lot more than that! Seriously, if organic gardening practices can help us grow better plants and reduce the need for chemicals, I'm all for it. There are a raft of chemicals out there that can attack just about every disease and pest known to man or bug, but have you checked the price on some of these products? I believe we should be spending more on the tubers and plants we grow, than what we spray on them. A big part of our mission is to encourage interest in the dahlia.

Advising growers new to dahlias, that a plant growing from a \$10 tuber requires a periodic, or even an occasional, dose of a \$300 chemical, is not the way to encourage this interest. This is my opinion and I know others who feel likewise.

I happily report the ADS has now received commitments for hosting our annual National Shows through the year 2016. We were without a bid for the 2014 show until the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers voted to become the host group for this annual event. The "Federation" is truly a dynamic group dedicated to advancing interest in the dahlia. By filling in the scheduling gap we had for 2014, they continue to lead by example. Thank you NWFDG people. Your willingness to take this on at this relatively late date is greatly appreciated.

Admittedly, I look at what some of the other large specialist plant societies are doing from time to time. I say, why not steal a good idea if it will work for the ADS? Unfortunately, one of the sad things I've read and heard about, is the difficulty various plant societies are having finding host groups for their annual conventions. Consequently, some years will stand vacant when it comes to these traditional gatherings. I might also mention that we're talking about organizations that are larger than the ADS. In the Midwest Dahlia Conference as in other dahlia conferences, we acknowledge that without financial assistance, many societies cannot afford to host these larger conference shows. The expenses are simply too great. It's been a big help to have additional groups pitch-in and they have done so in a way their treasuries can comfortably handle. While this isn't a total funding solution, it significantly contributes to the cause. To perpetuate interest in the dahlia and to strengthen our conferences and especially our local societies, we need to support flower shows and the clubs that are hosting these events. Dahlia shows remain a very important way of sharing the dahlia gardening experience and for creating new opportunities with the public.

Planning for the 2015 Centennial Show of the American Dahlia Society continues. Unless something unexpected and spectacular happens in modern medicine, it goes without saying; those of us kicking around today will never see the 200th anniversary of the American Dahlia Society! We need to make this a very special event and leave a legacy that when it came to growing and showing dahlias; we knew what we were doing! We wish for our dahlia loving successors, whomever they might be, to also know that we were really capable of staging a fitting celebration of ADS's 100th anniversary. It's going to take imagination, work and funding. We'll be looking for help on all three accounts. ("Ya gotta kinda wonder what will the dahlia look like 200 years from now?")

We received feedback from some members this winter regarding the delayed delivery of the December 2011 Bulletin. We learned that a number of weeks separated the actual time of delivery, though the presorted bulk packages were all mailed on the same date. As has been broadly reported in the news, things at the postal service are not going well. These are difficult times for many companies and institutions that have been so successful in the past. Without further comment, I wish to remind you that next December's issue will be sent via First Class mail. The ADS appreciates your support of the increase in 2012 membership fees to offset the greater expense of, what should be, a faster delivery of your next December's Bulletin. On a positive note, it appears the durable envelopes used for the December 2011 mailing reduced the loss and damage of contents. That was very good.

We welcome Bob Schroeder as the new ADS Judge Accreditation Chair. Bob, who hails from the Bremerton, Washington area, is an energetic guy and one who has been a familiar face at ADS events for many years. Please address any judging questions or concerns to Bob. His contact information is on page 1 of this Bulletin. We thank Bob Moynahan for the many years he dedicated to the ADS in the Judge Accreditation Chair position. This is not always an easy job. Maybe it is more correct to say, it is never an easy job.

For most of us in North America, it won't be too long before we'll be working in the garden. Like I stated above, this message is being written in middle of January and we've had unusual winter weather up to this point. Who knows what will happen weather-wise before this Bulletin arrives at your place? I hope that Mother Nature cooperates and you'll be able to stay on schedule with all your gardening activities. These "activities" must absolutely include attending your local dahlia club's meetings and their spring plant and tuber sales, when possible. Please continue to support our advertisers and thanks for reading my message.

Jerry

ADS WEBSITE DAHLIA CONTEST

47 responses were received to the www.dahlia.org survey questions asking about our member's three favorite dahlia cultivars. More than 100 individual cultivars were identified. There was no clear favorite: Verrone's Morning Star and Hamari Accord each received 3 votes.

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AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY CONFERENCE CALL

November 6, 2011

The conference call was called to order by President Jerry Landerholm at 3:02 PM EST. Other board members on the call were Lou Paradise, Kevin Larkin, Claudia Biggs, Steve Nowotarski, Arthur Haskins, Brent Grant, Ron Miner, Mac Boyer, Alan Fisher, Don McAllister, Harry Risetto, Wayne and Eleanor Shantz, Martin Kral, Lois Ann Helgeson, John Morton and Anna Moynahan.

The President extended his congratulations to the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference for hosting a successful show and expressed his thanks to those who took over for him in his absence, especially Kevin Larkin.

The President asked for a moment of consideration for those members who are ill or recently deceased.

MINUTES. MOTION by Brent Grant, second by Lou Paradise to accept the minutes of the

June 26, 2011 conference call as published in the September Bulletin.

PASSED

TREASURER. Mac Boyer reported a balance of \$77,299.49 in the Lake City Bank accounts. Of this amount, \$25,855.57 are dedicated funds. To date, Mac has received \$1,160 in gift fund envelope contributions.

MOTION by Steve Nowotarski, second by Kevin Larkin to accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit. **PASSED**

The order of business has been altered to make better use of our time.

OLD BUSINESS.

WEB SITE MEDIA PAGE. Ron Miner reports that he is awaiting further input from Lois Ann.

NATIONAL SHOW RULES. Arthur Haskins and Jerry are still working on updating the rules. Mac Boyer reported that the Moore Family has given a \$50.00 donation to be given in the Arrangement Section at the 2012 National Show.

ADS CENTENNIAL PLANNING. Representatives from the ADS will meet with members from the Mid Island DS to work out the respective roles of each group. A show account will be set up to handle the funds. Steve Nowotarski reports he has had considerable interest in the show in his area. Individual societies are encouraged to sponsor an award. Steve suggests asking each society for a donation of \$50 from which \$20 would go toward a prize.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE. The current brochure contains the old membership information and so is no longer usable. It is suggested that in future printings, the prospective member be referred to the web site for the dues structure.

BULLETIN AD PRICING POLICY. It was decided to leave this discussion until the spring planning meeting.

POST CARDS. Lois Ann Helgeson is working with Claudia Biggs on selecting images for the new printing. Once this is decided, the printer will offer a sample for approval by the committee.

CLASSIFICATION OF TWO-COLOR DAHLIAS. Lou Paradise explained that there has been concern on the Classification Committee about how to designate the reverse color on dahlias. A lengthy discussion followed. Lou recommends showing the reverse color of the ray florets in brackets in the CHD. He also suggests using the predominant color, either on the face or reverse, as the designated color. The color that is most prominent would be listed first whether on the face or reverse with the reverse in brackets. **MOTION** by Lou Paradise, second by Ron Miner to alter the definition so that the color of a fully double dahlia can be determined from either or both the face and/or reverse ray floret color(s). **PASSED** Jerry would like to see a list of dahlias being considered for this designation. Lou will get photos from Claudia.

NEW SIZE CLASSIFICATION FOR MIGNON SINGLES. Lou felt this issue has been resolved. However, a discussion ensued concerning a mignon designation for other forms. Lou will look into this.

ADS ARCHIVE REPOSITORY. Harry Risetto is looking into funding and hopes to have a report after the first of the year.

E NEWSLETTER. This will be covered in the spring planning meeting.

NEW BUSINESS.

PLANNING MEETING. Ron Miner volunteered to host the meeting in Florida after Easter when room rates are reduced. Jerry will communicate with the Board by email concerning time and place.

ADS IDENTIFICATION TAGS. Jerry reports that the trade mark office says in order to use our logo on live plants we need to demonstrate that we have used it thus in the past. Harry has some tags which Kevin Larkin has used on his potted plants. Harry will check that this qualifies.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP RATES. Alan Fisher explained that student rates have been \$5.00 through participating societies and \$6.00 at-large up to the age of 18 for a number years. With the first class mailing of the December Bulletin, Alan is asking the Finance Committee if this needs to be changed. Harry, speaking for the committee, reported that since there

is a small number of students involved, they recommend leaving the rates as is.

NEW ADS VASE. Mac Boyer reported that he has already 4 orders for the proposed mid sized vase as described in the September Bulletin as well as additional orders for the small vase. Mac says the tooling for the new mold will cost \$3500 and he expects to sell the vase at \$1.75. **MOTION** by Mac Boyer, second by Alan Fisher to proceed with the tooling for this new mid sized vase. **PASSED**

RAISING BEAUTIFUL DAHLIAS. Kevin Larkin asked about the status of reprinting Raising Beautiful Dahlias. Kevin and Swan Island say they would sell them if available. Rick Peters thinks the book needs to be rewritten. One thousand copies would cost over \$5.00 each to print. It was decided to put this on hold until someone is willing to help with a rewrite.

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

EASTERN STATES CONFERENCE. Brent Grant reported that substantial cross participation took place with the Gettysburg, Philadelphia and National Capital Societies this fall. He said the Dahlia Nutritional Study statistical work up has not been done yet but should happen soon.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE. Wayne Shantz reported that the Conference held successful shows this year and is looking forward the the National Show in Portland next year. The venue is located adjacent to the Columbia River. He has been working with people in Gold Beach, Oregon, hoping to get a society started there.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE. John Morton thanked all that helped make the recent National Show in Santa Clara the success that it was. He has concerns about their upcoming two day conference since the South Coast DS feels they are unable to host this event. They are now looking into a different venue for this meeting.

FEDERATION OF NORTHWEST DAHLIA GROWERS. By email, Brad Freeman reported a number of issues were discussed at their annual meeting, including changes to their show rules and hosting the 2014 ADS National Show. These topics will be discussed further after obtaining more information particularly regarding venues, costs and financial commitments from the member clubs for this undertaking. Election of officers took place and the following people were inducted into the Federation Hall of Fame: Rosa Beer, Pauline Fanning, Harold Miller, David and Leone Smith.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

CLASSIFICATION. Lou Paradise reports that for the first time, he received a report from every society holding a show. He stated that Elvira is the Stanley Johnson Medal winner this year.

He is asking for information about the originator, Lou Eckoff, for an article

in the Bulletin. He had an excellent response to his appeal for color chip numbers on undocumented cultivars.

GARDEN DAHLIAS. Steve Nowotarski is collecting reports from evaluators of the 2011 Border/Container Dahlia trials. A report with pictures will be published in the March Bulletin.

IMAGE LIBRARY. Claudia Biggs says she is gathering photos of the new introductions. Jerry would like to see the "photo reproduction consent" form standardized between the Image Library and the Photo Contest.

MARKETING. Steve Nowotarski is working on a complete marketing initiative to be presented at the spring planning meeting. This plan includes Bulletin and web site advertising as well as a new pricing structure. He will also address the need for an E-newsletter with sponsorship opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP Alan Fisher thanked Harry Risetto for helping put together packages for members. Thus far, he processed more than 60 new memberships. He has received some memberships at the old rate and has had to contact the membership chair for the additional amount due.

NATIONAL EXHIBITION. Arthur Haskins reiterated that the Federation is still considering the possibility of hosting the 2014 National Show. Martin Kral noted that they were looking at a new venue. It was suggested that perhaps the ADS could provide a repayable loan to cover some up front expenses. Brent Grant thinks a survey of past host societies to determine what expected and unexpected expenses they encountered would be helpful.

NEW SOCIETY COORDINATOR. Rosemary Freeman, by email, reported the very exciting news of a new society in Provincetown, Mass. She is also in contact with a group in Gold Beach, Oregon. In addition, she has a person interested in forming a society in the Santa Rosa, Calif. area.

PHOTOGRAPHY. Martin Kral reports the deadline for the contest is December 1. He wants the winning images published in the March Bulletin.

PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS. Lois Ann Helegeson is working on a new set of post cards. She will also do a press release about Elvira.

RESEARCH/EDUCATION. Kevin Larkin noted that from his appraisal of the nutrient research, nitrogen appears to be a key element. He is awaiting the final determination from the horticulturalists. He also reported that Dr. Pappu is continuing to do dahlia research at WSU.

SPECIAL AWARDS. Jerry Landerholm reported that all 2009 and 2010 ADS award winners should have received their engraved medals. The

2008 Stanley Johnson medal for Pam Howden was shipped to Australia. He ordered replacements medals so the ADS should be set for the next few years. Because of the spot price of silver, the Hart, Dudley and Gullikson medals are now gold plated. These have a quality look to them. The Johnson medals are minted in silver and we have a sufficient supply of those.

TECHNOLOGY. Don McAllister stated that he has begun work on "the Big List".

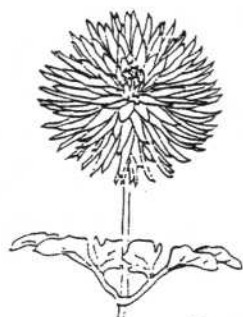
TRIAL GARDENS. Ron Miner reported the feedback on the new seedling evaluation forms has been positive. These have been submitted to Lou for inclusion in the CHD. The TG Directors did a good job in of gathering their scores in a timely fashion. There were 116 individual cultivars and 304 total entries in the trial gardens this year. Seventy-one cultivars achieved a passing score. Forty percent of the entries failed to score. He reported that the Mahoning Valley DS announced that it will no longer be able to operate the Youngstown TG. Ron thanked the MVDS as well as the other societies for their efforts in maintaining the trial gardens.

WEB SITE. Ron Miner reported that the change in the password in July went reasonably well. He expects to change the members only password at least annually. He noted that the trial garden results are now available on the site. He thanked Bruce Cornett and his staff for their efficient handling of this project. He encourages all to take a look at the photos and medal winners. Also new to the site is a second decade of Bulletins, running from 1990 through 2009.

Jerry Landerholm announced the necessity to nominate a nominating committee before February, 2012. This committee consists of a chairman selected by the President, 2 members selected by the chairman and and 2 members selected by the Executive Board. Jerry will do this by internet.

Conference call adjourned at 5:18 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Moynahan
Secretary



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Our 2012 Releases

Poppy's Miranda Ba Red Orig. by Jim Monnahan **\$18.00**

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FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GARDEN

by Ramona K. Kuiper

Hello Folks,

Happy New Year 2012! I hope everyone has enjoyed the winter weather and am happy as I that "Spring" will soon be here.

Since I found myself in a pack of trouble last year and got stuck by the pond of snakes and bugs, I've decided to be good this year and just admire my Mr. and my kids dahlias ~ not ask for a spot of my own. However maybe, just maybe, they'll take pity on me and plant a dahlia or two just for "little old me."

Last fall, I learned a very valuable lesson. It all started when I decided to take my elderly friend a BIG red dahlia. So I went off to the nursing home feeling so happy. I just knew she'd be so happy.

Well, as I entered the home with my lovely dahlia I had to walk the long halls to her room. About every two feet, I was stopped. Everyone hoped the dahlia was for them.

Some smelled it, others touched it, some held it, others talked of its beauty, some asked if it was for them. Once I got to my friends room, we sat and visited awhile. I told her about all the people who had stopped me and she smiled and said - "she was the lucky one." She asked me if I could talk to the boss and maybe next year plant a few at the home for people to enjoy.

On the way out I passed the dining room and thought, maybe I could bring some for each table for all to enjoy.

A few nights later a friend who works at the nursing home, as a activity director, told me that the dahlia sure was loved.

It seemed that after 4 days my friend asked an aide to take the dahlia to the trash. Well, as she passed the nurses station, the nurses decided to pluck a few petals out ~ give it fresh water ~ a resident begged for the dahlia so it became hers to enjoy for 3 more days then she asked an aide to throw it out, once again a few petals plucked and fresh water, it took on a new look ~ the fellow who always calls out to find his "beloved Marie" was given the

dahlia. A few days later all that was left was just the center. Once again it was viewed beautiful and enjoyed by another.

It was then I asked my Mister, once shows are done may I cut dahlias and take the nursing home some. Well, finally shows were done, a few friends came and picked dahlias. The nights grew colder, the dahlia paths grew harder to get thru, I procrastinated to long and the frost came. My great idea was gone. Simply because I did not do what I should have, instead I just put it off. When I think back to who all could have enjoyed the simple dahlia. Well folks I made a promise that in 2012 I won't do that again. I will take the time to pick and deliver the beautiful dahlias to the nursing home where I know they'll bring joy beyond measure.

I have a feeling a lot of people may know exactly how I felt once time ran out and the dahlias were all frosted. To others its a relief after a long growing season. I guess I just needed that dose of God's Vit. C, telling me to think of others not about myself. It's the simple joy in life that brings such happiness to others.

Well, folks my Mr. has ordered his new collection of 2012 dahlias. He seems excited. So maybe the time the season starts, the fishing will slow down. Yep, he's been fishing a lot, enjoying every minute of it. He just told me the other day he can teach me a lot in 2012. 1. How to clean fish - I say nope, don't care to learn. 2. How to plant and care for dahlias - I say nope, don't think so - I'm thinking I'll just listen to fish stories and just watch the dahlias grow. That way I stay out of trouble.

So meanwhile folks, remember that a "Candle loses nothing of its light by lighting another candle." Remember to start a new journal this year called "grateful journal" write about your day, its blessings, its sadness and happiness, and what you enjoyed for each day. Have fun.

God's Blessings!

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The A.D.S. would like to thank the following for writing articles in the year 2011. These are the people that make the Bulletin an interesting and informative publication. Without them we would not have a Bulletin. Once again thanks for a job well done. Please help us with your ideas and expertise, the number in () means more than one article was written.

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The A.D.S. would like to thank the following societies that made at least three (3) Society Reports in 2011,

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| Carolinas D.S. (4) | Montana (3) |
| Central States D.S. (4) | National Capitol (3) |
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| Inland Empire (4) | Southeastern Michigan (3) |
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| Long Island (3) | Utah (3) |
| Mahoning Valley (4) | 5 Valleys Dahlia & Glad Society (4) |
| Mid Island (4) | West Michigan (4) |

We had 66 Societies send in show reports in 2011. This is great, keep up the great work in 2012.

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New Introductions for 2012

From Colin Walker

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From Eugene Kenyon

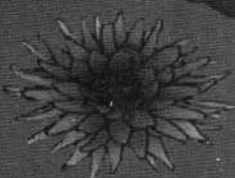
River's Novelty NX-DR/br \$15.00

From RaeAnn Lobaugh

Apopa Cindy CO-Pr \$8.00

Apopa Beauty CO-DB pr/w \$7.00

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Winner**

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**Lark's
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Introduction**

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ADS EXHIBITION VASES

Tooling of the mid sized is complete, ready for production. See page 46 of the September 2011 Bulletin for size.

The ADS now has three Exhibition Vases;
The larger vase with a top which can be used without the top for smaller multiple entries. Cost \$2.00 each plus shipping.

New mid size vase also with a top intended primarily for larger single bloom entries. Cost \$1.75 each plus shipping.

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American Dahlia Society, Inc.
2011 Calendar Year Financial Report

Lake City Bank assets (CD's included) 12/31/10 \$65,100.93

Revenue & Deposits

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| Membership | \$42,513.00 |
| Book Sales | 7,842.11 |
| Raising Beautiful Dahlias sales | 314.28 |
| Color Guide | 170.00 |
| Bulletin & Class Book Advertising | 5,615.00 |
| Insurance | 3,925.00 |
| Exhibition Vases | 6,031.00 |
| Show Tag rings | 75.00 |
| DVD's | 1,398.00 |
| Fertility Research Project | 1,302.00 |
| Bequests & Special | 2,055.00 |
| Lake City Account Interest | 45.35 |
| CD interest | 673.61 |
| Centennial Fund | 530.00 |
| Web Fund (Ameriprise & additional) | <u>2,200.00</u> |
| | \$74,689.35 |

Total deposits and assets, Lake City Bank \$139,790.28

Disbursements, fees and reimbursements

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| Postmaster, Chicago | \$6,750.00 |
| Parrot Press, Bulletin & printing | 42,105.95 |
| Claudia Biggs, Image Library | 1,100.00 |
| Mac Boyer, Treasurer | 2,309.49 |
| Norm Hines, Bulletin Editor | 211.88 |
| Alan Fisher, Membership | 1,770.02 |
| RARCOA ADS medals | 1,000.54 |
| Anna Moynahan, Secretary | 569.03 |
| Rosemary Freeman, New Society | 28.37 |
| AR-Tee Ent., Vase Molding | 460.00 |
| TL Mold & Machine, tooling & molding | 5,442.00 |
| Servlet, Web Server & Website | 2,723.46 |
| Roger Walker, Seedling Bench | 336.13 |
| Insurance, group and officer | 3,197.00 |
| Pacific SW Dahlia Conf, National Show | 1,500.00 |
| Portland DS, National Show - 2012 | 1,450.00 |
| Gettysburg DS | 1,000.00 |
| New York St, Tax Filing Fee | 50.00 |
| Photo Contest, Awards | 340.00 |
| M. Kral, photo contest | 25.00 |

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| Steve Nowotarski, mailing | 166.49 |
| Refunds to individuals & societies | 440.38 |
| Bank & Paypal fees | 481.33 |
| Kevin Larkin, web book sales | 47.00 |
| Puget So DA, web book sales | 132.09 |
| Golden Images, Bulletin scan | 1,200.13 |
| Jerry Landerholm, ADS President | 402.76 |
| Lou Paradise, Classification | 323.65 |
| NCDS, web book sales | 199.88 |
| Morgan Lewis, patent application fee | 300.00 |
| National Engrave, medal engrave | 733.72 |
| N'west Territorial Mint, medals | 2,515.00 |
| National Garden Club | 15.00 |
| Penn State C E, fertility trials | 1,105.65 |
| H Rissetto, trustee | <u>450.00</u> |
| | \$80,881.95 |

Lake City Bank assets (CD's included) 12/31/11 \$58,908.33

LCB assets;

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| LCB check & investors accounts | \$20,656.62 |
| LCB CD due 08/10/12 | 22,055.51 |
| LCB CD due 09/15/12 | <u>16,196.20</u> |
| | \$58,908.33 |

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| ADS Ameriprise Account 12/31/11 | \$63,581.55 |
| ADS Vanguard Account 12/31/11 | <u>25,171.57</u> |
| | \$88,753.12 |

Total ADS funds 12/31/11 \$147,656.45

Designated/Undesignated Funds, Lake City Bank

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| Undesignated funds | \$5,625.00 |
| Website | 10,757.55 |
| Insurance Contingency | 5,574.00 |
| Research | 4,981.02 |
| Life Membership | 1,680.00 |
| Centennial Fund | 530.00 |
| Bulletin & Special | <u>1,010.00</u> |

Total designated/undesignated funds \$30,157.57

\$147,656.45 is the grand total of ADS funds, of this total \$118,910.69 in the Ameriprise, Vanguard and Lake City Bank are funds contributed for a specific purposes and are therefore restricted and can not be used for operating expenses.

