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Connie teaches readers how to get flower beds ready, purchasing quality tubers and successfully grow them. Learn how to make cuttings to increase your stock, how to grow successfully, and so very important how to store for the winter months!! A dahlia grower since 1989, Connie has been a member of the American Dahlia Society for almost as long.



This book is available on Amazon in both soft cover and hard cover versions. If you wish to order a signed copy you can contact Connie via email at **CONNIET44@hotmail.com**. The cost to mail out in Canada is \$27.00, the cost to mail to the US is \$32.60. Canadian funds are converted to US thru a PayPal invoice. These costs are for the soft cover version only delivered by post.

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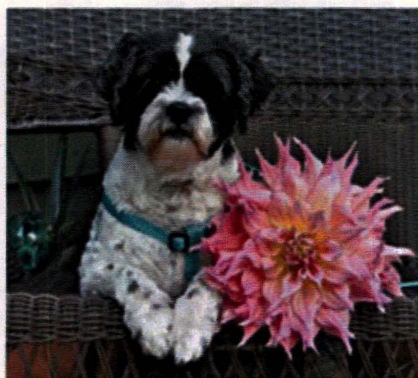
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Due to a technical problem, the photos of the ADS Award winners in the December 2021 Bulletin appeared blurry. The originals were sharp and clear, as photographer Alan Fisher's photos usually are. These high-quality photos have been posted on the home page of the ADS website www.dahlia.org for your viewing, with our apologies.

FROM THE EDITOR

As I write, it's still "winter with a vengeance" here in North Central Washington. After receiving 2 feet of snow overnight a few weeks ago (a record for us), much of it is still in the yard and the garden, and temperatures are freezing. Thankfully, working on *The Bulletin* gives me the chance to immerse myself in articles, photos, stories and dahlia information while I hibernate. This March 2022 issue is packed to the gills, offering an incredible buffet of information, stories, updates and reports. I don't remember any time in my five years as your editor that we have had so much content to share with our members. Bravo to the local affiliates for your great reporting! The March Issue is always anticipated, with this year's Fab 50, Cream of the Crop, Stanley Johnson winners as well as photo contest results and National Show information and so much more. Your fellow members have filled our pages to bursting, with articles and experiences that we can learn from. We are indeed fortunate to have so much experience and wisdom within the ranks of ADS members, and that they are willing and eager to share this with us.

Dahlia growers are always sharing, whether through mentorship, tuber or seed sharing, demonstrations and education, moral support and feedback, or as is evident in this issue, through *The Bulletin* and other publications. Our dahlias remind us to pay it forward. Thanks for sharing.

Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook
Editor, *The Bulletin*

ADS Bulletins via E-Mail Now Available to Overseas Dahlia Growers

During 2021 the ADS began a program to provide e-mail copies of the *ADS Bulletin* and the *Classification and Handbook of Dahlias* on a yearly basis to overseas growers beyond North, Central, and South America.

The ADS will continue this service to further connect our members in North, Central and South America with those who support the dahlia in other parts of the globe. The service is called "**Overseas Supporters**".

The subscription will cost \$15.00 (US) and will cover e-mail copies of the of the March, June, September, and December *ADS Bulletins*. In addition, the subscribers will receive an e-mail copy of the current *Classification and Handbook of Dahlias* each year.

The annual **Overseas Supporter** subscription is available for purchase on the ADS website (www.dahlia.org) under the ABOUT menu tab. PayPal will be used to facilitate this process and the subscriber needs to provide an email address at the time of purchase. In addition, the e-mail must be able to accept a 10MB file.

A number of overseas growers took advantage of this opportunity in 2021. We are optimistic that this number will increase as word gets out.

Harry Risetto

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2022 Bulletin

Typically, it is mid-January when I sit down to write my message for the March *Bulletin*. I can report on what is happening right now and project ahead on what may transpire over the next few months. However, if you want current information the ADS website is where it is posted. Sharon Swaney, Website Coordinator, does an exceptional job of keeping the website up to date with the information she is provided by members of the Executive Board.

There were several changes on the Executive Board at the end of 2021. The March *Bulletin* will have an updated list of Committee Chairs together with those filling key roles in the organization. In addition, the members only section of the website has all the members of the Executive Board listed with an email link so you can contact them.

Currently, the position of National Exhibition Chair is open - the Executive Committee is working on finding a suitable replacement for Art Haskins. I want to thank Art for his efforts on behalf of the ADS over a couple of decades. There is still a need for a local dahlia society to host the 2025 ADS National Show. If your society is interested, please feel free to contact me. I have helped organize three National Dahlia Shows so I can provide insights on what it takes to get started with the process. From my personal perspective I would love to go to New England in the fall for an ADS National Show – just a small hint (suggestion?).

The updated ADS Seedling Evaluation Scorecard has been released. I hope that you read Roger Walker's article in the December 2021 Bulletin - it describes the changes to the scorecard together with reasons for them. The biggest change was the elimination of "distinction" as an evaluation characteristic. We now can focus on the characteristics (form, color, foliage, etc.) of the seedlings we are judging - a distinctive dahlia will be one that exhibits superior characteristics. There will be a period of adjustment with the new scorecard and the ADS will take steps to help make this transition smooth.

The ADS is expecting that the updated *Guide to Judging Dahlias* will be released by mid-year. The committee working on the update has made great progress over the past year. The guide has been updated with the beginning judge in mind however it is a resource to be used by all dahlia judges. The guide will be easy to read and understand, so that even a casual dahlia grower may find the information in the guide useful.

Plans are underway for spring in-person planning meeting of the Executive Board. It has been a couple of years since the Executive Board has met in-person and it is time to get back to this beneficial planning activity. I am optimistic that many ADS members have answered the call to complete the membership questionnaire in January. The Executive Board needs your input to help us plan activities and programs that meet your needs as a dahlia grower, exhibitor, and hybridizer.

Brad Freeman, President

American Dahlia Society

Annual Meeting

September 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:39 am EDT by President Brad Freeman.

Present

Board members present were Brad Freeman, Mark Oldenkamp, Tony Evangelista, Terry Schroeder, Charles Miehm, Jerry Landerholm, Harry Risetto, Ron Miner, Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook, Alan Fisher, Claudia Biggs, Heather Ramsey, Jessica Becker, Bob Schroeder, Elva Sellens, Rosemary Freeman, Debbie Pavich, Anna Kandra and Sharon Swaney. Several members from local and distant dahlia societies were in attendance.

Minutes

Ron Miner moved, and Bob Schroeder seconded to approve the minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting, September 13, 2020 as written. The motion passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President

Brad Freeman welcomed all to the 2021 ADS Annual Meeting at the National Show hosted by the Dahlia Society of Ohio. Brad appreciated all being here in person; it is wonderful to be getting back on track and seeing more of our dahlia friends. Things continue to be done by the ADS. There have been some vacancies on the executive board for which he put out a call for help and received many responses. Heather Ramsey agreed to take over the Image Library from Claudia Biggs and that transition has happened. Mel Epstein has agreed to take over the Insurance Coordinator when Cheryl Shores leaves at the end of 2021. Jessica Becker has agreed to take over the Advertising Chair as Teresa Bergman had to resign. Jessica is working with Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook and Teresa Bergman to gather the necessary information for this position. With increased advertising, the ADS can accomplish even more. The board may be looking at the possibility of getting Directors and Officers insurance for the board. The level of new memberships this year has been amazing; the challenge is in retaining these new members. There will be a new Classification and Handbook of Dahlias (CHD) in 2022 as well as a new composite listing. Brad reported James Romer has expressed interest in becoming the Southern States Regional Vice President.

Memorial

Brad Freeman noted that several of our members passed away in the past year. He asked for a moment of silence for Jerry Humeniuk, Norma Boyer, Danielle Parshall, Don McAllister, Les Connell, and Annie Radcliff.

Treasurer

Charles Miehm reported the ADS is financially in a favorable position. Charles provided a three-year comparison of income and expenses and funds in the various accounts. Below is information on the ADS funds.

TOTAL ADS FUNDS AS OF 08/31/2021

Ameriprise Account (restricted)	\$ 54,840.00
Ameriprise Account (unrestricted)	\$ 21,332.22
Vanguard Account	\$ 79,044.71
	\$ 155,216.93

TOTAL ADS FUNDS AS OF 08/31/21

Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 73,103.73
Total Funds Available	\$ 353,079.94

RESTRICTED FUNDS

(these funds are included in the Wells Fargo bank balance listed above)

Virus Fund - Sheetz-Chuey Foundation	\$ 2,318.02
Genome Project	\$ 42,278.36
2021 National Show	\$ 50.00
2022 National Show	\$ 2,775.00
2023 National Show	\$ 1,300.00
Total Restricted	\$ 48,721.38

Alan Fisher moved, and Scott Bailey seconded to approve the treasurer's report, subject to audit. Motion passed.

First Vice-President

Mark Oldenkamp reports The COVID pandemic in 2020 resulted in almost all shows, including the annual National Show, being cancelled. Despite the COVID situation continuing, some club meetings and shows have been able to happen in 2021. Renewed enthusiasm for gardening has brought many new society and ADS members. I encourage our societies to seek very deliberate mentoring for the new members.

Trial gardens and seedling bench competitions have allowed hybridizers the opportunity to submit potential new cultivars for introductions in 2022 or later. Here's looking to 2022. Mark appreciates the Dahlia Society of Ohio hosting the 2021 National Show. Please encourage anyone interested in attending the 2022 national show hosted by the National Capital Dahlia Society to mark your calendar for September 22-25, 2022.

Second Vice-President

Tony Evangelista reports he is happy to see those who were able to attend the National Show this year.

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Mid-Atlantic Conference – Dana Miller

Midwest Conference

Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference

Mark Oldenkamp reports many of the PNDC societies continue to meet and to encourage their members' growing ambitions. Despite Covid, there have been many shows, however a couple of the societies will not have a show this year. The Canby Trial Garden is well groomed and many entries have scored based on the judges' reports. A couple of the societies are struggling.

The Portland Dahlia Society will soon be ramping up the planning for the 2023 National show. They look forward to hosting a spectacular celebration of dahlias in late August 2023. Fundraising for this National Show hopefully will allow them to keep the participation costs affordable for a large participation.

Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference

John Morton reports it has been a hard start up for shows in the Pacific Southwest. Many of our venues are just now opening and figuring out their Covid rules as they go. This year there were two society shows plus a show at the Monterey Fairgrounds. On a positive front, the new Central Coast Dahlia Society had their first show and it was well done. Five senior judges made the trek down the coast to judge the show as there are no judges in this new society yet. Chris Dix, Kevin Larkin, Ken Masurat, Curtis Maxwell and John Morton attended and judged this event. This new society should be proud of their show, their enthusiasm and the teamwork it took to put on this show. Good going Central Coast.

The San Leandro Dahlia Society had a tough time finding a venue that could meet the needs of a dahlia show. The library where they usually meet were only accepting applications two to three weeks in advance of when they could have a show. They turned to the past and had the show at the Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland where the former East Bay Dahlia Society held their shows until the late 1980's. Thanks to Curtis Maxwell for his efforts in securing this show space. Although they had a difficult time with a narrow set-up time, it was a nice show, the first one in two years.

The San Diego County Dahlia Society had a tuber sale this year but no show and the Dahlia Society of California is struggling to find a show venue as the costs of their long time Golden Gate Park event is getting more costly. The beautiful dahlia garden at the Dahlia Dell has taken a hit as no cars have been allowed in the park so tending the garden requires a half-mile walk with all the tools needed to get to the Dell. The John E. Stowell Dahlia Society is starting to have meetings and hope to see more from them in the future.

We are still in drought conditions and have fires raging all over the state. The skies are brown from the smoke particles as the fires continue to ravage our beautiful state. In one area, people are bringing in buckets of water to put in troughs for the wildlife. More than half the Tule elk in one park have died from lack of water. Truly tragic. As true dahlia lovers we say, next year will be better.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Classification

Lou Paradise reports this is the beginning of their busy season. As usual, they are waiting anxiously for returned reports. To date (9-10-21), they have received only one report. He reminds all societies that the deadline

for returning reports is October 10th. He realizes there are a few societies that have a late show and he urges them to get their reports in as soon as possible after the show. There were no actions from the classification meeting this morning.

Editor

Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook reports the September Bulletin should be arriving early in the month. Thank you to Deborah Pavich, Larry Smith and Donna Lane who helped with proofing/editing club reports. What a tremendous help! Members are encouraged to read the society reports as a lot of good ideas can be found there. The ADS Advertising chair Jessica Becker has hit the ground running, contacting and securing ad commitments for upcoming issues. Thank you, Jess.

The Show Reports booklet will once again be edited under the able hands of Donna Lane, and templates have been sent out by Mark Oldenkamp to club reporters. Deadline for The Bulletin will be October 15, and we are requesting Show Reports by October 10.

Finance

Harry Risetto reports the finances of the ADS are adequate to meet current needs, as noted in the Trustees report. Restricted funds are consistent with the ADS's obligations.

Thanks to the Chuey-Scheetz Foundation, the Virus Fund assets are sufficient to meet the current goals of the program. The Genome Project is engaged in fundraising to support ongoing work that will be described at the annual meeting. It is unclear whether further assistance from the ADS will be necessary.

The digital archive of Bulletins is almost complete. Bulletins from most of the 1920s are needed. The International Supporters program is proceeding slowly. The monthly Constant Contact Dahlia Newsletter has more than 3200 subscribers and is increasing by more than 20 a month. Question for the future: Should the ADS offer a digital version of the ADS Bulletin and CHD at a lower dues amount to increase membership. The ADS needs to evaluate the cost impact to the ADS of printing and mailing a reduced number of publications.

Garden Dahlia

Alan Fisher reports he would like to find a way to reuse the video, "Growing Dahlias in Containers". When it was produced there was an agreement not to reuse it without permission. However, the parties involved have all passed away and he has not been able to contact any heirs.

Image Library

Heather Ramsay reports The Image Library is seeking photos of new introductions to add to this year's presentation. Please contact Heather Ramsay at ImageLibrary@dahlia.org if you can contribute.

Insurance

Cheryl Shores reports just when she thought things had completed slowed down, she received several last minute requests for Certificates of Insurance and received six checks for Society's insurance payments. We have a new contact at Mercer: Amanda J. King, 1-800-503-9230, amanda.j.king@mercer.com She is very nice and helpful. There is no doubt that if Mel needs her next year she will be able and willing to help.

Judging Accreditation

Bob Schroeder reports there is not much happening in the judging program. There have been a couple of advancing judges but most societies are slowly getting back to normal. The committee for updating the Guidelines to Judging Dahlias and the curriculum committee are still meeting with good progress. There was a presentation providing information on the progress of each on Saturday afternoon. Both committees anticipate being finished in time for the 2022 season.

Membership

Elva Sellens reports this has been the year for new memberships. We almost doubled new memberships this year compared to 2020. We have 506 new U.S. memberships - 417 individual and 89 family memberships (x2 = 178) for a total of 595 new U.S. members for 2021, and 3 new Canadian family members for 6 new members. The challenge is to retain these new members. Since Elva uses a lot of postage on a regular basis, a credit card was issued to her so that her regular postage expenses don't require reimbursement. There was discussion regarding connecting people to a local society.

U.S. Membership

We have 1,779 memberships - 1,278 individual and 501 family (x2= 1,002) memberships for a total of 2,280 U.S. members.

There are 57 Participating Societies and 3 Affiliated Societies. Our newest society that joined ADS in 2021 is Central Carolina Dahlia Society.

Canada Membership

We have 143 memberships - 92 individual and 51 family (x 2= 102) for a total of 194 members.

There are 9 Participating Societies and 1 Affiliated Society. I have a new notice that the New Brunswick Dahlia Society (Affiliated Society) is disbanding this year as they are unable to obtain members to keep the club open.

Other Foreign

There are 18 individual memberships.

National Exhibition

Art Haskins reports following this year's National Show in Ohio we have shows lined up for 2022 in National Capital D S, in 2023 we go to Portland

D S, and in 2024 the Federation of Northwest Growers will host the National Show. There has been an inquiry for hosting in 2025 but he has not had confirmation of that date. The Guidelines for National Shows is in final review and should be approved in 2022.

New Society Coordinator

Rosemary Freeman reports there are some new clubs anxious to get going. She is sending them a lot of information. If she doesn't hear back, she follows up with them. She is looking forward to the judging curriculum that is being developed; she believes it will assist new societies.

Photography

Debbie Pavich reports the contest information will be published in the upcoming Bulletin and posted on the website. She has been promoting the contest on the social media websites.

Publicity/Public Relation

Larry Smith reports he has offered to assist any ADS club or entity with ideas for increasing publicity and visibility as well as pursuing marketing for ADS through print media if he is provided leads and contact information. To this point, there have been very few requests. The offer stands for any group that opts to take advantage. Larry is also willing to help societies write press releases for ADS and help with publicity and video PSAs to promote future national shows. Keep in mind that he has experience in many aspects of video production.

Video and photos have been taken of local events, including Canby Trial Garden and the Portland Dahlia Society Show. In the works are the Portland/PNDC photo contest and the ADS photo contest. There will be forthcoming videos on YouTube and Vimeo, which will be shared on the ADS website and through social media. Video production is time consuming and managed mostly as after-the-season projects; they will be released during the dreary winter months, perfect timing for viewing as we are taking a break from our busy gardening tasks. Thanks to Anna Kandra, social media chair, and Sharon Swaney, webmaster, for putting the videos out there and for being easy to work with.

Research and Education

Research and Education is focused on two areas – Virus and Genome.

VIRUS – Ron Miner

Dr. Pappu provided an update on virus research on Saturday afternoon. We continue to have the availability of virus testing with the cooperation of Professor Pappu and the Scheetz-Chuey Foundation.

GENOME SEQUENCING – Kristine Albrecht

Kristine Albrecht reports ADS is currently raising \$46,000 to fully fund a graduate student to work exclusively on the Genome Project for two years. To date we have raised \$30,700 towards our goal of \$46,000. We have

received a very generous dollar for dollar matching gift up to \$23,000 from the Scheetz-Chuey Foundation.

She hopes all board members can give a gift towards this project in the amount that works for your family. We will be asking ADS Dahlia Societies to consider giving gifts too. Everyone's support is needed to make our goal.

Graduate student, Zach Meharg, started his work on the genome project at Auburn University this fall. Following is the work he and Dr. Harkess have accomplished so far.

Zach Meharg has started his first semester of his MS program in Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences at Auburn University and Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology. In Zach's first week, he and Dr. Harkess travelled to Marcie Holt's farm in Ringgold, GA, who kindly agreed to collaborate with us to grow *D. brevis*, *D. rudis*, *D. coccinea*, and *D. sorensenii*. Kristine Albrecht has driven and organized this collaboration, as well as created duplicate sites at two other ADS members and growers near us in Alabama. At Marcie Holt's farm they collected leaf tissue for all four species dahlias, plus a smattering of accessions that we know to be interesting from a virus resistance standpoint.

Zach Meharg and lab manager Haley Hale isolated DNA from these flash-frozen leaf samples and assessed the DNA for purity and concentration (Table 1). Dahlias produce high quality DNA, which is helpful to know. These DNAs are now in the sequencing queue at Hudson Alpha, a global leader in plant and animal genome sequencing.

Table 1: DNA isolation quality and quantity

Extraction Date	Specimen	Nanodrop ng/ μ l	Nanodrop 260/230	Nanodrop 260/280	Qubit ng/ μ l	Qubit ng/ μ l
8/13/21	<i>D. brevis</i> #1	1154.252	0.86	1.79	68.6	67.1
8/13/21	<i>D. rudis</i> #3 cutting 2	1844.125	1.26	1.93	189	185.5
8/13/21	<i>D. coccinea</i>	1479.043	1.65	2.05	136	135.6
8/13/21	<i>D. sorensenii</i> #2	846.321	1.09	1.92	60	58.8
8/13/21	Thomas Edison	1931.688	1.63	2.06	298	295
8/13/21	Edna C.	2978.652	1.29	1.99	336	331.2
8/13/21	J.K. Lauren	1576.147	1.36	1.95	188	181
8/13/21	Spartacus	1466.803	1.11	1.81	164	170.3

They are currently generating at least 60X Illumina PE150 short-read coverage of each individual. This is one full lane of Illumina NovaSeq6000 sequencing, priced at nearly \$6,000. The genome size of Dahlia is quite large, at least 8 Gb for the octoploid cultivars, so it is quite expensive to generate sequencing data for these individuals. As soon as the run is finished, these data will be used to estimate the genome size, ploidy, and heterozygosity from each of these individuals. This can be achieved by running GenomeScope (<https://github.com/schatzlab/genomescope>) and

SmudgePlots (<https://github.com/KamilSJaron/smudgeplot>) in tandem. We estimate that sequencing will be completed in the next three weeks, and we will have data in hand.

We have collected more than enough tissue; after that, we will move forward with generating an ultra-high quality PacBio HiFi genome on one of the species dahlia accessions that displays the lowest genome size, lowest heterozygosity, and lowest ploidy. Hopefully they are tetraploids.

Seedling Bench Evaluation

Roger Walker reports there has been a definite uptick in seedling bench activity in 2021 when compared to 2020. With more shows being held this year, more than two dozen clubs submitted applications to hold an SBE. And while the total number of entries will be down from 2019, we have seen as many as 22 entries at a show in the northwest. This isn't the 40 entries we have seen in the past, but the trend is heading the right direction.

Clubs are encouraged to return their reports and scorecards immediately after their shows. Show committees that submit their reports late may prevent the local hybridizers from seeing their scores in the ADS Bulletin. Remember, there is a new seedling scorecard for the 2022 season. We need to make sure judges have an opportunity to learn to use this scorecard and that the previous scorecard is not used in the trial garden or seedling bench judging in 2022.

Social Media

Anna Kandra reports the current stats:

Facebook followers: 3,897

Facebook group members: 5,146

Instagram followers: 3,811

She has officially added rules to the Facebook group, which can be found on the Facebook group. The purpose of these is largely to facilitate moderation issues, especially when we need to decline posts (most commonly because there's no identifying information on a photo or someone's shared content where the permissions don't allow other members to see what's been shared). She noted that membership in ADS is not required to belong to the Facebook group. There's a 250-character limit for each rule, so they're pretty concise. We'll begin strong promotions of the Photo Contest and digging and dividing content, as well as photos from the National Show. The Stanley Johnson and Les Connell awards will be publicized on Facebook.

Goals for this next year include a more focused effort to connect the social media moderators of our member clubs and cross promote content and events to give ADS followers a wider view of what club activities look like.

Special Awards

Jerry Landerholm reports Special Awards had the pleasure of awarding three ADS Commemorative Medals at the 2021 National Show awards

banquet. Recognized for their exceptional efforts in hosting this year's show were, Todd Imhoff, Mike Weber and Bob Wenning, These Dahlia Society of Ohio members received many accolades from the host society's members. ADS Silver Medals were presented to David Cap and Barbara Miner. The ADS appreciates the opportunity to recognize individuals who go far beyond the norm in promoting the dahlia, locally, nationally and internationally. Barbara and David have exhibited great love for the dahlia and dahlia people through their dedication and often, hard work. On behalf of the American Dahlia Society, we congratulated Dave and Barb. The ADS President's Award was presented to Dahlia Society of Ohio member Jerry Moreno for his sustained service locally and regionally. Every dahlia society needs a "Jerry Moreno" to be as successful as the Dahlia Society of Ohio. The engraved glass bowl was presented by ADS President Brad Freeman.

The ADS Gold Medal, the Society's highest medal award, was presented to Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook. Linda is the current editor of the ADS Bulletin and has served the Society with distinction for several years. Congratulations were extended to Linda, wishing her every success in the future.

The Special Awards Committee is responsible with maintaining a sufficient supply of medals for various purposes. Some are used to recognize the efforts of dahlia people who make contributions to the betterment of societies and the dahlia. Other medals are awards given to dahlias that have competed in seedling competitions and some to established cultivars that have achieved substantial success on the show bench. The inventory of most medals is sufficient for now. Some medals have a low inventory and replenishment will be necessary, that is, if the Executive Board decides the awards are to be continued. Special Awards will look for the best pricing. We hold the dies for all, but one medal and we are always open to suggestions regarding getting the best pricing and service. The issue confronted most often is companies producing medals do not find it in their interest to produce small quantities. We have overcome this in the past by placing several small-batch orders at one time that when combined, have satisfied the minting company. Hopefully, this method will work going forward. Special Awards will request Board approval before making any medal orders.

We expect to be awarding more medals in 2021 than in 2020 and we are all happy about that!

Trial Garden

Marilyn Walton reports all the trial gardens seem to be up and running much like last year. She has not yet received an entry list from two societies. These are needed in order for her to make a comprehensive list of entries in all trial gardens and get started. Gardens could be left out of the final report if they don't send information soon.

To all attending the National Show, have a wonderful time!!

Trustees

The accounts of the ADS are in good order, and the society is comfortably solvent and able to meet its current and future projected liabilities with unrestricted cash of \$124,759.28.

The ADS has an ample supply of Bronze, Commemorative, Silver, Gold-washed, Lynn Dudley, Derrill Hart, Evie Gullickson, Stanley Johnson, and Les Connell medals. See the Report of the Special Awards Committee.

Orders for vases are usually produced in response to orders.
There are currently 3,200 subscribers for the Constant Contact newsletter.

