



American Dahlia Society (ADS)

What It Is and Why I
Should Belong

ADS

FORMED IN 1915 AND INCORPORATED IN NEW YORK STATE

UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR LOCAL DAHLIA SOCIETIES

THERE ARE 67 PARTICIPATING AND ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES IN THE US AND CANADA (2022)

THERE ARE 2,091 INDIVIDUALS WHO BELONG TO THE ADS IN THE US AND CANADA (2022)

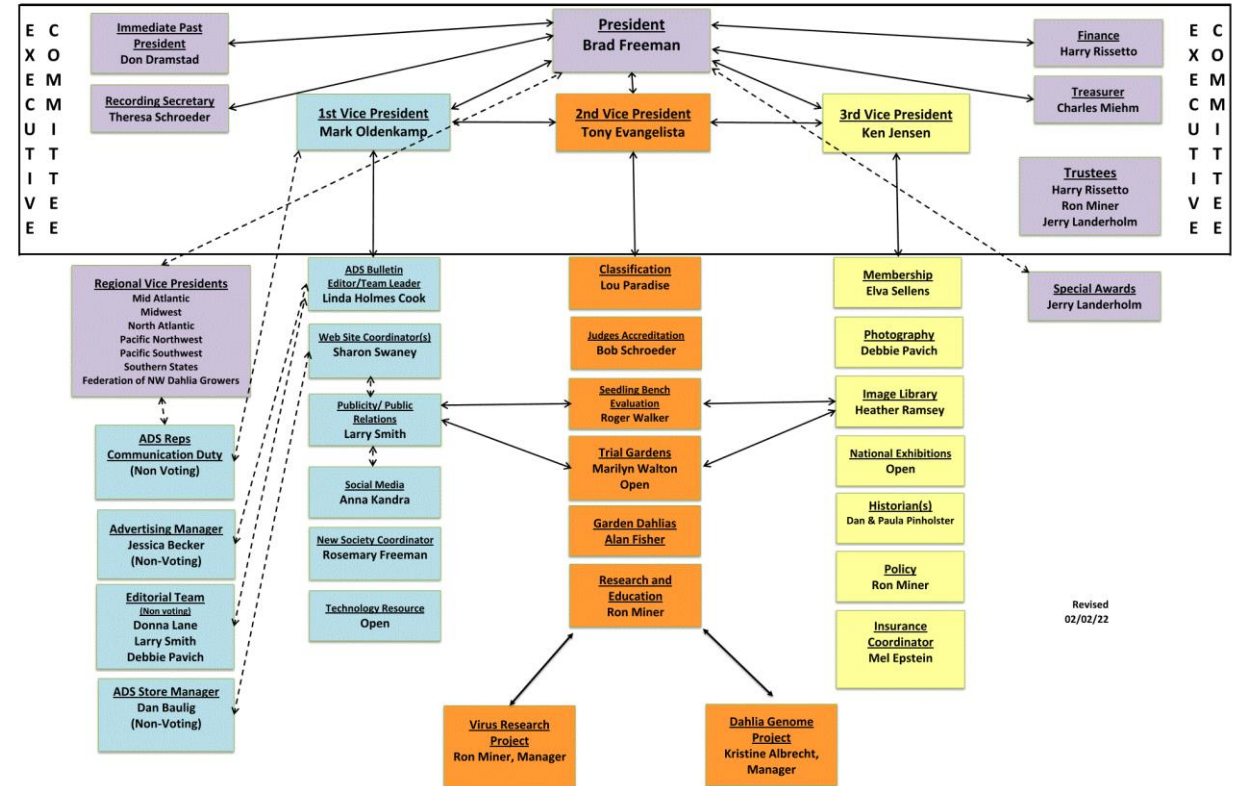
THERE ARE 18 OVERSEAS ASSOCIATES (2022)

ADS MISSION STATEMENT

The American Dahlias Society is organized to promote and encourage the development of and appreciation of the dahlia through educational and research activities and by supporting the local dahlia societies.

