

**ADS GOLD MEDAL PRESENTATION
1998 AT ADS ANNUAL MEETING & SHOW
EUGENE, OR
WAYNE SHANTZ**



We honor another tonight who was born in Canada and lived in Alberta until 1959 when he moved to Portland, Oregon to attend Cascade College where he earned his Bachelor's degree in secondary education with an English major. He taught at Thurston High School in Springfield and after obtaining his master's degree at the University of Oregon served as English Department head until he retired in 1994.

Besides his interest in dahlias, Wayne Shantz has an interest in hockey where he has been an active participant in Junior hockey and has served as coach for local teams. He is a writer, avid hunter, and collector of dahlia books, and has an extensive collection of works of William Faulkner and Wallace Stegner.

In 1971 his interest in dahlias began when his uncle, who was head gardener for the government building in Banff suggested dahlias for his home landscaping. He started growing dahlias, joined the Lane County Dahlia Society where he served as president for 2 years and as judges chairman for many years. He has introduced 3 dahlias, AUNT ETHYL, NELLIE PHIPPS and DADDY'S GIRL (M FD PR) which was both the Hart and Dudley winner.

Assisted by his wife, Eleanor, Wayne has conducted 2 day judging and seedling classes for 13 years. The PNDC has attained an enviable level of judging. He served on the PNDC conference evaluation committee and education committee. He has served the Lane County society with his wisdom and counsel. He has served the ADS on the committee to revise the judges manual and on the Classification committee.

We thank him for his contributions to the dahlia and are proud to present him the ADS gold medal.

**PRESENTATION OF THE ADS
GOLD MEDAL AWARD TO
ELEANOR AND WAYNE SHANTZ
BY BUD MOORE**



Wayne and Eleanor have grown from 300 to 500 dahlias for years. Their skill in growing dahlias makes them formidable competitors on the show circuit. This is evident from how frequently the Shantz name appears on show reports next to the top exhibits. Although they tend to show many of the larger blooms, they are just as capable of entering a pompon or miniature ball.

Using their professional skills as teachers and their knowledge of dahlias they have assisted many growers by developing several courses intended to train dahlia judges. In their basic judging class, Eleanor even teaches a segment on making and judging entries in basket sections of shows. For 15 years they have conducted these judging schools in Washington and Oregon, taking on the responsibility for providing timely instructions and helping many new dahlia growers acquire the skills necessary to perform a fair and accurate evaluation of show blooms.

For many years the dahlia hobby was a family affair. Their children, Brad and Norma, had their own dahlia rows, and as twelve-year-olds, took and passed their first dahlia judging course. At 18 they were among the youngest senior judges ever in the history of the ADS. Wayne's 1981 origination, DADDY'S GIRLIE, appropriately named for Norma, won both the Dudley and Hart awards.

After 30 years of teaching English in Springfield, Oregon, and serving as department chair for 20 of those years, Wayne retired to devote more time to his dahlias and other interests. His early years in Alberta, Canada still seem to influence his life. His favorite pastimes after dahlia growing and showing include hunting, reading, writing, and playing and coaching ice hockey (he plays in the local amateur hockey association).

Despite retirement, Wayne's interest in books and book collecting continues. His personal library contains first editions of several authors, including William Faulkner and Wallace Stegner. He also has collected a host of dahlia books and memorabilia that demonstrates a genuine love for the printed word.

Eleanor, a native Oregonian from Myrtle Point, retired from teaching elementary school; her specialties were reading and writing. She also loves to fish, play the piano, travel, and cook.

Eleanor and Wayne visited dahlia gardens and growers in New Zealand and Australia in February and March 1996.

The couple has held numerous positions in their community. Wayne is past president of the Lane County Dahlia Society. He currently serves as chairman with his wife of the ADS classification committee, the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference judges' evaluation committee, the LCDS board of directors, and has served as the chairman of judges for their shows for many years. Eleanor has served as the corresponding secretary for LCDS for many years. Among the many accolades Wayne and Eleanor have received is the PNDC gold medal for their outstanding service to Northwest dahlia growers.

They currently have the responsibilities of compiling the show results from around the ADS and publishing the "Classification and Handbook of Dahlias" annually for the ADS.

Here is a list of Wayne and Eleanor's introductions.

Daddy's Girlie	409	1981	DH	M	FD	PR
QuilAire	261	1998		B	C	W
Nellie Phipps	302	1985	D	BB	FD	y
Aunt Ethel	325	1978		BB	ID	DP
Jody Procter	531	2004			MB	BR