Website

Sharon Swaney reports most of the website work has just been information updates - important but not exciting. She renewed some software subscriptions as well.

This year she decided not to put National Show information on the ADS site. She redirected people to the information on the hosting society's website. This was a much cleaner implementation and she plans to use this approach in the future when possible.

We have solicited Show Reports for the website. Please encourage any ADS Rep you know to send in information.

Annual Business

Alan Fisher moved, and Charles Miehme seconded to endorse the actions of the executive board. The motion passed.

Honorarium

Alan Fisher moved, and Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook seconded to approve the honorarium for the secretary and treasurer in the amount of \$250.00 each with the amount for the treasurer coming out of the Boeke funds. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 pm, EDT.

Respectively Submitted,

Terry Schroeder
ADS General Secretary

American Dahlia Society Board Meeting

November 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm EST by President Brad Freeman.

Present

Board members present were Brad Freeman, Mark Oldenkamp, Tony Evangelista, Terry Schroeder, Charles Miehm, Jerry Landerholm, Harry Risetto, Ron Miner, Dana Miller, John Morton, James Romer, Alli Richards, Lou Paradise, Alan Fisher, Heather Ramsay, Cheryl Shores, Mel Epstein Bob Schroeder, Elva Sellens, Art Haskins, Rosemary Freeman, Debbie Pavich, Larry Smith, Roger Walker, Marilyn Walton, Anna Kandra and Sharon Swaney. Guests Steve Lamb and Lynda Quinn were also present.

Remembrances

Dean Thomas of the Greater Philadelphia and National Capital Dahlia Societies passed away recently; we had a moment of silence for him and any others who recently passed.

Minutes

Bob Schroeder moved, and Lou Paradise seconded to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2021 meeting with a correction of the wrong date at the top. The motion passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President

Brad Freeman reports the 2021 growing season is coming to a close. It is time to dig and divide the dahlias to prepare for the next growing season and to provide stock for the spring tuber sales by local dahlia societies. Some individuals elect not to dig and divide their dahlias each year; in certain regions that is ok. There were more dahlia shows and related activities in 2021. The National Show hosted by the Dahlia Society of Ohio was a success and was enjoyed by those in attendance. The 2021 Seedling Bench Evaluation results are tabulated and now available on the ADS website. We are looking forward to the 2022 CHD that Lou Paradise and others have devoted many hours to prepare, thank you. The Executive Committee met on October 31st for an informal discussion on many topics. Going forward, the Executive Committee will be meeting on a regular basis. This will be helpful in establishing the operational priorities for the ADS and setting the agenda for upcoming Executive Board Meetings. We have two new vacancies on the Executive Board that need to be filled. Art Haskins has resigned as the Chair of the National Exhibitions Committee. This is a position the Executive Committee is working on filling. Another position that is open is the ADS Store Manager; Cammi Waggoner has resigned from that position. Brad will be drafting a brief description of the duties of the ADS Store Manager which will be emailed to all the ADS Reps. He is interested in hearing from individuals who are interested in this position. He is in the process of forming an ad hoc committee to conduct and tabulate the results of a survey of the ADS

membership. There has been a surge of new memberships over the past couple of years; it is time to gather information from our members which should be helpful for planning the future activities of the ADS. The survey will be emailed to all ADS members this winter. During our meeting on October 31st the Executive Committee agreed that we should have an in-person Executive Board meeting in the spring of 2022. A tentative date for the meeting will be March 4 – 6, 2022 at a location to be announced once we have confirmation from the local society hosting the meeting. Once that date is confirmed a schedule for the Executive Board meetings in 2022 will be prepared and disseminated to the Executive Board members.

Treasurer

Charles Miehme reported the large net income includes the amount for the Genome Project. Below is the Treasurer's Report as of Oct 31, 2021. The ADS has exceeded the requirement for the Genome Project matching funds, but he will continue to accept contributions. The investment accounts are not doing well right now. There is nothing we can do with the A T & T account; Charles will look at the other holdings to see if we can do something better.

Mark Oldenkamp moved, and Lou Paradise seconded to approve the financial report subject to audit. The motion passed.

TOTAL ADS FUNDS AS OF 10/31/2021

Ameriprise Account (restricted)	\$ 50,520.00
Ameriprise Account (unrestricted)	\$ 21,164.99
Vanguard Account	\$ 73,956.76
	\$ 145,641.75

TOTAL ADS FUNDS AS OF 08/31/2021

Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$ 93,534.94
	\$ 239,176.69

RESTRICTED FUNDS

(These funds are included in the Wells Fargo bank balance listed above)

Virus Fund - Sheetz-Chuey Foundation	\$ 1,998.02
Genome Project	\$ 65,535.04
2021 National Show	\$ 50.00
2022 National Show	\$ 2,775.00
2023 National Show	\$ 1,300.00
Total Restricted	\$ 71,658.06

First Vice-President

Mark Oldenkamp reports it is fairly quiet in his ADS role at this time. He needs to confirm updates to the ADS Reps and ADS Presidents in the GroupVine communication portal. He also will be updating the ADS org chart. He is pleased that the ADS Board is supportive of a 2022 planning meeting.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT – Tony Evangelista

Tony Evangelista reports he is looking forward in 2022 to:

- Finishing the revision of Guidelines to Judging Dahlias with our fine committee.
- Helping survey new members
- Working with Ron Miner and Randy Foith to increase participation in the Clean Stock Initiative in the Midwest Conference.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT – Ken Jensen

Ken Jensen reports the Alberta Dahlia and Gladiolus Society will have their first meeting on Sunday since 2020. They will be hosting the 100th Canadian Glad Society celebration and the North American Gladiolus Conference annual meeting. They are always disappointed to not be able to send in leaf samples for virus testing as it takes too long to get through customs. Harry Risetto stated he sent a note to Ken about whether we have an outreach program in eastern Canada; it ought to be something we at least investigate.

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

MID ATLANTIC CONFERENCE – Dana Miller

Dana Miller reports heavy frost has come to The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society area. Needless to say, the dahlias are done, and the big dig has begun.

The pandemic continues to affect the society's operations, although to a lesser extent than in 2020. They were able to hold an in-person society picnic in August at the home of Wes and Annette Bowers. It was good to see everyone face mask to face mask! Educational seminars were conducted, and flower arrangements were made. A business meeting was held to figure out how we were going to put together a dahlia show at Longwood Gardens despite the absence of key society people, many of the usual exhibitors, a limited amount of lead time (one month!), a change of their regular show date from the third weekend to the second weekend in September, and major renovations at the venue.

Despite these challenges, the show came off well. They had over 80% of the usual display of entries (also somewhat hampered by the lateness of people's blooms coupled with the show being a week earlier). Due to the last-minute nature of the entire process, they were not able to procure their usual "flower show" judges. So, a major change had to be made in the Artistic Design division of the show. They eliminated our normal Artistic Design division and expanded their "Dilly Dahlia...ing" division to three classes. Two of these classes had guidelines (much like artistic design) and one was our normal "whatever you want to do" class. Since the winners of our Dilly Dahlia...ing division are chosen in a vote of the Longwood Gardens guests, the vote was extended to three different classes. The public enjoys this participation, and many are now expecting it to be there as soon as they enter the display area in the ballroom. Over 1500 votes were cast this year! They will consider this same approach to artistic design for next year's show, as getting judges is an increasing challenge.

Longwood's renovations have made meeting space unavailable to them for now. They will have a Zoom meeting on November 30, at 7 pm. Hopefully the March meeting and May tuber sale will be at Longwood Gardens once again.

Gettysburg Dahlia Society's 14th Annual Show in Harbaugh-Thomas Library in Biglerville, PA, on September 2-4 was well represented with spectacular entries. Attendance was up for what was probably one of their better shows to date.

The National Capital Dahlia Society will continue having their monthly hybrid meetings. On the last weekend in September, their annual show returned to beautiful Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland. It was well attended with lots of high-quality blooms. For the weekend of September 11 and 12, the club membership split up, with some attending the National Show in Wooster, Ohio, and others competing in The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society show. Members had many entries make it to both head tables.

The NCDS Trial Garden had a successful year educating people about dahlias as well as wowing them with its spectacular array of color. There were many new introductions which received much needed Trial Garden scores and provided subjects for their members on which to practice judging. The group of very dedicated volunteers put the Trial Garden to bed on a perfect Halloween day

MIDWEST CONFERENCE – Randy Foith

Randy Foith reports the Midwest DC closed the season with some local societies holding open meetings and others zooming. Fears of Covid are still quite real and they pray that all can be safe. Some of the local societies are struggling with filling executive board positions and expanding membership. All are the recipe for success! The MDC Board proudly welcomes the addition of two exceptionally good and qualified people in Monique Volden of the Minnesota DS and Keith Berven of the Southeastern Michigan DS.

The Dahlia Society of Ohio should be proud of their hosting of the National/ Midwest Show in Wooster, Ohio. There were many blooms for the public to see; more than was expected. That's a good thing! The ADS web site is loaded with photos by Alan Fisher and a video by Bob Schroeder, so take time to view them. They appreciate the Dahlia Society of Ohio putting on a successful national and Midwest conference show.

They will be working on the "Clean Stock Initiative" to promote more awareness in getting virus free plants to our members. Under the guidance of Ron Miner and with the help of Tony Evangelista and Randy Foith to lead this team effort they feel confident that this will improve the push for clean plant stock. "If in doubt, throw it out!"

As this is written, they are getting the first snow of the season. Dahlias are all put to bed for their long journey toward spring. The third issue of the

Midwest Dahlia Report is set to be emailed in a few days. Board Trustee and editor, Jim Kassner, pushed this idea to fruition. The great news is that the Canadian/USA border is slowly opening. After all, "We have many members and friends north of the border". Let us look forward to an even brighter 2022 season of dahlias.

NORTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE – Ed Bonci

Brad Freeman reported he will try to contact Ed Bonci to talk with him about his availability to continue as the North Atlantic Conference representative as we haven't had any information from that conference in a while.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE – Mark Oldenkamp

Mark Oldenkamp reports it is a quiet end of the season time. It is hoped that next year some of the societies most impacted by the Covid situation will be able to have regular meetings and will feel comfortable hosting an annual show. The annual conference meeting will be held in the Spring. They will be hosting the ADS annual planning meeting in early March.

The Portland Dahlia Society will soon be ramping up the planning for the 2023 National show. They look forward to hosting a spectacular celebration of dahlias in late August 2023. Fundraising for this National Show hopefully will allow them to keep the participation costs affordable for a large participation.

SOUTHERN STATES CONFERENCE – JAMES ROMER

James Romer reports Covid-19 put a damper on many of the regularly scheduled activities in the Southern States Conference. No society-supported shows were held in 2021. However, county and state fairs were held, many of which had a dahlia division as part of their competitive exhibits. One of the last to be held was at the North Carolina State Fair October 21.

Alabama had two meetings this past year due to Covid-19. They hope to start monthly meetings this coming spring in March, held at members' homes.

The Georgia Dahlia Society had no show in 2020 and 2021. They do have a good mentoring program. The society is healthy with 66 ADS memberships and a total of ninety-nine members.

Many members said that 2021 was one of their best growing seasons. In Tennessee, they have been meeting at members' homes and gardens this year and are having a wonderful and informative time seeing the different ways their members grow dahlias. The meetings have been well attended and members were drawn closer and learned from one another.

Their next meeting will be held in February to get a new season started and plan for their spring tuber sales. Southern States welcome the Central Carolina Dahlia Society as the newest in the region. They had their first meeting in the middle of July and have been going strong ever since. Their August meeting had nearly forty people in attendance. A monthly newsletter is published with good dahlia information and highlights a different member of the society.

Thanks to those who helped contribute information for this report. They look forward to getting back to a more regular schedule in 2022!!

FEDERATION OF NORTHWEST DAHLIA GROWERS – Alli Richards

The Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers has had a wonderful year coming out of a non-year. Most of our clubs were able to hold shows this year. While they might not have been as well attended as in the past, our members and the public were out in force to enjoy the blooms and learn about dahlias.

Our judging workshops were also well attended. We have discovered that we need to focus a bit on the newer micro classes. There is still some confusion in the judging and set up of these classes. This will be thoroughly addressed at our 2022 workshops. Many of our members attended the Tacoma Trial Garden judging class to judge seedlings. It seems there will be a few judges advancing to their next level for the 2022 season. The Federation recommends using the term mignon instead of micro if this becomes permanent.

Each club has discussed their show dates for 2022. There are a few shows on the same weekend, but they are geographically distant, so conflicts are kept to a minimum.

The Dahlia Legacy Project is continuing to move forward. A “short” list of legends to start gathering information on has been created for each club. A couple of reports/interviews have been started for our past legends. Our member clubs are actively engaging with this project. Noticeable progress should be able to be made for 2022. We are also using this project to help our members complete their judging advancement project. This will be a benefit to our members, the clubs, the FNWDG, and the dahlia community as a whole.

We voted on our officers for the next two-year period. President – Wayne Lobaugh, Vice President – Alli Richards, Secretary – Terry Schroeder, Treasurer – Rosemary Freeman. They are looking forward to the new introductions and a successful 2022!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advertising

Jessica Becker reports for the December issue of the Bulletin, there are eight retailers who are advertising. There are three full page, three half page and two quarter page ads.

The most notable departure from the previous December issues is that Swan Island and Dan's Dahlias didn't advertise (usually they have the front cover/back cover positions). Multiple calls and emails were made with no response. Swan Island has a larger presence on social media advertising than last year, so perhaps they're changing where they advertise. There might be the opportunity for us to also offer advertising through our social media channels in the future - might be worth discussing and she would be happy to work with Anna if there is interest.

In total, 113 different retailers have been contacted, I will reach out to all who didn't commit to advertising sometime in December to see if they're interested in the March issue. She is keeping a running spreadsheet of who she has contacted and shared it with the board. She is open to suggestions about someone to contact.

ADS Store

Brad Freeman reports Cammi Waggoner resigned but will continue through the end of the year. He is in the process of looking for a new store manager. The position will require storage for a certain amount of inventory.

Classification

Lou Paradise reports for the 2021 growing season, the Classification Committee had requests to change the classification of twenty-seven cultivars. Nineteen of these cultivars will change classification for 2022. The 2022 Classification Book is complete and sent to the printer. Because there were no cultivars that were removed from the 2022 CHD, the book has grown from 1882 cultivars to 2087. This added eight more pages to the CHD. Once the pilot period is over for the micro classification, if it is recommended to keep these classes, the classification committee will decide whether to call it micro or mignon.

They will be working on the Cream of the Crop and the Fabulous Fifty next. They hope to have this completed in the next several weeks; but want to take a much-needed break from looking at numbers.

This year we had a tie for the Stanley Johnson Award, HOLLYHILL BLACK BEAUTY and BLOOMQUIST JEAN. Congratulation to Ted & Margaret Kennedy and Paul Bloomquist for winning the Stanley Johnson awards. This is nice since there was no winner for 2020. The winner of the Stanley Johnson photo contest this year is Richard Parshall. He has decided to accept a framed CHD cover. The new Connell Award was captured by Clearview Butterscotch originated by Richard Parshall.

Thanks to everyone who helped them with our questions and get all the data to them.

Editor

Linda DeRooy Holmes-Cook reports the 2021 December Bulletin is completed and final proofed as of November 7. The Show Report Booklet is in the process of being collated and prepared for press as well. They received an excellent response to the call for Show Reports. It is still a bit of a challenge but improving. Thank you to Donna Lane, Show Reports Editor, for her work above and beyond to get club reporters to use the excel format for reporting, or failing that, for her work re-formatting or re-typing reports. They are making progress and are optimistic about continuing to bring more clubs on board with the established format. Thanks to all who have helped with this. Thank you also to our new Advertising Manager, Jessica Becker, for her initiative and endurance, following up on our regular advertisers, and bringing new advertising on board. We are indeed

fortunate to have Jessica and Donna on our Editorial Team; our Bulletin can only be better for the addition of such hardworking, committed, and capable people.

They look forward to a timely mailing of the Bulletin, Show Report Book and the 2022 Classification Guide and Handbook of Dahlias. Lou is putting the finishing touches on this important resource, and look forward to it when all is computed.

Finance

Harry Risetto reports the Society is in good shape financially, notwithstanding market vibrations. Membership increases have helped. The treasurer will continue to monitor the financial markets.

The Contributions envelope generates sufficient income to warrant continuing it. We have been advised that the Genome Project has achieved its current fund-raising goal. The Insurance program continues to provide value to the Local Societies.

At the Spring Meeting, the ADS Executive Board should consider a project that will provide value to the members and Local Societies.

Garden Dahlia

Alan Fisher reports it's a busy time in our area trying to dig up and process tubers before the ground freezes. Nothing new for garden dahlias this time of year. Remember to visit us at the ADS National Show next September. Dahlia calendars still available -- great holiday gifts.

Historian

Harry Risetto reports he received a Bulletin from 1920 but still needs the rest of that decade. Roger states he has some and will send to Harry when he has the time

Image Library

Heather Ramsay gives thanks to all who have sent in photos for the New Introductions Slideshow this year. Hopefully, the program will be ready for the website in a week or so. Two versions, one in PDF, downloadable and clickable and another that will be voice over and downloadable. Both will be available on the website. Once it is ready, Mark will send an email to ADS Reps.

Insurance

Cheryl Shores reports the insurance front has been quiet. She received one request for a Certificate of Insurance (COI) for 2022 for dates after our current contract year. She informed them that Mercer can't issue a COI until we have a new contract for 2022-2023. Cheryl will be turning everything over to Mel Epstein at the end of the year. Mercer is getting some quotes from other insurance companies. Mel will investigate D & O insurance for the board in the first part of 2022.

Judging Accreditation

Bob Schroeder reports he will be collecting club judging information from

judging chairs for the 2022 ADS Judging Roster after the first of the year. The committee for updating the Guidelines to Judging Dahlias is still meeting and plan to release a draft to the ADS Board soon. They won't know costs until they can get bids once it is formatted, but they anticipate costs will be similar to what it has been. The curriculum committee is also progressing with a curriculum for the three levels of judges and visual programs for assisting in judges training.

Membership

Elva Sellens reports this has been a busy year for new membership. As of 11/12/21, there has been 633 new memberships - 595 U.S. and 38 Canadian. Of these memberships, there were 487 U.S. individual and 36 Canadian individual memberships, and 107 U.S. family membership ($x2 = 214$) and 2 Canadian family memberships ($x2 = 4$) for a total of 741 new members. This is more than double from the previous year. There was no way to predict this increase in new members for this year. We have three new dahlia societies in 2021 – Yankee Dahlia Society, Central Carolina Dahlia Society, and a recently formed dahlia society – Southwest Idaho Dahlia Society. Of the three new societies, Yankee Dahlia Society is only an Affiliated Dahlia Society with seven members of which five are new members. Central Carolina Dahlia Society has thirty-seven members of which twenty-five are new members. Southwest Idaho Dahlia Society has twelve members of which ten are new members. We have hit top marks with membership this year with 2,645 members.

U.S. Membership

There are 1,897 memberships - 1,372 individual memberships and 523 family memberships ($x2 = 1,046$) for a total of 2,418 U.S. members. We have 57 Participating Societies and 3 Affiliated Societies.

Canadian Membership

There are 161 memberships - 112 individual memberships and 49 family memberships ($x2 = 98$) for a total of 210 members. They have 9 Participating Societies and 1 Affiliated Society. The Affiliated Society, New Brunswick Dahlia Society notified Elva that they disbanded in July 2021 but will be included since dues were paid for 2021.

Other Foreign

There are seventeen other foreign memberships.

Total Membership

The total members including the three above categories as of 11/12/21 is 2,645.

National Exhibition

Brad Freeman reports that Art Haskins has resigned his position. Brad thanked him for his dedication and service for 32 years in the position as National Exhibition Chair. Brad is working on finding a replacement.

New Society Coordinator

Rosemary Freeman reports there continues to be a lot of interest in

starting new societies. She received seven requests for information since early July (with 5 in October), two from Washington State, 1 in California, two from Southern New Jersey, one from Western North Carolina, and one from Southern Vermont into New Hampshire. She will check back with these individuals to talk about their progress or see if they have any questions.

In the future, she would like to be able give those trying to start a new society the Regional Vice President's information in the area about their interest and ask them to help new societies in any way they can. She is knowledgeable about the West Coast area and know the people that will help and how things are done here in our societies. There are regional differences, so she hopes the Regional VP's will consider helping our new societies as part of their job too.

Starting a new society is a little like starting dahlias from seed, only one in a thousand will actually bloom into a beautiful flower. Since we started this project in the year 2008, we have helped seventeen societies become a part of our ADS dahlia family. And we have a brand-new society to vote into our dahlia family today.

Randy Miller and his group in Boise, Idaho have worked long and hard to get going. They have sent their membership information and funds to Elva to become a Participating Society in the ADS. Their society name is The Southwest Idaho Dahlia Society. Please vote them in and welcome them to our dahlia family.

Photography

Debbie Pavich reports the deadline for submitting photos is Dec 1, 2021, to photocontest@dahlia.org. Entries have been coming in so spread the word. The "people's choice" photos will be judged online in January.

Publicity/Public Relation

Larry Smith reports dahlia activities remained limited this year, but there have been some events to cover. Larry Smith created a Ten-Minute Tour of the Canby Trial Garden video, published to YouTube and Vimeo, providing education on how a trial garden works and showing photos of the entries. This is also available on the ADS website and social media, <https://youtu.be/30nDktn1PNY>. Also available on YouTube and the ADS website is a highlight video of the Portland Dahlia Society 2021 show. Due to covid restrictions, the show had to be a private event this year, members and exhibitors only, but attracted a respectable number of blooms, <https://youtu.be/30nDktn1PNY>. Please do share the videos with anyone who may like to see them; they were created to spark interest in dahlia growing and showing.

Larry contacted several print media outlets with press releases highlighting ADS member successes in this year's National Show. To date, two publications printed articles regarding National Best of Show winners who found ways to successfully carry blooms across the country in an airplane cabin. He has not been able to get traction making cold

calls as an unknown, it is imperative that Larry get help from ADS Board members with getting contact names of media members in different areas of the country that can help us shine the light on the good work which our organization is doing. This is an ongoing request; we will be much stronger with such teamwork.

Brad Freeman had previously announced that the ADS New Introductions "CD" be done electronically this year to be more easily shared as a resource to societies and members. Larry was asked to create the video and is awaiting additional information.

There was a suggestion to have a video from each trial garden; if someone can take a video and send to Larry he can edit and produce. There was discussion about local societies getting information to Larry and how he can assist with local publicity. There was discussion about putting press releases on the website for media to pick up and use. The medal winners have been announced so if you would like Larry to help get information out locally about any of these winners, please contact him.

Research and Education

Ron Miner reports Professor Pappu's team at WSU completed the 2021 virus tests a couple of weeks ago and are in the process of analyzing the results. There is continuing evidence that shows following the recommended practices makes it likely that a clean garden will stay clean over the season.

Ron was disappointed that only eight clubs took advantage of the opportunity to test sets of thirty samples at half cost. Mixtures of TSWV, INSV, and TSV were detected in each of the sets analyzed. The DSO samples showed the least virus with four of the thirty samples testing positive for INSV. Results from the other clubs ranged from 26% to 70%. The key point is that even the club that tested 70% positive for virus had nine clean plants and a lot of clean tubers to use in their spring propagation and plant sales projects next spring.

Clean stock is a valuable commodity. I invite each Executive Board member to encourage their club to participate in the project next year. Jim Chuey has agreed that the Scheetz-Chuey Foundation will again cover half the cost of the tests.

Ron congratulated Kristine Albrecht on succeeding to acquire the matching funds required to cover Zach Meharg's genome project thesis work with Professor Alex Harkess at Auburn University.

Genome Sequencing

Kristine Albrecht reports there are a few exciting fronts on the ADS Genome Project. First, the \$23,000 Phase Two Genome Project match generously offered up by the Scheets-Chuey Foundation has been matched with donations from ADS Dahlia Societies, individual donors, and friends of ADS. Thank you to all who donated to this important work. Second, Zach Meharg, the graduate student doing the work for this section

of the project, has switched to a PhD program. The dahlia will now get five years of study not just two! Dr. Harkess is working on two grants to help fund the extra three years.

Third, see below Dr. Harkess' report and the work that is currently being accomplished.

The Dahlia genome project is moving forward quickly. Recently, Zach Meharg has switched to a PhD due to his immense progress and drive on this project. Kristine Albrecht has secured three growers nearby in Huntsville, Birmingham, and Ringgold GA, who have successfully grown rhizomes from several dahlia species, at least one of which we hope to be a tetraploid instead of octoploid. Zach extracted DNA from all five dahlia species for shotgun sequencing to assess species heterozygosity, ploidy, and genome size. He has sampled diverse floral and vegetative tissue for RNA sequencing. They will only attempt sequencing a tetraploid species for the genome project: octoploid will be impossible with current funding and personnel. Currently, they have Illumina genome sequencing data in hand for four species — rudis, coccinea, brevis, and sorensii, plus the Thomas Edison cultivar. Zach is currently running GenomeScope2 to estimate genome size, heterozygosity, and ploidy of these individuals. Additionally, he will assemble chloroplast genomes for phylogenetic use. Zach has also reached out to globally located gardens and herbaria to collect tissue from all species of dahlia to build a phylogenetic tree that will help elucidate the putative parents of the modern octoploid cultivar. If anyone in the ADS has wild species dahlia tubers they are willing to send, we would be appreciative!