ADS ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY ORGANIZATION CHART



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02/02/22

ADS COMMITTEES

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

CLASSIFICATION

BULLETIN EDITOR

FINANCE

GARDEN DAHLIAS

HISTORIAN

IMAGE LIBRARY

INSURANCE

JUDGES ACCREDITATION

MEMBERSHIP

NATIONAL SHOW

NEW SOCIETY COORDINATOR

PUBLICATIONS

PHOTOGRAPHY

PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

SEEDLING BENCH EVALUATION

SPECIAL AWARDS

TRIAL GARDENS

WEBSITE

SOCIAL MEDIA

TOP 7 REASON THE ADS BENEFITS DAHLIA ENTHUSIASISTS

- ❖ KNOWLEDGE
- ❖ DAHLIA CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM
- ❖ RESEARCH
- ❖ TRIAL GARDENS AND SEEDLING
BENCH EVALUATIONS
- ❖ PUBLICATIONS
- ❖ JUDGING
- ❖ COMMUNITY

KNOWLEDGE

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Dahlia University

Each of the courses or references listed below covers a single topic pertinent to growing beautiful dahlias.

Our courses have been written by dahlia enthusiasts, not necessarily scientists or horticulturalists. These enthusiasts are pleased to share their experience and best practices with you. Please keep in mind that there are a variety of opinions in the dahlia community and that different solutions and procedures work in different circumstances and locales. We urge you to participate in a [local society](#) where you will meet great growers with knowledge of growing dahlias in your area...and you'll have fun!

We have also included some links to non ADS sources. These are included for your convenience because we think they might be interesting to you. As stated above there are variety of opinions in the dahlia community. Please note that you are leaving the ADS site when you view these other sources. Check their privacy policies as appropriate.

Growing

Preparing for a Dahlia Garden	view
Early Season Dahlia Hints	view
Cuttings	view
All things tubers	view

ONLINE RESOURCES ON ADS
WEBSITE - <https://dahlia.org/>

❖ FUNDAMENTALS OF
GROWING DAHLIAS

❖ DAHLIA UNIVERISTY

❖ GARDENING WITH DAHLIAS

❖ DAHLIAS AS A CUT FLOWER



CLEARVIEW EDIE

2022

AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY
CLASSIFICATION
AND
HANDBOOK OF DAHLIAS

Supplement to
Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

- UNIFORM METHOD OF DESCRIBING DAHLIAS BY FORM, SIZE AND COLOR.
- EVOLVING PROCESS AS NEW FORMS, SIZES AND COLORS ARE ORIGINATED
- COMMON LANGUAGE TO DESCRIBE DAHLIAS

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RESEARCH

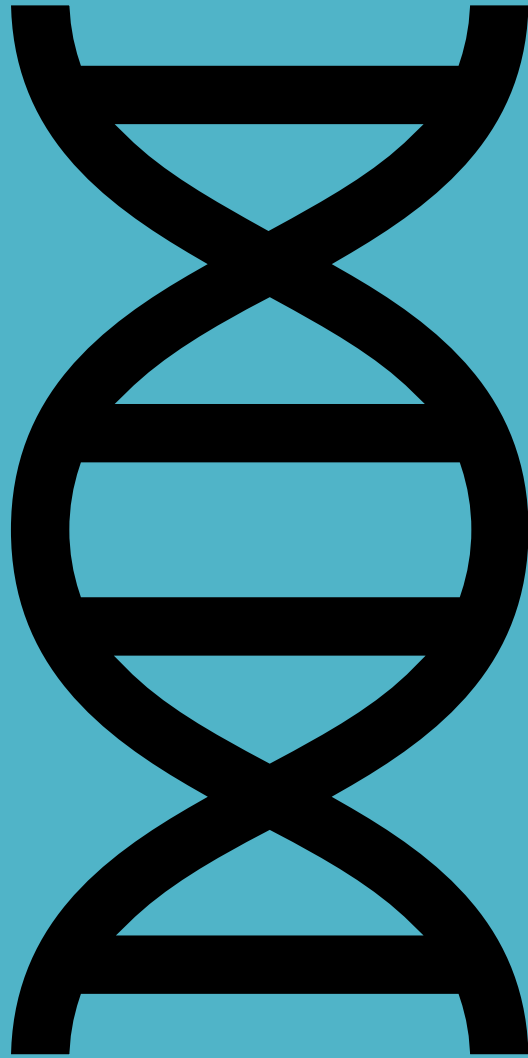
- VIRUS

- GENOME



RESEARCH - VIRUS

- STARTED IN EARLY 1990s
- ENDOWED CHAIR AT WSU
ESTABLISHED IN 2014
WITH HELP FROM THE
SCHEETZ-CHUEY
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
- FOCUS ON STRATEGIES
USED SUCCESSFULLY
WITH COMMERCIAL
CROPS SUCH AS POTATOES
AND ONIONS
- TESTING / DEVELOPMENT
OF CLEAN STOCK



