

DAHLIA DIGGINGS



NEWSLETTER FOR:

"THE GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY"

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A BIG THANKS!

To all the plant sale volunteers.

MEETING:

May 18th

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



REFRESHMENTS:



Pat Gerardi, Joe Davinroy, and Aldine Kimker



EDUCATION:

It is planting time and getting off on the right foot is essential if your plants and/or sprouted roots are to perform during the hot, humid weather that lies on the horizon. So far, the St. Louis spring has been very unpredictable. Unseasonably warm when it should have been much cooler and then unseasonably cold at a time when temperatures normally begin to warm. This weather roller-coaster probably has our garden schedule running behind. So how do we catch up? And is it wise to try and catch up to fast? Those topics and others pertaining to planting will be explored.

MALETA FOX has taken over the chairmanship of the refreshment calendar. She reports that volunteers are still needed for June and July.

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

THE SOCIETY offers condolences to Jim Fox and John and Maleta Fox at the recent passing of Jim's wife, Mary, in Cobden, Il.

ELLIS EVANS AWARD: A recent conversation between John Fox and ADS President Jerry Landerholm has revealed that the best 3-miniature entry at this year's combined Midwest Conference/National Show in suburban Chicago will receive the Ellis Evans award. At the time of Evans death, his wife, Toni, provided money to both the St. Louis society and the Midwest Conference to perpetuate Ellis' memory and honor his many contributions to each organization. "Jerry reminded me of how much fun he had each time a national show or Midwest show was held in St. Louis and he is hoping St Louis people will have a similar experience this September in the Chicago area," Fox said.

The best 15-BB entry receives the Ellis Evans award at the St. Louis show.

FOLLOW-UP: Mike Plannett checked into the cost of Natural Safe Fertilizer and reports that it can be purchased in #50 bags at \$28 per or \$26 per in amounts of five bags or more.. Natural Safe Fertilizer is totally organic and has a ratio of 5--6-6 (nitrogen-phosphorus-potash). The many benefits of organic fertilizer were revealed during last month's education segment.

RATIFIED: Members attending the April meeting approved the board recommendation that Section "V" (bouquet of dahlias) be part of the 2007 show schedule. Mike Plannett and others are in the process of redefining the guidelines that will govern the section and once that work is completed the '07 show schedule will be updated with an addendum.

PLANT SALE: Expect Co-chairman Joe Davinroy to give a report on this year's plant sale. The annual plant sale is the society's primary source of revenue.

MIDWEST/NATIONAL SHOW: The scheduling is such that a St. Louis contingent could attend the Midwest/National show without forsaking our patches and the St. Louis show the last weekend in September. The Central States Dahlia Society will play host to the Chicago land festivities Sept. 6-9.

LOOKING AHEAD: Donna and Hank Soltermann report that the annual August picnic meeting will be held on the 18th at the Tremayne Lakeside Shelter at Creve Coeur Park. More details in future bulletins.

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



(Thanks To Sarah Meyer for this months joke.)

A blonde's car gets a flat tire on the Interstate one day. So she eases it over onto the shoulder of the road. She carefully steps out of the car and opens the trunk. She takes out two cardboard men, unfolds them and stands them at the rear of the vehicle facing oncoming traffic. The lifelike cardboard men are in trench coats exposing their nude bodies to approaching drivers.

Not surprisingly, the traffic became snarled and backed up. It wasn't very long before a police car arrives. The Officer, clearly enraged, approaches the disabled vehicle yelling, "What is going on here?"

"My car broke down, Officer" says the woman, calmly.

"Well, what the hell are these obscene cardboard pictures doing here by the road?!" asks the Officer.

"HELLOOOO!, those are my emergency flashers!" she replies.

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.

"See ya later kid, write if you find work"

Comments and Questions greeted with a smile.

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