Seedling Bench Evaluation

Roger Walker reports the 2021 seedling bench evaluation results are posted on the ADS website and will be published in the December Bulletin. As expected, the number of bench evaluation entries was down from pre-pandemic times. The average number of passing scores per year from 2017 to 2019 was 204; in 2021 we had 125. This is a snapshot of only the number of scoring entries; those that don't score are not reported. However, with fewer than twenty bench evaluation scores reported in 2020, the trend is certainly in the right direction. For 2022, Roger will have the application and materials on the website for societies to print.

There was discussion about how soon information on trial garden and seedling bench can be made available on the website. The board decided it can be put out as soon as the information is completed by Marilyn, Roger and Lou and should be done no later than mid-November.

Kudos to Lou Paradise for his assistance in reconciling the wild classification disparities among the various trial garden and bench evaluation reports.

Social Media

Anna Kandra reports the following stats:
Facebook followers: 4,022

Facebook group members: 5,856
Instagram followers: 4,936

Anna will post reminders about the photo contest and other end-of-year events. There are currently 3,500 subscriptions to the ADS newsletter.

Special Awards

Jerry Landerholm thanked all involved in the Dahlia Society of Ohio for hosting a great 2021 ADS National Show. It was nice to reunite with friends and especially rewarding for Special Awards to make medal presentations once again at this year's event. Specifics regarding "who was awarded what" appears on the ADS website and will be printed in the December 2021 Bulletin and the General Secretary's report of the Annual Meeting.

Over many years, the ADS has maintained a close relationship with the National Dahlia Society (NDS) of the United Kingdom. During that time, we have provided our ADS Bronze Medal for their show awards program called the "American Medal Class." We replenished their supply late this summer and based on prior usage, they should now have enough for five or six years. The NDS sent us three beautiful medals suggesting they be awarded at our national shows. I will coordinate sending this medal to the National Show host societies for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

When Special Awards receives information on the 2021 winners of the Seedling Bench, Trial Garden, Stanley Johnson, and Lester Connell competitions, Jerry will have those medals engraved and distributed. Supplies are getting low on the Dudley, Hart and Gullikson and will need to get pricing

Trial Garden

Marilyn Walton reports all the trial gardens ran in a normal fashion this season. Judging commenced and was completed in a timely manner. She had communication problems which she hopes can be resolved during our off season. Together, our trial gardens scored just less than 80 entries. She is printing the certificates for originators. Certificates will be mailed to Brad for his signature and mailed to Terry for her signature and the gold seals. Once Marilyn gets them back, she will mail to the originators.

There are changes at several of the longtime trial gardens. Gary Plowman who has served as the director of the Inland Empire TG in Spokane has resigned. He will be replaced by Sally Colwell who is enthusiastic to get started. We thank Gary for his dedicated service and his many TG reports over the years. The director of the North Central TG in Minnesota has also resigned, and he will be replaced by Heidi Zierdt. I do not know Heidi but have heard some very encouraging reports that she is perfect for the job. Several weeks ago, she received an email from Phil Newton in Victoria, BC asking if it would be possible for their club to once again support a trial garden. He indicated that the club has had an exhibition garden for 5 years in a public park where they have volunteers that meet each Tuesday during the season. Phil is willing to take on the job of director. While he admits that they currently have a shortage of certified judges, he has two plans to

take care of the problem. First, he hopes to get more judges on board and to get an educational program up and running. Second, the club will invite judges from Vancouver and Fraser Valley clubs to come for a judging day. I do think it is an exciting idea to have two trial gardens in Canada, making it a little easier on the Canadian originators. Phil also understands the garden would be probationary for two years and that scoring entries would not be included in medal totals. We should remember that the clubs who support our trial gardens are doing all of us a favor. Learning how varieties grow in other parts of the countries is helpful. The judges also get hands-on training to see how different a variety will look in a garden versus a show venue.

Website

Sharon Swaney continues to update the website as information is provided. Lots of National Show follow-up has been posted, as well as information about ADS awards (to people), Seedling Bench results, and partial ADS awards (to blooms).

Some local show results were posted. Only about a quarter of the local societies submitted information even with the very relaxed rules for 2021 submissions. One high point, however, was the very inventive report from The Portland Dahlia Society. They provided a video of their show!

Many of the trial gardens have submitted pictures for 2021. Thanks to photographers Bob Schroeder, Claudia Biggs, Debbie Hatt, Cammi Waggoner, and Linda Taylor for their contributions. The pictures are formatted and ready to go. Lou Paradise reported he received a request from the originator of CHiTos requested the name be changed to CHIWalker.

Please remember, Sharon can only post information that has been provided to her. She requests that ADS Representatives and ADS Committee Chairs help keep the website updated and interesting by providing pertinent, timely information. ADS members are also encouraged to provide information. Ideas for improving and enhancing the website are always welcome.

OLD BUSINESS

National Show Booklet

Brad Freeman reported the booklet is still being worked on. They need to get the final edit done and then out to everyone.

Membership

Brad Freeman reported we have many at-large members. We discussed having the ADS Reps help them find a local society for them to become involved with in the hopes it would help with retention of these members. Hopefully, Elva could produce a list, perhaps by zip code and then she and Mark could get this information sent to the regional vice presidents so they could contact people and provide them information on a local dahlia society in their area.

NEW BUSINESS

Southwest Idaho Dahlia Society

Brad Freeman reported we have a new dahlia society, the Southwest Idaho Dahlia Society. Rosemary Freeman stated Randy Miller has been working on getting this society together for over a year. He's been successful in getting members. We would like to vote them in to the ADS. **Alli Richards moved, and Mark Oldenkamp seconded to accept them as a participating dahlia society. The motion passed.** Sharon Swaney asked for a couple of sentences to put on the website to welcome them.

Regional VP for Southern States Conference

Brad Freeman reported we have a new regional vice-president for the Southern States Conference. **Ron Miner moved and Jerry Landerholm seconded to accept James Römer as the regional vice-president for the Southern States Conference. The motion passed.**

Trial Garden Videos in 2022

Brad Freeman mentioned that he would like to have a 10-to 15-minute trial garden video from each garden for 2022.

Spring 2022 Executive Board Meeting/2022 Meeting Calendar

We are looking at March 2022 for the executive board meeting in Portland, OR tentatively March 4-6. Brad intends to get a schedule out for our meetings in 2022.

Harry Risetto reported that he is involved in finances for the 2022 national show. They have been trying to determine ways to raise money so they can keep registration costs down. The show will be at the Sheraton Dulles Hotel. One thing they plan to do is to have people to sign up to sponsor awards for either a society or individual. Anyone who contributes \$100 or more will receive a golf shirt as a patron of the show. He asked about using the ADS Reps/President distribution list to send information about donations to support the 2022 national show and all agreed that would be appropriate.

The next board meeting will be February 6th at 1 pm PST or 4 pm EST.

Lou Paradise moved, and Bob Schroeder seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm, EST.

Respectively Submitted,

Terry Schroeder
ADS General Secretary

THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY, INC. 2021 Financial Report (Unaudited)

Charles Miehme, Treasurer

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

OPERATING FUNDS

INCOME

Advertising	\$	1,400.00
Amazon Smile	\$	84.36
Donations - Bulletin Digitization	\$	2,730.00
Donations - General Fund	\$	989.45
Donations - Memorial - Murphy	\$	50.00
Donations - Research	\$	193.00
Image Library	\$	108.00
Insurance	\$	3,140.00
Membership - Dues	\$	46,414.00
Membership - Benefactor	\$	600.00
Membership - Patron	\$	150.00
Membership - Dues - PayPal	\$	4,512.00
Membership - Dues - PayPal - fees	\$	(159.89)
National Show - 2023	\$	1,250.00
Store Purchases - Checks	\$	223.00
Store Purchases - PayPal	\$	3,388.00
Store Purchases - PayPal - fees	\$	(151.23)
Store Purchases - PayPal - reimbursable	\$	1,826.07
Vases	\$	616.90
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 67,363.66

TOTAL ADS FUNDS AS OF 12/31/2021

Ameriprise Account (restricted)	\$	49,200.00
Ameriprise Account (unrestricted)	\$	22,019.58
Vanguard Account (unrestricted)	\$	76,014.12
Wells Fargo Bank Account	\$	86,382.31
	\$	233,616.01

Total Unrestricted \$ 102,615.00

RESTRICTED FUNDS

(these funds are included in the
Wells Fargo bank balance listed above)

Virus Fund - Scheetz-Chuey Foundation	\$	1,998.02
Genome Project	\$	75,727.99
2022 National Show	\$	2,775.00
2023 National Show	\$	1,300.00
Total Restricted	\$	81,801.01

Virus Fund - Scheetz-Chuey Foundation

Beginning Balance 01/01/2021 \$ 2,318.02

EXPENSES

Awards	\$	(313.31)	
Bank Fees	\$	(10.00)	
Board Meetings - Zoom	\$	(163.39)	
Board email account - Group Vine	\$	(180.00)	
Bulletin	\$	(52,364.50)	
Bulletin Digitization	\$	(2,293.71)	
Flowers - Boyer Family	\$	(101.10)	
Honoraria - 2021	\$	(500.00)	
Image Library	\$	(391.35)	
Insurance Bond	\$	(170.10)	
Insurance Coverage	\$	(747.00)	
Membership Expenses	\$	(5,548.88)	
Membership - Classification books	\$	(1,702.95)	
Membership - Dahlias, A Monthly Guide	\$	(1,425.44)	
National Show - 2021	\$	(3,450.00)	
NY State filing fee	\$	(50.00)	
Office Supplies/Copies	\$	(50.30)	
Photo Contest	\$	(365.00)	
Postage	\$	(822.24)	
Store Purchases - PayPal - reimbursed	\$	(1,757.57)	
Store Purchases - postage	\$	(644.73)	
Tax Preparation	\$	(410.00)	
Virus Research	\$	(320.00)	
Website	\$	(2,103.37)	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ (75,884.94)
Net Deficiency 2021			\$ (8,521.28)

Contributions

Expenses

Ending Balance - 12/31/2021

\$	-
\$	(320.00)
\$	<u>1,998.02</u>

Genome Project

Beginning Balance 01/01/2021

Contributions

Expenses

Ending Balance - 12/31/2021

\$	37,477.06
\$	62,197.85
\$	<u>(23,946.92)</u>
\$	<u>75,727.99</u>

National Shows

2022 National Show

2023 National Show

Ending Balance - 12/31/2021

\$	2,775.00
\$	1,300.00
\$	<u>4,075.00</u>

Financials are reported on a cash basis.*Based on unrestricted funds, ADS has sound financial basis for the year 2021.**

**BLOOMQUIST JEAN B-ID-OR
HOLLYHILL BLACK BEAUTY BB-ID-DR
2021 STANLEY JOHNSON MEDAL WINNERS**

The Pacific Northwest continues to be the hotspot for Stanley Johnson winners. Winners have come from the Pacific Northwest for the past 13 years, since 2009.

Bloomquist Jean and Hollyhill Black Beauty are the 2021 Stanley Johnson Medal winners. Due to the Covid pandemic, and no or very few shows, there was no 2020 Stanley Johnson winner. No problem. In the 2021 shows both cultivars received 49 higher awards which means both cultivars will receive the Stanley Johnson Award.

Bloomquist Jean was originated by Paul Bloomquist, a prolific breeder living in Washington state. He has over 80 cultivars still listed in the 2022 CHD.

Hollyhill Black Beauty was originated by Ted and Margaret Kennedy living in Oregon. They too have a tremendous list of cultivars listed in the 2022 CHD.

The American Dahlia Society congratulates Paul Bloomquist and Ted & Margaret Kennedy on this award and continued success in growing and introducing dahlias.

Lou Paradise

**LARGE PRINT COPIES OF
CLASSIFICATION HANDBOOK OF DAHLIAS
AND NEW COMPOSITE GUIDE**

Large Print copies of CHD are available for purchase in the ADS Store for \$5.00 A new Composite Guide 1976-2022 will be available this year for \$12.00. Visit the ADS store for this and other ADS Publications.

2022 STANLEY JOHNSON MEDAL WINNER PHOTO CONTEST

The American Dahlia Society (ADS) announces the twenty-third annual **Stanley Johnson Medal Winner Photo Contest!** Enter a single bloom photo of the 2021 Stanley Johnson Medal Winners, **BLOOMQUIST JEAN, B-ID-OR** and/or **HOLLYHILL BLACK BEAUTY, BB-ID-DR**. If your photograph wins, it will be published on the cover of the American Dahlia Society's *2023 Classification and Handbook of Dahlias*. You will also receive your choice of \$200.00 or a framed cover of the 2023 Classification and Handbook of Dahlias!

Seek out the best, most authentic show quality blooms of **BLOOMQUIST JEAN** and/or **HOLLYHILL BLACK BEAUTY** 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 each of **BLOOMQUIST JEAN** and/or **HOLLYHILL BLACK BEAUTY**, which must be received no later than October 10, 2022.

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, **BLOOMQUIST JEAN** and/or **HOLLYHILL BLACK BEAUTY**.
2. Each entrant may submit up to four digital images (JPEG) of each cultivar.
3. 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.
4. There will be ONE winning photograph of each cultivar.
5. All entries must be received NO LATER than October 10, 2022.
6. The Winning Entrant will be notified by E-mail by November 10, 2022.

7. Winner recognition includes:

- A. The selected photo published on the front cover of the ADS 2023 Classification and Handbook of Dahlias.
- B. \$200.00 OR a framed copy of the 2023 Classification and Handbook of Dahlias cover.
- C. Photographic recognition if the editor of the ADS Bulletin chooses to print it in the ADS Bulletin.

8. E-mail digital images (JPEG format) to: sortino@pacbell.net. Please use "2022 Stanley Johnson Photo Contest" on the subject line.

9. Sending digital images to the classification chair grants the American Dahlia Society, Inc., non-exclusive license to use and reproduce the submitted photographic image(s) solely for use in ADS publications.

If you have any questions, you may contact:

Louis Paradise

Phone: (415) 564-3461

E-mail: sortino@pacbell.net

TRIAL GARDEN APOLOGY

My sincere apologies to Kristine Albrecht for miscalculating her entry in the 2021 Trial Gardens. It is actually a pretty simple process, but one must begin with the correct numbers. I did not. When the results were done and published in The Bulletin, the scores were incorrect and I missed that Kristine's KA's Papa John was the actual winner of the Derrill W. Hart Medal for AA-A entries. Congratulations, Kristine! To Kristine and all the originators entering their seedlings in future trial gardens, I promise to double check all my numbers and make every effort to give everyone a correct report.

Marilyn Walton, ADS Trial Garden Chairman

THE FABULOUS FIFTY

The Fabulous Fifty list includes 37 cultivars. During the 2021 growing season these cultivars have received at least 50 blue and higher awards in sanctioned ADS dahlia shows throughout the United States and Canada.

The Fabulous Fifty is composed of the following groups: AA 3, A 5, B 6, BB 4, M 3, BA 2, MB 1, P 1, ST 2, WL 1, NX 1, PE 1, MPE 2, CO 1, OT 1, MS 3.

Cultivars are ranked according to number of higher awards (column 2).

Column identification, left to right.

1	2021 Ranking
2	Total Higher Awards
3	Total Awards, Blue and Higher
4	Cultivar Name
5	Classification Number
6	Size
7	Form
8	Color Class
9	Year of introduction or first year shown
10	Medals (Connell, Dudley, Hart, Johnson, or Gullikson Trial Garden/Bench)
11	Originator Symbol
12	Country of Origin
13	2019 Ranking

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	82	166	ELVIRA	8105	MPE	DP	94*	J	EC-	US	8	
2	69	146	EMBRACE.	3211	BB	SC	BR	99*	J	GRI	A	1
3	66	153	PARKLAND RAVE	3408	BB	IC	L	05	J	RSE-	US	3
4	63	128	PAM HOWDEN	7310	WL	LB	95	J	DAV	A	4	
5	49	113	BLOOMQUIST JEAN	2103	B	ID	OR	18	J	BLQ-	US	20
6	49	113	HOLLYHILL BLACK BEAUTY	3107	BB	ID	DR	12	J	KED-	US	10
7	49	106	VALLEY PORCUPINE	7610	NX	LB	02*	J	STH-	US	2	
8	44	110	KELSEY DWARF	9708	MS	L	15	CGG*	WKC-	US	19	
9	44	98	AC BEN	0210	AA	SC	LB	10	J	GRW-	US	6
10	38	84	KELSEY ANNIE JOY	9003	CO	OR	13	G*	WKC-	US	34	
11	37	80	BADGER TWINKLE	4213	M	SC	DB	05	H	THR.	US	12

12	36	75	LAKE HILLS CREAMSICLE	8003	PE	OR	20		WAA-	US	
13	34	76	CLEARVIEW CAMERON	2310	B	C	LB	17	D	PAH-	US 22
14	34	75	FANCY PANTS	9408	OT	L	12	J	ILR-	US 5	
15	31	76	SPARTACUS	1107	A	ID	DR	93	DHJ	SEN-	US 18
16	30	72	VASSIO MEGGOS	1108	A	ID	L	05	H	MEG.	US 25
17	30	58	BROOKSIDE J COOLEY	4102	M	ID	Y	83	H	CO'	US 15
18	29	64	CLEARVIEW EDIE	1201	A	SC	W	14	DJ	PAH-	US 9
19	28	57	WYN'S NEON DREAM	0202	AA	SC	Y	12	#	WYN-	US 27
20	27	57	CLEARVIEW JENNAE	4009	M	FD	PR	19	DH	PAH-	US 91
21	26	54	SHOW'N'TELL	1513	A	LC	DB	85	H	AL-	US 23
22	25	56	LO - REDEYE	9713	MS	DB	14	G*		LOB-	US 50
23	25	53	NICK SR.	0106	AA	ID	R	09		GT-	US 21
24	24	65	IRISH GLOW	6206	P	R	12			BOL-	US 26
25	24	58	SIR RICHARD	6105	MB	DP	09	D		BOL-	US 57
26	23	57	SHEVAL MEGAN	3007	BB	FD	DR	11		BHT	UK
27	22	62	JACS KYLE	8101	MPE	W	08			STU-	US 49
28	22	56	CLEARVIEW JONAS	1210	A	SC	LB	17	DH	PAH-	US 72
29	22	53	HOLLYHILL COTTON CANDY	2405	B	IC	DP	10	H	KED-	US 48
30	21	50	CLEARVIEW DEL SOL	7002	ST	Y	17			PAH-	US 33
31	20	85	CLEARVIEW DANIEL	6002	BA	Y	13	HJ		PAH-	US 15
32	20	58	AC ABBY	2312	B	C	FL	12	DHJ	GRW-	US 7
33	19	63	SNOHO DORIS	6013	BA	DB	00			BN-	US 37
34	19	53	ALLOWAY CANDY	7004	ST	PK	70			STT	NZ 39
35	19	50	GLORIOSA	2014	B	FD	V	03		CON-	US 53
36	18	59	INFLAMMATION	9703	MS	OR	61			BA	H 31
37	16	55	APRIL DAWN	2110	B	ID	LB	84	DHJ	C-	US 17

Lou Paradise

CREAM OF THE CROP

The Cream of the Crop for 2021 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 2021 was 12,336. Total awards included by area are: West - 5,829, Central - 3,731, and East - 2,776.

Column identification, left to right:

- 1 Cultivar name
- 2 Classification number
- 3 Size
- 4 Form
- 5 Color class
- 6 Total awards
- 7 Medals awarded - Connell, 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

<u>KELVIN FLOODLIGHT</u>	<u>0002</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>FD</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>36</u>		<u>MCD</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>A</u>
CLYDE'S CHOICE	0003	AA	FD	OR	18		SM-	89*	US
WANDA'S AURORA	0010	AA	FD	LB	18		WRT	01	UK
BONAVENTURE	0011	AA	FD	BR	21	DH	SM-	82	US

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

KA'S KHALEESI	0101	AA	ID	W	48	H	ALK-	19	US
HOLLYHILL BIG PINK	0105	AA	ID	DP	29		KED-	09	US
BRYN TERFEL	0106	AA	ID	R	17		SLK	06*	NZ
<u>NICK SR.</u>	<u>0106</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>53</u>		<u>GT-</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>US</u>
ZORRO	0107	AA	ID	DR	37	DHJ	G-	87	US
MY HERO	0109	AA	ID	PR	33		GTN-	19	US
PENHILL WATERMELON	0110	AA	ID	LB	25		MTZ	00	SA

SEMI CACTUS

ROQUE STARBURST	0201	AA	SC	W	24	D	GAT.	09	US
AC JERI	0202	AA	SC	Y	17	H	GRW-	18	US
INLAND DYNASTY	0202	AA	SC	Y	25	HJ	ANS-	92	US
WYN'S NEON DREAM	0202	AA	SC	Y	57	#	WYN-	12	US
DANUM METEOR	0206	AA	SC	R	22		OSN	96	UK

<u>AC BEN</u>	<u>0210</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>LB</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>GRW-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>US</u>
AC PILLOW	0213	AA	SC	DB	19		GRW-	17*	US

INCURVED CACTUS

<u>CLARA HUSTON</u>	<u>0403</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>IC</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>22</u>		<u>H-</u>	<u>95*</u>	<u>C</u>
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A Size - over 8 to 10 inches

FORMAL DECORATIVE

KIDD'S CLIMAX	1010	A	FD	LB	36		KID	40	NZ
<u>KETCHUP & MUSTARD</u>	<u>1012</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>FD</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>49</u>		<u>SPK-</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>US</u>

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

AC CASPER	1101	A	ID	W	27		GRW-	15	US
KA'S CLOUD	1101	A	ID	W	32	DH	ALK-	15	US
ELSIE HUSTON	1105	A	ID	DP	35		H-	89*	C
ISLANDER	1105	A	ID	DP	28		WIC'	83	US
ALLEN'S TSUNAMI	1106	A	ID	R	26		MAA-	21	US
<u>SPARTACUS</u>	<u>1107</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>DR</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>DHJ</u>	<u>SEN-</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>US</u>
VASSIO MEGGOS	1108	A	ID	L	72	H	MEG.	05	US
GITTS PERFECTION	1110	A	ID	LB	15		GT-	97	US
HARVEY KOOP	1114	A	ID	V	19		MEG.	10	US

SEMI CACTUS

<u>CLEARVIEW EDIE</u>	<u>1201</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>DJ</u>	<u>PAH-</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>US</u>
KENORA JUBILEE	1201	A	SC	W	20	J	LX-	02	US
VERDA	1201	A	SC	W	22		MAX-	94	US
VICKI	1202	A	SC	Y	31		GOS.	87	US
KENORA WILDFIRE	1206	A	SC	R	40	D	LX-	89	US
CLEARVIEW JONAS	1210	A	SC	LB	56	DH	PAH-	17	US

CACTUS

<u>CLEARVIEW SUNDANCE</u>	<u>1302</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>PAH-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>US</u>
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INCURVED CACTUS

<u>SNOHO STORM</u>	<u>1401</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>IC</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>BN-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>US</u>
HOLLYHILL ELECTRA	1403	A	IC	OR	17		KED-	01	US

LACINIATED

<u>SHOW'N'TELL</u>	<u>1513</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>LC</u>	<u>DE</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>AL-</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>US</u>
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B Size - over 6 to 8 inches

FORMAL DECORATIVE

LULU ISLAND ART	2001	B	FD	W	20		HWD-	11*	US
EDNA C	2002	B	FD	Y	42	DHJ	CK-	68	US
BRIAN R	2008	B	FD	L	34	H	TF-	95	US
LADY DARLENE	2012	B	FD	FL	20		GM'	84	US
<u>GLORIOSA</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>FD</u>	<u>V</u>	<u>50</u>		<u>CON-</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>US</u>

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

<u>BLOOMQUIST JEAN</u>	<u>2103</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>BLQ-</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>US</u>
ALLEN'S HIGH VOLTAGE	2109	B	ID	PR	15		MAA-	18	US
THOMAS A EDISON	2109	B	ID	PR	15		DD'	29*	US
APRIL DAWN	2110	B	ID	LB	55	DHJ	C-	84	US

SEMI CACTUS

LIGHT ACCORD	2201	B	SC	W	16	D	RD-	00	US
MAGIC MOMENT	2201	B	SC	W	17	J	C-	83	US

NETHERTON CINDY	2201	B	SC	W	19	D	GMD'	20	US
<u>HAMARI ACCORD</u>	<u>2202</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>UK</u>
NARROWS TRICIA	2202	B	SC	Y	18	D	WAL-	06	US
CLEARVIEW KEN	2203	B	SC	OR	21		PAH-	20	US
WOODLAND'S WILDTHING	2203	B	SC	OR	35		MIS-	00	US
MAKS SORBET	2205	B	SC	DP	19	D	KAA-	19	US
CRAZY 4 DAVID	2209	B	SC	PR	21	H	SPN'	16	US
KENORA SUNSET	2212	B	SC	FL	15		LX-	96	US