Shipping and mailing costs are included in the revenue received for materials, books, vases, rings, color guides & DVD's.

Disbursements to ADS Officers and Committee members are reimbursement for postage, supplies, material and also honorariums designated for the Secretary and Treasurer. Receipts are submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement.

Purchases thorough Paypal have been included in the various line items. There are ADS funds remaining in the Paypal account.

The Treasurer filed the necessary 2010 tax forms with the IRS and New York State. Additional information from either has not been requested at this time. Information in this report is for the calendar year whereas the tax reports are from June 1 to May 31.

The American Dahlia Society is a 501 C3 not for profit organization and contributions are tax deductible for tax payers filing an itemized tax return. Larger contributions will be acknowledged advising of the ADS EIN number for tax records.

Requests of additional information, questions, concerns, or comments on information found in this report contact the Treasurer, ADS President, Jerry Landerholm or Finance Chair, Harry Rissetto.

As of January 1, 2012 all invoices and requests for reimbursement had been processed. There were no receivables

Refer to the March 2011 Bulletin for comparison of previous revenue and disbursements.

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A DAHLIA THANK YOU

Allow me to reintroduce a couple you have not seen in a while. They're in their 80's and don't leave the house much - you know how it is - or you soon will.

They had always attended all the dahlia meetings, picnics and tours - hosting many times in their own backyard. Always generous with their time; always donating hundreds and hundreds of dahlia plants to the annual tuber sales. Carl never got too excited about getting on the Honor Table at show time or taking 2nd place. After all he would comment "How many trophies does it take to make you happy?"

Roger and I met Carl and Gladys Behring of Glendale, Wisconsin a northside suburb of Milwaukee in 1967. At the Mitchell Park Domes where men wear suits and ties and carried their dahlia growing and showing secrets close to the vest. The women wore hats, hose and heels and provided fantastic casseroles and desserts for meetings and parties. One Christmas a silver tea set and punch bowl with the "real stuff" appeared with lobster termidor, spanfeikle (roast pig) and black forest torte amongst other goodies. We ate "good".

Thru the years, we shared good times and sad. We attended each others children's weddings - their daughters our sons. We grieved together over loss of family and friends and neighbors. We traveled together to the Minnesota's Midwest, St. Louis and Chicago shows. The best and longest trip took us to London's 100 Centennial Exhibit where we watched in awe as thousands of dahlias were unpacked from crates in vans surviving a tremulous journey across the English Channel - one van's windshield was cracked from the powerful waves.

As Roger and Carl toured the Dutch gardens later, Gladys and I took a train to Copenhagen to visit a pen pal I had met while bicycling over there in '59.

The reason you're seeing a picture of them holding some yellow dahlias is this. After noticing dahlia people naming new seedlings after their kids/grandkids, we thought we'd do the same. Waiting for a good one for our #5 grandchild - after Erik's Red, Princess Megan, Baby Don and WEE Emma, we had three ready for names - so William Henry got his flowers, Romars Moonrise #2 and what about the 3rd one? How about the Behrings? So in Chicago in 2011, the B ID Yellow was named, and registered as Carl &

Gladys. A picture and copy of certification was presented to them and you never saw such wider smiles on their happy faces - even a tear or two.

As the men folks once worked out in his garden Gladys and I would go shopping. Now when we stop - Carol makes wonderful coffee! They sit and untangle hose connections or whatever men do - and Gladys and I sit and watch TV.

This is a small thank you for all the years of fun, friendship and hospitality Carl and Gladys. We love you like family which is what being a member of a Dahlia Society is all about - Isn't it?

*Mary Stevens
Dahlia Society of Wisconsin*

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THE 2011 ADS PHOTO CONTEST

By Martin Král

What happened to our dahlia season in the Pacific Northwest must also have affected the photographers across the nation - a weak turnout in show translated into a poor showing at the ADS Photo Contest. Although it made for easier judging, the 178 submitted images were half of last year's haul. With only a dozen photographers vying for the prizes, it's no wonder that hardly anyone went away empty-handed. True, there was one unlucky entrant, but she submitted only one photo and that sort of a gamble is shooting for the moon, as anyone buying a single lotto or raffle ticket can attest.

The judging was helped by having nearly the same number of entries in all categories but one - Category 8 (Artistic). Although the best opportunity to show off the skills and pricey equipment without concern over disqualification, this category needs talented individuals willing to do more than just throw on a Photoshop special effect or filter, it's time to take some classes or at least read a photo editing cookbook, folks!

Reading the contest rules would have emphasized a couple of necessary housekeeping measures: we now accept only THREE entries in each category, and supplying a separate list with the entries filenames and/or descriptions is more than a nice extra. It became a godsend when I had entered nearly all the information in the Excel database only to see it disappear when the computer accidentally was shut off! Another thing that needs to be stressed - please don't organize your submitted photos by creating a separate directory for each category. It is not helpful when all files have to be recopied directory by directory into the contest listing.

A couple of notes to consider in selecting photos for the contest: for Category 3, the request is for two or more VARIETIES, not just a couple of blooms off the same bush. Vase competition must be heating up, because the best three photos were of vases, and no garden shots made the winner's circle. Some photos in Category 4 and 5 would have done better, if they had been cropped or rotated a bit -- both edits are entirely legit. The Category 7 had plenty of kids and some critters, but the one that evoked the most consternation was a lovely union of a dahlia and spotted cucumber beetle - a serious pest we could all do without in dahliadom.

And while I loved a couple of single dahlias (Verrone's Taylor Swift and Kelsey Annie Joy) and a number of the judging photos, the honor of Best Dahlia Photo of 2011 goes to Steve Boley's crisp closeup of ladybug in a flame bloom, Titled "Are you looking at me?" this bug's life viewpoint mirrors the focused attention all photographers should give to the 2012 ADS Photo Contest.

2011 ADS PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

| Class | Category | Title | Photographer | Award |
|-------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Introd/Undissem. | Verrone's Taylor Swift | Roland Verrone | 1st |
| | | Tacoma TG #3 | April Adams | 2 |
| | | Anemone seedling | Steve Boley | 3rd |
| | | Verrone seedling | Roland Verrone | Hon M |
| 2 | Dahlia Portraits | Kelsey Annie Joy | April Adams | 1st |
| | | San Francisco Sunrise | Claudia Biggs | 2nd |
| | | Alpen Diamond | April Adams | 3rd |
| | | Shea's Rainbow | Roland Verrone | Hon M |
| 3 | Blooms 2+ Varieties | Pooh and others | Cathy McMullin | 1st |
| | | Anemone Collection | Steve Boley | 2nd |
| | | Seattle show bouquet | Claudia Biggs | 3rd |
| | | Ivory Palaces is behind | Bill Meyer | Hon M |
| 4 | Dahlia Gardens | Vassio Meggos in Shower | Billy Meyer | 1st |
| | | Dahlia Dell with Lou | Roland Verrone | 2nd |
| | | Baby Dan in sunset | Bill Meyer | 3rd |
| | | Rebecca Lynn plus more | Ron Miner | Hon M |
| 5 | Shows/Clubs | The Landerholms at show | Bill Meyer | 1st |
| | | Tough dahlia party | Deborah Dietz | 2nd |
| | | Greater Philadelphia show | Rich Gibson | 3rd |
| | | Kathleen Meyer's joy | Bill Meyer | Hon M |
| 6 | Macro View | Are you looking at me? | Steve Boley | 1st |
| | | Jessie G string of pearls | Rich Gibson | 2nd |
| | | A refracted droplet | Rich Gibson | 3rd |
| | | Teesbrooke Redeye | Michael Canning | Hon M |
| 7 | Kids & Critters | Cleared for takeoff | Michael Canning | 1st |
| | | Bumbling around | April Adams | 2nd |
| | | Maddy is intrigued | Deborah Dietz | 3rd |
| | | It's a bug life | DJ Ecklebarger | Hon M |
| 8 | Digital Darkroom | Starring Camano Pet | Bill Meyer | 1st |
| | | Flame dahlia | Steve Boley | 2nd |
| | | One from many | Steve Boley | 3rd |
| | | Kenora Fireball in frost | Cathy McMullin | Hon M |
| 9 | Personalities | Steve Meggos in photo mode | Bill Meyer | 1st |
| | | Bob Williamson Closeup | Bill Meyer | 2nd |
| | | Charles Craig | Bill Meyer | 3rd |
| | | The Burtons judging | Cathy McMullin | Hon M |

Best Dahlia Photo of 2011
Are you looking at me?

Steve Boley

NEW WAY OF SEEING DAHLIA COLOR

The Dahlia is a spectacular and an ever-changing flower. Compare the dahlia of today with the original species dahlias. We have cultivars that range from having only a single row of ray florets to cultivars that carry over 300 florets. With the complexity of forms, the dahlia is truly a flower in its own league. Now I'm sure that most of you, if not all, would agree that the dahlia would not be anywhere as popular if it had never strayed from its original form. How bland would the dahlia be if upon hybridization or mutation all but the "original" form were weeded out or thrown away? I, for one, would not have been drawn to the dahlia.

In the same light, the time has finally come to look at the ever increasing array of colors found in the dahlia. Cultivar color, on fully double dahlias, has always been characterized by the color found on the face of the ray florets. Cultivars such as Valley Porcupine, Bodacious, Nick SR., Versa, Valda and, most recently, River's Novelty, show a great deal of a different color on the reverse of the ray florets. With both colors clearly visible on these cultivars, and probably others, how can we justify to the public, and ourselves, that a cultivar is characterized by only the ray face color?

For a little over a year, the Classification Committee has been wrestling with this problem. We have now taken the first step to alleviate this problem. In November, The Executive Board, with the recommendation of the Classification Committee, voted to alter the definition of color on fully double dahlias. Color will now be recognized as coming from either, or both, the face or reverse of the ray florets (please see the current definition found on page 6 of the 2012 Classification and Handbook of Dahlias).

This was by no means an easy decision; but as long as the dahlia evolves, our definitions and how we see the dahlia must also evolve.

Lou Paradise



Valley Porcupine



Bodacious



River's Novelty



Nick Sr.

Photographs provided by Claudia Biggs

ESSENTIALS OF GROWING DAHLIAS

Starting Tubers

One may plant the tuber directly or start it "on the bench." The advantage of starting tubers on the bench is that one can see whether a tuber is growing well before planting. To start a tuber "on the bench" requires a "flat," a plastic try about 2 inches high about the length and width of a large baking pan. Instead of a plastic tray, one may use disposable aluminum baking pans. Poke several holes in the bottom of the flat for drainage. Place the moistened potting mix in the tray to about 1/3 inch from the top. Place the tubers on the potting mix, with the eyes (or sprouts) up, about 1 1/2 inches apart. One may have the end away from the eye buried in the potting mix, but the end with the eye should be primarily on top of the mixture. (If one buries the tubers, they might rot.) Alternate the tubers with the eye of one at one end and the eye of the next at the other end. (If the eyes are little more than bumps, cover the tray with newspaper until the sprout is 1/2 inch long.) Put the tray in a warm area where it will receive indirect light or direct sun only very early or late in the day. Keep the potting mixture moist. In warm weather, one may need to add water every evening.

Keep the tubers on the flat until the sprout starts growing and white feeder roots are developing from the end of the tuber. If the tuber does not put out feeder roots within a few weeks, it may have rot or disease (virus). If so, throw it away and get another. However, a few varieties never seem to start growing on flats but grow fine when planted directly in the ground once it warms up. To learn which cultivars do best if planted directly in the ground, ask experienced growers from the nearest ADS-affiliated dahlia society.

Dahlia tubers can generally remain on flats for a few weeks. One may even wait to plant tubers in the ground until the sprout has about two sets of leaves. Once leaves start forming, gradually give the plant more sun. If the tuber develops more than about two sets of leaves, consider transferring it to a pot before planting it in the ground.

Dahlias often develop more than one sprout (more than one eye). After planting, let only one spout develop. One method is to leave two sprouts on tubers while on the flat but break off one of them after planting, before covering the tuber in the ground.

Many dahlias root easily, and some cultivars produce better plants from rooted cuttings than from tubers. One may root additional sprouts to produce plants. (Figure five to six weeks from taking a cutting before an average plant is likely to be ready to go in the ground.)

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WHAT IS FLORIADE?

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Floriade is an international horticultural exhibition. The Netherlands has been hosting Floriade roughly every ten years since 1960. Previous venues were Rotterdam in 1960, Amsterdam in 1982 and 1972, where the highlight was the Dahliarama. Zoetermeer hosted in 1992 and Haarlemmeer in 2002. Traditionally, a legacy building is left behind such as the Euromast in Rotterdam which has become a much visited monument for the city. The floral extravaganza runs for six months with the plantings changing with the seasons. In other words, the opening stresses the famous bulbs of Holland, tulips, daffodils, etc., then comes roses, perennials and annuals and in the fall, spectacular dahlias and mums.

This years Floriade is located in the town of Venlo in the province of Limburg. This is in the southeastern quarter of The Netherlands, near the German border and it is the first time the exhibition has been held in this area. More than 100 organizations and countries are taking part. You will walk through stunning gardens and see spectacular flowers. A variety of workshops to teach about new products and developments in horticulture will be available. The theme this year is Be part of the theater of nature, get closer to the quality of life.@ The park is 66 hectares in size with a hectare being approximately 2 1/2 acres. Obviously a good pair of walking shoes is in order. There are five different themed areas in the park, each with its own decor, programs, activities and other entertainment. The Venlo legacy building will be the Villa Flora, which will house the changing plant and flower exhibits. This building and the area around it will be turned into a >green= business park after the show. A 1.1 km. cable car from one end of the park to the other will give an overview of the site.

Bob, my husband, and I were fortunate to have visited Floriade in 1992 and again in 2002 and these are experiences we will never forget. Both times we were there for the dahlia portion of the exhibition. In 1992, we were with a tour promoted by the ADS and in 2002, we went on our own. To say the flowers and exhibits were spectacular would be an understatement. In 2002, Bob was asked to be the keynote speaker at the dahlia show awards ceremony as a representative of the American Dahlia Society and also helped with the presentation of the awards, which as I recall were rocks. A synopsis of this trip and his comments to the assembly can be found in the March, 2003 Bulletin.

This year the dahlia show will be held September 3 - 9, in the Villa Flora Building. Growers from Holland, Germany and other nearby countries will bring masses of blooms to be displayed and judged. The Dutch are friendly people and have no trouble with English. I would urge anyone wanting a unique experience to try it. For more information go to <http://www.floriade.com>.

Anna Moynahan

FUN IN THE GARDEN

For years my wife and I have grown dahlias for show and for market. We had always thought that a good show dahlia was also a good cut flower for market sales. We grew only fully double flowers not wanting to taint our hybridizing with "other types". But no longer!

The story goes like this. In 2009 we admired a fine orchid type called Midnight Star and decided that we must grow it for show the following year. It grew beautifully and produced many, many blooms. Midnight Star earned many ribbons at the shows, and we decided to break our own rule and take seed from it and from the other orchid in our garden, Ava Grace (which we have in honor of our mentor Pauline Fanning). We knew that open centered flowers tend to yield a lot of seed, and they did. Our guess was that we would get some orchid seedlings and some other open centered flowers too.

In the spring of 2011 we germinated about 600 seedlings from the orchids. We had so many seedlings that we had to plant them in double rows with each plant less than a foot from the next.

When the seedlings started to bloom they were mostly open centered with many different colors. There were a lot of orchid types, some very good, which we marked with bright colored flagging tape. We ended up marking some plants two and three times as the blooms appeared to be consistently interesting in form and color. We dug about 30 of the orchid type seedlings plus a few nice singles to look at again in 2012.

Now for the real FUN! Part way into the season we began to realize that we had the prettiest dahlia patch in all our years of growing. There were many beautiful seedlings that would not make show flowers, but they would make varied and colorful bouquets. We made countless vases. Every room in the house had its own bouquet. To make a large bouquet took more stems, but it was well worth the effort to gather them. The result was like a picture of an English cottage garden bouquet.

The bees loved our seedling patch, and we loved having the bees in our gardens. In addition our photographer friends were in "seventh heaven" spending untold hours in the late afternoon and early evening light getting photos of the seedlings. They were no longer interested in our perfect show flowers... at least not in the way they had been in previous years. We no longer go to Farmers Markets but we feel that our seedlings would have done well there. With careful attention to stem length and strength, color and crisp form, a line of flowers could be built that would beat "show flowers" for market bouquets.

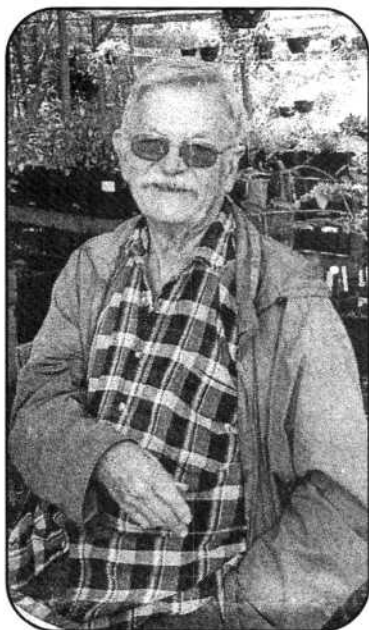
We are still looking for the Blue Dahlia, but we think that growing open centered flowers might be more rewarding.

David Smith

A GREAT MEMBER DICK KOHLSCHREIBER

The South Coast Botanic Garden has welcomed many changes over the last 50 years. From its humble beginnings as a landfill to a lush 87 acres of paradise, the evolution of this grand space would not be possible if it were not for the generous support of the community and the Garden members. For example, special events, such as the plant sales, bring in much needed resources for Garden maintenance and expansion.

Did you know that the majority of plants sold at our annual sales and through the gift shop come from the hard work and expertise of the volunteers in the Propagation Workshop? This dedicated group meets twice a week to lend their collective expertise in propagating all sorts of varieties of plants.



Key to the success of growing these plants is being able to do so under the best of conditions - specifically in a greenhouse.

Over the next few months, the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation will be supporting the renovation of the newly named Kohlschreiber Propagation Workshop Greenhouse. This project recognizes the leadership role member, volunteer and former board president, Dick Kohlschreiber has played in plant propagation and sales at the South Coast Botanic Garden. Dick's many contributions have made the Garden an increasingly more beautiful place and his efforts toward propagating hard to find plant species and varieties have provided an invaluable service to the community as a whole.

In the late 1970's Dick, a veterinarian, started to spend his days off volunteering at the Garden. He remembers being so amazed by all the wonderful varieties that one would see available at the plant sales. This sparked his interest and he decided to learn more about different plant varieties. While his horticultural experience is self-taught, his expertise has become widely respected. Dick has held office as president of the

South Coast Dahlia Society and the South Bay Epiphyllum Society. He is an active member of the Epiphytic Cactus Society of Germany, the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society, and the Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA). In addition to these activities, he is also a published author in the CSSA Journal, the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society and has provided lectures at various conventions locally and internationally.

The Propagation Workshop is a labor of love for Dick. He talks about "always wanting to propagate things that you couldn't get at Home Depot or Lowes." In his spare time, he also finds himself going to other plant sales and nurseries for those unique treasures. Over the years, Dick has witnessed the deterioration of the current greenhouse due to termite damage and rotting wood. We talked to him about what a newly renovated greenhouse would mean for the Workshop and the Garden. He shares "we would have lots more success for cuttings, sell more plants, have more varieties, and accommodate more volunteers. The greenhouse will help us introduce members to the different types of plants and continue experimenting with those varieties that will grow in this area."

Adrienne M. Lao

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ELVIRA
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2011 STANLEY JOHNSON MEDAL WINNER

Elvira, a Dark Pink Peony, is the 2011 Stanley Johnson Medal Winner. In 2011, it received 117 higher awards and had 243 total awards. For the second year in a row, a disc centered cultivar wins the Stanley Johnson Medal. The previous 24 times, fully double cultivars garnered the award. This is the third year in a row that the Stanley Johnson Medal stayed in the Pacific Northwest.

Elvira was introduced in 1994 by Louis and Patti Eckhoff. Louis remembers seeing dahlias for the first time in his Aunt Nona's garden in Wilcox, Nebraska. In the early 70's, Louis and Patti joined the Seattle Dahlia Society and Puget Sound Dahlia Association. In the late 70's, they were on their way to becoming senior judges. Along the way, after receiving 65 tubers of show quality dahlias from Ed Corning, Louis and Patti started Sea-Tac Gardens.

The Eckhoffs would compete in the "other types classes" with Harold Miller and Evie Gullikson. In the late 80's, Louis planted some seeds from the shorter cultivars, like Mignon Singles and Peonies. Elvira was a seedling from that batch and was always competing with Evie's Powder Gull. Elvira got its name from a Baja California friend of the Eckhoffs.

The American Dahlia Society congratulates Louis Eckhoff on his award and continued success in growing and introducing dahlias.

Lou Paradise

Thanks go to Louis Eckhoff and his web site for the information.

2012 STANLEY JOHNSON MEDAL PHOTO CONTEST

The American Dahlia Society (ADS) announces the fourteenth annual **Stanley Johnson Medal Winner Photo Contest!** Enter a single bloom photo of the 2011 Stanley Johnson Medal Winner, **ELVIRA, PE - DP (DP14)**. If your photograph wins, it will be published on the cover of the American Dahlia Society's *2013 Classification and Handbook of Dahlias*. You will also receive a framed cover of the *Classification and Handbook*!

Seek out the best, most authentic show quality blooms of **ELVIRA** you can find. Take single bloom photos at close view in your own or someone else's garden or at a show. You may enter up to four photos, which I must receive no later than October 10, 2012.

This contest is separate from the ADS Annual Photography Contest. Photos entered into this contest, however, may be entered into the Annual Photography Contest, the rules appearing in the *June Bulletin* and posted on the ADS website.

