

DAHLIA DIGGINGS



NEWSLETTER FOR:

"THE GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY"

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Seasons Mid-Point *Has Arrived*

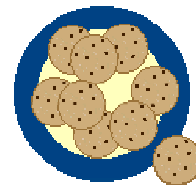
MEETING:

July 20th

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



REFRESHMENTS:



Bob & Pat Auer, Bob & Judy Sewell, and Ron & Shirley Pollinger



EDUCATION:

Mike Plannett will give a presentation on different types of watering systems. Providing ample water is crucial in August and September when buds are forming and blooms are maturing. But at the same time it is important that excessive amounts of water not come in direct contact with blooms. Therefore, overhead watering is a no-no.

MALETA FOX has taken over the chairmanship of the refreshment calendar. Thanks to all those who have volunteered for the monthly refreshments. Maleta reports that the calendar is now complete for this fiscal year and also through the first quarter of fiscal year 2008.

PICNIC DATE is Saturday Aug. 18 at Creve Coeur Park.

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

REMEMBER: St. Louis show date is: Sept. 28-29-30.

SUBURBAN CHICAGO will be the site of this year's combined Midwest and ADS national show, Sept. 6-9. Several members have expressed an interest in attending and possibly showing blooms. ADS President Jerry Landerholm announced recently that the best vase of 3 miniature blooms at the 2007 combined show will be given the Ellis Evans memorial stipend of \$50. A similar stipend is also given at the St. Louis show for the best vase of 15 BB blooms in recognition Evans' many years of tireless service in St. Louis and to ADS.

JUDGING SEMINAR: The chairman of the judging committee, Bob Sewell, reports that the annual judging seminar will be held Tuesday, Aug. 21 at the Garden from 7 to 9 p.m. The American Dahlia Society requires each of its member societies to conduct at least one yearly seminar. The seminar reviews all of the current judging information and also updates any changes. And it is during the seminar that discussion usually occurs dealing with judging practices as they might relate to the year's specific weather conditions. Good judging makes for a successful show and the place to get all of your questions answered prior to the show is the seminar. Sewell strongly recommends that all members, (even those who just clerk), attend the seminar.

PICNIC/FISH FRY INFO: The site for this year's picnic is the Tremayne Lakeside Shelter at Creve Coeur Park, located on Marine Avenue between Dorsett Road and Creve Coeur Mill Road, west of 1-270. Prior to the picnic Hank and Donna Soltermann have invited everyone to their home on Canter Way, in Overland to look at their dahlia patch and veggie garden. The garden stop will be between 11:30-12:30. The picnic, itself, is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and a short business meeting will follow, President Colleen Simons confirmed.

Jerry Donley said there will be plenty of fish and some fried chicken will also be available for anyone who does not like deep-fried fish.

Those attending the picnic are asked to bring either a covered dish or desert and their choice of beverage. Table service, ice and drink cups will be provided.

DIRECTIONS: (*Soltermann home*):

If you are traveling from the west, follow 1-270 to the Dorsett exit. Go east on Dorsett 3.3 miles to Ashby. Turn right .2 mile and then left to 10415 Canter Way, which is across from the park and the last house before the apartments. Hank's house will be on the left.

If you are traveling from the east, follow 1-270 to 1-170 (inner belt). Go south on inner belt to Page exit. Go west on Page to Ashby, turn right and follow Ashby to Canter Way. Hank's house is on the left, across from the park and right before apartments.

DIRECTIONS: (*Creve Coeur Lake/Tremayne Shelter*):

From 1-270 go west on Dorsett 1.5 miles, turn right on Marine 1.3 miles to north end of the lake. Turn left and left again into the parking lot by the shelter.

SHOW SCHEDULE: In the show chairman's absence at the July meeting, Colleen will be passing out the '07 arrangement section addendum and the updated Section "V" page. Include both in your generic show schedule. The same material will also be available at the picnic meeting, judging seminar (Aug. 21) and the September garden tour. In addition the show chairman will also have show tags available at the later three events.

CELEBRATION: Spend some time on July 28 (noon-4 p.m.) at the Overland Christian Church and help Hank observe his 80th birthday. Overland Church is the place where the Dahlia Society holds its yearly awards banquet. If you are unable to attend send Hank a card, note or e-mail. The theme of the celebration is *"You've Come a Long Way, Baby!"*

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



(Thanks To Henry for this months joke.)

THE CENSUS TAKER

A census taker in a rural area went up to a farmhouse and knocked. When a woman came to the door, he asked her how many children they had and their ages. She said, "Les' see now, there's the twins, Sally and Billy, they're thirty two. And the twins , Seth and Beth, they're twenty six. And the twins, Penny and Jenny, they're twenty four ... "

"Hold on!" said the census taker. "Did you get twins EVERY time?"

The woman answered, " Heck no, there were hundreds of times we didn't get nothin'."

WHITE ELEPHANT: Find that special white elephant for the July meeting and also be one of the two lucky attendees to draw the \$5 society prize. And lastly, bring an appetite for some tasty refreshments and informative dahlia talk.

Comments and Questions greeted with a smile.

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