CACTUS

TAHOMA SURETHING	2304	B	C	PK	22		C-	18	US
CLEARVIEW CAROL MARIE	2305	B	C	DP	31		PAH-	21	US
<u>CLEARVIEW CAMERON</u>	<u>2310</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>LB</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>PAH-</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>US</u>
AC ABBY	2312	B	C	FL	58	DHJ	GRW-	12	US

INCURVED CACTUS

SANDIA ICICLE	2401	B	IC	W	18	H	BOL-	21	US
<u>HOLLYHILL COTTON CANDY</u>	<u>2405</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>IC</u>	<u>DP</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>KED-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>US</u>
SKIPLEY BONANZA	2406	B	IC	R	27	D	WMR-	10	US
CARMEN GEMMA	2407	B	IC	DR	20		SUL-	21	US
AC SUSI	2408	B	IC	L	15		GRW-	16	US
CAMANO SITKA	2410	B	IC	LB	39	J	AM-	00	US

LACINIATED

MINERVA MAGIC	2501	B	LC	W	25		HVN.	01	US
CITRON du CAP	2502	B	LC	Y	15		HIG	01	SA
NORTHLAKE HERITAGE	2502	B	LC	Y	28		BOL-	07	US
BLOOMQUIST JOEL	2506	B	LC	R	24		BLQ-	18	US
HAPET CHAMPAGNE	2510	B	LC	LB	16		HHP	14	AS
JENNIE.	2510	B	LC	LB	32	D	TF-	93	US
<u>JUST MARRIED</u>	<u>2510</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>LC</u>	<u>LB</u>	<u>36</u>		<u>GHI-</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>US</u>

BB Size - over 4 to 6 inches

FORMAL DECORATIVE

BROOKSIDE SNOWBALL	3001	BB	FD	W	37		HR.	76	US
BLOOMQUIST BARBARA	3002	BB	FD	Y	15	D	BLQ-	11	US
CAMANO STROLL	3002	BB	FD	Y	16		AM-	11*	US
JOMANDA	3003	BB	FD	OR	36		GE	96	H
<u>SHEVAL MEGAN</u>	<u>3007</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>FD</u>	<u>DR</u>	<u>57</u>		<u>BHT</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>UK</u>
CHIMACUM KATIE	3008	BB	FD	L	17		STH-	01	US
BARBARRY MELODY	3009	BB	FD	PR	32		DA	11	UK
COLLEEN MOONEY	3009	BB	FD	PR	34	D	MNY.	19	C
DIVA	3009	BB	FD	PR	17		SWI-	10	US
FORMBY ART	3013	BB	FD	DB	26		HD	10	A

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

<u>HOLLYHILL BLACK BEAUTY</u>	<u>3107</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>DR</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>KED-</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>US</u>
MANOR JUBILEE	3107	BB	ID	DR	26		BO.	10	US
CHILSON'S PRIDE	3110	BB	ID	LB	16		CHS-	54*	US
COLORADO CLASSIC	3113	BB	ID	DB	32		COC.	01	US

SEMI CACTUS

CLEARVIEW SARAH	3201	BB	SC	W	41	DH	PAH-	20	US
AC CJ	3203	BB	SC	OR	18		GRW-	08*	US
HOLLYHILL JITTERBUG	3203	BB	SC	OR	26	H	KED-	16	US
JUST PEACHY	3210	BB	SC	LB	15		C-	86	US
<u>EMBRACE.</u>	<u>3211</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>BR</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>GRI</u>	<u>99*</u>	<u>A</u>

CACTUS

<u>BEAR CREEK SUNRISE</u>	<u>3303</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>37</u>		<u>BSS.</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>US</u>
AC MP	3309	BB	C	PR	33		GRW-	17*	US
HOLLYHILL STARBURST	3313	BB	C	DB	36		KED-	09	US

INCURRED CACTUS

LAKEVIEW GLOW	3402	BB	IC	Y	31	J	WIB-	10	US
<u>PARKLAND RAVE</u>	<u>3408</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>IC</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>RSE-</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>US</u>
CRAZY 4 JESSIE	3413	BB	IC	DB	29	H	SPN'	09	US
JESSICA	3415	BB	IC	BI	15	J	HA.	88	US

LACINIATED

ALLEN'S PINK TREASURE	3505	BB	LC	DP	19		MAA-	18	US
<u>ALLEN'S FIREBALL</u>	<u>3506</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>LC</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>24</u>		<u>MAA-</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>US</u>
MY BEVERLY	3510	BB	LC	LB	21		SIM'	99	US

MINIATURE Size - up to 4 Inches

FORMAL DECORATIVE

RYECROFT JAN	4001	M	FD	W	31		GOM	01	UK
HOLLYHILL GOLDEN BOY	4002	M	FD	Y	21		KED-	19	US
ROSE TOSCANO	4003	M	FD	OR	26	DJ	BHB-	91	US
BARBARRY RED DWARF	4007	M	FD	DR	32	D	DA	00	UK
CRAZY 4 IEASHIA	4007	M	FD	DR	25		SPN'	17	US
20TH AVE PURE PRINCE	4008	M	FD	L	15	D	GIR'	22	US
<u>CLEARVIEW JENNAE</u>	<u>4009</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>FD</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>DH</u>	<u>PAH-</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>US</u>
HOLLYHILL REGAL	4009	M	FD	PR	15	DH	KED-	12	US
CLEARVIEW BUTTERSCOTCH	4010	M	FD	LB	40	CDH	PAH-	16	US
SUGARTOWN SUNRISE	4010	M	FD	LB	15		TMS'	99	US
CLEARVIEW BLAZE	4012	M	FD	FL	29	DH	PAH-	20	US
PEACHES-N-CREAM	4015	M	FD	BI	21	D	BD.	93	US
REJMAN'S POLISH KID	4015	M	FD	BI	15		REJ.	00	US

INFORMAL DECORATIVE

<u>BROOKSIDE J COOLEY</u>	<u>4102</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>CO'</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>US</u>
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SEMI CACTUS

MARY JO	4204	M	SC	PK	32	J	FZ'	68	US
<u>BADGER TWINKLE</u>	<u>4213</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>SC</u>	<u>DB</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>THR.</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>US</u>

CACTUS

SCOTT'S SNOCAP	4301	M	C	W	23	#	RIO-	19	US
KATHY'S CHOICE	4302	M	C	Y	21	DJ	CAN-	99	US
<u>WESTON SPANISH DANCER</u>	<u>4312</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>41</u>		<u>MLT</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>UK</u>
GLENBANK TWINKLE	4313	M	C	DB	39	J	DAV	78	A

INCURRED CACTUS

AC LEVI	4402	M	IC	Y	27		GRW-	19	US
BLOOMQUIST CAROL ANN	4406	M	IC	R	20	#	BLQ-	19	US
<u>BLOOMQUIST BETHANY</u>	<u>4413</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>IC</u>	<u>DB</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>BLQ-</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>US</u>
SHEA'S RAINBOW	4414	M	IC	V	24		CLK-	99	US

MICRO Size - up to 2 inches

FORMAL DECORATIVE

<u>ROBERT WALKER</u>	<u>5013</u>	<u>MC</u>	<u>FD</u>	<u>DB</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>DH</u>	<u>WAK-</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>US</u>
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BALL - over 3 1/2 inches

CLEARVIEW DANIEL	6002	BA	Y	85	HJ	PAH-	13	US
CLEARVIEW PEACHY	6004	BA	PK	16	H	PAH-	18	US
MARY'S JOMANDA	6005	BA	DP	42	J	HOH	02	UK
NARROWS KIRSTEN	6005	BA	DP	21	D	WAL-	08	US
SKIPLEY TNT BALL	6006	BA	R	30	D	WMR-	19	US
CORNEL	6007	BA	DR	49	J	GE	94	H
JACKIE'S RED DEVIL	6007	BA	DR	29		EVT.	20	US
IVANETTI	6009	BA	PR	30		GE	99	H
JESSIE G	6009	BA	PR	21	HJ	C-	94	US
BLYTON SOFTER GLEAM	6010	BA	LB	33		STO	05	UK
CORNEL BRONZE	6011	BA	BR	22		STP	04	H
SNOHO DORIS	6013	BA	DB	63		BN-	00	US
GRENDOR	6014	BA	V	19		GRW-	08*	US

MINIATURE BALL - over 2 TO 3 1/2 inches

IRISH DELIGHT	6102	MB	Y	27	H	BOL-	21	US
MAKS MARIO	6102	MB	Y	18		KAA-	20	US
MS KENNEDY	6103	MB	OR	38	H	BOL-	06	US
CHIMACUM DAVI	6104	MB	PK	24		STH-	08	US
SIR RICHARD	6105	MB	DP	58	D	BOL-	09	US
20TH AVE INGRID	6108	MB	L	16		GIR'	20	US
CHIMACUM TROY	6109	MB	PR	47	D	STH-	03	US
SKIPLEY SNOHO BILL	6109	MB	PR	33	D	WMR-	20	US
VALLEY RUST BUCKET	6111	MB	BR	20		STH-	04*	US
CRAZY CLEERE'S	6113	MB	DB	16		SPN'	18	US

POMPON - up to 2 inches

BOWEN	6201	P	W	40		W	66	A
LITTLE SCOTTIE	6202	P	Y	16			89*	
POPPET	6203	P	OR	15		BA	69	H
IRISH GLOW	6206	P	R	65		BOL-	12	US
REJMAN'S MIDNIGHT POM	6207	P	DR	16		REJ.	04	US
GLENPLACE	6209	P	PR	31			82*	
PRIDE OF PLACE	6209	P	PR	18			00	
MI WONG	6210	P	LB	49		E	76*	UK
POP WILLO	6211	P	BR	22		W	70	A
TINY	6211	P	BR	16	H	AHL'	05	US

STELLAR

CLEARVIEW DEL SOL	7002	ST	Y	50		PAH-	17	US
ALLOWAY CANDY	7004	ST	PK	53		STT	70	NZ
AC ROOSTER	7006	ST	R	29	H	GRW-	10	US
RIVER'S PR PINWHEEL	7009	ST	PR	15		KYN-	15	US
CAMANO PET	7010	ST	LB	24	J	AM-	97	US
BLOOMQUIST PUMPKIN	7013	ST	DB	43		BLQ-	13	US

WATERLILY - over 2 inches

BRIDE-TO-BE	7301	WL	W	20		SWI-	04	US
CAMEO	7302	WL	Y	44		TAP	86	A
CRAZY VELVET	7303	WL	OR	19		SPN'	17	US
CARMEN BUNKY	7305	WL	DP	17		SUL-	07	US
WILDWOOD MARIE	7305	WL	DP	16	D	PAP-	93	US
RED VELVET	7306	WL	R	17		TIC	63	A
HOLLYHILL SERENITY	7310	WL	LB	15		KED-	16	US
PAM HOWDEN	7310	WL	LB	128	J	DAV	95	A

NOVELTY DOUBLE CENTER

<u>VALLEY PORCUPINE</u>	<u>7610</u>	<u>NX</u>	<u>LB</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>STH-</u>	<u>02*</u>	<u>US</u>
STEVE O	7612	NX	FL	17		THA-	17*	
KUNG FU KITTY	7613	NX	DB	22		THA-	20	US
VISTA MINNIE	7613	NX	DB	43	D	HRG-	11	US

PEONY FLOWERING - over 2 inches

JACS SNOWFLAKE	8001	PE	W	29		STU-	17	US
<u>LAKE HILLS CREAMSICLE</u>	<u>8003</u>	<u>PE</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>75</u>		<u>WAA-</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>US</u>
STILLWATER RASPBERRY	8013	PE	DB	15		BRU-	04	US

MICRO PEONY FLOWERING - up to 2 inches

JACS KYLE	8101	MPE	W	62		STU-	08	US
<u>ELVIRA</u>	<u>8105</u>	<u>MPE</u>	<u>DP</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>EC-</u>	<u>94*</u>	<u>US</u>

ANEMONE FLOWERING

SANDIA SUNBONNET	8202	AN	Y	24		BOL-	15	US
SANDIA BROCADE	8203	AN	OR	31		BOL-	16	US
ALPEN FURY	8206	AN	R	29		M-	95	US
SANDIA BILL J	8206	AN	R	28		BOL-	16	US
MEXICO	8208	AN	L	38		JHO	08*	A
<u>LAKE HILLS SUNSET</u>	<u>8212</u>	<u>AN</u>	<u>FL</u>	<u>40</u>		<u>WAK-</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>US</u>

NOVELTY OPEN (disc) CENTER - over 2 inches

<u>KELSEY BOB</u>	<u>8613</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>DB</u>	<u>21</u>		<u>WKC-</u>	<u>17*</u>	<u>US</u>
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MICRO NOVELTY OPEN (disc) CENTER - up to 2 inches

<u>U2 ANIA</u>	<u>8705</u>	<u>MNO</u>	<u>DP</u>	<u>40</u>		<u>M-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>US</u>
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COLLARETTE - over 2 inches

ALPEN CHERUB	9001	CO	W	28		M-	87	US
BARON AUNT DOROTHY	9002	CO	Y	28	G	MNR.	13	US
<u>KELSEY ANNIE JOY</u>	<u>9003</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>G*</u>	<u>WKC-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>US</u>
ALPEN DIAMOND	9010	CO	LB	30	GG*	M-	04	US
KELSEY ARIA	9010	CO	LB	20	G*	WKC-	21	US
BLOOMQUIST SWEET	9013	CO	DB	25		BLQ-	12	US
POOH	9015	CO	BI	22		SWI-	98	US

MICRO COLLARETTE - up to 2 inches

<u>KELSEY SPIRIT</u>	<u>9107</u>	<u>MCO</u>	<u>DR</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>GG*</u>	<u>WKC-</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>US</u>
LAKE HILLS PHRED	9111	MCO	BR	24		WKC-	19	US
KELSEY RADIANCE	9113	MCO	DB	17		WKC-	12	US

ORCHID FLOWERING - over 2 inches

<u>HONKA</u>	<u>9202</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>47</u>		<u>K'</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>US</u>
MIDNIGHT STAR	9207	O	DR	25	GG*J	JNN-	09	US
RAEANN'S ALCOR	9209	O	PR	29		LOB-	19	US

MICRO ORCHID FLOWERING - up to 2 inches

<u>COBEQUID CELESTIAL STAR</u>	<u>9302</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>29</u>		<u>DEX'</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>US</u>
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ORCHETTE

VERRONE'S MORNING STAR	9401	OT	W	21	J	VEO-	11	US
RAEANN'S GEMINI	9405	OT	DP	35		LOB-	21	US

FANCY PANTS	9408	OT	L	75	J	ILR-	12	US
SB'S RED BARON	9409	OT	PR	37		BOL-	21	US

SINGLE - over 2 inches

LULU ISLAND MOM	9601	S	W	39	G	HWD-	10	C
KELSEY KRISTIE	9607	S	DR	37	GG*	WKC-	12	US
RAEANN'S ALYXANDRIA	9608	S	L	23		LOB-	19	US

MIGNON SINGLE - up to 2 inches

INFLAMMATION	9703	MS	OR	59		BA	61	H
KELSEY BUGLET	9705	MS	DP	17		WKC-	14	US
LO - RED	9706	MS	R	19		LOB-	13	US
REMBRANDT	9707	MS	DR	17		LIB-	89*	US
KELSEY DWARF	9708	MS	L	110	CGG*	WKC-	15	US
STILLWATER PLUM	9709	MS	PR	18		BRU-	04	US
LO - REDEYE	9713	MS	DB	56	G*	LOB-	14	US

Lou Paradise

ADS Bulletins via E-Mail Now Available to Overseas Dahlia Growers

During 2021 the ADS began a program to provide e-mail copies of the *ADS Bulletin* and the *Classification and Handbook of Dahlias* on a yearly basis to overseas growers beyond North, Central, and South America.

The ADS will continue this service to further connect our members in North, Central and South America with those who support the dahlia in other parts of the globe. The service is called "Overseas Supporters".

The subscription will cost \$15.00 (US) and will cover e-mail copies of the of the March, June, September, and December *ADS Bulletins*. In addition, the subscribers will receive an e-mail copy of the current *Classification and Handbook of Dahlias* each year.

The annual **Overseas Supporter** subscription is available for purchase on the ADS website (www.dahlia.org) under the ABOUT menu tab. PayPal will be used to facilitate this process and the subscriber needs to provide an email address at the time of purchase. In addition, the e-mail must be able to accept a 10MB file.

A number of overseas growers took advantage of this opportunity in 2021. We are optimistic that this number will increase as word gets out.

Harry Risetto

ADS PHOTO CONTEST 2021 RESULTS

An enjoyable aspect of curating the ADS Photo Contest is how the beautiful photos help me to look forward to this year's gardening. It's great seeing the dahlia world through your eyes and it's fun getting to know you through your notes and comments. Judging the photos is challenging, and the quality of your art is amazing.

We received over 450 entries this year. Class 2, Dahlia portraits, had the most entries. The hardest to judge is Class 7. Each child is so special and cute. I hope you had a chance to vote online for People's Choice. A big thank you to all photographers and to the judges (Barb M and Mike P). A huge thank you to the ADS Webmaster Sharon Swaney, Social Media Chair Anna Kandra, and Publicity Chair Larry Smith. Check out the ADS website for links to all photos in the coming months.

AND THE WINNERS ARE:

GRAND PRIZE OVERALL: My Barbara (Class 8) - Mel Epstein

Class 1 Undisseminated/Seedlings

- 1st- Mike Parrish – Seedling
- 2nd Jim Culp -Seedling
- 3rd Kay Mackey- Seedling
- HM- Alysia Obina - Peach

Class 2 Dahlia Portraits

- 1st - Mel Epstein -Bloomquist Jean
- 2nd - Larry Smith- Abbey
- 3rd - Louise Henriksen- Valley Porcupine
- HM - Eric Anderson- Raeann's Alcor

Class 3 Multiple blooms

- 1st - John Erve- Kelgai Ann
- 2nd - Robert Leonelli-Clearview Edie
- 3rd - Barry Oster - Mini Ball and Balls
- HM- Mike Parrish- Dahlia Blooms

Class 4 Gardens

- 1st - Linda Laine- Westerville, Ohio
- 2nd - Anne Maria Jacobson- Garden View
- 3rd - Robert Fackovec- East Coast Trial Garden
- HM - Alysia Obina- Garden

Class 5 Shows and Personalities

- 1st - John Erve- Peace Dancer
- 2nd - Gerald Kloc – Rochester Show
- 3rd - Jeff Laine- National Show
- HM - Deborah Dietz- Cheerleader

Class 6 Critters

- 1st - Kay Mackey- KA's Rosie Jo
- 2nd- Linda Laine- Whisper
- 3rd - Larry Smith - Alloway Candy
- HM- Harvey Tatel - Hummingbird

Class 7 Kids

- 1st - Aliaksandra Lapytska -
Jowey Linda and Solemaya Baby Girl
- 2nd - Gerald Kloc - Noah with Pineland's Princess
- 3rd - Harvey Tatel - Whitely with Clearview Edie
- HM- Brooke Gordon - Café au Lait and Peaches n Cream

Class 8 Digital Darkroom

- 1st - Mel Epstein -My Barbara
- 2nd - John Erve- Dahlia in the Rain
- 3rd - Robert Leonelli- Pencil Art
- HM - Anne Maria Jacobson- Kelsey Dwarf

Class 9 Macro

- 1st - Larry Smith- seedling
- 2nd - Anne Maria Jacobson- Bloomquist Jean
- 3rd - Louise Henriksen- Tahoma Taboo
- HM - Kay Mackey- Hollyhill Snowfire



ADS Insurance Requests

Society Name: _____
Contact Person: _____
email Address: _____

Title: _____
Phone: _____

To All Participating Societies:

The ADS will continue the General Liability Insurance Program for the 2022-2023 year.

Your cost is determined by society membership with no additional charge for Certificates of Insurance as may be required to cover show sites (malls, shopping centers, etc.).

Cost will be as follows (check the appropriate box):

- ☐ Class 1 - From 10 to 50 members \$40.00
- ☐ Class 2 - From 51 to 75 Members \$80.00
- ☐ Class 3 - From 76 to 100 or more \$100.00
- ☐ For NEW or SOCIETIES with 9 members or less the cost would be \$25.00

Please indicate how many of your members are paid ADS members and how many are paid local society members each, not by couples, so we can better track our insurance costs.

ADS members _____ Non ADS members _____ Total _____

Coverage will be as follows:

GENERAL LIABILITY Limits, all in aggregate.

- General \$4,000,000
- Products - Completed Operations \$2,000,000
- Personal Injury & Advertising Injury \$2,000,000
- Damage to Premises Rented to You \$1,000,000
- Medical Expense \$10,000

Operations

The coverage is for activities of the society for twelve months of the year, for all events for the year. Effective March 15, 2022 to March 15, 2023.

Send a check payable to the ADS for the applicable amount and return it with a completed application form. This application must be on file before coverage can be effective. To assure a prompt and timely response, we must have receipt of the completed form at least 30 days prior to your event and NO LATER than June 15, 2022 for any form to be processed in a timely manner. You will not be sent any forms by mail. Please use or copy the page in the March ADS Bulletin, or the members insurance section on the ADS website.

Mel Epstein
401 254 5083
melepstein@earthlink.net

Return form to:
Mel Epstein
411 Poppasquach Rd
Bristol RI 02809

Certificate of Insurance Request Form

Are you a current, active member of your organization?

Yes

No

This Certificate request form is for professional individuals, clubs, and chapters.

Name of Organization / Association:

Name / Chapter Name

Name, Title, & Address of insured/Member Requesting Certificate:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

How would you like the Certificate of Insurance sent to you?

Fax to:

Insured:

Certificate Holder:

Email to:

Insured:

Certificate Holder:

Mail to:

Insured:

Certificate Holder:

1. Name of event:

2. Location of the event (Name and Address):

3. Date of the event/function:

4. Name of entity (including mailing address) requesting proof of liability coverage:

5. Is the entity requesting to be named as an Additional Insured? Yes No

Does the additional insured own the event location? Yes No

If no, please provide explanation of relationship between your club and the entity requesting the Additional Insured status:

6. With regards to this event is your club/group:

Sponsoring Yes No

Volunteering Yes No

Participating Yes No

7. Please list your/your club's function and/or activities for the event

(Explain exactly what your role is with respect to the event.

More information is needed other than simply " sponsoring/volunteering):

Please explain the Additional Insured's role/actions in the event:

Is alcohol being served? Yes No

Is food being served? Yes No

Is this an athletic event? Yes No

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Date:

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The 55th Annual American Dahlia Society Show and Exhibition

Hosted by The National Capital Dahlia Society

September 22 through September 25, 2022

The National Capital Dahlia Society invites you to attend the ADS 55th Annual Show and Exhibition. We have been working diligently on planning a busy and memorable four days filled with spectacular blooms and exciting places to visit. Greater metropolitan Washington D.C. encompasses a tri-state area that has attractions for every taste.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Our show will be hosted by the Sheraton Hotel in Reston, Virginia which has recently undergone a \$40 million renovation. The hotel is located less than 7 miles from Dulles Airport and will have a shuttle service from Dulles Airport to the hotel. It is easily accessible to the DC Metro and area attractions. The hotel has a 24-hour fitness facility, free wi-fi, ample free self-parking, and a shuttle bus to nearby Reston Town Center - a large restaurant, shopping and entertainment complex.

Hotel rates are as follows: \$129 per night for a single; \$139 per night for a double; \$149 for a triple plus applicable state and local taxes. Rates will be available 2 days prior to September 22 and 2 days after September 25. To make a reservation, the Sheraton may be called directly at 1-800-325-3535. Reference "ADS 2022 Show" in order to receive the preferred rates. Cut-off date for hotel reservations at these preferred rates is August 30, 2022. An online hotel link for reservations will be provided on our website and in the June Bulletin.

THURSDAY EVENING – MEET & GREET

For those arriving on Thursday, NCDS will be hosting a Hospitality reception at the hotel from 6 – 10pm. The registration table will be open for picking up your goody bag and show program. Light appetizers will be served and a cash bar available at the reception. This event will be an opportunity to relax and reconnect with dahlia friends from all over the country.

FRIDAY – GARDENS & SPACE CENTER

Friday's optional tour will begin with a visit to our Mid-Atlantic Trial Garden located in Derwood, Maryland within Montgomery County Agricultural History Farm Park. Derwood is a 455-acre site that features various experimental gardens as well as farm exhibits, live animals & trails. The next stop will be Brookside Gardens, an incomparable, award-winning 50-acre public display garden situated within Wheaton Regional Park. Included within the complex are many distinct garden areas for

aquatic plants, azaleas, roses, perennials, yews and maples, as well as a Japanese style garden and Fragrance garden. We will have lunch at this location. Our final stop will bring us back to Virginia to visit the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum located a few miles from our hotel. The Udvar-Hazy Center displays thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including the Space Shuttle *Discovery* and a Concorde, in two large hangars. Other exhibits showcase human space flight, World War II aviation, and vertical flight. Flight simulators and restoration projects in process will be on display and viewable from a glassed-in mezzanine. Back at the hotel, Friday evening will be on your own, and free to stage blooms and enjoy dinner at a walkable distance restaurant or within Reston Town Center, 1.7 miles from the hotel. The Sheraton does provide a free shuttle.

SATURDAY – SHOW DAY!