CONTEST RULES:

1. The photograph must be a **SINGLE BLOOM** of the dahlia variety, **ELVIRA**.
2. The bloom in the photograph must be at its peak of development, and be of show quality. The picture should show the bloom at close view and fill most, if not all, of the frame. However, no part of the bloom may be outside the edges of the picture. No foliage or other obstructions may cover any part of the bloom. Do not take distant shots of the bloom.
3. Only **PRINTS** will be accepted. **NO** slides. Prints may be in color or in black and white. The largest print size allowed is 4 inches by 6 inches. Photo quality computer prints are acceptable.
4. Each entrant may submit up to four prints.
5. Submit high quality duplicate prints. **No** entries will be returned and non-winning entries will be destroyed.

6. Affix the following information on the back of each print with a label or with light print of a ball-point pen.

- A. Name of the variety of the bloom.
- B. Name and address of the photographer.

7. There will be ONE winning photograph.

8. Winner recognition includes:

- A. The selected photo published on the front cover of the *ADS 2013 Classification and Handbook of Dahlias*.
- B. A framed copy of the *2013 Classification and Handbook of Dahlias* cover.
- C. Photographic recognition if the editor of the ADS Bulletin chooses to print it in the ADS Bulletin.

9. Entrants **must complete and sign** an entry form.

10. Entrants will be notified that they were either a winner or a non-winner. The winner's name will be published in the *ADS Bulletin*.

11. Only one entry form needs to be enclosed in an envelope.

12. All entries must be received NO LATER than October 10, 2012.

13. Mail the entries with first class postage to:

2012 Stanley Johnson Medal Winner Photo Contest
Louis Paradise
2645 34th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

If you have any questions, you may contact:

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(The entry form is on the next page)

ENTRY FORM

2012 STANLEY JOHNSON MEDAL WINNER PHOTO CONTEST

Please type or print legibly.

NAME: _____

(Include both names if there are co-photographers to an image)

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: (optional) _____

NUMBER OF PRINTS ENCLOSED: _____

I enclose my entry (entries) for the 2012 STANLEY JOHNSON MEDAL WINNER PHOTO CONTEST. The photographic image(s) submitted is/are my own original work. I grant the American Dahlia Society, Inc., non-exclusive license to use and reproduce the submitted photographic image(s) solely for use in ADS publications. No further use of the material may be made in other publications or for any other purpose without my written consent. I retain the copyright for my submitted photographic image(s).

SIGNATURE: _____

REQUIRED: (Both parties must sign if there are co-photographers to an image)

DAHLIA SIGHTINGS

The Spring Collection 2012 of the Netherland Bulb Company has a very beautiful large vase of over 20 dahlias on the cover.

Thank you Mary Stevens

The 2012 Easter Seal Calendar features a beautiful Pooh as the January flower of the month.

*Thank you Joyce Habeger
Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society*

The Garden September 2011 Angelesey Abbey Gardens page 85 has a color picture of beautiful yellow cactus dahlias. Page 106 has a large picture of Hillcrest Royal under the title of Plants of Merit.

Thank you Judy Hines

Fresh Finds Catalog January 2012, page 16, shows three dimensional floral pillows in red, ivory, and slate. Looks like formal decorative dahlias in 3D.

Thank you Marian Landerholm

In the local P.B.S. Channels WMVs 10/36 there is tow of them. Before a program comes on they show a dahlia bloom opening up. No name but the bloom is a dark yellow with some red along the edge of the petals.

*Thank you Tony Konczal
Greenfield, WI*

K. Van Bourgondien Catalog Spring 2012 has on page 6 an ad (Dahlia Delighting Glow); Page 7 (Dahlia Blue Wish); Page 8 (Dahlia Seduction); page 12 (Tropical Punch Dahlia Blend); page 13 (Hybridizers Dahlia Mix); page 16 (Full Page Dahlias); page 24 (Border Dahlia Collection); page 31 (Dahlia Potluck).

Thank you Marian Landerholm

K. Van Bourgondien & Sons, Inc., Spring 2012 Full cover ad of 15 dahlias (Shades of Red); page 6 (Tropical Punch Dahlia Blend); page 7 (Red Dahlia Blend); Page 7 (Border Dahlia Mixed); page 9 (Dahlia Crazy Love); page 14-15 (2 full pages of giant dinner plate dahlias); page 16-17 (More Dahlias); pages 18 to 21 (More Dahlias)

Thank you Marian Landerholm

2011 UNDISSEMINATED CULTIVARS WINNING BLUE RIBBONS

Cultivars not intended for introduction and listed with a numeric prefix and original name appear in the March *BULLETIN*. Most likely, the following list of undisseminated cultivars is not complete. It will list, however, those cultivars that have won blue ribbons in shows and have the proper identification. In this procedure, ADS is encouraging seedling growers to display their undisseminated cultivars in open show competition. For further information, interested members should refer to the 2012 *Classification and Handbook of Dahlias*, p. 9.

Column identification, left to right.

- 1 Name of Cultivar
- 2 ADS Classification Number
- 3 Size
- 4 Form
- 5 Color Class
- 6 Color Description
- 7 Originator Abbreviation
- 8 Originator Surname
- 9 Total Blue Ribbons
- 10 Total Higher Awards

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| 06-WHAT | 8213 | | AN | DB | | | | 2 | 1 |
| 06-STELLAR | 7002 | | ST | Y | | PRD- | PARADISE | 6 | 3 |
| 07-CHI MINH | 3402 | BB | IC | Y | | MAX- | MAXWELL | 3 | 1 |
| 07-EDEN TALOS | 1211 | A | SC | BR | | PRD- | PARADISE | 10 | 15 |
| 08-COBEQUID CELESTIAL STAR | 9202 | | O | Y | | DX' | DEXTER, C | 2 | 2 |
| 09-HILLTOP MAGNUS | 2512 | B | LC | FL | | DEB' | DEAN, B | 1 | 0 |
| 09-HILLTOP NITRO | 3212 | BB | SC | FL | | DEB' | DEAN, B | 1 | 1 |
| 10-TERRI'S FLAME | 2503 | B | LC | OR | | | WENTWORTH, G | 1 | 1 |
| 9-HOLLYHILL VIOLETTA | 6109 | | MB | PR | PR24 | KED- | KENNEDY, T & M | 1 | 2 |
| 06-DARK GALACTIC STAR | 3213 | BB | SC | DB | | MNR. | MINER | 1 | 0 |
| 0809-MAIZEE DAZ | 2411 | B | IC | BR | | STN. | STEVENS, R | 1 | 0 |

Lou Paradise

ORGANIC CORNER

by Steve Nowotarski

Free labor! Always on the job! Will fertilize and till for food! Working 24 hours a day and 365 days a year! No, not slave labor just common worms. Worms are the most important animal in your soil. They will work for you as above BUT you must help them. How? Keep your soil free of all chemicals and practice NO TILL gardening. I have been observing these principles for the last 6 years and the results are spectacular. My worm population is growing each year —my soil is so friable I can place my stakes in by hand no pounding.

EARTHWORMS - The Benefits (taken from "Worm Digest")

Improve the physical structure of the soil

improve water filtration rates and absorption rates helping the soil to drain better. Less runoff equals less watering and less erosion.

the tunneling activity improves soil aeration, porosity, and permeability.

25 earthworms per square foot of soil equal 1 million earthworms per acre. Studies in England have shown that in healthy soil 40 tons of castings per acre pass through earthworms bodies daily. A new USA study indicates 1½ million worms per acre which move 20 tons of earth each year.

studies have shown that with good food sources and favorable conditions, a field might have over 100 nightcrawlers per square yard.

National Soil Tilth Lab

One earthworm can digest 36 tons of soil in one year. *US Soil Conservation Office*

the tunneling activity of worms helps breakup hardpan and other compacted soils.

Improve soil fertility

bring up minerals from deep in the subsurface that are often in short supply in surface layers earthworm activity counteracts leaching

by bringing up nutrients from deep in the soil and depositing them on the soil's surface as castings

the burrows also allows roots to easily go down deeper into the soil and get nutrients they could not ordinarily reach

removes litter from soil surface - earthworms eat the litter and leave the nutrients in their castings for plants to use as a natural fertilizer that is non-polluting.

make plant nutrients more available, worms concentrate minerals in their castings in a form that is easy for plants to absorb

earthworms chelate nutrients, making minerals available to plants that would otherwise be in a form that would be chemically unavailable.

worms stimulate microbial populations, nitrogen fixing bacteria are more numerous near earthworm burrows and in their castings. One study on bacteria and actinomycetes found densities from 10-1,000 times greater.

Earthworm Ecology and Biogeography in North America, 1995.

plant growth stimulants such as Auxins are produced in the castings, these hormones stimulate roots to grow faster and deeper.

worms neutralize soil pH, cast analysis shows that the product coming out of the back end of a worm is closer to neutral than what goes in the front end.

Analysis of earthworm castings reveal that they are richer in nutrients than surrounding soil, often 3 times more calcium, several times more nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. *K.P. Barley, Advances In Agronomy, Vol. 13, 1961*

Nitrogen fixing bacteria live in the gut of earthworms and in earthworm casts and higher nitrogenize activity, meaning greater rates of nitrogen fixation are found in casts as compared to surrounding soil.

Improve plant growth and health

- by passing soil and organic matter through their bodies, gradually make acid soil less acid and alkaline soil less alkaline. *The Rodale Book Of Composting, 1993*

- A recent study found that earthworm produced compost (vermicompost) dramatically increases germination and growth in many plants. Adding only 5% of the compost to commercial growing media (95%) significantly increased plant growth. Dr. Clive Edwards, Ohio State University, Nursery Management &

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Production, January 1995

- Research has shown that twice as many roots grew in pure worm castings than in sphagnum. Dr. Clive Edwards, Ohio State University
- Many species of earthworms actually eat the bad microbes (fungi, bacteria, etc.) that are plant pathogens and in the process they also increase the good beneficial microbes.
- It has recently been discovered that in feeding, earthworms consume spores of mycorrhizae, a beneficial fungi that help roots take up nutrients. These spores are deposited in the worm castings, deep in their burrows, where roots easily find them as they grow. The Avant Gardener, p. 87, 1995.
- Experiments at Tennessee Technological University found that 10% vermi-compost in a potting mix improved the germination of seeds of low viability (*Echinacea purpurea*) by 43%
- Researchers at Ogun State University have found that a tea made from the worm castings speeds up the sprouting of hard to germinate seeds following a 1 hour soaking

Did you know that no-till gardening, organic soil can sequester CO²?

It's the secret solution to global warming, and this land based carbon cycle works like this: Carbon is taken out of the atmosphere by plants (dahlias) and converted to organic matter through photosynthesis. The oxygen in the molecules is released back to the air and the carbon becomes part of the plants' structure and eventually the soil.

A 23-year comparable study by the **Rodale Institute in Pennsylvania** clearly demonstrates that gardens grown organically through methods like no-till and winter cover crops, absorbs 30% more CO² than conventionally grown gardens.

Not only does this no-till method help retain soil organic matter and therefore carbon, less tillage also decreases emissions of CO² from rototillers since the equipment makes fewer runs over the garden.

In other words, sustainable gardening practices not only protect crops better against the weather fluctuations of global warming, but also over time allow soil to improve.

How does one go about increasing the number of earthworms in the garden? Just follow these simple steps and watch the population grow.

- Stop tilling. Tilling will kill worms and disturb their tunnels.
- NO MORE CHEMICALS! No chemical fertilizers, no —sides
- Lots of organic material—worms can't get enough of this stuff. Try your own compost, coffee grounds (their favorite) even shredded black newsprint.
- Use cover crops in the winter and mulch during the growing season. Never let your garden soil see the light of day. A good mulch will keep the soil cooler and retain moisture — moist and cooler will delight your worms.

Check these web sites for additional worm info.

www.wormdigest.org

www.cedarmeadowfarm.com

In closing a word from Charles Darwin *"The plow is one of the most ancient and most valuable of man's inventions; but long before he existed, the land was in fact regularly plowed and still continues to be thus plowed by earthworms. It may be doubted whether there are many other animals which have played so important a part in the history of the world, as have these lowly organized creatures."*

CREAM OF THE CROP

The Cream of the Crop for 2011 lists all of the cultivars reported from the dahlia shows around the United States and Canada that have received at least 15 combined blue and higher awards. The cultivar with the greatest number of blue and higher awards in each of the listed sections is **boldfaced**, *italicized*, and underlined.

The total number of awards for 2011 was 24,625. Total awards included by area are:
West – 14,374, Central – 5,956, and East – 4,295.

Column identification, left to right:

- 1 Cultivar name
- 2 Classification number
- 3 Size
- 4 Form
- 5 Color class
- 6 Total awards
- 7 Medals awarded – Dudley, Hart, Johnson, Gullikson Seedling
Bench/Trial Garden. # indicates classification change.
- 8 Originator
- 9 Year of introduction
- 10 Country of introduction

AA Size – over 10 inches

FORMAL DECORATIVE

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| BONAVENTURE | 0011 | AA | FD | BR | 54 | DH | SM- | 82 | US |
| CLYDE'S CHOICE | 0003 | AA | FD | OR | 57 | | SM- | 89* | US |
| <u>KELVIN FLOODLIGHT</u> | <u>0002</u> | <u>AA</u> | <u>FD</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>60</u> | | <u>MCD</u> | <u>59</u> | <u>A</u> |

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

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| BELLE OF BARMERA | 0105 | AA | ID | DP | 15 | | SM- | 87 | US |
| BEN HUSTON | 0111 | AA | ID | BR | 21 | | H- | 92 | C |
| BODACIOUS | 0106 | AA | ID | R | 16 | H | GT- | 02 | US |
| BRYN TERFEL | 0106 | AA | ID | R | 30 | | SLK | 06* | NZ |
| HOLLYHILL BIG PINK | 0105 | AA | ID | DP | 24 | | KED- | 09 | US |
| IVORY PALACES | 0102 | AA | ID | Y | 70 | | SM- | 92* | US |
| NICK SR. | 0106 | AA | ID | R | 52 | | GT- | 09 | US |
| PENHILL DARK MONARCH | 0113 | AA | ID | DB | 29 | | MTZ | 03 | SA |
| SIR ALF RAMSEY | 0113 | AA | ID | DB | 27 | | CLV | 99 | UK |
| WALTER HARDISTY | 0101 | AA | ID | W | 21 | DJ | GET' | 75 | US |
| WANDA'S AURORA | 0110 | AA | ID | LB | 27 | | WRT | 01 | UK |
| WANDA'S CAPELLA | 0102 | AA | ID | Y | 29 | | WRT | 86 | UK |
| WINKIE COLONEL | 0106 | AA | ID | R | 27 | | MNZ | 96 | A |
| WYN'S FARMER JOHN | 0110 | AA | ID | LB | 28 | | WYN- | 05 | US |
| <u>ZORRO</u> | <u>0107</u> | <u>AA</u> | <u>ID</u> | <u>DR</u> | <u>161</u> | <u>DHJ</u> | <u>G-</u> | <u>87</u> | <u>US</u> |

SEMI CACTUS

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|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| AC BEN | 0210 | AA | SC | LB | 60 | | GRW- | 10 | US |
| AC DARK HORSE | 0209 | AA | SC | PR | 43 | | GRW- | 09 | US |
| CLEARVIEW SNOWCAP | 0201 | AA | SC | W | 17 | | PAH- | 09 | US |
| DANUM METEOR | 0206 | AA | SC | R | 66 | | OSN | 96 | UK |
| <u>INLAND DYNASTY</u> | <u>0202</u> | <u>AA</u> | <u>SC</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>166</u> | <u>HJ</u> | <u>ANS-</u> | <u>92</u> | <u>US</u> |
| IRENE'S PRIDE | 0211 | AA | SC | BR | 31 | D | SZL. | 90 | US |
| KENORA CLYDE | 0201 | AA | SC | W | 16 | D | LX- | 88 | US |
| PENHILL ANDRE'S MEMORY | 0201 | AA | SC | W | 16 | DH | MTZ | 06 | SA |
| ROQUE STARBURST | 0201 | AA | SC | W | 28 | D | GAT. | 09 | US |
| TOTENKO | 0206 | AA | SC | R | 16 | | KN | 08* | J |

CACTUS

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| <u>HANA HITOSUJI</u> | <u>0310</u> | <u>AA</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>LB</u> | <u>16</u> | | <u>KN</u> | <u>98*</u> | <u>J</u> |
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INCURVED CACTUS

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| <u>CLARA HUSTON</u> | <u>0403</u> | <u>AA</u> | <u>IC</u> | <u>OR</u> | <u>63</u> | | <u>H-</u> | <u>95*</u> | <u>C</u> |
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A Size - over 8 to 10 inches

FORMAL DECORATIVE

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| ELMA ELIZABETH | 1008 | A | FD | L | 51 | | RD- | 93 | US |
| FORMBY KAITLIN | 1009 | A | FD | PR | 31 | | HD | 04* | A |
| <u>KIDD'S CLIMAX</u> | <u>1010</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>FD</u> | <u>LB</u> | <u>61</u> | | <u>KID</u> | <u>40</u> | <u>NZ</u> |

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

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| ELSIE HUSTON | 1105 | A | ID | DP | 90 | | H- | 89* | C |
| GITTS PERFECTION | 1110 | A | ID | LB | 25 | | GT- | 97 | US |
| HARVEY KOOP | 1114 | A | ID | V | 65 | | MEG. | 10 | US |
| ISLANDER | 1105 | A | ID | DP | 49 | | WIC' | 83 | US |
| LOUIE MEGGOS | 1101 | A | ID | W | 23 | | MEG. | 09 | US |
| MINGUS NICOLE | 1110 | A | ID | LB | 21 | H | MIN- | 00 | US |
| SHEILA MOONEY | 1101 | A | ID | W | 16 | | MNY. | 94 | C |
| <u>SPARTACUS</u> | <u>1107</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>ID</u> | <u>DR</u> | <u>178</u> | <u>DHJ</u> | <u>SEN-</u> | <u>93</u> | <u>US</u> |
| VASSIO MEGGOS | 1108 | A | ID | L | 176 | H | MEG. | 05 | US |

SEMI CACTUS

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| AITARA MAJESTY | 1202 | A | SC | Y | 37 | | TAP | 01 | A |
| HOLLYHILL SAMURAI | 1207 | A | SC | DR | 15 | | KED- | 07 | US |
| <u>KENORA JUBILEE</u> | <u>1201</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>SC</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>135</u> | <u>J</u> | <u>LX-</u> | <u>02</u> | <u>US</u> |
| KENORA WILDFIRE | 1206 | A | SC | R | 101 | D | LX- | 89 | US |
| MICK'S PEPPERMINT | 1214 | A | SC | V | 21 | | SEN- | 92 | US |
| MINGUS WESLEY | 1210 | A | SC | LB | 21 | | MIN- | 97 | US |
| TROOPER DAN | 1202 | A | SC | Y | 69 | | PAH- | 09 | US |
| VERDA | 1201 | A | SC | W | 92 | | MAX- | 94 | US |
| VICKI | 1202 | A | SC | Y | 19 | | GOS. | 87 | US |
| WINDHAVEN BLUSH | 1202 | A | SC | Y | 17 | D | ROM. | 01 | US |
| WYN'S SENSATION | 1211 | A | SC | BR | 27 | H | WYN- | 07 | US |

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| <u>HY DEBUT</u> | <u>1301</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>40</u> | | <u>HOL-</u> | <u>07</u> | <u>C</u> |
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INCURVED CACTUS

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| CAMANO MESSENGER | 1410 | A | IC | LB | 28 | H | AM- | 91 | US |
| <u>HOLLYHILL ELECTRA</u> | <u>1403</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>IC</u> | <u>OR</u> | <u>46</u> | | <u>KED-</u> | <u>01</u> | <u>US</u> |
| HY MOM | 1401 | A | IC | W | 20 | | HOL- | 01 | C |

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| SNOHO STORM | 1401 A | IC | W | 22 | | BN- | 10 | US |
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| FIDALGO CLIMAX | 1502 A | LC | Y | 16 | | MT- | 91* | US |
| JAX | 1507 A | LC | DR | 17 | | CON- | 05 | US |
| SHOWCASE SUNBURST | 1502 A | LC | Y | 22 | H | SMD- | 11 | US |
| <u>SHOW'N'TELL</u> | <u>1513 A</u> | <u>LC</u> | <u>DB</u> | <u>61</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>AL-</u> | <u>85</u> | <u>US</u> |

B Size - over 6 to 8 inches

FORMAL DECORATIVE

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| BARGALY BLUSH | 2005 B | FD | DP | 72 | | FAR | 02 | UK |
| BRIAN R | 2008 B | FD | L | 41 | H | TF- | 95 | US |
| <u>EDNA C</u> | <u>2002 B</u> | <u>FD</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>117</u> | <u>DHJ</u> | <u>CK-</u> | <u>68</u> | <u>US</u> |
| GLORIOSA | 2014 B | FD | V | 109 | | CON- | 03 | US |
| KENORA LISA | 2005 B | FD | DP | 26 | # | LX- | 90 | US |
| LADY DARLENE | 2013 B | FD | DB | 36 | | GM' | 84 | US |
| MARY | 2010 B | FD | LB | 17 | | RCE | 84 | A |
| SCAUR SWINTON | 2005 B | FD | DP | 19 | | WIE | 98 | UK |
| STERLING SILVER | 2001 B | FD | W | 42 | H | EIC- | 65 | US |
| SYLVIA CRAIG HUNTER | 2003 B | FD | OR | 30 | | TOW | 95 | A |
| TRENGROVE MILLENIUM | 2002 B | FD | Y | 84 | | WLK | 01 | UK |

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

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| <u>APRIL DAWN</u> | <u>2110 B</u> | <u>ID</u> | <u>LB</u> | <u>99</u> | <u>DHJ</u> | <u>C-</u> | <u>84</u> | <u>US</u> |
| DR JOHN E KAISER | 2112 B | ID | FL | 33 | | MIN- | 07 | US |
| HAMARI SUNSHINE | 2102 B | ID | Y | 21 | | ES | 96 | UK |
| R KRIS | 2101 B | ID | W | 21 | | HEL- | 07* | C |
| SUMMER RAIN | 2111 B | ID | BR | 28 | | L/Z- | 05 | US |
| UKRAINE FREE | 2107 B | ID | DR | 15 | | MRJ' | 94 | US |

