

DAHLIA DIGGINGS



NEWSLETTER FOR:

"THE GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY"

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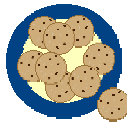
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Time to re-new STL. and ADS dues.

MEETING:

Nov 16, @ 7:30 pm. Missouri Botanical Garden.

Unless otherwise noted or changed the society meets the third Friday of each month



REFRESHMENTS:



Hank Soltermann, Jim Davis, and Joe Meyer



EDUCATION:

November, the month that bridges one dahlia season with an upcoming season.
What needs to be done to make the transition smooth and the ensuing spring less stressful?

A **MEMBERSHIP** renewal form is part of November bulletin. *"Take care of your dues renewal in a timely fashion."*

NEW FISCAL YEAR APPROACHES: The society will be ushering in a new slate of officers in November and November is also the time the membership selects the *"Flower of the Year"* for the '08 show.

FLOWER of the YEAR: As you ponder the flower-of-the year question keep in mind that, first, it should be a variety that can attract the maximum number of competitors and second, that it be a variety that is easily attainable for propagation. Everyone has his/her favorite so the nomination list should be filled with ample choices. *COME PREPARED TO BE PART OF THE SELECTION PROCESS.*

REFRESHMENT SIGNUP: It's likely that Maleta Fox will begin circulating the '08 refreshment sign-up sheet at the November meeting so check your personal calendar before then. An early commitment will not only make Maleta's job easier but yours as well.

ROOT HARVEST: The majority of the membership probably has completed its root harvest.

Hopefully there will be enough extra roots to make our in-house February root sale more successful than the past two sales. The root sale serves a triple purpose. First, the sales add some \$\$\$ to the society treasury. Second, it allows members an opportunity to purchase varieties seen at the show at a much reduced cost than from commercial suppliers and lastly, the distribution of such roots can potentially enhance propagation for the May plant sale.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Colleen Simons, Bob Cassidy and Ray Mitchell have new addresses. Please update your current society roster accordingly. A completely new updated roster will accompany either the January or February '08 bulletin. So keep your eye out for it. An updated roster is also available on the website if you have a user name and password for the "Members Only" page.

(Cassidy) - 5514 37th St. E., Bradenton, Fl 34203

(Mitchell) -1027 Lanawood Ct., Hazelwood, Mo. 63042

(Simons) -176 Platt Rd., Union, Mo. 630842 "We haven't moved," Simons informed the bulletin editor. "Just have a new address."

THE KIMKER'S, SIMONS and SOLTERMANN HONORED: The Pollinger family each year presents two awards at the annual awards banquet. This year Colleens Simons was given the Beckmann Distinguished Service award in recognition of her leadership role of president. It was Mr. Beckmann who got Ron and Don Pollinger interested in growing dahlias. Beckmann also was one of the early pioneers of the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society. The second award honors the memory of Ron and Don's mother, Doretta. Caught off guard, Soltermann was recognized for his many years of work on the banquet and for his winning entry of 5 balls.

In addressing the Kimker's, President Simons said it was very fitting that the society recognize their many tireless years of service but how to do it given the fact that they had been given every award offered by the society previously. "So here is a gift certificate. Go out, have dinner on us and thanks again for everything you have done, oh, these many years," she added. Like Soltermann, Ed and Aldine were equally caught off guard.

BEGIN YOUR SEARCH EARLY: This is time of year when members want to clear the cobwebs of dahlias and concentrate on the upcoming holidays. But a word to the wise: Before forgetting about dahlias altogether, start a primary search for anything you wish to grow but don't already have or wish to get new stock of. Even if you do not plan to order before the first of the year forward a wish list via email or regular correspondence that you want to purchase something and some suppliers will honor such requests, especially if you have done business with them previously. Finding good, healthy stock is becoming more and more difficult so keep that in mind as you put one season to rest and eventually begin another.

LOOKING AHEAD: Dig out an old favorite or find a new recipe - the December Christmas meeting is just around the corner. Everyone shares in providing treats. Colleen will provide the program and everyone who wants to can participate in a gift exchange, which is in lieu of the regular monthly white elephant. But remember you must bring a gift to participate in the exchange.

UNTIL THEN: find a white elephant for the November meeting. Recent drawings have produced some surprising things and there are always the two society \$5 prizes, too.

BEYOND good treats there is always a lot of informative dahlia talk at the meeting. *COME JOIN US.*

IT'S TIME to renew both St. Louis and American Dahlia Society dues for fiscal year 2008. A St. Louis only membership is \$10. A combined membership is \$30. And a combined family membership is \$33. The family membership allows for two (2) classification books. Whatever membership, make your check payable to the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society.

Remit your check and the form at the bottom of this renewal notice to our new financial secretary, Shirley Pollinger. If mailing, her address is: 811 Oakmont Lane, Union, Mo. 63084. If remitting in person at a society meeting also supply the dues form. The information you supply will have a dual purpose. First, it will serve as a data base for future reference for Shirley. And second, Shirley plans to update the complete society roster for distribution to the membership in early 2008.

The transition from one financial secretary to another can take place smoothly if the membership complies with this simple request:

SEND YOUR RENEWAL REMITTANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

And once the roster has been updated that information can be forwarded to the bulletin editor. This will enable future mailings and e-mailings to reach the membership in a correct and timely fashion.

Any problems in this regard should be directed to bulletin editor, Joe Meyer at either, 324 W. Linden St., Edwardsville, IL 62025 or dahlia@dialupweb.com Your cooperation will be appreciated by both the financial secretary and bulletin editor.

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St. Louis / ADS Dues Form

St. Louis, (\$10) _____ Combined, (\$30) _____ FAMILY, (\$33) _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

Here's this month's installment of

HENRY'S JOKE OF THE MONTH



Menopause Jewelry

A husband, being unhappy with his wife's mood swings, bought her a mood ring the other day so he would be able to monitor her moods.

He's discovered that when she's in a good mood, it turns green.

And, when she's in a bad mood, it leaves a big fricking red mark on his forehead.

Maybe next time he'll buy her a diamond, Dumb ass.

Comments and Questions greeted with a smile.

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