In addition to the horticulture entries, we are featuring an Artistic Design section with a theme that showcases metropolitan D.C. attractions from our tri-state area. Included in this section is an Invitational Design in an over-sized martini glass open to out-of-town guests only; the Show Committee will provide the containers for this class. The AD section does require advance registration to reserve your space. Class descriptions and information is provided on our website, www.nationalcapitaldahlia.org. The Photography Section entry information will be detailed on our website and in the June Bulletin. We will also feature a Dahlia Boutique with dahlia-themed shirts, aprons and small gifts available for sale. Saturday's luncheon will be a deli-style buffet. The afternoon will feature a roster of speakers focusing on our favorite flower, a judging workshop and general gardening topics such as Flower Photography. A complete list of speakers will be available on our website and in the June Bulletin. Saturday evening festivities take place in the Sheraton's newly renovated Ballroom that will also display the Dahlia Court of Honor. Cocktails begin at 6pm, followed by dinner and the Awards Presentation.

SUNDAY – ALL-AROUND TOWN D.C. TOUR

Sunday will begin with the ADS Classification Meeting, followed by the Annual Meeting. We are sponsoring an optional afternoon bus tour to D.C. that will include the Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, World War II, FDR and Jefferson Memorials, as well as the White House and U.S. Capitol and may include other sights, time permitting. A professional tour guide will discuss the various landmarks from the bus; there will only be two or three planned stops. A box lunch is included. The tour will be approximately 5 hours and will be available with a minimum sign up of 25 guests. Sunday evening is dinner on your own and an evening speaker program.

ON YOUR OWN

If you are planning to come early and/or stay late in our area, there are many other educational and intriguing places to visit, this is just a sampling:

The International Spy Museum, a private non-profit museum which documents the tradecraft, history, and contemporary role of espionage. It holds the largest collection of international espionage artifacts on public display. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. www.spymuseum.org

The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum, education, and research complex, with 21 museums that feature art, architecture, sculpture, gardens and the National Zoo. www.si.edu

Historic Oatlands Mansion is a National Trust site and encompasses 360 acres and features a Greek Revival mansion, circa 1804, guided tours and lovely gardens. www.oatlands.org

Virginia Wine Country – Virginia is home to more than 300 wineries, many of them within nearby Loudoun County and easy driving distance from the hotel. Wineries feature beautiful locations, stunning tasting rooms, and plenty of unique tours.

Mount Vernon - the historic home of America's first president, George Washington, is open to visitors 7 days a week. Plan to tour the house, farm, gardens and tomb, as well as the out-buildings that display 18th century trades and crafts.

Harper's Ferry – A historic town in West Virginia best known for John Brown's raid in 1859. Now the site of a National Historical Park, it has 19th-century buildings, a Civil War Museum and John Brown's Fort. The National Capital Dahlia Society is looking forward to hosting dahlia enthusiasts from across the United States. Make plans to come to Reston to exhibit your beautiful blooms and enjoy our sights. Have a great growing season! See you in September!

Kathleen Hoxie, Show Co-Chair
Rich Gibson, Show Co-Chair

ADS SHOW REGISTRATION

American Dahlia Society 55th National Show
Hosted by: THE NATIONAL CAPITAL DAHLIA SOCIETY
At The Sheraton Reston Hotel, Reston, Virginia
September 22 – September 25, 2022

Registrant #1 Name: _____

Registrant #2 Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____

Best Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home Dahlia Society: _____

FULL REGISTRATION includes: Show Registration, Thursday Hospitality Reception, Saturday lunch, workshops/seminars and Saturday evening Awards Banquet.

EXHIBITOR, JUDGE AND CLERK INFORMATION

EXHIBITORS:

Exhibiting blooms? ____ Yes ____ No Approximate Number ____

Class: Novice ____ Youth (18 & under) ____ Small Grower (Fewer than 100 hills) ____

Open to All ____

Will you bring ADS seedlings to be scored on the bench? ____ Yes ____ No Approx # ____

Will you exhibit in Artistic Design? ____ Yes ____ No PREREGISTRATION REQ'D by Sept. 5.

Contact K. Hoxie (kathleenhoxie@aol.com) or H. Fisher (hrmfisher601@yahoo.com)

Do you want entry tags mailed to you? ____ Yes ____ No Number ____

JUDGES

Will you judge? ____ Yes ____ No

1st Judge's Name _____ Senior ____ Accredited ____ Candidate ____

2nd Judge's Name _____ Senior ____ Accredited ____ Candidate ____

CLERKS

Will you clerk? ____ Yes ____ No

1st Clerk's Name: _____ Clerking Experience? ____ Yes ____ No

2nd Clerk's Name: _____ Clerking Experience? ____ Yes ____ No

Will you attend the Thursday evening Hospitality reception (6-10pm)? ____ Yes ____ No

When do you plan to arrive? ____ Thursday ____ Friday ____ Saturday

Send your completed registration form and Exhibitor/Judge/Clerk Information forms along with a check or money order (US funds only) made payable to: **NCDS or National Capital**

Dahlia Society to: Nancy Mossburg, Registrar

ADS 2022 Show

38430 Piggott Bottom Road

Hamilton, VA 20158

Email questions about bloom entries to Rich Gibson at rmgibson62@hotmail.com and general show questions to Kathleen Hoxie at kathleenhoxie@aol.com. Check for more information on our website, including Show Program and Artistic Design Schedule, when available, at www.nationalcapitaldahlia.org.

\$135.00 (US) per person, by August 25, 2022

Number ____ x \$135 = \$ ____

\$155.00 (US) per person, AFTER August 25

Number ____ x \$155 = \$ ____

OPTIONAL TOURS

Friday Tour - Gardens and Space Center

Number ____ x \$55 = \$ ____

Sunday All-Around DC Tour (minimum 25 people)

Number ____ x \$50 = \$ ____

SATURDAY LUNCH & SPEAKERS ONLY

Saturday luncheon and Seminars/Workshops Only

Number ____ x \$50 = \$ ____

MEALS INFORMATION

Saturday Dinner and Awards Banquet:

Registrant #1

Registrant #2

Chicken Entrée

Salmon Entrée

Vegetarian Entrée

Special Dietary Needs: Please specify

All dinners include salad, rolls, dessert and coffee. More meal detail in June Bulletin.

PROGRESS IN THE STUDY OF VIRUS IN DAHLIAS

In 2015 the ADS reinvigorated the study of virus in dahlias at Washington State University (WSU). Research activities by Professor Hanu Pappu at the University promised to provide key directions for the reduction of virus in our dahlia gardens. Financial support by the Scheetz-Chuey Foundation made it possible to significantly grow the research activities at the University and to provide the basis for practical field research activities studying the behavior of dahlia viruses in our member home gardens. A great deal of knowledge has evolved over the last six years of effort. This article will focus on the practical, home garden, ramifications of that knowledge.

Clean Stock – The best source for clean plants and a clean garden in 2022 will be the plants that were tested in 2021 and found to be free of virus. In 2017, the field research focused on testing clean plants from 2016. Thirty-eight percent of those plants were found to have virus in '17. We were disappointed in that result but we at the same time found that 52.8% of the plants that had not been tested in '16 were positive for virus in '17 and literally 100% of the plants that were positive in '16 were also positive in '17. ("If in doubt, throw it out" is still a good strategy.) It became clear in subsequent years that the disappointingly high 38% number could at least partially be explained in terms of the absence of disinfecting of the tools in many gardens.

The ADS will continue to provide support for a Clean Stock initiative for member clubs across the country. The project provides the opportunity for each ADS society to send samples for testing at WSU, with the idea that the stock found to be free of virus will be used for propagation and sale in 2023. ADS members should encourage their clubs to take advantage of this way to make valuable, clean dahlia stock available to their clubs. Details for this offense are available on the ADS website, dahlia.org.

Different Behaviors for Different Dahlia Viruses – It would be convenient if each of the known viruses that affect dahlias behaved the same. The field work has shown, however, different results for the different viruses. One key observation has been that Dahlia Mosaic Virus, Dahlia Common Mosaic Virus, and Cucumber Mosaic Virus have been virtually absent from test results over the last 4 or 5 years. We do not understand why that is the case; research work at WSU shows that we would still be able to detect those viruses if they were present – that is, the absence is not a "false" negative. Another striking difference among the viruses is in their persistence in the stock from one year to the next. Tobacco Streak Virus, TSV, is almost always retained from one year into the next. Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus, TSWV, is frequently present in the subsequent

generation. Impatiens Necrotic Spot Virus, INSV, on the other hand, is almost always absent in the plants in the subsequent generation. Thus, while it is always best to discard all plants that test positive, one could argue that there is a minimal risk in continuing to grow plants that test positive for INSV.

Symptomology – Each of the three viruses commonly found in our dahlia gardens, TSV, INSV, and TSWV, exhibit a wide range of symptoms. On the one extreme, they can all exist in plants that are completely asymptomatic. On the other extreme, they can cause obvious stunting of the plant and strong spotting, streaking, and yellowing of the foliage. Symptomatic plants should, of course, be removed from the garden. Flickr files (<https://www.flickr.com/photos/141837887@N08/albums>) from Linda Taylor provide extensive documentation of those symptoms.

Spreading Viruses – Thrips are the insect uniquely responsible for spreading the three viruses commonly found in our dahlia gardens. (See Prof. Pappu's article in the March 2018 ADS Bulletin.) A myriad of plants serve as hosts to thrips, including dahlias and a number of weeds. It is virtually impossible to anticipate the extent to which thrips will be responsible for the presence of virus in any individual garden. Those with 'thrips-friendly' weeds and plants in the near vicinity could be substantially affected by thrips. Other gardens could be less affected. Professor Pappu summarized potential procedures for controlling thrips in our gardens in an article in the March, 2019, ADS Bulletin. The article is also available on the ADS website, www.dahlia.org.

You and I and our gardening friends are the other likely "vector" for spreading virus in our gardens. One of our field research experiments in 2019 demonstrated that a single cut on a clean dahlia with a set of cutters that had not been disinfected after working on a virused plant caused the clean dahlia to become virused. Published literature from research on this topic shows that as many as 20 subsequent clean plants could be infected from a single cut on a plant with virus – if the cutters aren't disinfected. Inasmuch as plants with virus can be completely asymptomatic, it is essential that we disinfect tools after working on every single plant.

Start Clean, Get Clean, Stay Clean – Unless – One important result of the field research work is that it has demonstrated that in situations where tool disinfection practices are rigorously followed and thrips activity is not a problem, a clean garden can basically stay clean. It is also clear that a thrips problem can carry virus into that clean garden. We do not know how to determine whether thrips activity will cause a virus problem in your garden. However, it is clear that starting with clean stock and rigorous disinfection practices are essential practices for achieving that

clean garden. Clean stock and good disinfecting practices are essential but may not be sufficient!

University Research Results – In addition to the extensive virus testing activities required to support the foregoing field work, extensive progress has been made by Prof. Pappu's team on several fronts at WSU. One area of effort that will come to impact us home gardeners in a significant way is the development of the technology required to be able to use tissue culture procedures to grow tiny fragments of clean dahlias into tuber-producing, virus-free plants. That success will provide the basis for the development of a "bank" of clean dahlias available to our members. Their work also continues, of course, to expand basic knowledge of virus in dahlias and other important plant species.

Ron Miner, Professor Hanu Pappu, and the virus team: Brad Freeman, Nick Weber, Jerry Moreno, and Linda Taylor.

FEDERATION OF NW DAHLIA GROWERS PLANS SOFT LAUNCH OF LEGACY PROJECT

The FNWDG held all their meetings via Zoom during 2021, including planning meetings for the NW Dahlia Legacy Project (DLP). The DLP is growing into its second year, and the FNWDG plans a "soft launch" of the website spring of 2022. In February we are having a quarterly meeting. We will be presenting the initial profiles on the website. Last year we were able to get to a working list of dahlia giants to focus our efforts on. This will be the beginning fruits of that labor. We know this will grow volunteers to work on the Dahlia Legacy Project once they can read a few wiki pages to see exactly how beneficial capturing this information can be. Thank you to everyone that jumped on board the project out of the gates. I know we can't wait to see where this year takes us in meeting our goals and getting the "legends wiki" full of information. Our area has such a history in the dahlia culture, it's time to share it with the next generation of legends!

We are looking forward to having our shows this year as well as being able to gather for meetings and workshops. Best wishes to the rest of the dahlia community. Stay safe and grow stunning blooms!

Alli Richards, Regional VP, FNWDG

PLANTING TUBERS VERTICALLY

by Richard Parshall, Clearview Dahlias

As a hybridizer and a commercial dahlia grower, I very seldom end up with nice looking, sellable tubers to plant after sales are completed at the end of spring. This leaves me with the small, the skinny, the malformed, unattractive tubers that I don't deem sellable. Because they will grow fine and make good healthy plants, I plant these tubers in my garden. These misfits then produce the tubers that I will sell next season.

Because the tubers I planted were so often small and scrawny, I started several years ago to plant many of them vertically rather than the common practice of planting horizontally. With the crowns straight up, I plant them only an inch or two below ground level. As they sprout and grow, I add several layers of compost and manure throughout the growing season. I don't use chemical fertilizers or much nitrogen, as I don't want abundant foliage or overly large tubers. Because of the shallow planting, I don't add amendments to the hole at planting. That will come with the first layer of manure or compost. Keep in mind that dahlias are surface feeders, and any fertilizer placed in the planting hole should be added above the tuber. Some dahlia varieties produce tubers that can't be planted vertically as they make skinny necked tubers with a bulbous mass several inches from the crown. Hamari Accord and one of its progeny, Clearview Lily, comes to mind. I plant these tubers diagonally with their crowns just below the surface and their bulbous ends slanted down diagonally on a sloping bed of soil as far as necessary.

I also cut off the ends of larger fat tubers, leaving only a couple of inches at the crown end to plant potato fashion. Remember, that entire tuber mass is only nutrition for the growing plant and therefore can inhibit them from sending out feeder roots and new tubers – if feeding off a large mother tuber, they don't need to do this. As growers, we want more root development. I often cut these large tubers as I plant - a friend refers to it as "chop and drop". (fig. 1) They don't need to callus over before planting, as they will accomplish that underground as quickly as above ground. I have discovered several advantages of planting using this method. First, if the mother tuber is vertical, the newly developing tubers have a tendency to fan out "teepee fashion" from the crown, making dividing the clump much easier in the fall. (fig. 2) A second advantage is that the vertically planted tuber does not lie flat six inches underground, which can be a problem for those of us who grow in heavy soils with a lot of clay. Vertically planted tubers will shed water down their length. They are less likely to rot from excess moisture, caused by puddles from heavy rain or watering. The third advantage is mostly for those growers with a small space for growing their favorite flower. Planting vertically allows growers to plant

closer together without the tubers getting too tangled. This method also works well for planting in pots.

If I haven't convinced you to plant your whole dahlia patch using the vertical planting method, then I challenge you plant a few vertically this spring as an experiment to see if it might work for you. Remember as Mikey's brothers used to say in the old Life Cereal ads, "He likes it!"

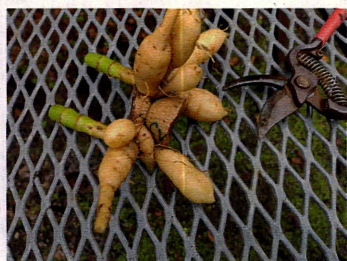


Fig. 1 Chop & Drop



Fig. 2 "Teepee" Fashion from mother tuber

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KAOLIN CLAY FOR DAHLIAS

by Tony Evangelista

Kaolin, also called China clay, is a soft white clay that is an essential ingredient in the manufacturing of china and porcelain and is widely used in the making of paper, rubber, paint and many other products. Kaolin is named after the hill in China (Kao-ling) from which it was mined for centuries (1). It is also used in the beauty industry as a component of facial masking to benefit human skin.

I first became aware of the use of kaolin clay on dahlias from John Menzel of Winkie Dahlias in Australia. Sadly, the dahlia world lost John this past year so unfortunately I was unable to get further input from him for this article. John used kaolin clay as a sunscreen to protect the tender shoots of his dahlias from heat stress. Temperatures often exceeded 100 degrees F., and spells of 115 were not uncommon. John would apply the kaolin clay for protection before a forecasted period of intense heat. He grew dahlias in the desert successfully by using the clay applications and pulse watering.

I became interested in kaolin clay because I grow my first year dahlia seedlings in a community garden. There are scores of vegetable gardens surrounding my plot, and no shade throughout the day. My seedlings were thus subjected to all day sun, heat and a full spectrum of insect pests. Vegetable gardens really attract the pests. In previous years I regularly sprayed with organic products but was still often overwhelmed with leaf hoppers, cucumber beetles, etc.

So I decided to try Surround WP (wetable powder), which is labeled as a crop protectant and is certified for organic gardening. A 25 pound bag cost about \$40, and I sprayed regularly about once weekly. Rain would wash off some of the product, and, of course, new growth would need to be sprayed as it developed. I found the product quite effective at deterring insects. I don't think they liked either the presence of the dried powder itself or it could possibly have been a sight deterrent or both. I also observed a significant decrease in the amount and degree of wilting on bright hot sunny days.

Surround is compatible with JMS Stylet Oil, a highly refined mineral oil, that I use regularly. I used one tablespoon of the JMS Stylet Oil and 3 cups of Surround per gallon. I found my two gallon hand pump sprayer to be best suited for this application as it was much easier to clean than my battery sprayer, which had more of a tendency to clog up. The spray mixture must be periodically agitated by shaking to ensure the product

remains in suspension. The product is easily applied to provide a uniform coverage of all plant surfaces.

NovaSource, the company that makes Surround, states that the best results are obtained by applying the product before pests arrive. I sprayed my seedlings immediately after planting and thought it minimized transplant shock. The company representative I spoke with said that leaves sprayed with Surround were 7-12 degrees cooler than those not sprayed. I questioned them about whether their product could be a rabbit, slug and deer repellent, but the representative didn't know. As a side note, I did use diatomaceous earth instead of Surround by mistake on one of my applications, and it also seemed to work well with no damage to the dahlias.

The leaves are really white after spraying, but it did not seem to affect growth. The clay is extremely difficult to wash off foliage once applied. It is therefore not suitable for use on exhibition dahlias. However, I did spray Surround on my exhibition garden but stopped at the end of July, one month before our show season. I did observe a dramatic decrease in leaf hopper damage on my exhibition dahlias. Leaf hoppers are usually my major pest problem especially in June and July.

In conclusion, I was very pleased with the results of Surround on my dahlias and plan to use it again in the coming season. It definitely decreased my insect pest pressure while not affecting the beneficial insects. It also decreased heat stress and the resulting heat damage. I would love to hear of anyone else's experiences with kaolin clay so I can pass them on.

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Surround WP used on community garden dahlia. Seedling plot that Tony & daughter Liz were inspecting



Surround WP used on home dahlia garden

GROWING DAHLIAS ON A ROCKY SIDE HILL ON VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA

I met my husband John almost 15 years ago and moved to the farm the summer of 2007. Although he knew basically nothing about growing dahlias at that time, he knew how important it was to me to continue growing. I had grown and shown dahlias for 17 years and did not want to quit growing. As a result, we began Connie's Dahlias. The property from the road above the house to the bottom fencing is on a slope of roughly 20 - 30%. The soil is clay based with lots of rocks, and I was adamant about growing in raised beds. We are not getting any younger, with both of us in our mid to late 70's.

By January of 2008, we had begun construction of the first two 4' x 32' beds using landscape logs readily available on the West Coast. FYI, landscape logs are all cut to 8 feet in length and about 4 1/2" in diameter, then re-sawn to make two flat sides for nailing or screwing together. John had a huge pile of dirt from an excavation on the addition to the house. Bless that man - he screened yards and yards of that dirt, removing rocks and roots, slowly filling those first two beds above the house. Over the next couple years, we built a total of seven beds in the upper garden, slowly reducing the huge pile of dirt. We had filled all the retaining wall bricks along the driveway with rocks and put their caps on. Those retaining walls are going nowhere!

A year or so later, John designed a 'Manumatic' watering system with a shutoff valve on the bottom raised bed that controlled water to the entire upper garden. He used white 5/8" PVC pipe with emitters drilled in. We



used 90-degree, 180 degree and 360s depending on where they are being put and whether it is a central line down the center of the bed or a peripheral line around the inside edge of each bed. We built the RH side of the upper garden first with 5 beds, two 16'x 4', two 32'x 4' and the top one 20' x 4', all marching east-to-

west up the slope. These were joined together with plumbing pipe and a shut-off valve on the east end of each bed. This irrigation connection from bed-to-bed, buried under the path between each bed, is 4' wide, allowing us to water a couple beds at a time. At this point we were still working with our old well, at 8 gallons a minute and our new well was still a dream. Next, we built two stepped beds running north-south, which were trickier, with each 4' wide and 32' long conforming to the slope. The watering system for these two beds had to be custom fitted for the various sections of the beds. Initially both were fitted with a central line - and are now

gradually being replaced with a peripheral line to give better coverage. To accommodate these two beds, John installed a 'Manifold' at the east end of the top 20' long east-west bed, tying all 7 beds together. Finally, we had a new well installed - although expensive, we now had the ability to water at a rate of 25 gallons a minute – it was wonderful!!

We hired a carpenter to build a shed to be our “greenhouse and storage for winter.” Twelve feet wide and twenty feet long with power and good lights, the building's many windows allowed us to take advantage of our



southern exposure. Connie's Dahlias was really ramping up, outgrowing this shed within 2 years – not to mention that is really didn't work as both a greenhouse and dahlia storage. I've now covered all the windows with two layers of silver foil insulation and am using it exclusively as our tuber storage room and tuber splitting area.

We then bought a used greenhouse 12' x 20', which is plastic covered. We got it set up for spring of the following year. We acquired a couple of tables with heating cables which we set up and covered with sand. We then came across 3 more tables that were 4' square, which we set up with 4" sidewalls with heating cables. These 4' tables run up the center of the greenhouse and the two narrow ones run down the north wall and the east end. They are all run on hydro and do a decent job of keeping the greenhouse much warmer than the outside temperature during March. We start all



the tubers that we grow in those beds in pots 3"x 5" tall and keep clear domes over them until the plants are too tall for them. Each bed has black PVC pipe arches mounted on long screws up the sides of each bed and covered in clear plastic. If the night is going to be rather cold,

we also add frost cloth on top of the clear plastic and remove it in the morning. This allows us to start more than 1,000 tubers for our use. Along the south wall we start tubers for potted plants. These are placed on 7' tables running the full length of the south side of the greenhouse. Placed on top of 20' of galvanized trays atop heat mats, it really works!

Following this, we were ready to start building raised beds below the house adjacent to the tuber shed and greenhouse next door. Over the next couple of years, we built 8 more raised beds of varying lengths looking out over the valley below us. Three of them run east-west and five of them north-south. The last bed we built was 4' wide and 52' long,

accommodating the slope that dropped in height every 8 feet.



We put shade cloth over the car-shelter frames for the summer. Facing due south, it can get very hot here during July and August. In 2021, we put it up in late June when British Columbia experienced a 'heat dome' that brought record breaking temperatures for about 10 days. The shade cloth and daily watering saved the dahlias.

Our pile of rocky soil is almost gone and we are still considering another bed or two - we will see. We had over 800 tubers in the ground for the summer of 2021 plus another 100 in friends' gardens. It has been a busy 14 years and we are not done yet, by any means!

Cheers from Vancouver Island, B.C.
Connie and John Thompson

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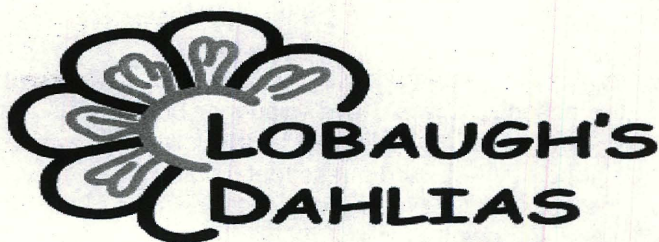
By Ramona Kuiper

Hello – I hope everyone is well. As I look out the window, I see some snow – after all, I'm writing this in January! But I can't help but think that it won't be long until spring. You've got to keep a positive attitude and not get the winter drolls. I have to share a cute story. My Mister, being a Dutch man, has very fond memories of his mom making the Dutch donuts called Oliebollen. "I can just taste them..." he told me. Well, we decided to make some. After getting all the ingredients we needed, we couldn't find his mom's recipe. After searching the internet, we found one that sounded like Mom's. He made up the dough, letting it rise while he ran a couple errands. When he got home, he announced that the ballgame was on, so our kid says "It's OK, Dad – I'll cook them." The deep fryer was full of fresh oil, but it turned out that the dough didn't rise properly. When she tried to cook them, they came out like hockey pucks! We were sad, but decided since we couldn't eat them, maybe the squirrels would like them. We threw a couple out to them, and they thought it was a luxury – 2 squirrels, 2 Oliebollen! They carried them up the nearest trees where they sat down and took a bite...and dropped them like "What the heck is this?" One squirrel wasn't ready to give up, going down to retrieve both of them, but after another bite or two, dropped them again. Pretty soon the other squirrel came along and buried them. Maybe they expect them to get better with age – but I really don't think so! The rest of the dough balls went in the garbage. I felt sorry for the Mister - he really had his heart set on that Dutch treat. I told him to just let this be a precious memory from your mom. I sure don't know what went wrong with them, but apparently maybe we were just not supposed to have them this year. Sometimes our memories are better just left alone - but later I went through the stack of recipes and found his mom's. Maybe we'll try it again for Valentine's Day. They may not be his mom's, but maybe they will taste ok.