SEMI CACTUS

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| ALPEN BILL | 2210 B | SC | LB | 41 | H | M- | 07 | US |
| BLACKBERRY RIPPLE | 2214 B | SC | V | 20 | | WLY- | 93* | C |
| CAMANO DENALI | 2213 B | SC | DB | 20 | | AM- | 00 | US |
| CLEARVIEW LILY | 2213 B | SC | DB | 42 | | PAH- | 10 | US |
| CLEARVIEW ORCA | 2201 B | SC | W | 25 | | PAH- | 08 | US |
| CLEARVIEW TAMMY | 2201 B | SC | W | 18 | H | PAH- | 11 | US |
| <u>HAMARI ACCORD</u> | <u>2202 B</u> | <u>SC</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>150</u> | <u>J</u> | <u>ES</u> | <u>86</u> | <u>UK</u> |
| HILLCREST CANDY | 2210 B | SC | LB | 30 | | JCO | 09 | UK |
| HILLTOP LOST TREASURE | 2210 B | SC | LB | 17 | | DEB' | 11 | US |
| HILLTOP ST. CHARLES | 2212 B | SC | FL | 47 | | DEB' | 11 | US |
| HOLLYHILL LOU | 2203 B | SC | OR | 15 | | KED- | 10 | US |
| HOLLYHILL QUINTESSENCE | 2210 B | SC | LB | 35 | | KED- | 06 | US |
| KENORA CHALLENGER | 2201 B | SC | W | 24 | | LX- | 91 | US |
| KENORA SUNSET | 2212 B | SC | FL | 51 | | LX- | 96 | US |
| KENORA WOW | 2213 B | SC | DB | 25 | | LX- | 05 | US |
| LIGHT ACCORD | 2202 B | SC | Y | 53 | D | RD- | 00 | US |
| MAGIC MOMENT | 2201 B | SC | W | 117 | J | C- | 83 | US |
| NARROWS TRICIA | 2202 B | SC | Y | 63 | D | WAL- | 06 | US |
| PEACH DELIGHT | 2204 B | SC | PK | 72 | | SCL | 04* | A |
| RUSKIN ANDREA | 2208 B | SC | L | 58 | | P | 05* | UK |
| SORBET | 2213 B | SC | DB | 29 | | GE | 04 | H |
| WOODLAND'S WILDTHING | 2203 B | SC | OR | 91 | | MIS- | 00 | US |

CACTUS

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| CAMANO ARIEL | 2310 B | C | LB | 17 | | AM- | 90 | US |
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| JUANITA | 2307 | B | C | DR | 25 | | HEA | 51 | SA |
| KENORA MAJESTIC | 2310 | B | C | LB | 31 | | LX- | 02 | US |
| <u>NITA</u> | <u>2314</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>V</u> | <u>41</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>HA.</u> | <u>59</u> | <u>US</u> |
| TRELYN RHIANON | 2313 | B | C | DB | 30 | | TUD | 05* | UK |

INCURVED CACTUS

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| ALFRED GRILLE | 2410 | B | IC | LB | 24 | | SEV | 65 | G |
| BODE | 2408 | B | IC | L | 38 | | L/Z- | 06 | US |
| CAMANO CONCORD | 2409 | B | IC | PR | 33 | D | AM- | 09 | US |
| <u>CAMANO SITKA</u> | <u>2410</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>IC</u> | <u>LB</u> | <u>144</u> | <u>J</u> | <u>AM-</u> | <u>00</u> | <u>US</u> |
| CHIMACUM JULIA | 2402 | B | IC | Y | 54 | | STH- | 00 | US |
| DAGMAR | 2403 | B | IC | OR | 17 | | ILE- | 09 | US |
| HOLLYHILL COTTON CANDY | 2405 | B | IC | DP | 54 | H | KED- | 10 | US |
| HOLLYHILL RED SPIDER | 2406 | B | IC | R | 16 | | KED- | 09* | US |
| LAKEVIEW ILLUSION | 2409 | B | IC | PR | 24 | | WIB- | 07 | US |
| MINERVA SUNRISE | 2413 | B | IC | DB | 30 | | HVN. | 03 | US |
| SKIPLEY BONANZA | 2406 | B | IC | R | 76 | D | WMR- | 10 | US |
| SKIPLEY MELLO YELLO | 2402 | B | IC | Y | 55 | | WMR- | 11 | US |
| WINDHAVEN HIGHLIGHT | 2402 | B | IC | Y | 33 | D | ROM. | 00 | US |

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| CITRON de CAP | 2502 | B | LC | Y | 28 | | HIG | 01 | SA |
| COLWOOD HOPE | 2501 | B | LC | W | 22 | | VDT- | 03 | C |
| <u>JENNIE.</u> | <u>2510</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>LC</u> | <u>LB</u> | <u>56</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>TF-</u> | <u>93</u> | <u>US</u> |
| JUST MARRIED | 2510 | B | LC | LB | 41 | | GHI- | 96 | US |
| MAGGIE C | 2510 | B | LC | LB | 24 | | CON- | 09* | US |
| MINERVA MAGIC | 2501 | B | LC | W | 34 | | HVN. | 01 | US |
| NENEKAZI | 2510 | B | LC | LB | 54 | DH | HIG | 97 | SA |
| NORMANDY ORANGE FLUFF | 2513 | B | LC | DB | 24 | | SWK- | 96 | US |
| NORTHLAKE HERITAGE | 2502 | B | LC | Y | 22 | | BOL- | 07 | US |
| PINELANDS PRINCESS | 2510 | B | LC | LB | 19 | | HIG | 95 | SA |
| VESUVIUS | 2503 | B | LC | OR | 16 | | ADA- | 02 | US |

BB Size - Over 4 to 6 inches

FORMAL DECORATIVE

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|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| AITARA DIADEM | 3015 | BB | FD | BI | 26 | | TAP | 02* | A |
| BARON JERRY | 3010 | BB | FD | LB | 15 | | MNR. | 08 | US |
| <u>BLOOMQUIST BARBARA</u> | <u>3002</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>FD</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>88</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>BLQ-</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>US</u> |
| BRACKEN SARAH | 3010 | BB | FD | LB | 17 | | NAU | 07* | A |
| BRISTOL FLECK | 3014 | BB | FD | V | 33 | | FKN. | 00 | US |
| BROOKSIDE SNOWBALL | 3001 | BB | FD | W | 33 | | HR. | 76 | US |
| CG AMBER | 3011 | BB | FD | BR | 20 | | L/Z- | 02 | US |
| CHIMACUM KATIE | 3008 | BB | FD | L | 41 | | STH- | 01 | US |
| CLEARVIEW DAVID | 3008 | BB | FD | L | 37 | | PAH- | 01 | US |
| HAMILTON LILLIAN | 3003 | BB | FD | OR | 56 | DHJ | HAM. | 86 | C |
| HART'S LORA ANN | 3007 | BB | FD | DR | 17 | | HRS' | 10 | US |
| HILLTOP GLO | 3010 | BB | FD | LB | 20 | D | DEB' | 08 | US |
| HY CLOWN | 3010 | BB | FD | LB | 56 | | HOL- | 95 | C |
| HY SOCKEYE | 3007 | BB | FD | DR | 24 | | HOL- | 01 | C |
| <u>JOMANDA</u> | <u>3003</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>FD</u> | <u>OR</u> | <u>88</u> | | <u>GE</u> | <u>96</u> | <u>H</u> |
| MICHAEL J | 3014 | BB | FD | V | 20 | | CP' | 72 | US |
| PINK SUFFUSION | 3010 | BB | FD | LB | 16 | | PEC | 96 | UK |
| RYECROFT BRENDA T | 3001 | BB | FD | W | 27 | | GOM | 07 | UK |
| SKIPLEY SPOT | 3015 | BB | FD | BI | 16 | | WMR- | 89 | US |
| VALLEY TAWNY | 3011 | BB | FD | BR | 16 | | STH- | 07 | US |
| VERNON ROSE | 3014 | BB | FD | V | 22 | H | S- | 77 | US |
| VERRONE'S SANDRA J. | 3003 | BB | FD | OR | 39 | | VEO- | 08 | US |

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

| <u>CHILSON'S PRIDE</u> | <u>3110</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>ID</u> | <u>LB</u> | <u>87</u> | | <u>CHS-</u> | <u>54*</u> | <u>US</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|-------------|------------|-----------|
| COLORADO CLASSIC | 3113 | BB | ID | DB | 38 | | COC. | 01 | US |
| DARLA | 3109 | BB | ID | PR | 15 | | L/Z- | 10 | US |
| GITTS ATTENTION | 3101 | BB | ID | W | 18 | H | GT- | 00 | US |
| GOLDILOCKS. | 3102 | BB | ID | Y | 21 | | HY. | 89 | US |
| MANOR JUBILEE | 3107 | BB | ID | DR | 19 | | BO. | 10 | US |
| MINGUS TONI | 3114 | BB | ID | V | 38 | | MIN- | 96* | US |
| NEWAUKUM HONEY | 3103 | BB | ID | OR | 21 | H | LOB- | 08 | US |
| SANTA CLAUS | 3115 | BB | ID | BI | 52 | | ML- | 83 | US |
| VERRONE'S PATSY | 3105 | BB | ID | DP | 16 | | VEO- | 09 | US |

SEMI CACTUS

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| AC CJ | 3203 | BB | SC | OR | 20 | | GRW- | 08* | |
| CAMANO CLOUD | 3204 | BB | SC | PK | 22 | D | AM- | 78 | US |
| CAMANO SUSAN | 3203 | BB | SC | OR | 19 | D | AM- | 04 | US |
| <u>EMBRACE.</u> | <u>3211</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>SC</u> | <u>BR</u> | <u>297</u> | <u>#J</u> | <u>GRI</u> | <u>99*</u> | <u>A</u> |
| ESMERELDA | 3209 | BB | SC | PR | 31 | | SHZ- | 06 | US |
| HOLLYHILL DIAMOND | 3201 | BB | SC | W | 20 | H | KED- | 05 | US |
| HOTSHOT | 3203 | BB | SC | OR | 21 | | L/Z- | 07 | US |
| JUST PEACHY | 3210 | BB | SC | LB | 64 | | C- | 86 | US |
| MISS TEAGAN | 3210 | BB | SC | LB | 15 | | JCK- | 06 | C |
| ROCK RUN ELVA | 3201 | BB | SC | W | 16 | | WIT. | 09 | US |
| ROQUE JEANNE MARIE | 3205 | BB | SC | DP | 23 | | GAT. | 11 | US |
| RYECROFT ZOE | 3210 | BB | SC | LB | 20 | | GOM | 07* | UK |
| WORTON BLUE STREAK | 3208 | BB | SC | L | 21 | | LEI | 75 | UK |

CACTUS

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| AITARA APRIL | 3310 | BB | C | LB | 15 | | TAP | 98 | A |
| <u>AITARA CARESS</u> | <u>3310</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>LB</u> | <u>87</u> | | <u>TAP</u> | <u>03*</u> | <u>A</u> |
| BROOKSIDE CHERI | 3305 | BB | C | DP | 34 | | HR. | 71 | US |
| CAMANO ELECTRA | 3309 | BB | C | PR | 17 | | AM- | 03 | US |
| CG CORAL | 3305 | BB | C | DP | 20 | | L/Z- | 01 | US |
| FERNCLIFF LEMON AURA | 3302 | BB | C | Y | 23 | | JCK- | 07 | C |
| FUSION | 3312 | BB | C | FL | 15 | | PRD- | 09 | US |
| HOLLYHILL ANDREA | 3305 | BB | C | DP | 18 | | KED- | 11 | US |
| HOLLYHILL STARBURST | 3313 | BB | C | DB | 37 | | KED- | 09 | US |
| KARI FRUIT SALAD | 3310 | BB | C | LB | 25 | | SMY | 99 | NZ |
| KARRAS 150 | 3301 | BB | C | W | 21 | | PTA | 96 | A |
| RUSKIN MARIGOLD | 3303 | BB | C | OR | 18 | | P | 99 | UK |
| SCOTT'S JEANETTE B | 3309 | BB | C | PR | 20 | | RIO- | 10 | US |

INCURVED CACTUS

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| CRAZY 4 JESSIE | 3413 | BB | IC | DB | 137 | H | SPN' | 09 | US |
| JESSICA | 3415 | BB | IC | BI | 106 | J | HA. | 88 | US |
| KIM | 3403 | BB | IC | OR | 15 | | MAX- | 11 | US |
| LAKEVIEW GLOW | 3402 | BB | IC | Y | 172 | | WIB- | 10 | US |
| <u>PARKLAND RAVE</u> | <u>3408</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>IC</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>178</u> | <u>#</u> | <u>RSE-</u> | <u>05</u> | <u>US</u> |
| SALMON RAYS | 3411 | BB | IC | BR | 19 | | DOB | 58 | UK |
| SCARBOROUGH BRILLIANT | 3413 | BB | IC | DB | 19 | | WEK | 88* | UK |
| SHEA'S RAINBOW | 3414 | BB | IC | V | 86 | | CLK- | 99 | US |
| TARATAHI LILAC | 3410 | BB | IC | LB | 66 | J | FRR | 96* | NZ |

LACINATED

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| BIG GUY SLICE | 3502 | BB | LC | Y | 15 | | MEY. | 10 | US |
| CHEYENNE | 3512 | BB | LC | FL | 28 | | BUD | 75 | US |
| HANNAH BAKER | 3513 | BB | LC | DB | 30 | D | NOW' | 01 | US |
| HISSY FITZ | 3502 | BB | LC | Y | 34 | | GT- | 99 | US |
| LAKEVIEW PEACH FUZZ | 3510 | BB | LC | LB | 44 | # | WIB- | 07 | US |
| MILLENNIUM | 3513 | BB | LC | DB | 32 | | WMS- | 00 | C |
| MY BEVERLY | 3510 | BB | LC | LB | 55 | | SIM' | 99 | US |
| URCHIN | 3507 | BB | LC | DR | 36 | | BLO- | 95 | US |
| <u>VISTA LINDSEY</u> | <u>3502</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>LC</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>73</u> | | <u>Hrg-</u> | <u>04</u> | <u>US</u> |

MINIATURE - up to 4 inches

FORMAL DECORATIVE

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| AMETHYST GLOW | 4005 | M | FD | DP | 18 | | STC- | 07 | C |
| BARBARRY RED DWARF | 4007 | M | FD | DR | 61 | D | DA | 00 | UK |
| BRIAN'S DREAM | 4010 | M | FD | LB | 22 | | KNG | 01 | UK |
| CG FINESS | 4001 | M | FD | W | 17 | D | L/Z- | 11 | US |
| CHIMACUM NADJAE | 4005 | M | FD | DP | 36 | | STH- | 09 | US |
| HILLTOP ONYX | 4007 | M | FD | DR | 21 | | DEB' | 09 | US |
| HOLLYHILL PURELY PURPL | 4009 | M | FD | PR | 36 | | KED- | 02 | US |
| JOE K | 4006 | M | FD | R | 22 | D | K' | 75 | US |
| L.A.T.E | 4010 | M | FD | LB | 18 | | CLG | 99 | JK |
| LISMORE ROBIN | 4003 | M | FD | OR | 30 | | FRW | 98 | UK |
| MARTINA | 4013 | M | FD | DB | 79 | | GE | 04 | H |
| NTAC ANDREW | 4007 | M | FD | DR | 17 | H | FLD- | 08 | US |
| PEACHES-N-CREAM | 4015 | M | FD | BI | 20 | D | BD. | 93 | US |
| PINEAPPLE LOLLIPOP | 4002 | M | FD | Y | 15 | | TF- | 91 | US |
| PINK PARADISE | 4005 | M | FD | DP | 35 | D | PRD- | 06 | US |
| RAZ MA TAZ | 4013 | M | FD | DB | 28 | | GT- | 93 | US |
| REBECCA LYNN | 4005 | M | FD | DP | 60 | DH | C- | 87 | US |
| REJMAN'S POLISH KID | 4015 | M | FD | BI | 43 | | REJ. | 00 | US |
| <u>ROSE TOSCANO</u> | <u>4003</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>FD</u> | <u>OR</u> | <u>99</u> | <u>DJ</u> | <u>BHB-</u> | <u>91</u> | <u>US</u> |
| RYECROFT DAVE'S CHOICE | 4001 | M | FD | W | 53 | H | GOM | 07 | UK |
| RYECROFT JAN | 4001 | M | FD | W | 92 | | GOM | 01 | UK |
| SKIPLEY SPOT OF GOLD | 4005 | M | FD | DP | 68 | H | WMR- | 01 | US |
| SUGARTOWN SUNRISE | 4010 | M | FD | LB | 56 | | TMS' | 99 | US |
| TAHOMA VIVIAN | 4012 | M | FD | FL | 26 | | C- | 11 | US |
| TOY BOY | 4006 | M | FD | R | 15 | | HAY | 05* | UK |
| VERRONE'S STEVEN D | 4014 | M | FD | V | 25 | | VEO- | 06 | US |

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

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|---------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| <u>BROOKSIDE J COOLEY</u> | <u>4102</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>ID</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>119</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>CO'</u> | <u>83</u> | <u>US</u> |
| FITZY'S DARK ANGEL | 4107 | M | ID | DR | 17 | | FGR' | 08 | US |

SEMI CACTUS

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| <u>BADGER TWINKLE</u> | <u>4213</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>SC</u> | <u>DB</u> | <u>132</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>THR.</u> | <u>05</u> | <u>US</u> |
| G W'S BABE | 4210 | M | SC | LB | 68 | | WLF- | 01 | US |
| MARY JO | 4204 | M | SC | PK | 102 | J | FZ' | 68 | US |
| TAHOMA OLIVIA | 4201 | M | SC | W | 43 | D | C- | 09 | US |
| WESTON MISS | 4202 | M | SC | Y | 24 | | MLT | 01 | UK |

CACTUS

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| ALDEN SNOWLODGE | 4301 | M | C | W | 16 | | ROK | 75* | A |
| DON C. | 4301 | M | C | W | 21 | D | CAN- | 10 | US |
| GLENBANK TWINKLE | 4313 | M | C | DB | 101 | J | DAV | 78 | A |
| GRACIE S | 4309 | M | C | PR | 25 | | SEN- | 01 | US |
| HAPET IDEAL | 4313 | M | C | DB | 19 | | | 10* | |

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| KATHY'S CHOICE | 4302 | M | C | Y | 93 | DJ | CAN- | 99 | US |
| NICOLE C | 4303 | M | C | OR | 21 | D | CAN- | 89 | US |
| SCOTT'S CRITERION | 4305 | M | C | DP | 24 | | RIO- | 08 | US |
| WESTON PIRATE | 4307 | M | C | DR | 74 | | MLT | 98 | UK |
| <u>WESTON SPANISH DANCER</u> | <u>4312</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>FL</u> | <u>201</u> | | <u>MLT</u> | <u>00</u> | <u>UK</u> |

LACINATED

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| <u>HOLLYHILL PINKIE</u> | <u>4510</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>LC</u> | <u>LB</u> | <u>28</u> | | <u>KED-</u> | <u>05</u> | <u>US</u> |
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BALL - over 3 ½ inches

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| BLYTTON SOFTER GLEAM | 6010 | BA | LB | 35 | | | STO | 05 | UK |
| CORNEL | 6007 | BA | DR | 108 | J | | GE | 94 | H |
| EDEN BARBAROSSA | 6006 | BA | R | 37 | D | | PRD- | 10 | US |
| GREENDOR | 6014 | BA | V | 61 | | | GRW- | 08* | US |
| HY SUNTAN | 6011 | BA | BR | 16 | | | HOL- | 00 | C |
| IVANETTI | 6009 | BA | PR | 49 | | | GE | 99 | H |
| JESSIE G | 6009 | BA | PR | 82 | HJ | | C- | 94 | US |
| KEN'S CHOICE | 6007 | BA | DR | 51 | | | FRQ | 02 | A |
| L' ANGRESSE | 6001 | BA | W | 31 | | | FLT | 82 | UK |
| <u>MARY'S JOMANDA</u> | <u>6005</u> | <u>BA</u> | <u>DP</u> | <u>212</u> | <u>J</u> | | <u>HOH</u> | <u>02</u> | <u>UK</u> |
| MS. ZELDA | 6014 | BA | V | 30 | | | BOL- | 08 | US |
| NARROWS KIRSTEN | 6005 | BA | DP | 34 | D | | WAL- | 08 | US |
| PAUL Z | 6007 | BA | DR | 15 | H | | L/Z- | 01 | US |
| POCRATES | 6101 | MB | W | 17 | | | TF- | 91 | US |
| ROBIN HOOD | 6013 | BA | DB | 31 | | | LIL | 87 | UK |
| RYECROFT CLUB | 6002 | BA | Y | 18 | | | GOM | 07 | UK |
| SNOHO DORIS | 6013 | BA | DB | 105 | | | BN- | 00 | US |
| SNOHO SONIA | 6008 | BA | L | 36 | | | BN- | 07 | US |
| SUNCREST | 6010 | BA | LB | 17 | | | SSN- | 98* | C |

MINIATURE BALL - OVER 2 TO 3 ½ INCHES

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| BARBARRY BINGO | 6107 | MB | DR | 27 | D | | DA | 06 | UK |
| BARBARRY GEM | 6107 | MB | DR | 19 | D | | DA | 90 | UK |
| BJ'S MEAGAN LYN | 6102 | MB | Y | 18 | D | | MRR- | 05 | US |
| CHIMACUM DAVI | 6104 | MB | PK | 42 | | | STH- | 08 | US |
| <u>CHIMACUM TROY</u> | <u>6109</u> | <u>MB</u> | <u>PR</u> | <u>123</u> | <u>D</u> | | <u>STH-</u> | <u>03</u> | <u>US</u> |
| DOROTHY R. | 6101 | MB | W | 37 | | | RD- | 09 | US |
| DOWNHAM ROYAL | 6109 | MB | PR | 25 | | | SHA | 72 | UK |
| FRANZ KAFKA | 6108 | MB | L | 21 | | | MA | 74 | H |
| LULU ISLAND DAD | 6102 | MB | Y | 22 | D | | HWD- | 07 | C |
| MS KENNEDY | 6103 | MB | OR | 115 | H | | BOL- | 06 | US |
| ODYSSEY | 6110 | MB | LB | 34 | | | WMS- | 01 | C |
| OPTIMO | 6107 | MB | DR | 16 | H | | L/Z- | 11 | US |
| RIISA | 6106 | MB | R | 15 | DH | | C- | 96 | US |
| ROBANN ROYAL | 6108 | MB | L | 37 | H | | MOY. | 91 | US |
| ROCK RUN KAITLIN | 6107 | MB | DR | 16 | | | WIT. | 07 | US |
| RYECROFT LAURA | 6102 | MB | Y | 17 | | | GOM | 07 | UK |
| SB's SUNNY | 6102 | MB | Y | 35 | C | | BOL- | 04 | US |
| SIR RICHARD | 6105 | MB | DP | 87 | D | | BOL- | 09 | US |
| TAHOMA ALICIA | 6105 | MB | DP | 18 | | | C- | 11 | US |
| TAHOMA LADY OH | 6108 | MB | L | 15 | | | C- | 10 | US |
| TAHOMA LAEL | 6102 | MB | Y | 24 | | | C- | 10 | US |
| TAHOMA ODYSSEY | 6110 | MB | LB | 19 | | | C- | 08 | US |
| VALLEY RUST BUCKET | 6111 | MB | BR | 34 | | | STH- | 04* | US |