RESEARCH – GENOME

- OVERALL GOAL IS TO MAP THE DAHLIA GENOME
- PRELIMINARY RNA TESTING HAS BEEN COMPLETED
- THE NEXT STEP IS INITIAL DNA SEQUENCING AND ASSEMBLY



TRIAL GARDEN AND SEEDLING BENCH EVALUATION

- A SYSTEM TO EVALUATE NEW CULTIVARS OFFERED BY HYBRIDIZERS.
- THERE ARE EIGHT TRIAL GARDENS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA
(<https://dahlia.org/docsinfo/trial-garden-overview/trial-garden-locations/>)
- REQUIREMENTS ARE FOUND IN THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE CHD.

SEEDLING AWARDS

- THE DERRILL W. HART MEDAL – TRIAL GARDEN
- THE LYNN B. DUDLEY MEDAL – SEEDLING BENCH
- THE EVIE GULLIKSON MEDAL – SEEDLING & TRIAL GARDEN – OTHER TYPES



SEEDLING AWARDS

STANLEY JOHNSON MEDAL –
HIGHEST NUMBER OF
AWARDS IN A YEAR



LES CONNELL MEDAL –
HIGHEST NUMBER OF
AWARDS IN A FIVE-YEAR
PERIOD





BULLETINS – JANUARY, JUNE, OCTOBER



CLASSIFICATION BOOK (CHD)