One early morning last December, we received an unexpected phone call to come to the hospital, where Steve's younger brother was in for heart surgery. Just the day before he'd joked with us that he would get this done and be good as new. But I guess that it was just his time to depart our world – he passed away from complications. They kept him on life support for a couple house so everyone could come say their goodbyes. We all were in shock. When it came time for the memorial at the end of December, Steve – who never gets sick – came down with a virus, and our kid did too. Not wanting to pass anything on, we stayed home. It seemed that so much happened so quickly – life sure has its twists and turns. On another sad note, Kathy Franklin, a dear dahlia friend also passed away. She loved poms, and she and husband Dan both loved hummingbirds, with dozens eating from their feeders.

As I write this, it is sunny out. My Mister decided to go check on the tubers and found that many were lost. He and our kid have looked and looked at the dahlia websites for varieties to grow this year. It's a special year, with our club hosting the Midwest Show this September. It will be in Shippshewana, an Amish town with shops, friendly people and lots to see and enjoy. It's fun to see what other growers bring to a show, and to talk to people who ask what these beautiful things are called and where can I get some to grow?

Well folks, we hope 2022 is good for you and that you all keep healthy, happy and grow lots of dahlias. Don't be afraid to try new varieties and enjoy the competitions. Dahlia gardens are a place where exquisite beauty is found, especially when the sun hits in a certain way or dew drops glisten in the morning. We once had a visitor with cancer and little chance of survival. She asked if she could come over and walk through the garden, where she felt tranquility and peace - the dahlias soothed her soul. Another time, when my sister was told she had cancer, she walked through the dahlias and said, "I just know this will be what heaven is like - so beautiful." Look positive to the joy that dahlias spread and appreciate life's beauty. Find the best in others, give of one's self, laugh often and find enthusiasm in the simple joys of life. May every day be a blessing to you.



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TAG YOUR PLANTS WITH ACCURACY

By Robert Fakovic, MidIsland Dahlia Society

As we approach the start of our dahlia growing season, I thought I would share with how I have been more successful with one of the end-of-season tasks. It can be difficult to keep the correct name tags with the right tuber clumps at the end of the season, especially when preparing to dig them up. I have tried moving my tags to the base of the plant and putting them around the stem there before cutting the stalks off the plants. Sometimes this works and sometimes it doesn't – sometimes doing this can result in tags being blown off by the wind, as the stems tend to dry out before you dig the clump. If you've been lucky enough to keep your plants properly tagged all season, you certainly don't want to mix them up or lose them now. Over the past few years, I've addressed this challenge by attaching the name tags to a "tent stake," and found that the long yellow ones work great! They are easy to see, easy to secure in the ground and if well-attached, your plant tags don't come off. The stakes usually have a hole on top where you can pass through the wire, string or whatever works for you. I have used this method for a few seasons and like how it works for me. Give it a try, I think you'll like it.



A well tagged garden



Getting the name right is important

POWDERY MILDEW (PM) "THE NEMESIS OF NW GARDENS"

by Paul Kusche, President, Kitsap County DS
Master Gardener-WSU - Kitsap County Washington,
Master Gardener-U of I - Bonner County, Idaho

The 2021 growing season in the Northwest was not without issues. I have been growing dahlias for over 20 years but have never experienced the onslaught of Powdery Mildew (PM) like in 2021. In fact, for 17 years in Sandpoint, Idaho I never had to deal with the issue. So why this year? Why Olalla, Washington? When things break or fail in the food manufacturing world we always asked the question "What changed?", "What did we do differently to cause the issues?". As a Washington State University (WSU) and a University of Idaho (U of I) Master Gardener, the challenge was to try and figure out why in 2021 I got to enjoy the issues of Powdery Mildew. 2021 marked our 4th year in the garden and the soil composition was now pretty stable. Since 2018, I'd used the same planting and fertilizing methods, so those were not issue, although I did make some watering changes. To find answers, I spent July, August, September and some of October researching the problem through WSU, U of I, Oregon State University (OSU) and anywhere else I could find facts. My findings:

- 1) PM is unique to each plant. I thought the viburnum near my garage might be the problem so I relocated and eventually removed it, only to find that the species on viburnum is not related to that on my dahlias. PM species are unique to every plant.
- 2) PM, while it is unique for each plant, needs to be treated all about the same.
- 3) PM seldom kills the host plant but increases plant respiration and transpiration, causing water and nutrient loss, interfering with photosynthesis. No wonder leaves dried out and plants performed poorly.
- 4) When I looked for a solution I found 102 plants referenced in the Pacific Northwest Disease Management Handbook but not any dahlias. Poring over these references was interesting and somewhat helpful. At least I know my dahlias were not alone.
- 5) So what is PM? It is an "Obligate Parasite." The organism totally depends on a living host for its nutrient. It lives outside the host. It resides on plants and is basically always there. It does not live in the soil but is most likely on the soil on old leaves and unclean compost. You can bring it in from a nursery or another dahlia field. It is most commonly spread by wind (1) splashing water (2) and insects (3).
- 6) The spores that land on the leaves (it loves young leaves) create hyphae that penetrate the leaf, have a rapid monocycle from germination through spore production, liberation, deposition and

germination again. To stop the spread you have to stop the cycle, starting with germination.

- 7) To germinate it requires atmospheric water (humidity), 70-80 degree temperatures, low light, declining plant foliage and low relative humidity during the day and relatively high humidity at night. As you might conclude, our 2021 summer was a perfect petri dish. Our hot 100+ days, with cooler nights, too many closely-planted dahlias and lots of watering created an ideal environment for germination. I compounded my issues by changing my growing practices, shutting down my overhead watering for fear I would run out of well-water (92 days without rain), instead using hose watering (lots of splashing). I had no idea that water on the leaves served as a deterrent to the development of the spores and that the wind we experienced was simply blowing around the spores more rapidly than I could treat the plants. I had been actively pulling off the lower leaves and reducing the number of laterals, but with 1200 plants that is a real challenge.
- 8) I also learned that once you get an outbreak of PM you cannot kill it. You can only slow it down, contain or retard its development. Most commercial products are made for prevention and control, not elimination. My one and done treatment just was not enough.
- 9) The best place to stop PM is before it starts. Early detection is the first line of defense. Building a healthy plant immune system, fertilizing with a systemic fertilizer, keeping your plants healthy with constant watering. Morning watering gives your plants a chance to dry off, keeping the environment less humid. Drip irrigation is better than overhead but in periods of high heat overhead watering can help keep your leaves from turning dry.
- 10) If you have to contain, treatment is not a one and done strategy. Some fungicides must be applied on all sides of the plant leaves every 7 to 10 days, and other products, every week until weather improves.

What treatments/fungicides can you use? We can group them in protectants and eradicants or both. Below is a list of the most common:

Sulfur – Good PM Control, functions as a protectant so apply it in advance. It is the natural go-to choice for organic gardeners. It kills the spores but has a short residual. Apply it weekly and good coverage is mandatory. It is available in dust or wettable powder. Do not apply in periods of high temperature.

Water – Friend or Foe? Water can create high humidity but it can also wash off the spores before they can imbed. Spray early in the day so your leaves can dry off.

Bicarbonates – Potassium Bicarbonate is the best. Sodium

Bicarbonate is the best known home treatment, but who wants to pour salt water on their plants? Potassium Bicarbonate will eliminate PM once it is applied. Apply for protection every one to two weeks.

Commercial Soaps – Use only commercial soaps, not household. You need the correct application rates. Direct contact prevents disease spores from developing. Does not kill the fungi. Requires frequent application weekly.

Oils Work – The best are botanical (Neem or Canola). A petroleum – JMS Stylet also works. Good coverage is essential. Frequent coverage is essential.

Group 3 DMI – DMI = (Demethylation Inhibitors) or SBI (Sterol Biosynthesis Inhibiting) can help support healthy plants. Products like Bayer Advanced All-in-One, Ferti-Lome – Liquid Systemic Fungicide II and Eagle 20EW all have specialty ingredients that can support a healthy plant system and stop PW development.

Do not forget that your best practices are good cultural practices.

Proper plant spacing for good air flow, removal of lower leaves early to reduce ground splashing and early pruning of excess laterals. Use slow release fertilizers, but don't over fertilize with nitrogen. Use drip irrigation but be ready to overhead water if it get hot. Personal practices are also good. Stay out of infected dahlia beds. Clean your tools, wash your clothes after exposure, remove remaining stalks and leaves from your garden, bury or landfill infected plant material and avoid composting.

The above in a condensation of a PowerPoint prepared for the Kitsap County Dahlia Society, Master Gardeners of Kitsap County and is available in more detail by email from prkusche@gmail.com.

SHOW REGISTRATION

2022 Midwest Dahlia Conference Show
and 67th Annual Elkhart Dahlia Society Show

Hosted by the Elkhart Dahlia Society

At The Farmstead Expo Barn, 368 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN
September 9 – September 11, 2022

Registrant #1 Name _____

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FULL REGISTRATION includes Show Registration, Fri/Sat Set-up snacks, Saturday lunch, and Saturday evening banquet.

Registration is \$85 per person by Aug. 1, or \$100 per person after Aug 1.

By Aug. 1, 2022 Registrants _____ x \$85 = \$ _____

After Aug. 1 Registrants _____ x \$100 = \$ _____

Quilt raffle tickets* Quantity _____ x \$1 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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When do you plan to arrive? Fri _____ Sat _____ Approx. Time _____

How many blooms will you be exhibiting? Quantity _____

What classes do you plan to enter?

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Will you enter ADS seedlings to be scored on the bench?

No _____ Yes _____ & Quantity _____

How many Floral Arrangements will you enter? Quantity _____

How many Photographs will you enter? Quantity _____

Do you want show tags mailed to you? No _____ Yes _____ & Qty: _____

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Please let us know if you will Judge or Clerk by checking here:

Registrant #1 Senior _____ Accredited _____ Candidate _____ Clerk _____

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Registration includes a boxed lunch and an evening banquet. Banquet will be buffet style.

Box lunch includes fruit salad, chips, cookie and choice of:

Registrant #1 ham/swiss sub _____ turkey/swiss croissant _____
roast beef sub _____ veggie sub _____

Registrant # ham/swiss sub _____ turkey/swiss croissant _____
roast beef sub _____ veggie sub _____

Dinner includes salad, roll, potatoes, vegetable, pie & choice of:

Registrant #1 beef tenderloin _____ chicken marsala _____

Registrant #2 beef tenderloin _____ chicken marsala _____

Pies will be selected from the most popular entries. List a favorite pie here:

Registrant #1 _____

Registrant #2 _____

* Information on the Quilt Raffle, including pictures, is at the EDS website. Marcia Chambers pieced and donated the quilt hanging.

Hotel reservations may be made at Farmstead Inn, 370 S Van Buren St, Shipshewana, IN, by calling (206) 768-4595 and asking for the *Dahlia Show* special rate of \$134 per night, plus tax. Hotel stay includes breakfast.

Look for more information, including show program, at
www.elkhartdahliasociety.com under *Show Exhibitor*.

SOCIETY REPORTS

CENTRAL CAROLINA DAHLIA SOCIETY

Our first year (July-November) has been very successful. We have 64 members, not only from central NC, but from other parts of North Carolina, Georgia, and Massachusetts! Our programs have been well received as we try to have programs of interest to all members and to educate everyone about growing great dahlias. Programs have included topics about dahlia arrangements, digging and dividing dahlias, what the judges look for when judging dahlias at an ADS show, how to distinguish the different types of dahlias, and members sharing their favorite dahlia and why. We meet February-November, ending 2021 with a member discussion about our 2022 program schedule and finalizing our CCDS committee roles and assignments. The Program Committee plans some great educational programs in 2022 to teach the best ways to grow beautiful dahlias as well as show-quality blooms. Our Tuber Sale Committee is planning our first tuber sale in early May. In order to prepare us for our first public show in 2023, our Show Committee is planning a private dahlia show in September for CCDS members only. Our Publicity Committee is working hard to keep Facebook, Instagram, and other public sources informed about our group and encouraging membership.

Our Social Committee has, and will continue to work hard to keep us all fed and hydrated!

Our Newsletter Editor has produced a monthly newsletter that has received rave reviews from members and is a valued CCDS benefit. Another CCDS benefit we will be offering is access to dahlia growing products at discounted prices from Beaty's Fertilizer in Chattanooga, TN, with free spring delivery! This comes from piggybacking off another local horticulture society that receives the same benefit.

Since we launched CCDS late in the year (July), our officers will remain the same for 2022. CCDS Officers and Trustees agreed to extend 2021 membership through February 2023.

Respectfully submitted
Trish Sumners,
ADS Representative

CENTRAL STATES DAHLIA SOCIETY

Welcome 2022! The past two and a half years have been long and generally boring. The members of Central States Dahlia Society are looking forward to this year with anticipation in hopes that it will be less confining and more open to in-person activities. For the past three years our immediate past president Rosemarie Magura has done a fantastic job of holding our society together, leading the group with outstanding Zoom programs and great creativity. Her tireless efforts paid off with a smoothly running society during this extremely trying time. From all of the member of CSDS we send you a huge thank you. A big thank you goes out to two of our retiring directors, Hank Carlson and Tom Krewenka. They provided our society with wisdom and dedication over the years. Thank you too, to Barbara Sylvan for serving our group as secretary. We now have a new slate of officers for the years 2022-2024. We look forward to their leadership over the next two years. They are as follows:

President: George Koons
1st Vice-President: Jo Sawyer
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Membership Chair: Kevin Maloney
Treasurer: Jerry Landerholm
Classification: Marian Landerholm
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Our first program of 2022 was a viewing and discussion of the 2022 ADS New Introductions. The program was presented by Jerry Landerholm and was an interactive dialogue with the members via Zoom. Our area is still under fairly strict requirements for in-person activities so we elected to conduct our first meeting of the year via Zoom. In February we will have a guest speaker, Karin Fink, who will discuss her profession as a dahlia farmer and public speaker about dahlias. In March, experienced club members will present a how-to program on the art of dahlia propagation. The April meeting is our annual "ask the experts" program with the membership asking questions about disbudding, pruning, and the general care of their dahlia plants. In May our society will hold its plant sale at the Chicago Botanic Garden. During June through August, while not meeting formally, our society traditionally holds garden walks and an all-society picnic.

CCDS will hold its annual show at the Chicago Botanic Garden on September 17th and 18th. We are very proud of our venue and invite you to visit if you are in the area. Our neighboring societies will also be hosting shows this fall. We will have more information on their shows in the June Bulletin.

Our plant propagation teams are busy getting ready to create their wonderful dahlia plants for our upcoming sale over Mother's Day weekend at the Chicago Botanic Garden. This will be an in-person sale this year. For the last two years we have done on-line sales with pick-up locations. Our members send you our best wishes for a happy, healthy, and wonderful growing season. Be safe until we meet again.

Marian Landerholm,
ADS Representative

COLORADO DAHLIA SOCIETY

The Colorado Dahlia Society finished strong in 2021 with a successful show in September. About 8 new growers had entries with one of our larger showings in recent years for the Amateur Class. Our club is steadily growing, with around 10 new members this year. In late October, Calvin and Julie Cook hosted a Tuber Digging Workshop at Arrowhead Dahlias that was attended by over 25 people. Demonstrations on digging, dividing and storing tubers were presented. We hope that this new knowledge will help members to have more success with winter storage, which can be tricky in Colorado given our colder and drier climate.

We haven't yet had significant measurable snowfall on the Front Range of the Rockies. This factor made it possible for dahlias to continue growing through November at the Westminster City Gardens plot, which we sponsor. Club members were finally able to dig up tubers from there on November 23rd at the same time the city was putting up their holiday lighting displays!

We are looking ahead to 2022 with hopes for in-person meetings beginning in February and renewal of our public Tuber Sale after a 2-year absence. We've set a potential date of Saturday, April 9th at the Adams County Fairground location (as had been planned in Spring of 2020), where there is a larger room with a covered entry waiting area for customers. Here's hoping for a few good spring snowstorms to avoid drought conditions for our growers, and a healthy turnaround of the current viral outbreaks in our state. We want to be meeting in person and sharing our love of dahlias! Happy Spring!

Jennifer Carpenter,
ADS Representative

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA

The San Francisco Bay area did pretty well through the second, third and fourth wave of Covid; but Omicron gallops through our neighborhoods like wild horses. Too many well vaccinated and boosted are succumbing; even people who previously had some other Covid variant are clipped behind the knees and in bed. Our hospitals are overrun and understaffed. Still, we look back on 2021 with mixed feelings. Yes, most of us grew dahlias - however, the San Leandro Dahlia Society was the only one who - hosted a show - with armed guards outside the entrances enforcing mask rules. The Dahlia Dell continued, despite the city blocking all private cars from entering Golden Gate Park. This caused quite a hardship on the planters as they had to haul in all their gear, plants, fertilizers and stakes via hand wagons - no fun! Nevertheless, so many pedestrians thanked them: "We have no symphony, no theatre, no movies; we only have the Dell for entertainment." As a result, many people came multiple times to follow the season's progress. Maybe we'll get new growers as a result. Because the Powers-That-Be have not tried to ameliorate this situation, several of the 6 growers might give up and grow somewhere else. So sad and so short-sighted on the part of San Francisco's officials. The good news is that we have been getting drenched - lots

of rain! Our 10-year drought can drink its fill this year and maybe our members will be able to sustain even more dahlias in 2022.

After two years of Zoom meetings, we held an in-person holiday party, albeit without food or drink so everyone would maintain their masks. Tinnee, our president of many years, turned the gavel over to our new president, Erik. Stunning everyone, she bestowed engraved medals to the key people whom she most heavily leaned on during her tenure--Erik, Deborah, Devorah, Tony and Lou--rendering a smashing finale to her wonderful years of leadership.

In the past, Lou Paradise led a crew making cuttings in a Golden Gate Park greenhouse. Over time, these cuttings provided more than 80% of our annual Tuber and Plant Sale revenue. During this Omicron rampage, officials are questioning whether to allow our people access to the greenhouse and whether our people are willing to continue this twice weekly exercise with the added exposure it entails. So much seems so up in the air.

As we continue with our Zoom meetings, we wonder if ADS might put together a list of on-line speakers, topics, and fees if any. This would be so great for so many societies. The internet and Zoom have unified people who live far away from various dahlia hubs, allowing them to participate in ways they never could before. With most meetings held at night,

darkness and distance can be obstacles to many, especially certain older people. Instagram instantly brings garden moments to thousands of people around the world. Podcasts and YouTube videos teach us up close and personally about many aspects of dahlia growing. While there is nothing like the personal sharing of lore from hand to hand, these newfangled apps can teach us a lot.

Yours in dirt,
Deborah Dietz,
ADS Representative
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DAHLIA SOCIETY OF OHIO

The last quarter of 2021 found members of the Dahlia Society of Ohio deep into carrying out and hosting the 54th National Dahlia Show, as well as the 86th Midwest Dahlia Conference Show. Our own 90th DSO Dahlia Show was held Sept. 9-12 at the Ohio State University's Fisher Auditorium and Shisler Conference Center in Wooster, Ohio. President Jerry Moreno and many members participated in planning, publicizing and setting up the show. There were 1700 blooms displayed and enjoyed by all. Hospitality bags were given to around 150 registrants.

Three members—Todd Imhoff, Mike Weber and Bob Wenning—were awarded ADS Commemorative

Medals for their contributions to planning and staging the National Dahlia Show while Jerry Moreno, DSO president, was honored with the 2021 ADS President's Award. 2021 ADS Silver Medals were awarded to Dave Cap and Barbara Miner for their many contributions to staging shows and boutiques. Look for the excellent articles about all of them in the December 2021 ADS Bulletin.

Sadly, all our DSO meetings in 2021 were virtual, due to the pandemic. In October, DSO member Nancy Riopelle gave a PowerPoint presentation about her volunteer work at the Medina Raptor Center, where they rehab injured birds and return them to the wild if possible. In November Sharon Swaney, webmaster for the ADS as well as our society, went through all of the voluminous resources available on the ADS website to members. We also held our annual photography contest. The winners are shown on our website at: <https://dahliasocietyofohio.org/photo-contest-2021-gallery/>. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we had to cancel our holiday dinner.

Jackie Evangelista,
ADS Representative

5 VALLEYS DAHLIA & GLAD SOCIETY

At the November meeting elections were held. Dennis Tayer is our new President, Benita Jacobsen is again our VicePresident, Tami Van Soest is our new Secretary and Laura Tayer is still our Treasurer and ADS rep. This year, two different gardens were used to grow the dahlias used for our annual tuber sale. In mid-October Benita Jacobsen dug, cleaned and separated the dahlias that were grown in her garden. Several chapter members gathered in mid-November to dig and clean the rest of the dahlias grown at the Tayer garden. At the March meeting we will have a hands-on demonstration on how to separate dahlias using these dahlias and then one of our members will show the steps for taking dahlia cuttings.

The last of April we will hold our annual tuber sale at the local ACE store and then plant the leftover tubers for the next year's supply. In May we will hold a plant swap and one of our members will demonstrate how to clean and care for gardening tools. At the July meeting we will have a hands-on demonstration of how to disbud and debranch dahlias and how to stage a dahlia exhibit for the upcoming shows. Our first show will be during the Western Montana Fair at the beginning of August and our second show will be in Polson on Friday and Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

Hoping your tubers are doing well in storage and will be ready for planting this spring.

Laura Tayer, ADS Representative

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA

Our new chapter officers for 2022 are as follows:

President: Frank McComb
Vice President: Dan Pinholster
Treasurer: Cheri Felton ADS
IT: Dan Pinholster
Secretary: Chris Gleason
Membership: Kathleen Hadfield
Representative: Brenda Busby

Our chapter meetings are every other month starting in February 2022 at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Educational programs have been focusing on the needs of our new members to assist them in growing dahlias. Additionally, our President has restarted a mentoring partnership for new members wanting a mentor as a resource.

Our membership chair has continued to recruit new members and our membership is now over 100 members.

**Brenda Busby,
ADS Representative**

ELKHART DAHLIA SOCIETY

We are excited about hosting the Midwest Conference Annual Dahlia Show this September 9-11. We will be utilizing the Expo Barn at Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana for all show activities. 50 rooms have been blocked off for show registrants at a reduced price (\$134/night). Unused units will be released on August 9, and the price goes up to \$159. Register for the show by August 1 for \$85. Late registration will be \$100, so register and reserve early to save \$60. The charm of this location is that once you have settled in and set up your blooms, your bed is 100 yards in one direction, and downtown Shipshewana is 100 yards in the other direction. It's loaded with a variety of Amish shops but be sure to save some energy for the banquet. We are making plans for a great evening.

To draw in as many blooms as possible, there will be a sweepstakes award in most sections. This venue is huge and has plenty of tables. Thanks to our friends in Chicago, we should not run out of vases.

EDS usually holds elections of officers at the Jan/Feb meeting, but the current slate is on hold until after the MWDC Show. We will hold our spring Tuber Sale on May 7, hopefully at High Dive Pavilion in Elkhart. The MWDC spring meeting and plant auction will be June 4, again hopefully at High Dive. EDS will also host a judging

seminar on August 13 at the trial garden at Bonneyville Mill, Bristol, IN.

We look forward to seeing everyone this summer. Best wishes for all our gardens and those who tend them. For the most up to date info, check out elkhartdahliasociety.com or visit us at Elkhart Dahlia Society on Facebook.

Rusty Ritchie,
ADS Representative

Editor's Note: Registration information and forms for the Midwest Conference Dahlia Show have been included in this issue of The Bulletin on page 75. For more information, use the contact information listed on that registration form.

GREATER COLUMBUS DAHLIA SOCIETY

Will this Covid nightmare ever end? We had to cancel our Winter Banquet, which is one of our more enjoyable events. Most of the 2022 dahlia events are tentative at this time. Our 2022 Annual Show is scheduled for Labor Day weekend - September 3rd and 4th at the YMCA/Ohio National Guard Facility in Marysville, Ohio. Gil Graham has scheduled our root sale for April 23rd at Oakland Nurseries, 1156 Oakland Park Ave. Columbus. 10am – 1pm. Our plant sale is scheduled for May 15th at Carsonie's Restaurant, 6000 Westerville Road, Westerville, 2 – 4 PM.

Our 2022 Officers are:

Co-Presidents:

Dick Westfall & Peg VanScyoc

1st Vice President: Gill Graham

2nd Vice President: Jeff Laine

Root Sale Coordinator:

Gill Graham

Program Directors:

Jeff & Linda Laine

Recording Secretary:

Lilly Ann Siepel

Treasurer/Membership/Show

Stats: Phil Hidy

Corresponding Secretary/ADS

Rep: Ken Redd

Ken Redd,

ADS Representative

GREATER PHILADELPHIA DAHLIA SOCIETY

The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society held its annual November General Meeting on November 30, 2021 using Zoom (virtual meeting). A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dean Thomas, who passed away on November 13, 2021 at his home in Coatesville, PA at the age of 65.