POMPON - up to 2 inches

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| BOWEN | 6201 | P | W | 20 | | W | 66 | A |
| CHIMACUM PUMPKIN | 6203 | P | OR | 44 | D | STH- | 99 | US |
| CROSSFIELD EBONY | 6207 | P | DR | 28 | | SUM | 55 | UK |
| CZAR WILLO | 6209 | P | PR | 15 | | | 61* | |
| ELFIN | 6213 | P | DB | 68 | D | L/Z- | 11 | US |
| <u>GLENPLACE</u> | <u>6209</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>PR</u> | <u>89</u> | | | <u>82*</u> | |
| IRISH MISS | 6213 | P | DB | 26 | | BOL- | 05 | US |
| KASASAGI | 6212 | P | FL | 17 | | J | 60* | J |
| LISMORE MOONLIGHT | 6202 | P | Y | 70 | | FRW | 98 | UK |
| LITTLE WILLO | 6201 | P | W | 35 | | W | 35 | A |
| MI WONG | 6210 | P | LB | 53 | | E | 76* | UK |
| MOOR PLACE | 6209 | P | PR | 38 | | NEN | 55 | UK |
| PEARSON'S MICHELLE | 6203 | P | OR | 19 | | PEA- | 97 | US |
| POP WILLO | 6211 | P | BR | 73 | | W | 70 | A |
| POPPET | 6203 | P | OR | 54 | | BA | 69 | H |
| PRIDE OF PLACE | 6209 | P | PR | 19 | | | 00 | |
| RHONDA | 6210 | P | LB | 23 | | RUM | 41 | A |
| STONELEIGH JOYCE | 6206 | P | R | 66 | | KT | 74 | UK |
| TINY | 6211 | P | BR | 38 | H | AHL' | 05 | US |
| WILLO BOREALIS | 6208 | P | L | 44 | | W | 80* | A |
| YELLOW BABY | 6202 | P | Y | 52 | | LM | 60 | H |

STELLAR

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| AC GOLDEN NICKLES | 7002 | ST | Y | 18 | | GRW- | 10 | US |
| AC ROOSTER | 7006 | ST | R | 82 | H | GRW- | 10 | US |
| <u>ALLOWAY CANDY</u> | <u>7004</u> | <u>ST</u> | <u>PK</u> | <u>113</u> | | <u>STT</u> | <u>70</u> | <u>NZ</u> |
| CAMANO PET | 7010 | ST | LB | 105 | J | AM- | 97 | US |
| CLEARVIEW ERIN | 7009 | ST | PR | 26 | H | PAH- | 07 | US |
| HILLTOP STELLA | 7015 | ST | BI | 20 | D | DEB' | 08 | US |
| IRISH PINWHEEL | 7012 | ST | FL | 70 | H | BOL- | 08 | US |
| PRIMROSE PET | 7002 | ST | Y | 17 | | AM- | 03 | US |
| SNOHO MONIKA | 7007 | ST | DR | 19 | H | BN- | 11 | US |
| VERRONE'S RICHARD B. | 7002 | ST | Y | 15 | | VEO- | 09 | US |
| WOODLAND'S MERINDA | 7009 | ST | PR | 58 | H | MIS- | 05 | US |

WATERLILY

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| BRACKEN AQUARIUS | 7304 | WL | PK | 16 | | NAU | 04 | A |
| CAMEO | 7302 | WL | Y | 102 | | TAP | 86 | A |
| CARMEN BUNKY | 7305 | WL | DP | 31 | | SUL- | 07 | US |
| CHARLIE DIMMOCK | 7303 | WL | OR | 18 | | STC | 05* | UK |
| GWYNETH | 7303 | WL | OR | 15 | | JSS | 03* | UK |
| HOLLYHILL BLACK WIDOW | 7307 | WL | DR | 54 | | KED- | 07* | US |
| HOLLYHILL TIGRESS | 7314 | WL | V | 29 | D | KED- | 11 | US |
| KELGAI ANN | 7310 | WL | LB | 20 | | KEE | 04* | A |
| MAKS ROYAL RUBY | 7306 | WL | R | 17 | D | KAA- | 12 | US |
| MORAY SUSAN | 7313 | WL | DB | 24 | | MLC | 95* | A |
| <u>PAM HOWDEN</u> | <u>7310</u> | <u>WL</u> | <u>LB</u> | <u>255</u> | <u>J</u> | <u>DAV</u> | <u>95</u> | <u>A</u> |
| RED VELVET | 7306 | WL | R | 31 | | TIC | 63 | A |
| SANDIA JOY | 7302 | WL | Y | 15 | H | BOL- | 06 | US |
| TARATAHI GLO | 7312 | WL | FL | 18 | D | FRR | 08 | NZ |
| TARATAHI RUBY | 7306 | WL | R | 72 | | FRR | 97* | NZ |
| WILDWOOD MARIE | 7305 | WL | DP | 94 | L | PAP- | 93 | US |

NOVELTY DOUBLE CENTER

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| CLEARVIEW MAGIC | 7607 | NX | DR | 23 | | PAH- | 05* | US |
| HOLLYHILL SPIDERWOMAN | 7613 | NX | DB | 56 | | KED- | 05 | US |

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| SHINKYOKU | 7609 | NX | PR | 30 | | OHT | 70 | J |
| <u>VALLEY PORCUPINE</u> | <u>7610</u> | <u>NX</u> | <u>LB</u> | <u>217</u> | <u>J</u> | <u>STH-</u> | <u>02*</u> | <u>US</u> |
| VISTA CODY | 7605 | NX | DP | 15 | | HRG- | 05* | US |
| VISTA MINNIE | 7613 | NX | DB | 31 | D | HRG- | 11 | US |

PEONY FLOWERING

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|----------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| BRENDA SUE | 8003 | PE | OR | 35 | | ELL- | 00 | US |
| CLASSIC ELISE | 8003 | PE | OR | 17 | | VEW | 09* | H |
| <u>ELVIRA</u> | <u>8005</u> | <u>PE</u> | <u>DP</u> | <u>243</u> | <u>J</u> | <u>EC-</u> | <u>94*</u> | <u>US</u> |
| JACS COURTNEY | 8005 | PE | DP | 19 | | STU- | 09 | US |
| JACS KYLE | 8001 | PE | W | 74 | | STU- | 08 | US |
| MISS MUFFET | 8001 | PE | W | 33 | | | 69 | |
| POWDER GULL | 8004 | PE | PK | 72 | D | GUL- | 95 | US |
| STILLWATER RASPBERRY | 8013 | PE | DB | 17 | | BRU- | 04 | US |

ANEMONE FLOWERING

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| <u>ALPEN FURY</u> | <u>8206</u> | <u>AN</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>77</u> | | <u>M-</u> | <u>95</u> | <u>US</u> |
| ALPEN PEARL | 8208 | AN | L | 16 | | M- | 97 | US |
| COMET | 8207 | AN | DR | 51 | | VAO | 52 | H |
| EILEEN C | 8206 | AN | R | 15 | | AMN | 08 | NZ |
| GOLDIE GULL | 8210 | AN | LB | 23 | | GUL- | 98 | US |
| MEXICO | 8208 | AN | L | 68 | # | JHO | 08* | A |
| ROCK STAR | 8207 | AN | DR | 19 | | GT- | 08 | US |

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| CHRISTMAS STAR | 8606 | NO | R | 47 | | C- | 86 | US |
| JACS KELLI | 8604 | NO | PK | 26 | | STU- | 08 | US |
| LORONA DAWN | 8609 | NO | PR | 51 | | WMS- | 95 | C |
| MARS | 8606 | NO | R | 26 | | FA- | 85 | US |
| <u>VERRONE'S MORNING STAR</u> | <u>8601</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>113</u> | | <u>VEO-</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>US</u> |

COLLARETTE

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| ALPEN CHERUB | 9001 | CO | W | 101 | | M- | 87 | US |
| ALPEN DIAMOND | 9010 | CO | LB | 105 | G*G | M- | 04 | US |
| DARK SUSPENSE | 9007 | CO | DR | 19 | | LBG- | 10 | US |
| HEARTTHROB | 9006 | CO | R | 24 | | GT- | 10 | US |
| KELSEY SUNSHINE | 9002 | CO | Y | 30 | | WKC- | 10 | US |
| <u>POOH</u> | <u>9015</u> | <u>CO</u> | <u>BI</u> | <u>138</u> | | <u>SWI-</u> | <u>98</u> | <u>US</u> |
| SEAN C | 9009 | CO | PR | 50 | | FA- | 97 | US |
| TEESBROOKE REDEYE | 9008 | CO | L | 29 | | ORL | 05* | UK |
| VERRONE'S CITRINE | 9002 | CO | Y | 16 | | VEO- | 11 | US |
| WHEELS | 9006 | CO | R | 17 | | SWI- | 96 | US |

ORCHID FLOWERING

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| DANDIE TRISH | 9212 | O | FL | 15 | | VAL- | 99 | US |
| HONKA | 9202 | O | Y | 146 | | K' | 90 | US |
| JUUL'S STAR | 9201 | O | W | 17 | D | JU- | 83 | US |
| K-K-K-KATIE | 9203 | O | OR | 27 | | VJW. | 96 | US |
| MARIE SCHNUGG | 9206 | O | R | 78 | D | MCN' | 73 | US |
| <u>MIDNIGHT STAR</u> | <u>9207</u> | <u>O</u> | <u>DR</u> | <u>217</u> | <u>GG*J</u> | <u>JNN-</u> | <u>09</u> | <u>US</u> |
| VERRONE'S BRIAN | 9206 | O | R | 16 | | VEO- | 11 | US |
| VERRONE'S OBSIDIAN | 9209 | O | PR | 62 | | VEO- | 11 | US |
| VERRONE'S PINK GIRAFFE | 9213 | O | DB | 15 | | VEO- | 11 | US |

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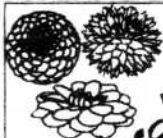
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| DELTA RED | 9606 | S | R | 29 | | SNL- | 03 | C |
| KELSEY KRISTIE | 9607 | S | DR | 40 | GG* | WKC- | 12 | US |
| <u>LULU ISLAND MOM</u> | <u>9601</u> | <u>S</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>54</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>HWD-</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>C</u> |
| MARCELLA LOUISE | 9610 | S | LB | 20 | | CHU- | 09 | US |
| NORTHWEST COSMOS | 9608 | S | L | 27 | G | ELL- | 01 | US |
| RAEANN'S PEACH | 9613 | S | DB | 43 | G* | LOB- | 08 | US |
| RAEANN'S TEARS | 9605 | S | DP | 19 | | LOB- | 11 | US |
| TAHOMA ELDEAN | 9605 | S | DP | 17 | | C- | 09 | US |

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| BABY YELLOW | 9702 | MS | Y | 20 | | | 02* | |
| BAY STATE ANGEL | 9701 | MS | W | 18 | G | STG' | 06 | US |
| BONNE ESPERANCE | 9705 | MS | DP | 15 | | TP | 48 | H |
| DAISY. | 9705 | MS | DP | 44 | | ML- | 85* | US |
| <u>INFLAMMATION</u> | <u>9703</u> | <u>MS</u> | <u>OR</u> | <u>142</u> | | <u>BA</u> | <u>61</u> | <u>H</u> |
| JACS CLOVERLEAF | 9711 | MS | BR | 20 | | STU- | 11 | US |
| LO - BLUSH | 9710 | MS | LB | 85 | G | LOB- | 11 | US |
| LUPIN TORI | 9701 | MS | W | 17 | D | JNB- | 97 | US |
| REDDY | 9706 | MS | R | 60 | | TP | 63 | H |
| REMBRANDT | 9707 | MS | DR | 97 | | LIB- | 89* | US |
| RIVAL | 9706 | MS | R | 50 | | | 99* | |
| STILLWATER PLUM | 9709 | MS | PR | 127 | | BRU- | 04 | US |

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| 1 | 2011 Ranking |
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| 9 | Year of introduction or first year shown |
| 10 | Medals awarded (Dudley, Hart, Johnson, or Gullikson Trial Garden/Bench) |
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| 1 | 143 | 297 | EMBRACE. | 3211 | BB | SC | BR | 99* | #J | GRI | A | 1 |
| 2 | 117 | 243 | ELVIRA | 8005 | | PE | DP | 94* | J | EC- | US | 4 |
| 3 | 112 | 255 | PAM HOWDEN | 7310 | | WL | LB | 95 | J | DAV | A | 7 |
| 4 | 109 | 217 | MIDNIGHT STAR | 9207 | | O | DR | 09 | GG*J | JNN- | US | 2 |
| 5 | 102 | 217 | VALLEY PORCUPINE | 7610 | | NX | LB | 02* | J | STH- | US | 3 |
| 6 | 87 | 212 | MARY'S JOMANDA | 6005 | | BA | DP | 02 | J | HOH | UK | 5 |
| 7 | 84 | 166 | INLAND DYNASTY | 0202 | AA | SC | Y | 92 | HJ | ANS- | US | 10 |
| 8 | 83 | 161 | ZORRO | 0107 | AA | ID | DR | 87 | DHJ | G- | US | 6 |
| 9 | 78 | 176 | VASSIO MEGGOS | 1108 | A | ID | L | 05 | H | MEG. | US | 8 |
| 10 | 78 | 201 | WESTON SPANISH DANCER | 4312 | M | C | FL | 00 | | MLT | UK | 9 |
| 11 | 76 | 135 | KENORA JUBILEE | 1201 | A | SC | W | 02 | J | LX- | US | 12 |
| 12 | 71 | 178 | PARKLAND RAVE | 3408 | BB | IC | L | 05 | # | RSE- | US | 29 |
| 13 | 71 | 150 | HAMARI ACCORD | 2202 | B | SC | Y | 86 | J | ES | UK | 14 |
| 14 | 68 | 178 | SPARTACUS | 1107 | A | ID | DR | 93 | DHJ | SEN- | US | 33 |

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| 15 | 65 | 172 | LAKEVIEW GLOW | 3402 | BB | IC | Y | 10 | | WIB- | US | 31 |
| 16 | 63 | 132 | BADGER TWINKLE | 4213 | M | SC | DB | 05 | H | THR. | US | 46 |
| 17 | 61 | 144 | CAMANO SITKA | 2410 | B | IC | LB | 00 | J | AM- | US | 11 |
| 18 | 61 | 113 | VERRONE'S MORNING STAR | 8601 | | NO | W | 11 | | VEO- | US | |
| 19 | 61 | 146 | HONKA | 9202 | | O | Y | 90 | | K' | US | 17 |
| 20 | 60 | 117 | EDNA C | 2002 | B | FD | Y | 68 | DHJ | CK- | US | 16 |
| 21 | 52 | 142 | INFLAMMATION | 9703 | | MS | OR | 61 | | BA | H | 13 |
| 22 | 49 | 119 | BROOKSIDE J COOLEY | 4102 | M | ID | Y | 83 | H | CO' | US | 25 |
| 23 | 46 | 127 | STILLWATER PLUM | 9709 | | MS | PR | 04 | | BRU- | US | 19 |
| 24 | 45 | 123 | CHIMACUM TROY | 6109 | | MB | PR | 03 | D | STH- | US | 24 |
| 25 | 45 | 113 | ALLOWAY CANDY | 7004 | | ST | PK | 70 | | STT | NZ | 36 |
| 26 | 44 | 137 | CRAZY 4 JESSIE | 3413 | BB | IC | DB | 09 | H | SPN' | US | 73 |
| 27 | 43 | 101 | GLENBANK TWINKLE | 4313 | M | C | DB | 78 | J | DAV | A | 55 |
| 28 | 43 | 102 | MARY JO | 4204 | M | SC | PK | 68 | J | FZ' | US | 21 |
| 29 | 42 | 84 | TRENGROVE MILLENIUM | 2002 | B | FD | Y | 01 | | WLK | UK | 26 |
| 30 | 42 | 72 | POWDER GULL | 8004 | | PE | PK | 95 | D | GUL- | US | 78 |
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| 32 | 39 | 105 | ALPEN DIAMOND | 9010 | | CO | LB | 04 | G*G | M- | US | 45 |
| 33 | 39 | 101 | KENORA WILDFIRE | 1206 | A | SC | R | 89 | D | LX- | US | 56 |
| 34 | 38 | 138 | POOH | 9015 | | CO | BI | 98 | | SWI- | US | 22 |
| 35 | 37 | 87 | AITARA CARESS | 3310 | BB | C | LB | 03* | | TAP | A | 27 |
| 36 | 36 | 92 | VERDA | 1201 | A | SC | W | 94 | | MAX- | US | 72 |
| 37 | 36 | 117 | MAGIC MOMENT | 2201 | B | SC | W | 83 | J | C- | US | 58 |
| 38 | 36 | 93 | KATHY'S CHOICE | 4302 | M | C | Y | 99 | DJ | CAN- | US | 96 |
| 39 | 35 | 70 | IVORY PALACES | 0102 | AA | ID | Y | 92* | | SM- | US | 82 |
| 40 | 35 | 99 | ROSE TOSCANO | 4003 | M | FD | OR | 91 | DJ | BEB- | US | 95 |
| 41 | 35 | 92 | RYECROFT JAN | 4001 | M | FD | W | 01 | | GOM | UK | 37 |
| 42 | 35 | 89 | GLENPLACE | 6209 | | P | PR | 82* | | | | 79 |
| 43 | 35 | 90 | ELSIE HUSTON | 1105 | A | ID | DP | 89* | | H- | C | 64 |
| 44 | 35 | 99 | APRIL DAWN | 2110 | B | ID | LB | 84 | DHJ | C- | US | 18 |
| 45 | 34 | 115 | MS KENNEDY | 6103 | | MB | OR | 06 | H | BOL- | US | 52 |
| 46 | 34 | 97 | REMBRANDT | 9707 | | MS | DR | 89* | | LIB- | US | 54 |
| 47 | 34 | 87 | CHILSON'S PRIDE | 3110 | BB | ID | LB | 54* | | CHS- | US | 99 |
| 48 | 34 | 102 | CAMEO | 7302 | | WL | Y | 86 | | TAP | A | 44 |
| 49 | 34 | 77 | ALPEN FURY | 8206 | | AN | R | 95 | | M- | US | 38 |
| 50 | 34 | 106 | JESSICA | 3415 | BB | IC | BI | 88 | J | HA. | US | 34 |
| 51 | 33 | 94 | WILDWOOD MARIE | 7305 | | WL | DP | 93 | D | PAP- | US | 76 |
| 52 | 33 | 79 | MARTINA | 4013 | M | FD | DB | 04 | | GE | H | 50 |

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| 53 | 33 | 88 | JOMANDA | 3003 | BB | FD | OR | 96 | GE | H | 15 |
| 54 | 33 | 101 | ALPEN CHERUB | 9001 | | CO | W | 87 | M- | US | 90 |
| 55 | 33 | 86 | SHEA'S RAINBOW | 3414 | BB | IC | V | 99 | CLK- | US | 68 |
| 56 | 32 | 68 | MEXICO | 8208 | | AN | L | 08* # | JHO | A | |
| 57 | 31 | 63 | CLARA HUSTON | 0403 | AA | IC | OR | 95* | H- | C | 23 |
| 58 | 31 | 88 | BLOOMQUIST BARBARA | 3002 | BB | FD | Y | 11 D | BLQ- | US | |
| 59 | 30 | 56 | JENNIE. | 2510 | B | LC | LB | 93 D | TF- | US | |
| 60 | 29 | 82 | AC ROOSTER | 7006 | | ST | R | 10 H | GRW- | US | 66 |
| 61 | 29 | 54 | CHIMACUM JULIA | 2402 | B | IC | Y | 00 | STH- | US | |
| 62 | 29 | 73 | VISTA LINDSEY | 3502 | BB | LC | Y | 04 | HRG- | US | 20 |
| 63 | 28 | 66 | DANUM METEOR | 0206 | AA | SC | R | 96 | OSN | UK | 43 |
| 64 | 28 | 87 | SIR RICHARD | 6105 | | MB | DP | 09 D | BOL- | US | 65 |
| 65 | 28 | 74 | JACS KYLE | 8001 | | PE | W | 08 | STU- | US | |
| 66 | 28 | 61 | BARBARRY RED DWARF | 4007 | M | FD | DR | 00 D | DA | UK | 84 |
| 67 | 28 | 85 | LO - BLUSH | 9710 | | MS | LB | 11 G | LOB- | US | |
| 68 | 28 | 53 | LIGHT ACCORD | 2202 | B | SC | Y | 00 D | RD- | US | |
| 69 | 28 | 105 | SNOHO DORIS | 6013 | | BA | DB | 00 | BN- | US | 51 |
| 70 | 27 | 55 | SKIPLEY MELLO YELLO | 2402 | B | IC | Y | 11 | WMR- | US | |
| 71 | 27 | 108 | CORNEL | 6007 | | BA | DR | 94 J | GE | H | 32 |
| 72 | 27 | 76 | SKIPLEY BONANZA | 2406 | B | IC | R | 10 D | WMR- | US | 28 |
| 73 | 27 | 65 | HARVEY KOOP | 1114 | A | ID | V | 10 | MEG. | US | |
| 74 | 27 | 60 | AC BEN | 0210 | AA | SC | LB | 10 | GRW- | US | |
| 75 | 27 | 109 | GLORIOSA | 2014 | B | FD | V | 03 | CON- | US | 40 |
| 76 | 26 | 91 | WOODLAND'S WILDTHING | 2203 | B | SC | OR | 00 | MIS- | US | 53 |
| 77 | 26 | 63 | NARROWS TRICIA | 2202 | B | SC | Y | 06 D | WAL- | US | |
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| 79 | 26 | 52 | NICK SR. | 0106 | AA | ID | R | 09 | GT- | US | |
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| 81 | 26 | 73 | POP WILLO | 6211 | | P | BR | 70 | W | A | 75 |
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| 85 | 25 | 70 | LISMORE MOONLIGHT | 6202 | | P | Y | 98 | FRW | UK | |
| 86 | 24 | 72 | PEACH DELIGHT | 2204 | B | SC | PK | 04* | SCL | A | 74 |
| 87 | 24 | 54 | LULU ISLAND MOM | 9601 | | S | W | 10 G | HWD- | C | |
| 88 | 24 | 69 | TROOPER DAN | 1202 | A | SC | Y | 09 | PAH- | US | 62 |
| 89 | 24 | 68 | ELFIN | 6213 | | P | DB | 11 D | L/Z- | US | |
| 90 | 24 | 66 | TARATAHI LILAC | 3410 | BB | IC | LB | 96* J | FRR | NZ | 71 |

