

DAHLIA DIGGINGS



NEWSLETTER FOR:

"THE GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY"

Volume #2/07 E-Mail edition

PRESIDENT, Colleen Simons (636) 583-8568; **VICE-PRESIDENT**, Mike Plannett (314) 846-6650;
SECRETARY, Bob Sewell (618) 234-0176; **TREASURER**, Jim Davis (573) 484-3731;
FINANCIAL SECRETARY, Shirley Pollinger (636) 584-8311
HEALTH and WELFARE CHAIRPERSON: Judy Sewell

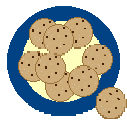
DON'T FORGET:

Root sale at February meeting

MEETING:

February 16th

The Society meets the third Friday of each month at the
Missouri Botanical Garden at 7:30 pm.



REFRESHMENTS:



Joe Meyer, Hank Soltermann, and Donna Himmelberg.



EDUCATION:

The program this month will be an in depth presentation about soil.

It will be given by Matt Herring, an agronomy/ natural resources specialist with the University Missouri's Franklin County Extension Service Office.

The invitation to Matt was extended by our president. Any member who has had or is having problems getting the maximum plant growth and bloom production should find this program very interesting and very useful with the new season lurking around the corner.

MALETA FOX has taken over the chairmanship of the refreshment calendar. Either contact her by phone, email or check with her at an upcoming meeting and sign up for refreshments if you have not already done so.

ANY FUTURE health and welfare items should be referred to Judy Sewell, the society's new chairperson.

PROPAGATION SUPPLIES will be distributed at the February meeting so plan accordingly. If you have any last minute additions to your previous order contact either John Fox or Les Miller ASAP.

DEADLINE: The final deadline for renewing both St. Louis and ADS memberships is the February meeting. A St. Louis membership is \$10, a combined membership is \$30 and a family membership is \$33. All checks should be payable to the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society, however.

SOME interesting things appear in the December ADS bulletin and the 2007 ADS classification book. And to help decide which different varieties you might want to grow and exhibit this year also take a few minutes and scan the results of the many Midwest Conference shows that are capsuled in the December bulletin supplement.

---Found in the bulletin, itself, are two poems written by our junior poet laureate, Ron Pollinger.

---An interesting article appears on pages 39-41 describing in detail how two ADS members would like to completely change the classification numbering system.

---Of special note locally, the following varieties have been reclassified for the 2007 season:

- BRUSHSTROKES - was WL, now miniature ID
- AITIARA MAJESTY - was AASC , now ASC
- MINGUS WESLEY - was AID, now ASC. Its color classification remains wrong, however.

The complete list can be found on page 87 of the '07 classification book.

WORDS of WISDOM from the PRESIDENT: The trouble with gardening is that it does not remain an avocation. It becomes an obsession. You can bury a lot of troubles in the dirt.

REFRESHMENT SIGN-UP: One volunteer is needed for March. This will complete the first quarter of the new year. But also feel free to sign up for any upcoming months as well.

ROOT SALE: All roots will be \$1 and proceeds from the sale will go into the society's general operating account. The sale will begin prior to the meeting and reconvene during the post refreshment hour. John Fox and Joe Meyer will be in charge of the sale. Please have your sale roots marked correctly and available at least 20-30 minutes prior to the start of the regular business meeting. Hopefully a varied selection will be available. Below average root harvests each of the past two years has lessened the amount of roots at the sale.

BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED: After some discussion and with a quorum of board members present it was moved and seconded that the society's annual board meeting be rescheduled prior to the regular March meeting. The action was prompted when it was determined that nothing major would be brought forth for consideration and recommendation. The primary item that the board will consider is the reauthorizing of section "V" (bouquet of dahlias) for the 2007 show and as a part of the reauthorization recommend whatever refinement be made to the rules that govern the section. The exact start time of the board meeting will be announced in the March bulletin.

2007 ARRANGEMENT THEME is "*Dahlias in the Forecast*". Section "T" will again have its usual four class sub themes - **(901) Spring Showers**, an arrangement featuring water and the light spring colors (pink, light blends, yellow); **(902) Dark Stormy Summer Night**, an arrangement showing motion and featuring the darker colors in your patch; **(903) Crisp Autumn Day**, an arrangement highlighting fall colors (Gold, Orange, Red, Flame) and **(904) Snowy Winter Day**, an arrangement featuring the many size white blooms in your patch.

Hat's off to the theme committee for coming up with yet another creative overall theme and four equally interesting sub themes. This should translate into another excellent competition.

WHITE ELEPHANT: Rummage around and find something unusual for the white elephant drawing. Don't forget the society's two \$5 gifts. And what better way to enjoy your unexpected good fortune than spend the \$5 at the society root sale. Finally bring an appetite for delicious treats and interesting dahlia discussion.

Here's this month's installment of

HENRY'S JOKE OF THE MONTH



(Thanks to Sarah Meyer for this month's Joke)

A LETTER TO TECH SUPPORT

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Girlfriend 7.0 to Wife 1.0. I soon noticed that the new program began unexpected child processing that took up a lot of space and valuable resources. In addition, Wife 1.0 installed itself into all other programs and now monitors all other system activity, applications such as Poker Night 10.3, Football 5.0, Hunting and Fishing 7.5, and Golfing 3.6. I can't seem to keep Wife 1.0 in the background while attempting to run my favorite applications. I'm thinking about going back to Girlfriend 7.0, but the uninstall doesn't work on Wife 1.0.

Please help!

Thanks,

Troubled User.....

Dear Troubled User,

This is a very common problem that men complain about. Many people upgrade from Girlfriend 7.0 to Wife 1.0, thinking that it is just a Utilities and Entertainment program. Wife 1.0 is an **OPERATING SYSTEM** and is designed by its Creator to run **EVERYTHING!!!** It is also impossible to delete Wife 1.0 and to return to Girlfriend 7.0. It is impossible to uninstall, or purge the program files from the system once installed. You cannot go back to Girlfriend 7.0 because Wife 1.0 is designed to not allow this. Look in your Wife 1.0 manual under Warnings-Alimony/Child Support. I recommend that you keep Wife 1.0 and work on improving the situation. I suggest installing the background application "Yes Dear" to alleviate software augmentation. The best course of action is to enter the command `C:\APOLOGIZE!`, because ultimately you will have to give the APOLOGIZE command before the system will return to normal anyway. Wife 1.0 is a great program, but it tends to be very high maintenance. Wife 1.0 comes with several support programs, such as Clean and Sweep 3.0, Cook It 1.5 and Do Bills 4.2. However, be very careful how you use these programs. Improper use will cause the system to launch the program Nag Nag 9.5. Once this happens, the only way to improve the performance of Wife 1.0 is to purchase additional software. I recommend Flowers 2.1 and Diamonds 5.0!

WARNING!!! DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Secretary With Short Skirt 3.3. This application is not supported by Wife 1.0 and will cause irreversible damage to the operating system!
Best of luck,
Tech Support