

DAHLIA DIGGINGS



NEWSLETTER FOR:

"THE GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY"

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Good Plant Selection Expected

AT THE APRIL MEETING SALE

MEETING:

April 17th, @ 7:30 pm. Missouri Botanical Garden.

Unless otherwise noted the society meets at the Garden on the third Friday of each month.

APRIL REFRESHMENTS:

Jim Davis, Donna Himmelberg, and Pat Auer

REFRESHMENT SIGNUP: A few spots remain unfilled for the 09 refreshment calendar. Let's help refreshment chairman Maleta Fox fill those spots as soon as possible. Two volunteers are needed in July and a full slate of volunteers is needed in both September and November.

EDUCATION: The plant sale will likely take up much of the education segment time. However, if anyone is having propagation problems those concerns will be addressed. By now most cuttings will have been potted and put in a cold frame to harden off.

PLANT SALE: As many as 150-200 plants and/or potted roots could be available at the April meeting. Price will be \$3 per plant, the same price as the Mother's Day weekend sale at the Garden. Bob Himmelberg is planning to bring several Kiara Pompadour (09 flower of the year) Jim Boever should have Ayers White Knight, Zorro and Islander among others. Those planning to buy plants at the April meeting should bring some type of box or container to get them home undamaged.

Possible varieties at the sale include:

Ayers White Knight - 08 court of honor winner; *Islander*, perennial court of honor winner; *Zorro*, past court of honor winner; *Just Peachy*, past flower of the year; *Minerva Sunrise*, *Beaucon White*, 08 court of honor winner; *Woodland Wildthing*, 08 court of honor winner; *Babylon Red*, 08 court of honor winner; *Autay Chipper*, 08 flower of the year; *Holly Huston*, 07 king of the show; *Hamilton Lillian*, past flower of the year; *Bracken Sarah*, 08 princess of the show; *Ryecroft Magnum*, *Colorado Classic*, *Aitari Majesty*, *Narrows Tricia*, *Just Married*, *Poppet*, *Man's Dania*, *Hy Clown*, past flower of the year; *Gloriosa* and *Mingus Randy*.

There likely will be other varieties, not brought to the attention of the bulletin editor.

MIDWEST CONFERENCE UPDATE: Dr. Dick Peters, Midwest president, has supplied the following event dates: Annual Spring Meeting, Saturday, June 6; Conference judging seminar, Aug. 15 and the annual conference show, Aug. 28-30, hosted by the Grand Valley Dahlia Society in Grand Rapids, Mich. (An in depth look at each event will appear in a future monthly bulletin.)

EXPECT an extended report from Judy Sewell updating the plight of several members. As for the bulletin editor (Joe Meyer) he wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to the many members who offered encouragement with cards, email, phone calls and personal visits to the hospital and his home. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

09 SECTION "T" THEME: *Henry's Garden* is the overall theme of this year's arrangement section as the dahlia society does its part celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Class 901 (Victorian Garden)

This arrangement should feature pastel colored dahlias.

Any accessories should carry out the Victorian theme.

Class 902 (Japanese Garden)

This arrangement is your choice of colors.

However, the arrangement and accessories should carry out an Oriental theme.

Class 903 (Tropical Garden)

This arrangement can represent the Garden's Climatron.

The use of hot vibrant colored blooms will help carry out this theme.

Class 904 (Children's Garden)

This can be a fun, whimsical arrangement.

It can feature your choice of colors and a wide range of accessories can be used to help carry out this theme.

MAY PLANT SALE: With this being the only meeting before the May plant sale at the Garden, any questions or potential problems need to be ironed out now. The society needs a successful sale to help pad the treasury for upcoming expenditures. If everyone does his/her part the sale can be a successful venture and who knows the society might even reach that elusive \$3,000 goal sought each year by co-chairmen Joe Davinroy and Jerry Donley.

MIKE PLANNETT will update the membership regarding the purchase of organic plant food (50# bag). Those who would like some can contact Mike prior to the meeting for cost and Mike could then make it available at the May meeting.

LATE SUPPLY PICKUP: Contact John Fox for any late supply pickup. John will be happy to bring your supplies to the meeting but he shouldn't have to bring it and then take it back home if you fail to get them.

WHITE ELEPHANT: Bring something unusual along with an appetite for dahlia talk and delicious goodies.

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



CAREER CHOICES

An old country preacher had a teenage son, and it was getting time the boy should give some thought to choosing a profession. Like many young men his age, the boy didn't really know what he wanted to do, and he didn't seem too concerned about it. One day, while the boy was away at school, his father decided to try an experiment. He went into the boy's room and placed on his study table four objects:

1. A bible.
2. A silver dollar.
3. A bottle of whisky.
4. A Playboy magazine.

"I'll just hide behind the door," the old preacher said to himself. "When he comes home from school today, I'll see which object he picks up.

If it's the bible, he's going to be a preacher like me, and what a blessing that would be!

If he picks up the dollar, he's going to be a business man, and that would be okay, too.

But if he picks up the bottle, he's going to be a no-good drunken bum, and Lord, what a shame that would be.

And worst of all if he picks up that magazine he's going to be a skirt-chasing womanizer."

The old man waited anxiously, and soon heard his son's footsteps as he entered the house whistling and headed for his room.

The boy tossed his books on the bed, and as he turned to leave the room he spotted the objects on the table. With curiosity in his eye, he walked over to inspect them.

Finally, he picked up the Bible and placed it under his arm. He picked up the silver dollar and dropped into his pocket. He uncorked the bottle and took a big drink, while he admired this month's centerfold.

"Lord have mercy," the old preacher disgustedly whispered. He's gonna run for Governor of Illinois"

Comments and Questions greeted with a smile.

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