Despite the COVID pandemic, the 2021 GPDS Dahlia Show at Longwood Gardens was an overwhelming success after a year's hiatus. The membership approved the following officers for 2022:

President: Wayne Geller

1st Vice President: Dana Miller

2nd Vice President: Nancy Sage

Treasurer: Rick Lazarick

Secretary: Deane Armstrong

Video demonstrations of dividing tubers and storing them over the winter were presented by Dana Miller and Wes Bowers. Nine proposals were made for flower of the year which will be voted upon by email prior to the General Meeting on March 12, 2022 at Longwood Gardens. Other annual events planned for 2022 include the Longwood Gardens GPDS tuber sale on May 14; the Dahlia Show at Longwood Gardens on September 17th and 18th; the picnic to be hosted by Cindy and Dana Miller at their home in August (date TBA); and the General Meeting at Longwood Gardens on November 2, 2022.

Wayne Geller, GPDS President

GREATER PITTSBURGH DAHLIA SOCIETY

After having to cancel our annual show in 2020, the Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society was thrilled be able to celebrate and show off our blooms in 2021. During the weekend of October 2, we held our Annual Show in the newly built Peirce Education Room at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden. After a year away, it was wonderful to see old, new, and out-of-town friends bring their blooms and discuss their secrets and tricks for yielding the most perfect flowers. Our new space was exploding with color and blooms! Following our show, we held our season-ending luncheon. During that time, we elected new Officers and Board Members who will hold these offices through 2023. Our new officers are:

President: Judy Romano

First Vice-President:

Jennifer Floyd

Second Vice-President:

Bob Romano

Treasurer: Heather Ramsay

Secretary: Katrina Dunderdale

We wish our new Officers and Board Members the best of luck in the coming years.

As we turn our attention to storing and cutting our tubers, we are also laying the foundation for the coming year. At this time, we are planning our first meeting of 2022, which will hopefully be in person, on March 12. Our Annual

Tuber and Plant Sale is tentatively planned for Saturday, May 28, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on the lawn of the Southminster Presbyterian Church in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Finally, our Annual Show will be held during the weekend of September 17, 2022 at the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden.

I encourage everyone to monitor our social media accounts [Facebook - Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society and Instagram - @pittsburgh.dahlia] for additional information and dates or to just view the fabulous photos.

Mark E. Floyd,
Co-ADS Representative

GREENWICH DAHLIA SOCIETY

Greetings from the Northeast, specifically Southeastern New York and Southwestern Connecticut. As I write this report in mid-January, I am wondering what things will be like in March when we receive this Bulletin. We had our first GDS planning meeting for 2022 on December 9th. As you may have guessed, it was held as a Zoom meeting. The main focus of the discussion was on our annual Dazzling Dahlias Show which was first held in 2007. As with our 2021 show, the first day of the show on Saturday, September 24 will be reserved for exhibitors only. Open public viewing will be on Sunday, September 25. New this year is a proposed cocktail party, scheduled to be held on Saturday in order to give us an opportunity to celebrate the show in a very relaxed setting and to allow time for those who wish to see the dahlias before the public viewing. In addition, we discussed plans for a tuber sale, a members' tuber exchange, possible visits to members' gardens and topics for workshops. We also discussed ways to build the membership and options for offering members "more value". Toward the end of the meeting, there were lengthy discussions about different strategies for storing tubers and about the start of the online tuber sales. The tuber purchasing discussion was extremely spirited - we were like kids in a candy store talking about what was available and which were our favorite sellers. We are hoping that the state of the world in March will be great, and we know we will be anxiously anticipating the April delivery of our 2022 tubers.

Ken Pojman, ADS Representative

INLAND EMPIRE DAHLIA SOCIETY SPOKANE, WA

We are now experiencing a lot of snow in the Inland Empire. The forecast is for 4 to 8 inches more in the next couple of days. We just got through days with sub-zero temperatures and hopefully tubers in storage will make it through the winter. After having to cancel tuber sales in 2021, we look forward to being ready for tuber sales in 2022.

We did manage to have a small 2021 show at the Spokane Interstate Fair in the fall - it was nice to be able to get out and show our blooms, even with Covid restrictions. The dahlia garden at the VA Medical Center was presented with a special plaque as a "Never Forget Garden", honoring Prisoners of War and Missing In Action veterans. The garden was one of ten locations in Spokane to receive this honor. We were able to have a Christmas get-together after having several monthly meetings in the fall. Our dahlia of the year for 2022 is Bloomquist Jean. We hope to be able to find tubers, as they seem to be sold out almost everywhere.

Our trial garden director Gary Plowman has retired and his replacement is Sally Colwell. Our officers have agreed to stay in their positions another year. We hope that 2022 will be a better year for everyone.

Claudia Biggs,
ADS Representative

HAMILTON AND DISTRICT CHRYSANTHEMUM AND DAHLIA SOCIETY

I can't believe it, but since May 4, 2020 to January 10, 2021 our society had 14 virtual meetings, which included both executive and regular membership. The Covid-19 virus has certainly made us change how we do things, from grocery shopping dining out, entertainment, church going and on-line learning.

Warren Vigor, who is the President of the Australian Dahlia Society, was our guest presenter at our January 10 Zoom meeting. This was a very informative meeting consisting of a slide presentation of his covered dahlia patch as well as other plants he grows on his nine acres. There were many questions for him, and it went very well, even though we had about 60 people trying to jump in. We will have to learn to put our hands up next time - myself included! FYI: The meeting took place in Hamilton at 7pm Monday night, which in Australia was 10am Tuesday morning. Temperatures were -15c where we were and +35c degrees in Australia. Warren lives about a five-hour drive from the late John Menzel, well-known hybridizer of "The Winkie Dahlias", who passed away in 2021. John wrote a book a few years ago, "Dahlias in Australia, The Winkie Way". It is a great read.

On behalf of our society I want to thank the Executive Board of the

ADS for all they do in keeping the ADS running smoothly. Their work is not easy, especially in this changing world. On a personal note, the December Bulletin is the one I look forward to the most because of its content, along with the supplement show reports and with what I call the bible (the new classification booklet).

A big thank you to front line staff, teachers, students, parents, and ALL those who had to adapt to a new way of working and learning. You are our heroes! We look forward to getting back to normal (in-person meetings) and shows in 2022.

John Mooney,
ADS Representative

KITSAP COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone had a bountiful harvest of tubers, ready for the 2022 planting season. Kitsap County Dahlia Society president Paul Kusche continues to keep our members informed with monthly newsletters and club meetings either in person or via ZOOM. As part of our membership campaign for 2022, and to promote the American Dahlia Society, KCDS offered free membership again this year to our club if members joined the ADS. Those members that took advantage now have access to KCDS and ADS information!

We are busy behind the scenes preparing for the 2022 season, performing quality control on our stored tubers, planning for the Spring tuber sale and planning our 3 display gardens. One of our gardens had poor tuber production again this year and we took soil tests to assess the problem. We have always had healthy plants with lots of blooms. Adjusting the pH and adding some fresh topsoil should help. Tuber sales have become extremely popular over the years, partly due to the display gardens we have located throughout the county. Our gardens are incredibly popular, drawing lots of dahlia lovers annually each year to take pictures of flowers with family and friends and making wish lists for next year. This year's tuber sale will again be online, so check out the kitsapdahlias.org in April.

As we ramp up for 2022's Life of the Dahlia, educational programs are important. In January we covered 2022 ADS Introductions, February was on taking cuttings, and March featured soil requirements and preparation. Plans are also in the works for our 97th Annual Show. Hopefully the future growing season will bring our dahlia friends back together with lots of blooms and dahlia competition!

Eric Anderson,
ADS Representative

LONG ISLAND DAHLIA SOCIETY

The Long Island Dahlia Society, after a long hiatus due to Covid, has finally been able to resume in-person regular meetings at the East Islip Library. The club meets every third Thursday of the month. Thank you to our intrepid president, Holly Sisti, for her leadership while navigating these unusual times. We had our LIDS yearly picnic on August 14, 2021 at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum in Great River, NY. After a whole year of not seeing many of our members and friends it was nice to catch up on gardens and families. The weather was great and the potluck food that people brought was delicious. We had our 76th Dahlia Show on September 4th and 5th, 2021. Growers came from Connecticut and New Jersey. After

not having a show last year due to Covid, this show was very special and exciting. It was heartening to see members and friends again at a show, enjoying many beautiful blooms. A shout out to all the new growers who put blooms out at the show, the largest display of new growers' blooms in years. The quality of the blooms was amazing and the public loved it. We sold all the leftover blooms after the show was over. A big thank you to Lenny Nicolosi, Show Chair, and all the volunteers who made the show happen. The 2022 LIDS show flower will be Bloomquist Jean.

The Wolkoff display garden at Bayard Cutting Arboretum in Great River, NY started off a little slow this year but has taken off and is fabulous. When we volunteer there on Saturdays, the public stops to thank all of the volunteers for working to keep the garden so beautiful. The visitors are taking photo after photo and are star struck by the beauty of the blooms. Lenny Nicolosi, Assistant Garden Director, purchased many new introductions and dahlias this year, enhancing the display garden at Bayard Cutting Arboretum.

On October 26, LIDS celebrated the 99th birthday of William Wolkoff, the founder of the display garden at Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Bill is the most senior member of our society, and still comes to the garden twice a week to work. He has built several Pergolas, birdhouses, dahlia beds, and a huge portable greenhouse.

He is a wealth of information on growing and caring for dahlias and gardening in general. Bill is a gentleman and friend to everyone in the society. We are lucky to have him! I want to acknowledge all the hard work and effort that goes into making this display garden so beautiful year after year. Without the tireless efforts of the Garden Director, Joe Lysik and the volunteers, it would not happen. The garden promotes what we all love, dahlias, and motivates people to grow and join dahlia societies.

I would like to remember and acknowledge all the valued volunteers/members that LIDS has lost since our last show in 2019: Warren Gramman, Gene Murtha, Dan Pasaric, Maureen Burford, and Delia Cunningham. Their friendship and dedication will be missed by all! The LIDS Holiday Party held on December 9, 2021 was a great success & the potluck food was excellent. Thank you to outgoing President Holy Sisti for her hard work in making our club so much better and more transparent. Best of luck to our newly elected LIDS president William Bushman, who has served the club for many years in many capacities and always does a great job. Happy New Year to all of our dahlia community with great health and happiness!

Robert Tobias,
ADS Representative

MAHONING VALLEY DAHLIA SOCIETY

We are ready to bake a cake, hire a band, and pop the champagne cork. It is indeed time to celebrate. It has been 20 years since the organization of the Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society. This milestone would not have been possible without the passion of one man, Jim Chuey. The dream of a dahlia society in the Youngstown area became of reality in 2002 through Jim's dedication and efforts. An ardent bevy of dahlia enthusiasts attended the first tuber sale in a small Canfield, Ohio church. The original fifteen society members has continued to multiply and today the MVDS now boasts over 100 members. The society members continue to share the beauty and culture of the dahlia. It is worth repeating that the Lariccia Center in Boardman Park, the new venue for our dahlia show, proved to be an excellent choice for the ease of exhibitors and convenience for show visitors. The newly purchased, colorful, four foot by six foot banners placed at each entrance to the park certainly helped promote the show. Plans are being made to hold the dahlia show at the same location again this year.

The MVDS was one of 60 non-profit organizations that had a live pine decorated for the Mill Creek MetroParks sponsored Festival of Trees held in the Davis Education and Visitors Center. Members Stan Vuletich, Loren Mangino, and

Laura Bailey made the society tree unique with dozens of faux dahlias. Hundreds of visitors to the center were amazed at the delightful variety of ornaments and décor reflecting the activity or cause of each participating group.

As a finale to the year of growing, showing, and sharing our dahlias, the annual society Fall Harvest Party was held in November. Lantern centerpieces embellished by Cathy McClain and Joan DeVico greeted a large gathering of members. Joyce Habeger presented the American Dahlia Society award to President Harriet Chandler in recognition of her guidance through a year of many transitions and changes. A delicious buffet, a witty monologue by society member Chuck Willett, and an evening of fellowship with dahlia friends was the precise ending needed for the year.

The following are the society officers or contacts for this year.

President: Harriet Chandler
Vice President: Randy Foith
Secretary: Janine Tereshawty
Treasurer: Dave Habeger
ADS Representative:

Joyce Habeger

Webmaster: Sharon Swaney
Design Specialist: Sheila Bowman
Sunshine Chair:

Mary Jane Gresock

Judging Chair: Jim Chuey
Newsletter: Alexandria Szakacs

Joyce Habeger,
ADS Representative

MID-ISLAND DAHLIA SOCIETY NEW YORK

MIDS held their annual show on September 18 and 19th at Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. We had a great turnout with a great number of blooms. MIDS was so happy to see several out-of-town Dahlias growers from different societies make the trip and enter their blooms. It was great to see you all again. Our Show Chair, Richard Tepper and his staff did a great job. Thanks to all who participated, set up and broke down, served breakfast and lunch and to Carole Meyer and Maureen O'Hara for securing the food. Great job, everyone – you all worked so hard to make the show a success.

At our October meeting Kitty Shukofsky volunteered to become the MIDS Recording Secretary. We are planning our Annual Spring Luncheon for some time in April 2022 together with the Long Island Dahlia Society and plan on having our raffle table items donated by our members. Looking forward to seeing each other if the COVID virus allows. MIDS had a great turnout at our holiday party at the Horticulture Center at Planting Fields on December 6, 2021. Carol Valente-Meyer and Maureen O'Hara coordinated the salad and entrees with a caterer with the rest of the members bringing desserts. We also enjoyed our usual punch, and had our "Bring a Gift, Get a Gift" exchange - all were happy with their presents. Thanks to our usual volunteers who set up and

cleaned up, and to all who planned and participated.

No meetings are planned for January and February, but our March meeting will be held on March 7, 2022, at the Jericho Library, 1 Merry Lane, Jericho. The volunteers at Planting Fields, where we have stored our dahlias for the gardens at Planting Fields and Eisenhower Park and the East Meadow Farm, have been checking on the tubers and they are looking good.

A shout out to Dot Taylor, of the Rhode Island Dahlia Society, who always looks forward to my report. In many years travelling to dahlia shows in Rhode Island, my husband and I became fast friends with Dot and her husband Walt, who was show chair. They are both avid volunteers, sharing time and energy with their club. We have wonderful memories of entering Mike's dahlias in their show, sharing lunch, staying at the local B&Bs and visiting the Taylor's farm, the famous "Outhouse", "Dahlia Bed" and dahlia garden. I'm glad to know you enjoy my reports, just as Mike and I enjoyed our times with you and Walt.

Sadly, Doris Hexham, long-time member and avid dahlia grower passed away early December 2021. She and husband Jay entered and won many tricolors and other awards over the years and volunteered in many capacities for MIDS. Also, we just heard that Tom Smith, another long-time

member, grower, exhibitor and MIDS volunteer passed away in January 2022. Doris and Tom will both be missed.

Hoping that our winters are not too severe, and good eyeing-up of your dahlias for planting come May.

Wishing all good health and good growing to all. Stay safe from the virus!

Kitty Shukofsky,
ADS Representative

MINNESOTA DAHLIA SOCIETY

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn." – Lewis Grizzard

As I'm writing this, we are having a January thaw and I have spring fever. I can't wait to get back out into the garden again but until I can, I just visit dahliaaddict.com and dream about things to come. Our tuber sale will be in person, April 9th from 9am-3pm or until we sell out. It will be at Bachman's on Lyndale, 6010 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis. Kyle Cassidy, one of our top growers/exhibitors, has taken on the huge task of ordering all the tubers for our sale. A long-time member, Kyle grows over 900 plants and 350 varieties. He volunteers at our trial garden and is a certified dahlia judge who really knows his stuff. I'm super excited to see the dahlias he's ordered for the sale - it should be great!

We were thankful to return to in-person meetings last October.

We gathered in our usual church basement spot in Richfield and enjoyed a potluck dinner together. This was followed by our general business meeting and a tuber division demonstration by Jerry and Karen Zierdt. Our November Awards banquet was a fun event. Rick Snyder organized the celebration at a wonderful supper-club in Vadnais Heights called Jimmy's. The food was delicious and a good time was had by all. We presented Larry Bagge with the Outstanding Service Award for being our Trial Garden Director extraordinaire for many years. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award – Larry's dedication and commitment to the North Central Trial Garden is unsurpassed. He stepped down as irector at the end of the season and passing the baton into the very capable hands of Heidi Zierdt-Smaby. We are all excited for Heidi to take on this new role. The trial garden is no longer accepting entries - it is at capacity with 24 entries.

Karen Zierdt was the guest speaker at our December meeting, with a wonderful presentation of the 2020 North Central Trial Garden entries and results. We enjoyed photos of the blooms we tended all summer at the arboretum, learning their scores and who originated them. Elections for three vacant offices were held at this meeting as well. The Member-at-Large position was filled by Cindy Soule for a two-year term. Thank you, Cindy! The 2nd Vice President position and Secretary position remain vacant – hopefully we can get volunteers

for those two positions soon. We also voted on the dahlia of the year for our 2022 State Fair show and it will be Harvey Koop, one of my favorites!

I hope you all enjoyed your long winter's nap and are ready to wake up energized for the upcoming growing season! Here's to a great 2022!

Sandra Ward,
ADS Representative

MONTANA DAHLIA SOCIETY

Greetings from Montana! After a great 2021 growing season, we are looking forward to more of the same in 2022. We held our 37th dahlia show at the county fair and also had a show over Labor Day in Polson. We were happy to have the opportunity to introduce dahlia growing and showing to the Polson community!

We are planning to put on some workshops, in hopes of attracting new members for our society. With many groups experiencing declining membership and reduced involvement, we are hoping that this will be an effective solution. We can sponsor new and interesting activities as a club, thereby generating increased membership. Never give up - keep on keeping on!

Dan Halverson,
ADS Representative

NANAIMO GLADIOLUS AND DAHLIA SOCIETY

The Nanaimo Gladiolus and Dahlia Society will be starting their meetings in February of 2022. Whether we meet in-person or by Zoom will depend on the Covid situation. The Omicron variant has yet to peak. Our Tuber Sale is tentatively set for Saturday April 30 at Country Club Center, variant-permitting. The date for this year's show will be September 10-11 at Country Club Center.

December 2021 was the first white Christmas in quite a few years, with a substantial amount of snow and very cold temperatures. It is nice to see snow come but nicer to see it go! It's time to get some tubers out of storage to start them growing with a little bit of heat and light, in hopes of increasing our stock of certain varieties for the season.

Our Flowers of the Year for 2022 are: Single entry: Trooper Dan, A-SC Y; and Triple entry: Hollyhill Black Beauty, BB-ID DkR. Our Executive Board is:

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Here's wishing everyone all the best at the shows this season!

Vern Stephens, NGDS President

NATIONAL CAPITAL DAHLIA SOCIETY

The Mid-Atlantic region enjoyed a fall characterized by above-normal temperatures, some even breaking records. Now Mother Nature is swinging the pendulum back to winter as we enter the new year. An extra blanket protects the dahlia boxes in the garage. Snow melt is hard to find. It looks like it's time to hunt online for those varieties we want to try next spring.

Our officers for the next year remain the same, with the exception of two directors who are leaving the board. They will be replaced by two new ones, Hannah Fisher and Art Painter for two-year terms. Our first board/show meeting of the year was held virtually. We hope to be able to utilize a combination of in-person and virtual meetings in the coming months. In-person tuber sales are planned for April 5, May 3, and June 7 at the Davis Library, Bethesda, Maryland, and at the Leesburg Garden Fair, on April 23 and 24.

This season's main focus will be preparing for the ADS National Show, to be held at the Sheraton Reston Hotel in Reston, Virginia on the weekend of September 22-25. It is not far from the Dulles airport. We have a full slate of activities planned, and we're excited to welcome you all to visit the area and exhibit your blooms. Our Challenge flower will be Crazy 4 IEASHIA. Information will soon be available on our website at [www.](http://www.NationalCapitalDahlia.org)

NationalCapitalDahlia.org and on Facebook. A full article on the show, including registration can be found elsewhere in the Bulletin. Take care and stay warm!

Jeanne Edwards,
ADS Representative

NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON DAHLIA SOCIETY

Here's to 2022! I detect a lot of dahlia excitement at this small moment in time. Growers from the Southern Hemisphere share their dahlia photos and growing delights via social media. At the same time we in the Northern Hemisphere are working out our orders, checking our lists and waiting for growers who haven't yet made their 2022 offerings public. We spend our days between our past gardens and the future ones, twixt reality and dreams. In discussing the reality of our '21 gardens, many of us expressed disappointment with height, production and survival rates. Each of us had a delight or two and a couple gardens did quite well. For the most part, we all experienced the dreaded record heat spell and its affects. A few of our members used shade in their gardens, with superior results in spite of the long hot spells. Realizing this reality, we are discussing the different ways we can use shade effectively.

Our fully-vaccinated gatherings at year's end were fun. We set several dates for future events: On April 19, our club will present Dahlias 101 at Pybus University, our local community education venue, covering the basics of dahlia growing in North Central Washington. Our tuber sales will be held on Saturdays, April 23 and April 30. Our Annual Dahlia Show will be held on September 17-18, at Pybus Public Market.

We had a quorum at our Christmas party so were able to vote in our new lineup of officers. Mike Cattin will serve as President, Rod Grille as Vice President, Gloria VanBuren Hainline as Secretary, Vic Bosche as Treasurer and Linda Holmes-Cook as FNWDG Rep and LaVern Strawn as ADS Rep. We are grateful to both new and outgoing officers for giving their time, energy and leadership to our club.

As you may remember, our local medical center invited us to put our garden in one corner of their large lawn area. Our member, Linda Holmes-Cook wrote a grant request from their community fund and we were awarded \$750 to use for soil improvement. Very nice, indeed. Here's to a successful and colorful New Year - Cheers!

LaVern Strawn,
ADS Representative

PORTLAND DAHLIA SOCIETY

Club meetings resumed in person, masked, during the second half of 2021 and we are planning/hoping to be able to continue in 2022, pandemic-dependent. The program portion will also be offered on Zoom so that our members who aren't able to attend can join us. We have attracted many new members from across the country who joined our Zoom meetings in the first half of last year. It will be nice to have them back with us. Technology has opened up a lot of opportunities for to feed our dahlia addiction. Some of our members have been attending meetings of other clubs across the country and we have been able to host presenters from other regions.

Even with a surge in Covid cases in late summer, we were able to have our annual dahlia show. Because of the pandemic, we had to make it a private event, no public allowed, and a number of our regulars were not able to participate. Even so, everyone was surprised by the number of quality blooms that were shown. You can take a look at the show and winners in a video posted on the ADS website. Planning is underway for the 2023 ADS National Show. The venue is set and the leadership team is working on forming subcommittees. The three Co-Chairs are: Site - Adrienne Hale; Special Events/Publicity - Larry Smith; and Show Chair - Eric Toedtli. Shirley Bankston has agreed to return as registrar and

Mark and Laura Oldenkamp fill out the leadership team.

Look for the Portland DS Tuber sale, on Shopify, which will be launched sometime in April. We will be raising funds toward our National Show, so be sure to check it out. You will be able to find details on our website at www.portlanddahlia.com. The annual ADS Executive Board Planning Meeting will be hosted by Portland DS and the Pacific NW Dahlia Conference, in Portland at the 2023 ADS National Show venue. This will be the first in-person meeting for the Board since 2020 and we anticipate a good turnout from local members.

The Canby Trial Garden had a very successful year, despite record hot weather. A ten-minute video tour of the garden, including the passing scores, has been posted on the ADS website. Our hybridizers also scored big by winning ADS Dudley, Hart, and Johnson medals for their introductions. They include Margaret and Ted Kennedy (Hollyhill Peachy Keen and Hollyhill Black Beauty), Allen Manuel (Allen's Bramble), and Eric Toedtli (Felida Splendor). We've lost track of the number of Hollyhill winners over the years. Allen scored his fifth consecutive Hart Medal. Is that a record? This was Eric's first win and he was beyond excited.

As this is written, our second on-line photo contest is underway and attracting many entries. This

replaces the photo contest at our annual show, in which participation had dwindled. Contest Chair Larry Smith has arranged for a panel of dahlia celebrities to judge the entries. Once completed, you will be able to find the resulting videos posted to the ADS website, and shown on a monitor at our annual show for visitors to enjoy. Be sure to check out the artistry of the photographers.

Larry Smith,
Portland Dahlia Society
Publicity Chair

PUGET SOUND DAHIA ASSOCIATION

Ever the optimist, I'm looking forward to spring and summer - to warmth, sunshine, and just enough rain to allow us to grow beautiful dahlias.

We will be planning one in-person tuber sale in March. We'll be at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens Education Center where the walls roll up to let the fresh air in. We will also be supplying two of our local nurseries with our club's tubers to sell locally grown tubers to their customers. If we have any leftover tubers, we will sell them on Shopify as we did the last couple of years. To accommodate Covid protocols we will let our members drop off their tubers at 5 members' homes for quality control and then transport to our "tuber palace" where small work parties will package them for sale. This is where we will package up any Shopify sales and get them ready for shipping out.

We are going to have a combination of Zoom and in-person meetings in the coming year. Our four in-person meetings will be: March for our tuber sale, May for giving out the seedling challenge starts, July for instruction on how to stage dahlias and transport to dahlia shows, and October for our annual meeting and instructions on digging, dividing, and storage of tubers. Our seedling challenge this year will be starts from Snoho Sonia, a lavender ball. Our

Challenge Flower for 2022 will be April Dawn.

