

DAHLIA DIGGINGS



NEWSLETTER FOR:
"THE GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY"
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Officers for the 2009 fiscal year are:
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If you want the best root selections,
GET TO THE MEETING
EARLY!

MEETING:
February 20th, @ 7:30 pm. Missouri Botanical Garden.
Unless otherwise noted the society meets at the Garden on the third Friday of each month.

JANUARY REFRESHMENTS:
Dorothy Miller and Maleta Fox

MEMBER ROSTER: Attached to this month's newsletter is the updated member roster for 2009. It will also be available on the website in the members only section.

JUDGING TESTS: Remember to either mail or bring your completed judging test to Bob Sewell. Completing and submitting the test is an ADS requirement and must be done every five years for society members to maintain their ADS accreditation. Bob must then mail the completed tests to Bob Moynahan, chairman of the ADS accreditation committee. Bob Sewell hopes to have everything completed by the February meeting. So, let's comply with Bob's timetable.

FEBRUARY ROOT SALE: There should be some good dollar bargains at the root sale. The sale will commence before the meeting and continue afterwards during refreshments. Bring your own bag or other container to take your roots home. Those donating roots should have each division marked by name. Some of the varieties at the sale include: Beaucon White, April Dawn, Scaur Swinton, Just Peachy, Autay Chipper, Hy Clown, Hamilton Lillian, Ukraine, Bristol Fleck, Brushstrokes, Embrace, Fall Fiesta, Hy Mom, Jessica, Mingus Randy, Normandy Lynne, Kelvin Floodlight, Miss Teagan, Brookside Cheri, Man's Louise, Man's Dania, Sheila Young and Aitara Majesty. This list, along with pictures, is also available on the website in the members only section. It is only a partial list.

PROPAGATING SUPPLIES will be distributed at the meeting. Pay for your supplies then, either cash or by check made payable to the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society.

REFRESHMENT SIGNUP: Chairperson Maleta Fox began circulating the new refreshment signup sheet at the December meeting. Pick a month, other than March, August, October and December, and treat the membership to one of your favorite "goodies." Help out Maleta so that she does not have to find someone at the last minute.

BOARD MEETING: President Mike Plannett has scheduled the society's annual Board of Directors meeting for March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Grand Glaize Library Branch, located at 1010 Meramec Station Rd. For those who attended last year's board meeting, this is the same site.

Mike is in the process of putting together an agenda, and even if you are planning to attend pass along your agenda ideas to Mike so they can be added to his agenda.

Recommendations that receive a majority vote by the board will then be brought to the society membership for consideration at the April 17 meeting. Another majority vote by the membership attending the April meeting is required for adoption.

One idea that is likely to be brought to the board calls for the expansion of Section "H" show awards to include those types not defined in the current show schedule. Proponents explain that such an expansion will bring the St. Louis show in compliance with all of the other shows conducted by societies organized under the umbrella of the Midwest Conference.

EDUCATION: The root sale and a likely extended business agenda will curtail the education portion of the meeting. However, if anyone is having propagation problems or needs help setting up a propagation bench bring those concerns forward and they will be addressed.

NO MARCH MEETING: Even though the society does not have a monthly meeting scheduled, the monthly bulletin will be mailed. Included in the March bulletin will be the happenings of the board meeting. And of equal importance a list of plants that members can purchase ahead of the scheduled May 9-10 plant sale at the Garden on Mother's Day weekend.

The April meeting plant sale was tried for the first time last year and was well received. This presale sale helped the society in several ways. First, it allows those propagating an opportunity to clear out some of their more mature plants, which in turn makes room for smaller plants to also mature by the May sale date. Second, members have a better chance of getting specific varieties. And lastly, the society treasury gets an early transfusion, which makes the annual \$3,000 goal more attainable.

EXPANDED FEBRUARY AGENDA EXPECTED: The frigid mid-January temperatures kept even the most ardent society members from attending the January meeting. As a result no business was conducted because of a lack of a quorum as stipulated in the society bylaws. Such items will be carried over to the February meeting. One such item is participation at Sunday's (Feb. 22) plant society membership fair sponsored by the Garden at the Garden.

WHITE ELEPHANT: January signaled the return of the \$5 white elephant prizes. Bring something else unusual, too, along with an appetite for dahlia talk and delicious goodies.

Here's this month's installment of
HENRY'S JOKE OF THE MONTH



A man is dining in a fancy restaurant and there is a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He has been checking her out since he sat down, but lacks the nerve to talk with her.

Suddenly she sneezes, and her glass eye comes flying out of its socket toward the man. He reflexively reaches out, grabs it out of the air, and hands it back to her.

"Oh my, I am so sorry," the woman says as she pops her eye back in place. "I'm sure that must have embarrassed you so let me pay for your dinner to make it up to you," she says.

They enjoy a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they go to the theatre followed by drinks. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he listens, he shares his and she listens.

After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast.

They have a wonderful, wonderful time.
The next morning, she cooks a gourmet breakfast with all the trimmings.
The guy is amazed and totally impressed. Everything had been SO incredible!

"You know," he said, "you are the perfect woman. Are you this nice to every guy you meet? "

"No," she replies. . . . "You just happened to catch my eye."

Comments and Questions greeted with a smile.
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