

# DAHLIA DIGGINGS



NEWSLETTER FOR:

*"THE GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY"*

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**DON'T FORGET:**

**Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm**

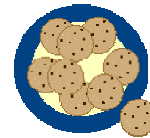
**MEETING:**

**March 16th**

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



**REFRESHMENTS:**



Toby Charles, Jim and Marge Boever, and Dorothy Miller.



## EDUCATION:

Surprise! Things that might find their way into a recycle box might, in fact, be recycled for indoor garden use, first.

**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.

**IF YOU** did not get your propagation supplies at the February meeting or have not picked them up from John Fox at his home please do so at the March meeting. John is kind enough to bring them to a meeting for distribution but he should not have to do it month after month.

**A REVISED** society roster should be forthcoming via the April bulletin or at the May plant sale.

**BOARD MEETING:** Come prepared to put forth any idea or suggestion that would allow the society to better serve the membership, both individually and collectively. Vice President Mike Plannett will chair the meeting. It will start promptly at 7 p.m.

One item on the agenda will be the reauthorization of Section "V" (*Bouquet of Dahlias*) in the show schedule. The section had a very positive first-year response in 2006. Some additional clarity of the section rules is needed and those changes are expected to be part of the reauthorization recommendation. The rules that governed this section in 2006 were as follows:

#### SECTION-V

##### *Rules and conditions governing this section for the 2006 show*

1. An individual will be limited to a maximum of *three* (3) entries.
2. The vase and/or container must be glass, pottery or crystal. Nothing currently characterized as a vase for multiple-bloom entries will be acceptable.
3. Each entry must contain a minimum of *five* (5) blooms but not more than *eleven* (11). And an entry must be composed of different size and type blooms so that it resembles a bouquet one might display or give to a friend or neighbor.
4. Other living plant material, such as ferns, baby's breath, can be used to accentuate the entry.
5. Each entry will be judged on *two* criteria; artistry and quality of blooms.
6. The judging team for this section will be composed of members who have an eye for a bouquet of flowers.

Any recommendation receiving majority board approval will be put before the regular membership for discussion and an up-or-down vote during the regular meeting chaired by president Colleen Simons.

**A BIG THANKS** to Colleen for providing a very informative education program last month. The topic was soil.

**REFRESHMENT SIGN-UP:** Volunteers are needed for May and June. This will complete the third quarter of the society's fiscal year.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** Shirley Pollinger, the society's financial secretary, needs the help of all those combined StL/ ADS members who did not receive the December ADS bulletin, the accompanying classification book and supplement book containing all of the 2006 show results. Shirley has contacted Alan Fisher and reports that the ADS will clarify the problem, even though Fisher insists all December packets were mailed. But to do this, Shirley must supply Fisher with the names/addresses of those who missed the December mailing. She wants to clear up this problem ASAP and hopefully insure that the problem will not continue when the ADS begins its 2007 mailing with its quarterly March bulletin.

**FOR CONSIDERATION:** Should the society speak with one voice, either agreeing or opposing the idea put forth in the December ADS bulletin by Lou Lombardo and Lou Paradise to revise the current classification system? If you are not familiar with their joint idea, visit pages 39 thru 41 of the December bulletin to acquainted yourself.

**WHITE ELEPHANT:** Rummage around and find something unusual for the white elephant drawing. Don't forget the society's two \$5 gifts. 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 this sections namesake, Henry Soltermann, for this months Joke)

### **A JOKE TOLD WITH A LITTLE IRISH FLARE.....**

An Irish woman of advanced age visited her physician to ask his help in reviving her husband's libido

"What about trying Viagra? , asks the doctor.

"Not a chance", she said. "He won't even take an aspirin".

"Not a problem", replied the doctor. "Give him an "Irish Viagra". It's when you drop the Viagra tablet into his coffee. He won't even taste it. Give it a try and call me in a week to let me know how things went"

It wasn't a week later that she called the doctor, who directly inquired as to progress. The poor dear exclaimed, "Oh, faith, bejaysus and begorrah!

T'was horrid, just terrible, doctor!"

"Really? What happened?" asked the doctor

"Well, I did as you advised and slipped it in his coffee and the effect was almost immediate. He jumped straight up, with a twinkle in his eye and with his pants a-bulging fiercely! With one swoop of his arm, he sent the cups and tablecloth flying, ripped me clothes to tatters and took me then and there, took me passionately on the tabletop! It was a nightmare, I tell you, an absolute nightmare!"

"Why so terrible?" asked the doctor, "Do you mean the sex your husband provided wasn't good"?

"T'was the best sex I've had in 25 years! But sure as I'm sittin' here, I'll never be able to show me face in Starbucks again!"

**HAPPY ST.PATRICKS DAY!**