JUDGING ROSTER - SPRING



WEBSITE

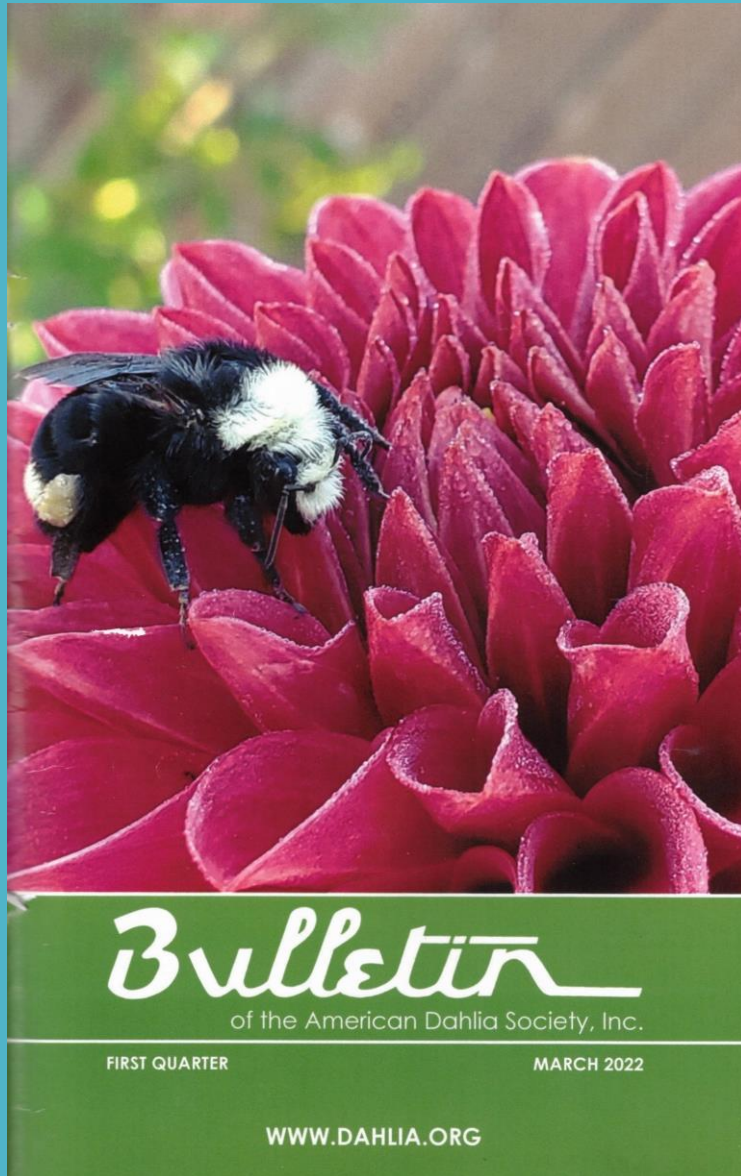


DAHLIA SHOW REPORTS (ONLINE) - DECEMBER



SEEDLING REPORTS (ONLINE) - DECEMBER

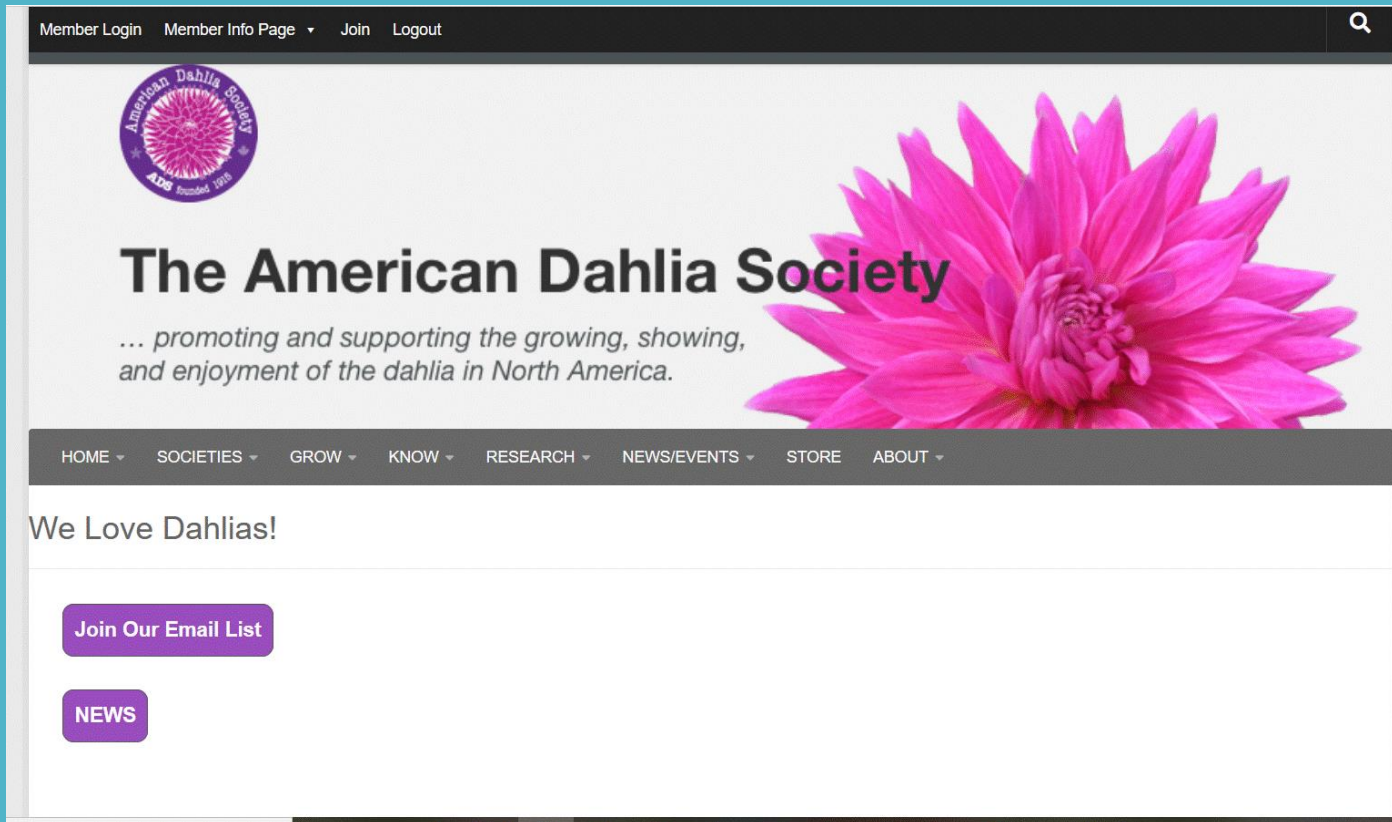
PUBLICATIONS



ADS BULLETIN

MARCH 2022 ARTICLES:

- CREAM OF THE CROP
- FABULOUS FIFTY
- PLANTING DAHLIAS VERTICALLY
- POWDERY MILDEW
- KAOLIN CLAY FOR DAHLIAS
- MUCH MORE

