

Best Dahlia of the Past 50 Years

March 1, 2015. The American Dahlia Society announced today that the dahlia, *Edna C* has been selected as the Best Dahlia of the Past 50 Years. The designation is part of the American Dahlia Society's centennial celebration.

Edna C, pictured below is a large, bright yellow dahlia in the decorative class. Its overall appearance creates a "bouffant" effect.



Originated in 1968 by the renowned California hybridizer Paul Comstock, *Edna C* has been widely grown and has been successful in dahlia shows throughout North America. In 1997, it was awarded the coveted *Stanley Johnson Medal* for overall exhibition success.

The criteria used by the ADS to choose the Best Dahlia of the Past 50 Years included popularity, dahlia show success, and longevity.

A yellow medium semi-cactus, *Hamari Accord*, was the runner up. *Inland Dynasty*, a yellow giant cactus finished in third place.

In 1964, the dahlia variety *Jersey Beauty* (pictured right) was acclaimed as the best dahlia for the prior 50 years.

The American Dahlia Society was formed in 1915 and has over 2,000 members.