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| 91 | 23 | 78 | MARIE SCHNUGG | 9206 | O | R | 73 | D | MCN' | US | 103 | |
| 92 | 23 | 74 | WESTON PIRATE | 4307 | M | C | DR | 98 | MLT | UK | 97 | |
| 93 | 23 | 61 | SHOW'N'TELL | 1513 | A | LC | DB | 85 | H | AL- | US | 80 |
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| 95 | 22 | 68 | G W'S BABE | 4210 | M | SC | LB | 01 | | WLF- | US | 60 |
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| 97 | 22 | 58 | WOODLAND'S MERINDA | 7009 | | ST | PR | 05 | H | MIS- | US | 101 |
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| 102 | 21 | 53 | RYECROFT DAVE'S CHOICE | 4001 | M | FD | W | 07 | H | GOM | UK | |
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| 104 | 21 | 56 | SUGARTOWN SUNRISE | 4010 | M | FD | LB | 99 | | TMS' | US | |
| 105 | 20 | 56 | HOLLYHILL SPIDERWOMAN | 7613 | | NX | DB | 05 | | KED- | US | 59 |
| 106 | 20 | 60 | REDDY | 9706 | | MS | R | 63 | | TP | H | 83 |
| 107 | 20 | 55 | MY BEVERLY | 3510 | BB | LC | LB | 99 | | SIM' | US | 70 |
| 108 | 20 | 60 | REBECCA LYNN | 4005 | M | FD | DP | 87 | DH | C- | US | |
| 109 | 19 | 54 | POPPET | 6203 | | P | OR | 69 | | BA | H | |
| 110 | 19 | 61 | GREENDOR | 6014 | | BA | V | 08* | | GRW- | US | 93 |
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| 112 | 18 | 72 | BARGALY BLUSH | 2005 | B | FD | DP | 02 | | FAR | UK | 81 |
| 113 | 18 | 51 | KENORA SUNSET | 2212 | B | SC | FL | 96 | | LX- | US | |
| 114 | 18 | 51 | COMET | 8207 | | AN | DR | 52 | | VAO | H | |
| 115 | 18 | 52 | YELLOW BABY | 6202 | | P | Y | 60 | | LM | H | 87 |
| 116 | 17 | 66 | STONELEIGH JOYCE | 6206 | | P | R | 74 | | KT | UK | 98 |
| 117 | 17 | 54 | NENEKAZI | 2510 | B | LC | LB | 97 | DH | HIG | SA | |
| 118 | 16 | 51 | KEN'S CHOICE | 6007 | | BA | DR | 02 | | FRQ | A | |
| 119 | 16 | 50 | RIVAL | 9706 | | MS | R | 99* | | | | |
| 120 | 15 | 54 | HOLLYHILL BLACK WIDOW | 7307 | | WL | DR | 07* | | KED- | US | |
| 121 | 14 | 64 | JUST PEACHY | 3210 | BB | SC | LB | 86 | | C- | US | 92 |
| 122 | 14 | 56 | HY CLOWN | 3010 | BB | FD | LB | 95 | | HOL- | C | 100 |
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| 125 | 10 | 50 | SEAN C | 9009 | | CO | PR | 97 | | FA- | US | |
| 126 | 10 | 62 | VERRONE'S OBSIDIAN | 9209 | | O | PR | 11 | | VEO- | US | |

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VETERANS DAY DAHLIA TRIBUTE

Being Veterans Day I thought it appropriate to share the story behind the name of a new dahlia we are introducing for the upcoming season. 18th Surgical Hospital, was developed by Dahlia Society of Georgia member John Kreiner. A couple of days ago I asked John what the story was behind the name and here is his response: "During my time in Vietnam in 1966-1967 I was assigned as a "Dustoff" pilot (Dustoff was the name that medical evacuation helicopters were known as throughout the country) in Pleiku in the central highlands. The 18th Surgical Hospital was also located in Pleiku and it was the hospital that we brought wounded soldiers to when we picked them up from the field and division/ brigade clearing companies. Since we were the only medical units in Pleiku and we worked so closely together we knew many of the personnel serving in the 18th Surg. One day my helicopter got shot up and I was wounded in the foot so I was taken to the 18th to clean up my wound and sew it up. I stayed in the hospital overnight and then my unit evacuated me to another hospital down on the coast. So it has a special place in my life."



"In the 90's the hospital started having reunions in various areas of the country and I was invited to attend. At the one in San Francisco I suggested visiting the Dahlia Dell in Golden Gate Park and Deborah Dietz gave them a guided tour. They really enjoyed seeing the Dell and had more people attend that part of the reunion than any other during their time in San Francisco. I was asked if I could develop a flower and name it after the 18th Surgical Hospital and have it in time to be included in the book "The 18th Surgical Hospital" which was presented during the reunion this year held at West Point in September. It is a great book about the history of the unit and a picture of the flower is in the book. The unit was deactivated after the Vietnam war was concluded."

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2011 Border/Container Dahlia of the Year

2011 was a difficult year for our evaluation committee. There was the weather, but we always have weather difficulties. One of our selected varieties just didn't bloom. The variety Gallery Art Fair grew quite well with strong stems and nice foliage but just never set buds and thus no blooms. This was the story in all parts of the country. I have no answer and have contacted the breeder in Holland for some help in solving the problem. The other 2 varieties fared well according to our evaluators. When the votes were tallied "Melody Pink Allegro" came out on top. This is not surprising as this winner is a color sport of the past winner Melody Allegro.



Melody Allegro is one of the favorites in the large commercial mail order houses and I would expect Melody Pink Allegro will follow the same path. For the 2012 evaluation we will be supplying plants not tubers. We feel this will allow evaluators to plant up quickly and have a longer season for evaluation.

If you are interested in being an evaluator please contact me.

Steve Nowotarski
sndahlia@cs.com

46TH AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY NATIONAL SHOW HOSTED BY THE PORTLAND DAHLIA SOCIETY

Members of the Portland Dahlia Society invite you to start making plans now to attend the 2012 ADS National Show in Portland, Oregon. The show will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Columbia Red Lion Hotel on the River on Labor Day weekend, September 1 and 2. Red Lion is offering special room rates for those attending the show. Backdropped by the floor to ceiling views of the river, this event boasts 18,000 square feet of exhibit space dedicated to our favorite flower.

Optional bus tours will be available at a reasonable price. On Thursday, August 30, we will travel one hour to The Oregon Garden in Silverton. The Oregon Garden features 80 acres of specialty gardens and a 30 minute narrated tram tour upon entrance. There will be a stop at a vineyard/winery for optional tasting and a lovely vista. On Friday, August 31, three member gardens of terrific quality will be visited, all within a 30 mile radius of the hotel. On Sunday, September 2, we will board buses for the Swan Island Dahlia Festival and Canby Trial Gardens, about 30 minutes from the hotel. Swan Island is the largest dahlia grower in the Western Hemisphere with over 40 acres of dahlias. The basement of their barn features over 400 baskets and arrangements of our favorite flower! On Monday, September 3, we will travel 30 minutes to Hollyhill Dahlia Farm. Operated by Ted and Margaret Kennedy, Hollyhill has become one of the most influential hybridizers in the business. Margaret has an amazing flair for design and you will want to see her hanging baskets and a great variety of all things colorful. Lunch will be provided alfresco so all can enjoy the quiet beauty of the Hollyhill gardens.

Seminars will be presented on Saturday afternoon, including Eleanor Shantz's famous tutelage on creating the perfect dahlia basket. A Northwest hybridizer's panel and tips on the ins and outs of photographing dahlias as presented by Roger Walker will take place as well.

If you enjoy the outdoors, Portland is a short drive from the famous Oregon coast, the Columbia River Gorge, and scenic Mount Hood. Championship golf and tax free shopping are a short distance from our show site as well.

Early bird registration is \$139 for the full package and \$89 for the partial package. For more information, you may visit our website at www.portlanddahlia.com. We look forward to providing you with a spectacular dahlia show event!

National Show Tours 2012

*Please note that prices as of writing of this schedule are approximate, the final prices will be published in the June bulletin.

Thursday Aug. 30: Tour by charter bus (about 8:30am-4pm). Approx. \$39
We will travel 1 1/4 hour Southeast to The Oregon Garden in Silverton, OR. It features 80 acres of thousands of plants displayed throughout 20 specialty gardens. Be sure to see the 400 year old Signature White Oak. A 30 minute narrated tram tour upon entrance will provide an overview of the garden. Later, visitors can go back and explore on foot their own favorite highlights. Box lunch served at the garden. Be sure to bring your camera!

As we travel along the Eastern edge of the Willamette Valley on the way to the hotel, we will stop at Christopher Bridge Winery in Oregon City for viewing and an optional wine tasting (optional tasting \$5). Oregon's Willamette Valley has developed a strong reputation for Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris wines.

Friday Aug. 31: Tour by charter bus (about 8:30am-4:30pm). Approx. \$36
Three private dahlia grower's gardens of excellent quality are on the tour today: Mike Riordan in NE Portland
Max Ollieu in Battleground, WA
Eric Toedtli in Vancouver, WA
All gardens are within a twenty mile radius (30 minutes) of the hotel.

Sunday Sept. 2: Tour by charter bus (about noon-4:45pm). Approx. \$39
At the conclusion of the morning ADS meetings, we will board charter buses for Swan Island Dahlias in Canby, OR, forty-five minutes south of the hotel. We'll enjoy boxed lunches as we travel. Swan Island Dahlias, the largest dahlia grower in the Western Hemisphere, will be in their second weekend of their annual "Dahlia Festival". The Gitts family opens their fields to the public for strolling and picture taking. The basement of their barn features over 400 floral arrangements using our favorite flower! Additionally, you can visit the ADS Canby Trial Garden right there on site. Even if you've visited before, you will want to visit again.

Monday Sept. 3: Tour by charter bus (about 10:00am-2:30pm).
Approx. \$29

We will travel 40 minutes Southeast by charter bus to Ted and Margaret Kennedy's Oregon City private dahlia garden. Ted and Margaret are the hybridizers of at least 40 "Hollyhill" dahlias. Margaret has an amazing eye for design that rings throughout the garden in her hanging basket displays. Lunch will be served in the garden.

2012 National Dahlia Show Seminars

Four seminars will be presented on Saturday afternoon in two rooms, each seminar 55 minutes long. Two different presentations will run simultaneously.

We have **Eleanor Shantz** who has graciously agreed to explain the intricacies of the art of dahlia basket construction. Eleanor has a deep and long- time interest in floral art design. Her baskets always creatively balance the color of dahlias with the hue, texture and shape of appropriate filler material. Each flower looks ideally placed. Eleanor and her husband Wayne are both retired educators from Eugene, Oregon and serve as Regional ADS Representatives for the Pacific Northwest Conference and have been long time teachers of many judging clinics in the region.

Colin Walker has consented to present the good and the not so good of dahlia photography. Colin has worked for many years for Dahlias of Today as a photographer and photo editor. His occupation with the parks department in a Puget Sound municipality has given him much experience in the art of floral and plant photography. Together with his father Roger, they maintain a display planting at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.

Kevin Larkin, research and education director for the ADS will share information about new directions in dahlia research, specifically dahlia fertilization. What works well in most areas of the country? Application, harmful interactions and other issues will be discussed. Kevin may elect to use a panel or forum to field questions and stimulate discussion. Kevin brings many years of dahlia growing experience as co-operator of Corralitos Gardens.

Dahlia Growing 101: A presentation geared to the novice grower just starting down the road to serious dahlia addiction. Topics will include staking, disbudding, disbranching and placement as well as discussion on how to successfully dig, divide, and transplant dahlias. We expect this to be a popular seminar with the public attending the show. Presenters will be experienced dahlia growers from our region.

Welcome to the Red Lion Hotel!

The Portland Dahlia Society is proud to host this year's National Dahlia Show at the beautiful Red Lion Hotel on the River Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon. Red Lion Jantzen Beach is an AAA 3 star-rated hotel and convention center located on the bank of the beautiful Columbia River with spectacular views of the river and the Interstate Bridge. Conveniently located off Interstate 5, the Red Lion is just 15 minutes away from Portland International Airport and 10 minutes from downtown Portland. The hotel provides complimentary free shuttle service to and from the airport and free on site parking. Beautifully appointed rooms feature free high-speed Internet access as well as refrigerators, microwaves and coffeemakers. Swimming is available in the outdoor seasonal pool and tennis courts await those who play. Whirlpool tubs and exercise facilities can be found in the Red Lion Energy Zone Fitness Center. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are available at the hotel's Jantzen Beach Bar & Grill and Northwest beer and wine is featured at JB's Night Club as well as dancing on Friday and Saturday nights. You will find no sales tax anywhere in Oregon and shopping is just the other side of Interstate 5 at Jantzen Beach Supercenter. For those of you who golf, five championship golf courses are a short drive away.

Special group rates apply for the show dates of Thursday 8/30 through Sunday 9/2 as well as 3 days prior and post the show dates so that you may partake in the Monday tour or visit other Oregon scenic delights while still taking advantage of the special discount. The cut off date to reserve your room for the special group rate is Friday, August 17th. Please make your reservations prior to the cut off date, as our society does not receive credit for room night reservations made after this date. Reservations must be made directly with Red Lion by calling the reservation department at 1-503-283-4466 or toll free at 1-800-733-5466. Be sure to ask for the special Portland Dahlia Society group rate. For those of you who wish to make reservations online, go directly to www.redlionontheriver.com to access our hotel site. Be sure to click the special rates box on the right side of the screen, then click the group/convention code box and type in 0827PORT to bring up the discounted room rates. To confirm a room assignment you are required to provide the first night's deposit, refundable up to 24 hours in advance of the show date. Checks and major credit cards are accepted. Current room tax is 12.5%. Check in time is 3 PM and check out time is 12 noon.

Our show chairs, club members, volunteers and Red Lion staff are working hard to provide you with an outstanding show experience at an amazing location. With an 18,000 square foot exhibit hall featuring floor to ceiling windows overlooking the Columbia River, we think you will be amazed at the spectacular venue. A lovely banquet area with river views will be the stage for our lunch, banquet, and awards ceremony. Red Lion hotel has a convenient pull in area with which you may drop off your blooms that's just steps away from the show hall. Registration, a raffle table and dahlia boutique will be in the main hall directly in front of the exhibit hall. A staging area will be located just inside the exhibit hall where exhibitors can stage their winning entries. Please mark your calendar and plan to stay with us for the 46th American Dahlia Society National Show and "Follow the Oregon Trail of Dahlias."

Make checks payable to "Portland Dahlia Society Ntl. Show" or "PDS-Ntl Show"

Send to: Shirley Bankston, 1116 SW Stephenson St., Portland, OR 97219

If you would like to pay by credit card, please contact Shirley at 503-246-8632

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For all questions, please contact: shirleybankston@gmail.com**Please complete both sides of registration form.****Registration Cost****Full Package:** \$139.00 (Add \$20.00 per person if registration is sent after July 15, 2012)

Includes: Thursday evening reception, Show Registration, Saturday luncheon, Educational seminars, Saturday evening awards banquet.

Partial Package: \$89.00 (Add \$20.00 per person if registration is sent after July 15, 2012)

Includes: Show Registration, Educational seminars, Saturday evening awards Banquet.

Exhibit Only: \$20.00 Includes: Registration & Show facility.Will you be attending the **Thursday evening reception?** _____ If so, how many? _____

Reception will be 6 to 8pm at the Red Lion Hotel. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. No host bar.

Exhibiting InformationUpon receipt of your registration, a **Show schedule and Entry tag number(s)** will be sent to you.

How many entry tags will you need?

Novice _____ Amateur _____ Open _____ Jr. _____

Judging, Clerking, & Exhibitors information.

Circle one

Will you judge? Y N Name (1): _____

Judging Status: Circle one Candidate Accredited Senior

Will you judge? Y N Name (2): _____

Judging Status: Circle one Candidate Accredited Senior

Will you clerk? Y N Name (1): _____

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Will you exhibit? Y N Name (1): _____

Exhibitors Classification: Circle one Novice Amateur Open

Will you exhibit? Y N Name (2): _____

Exhibitors Classification: Circle one Novice Amateur Open

Will you need cans for your blooms? Y N Approximately how many? _____

Will you be exhibiting in the photography section? Y N Approx. how many? _____

Will you be exhibiting arrangements? Y N Approximately how many? _____

Will you be exhibiting a table bouquet? Y N

For Hotel room accommodations please refer to the Hotel Reservation Page.

Descriptions of tours, seminars, special events and registration information on separate page.

This page is also available on the web: <http://portlanddahlia.com/>**I/we would like to volunteer to help with the show or convention effort.**

Specify: _____

Please contact me at: Phone # _____ Email _____

Thank You! You should receive a confirmation by mail within 2 weeks of our receipt.

46th American Dahlia Society Show and Convention
Red Lion Hotel on the River; Jantzen Beach; Portland, Oregon
Hosted by the Portland Dahlia Society
August 30, 31 & September 1, 2, 3, 2012

Show and Tour registration

PRE-REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State or Province _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Home Dahlia Society _____

Number of people in your party: Adults _____ Children (ages) _____

Full Registration Number of people _____ Total \$ _____

\$139 (US) per person before July 15th

\$159 (US) per person after July 15th

Total \$ _____

\$109 (US) per person after July 15th

1. New York Strip Angus Steak with porcini mushroom butter, red potatoes & veggies
2. Hazelnut Crusted Chicken with raspberry cream sauce, rice pilaf & veggies
3. Grilled Steelhead with a barley, mushroom & spinach risotto & green beans
4. Special Dietary requirements

(Full Registration Only for Lunch)

1. Pacific Seafood Salad-prawns & crab with greens, egg & asparagus
2. Steak Sandwich-Smoked Sirloin & Tillamook cheddar with potato salad
3. Fiesta Chicken Wrap-with black beans, peppers, jack cheese & slaw
4. Special Dietary Requirements

Total \$

Additional Tour Options – Tour reservations must be made before July 15th

See description on following page. Prices approximate as of March bulletin, please check website/June bulletin.

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| Tour 1 | (8/30) | Number of People _____ | X \$ _39.00_ | Total \$ _____ |
| Tour 2 | (8/31) | Number of People _____ | X \$ _36.00- | Total \$ _____ |
| Tour 3 | (9/02) | Number of People _____ | X \$ _39.00_ | Total \$ _____ |
| Tour 4 | (9/03) | Number of People _____ | X \$ _29.00- | Total \$ _____ |

Add registration fees and additional tour fees to get the Total.

TOTAL \$ _____

Option: Please add any amount if you would like to support a cash show award. \$

"We will try to honor specific award requests but cannot guarantee them." **GRAND TOTALS** _____

MIDWEST DAHLIA CONFERENCE

Dear Midwest Dahlia Growers:

There has been some interest in the past few years of having a separate classification list of selected dahlias. These would be ones that appear to grow differently than the classification listed in the current ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias. This would be very similar to the Pacific Northwest's Supplemental Classification Listing. So, in order to institute our Midwest Conference Supplemental Classification Listing, we would ask you to meet with the exhibitors in your society and see if there are cultivars that they think would be good candidates for a classification change. If there is general agreement, please send the names of the cultivars to me (RP). This could be done by email, snail mail, phone, or by personally handing the list to me at our Spring Meeting on June 2nd of this year.

I will then compile the list and put it into the hands of the Midwest representatives that serve on the ADS Classification Committee, Marian Landerholm, Dick Westfall, John Thiermann, and Jerry/Ruth Wittrig). They will compile the accepted final listing and make sure that the ADS Classification Chairman, Lou Paradise, will include our listing in the 2013 Classification and Handbook of Dahlias.

Here is a listing of proposed candidates that we have collected thus far:

Brookside Snowball to Ba W
Clearview Tammy to BB SC W
Hollyhill Spiderwoman to B IC DB
Light Accord to B SC W
Bonaventure to A FD BR
Bella S to AFD L
Cam Kui Sea Mist to M C DP
Rock Run Chris to ST R

Thanks much for all of your cooperation in this endeavor. The Midwest Dahlia Conference continues to work in behalf of its membership.

*Rick Peters, Secretary-Treasurer
Jerry Wittrig, President*

THE MIDWEST DAHLIA CONFERENCE SHOW

The Michigan Dahlia Association is proud to be hosting the 79th Midwest Dahlia Conference Show in conjunction with our 64th Annual Show at Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105.

Show dates; Aug 31, Sep 1 & 2, 2012. Registration and staging will begin on Friday after 4 pm till 11 pm and reopen at 5 am, Saturday, Sep 1 concluding at 9 am.

This location provides many conveniences as the college is located 1 ½ miles from U.S. 23. Staging will be just outside the exhibit area. And when you are ready to settle in for the night, the Ann Arbor Regent Hotel & Suites (www.AnnArborRegent.com) is only 1 mile away (phone: 734-973-6100 or 800-973-6101).

The lunch and banquet will be held in the Morris Lawrence Building just outside the exhibition hall.

In planning your garden and tuber purchases for the 2012 Midwest Dahlia Conference Show; keep in mind some of the following awards for this year's show:

- Cash award for the Best Country Origination.
- Cash award for the Best Rumpel Origination.
- Cash award for the Best Maisie Mooney (1101, A-ID-W).
- Cash award for the Best Marcella Louise (9610, S-LB LV/YL).
- Cash award for the Best NX (Novelty Open Center) in Memory of David Gurk for one of his favorite dahlias, Valley Porcupine (NX-LB PK/WH).
- Cash Award for the Best MS (Mignon Single) in Memory of David Gurk for one of his favorite dahlias, Daisy. (9705, MS-DP).
- Gift Certificate for the Best Hilltop Origination.
- Engraved Chrystal Goblet for the Best Penhill Yellow Queen (1102, A-ID-Y).
- Cash Award for the Best Midwest Origination, 3-Bloom.

The Flower of the year is any of Richard Rejman's originations. There will also be a photography and arrangement section, with rules posted on the website and in the show schedule, available soon.

More information and registration will be forthcoming in the June ADS Bulletin and on the Michigan Dahlia Association website, <http://midahlia.rain.prohosting.com/index.htm>

Here is to a successful 2012 garden. See you August 31st.