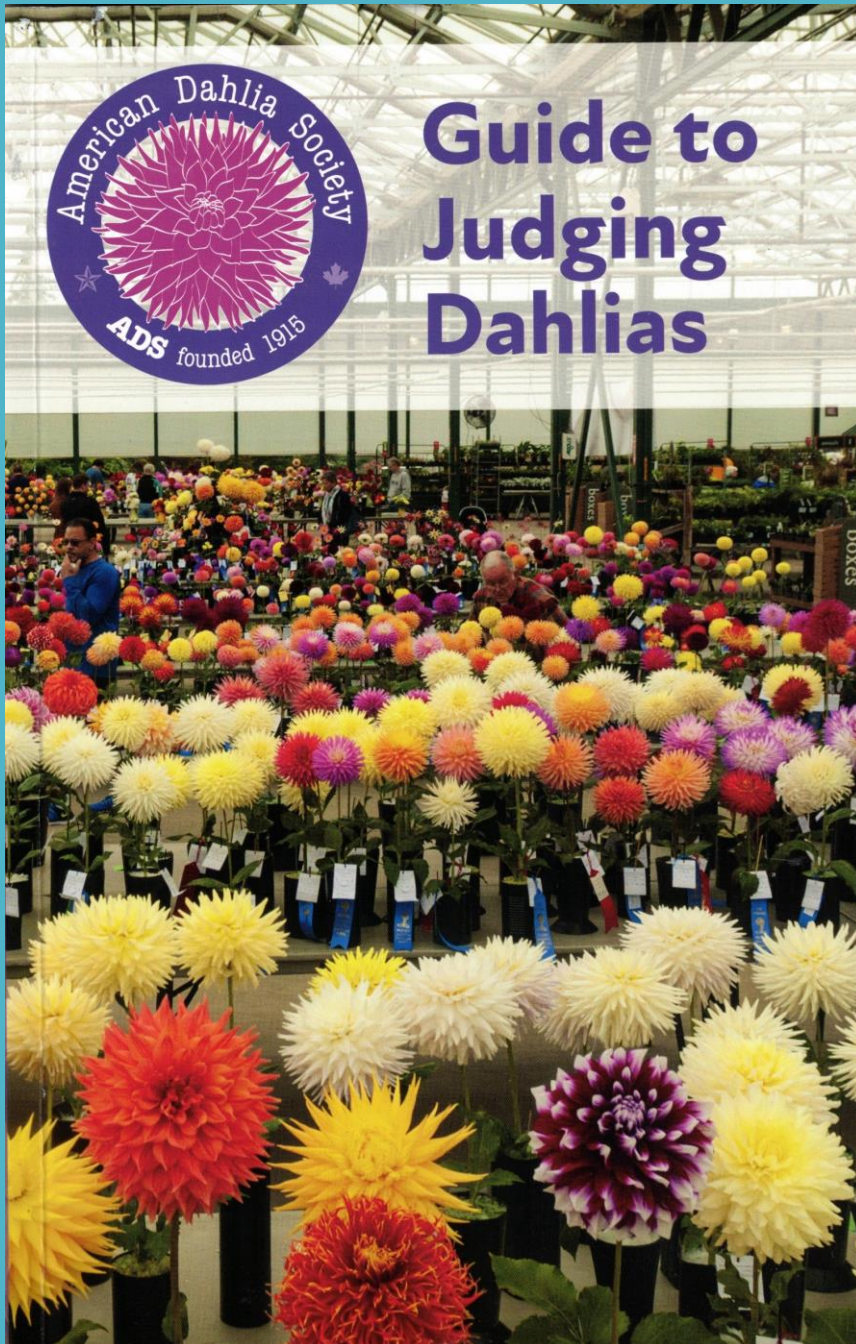


ADS WEBSITE -
<https://dahlia.org/>



JUDGING

- ☐ CLERKS
- ☐ CANDIDATE
- ☐ ACCREDITED
- ☐ SENIOR
- ☐ HONORARY



JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ UNIFORM SET OF STANDARDS FOR JUDGING DAHLIAS
- ☐ “GUIDE TO JUDGING DAHLIAS” – OVERALL PRINCIPALS AND PRACTICES
- ☐ THESE ARE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND THE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS CAN ADD ADDITIONAL REQUIRMENTS IF DESIRED.



COMMUNITY

- NATIONAL SHOWS
 - 2022 – WASHINGTON D.C.
 - 2023 – PORTLAND, OR
 - 2024 – WENATCHEE, WA
- MEETING NEW PEOPLE AND ENJOYING A SHARED INTEREST
- LEARNING NEW AND INTERESTING INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL (USA) - \$30.00
PER YEAR*



HOUSEHOLD (USA) - \$35.00
PER YEAR*



*SEE ADS WEBSITE FOR
ADDITONAL INFORMATION
OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL
DAHLIA SOCIETY