Our publications, "Dahlias a Monthly Guide" and "Dahlias of Today" are now available on our website. We also have some back issues of "Dahlias of Today" for sale if you're interested.

We are looking forward to spring – the days are already getting longer while we sleep.

Happy Gardening,
Rosemary Freeman,
ADS Representative

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RHODE ISLAND DAHLIA SOCIETY

Widespread and growing enthusiasm for dahlias is happening here in Rhode Island as it is elsewhere. Many new growers who visited our show joined the Society. They attended our fall meetings eager to learn about digging, dividing, and storing dahlias. They especially want to overwinter their favorite varieties. Here in New England, our rainy autumns and damp, cold winters pose a real challenge! Bill Dykstra and several members demonstrated varied division methods and discussed their many different storage solutions. We also demonstrated "the saran wrap method" which few members currently use but many are trying out for the first time. Bill says, "Never change more than 10%".

Joyce Sterling has continued to hold judging classes which are attracting new members interested in judging, showing or simply better understanding dahlia science and classification. In February 2022, Joyce's topic was "Form". Work has begun on an upcoming, public tuber sale in May, the first one since 2019. In our eagerness for spring, we can almost see the show, with its tables full of beautiful dahlias, which the sale underwrites. Bart Buffington and Mel Epstein are securing tubers to purchase to supplement members' extras. The committee has selected Ivanetti as the challenge flower for our show in September.

Last fall, we resumed in-person group meetings after more than a year. Yet for some members, the convenience of Zoom meetings was missed. Inclement weather and Covid-19 variants may cause us to meet on Zoom again when the new RIDS year resumes in February. Also at the February meeting, a new committee, headed by Mel Epstein, will be formed to upgrade our website, social media pages and investigate all that zoom may offer. 2022 promises to be an exciting year for Rhode Island Dahlia Society!

Caroleen Frey,
ADS Representative

ROCHESTER DAHLIA SOCIETY

It's the start of a new year and we in the Rochester Dahlia Society are feeling our way again. Can we meet in person? Should we have a zoom meeting? Can we even keep the club's spark alive when we don't meet face to face?

Well, I am happy to tell you, we're still hanging in there and being flexible. Early in the year, because so many of us are at that vulnerable (old) age, we decided that meeting indoors is a chance we really can't take right now. We decided to use Zoom for our January meeting – in fact, due to the need for a Board meeting, we Zoomed twice that day. We worked on finalizing our society bylaws, and then at the general meeting, watched a PowerPoint presentation of our September show. It was just as colorful and just as interesting, seeing it the second time. For those of us who were so busy working the show that day, it was even more so, since we didn't really get to appreciate all that beauty on the actual day.

February's meeting was set up to be either Zoom or in person, as our President had put together photographs of his last summer's garden, complete with views from his venerable tractor. Sometimes in the middle of winter, we just have to remember those rows of flowers are coming again. March is always a planning month. What do we already have for our dahlia tuber potting party and what do

we still need? This year, a very generous member offered her home for us to use to pot our 600 dahlias. Working in small groups, we maintained social distance, but were still able to work together.

We are going to try to find a way to have hybrid meetings so that no one will ever be left behind. Will tell you more about that next time.

Mary Feasel,
ADS Representative

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SAN LEANDRO DAHLIA SOCIETY

To quote Cara Lee Bell, "An addiction to gardening is not all bad when you consider all the other choices in life." And there you have it. My name is Beverly and I am an addict - a dahlia addict. How about you?

In 2021, San Leandro Dahlia Society had a successful dahlia show in a new location, the Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland. Although we needed to limit the number of people in the building to meet the current COVID guidelines, many people were glad to have something "happy" to look at, even though they needed to wear the mask that the society provided. In the fall, one of our members led a "dig and divide" public demonstration at the Lakeside Garden Center, and in spring, two of our members will be presenting "growing dahlias" to a local garden club just in time for planting tubers.

Currently, the San Francisco Bay Area is looking at above average rainfall, which is a saving grace, given the past two years with minimal rain. Brown has been the new green, which does not sit well with the love of our lives, our dahlias! Some growers used well water while others had potable water available. Water is something we can never take for granted in our climate.

One of our members, also a

Master Gardener, has informed us of new source of compost ... zoo-poo! The Oakland Zoo has a continual supply that goes through a composting process making it a free source of "clean," odor-free compost. Many of our members have taken advantage of this source, and we thank the Oakland Zoo. Some of us support the zoo financially as members or donors, or both.

Given the Omicron variant and its proliferation, it looks like we will be having our third annual online tuber/cutting sale. We almost have it down to a science, assuming that our leadership is willing to continue as it has. Hooray for great leadership! With new tubers ordered, cover crops planted, and dahlias dug (or not dug), we wait. And wait. Meanwhile we dream and hope. The addiction is strong, and we welcome it.

We're rooting for you!

Beverly Dahlstedt,
San Leandro Dahlia Society

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY

Snohomish County Dahlia Society continues to stay active and enjoy our hybrid monthly meetings. Those who cannot attend in person are able to join us on Zoom, and those are able to attend the meetings in person. We enjoy using Zoom, as members and others from out of the immediate area and out of the country are able to attend. We regularly have attendees from Florida, Idaho, southwest Washington, and Australia! At our August meeting, we had a presentation on "How to Stage your Dahlias for Show", followed by a question/answer session on all things dahlias.

While we had to cancel one of our 2021 shows, we hosted our 112th Annual Show in August at Floral Hall in Forest Park in Everett, Washington. We followed current Covid restrictions and the show was a huge success!

At September's meeting, we had our Potted Plant Challenge as well as our Seedling Bloom judging. Members brought in the entire plant, pot and all; and blooms from their seedling plant. The plants these two challenges were purchased from the Club in the spring. We ended this meeting with a question/answer session on all things dahlias. October's meeting topic was Digging, Dividing & Storage, as well as a discussion on digging. Ken Greenway did a nice presentation on dividing,

which also allowed a hands-on experience for anyone interested. At our November meeting, we had the election of our 2022 Club officers. We also had an exciting, successful dahlia clump auction, followed by a question/answer session. In December, we held our 2021 SCDS Photo Contest. This is the second year we had this online contest. Each of the five classes was judged by two judges, and they even supplied comments on the photos! We had a talented group of judges, who made time during the holidays to judge our contest. In lieu of our usual Holiday Potluck in December, we had a Zoom get-together. This informal meeting allowed us to simply enjoy time together, chatting about dahlias. Our Club Challenge Flower for 2022 will be Clearview Cameron.

At our January meeting, we shared pictures of the Photo Contest winners, as well as the ADS New Introduction presentation. We will be having a Board meeting early in 2022 to plan for year.

We wish you all a Happy New year and an exciting 2022 dahlia season!

Lynda Quinn,
ADS Representative

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

It has been a very productive year with unique video additions. First, year 2021 began with two Zoom meetings. Contents of the presentation were the ADS New Introductions video; Keith Berven, on "How Dahlias are Classified"; Gary Polenychko and Sherree Kneller with "Starting Dahlias Indoors - Potting, Hardening Before Planting"; and a discussion of "The Basics of Planting and Growing Dahlias" led by Keith Berven and Russell Probst.

Our April meeting at Telly's Greenhouse consisted of a tuber swap among the membership. The Annual Tuber & Plant Sale on May 1, was very successful, even as it was structured to provide a safe environment for the public. Later in May, another Zoom meeting presentation was conducted by Sherree Kneller entitled, "Dahlia Garden Accessories."

Six Garden Walks were conducted June through October. The Lucy and Russell Probst Walk was held at the Tollgate Farms facility in the town of Novi, Michigan in June, with Russell presenting "Irrigation Methods." Keith and Dikka Berven held a Garden Walk in Lake Orion, Michigan at their home with Keith presenting "Topping, Disbudding and Disbranching." Other Garden Walks were held at Rhonda and Richard Diethelm, Maureen and Andy Kerr, Gary and Linda Polenychko, and Farmer Frank

Lopiccolo homes. The End-of-Year Picnic was held at the Kerr's residence. In October Keith Berven presented "Digging, Dividing and Storing Tubers for the Winter" at Telly's Greenhouse. The Annual Awards and Honors Dinner was held at Alibi Inn in Troy, MI October 16 2021.

SEMDS Digital Team has added photos of its 2021 Dahlia Show to its web page www.semds.org. Photos of the tuber and plant sale follow. Then, to see a Final Few Blooms, click on SEMDS YouTube Channel and enjoy our 12 Garden Tours and 7 Dahlia care and maintenance videos. We invite you to witness the inspiring efforts of the Team.

Donald Reinhard,
ADS Representative

SOUTHWEST IDAHO DAHLIA SOCIETY

A big hello from everyone in the newest ADS dahlia society! Since our origination in August of 2021, we have grown to nearly 40 individual and family members, ranging in experience from total newbies to those with decades of dahlia growing. Local members reside in Southwest Idaho and Southeast Oregon, which includes Boise, Idaho, and Ontario, Oregon. We have also recruited members from other dahlia clubs and have been so lucky to have these mentors and teachers to guide us. Right now, our meetings are hosted entirely on Zoom, which has made them accessible for those outside of our area. Although we would eventually like to hold some in-person meetings, we will likely always have a hybrid (Zoom and in-person) option so that we can continue hosting far-away members.

We would like to thank all the wonderful people who have helped us along the way. From all across this country, Canada, Australia, and Europe, we have received words of advice and encouragement and sometimes even material gifts. We are learning that dahlia people are extremely warm and generous. Our club was founded by the ferociously passionate and dahlia-obsessed Randy Miller, who grew one dahlia in 2020 and instantly became obsessed; and Kristin Custer, who has been growing dahlias for over two decades. They recruited a board of other

dahlia addicts, including Cameron Parsley, Kristin Custer, Chris Samuelson, Jenny Piirto, Kirsten Grover, and myself, who now serve as the board.

We have big plans for 2022. We have collaborated with the Idaho Botanical Gardens to plant and maintain a dahlia patch. Additionally, we will be volunteering regularly throughout the season to teach patrons about how to grow dahlias, arranging with dahlias, and other community education. A junior dahlia growers' program is also on the docket! As dahlia-loving adults, we hope to pass the joy of gardening to the newest generation, teaching them and educating them about our obsession. (Teach them young, right?) We also have plans for a seedling challenge, where members will have the chance to grow a dahlia seedling and share the beautiful (or not so beautiful) results. Finally, we are planning a dahlia tuber sale in the coming months as a means of supporting our new but growing club so that we can fund future ideas. We plan to host the sale on our website, so it will be open to the public!

Sometime in the future, Southwest Idaho will host our very own dahlia show. Until that day, some of our members are already planning trips to shows hosted by nearby clubs. We're excited, inspired, and so happy to be here.

Sarina Lagor,
Secretary & ADS Representative
southwestidahodahliasociety.com

SOUTHTOWN DAHLIA CLUB

(Chicago South Suburbs)

Southtown enjoyed a gratifyingly-successful 2021. Our goal is to continue this momentum in 2022. Following cleanup at the end of our 83rd Annual Dahlia Show, SDC members enjoyed some quiet time to reflect on 2021 and envision what 2022 might bring. We looked around at an empty 5000 square-foot hall that for an important time had held almost 600 blooms, exhibited by just 23 dedicated dahlia growers for the enjoyment of our local community. We marveled at the way everything that came together for this glorious display to happen.

As we reflected on the success of our show, the main "Oh, Thank Goodnesses!" came from small things and individual efforts. Someone picked up vases when someone else could not. A new member's husband came to lift tables to take the burden off others. Our treasurer's good relationship with the officer who opens our meeting space each month secured the additional 20 tables we needed for the big event. In the end, everyone working together and the enjoyment of being a part of something we can be proud of is the big win!

You never know when something you have been working on for years will come to fruition. A family who had been coming to the SDC Annual Tuber sale for 20 years finally joined at the 2021 Sale and

then, exhibited for the first time at the 2021 show! In fact, SDC had 6 novices participate at that show, the most in over 13 years. Working with novices was a real joy for other members staging at the same time.

Southtown operates with a very small core of long-time members. We could not do what we do without working closely with the other nearby Midwest Conference Dahlia Societies: Central States, Elkhart, Dahlia Society of Wisconsin and Badger State. We thank each of them for their contributions. As we move in to 2022, SDC credits some ongoing and helpful initiatives, including publishing the annual calendar and dahlia culture information on the www.SouthtownDahliaClub.com website. Monthly meetings, events and dahlia pictures are published on Facebook, with updates as necessary. SDC members plant and maintain a beautiful Dahlia Exhibition Garden at Lake Katherine Nature Preserve to engage the community.

Sue Fitzgerald,
ADS Representative

TENNESSEE DAHLIA SOCIETY

On December 4th, the Tennessee Dahlia society held their annual Christmas party at the home of Robin and Marcie Holt. After a potluck dinner and before our notorious "Dirty Santa" gift exchange, a short meeting was held to elect new officers. Our 2022 new officers are:

President: Joe Pietrantone
Vice President: Ernie Ponder
Secretary: Tony Russo
Treasurer: Robin Holt

We will resume our monthly meetings on March 17th as we prepare for our annual tuber sale on the opening weekend of the Chattanooga Market in April. We also are planning a September show this year pending the opening of venues that are currently unavailable due to Covid restrictions.

Jay Borton,
ADS Representative

UTAH DAHLIA SOCIETY

Raising Dahlias in Utah, Zone 5, means digging the tubers up in the fall and storing them in a cool spot for the winter. To do otherwise would be to risk losing them all to the frozen ground and starting with all new tubers in the spring. So...The past months we have been dreaming about the garden, planning and poring over catalogues, ordering new tubers and looking forward to signs of

spring. We are also anticipating our club's annual tuber sale, scheduled for April 30th at the Garden Center in Sugarhouse Park, Salt Lake City, Utah. Members from the club donate extra tubers and Stonehouse Dahlias provide cuttings of our club flower for members. The sale is very successful and our main fundraiser each year.

We welcomed 25 new members to our club last year and currently have 61 members. Our Facebook page has over 300 followers, where posts include photos, questions and club information and our Utah Dahlia Society blogspot provides a wonderful diary, discussing our events.

President: Julie Williams
Secretary/Treasurer:
Megan Badger
Historian: Becky Swalberg
ADS Representative:
Clea Austin Hurst

We will continue our meetings and guest speakers on Zoom for now and can't wait to get the tubers out of storage and planted in the garden. WELCOME SPRING!!

Clea Austin Hurst,
ADS Representative

VICTORIA DAHLIA SOCIETY

(British Columbia)

Goodbye to 2021. It was a different year. The good news is that our club has grown from a membership of 80 to north of 145. Our learning/display garden has become a hit with many members. On Tuesdays, numerous members along with senior mentors meet and tend to the plot. Thanks to John Wrinch's idea, John and Phil Newton fenced the nearly 2-acre grounds at Prospect Lake Hall with an English lattice fence to keep the deer out. The hall is currently used as a wedding reception area and the dahlias are greatly appreciated - a win-win for both our club and the Prospect Lake Society. It is a pity the club does not want to take it to the next level and turn it into a trial garden.

With Covid causing shopping concerns, the club purchased dahlia-related supplies in bulk. Phil and Teresa Thom sold the merchandise, mostly on the honor system, from their backyard parking lot. We got great prices on fertilizer, Rebar, Secateurs, and a few other items. We passed the savings on to the membership, as it was not intended to be a revenue generator. It was good to see the members, if only from a distance.

Speaking of Covid, we held our Executive Meeting via Zoom, as well as a few membership meetings. We had a few general meetings in the open air of the learning garden. Zoom seemed to work well for the Executive meetings but there was certainly a loss of social interaction. The fun of the meeting was mostly lost, but we did get the business done.

Phil and Barry Willoughby put a push on for new judges, and we gained eight new candidates in 2021 and a few more interested in 2022. I am sure this will take the workload off a lot of us senior judges. This was probably the biggest challenge we had last year, and after some desperate pleas from the two of us we succeeded in pushing some fence sitters into the world of judging. Because of Covid, we had a funny on-line tuber sale - no doubt everyone is hoping to get back to an in-person sale! Our in-person sales have become "an overnight success after ten years of preparation." This is the club's main revenue generator and our "war chest" is the highest it has ever been. Many thanks to Bryan Bedford, Treasurer extraordinaire.

Thanks to 20-30 worker bees, we held a very successful show under Barry and Mary Willoughby's supervision. The setup and breakdown went as smoothly as possible and in record time. Due to the heat wave, we actually ran out of water for our vases. This was handled with ease with club members bringing in barrels of water.

In summary, we celebrate a membership north of 145, a bulging war chest, and the biggest increase in new judges in years. We have a strong committee managing the learning garden, a great outlook for the in-person tuber sale and growing excitement for our 2022 show. We expect this year will be even better.

Phil Newton, President
Teresa Thom,
Social Committee Lead

varieties, new introductions, popular cutting varieties and heirloom classics in our sale. There is something for everyone!

We have worked hard, logging many dedicated hours behind the scenes, preparing to host a "YDS Members-Only" online tuber store early in the year. Yankee Dahlia Society's website was made possible by the generous donation of time and expertise by John Livornese, husband of co-founder Misty Florez. For so many of us, our family members have enthusiastically supported our journeys and their encouragement has been truly inspirational to us. We are extremely grateful. We are excited about the success of our first club tuber sale in January, and to see our members' anticipation of the upcoming growing season. It will surely be one of many more to come and will bring wonderful fond memories of the early days when we got it all started.

The 2022 club calendar of events is filling up with lots of wonderful programming. We are excited to have both in-person and a handful of virtual meetings planned with special guests and dahlia enthusiasts from around the world early in the spring. We look forward to presentations and hands-on workshops/meetings led by our very own Y.D.S. members. A few of our in-person meetings early in the year will be held at Spence Farm in Woburn, MA. This is a wonderful space owned by the city of Woburn and run by

their Recreation Department. It is a perfect location for our upcoming club meetings and workshops. We are thrilled to be learning together from each other and connecting with dahlia growers around the world. We are counting down the days until spring and excited for year two!

Misty Florez & Carol Palmer, Co-Presidents

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IN MEMORIAM JAMES DEAN THOMAS

The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society has lost one of their key members, Dean Thomas. Dean was a loving father, son and husband who passed away on November 13, 2021 at home in Coatesville, PA at the age of 65, surrounded by his family. He was born on April 2, 1956 in West Chester, PA to James and Vilma Thomas and was preceded in death by his sister Dell Holden.

He fought the good fight against his cancer and COPD, but it won in the end. Dean was very much a leader in Greater Philly and served on the American Dahlia Society Classification committee. He was a trustee in the Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society and served as Chairman of the Show for the dahlia society at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. Dean owned his own carpentry business for many years and later worked for Community Maintenance and General Construction (CMGC) in Malvern, PA. He enjoyed spending time with family, gardening and fishing. An avid "putzer" he could be frequently found in his garage tinkering with lawnmowers, engines, and woodworking projects. Dean was also a talented watercolor artist. Family and friends honored his memory at a service in November 2021.

Dean is survived by his beloved wife Kelly Thomas, parents James and Vilma Thomas, siblings David Thomas and Barbara Thomas-Johnson, children Andrew Thomas, Lindsey Thomas, and "Czech son" Jan Štěpnička, stepchildren Charlie Hanna and Kyle Hanna, grandson Mikey Muldowney, nieces and nephews Bryan Thomas, Daniel Thomas, Amanda Holden, Jenniba Johnson, Charles Tyson, Abby Tyson and his dog Chase, all of whom he loved dearly.

-Cindy Miller, GPDS

IN MEMORIAM KATHY FRANKLIN



It is with sadness that I report the loss of Kathy Franklin of the Elkhart Dahlia Society. She is now in her heavenly home with her husband Dan Franklin. Kathy Lynn Franklin, 64, of Bristol, Indiana, passed away of natural causes on Thursday December 9, 2021 at her home. She was born January 18 in Elkhart, Indiana to Harold and Juanita Smith. On June 1, 1980 she married Dan Franklin who preceded her in death on December 29, 2008. Kathy graduated from Memorial High School, Class of 1975. She was an executive administrative assistant for Midway Specialty Vehicles. She loved doting on her nieces and nephews and enjoyed classical and western music. She also loved Marvel Super Hero movies, shopping and travel. Her favorite time was Christmas and being with her family.

Both Dan and Kathy were dahlia mentors to my dad and I and we spent many hours at the Franklin's home either learning something about the dahlia or in a deep discussion about his Koi pond or honey bees. Kathy was known as the "pompon queen" due to her love for poms.

She will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace, Kathy.

Cammi Waggoner, Elkhart Dahlia Society

WILSON LEWIS GARNER

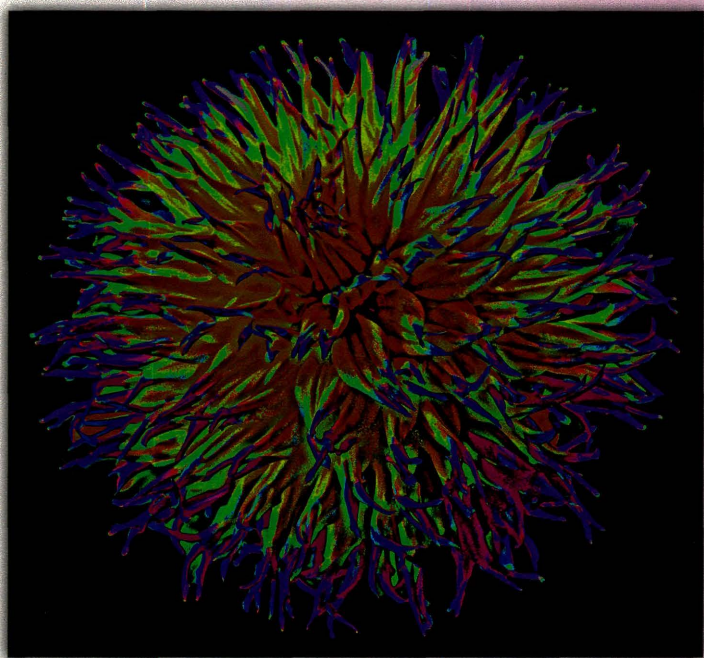


Wilson Lewis Garner, 95, of Auburn Hills, MI, passed away on November 25, 2021. Wilson was also an enthusiastic and greatly admired grower of dahlias for 31 years. He was a long-time member of the Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society, the Michigan Dahlia Association, the West Michigan Dahlia Society, as well as the American Dahlia Society. He served as President of the SE Michigan society for 13 years, assisted always by his wife Ginny who was the valued treasurer and correspondence secretary of the club. As a senior judge, he was always able to explain clearly why one flower was superior to another, and thus he was an excellent teacher as well. He encouraged members of his club to study and to take the test to become judges. He was available as a patient mentor to numerous novices who will be able to carry on and share what they learned from him about dividing, planting and storing tubers, growing successful plants, and showing dahlias. He had a particular fondness for the beautiful pure white Walter Hardisty flower, but he also excelled in growing superb large blooms of numerous types and colors, often winning 'Best in Show' and 'Biggest in Show'. He was the perennial winner of the 7-B size blooms (all different) class at our shows. He was an awesome all-round competitor. He and Ginny traveled to shows all over the Midwest, and enjoyed attending the national shows as well. He had a wry sense of humor and a twinkle in his eye that brightened your day. His exquisite blooms and his kindly, towering presence at the dahlia events will be missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his commitment to all things dahlia, Wilson served as a corporal with the 2nd Depot Unit of the 9h Army Air Corps 1945-1947; was a co-owner for 18 years of Acorn Tool & Die, Inc. in Rochester, MI. He also farmed Cheviot sheep for 60 years. Wilson was active member of the Five Points Community Church in Auburn Hills for 45 years and President of the Auburn Hills Historical Society. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Virginia (Ginny), his three children, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Keith Berven, SEMDS

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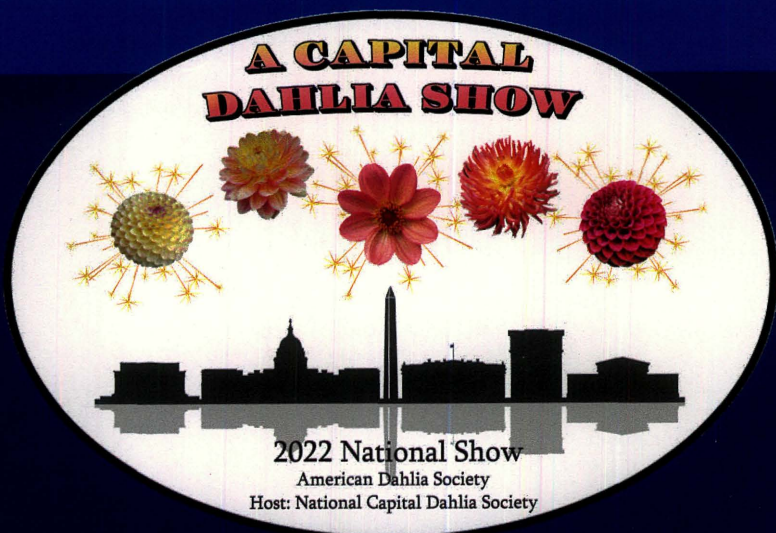
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