Fred Nicholas

President, Michigan Dahlia Association

SOCIETY REPORTS

CAROLINAS DAHLIA SOCIETY

A busy year is planned for CDS. Our annual show will be September 8-9th. As this show will be combined with the Southern States show, longer staging hours will be provided in order to accommodate our out-of-town guests. Our southern dahlia patches are again united. We're looking forward to hosting this event and seeing old and new friends.

Our show theme is "The Power of Pink". As a tribute to all families affected by cancer, one half of the flower sales will be donated to a cancer organization. Come and bring all your pink flowers in support of this well deserved cause.

Our Spring meetings will prime us for growing a bounty of beautiful dahlias. In March we'll view the ADS new introduction slides. April 14th will bring us together at the Bullington Center for the annual tuber cutting and members' only sale. Watch your CDS handbook for new guidelines. Bring three plus tubers and go home with three new ones to enjoy.

May 12th is our date for our annual tuber sale at the NC Arboretum. Jack Leatherwood and Johnny Trantham will demonstrate planting tubers and their care. If any tubers remain, a second sale will be held on Tuesday, May 15th.

We look forward to a sell out as dahlia fever runs high!

The Smokey Mountain Trial Garden will remain in Cashiers but will relocate to the opposite side of the picnic shelter. This new location affords more sun, better drainage and amended soil.

Thank you to Buddy Dean, Trial Garden Director, for your hard work and accomplishments to help make it a success. Check with Buddy for tuber space availability.

Executive Board:

President - Allen Haas

Vice President - Sue Linn

Treasurer - Deb Haas

Secretary - Betty Ann Brown

ADS Rep - Lonnie Walters

Membership/Tuber Sale Chairman
Allen Haas

Show Co-Chairs -
Ken Zulla, Allen Haas and Buddy Dean

Trial Garden Director - Buddy Dean
Hospitality Committee Cindy
Leatherwood, Debbie Robertson,
Marsha Arrington

Think pink.

Lonnie Walters

CENTRAL STATES DAHLIA SOCIETY

Unlike last year, the winter in Chicagoland has been mild. In fact, until the 12th of January our area had had only an inch and half of snow. We got the cold weather and the snow on the 12th but not as much of the "white stuff" as was predicted. What has this got to do with dahlias, you say? Well there is concern that the lack of snow and the lack of really cold weather will not kill the garden pests or weeds. A valid concern I am afraid. Colder temperatures are due to return this week so we will have to see what the future weather patterns bring.

Our society started out 2012 with a program about the new introductions. Some of the new varieties looked interesting and I know our members are busy ordering their "new" favorites for this year. We had a wonderful turn out for the meeting and we were excited to meet and greet several new members. Our society is growing and that is a very good thing.

Our education committee is busy working with the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences once again. Part of the focus this year will be on making a business out of growing dahlia plants. We are exploring the possibility of bringing in a guest speaker to discuss how to run a successful dahlia business. The young people at the school are not going to be hobbyists but rather people making a living selling plant material.

As in the past we will be having two plant sales. One will be at the Chicago Botanic Garden in early May. The other sale will be held at a local nursery and is a pre-order event later in May. The advantage to our members of the pre-order sale is that when picking up their orders, if they have forgotten to order something they will be able to make an additional purchase at a discounted price.

Garden walks are being planned and all the usual summer activities are in the planning stages. Our fall show at the Chicago Botanic Garden will be less hectic as we will not be hosting a National or Midwest this year. Quite a relief!

We at Central States hope that 2012 will be a wonderful dahlia year at your house. We are looking forward to a good year here in the heartland. We would like to invite you to stop and see our gardens and our shows. Good growing.

Marian Landerholm

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COLORADO DAHLIA SOCIETY

Happy New Year!

We are all looking forward to our first meeting of 2012 to be held at the library in Longmont. This is usually our largest meeting. Everyone is always looking forward to getting started with their gardens.

Our 2012 slate of officers are as follows:

President - Cindy Sprague
Vice President - Dennis Goodell
Treasurer - Gene Wolf
Secretary - Leona Burttram
ADS Rep - Maxine Vondersaar

At our last meeting, in September, we selected "Unforgettable" as our Club Flower.

Our tuber sort will be held in March at the Keensburg firehouse followed by our popular annual Tuber sale at Paulino Gardens in Denver in early April.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2012 growing season.

Maxine Vondersaar

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA

Winter brought us Georgians and a few friends from North Carolina to socialize at the home of Alyce and Paul Dolan for our December Christmas Party/meeting. We immensely enjoyed The Dolan's warm welcome and lovely decorations. While partying we watched a bit of football, stuffed ourselves, chatted about this and that (we all know it was dahlias), moved on to business, before partaking in the "Nasty Santa" game. We all had a fun time. Our Holiday/meeting had a couple of purposes; we held a canned food drive focusing on protein, as the local food banks here in Atlanta like across the Country are seeing record lows. We carried several sacks of food to MUST Ministries. We also installed the 2012 officers:

President - Lori Goehring
Programs/VP - Paula Pinholster
Secretary - Carla Schissel
Treasurer - Henry Everett
ADS Rep - Heather Varsalona

January had our society closely looking at the "2012 ADS New Introduction" DVD. A great addition to the program was the dahlia photo handout and trial garden and seedling bench scores.

This year DS of GA's flower of the year is a fully double RED BLOOM.

We are focusing on Dahlias & The Heart...and a blood drive. By having the flower of the year a RED BLOOM with a purpose we are hopeful more members will be encouraged to enter in our show. We are also hopeful to gain a little more public awareness of Heart Health, Blood Donation, and Dahlia Culture.

Heather Varsalona

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF OHIO

How many new introductions did Santa bring you? It's fun going through the December Bulletin and catalogs to find those winners for next year's shows. Isn't it?

The program for our June meeting was on container gardening by Deborah Davis. She had worked as a horticulturist for Sea World for 17 years and had lots of tips to share with us on all aspects on creating a garden in a container. Just as Steve Nowotarski showed in his excellent container gardening DVD it's amazing how many plants can be "crammed" into a pot and still having it look terrific! Our picnic was held at Ron and Barb Miner's house. Ron continued his judging seminars there with a really neat twist. What was really interesting was that some of us judged one of his new creations in the garden as a trial garden evaluation while another group judged the same blooms that had been cut for our recent DSO show in a bench-type evaluation. Although the pressure was really on under our mentor's eyes, the two groups' evaluations were fairly close. Whew!

DSO finished the year with interesting power point presentations by our program chair Sharon Swaney on What's Wrong with My Foliage? October covered insect and chemical damage; Dave Cap helped our new growers learn how to dig their roots and store them for a restful winter. November finished the foliage program on viruses as

well as featuring our annual photo contest.

Sharon added a neat feature to our holiday party. After a great lunch, we visited the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Everyone enjoyed live music there along with an extensive gingerbread house competition and an always interesting visit to the "glasshouse" filled with exotic tropical plants and many varieties of butterflies and birds.

May all of your tubers survive a restful winter.

Jerry Moreno

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GREATER PITTSBURGH DAHLIA SOCIETY

The Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society is starting its 80th year with a new slate of officers and Board members as follows:

Officers:

President - Harry Nordstrom
1st Vice President - Randy Miller
2nd Vice President - Mike Ramsay
Recording Secretary - Steve Main
Treasurer - Don McIlrath
Correspond Sec - Diane Kavchak

Board of Directors:

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| Jennifer Floyd | Bob Romano |
| Bob Johnson | John Williams |
| Bill Kavchak | Doug Wing |
| Heather Ramsay | Judy Romano |

At our October 2011 meeting, Karen Kuhn was presented with lifetime membership for her many years of service and dedication. the 2011 Annual Dahlia Show at Trax Farm was reviewed. The new location of Trax was considered a success and the box lunches were a big hit.

At the invitation of Trax and the Board's decision, the 2012 Annual Show will be held at Trax Farm on September 14-15-16, 2012. Our Club Flower for 2012 is Hollyhill Bridget.

John Williams will show slides of new introductions for 2012 at our March meeting. We wish all a good dahlia growing season and hope to see you at the Shows.

Harry Nordstrom, President

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GREATER PITTSBURGH DAHLIA SOCIETY

Karen Kuhn Presented Life Membership

Karen Kuhn was presented Life Membership in The Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society for her many years of service and dedication to the organization.

Karen served in many capacities as an officer and Board member. She most recently served as Corresponding Secretary and along with her husband, Ed Kuhn, served many years as a member of the Board of Directors. As a volunteer, Karen regularly set up refreshments at our meetings and was an experienced Show Clerk.

Karen and Ed travelled to many shows in the Midwest region. Karen could be seen by Ed's side, assisting him in staging their blooms.

Karen has retired for Corresponding Secretary, but she will continue to grow dahlias along with her daughter Evey.

Maggie Nordstrom, ADS Correspondent



Karen Kuhn receiving Life Membership Award from Harry Nordstrom, President.

HAMILTON & DISTRICT CHYSANTHEMUM & DAHLIA SOCIETY

We are starting the new year with expectations for our dahlia year. In December we held our awards dinner which was well attended and a good time was had by everyone taking part.

In October we elected a new executive for the next two years with many new members coming forward to take an active part.

Ralph Suttell - Past President,
ADS Rep. & Show Co-chair
Larry Hall - President
Gail Luckhart - Secretary
Carolyn Cutt - Treasurer &
Membership
Jim Hall - Editor Newsletter &
Show Co-Chair
Katie Clark - Hospitality-Convenor
Tanis Hall - Publicity

Our first meeting will be in March with planning our dahlia garden and what to grow for the shows in 2012. April meeting will be our annual auction which is open to anyone who wants to take part. Last year had an excellent selection of dahlias.

This year the Midwest Show is in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Labor Day weekend. This is an easy drive for our members, which I encourage to take part. It is an opportunity for our new Judges and exhibitors to take part, what happens outside our own show.

Our Annual Show is the following week-end, Sept. 8 & 9th at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton. I will close wishing all dahlia growers the best in 2012 and may our paths cross.

Ralph Suttell

KITSAP COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY

OUR OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS for 2012

The following people have agreed to serve as our leadership for the coming year. We give them heart thanks and promise to support them throughout the year.

President: Drew Brant

Vice President: Eric Anderson
(programs)

Recording Co-Secretaries:
Kim VanNata & Kaile Brant
(minutes)

Corresponding Secretary:
Wendy Brant (newsletter)

Treasurer: Bill Jones
(financial, membership,
publications)

Trustees: Wanda Novak, Bob
Overly, Gary Johnson

ADS Representative: Leone Smith

Federation of Northwest Dahlia

Growers Representative:
Drew Brant

Our beautiful and informative website can be found at: <http://www.kitsapdahlias.org/> Check us out! You will see what we are up to and find contact information there.

On a personal note, David and I have contributed an article to the Bulletin about our 2011 seedling garden project. We hope it conveys some of the joy we found in experimenting with colorful open centered flowers

Leone Smith

THE LANE COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY

Anticipation is rising here as the shopping, ordering, planning, and eventually planting give way to the next wave of colorful blooms in the heat of our summer. Next thing you know we'll be staging that tricky triple collarette, hoping the centers behave.

We are very excited about the ADS National Show coming to Oregon this year. The venue itself on the banks of the mighty Columbia River may steal the show. See you in Portland!

The Lane County Dahlia Society has voted for this slate of officers to serve through 2012.

President - Lexa Cookson
Vice President - Cheryle Hawkins
2nd Vice Pres. - Eugene Kenyon
Treasurer - Phyllis Shafer
Record Sec. - Gretchen Randle
Corresp. Sec. - Michael Canning
Member Coord - Camille Noel

The 49th annual Lane County Dahlia Society show is scheduled for September 15-16, 2012. It will be held at the Lane Events Center in Eugene. Our flower of the year is the delicate single RaeAnne's Peach. We would be happy for your company if you are in the area. It's a beautiful time of year to visit the Pacific Northwest.

Please visit us at: <http://www.lanecountydahliasociety.blogspot.com/>

Michael Canning

MONTANA DAHLIA SOCIETY

Officers:

President - John Kestell, 756-6464
Vice Pres - Kathy David, 752-3031
Secretary - Lani Etter, 257-0687
Treasurer - Teresa Stump, 471-3786

Board of Directors:

David Elden - 862-9899
Kathy David - 752-3031
John Kestell - 756-6464

ADS Representative:

Bill McClaren - 257-2540

Members decided to move the date of the September show to the weekend of the 15th and 16th because the usual date would conflict with the National Show in Portland.

Bill McClaren

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LONG ISLAND DAHLIA SOCIETY

The Long Island Dahlia Society looks forward to another successful year of growing and showing dahlias in 2012. We are proud to announce that our officers for this year are:

President - Joe Laundrie
Vice President - Maureen Burford
Treasurer - Joe Lysik
Record Sec - Dee Cunningham
Correspond Sec - Carol Jansch
Member Sec - Suzann Hirschmann
Show Chairman - Joe Laundrie
Display Garden Dir - Jim Micheels
Assoc. Display Garden Director - Joe Laundrie, John Canzoneri, Jim Novellano, Ted Gollatz and Gene Murtha
Hospitality - Patrick Schildt
Fundraising - Lynn Schiller/Kelly Abercrombie
Publicity - Joe Lysik
ADS Rep - Dr. William J. Bushman
NADC Rep - Erina Aaron and Jim Micheels

Our two shows this year will be held on September 1st and 2nd and September 29th and 30th. Both shows will be held at the Bayard-Cutting Arboretum, site of our beautiful and every expanding Dahlia Display Garden. The garden will again contain over 1,000 dahlia plants of all sizes, colors and formations, including many of the top prize winning dahlias from 2011, as well as a large variety of Border dahlias. The garden continues to

be one of the most visited sites at the arboretum during the summer and fall. It also has become a hands-on learning experience for many of our new members. Look for more information about our shows in the June Bulletin.

Our website www.LongIslandDahlia.com continues to keep our members and others seeking dahlia information aware of our meetings, shows, events and other dahlia links. This year our Website Director is Lee Eymold. Our Education Chairperson, Joe Lysik, continues to run a series of training seminars for new members before each of our meetings, as well as lectures and presentations for all members during our monthly meetings. Our new Evaluation Chairmen, Bill Bushman and Dennis Kirchner, also plan on running a Judges Training Seminar, in cooperation with the Evaluation Chairmen from other surrounding Dahlia Societies.

Our annual dinner will be held on Sunday, April 15th, at the Irish Coffee Pub in East Islip, NY. Forget about tax day by enjoying a delicious meal, followed by a Country Cup Auction and a raffle with a Grand Prize of a Large Basket of Cheer. For more information about our dinner, contact Bill Bushman at (631) 475-1922.

Dr. William J. Bushman

LONG ISLAND DAHLIA SOCIETY

September 3, 2011 • Bayard-Cutting Arboretum, Great River, NY • Show Chairman: Joe Landrie

Name of Prize

King of Show (Best AA or A)

AA FD

AA SC

AA C, IC or LC

3 Blooms AA

A FD

A ID

A SC

A C, IC or LC

3 Bloom A

Queen of Show (Best B)

B ID

B SC

B C

B IC or LC

3 Bloom B

Prince of Show (Best BB)

BB FD

BB ID

BB SC

BB C

3 BB FD or ID

3 BB SC, C, IC or LC

Princess of Show (Best Min)

Min ID

Min C

Min SC IC or LC

3 Min FD or ID

1 Min SC, C, IC or LC

1 Ball

3 Ball

1 Miniature Ball

1 Pom

Name of Dahlia

Zorro

Kelvin Floodlight

AC Ben

Clara Huston

Kelvin Floodlight

Kidd's Climax

Vassio Meggos

Verda

Show & Tell

Kidd's Climax

Trengrove Millenium

Dr. John Kaiser

Hamari Accord

Nita

Bo Joy

Clearview Lily

Jessica

Hamilton Lillian

Colorado Classic

AC Gypsy

Parkland Rave

Michelle Vloet

Embrace

Ryecroft Jan

Brookside J Cooley

Weston Pirate

Glenbank Twinkle

Brookside J Cooley

Weston Spanish Dancer

Mary's Jomanda

Snoho Doris

Ms. Kennedy

Poppet

Exhibitor

D/J Haxham

Tom Smith

Marjorie Schnerr

Marjorie Schnerr

Donna Patemostro

Margorie Schneer

Gayle Wentworth

D/J Hexham

Marjorie Schnerr

Steve Nowotarski

Donna Patemostro

D/J Hexham

Matt Allgeier

Bill Allgeier

Gayle Wentworth

Joe Bonomo

Marjorie Schnerr

Donna Patemostro

M/K Shukofsky

Gayle Wentworth

T/L Cleere

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Donna Patemostro

Marjorie Schnerr

Marjorie Schnerr

Name of Prize

3 Pom

1 Stellar

1 Waterlily

1 Novelty Double

3 Novelty Double

1 Peony

3 Peony

1 Anemone

1 Novelty Open

3 Novelty Open

1 Collarette

1 Orchid

3 Orchid

1 Single

1 Mignon Single

3 Mignon Single

A Basket

B Basket

MS Basket

Novice Large

Novice Medium

Novice Small

New Intro Large

New Intro Small

Largest in Show

Old Timer

Name of Dahlia

Poppet

Primrose Pet

Cameo

Wyn's EEEK!

Valley Porcupine

Elvira

Elvira

Rock Star

Christmas Star

Verrone's Morning

Dark Suspense

Marie Schungg

Honka

Rae Ann's Tears

Lo Blush

Stillwater Plum

Elsie Huston

Magic Moment

Stillwater Plum

Bonaventure

Dark Magic

Honka

AC F & P

Belfred Desire

Hart's Dr. Mac Murry

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Marjorie Schnerr

K/L Nicolosi

Steve Nowotarski

Steve Nowotarski

Warren Gramman

D/J Hexham

D/J Hexham

Steve Nowotarski

John Canzoneri

Jen South

Carol Jansch

Gayle Wentworth

Joe Lysik

Donna Patemostro

Bill Allgeier

MAHONING VALLEY DAHLIA SOCIETY

It was during a shared conversation a decade ago that Jim Chuey and Sharon Mika realized the Youngstown area could benefit from a local dahlia society. Jim's continued enthusiasm for dahlias and Sharon's organizational and writing skills were just the right combination to make their dream a reality. The first Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society meeting was held in 2003 with approximately 18 members. The MVDS continues to grow in membership and increase awareness of the dahlia's beauty in the Mahoning Valley.

Continuous laughter could be heard from the banquet room of Rachel's restaurant during the November Fall Banquet. President Randy Foith welcomed fifty members and guests to the dinner/meeting. Daniel Jay Robison, magician and ventriloquist, introduced the dummies who accompanied him for the evening entertainment. Their humorous songs and amusing comments had society members in stitches. A volunteer "dummy" from the audience proved to be quite witty and jocular. The MVDS members thoroughly enjoyed the festivities of the year's final gathering.

President Foith acknowledged the many volunteers who make society programs a success. Randy bestowed the ADS award to Harriet Chandler in appreciation of her duties as editor of the Buds & Blooms, Membership Chair, Trial Garden Director, and the dahlia society show co-chair.

The President's Award was presented to Chuck and Barbara Willett in recognition of their volunteer services and support of society programs.

On a lighter note, society member Chuck Willett gave a monolog extolling the pleasure that he has received from the increased number of his dahlia beds. It was evident that this success has come under the guidance and supervision of his wife. New dahlia growers were particularly enlightened after hearing of Chuck's dahlia growing experiences.

Officers for 2012 include President, Randy Foith; Vice-President, Kathy Foith; Secretary and ADS Representative, Joyce Habeger; Treasurer, Dave Habeger; Membership Chair and Show Chair, Harriet Chandler; Fund Raising Chair, Sheila Bowman; and Judging and Show Chair, Jim Chuey. Also included on the MVDS Board are Willis Bowman, Linda Vuletich, and Stan Vuletich. Barb Willett serves as Sunshine Chair and Becky Burkhart as Hospitality Chair.

As the society begins its tenth year, membership has quadrupled in size. It is indeed opportune to meet at Fellows Riverside Gardens to enjoy the gorgeous venue, the lovely floral gardens, and the beauty of Mill Creek MetroParks. The society has many sales, programs, and shows ahead, but the members camaraderie will keep the society growing.

Joyce Habeger

MID ISLAND DAHLIA SOCIETY

MIDS shows were finally over in October and in November the Trial Garden and Display Garden tubers were dug and the display garden tubers were stored. We had the help of our faithful crew to do the work and it was good to have them settled for the long, cold winter.

We hosted our Holiday Party, Monday, December 5th at the Church of the Advent Hall in Westbury and had a great bunch of members help set up the tables, chairs, the raffle and gift tables and of course the punch and soda tables. Members brought a dish to share and the club supplied the soda and punch. We also had the bring a gift, get a gift table which is always fun to participate in. What inventive gifts our members think of. We also had a great many items for the raffle table donated by Maureen O'Hara, Bernadette Brennan and others. Maureen called the winners for the bring a gift, get a gift table and Tom Cleere and Steve Nowortarski called the raffle winners. Congratulations to all our winners. The food was delicious and such variety from ham with pineapple, meatballs of several varieties, pasta dishes, a pasta dish with artichokes and spinach, etc., chicken dishes, kielbasa, potato salad, a rice dish, stuffed peppers, a cold cut platter and many more. (sorry if I forgot to mention all the dishes). Much thanks to all the contributors. Members remarked that this was the best array of food, the best conversations at the tables and so it seems a good time was had by all.

The give a gift, get a gift table had many surprises from what I saw.

Their were candies, wines, amaryllis plants, Channukkah gifts and Christmas gifts and male and female gifts. Hope everyone was happy with theirs. The raffle table held many great items, holiday mugs, candies, holiday signs and socks and planters and especially wonderful were the homemade birdhouses. Mike and I were fortunate to win two, a lovely church one and a cute watering can one.

Much thanks to Suzanne Leander our hospitality chairwoman for handling the pot luck dinners and contributors, the purchasing of the soda and go-along items to serve us all. Thanks also to her assistant Doris Aldridge and all those who cleaned up, and of course to Jay and Doris who store many of the items we use to serve with and bring them every year.

It was a great evening for the attending MIDS members, the weather was a bit foggy on our way to the party but had dissipated for us on the way out, so we all arrived safely home after a great night of sharing with dahlia friends and having fun. We don't have a meeting in January so we will have to wait to February to meet with our friends at MIDS again. Wishing all our ADS societies a wonderful holiday season, much peace and joy in the new year. Bye for now,

*Kitty Shukofsky,
ADS Rep. MIDS*

they did a great job with their show, it was a bit rainy on the Saturday we attended but the blooms held up. We were served a very nice luncheon, sandwiches and dessert. If you come to the shows and judge or clerk you are invited to the luncheons where you get a chance to chat and visit with fellow dahlia growers. The Long Island Dahlia Society hosts their shows at The Bayard Cutting Arboretum. It is a beautiful setting. The show is held in an old barn building and a short walk brings you to the Great South Bay with a walking path and benches. We were served a lovely luncheon in the barn and enjoyed our visit with our dahlia friends. The Connecticut Dahlia Society has a beautiful setting for their show in Elizabeth Pond Park. The park is host to wedding photography, etc. One year we attended and were happy to see a bride and groom having their photos taken there. Beautiful gardens and grounds make this a wonderful assest to their Dahlia shows.

MIDS shows are held at Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay in the Burn's Horticulture Center. The grounds of the Arboretum and a beautiful setting for our show, youcan visit the Coe Hall estate, enjoy walking the many trials to the a green houses and gardens, and our own Paul Callahan Dahlia Garden is a short walk from the show set up. A delicious luncheon was served to all those who judged the blooms, clerked the show and helped with the set up the shows this year.

Much thanks to Miriam Landsman, a professional flower arranger, from the Greenwich Dahlia Society

who attended our October meeting and showed us all how to make our flower arrangements more professional and gave us some hints of what she does to improve her arrangements.

MIDS judges were able to score 39 entries with a passing score of 85 or better for 18 entries in the Eastern Trial Garden, at Eisenhower Park even with all the rain and storms we experienced this year.

The digging of the trail garden dahlias was done on October 17th and the display garden dahlias will be done on October 23, and then on to our own gardens for digging and storage. We wish you all much success with your tubers for next year.

Wishing everyone very Healthy and Happy Holidays and a peaceful New Year.

*Kitty Shukofsky,
ADS Rep from MIDS*

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MID-ISLAND SOCIETY

Our July, August and September meetings all centered around our upcoming shows at Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, how to set up for the shows, asking for volunteers for the various jobs needed to have a successful show, some demonstrations on how to arrange your blooms for the show and the times of set ups and breakdowns for the two shows were discussed. Also updates on our Trial and Display Gardens at Eisenhower Park. Requests were asked for judges and workers to come to the Garden on Sunday mornings to lend a hand at raking, mowing, tying and judging. Thanks to all those who responded.

MIDS suffered a bit through this summer, with the hailstorm, the hurricane and generally hot weather and the busy mosquito population we still managed to have two successful shows in September and October. Our first show on Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19 was well attended with approximately 820 blooms. Our sister societies from Greenwich, Connecticut, The Connecticut Dahlia Society and Long Island travelled to be with us and enter their blooms. Our second show on Sunday, October 9, and Monday, October 10 had approximately 671 blooms. Once again we had representative from Greenwich, Ct, and Connecticut and Long Island and one member travelled all the way from Maryland. We thank all those who exhibited their dahlias and the many who brought their blooms for our bouquets and flower sales. You

can see the results of all the shows elsewhere in this bulletin.

My husband and I and others from MIDS travel to our sister shows every year to exhibit our blooms, providing we have them. This year we travelled to Rhode Island and Greenwich, Ct. For the past twenty plus years we have been travelling to attend the Rhode Island show held on the 2nd weekend of September. This year as usual we had a great time at the show and stayed at our favorite B&B. We visited with Dot and Walt Taylor and the rest of the Rhode Island dahlias folks and as always had a great time with them enjoying their hospitality and of course their dahlias. MIDS always has a good showing at our nearby sister shows. If you have never been to one of their shows I encourage you to attend with or without blooms to see how other societies put on a show and to meet some new friends of the dahlia.

The Rhode Island Dahlia Show is held in the Community Center facing Naragansett Bay. It is a beautiful setting with view of salesboats on the bay, the beach right across from the Center and the beautiful, historic town of Wickford, a typical New England fishing village, within walking distance. This year their luncheon was held in the new Senior Center, what a beautiful place it is and a wonderful lunch was served by our Rhode Island hosts. The Greenwich Dahlia Society holds their show in the Garden Education Center of Cos Cob, Ct. It is a lovely setting for their show, the grounds of the center house a Horticulture Building, as well as the Garden Education Center and also hiking trails. They are a new Society and

PORTLAND DAHLIA SOCIETY

The PDS just concluded their annual board meeting where topics for the coming year's programs were discussed as well as a special meeting for the continued planning of this year's national show in Portland. We are very excited to be hosting the national show; it has been a very long time since Portland has had the honor. Please see all the show information elsewhere in the Bulletin for further information. Portland Dahlia Society will be offering a host of cash awards as well as award medals and special ribbons. Anyone who is interested in donating a cash award, please contact Mike Riordan at 503-256-0425, riordanm@prodigy.net. We will have cash awards for all head table winners as well as for special entry classes, arrangements, baskets, juniors, and photography. If you would like to designate where you would like your prize money to go, please specify that and we will try to accommodate you as best as possible. In instances where more than one person chooses the same award, we will designate them to the first donor to ensure that all prize categories are covered equally. We really appreciate all the donations we've received so far!

Programs for this year's meetings will continue to be some of the popular topics that we discuss routinely, although we will rotate presenters so different methods can be presented. Taking cuttings, tuber

division and storage, and soil preparation will be offered as well as the tremendously popular September meeting held at Swan Island Dahlias where flower arranging is demonstrated. This year we will hopefully have a few speakers from outside our club to present hybridization and judging topics.

The end of this year will bring officer nominations and elections for another two year term. Thank you to all our current officers for giving their time and service to the club.

Congratulations to our resident dahlia making machine, Ted Kennedy, for winning the Lynn B Dudley Medal and the Derrill Hart Award for Hollyhill Regal as well as the Derrill Hart Award for Hollyhill Valentino. Way to go!

Stay tuned for more show updates on our website www.portlanddahlia.com and further information in the June Bulletin. We hope to see you in Portland this summer!

Tiffany Boatwright

PUGET SOUND DAHLIA ASSOCIATION

We're starting to gear up and get ready for our tuber sales this spring. Our first donations will be accepted at our January meeting next week. So Brad and I will be going through our dahlia stash today, making decisions on what to keep and what to give. It's a good time to start thinking about what to start early. We'll probably check out our pot tubers and make decisions there also. We'll be checking our greenhouse supplies and a trip to Steubers Greenhouse Supply will be on the agenda soon. Our tuber orders have already been made - so, we're really looking forward to the start of a new growing and showing season!

Our club is making a dramatic change to our show location this coming year. After being moved out of the shopping malls, we've struggled to find a location that the public can attend easily. We are very fortunate that we have built a good relationship with one of our local nursery stores who also sell our tubers in their store. Sky Nursery is located in North Seattle with easy access and lots of parking. They have recently built a very large greenhouse addition. It's like a Crystal Palace! The lighting is fantastic. It has a good ventilation system so the flower won't fry on a hot day. They have even offered to advertise our show in their online newsletter to over 5,000 households. All this at no cost to us, we will be

trading show space rental for table rentals. Our show will be the weekend before Labor Day which will be the National Show in Portland, so come early and enjoy our show too!

We have elected new Officers for our club and Marge Thatcher is our new President, Jeff Sandys will be our new Vice President, Linda Cles remains our Secretary, Dale Hylton who has been our Treasurer for more years than I remember, has decided to retire, so Brad Freeman is stepping up to become our new Treasurer (with accounting advise from me), and Laurie Millard is our very able Past President (but we won't let her get too far away).

Happy growing!

Rosemary Freeman

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ROCHESTER DAHLIA SOCIETY

We finished off a very enjoyable year with a Holiday party for 45 members and guests! Our membership continues to grow, thanks to good programs, frequent communication, and welcoming members. Interest in dahlia growing is on the rise in our area and we are able to provide information and inspiration to both novices and experts.

We have some new projects in mind for the rest of the winter. For one, we are encouraging members to start a tuber or two in January, with the hopes of having blooming plants in time for our May sales.

This will involve finding adequate light and pruning the plants to keep them from getting too leggy. We will be discussing this at each meeting.

Most of us have ordered new tubers and are awaiting mail deliveries in March and April. Spring can't come too soon!

*Diane Johanson,
ADS Representative*

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY

In order to encourage greater member participation, SCDS recently initiated a potted plant competition. Members pay a \$5 fee to enter the competition and are given a 12 inch diameter decorative pot and a cutting of the challenge flower. Last year's flower was Mary Jo and this year we will have both AC Taboo and a mignon single. Participants tend their plants all spring and summer, returning them at the October meeting for judging. Cash prizes are awarded in several categories: most blooms, best quality blooms, healthiest plant, and worst plant. In addition each entrant receives a ticket for a random drawing for an additional cash prize. It has been well received by our membership and is a fun activity that everyone can participate in even if they don't show.

Our newly elected officers for 2012 are: Phil Kincare, President; Ken Greenway, Vice-President; Carol Fiske, Secretary and Danielle Parshall, treasurer. Our longtime treasurer for Snohomish County, David Eldridge, has retired from duty after serving for over 25 years. In addition to being our treasurer, Dave has been a judging instructor for the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers for a number of years and is a prominent northwest basket exhibitor. To honor him for his years of service to SCDS, the Best Basket in Show award at our annual show will henceforth be called the Dave Eldridge Award and this year will carry a cash prize of \$100.

Danielle Parshall

SEATTLE DAHLIA SOCIETY

Just when the winter weather seemed to be turning into an early spring with warmer days and sunshine, a cold spell hit. As I write, we are having our first real snow storm of the winter and it has caused widespread disruptions in services and traffic throughout the Northwest. This year we will not have to worry about water restrictions as the snow continues in the mountains. Our January meeting helped dispel the winter gloom with a program that featured 2 DVDs - one of our 2011 Annual Dahlia Show and the other of new introductions. It was wonderful to see all the color and our beautiful dahlias, such a lift to the spirits. Planning progresses for our 2012 Dahlia Show, with our Scheduling Committee meeting in February. The date of our Show will be changed this year, so that it will not conflict with Portland's hosting of the ADS Show, as many of our members are eagerly anticipating attending Portland's show. Our member tuber sale is scheduled for April 11th, followed by the public tuber sale on April 21st.

On a sad note, Bill Bonneywell passed away December 18, 2011 after a lengthy illness. Bill and wife Ida were longtime members of Seattle Dahlia. Bill was the originator of the Snoho dahlias, and introduced many spectacular dahlias - among them Snoho Beauty and Snoho Tammie, introduced in

1985 and 1986 respectively, are still prized exhibition dahlias after 25 years - in fact they still appear in this year's Classification handbook alongside recent cultivars from 2011 such as Snoho Monica. What a truly wonderful legacy. In addition to showing dahlias throughout the Northwest, Bill was also a respected senior judge, and a great mentor to all dahlia enthusiasts including his own grandchildren who have also showed dahlias over the years. Bill was well known for his vast knowledge of dahlia horticulture. He had a wonderful generosity of spirit - whether it was sharing his knowledge and passion for dahlias or sharing tubers - donating hundreds of tubers for our annual tuber sales. Our Flower of the Year for the 2012 Dahlia Show will be a Snoho introduction, in memory of Bill. We will all miss our dahlia friend greatly. Our condolences to Ida and her family.

Kathy Ryan Edmonds

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

The Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society is excited to being our 60th year. Our membership continues to grow, as we plan to increase our exposure to the community. Our programs this year include education on growing Dahlia seedlings, pesticides and insecticides in addition to a potluck and picnic. Our Flower of the Year is any Ball Dahlia.

We are pleased to announce our new board, confirmed at our October banquet.

President - Linda Heath
Vice President - Keith Berven
Secretary/Newsletter - Dave Walton
Co-Treasurers - Ginny Garner and Judy Hock
ADS Rep - Dick Arrington
Show Coordinator - Keith Berven
Trustees:
1st year - Dick Arrington
2nd year - Roger Slykhouse
3rd year - Lucy Probst and Don Reinhard

It is with a bit of sadness that we accept Wilson Garner's retirement from the SEMDS board. After his years of presidency and unmatched dedication to the society, Wilson has decided to enjoy the club from the member side. One would be hard pressed to find an individual who has been more dedicated to the Dahlia and our society. Over many years, Wilson has been the backbone of our society, working

to share his commitment, growing knowledge, and kindness with all members who showed interest. We look forward to his continued support, participation, and prize winning Dahlias at our shows, particularly the "big ones" which he is especially fond of. It is with sincere appreciation and gratitude that we thank you, Wilson, for your years of service to our organization.....you are a true Dahlia expert and gentleman.

Linda Heath

SOUTHTOWN DAHLIA CLUB

Well here we are starting a new growing season and hopefully a great one. Since last fall we had had our awards banquet and it was great, a big thank you to Liz Morgan for all her work and those that helped her. Our winners were honored and a great fellowship followed. We had a great program on storing our tubers with several members joining in on how they do it. Our December meeting was for election of officers and we will be having some of our newer members filling these offices. January's meeting was on Hummingbirds, they are amazing little birds. February found us starting to bring out our tubers to see how they did in storage. Between February and the middle of March we will have all of the tubers out and hopefully starting to show some new growth. Then starts the fun of watching them grow and the starting of making of cuttings for the new season. Hope you all find your tubers in good shape and have a great start for the year.

Judy Hines

THE VICTORIA DAHLIA SOCIETY

Today, mid January, as I look out on the melting snow (first snowfall of the season) it seems like not long ago we were admiring all those dahlia blooms out in the garden! Congratulations to Phil Newton who won the Iverson Trophy at our Fall parlour show, winning with Mary's Jomanda, and to Paul McKittrick for his new introduction "Mon Cher-E" which made it into the 2012 classification book. End of October the Learning Garden tubers were dug up, divided and labelled. Over 20 members helped, the job was done in record time, another great learning experience for our newer members.

Our club Christmas dinner had 25 members turn out for a tasty Chinese meal, followed by Connie's Young-Davis's yummy desserts, always a great time.

Tubers now are being checked in storage, and next month some members will be deciding on which tubers will be used for cuttings. This year we will have two days for our tuber and plant sale. First day, April 28, at the Knox Presbyterian Church hall, April 29 at the West Shore Town Centre mall. Details of times and addresses will be on our website: [HYPERLINK "http://www.victoriadahliasociety.org"](http://www.victoriadahliasociety.org)

Paul McKittrick our show chairperson, is busy updating our show catalogue, in preparation for

printing in March. Our show dates will be August 25 and 26, held again at the West Shore Town Centre mall. In September several club members are looking forward to attending and showing flowers at the 2012 National Show in Portland. We are always trying out new methods of transporting flowers especially long distance. Connie's husband Colin has come up with an ingenious method for this and their van, check this out when in Portland.

In February, Phil and I will be touring New Zealand. We will be meeting up with another club member John Klymak in Balclutha a town on the South Island. This is where their National show will be, Phil was asked to help with judging which he is really looking forward to. Will be nice to see the beautiful dahlias in full bloom again!

On a sad note, three of our members passed away this year, Burl Deatherage, a long standing member, who contributed a vast amount of knowledge to our club, Pat Dippel, who was our photography expert, always helping with those small details that can make all the difference. Peggy Mitchell who was a newer member, but very keen on learning all that she could, helping out faithfully at the Learning Garden. They will be missed by all, and will leave a void in the club.

Teresa Thom

5 VALLEYS DAHLIA & GLAD SOCIETY

As our third year as a society begins, we look back on another successful year. The same folks agreed to continue in office for a third term with one major modification. The office of Vice President/Show Chair will be held by Benita Jacobsen and Dennis Tayer. The workload was too great to be put on one person. Barbara Riley will have a third year as Society President and Amy Zanzig will be Secretary/Treasurer once again. Helen Allen will continue to do the newsletter and act as ADS Rep.

It is about time for the annual cutting project to begin. Tubers were picked by a committee and ordered for early delivery. Rooted cuttings will be auctioned to members at a spring meeting. This is a good

way to introduce new varieties into our area as well as being a good fund raiser for the society.

One new activity this year is the participation of 5VDGS in a St. Patrick's Parade in Missoula. Members have been spending the winter months thinking creatively about possible costumes for the event. Should be fun. 5VDGS is also considering setting up a facebook page to have a presence on the internet and, hopefully, draw more members.

5 Valleys will have two shows again this season—one at the Western Montana Fair and a second at the Southgate Mall—both in Missoula. Some members will exhibit dahlias at the Kalispell shows as well as shows in Spokane, WA, and in Idaho.

Helen Allen

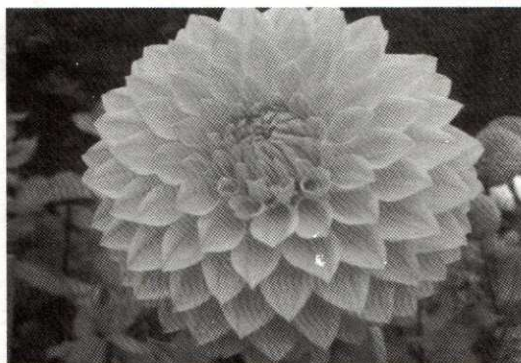
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IN MEMORIAM LILLIAN HAMILTON



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Peacefully, surrounded by her family, Lillian passed away Monday, January 16, 2012. As per Lillian's wishes, a private funeral has already taken place. Any expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Joseph's Villa, Dundas.

Lillian was an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Hamilton Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society. Lil along with her husband Glen, whom the club honors with The Glen Hamilton Award, were very active members up until Glen's passing in 2002.

Our members, who were fortunate to know Lillian, will always have fond memories. Our sympathy to Lillian's daughters, Deborah and Darlene, and families.

Please sign the book of condolences online at
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IN MEMORIAM WALTER JACKSON

I was very fortunate to become friends with Walt and Dot Jackson about 20 years ago. They were avid gardeners and we provided them many dahlias for cut flowers and Walt showered my wife Pam with tons of annuals and vegetable plants and vegetables. Walt and I and my son Philip and his son Wally spent many hours fishing along the south shore. He would always call me and let me know the bass and blues had arrived on Charlestown beach. This past Thanksgiving, his son Wally called our house just as our group of 20 had finished eating and we piled into the 4 wheel drive and headed off to spend 3 hours on Charlestown Beach. Walt always had a smile and a positive comment. He and Dot were hard workers and did much for the community. The bond that cemented our relationship, besides the common love of gardening and making things grow, was Walt's military service. He served aboard the North Carolina (battleship) in the Pacific and provided protection for the Marines who were island hopping. My Dad, a marine, served on Guadalcanal, so we had much history to share. I feel a tremendous loss as our WWII veterans leave the planet and a great loss at Walt's passing. He was a special guy, quiet and unassuming. The world is a brighter and happier place because of all the Walt Jackson smiles. Walt, thanks for the memories. You left this world a much better place for all of us.

Bill, Pam and Philip Matteson

IN MEMORIAM BURL DEATHERAGE

The Victoria Dahlia Society lost one of its most popular members with the death of Burl on the 12th of November last year. He was always willing to help with any project and was particularly skilled with setting up the watering system when we had the trial garden. He set up and maintained a dahlia garden at his parish church and was most generous with the blooms. He only became a little anxious when show time came around in case he had nothing left to show!

He was truly a gentleman who had many interests besides dahlias including fishing, winemaking and football.

He is survived by a son and daughter, his wife having died some years ago.

*Joan E. Marsh
Victoria Dahlia Society*

IN MEMORIAM
DAVID J. GURK
AUGUST 23, 1936 – NOVEMBER 11, 2011



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to David Gurk, an active member of the Michigan Dahlia Association. He was called to his Savior's side after a brief hospitalization.

David was known to be a little gruff, at times a little salty, but with a heart of gold. He was very active with the Michigan Dahlia Association and also with South Eastern Michigan Dahlia Society and a dedicated dahlia grower. He shared his dahlias with his church, family and friends. Regardless of how the dahlia season went; David always found at least one dahlia in his garden that was worthy of the Honor Table.

He worked for Ford Motor in Ypsilanti for 45 years and was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter, Michigan. He honorably served in the U. S. Army and loved to hunt and fish throughout his life.

David is survived by his wife, Carole; son, Christopher (Barbara); step-daughter, Kristi (Jim) Harvey; step-son, Rev Kenneth (Kim) Fisher; brothers, Donald Gurk and Gilbert Voss; sister, Anne Smith; three grandchildren, Gina (Mike) Burke, Bruce Bell and Jacob Bell and two great-grandchildren, Maverick and Carson Burke.

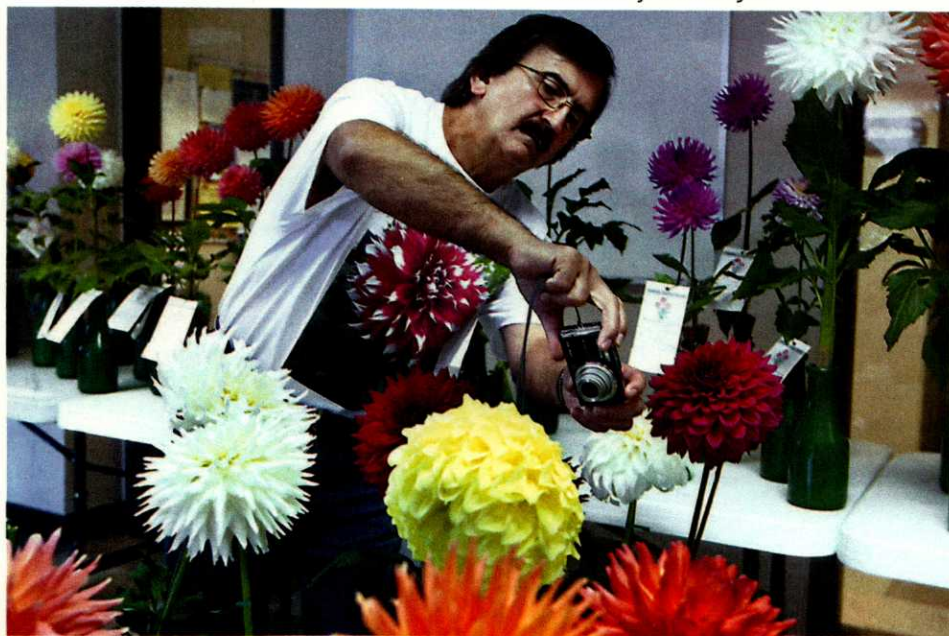
David was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, a good dahlia grower, a good Christian and a good friend. Rest in Peace dear friend, Rest in Peace.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Nicholas
President
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