

# DAHLIA DIGGINGS



NEWSLETTER FOR:

***"THE GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY"***

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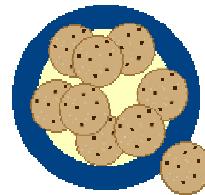
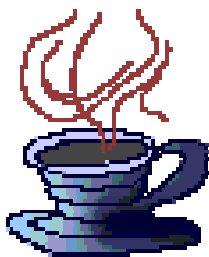
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**IT'S TIME TO SELECT**  
**"THE FLOWER OF THE YEAR"**

**MEETING:**

**NOVEMBER 17th**

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



**REFRESHMENTS:**

Toby Charles, Mike Plannett, and Joe Davinroy



## EDUCATION:

In our area late October and November is root harvest time. Following some basic steps will go a long way to insure that the harvested roots winter over for either January/February propagation or late spring planting.

**PAYING OUR RESPECTS:** Those attending the October meeting observed a moment of silence in memory of Dot Mitchell. She passed away recently following an extended struggle with cancer. At Ray's request the society will make a donation to St Jude's Hospital in Dot's name.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President Simons gave the report and following some discussion it was moved that the committee report be accepted and that the slate of officers, as announced, be elected by acclamation. Motion carried. The slate of officers for fiscal 2007 is as follows: Colleen Simons, president; Mike Plannett, vice president; Bob Sewell, secretary; Jim Davis, treasurer and Shirley Pollinger, financial secretary.

In addition President Simmons announced the nine board members as follows: (3yr term) Ray Mitchell, Joe Davinroy, and Hank Soltermann; (2yr term) Jim Boever, Donna Himmelberg, and John Fox; (1yr term) Les Miller, Brian Meyer, and Kineth Launius.

**NEW HEALTH and WELFARE CHAIRPERSON:** Judy Sewell.

**A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:** "I will be contacting members to serve on the various committees for 2007. Please consider being generous with your commitments to the organization. It takes everyone working together to make this a good year. Please feel free to volunteer for anything that you would be willing to do for the society. Judy Sewell has agreed to take over health and welfare. Thank you Judy and a big thank you also to Aldine Kimker who has done this job for so many years in the past.

If you know of anyone who needs a card from the society (get well, congratulations, sympathy, etc) please contact Judy at (618) 234-0176 or e-mail [r/sjhs@apci.net](mailto:r/sjhs@apci.net)."

**"FLOWER of the YEAR":** Come to the November meeting ready to participate in the selection of the 2007 "Flower of the Year". As the nomination process evolves keep these things in mind: The selection should be a variety that grows and performs well in our humid climate. The selection should be a variety that ample propagating stock is currently available either within the society or available from a proven commercial supplier. Lastly it should be a variety that a majority of the membership will grow resulting in a friendly competition at the 2007 show.

**"RAISING BEAUTIFUL DAHLIAS THE EASY WAY":** As instructed, Colleen has ordered and received 50 additional copies of this colorful book and copies at \$5 per will be available beginning with the November meeting. A perfect Christmas stocking stuffer for someone who wants to enhance his/her knowledge about growing this most diverse flower.

**RENEWAL:** It is time to renew memberships in both the Greater St. Louis and American Dahlia societies. Memberships must be filed for each by January 1st, so help out our new Financial Secretary by renewing as soon as possible. Make your check out to the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society, regardless.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Society members have barely put the 2006 season to rest. Yet, to make a smooth transition to the upcoming season it is necessary to inventory your propagating supplies so that the December/January time table can be met. By doing your inventory now, you will be able to address your propagating needs at the December meeting and pick them up at the January meeting.

**REFRESHMENT SIGNUP:** Expect Marge Boever to begin circulating the refreshment signup sheet for 2007 fiscal year. The society needs a full compliment of volunteers for each month beginning in January. Do your part.

**CONTRIBUTING to "GRANNY'S GARDEN":** Don't destroy your unwanted roots. Harvest the roots right before the November meeting and bring them to the meeting so the roots can be stored and donated to "Granny's Garden", an elementary school project run by Roberta Paolo. The stored roots will be mailed to Roberta in the spring. The majority of them will be planted by second-grade students in one of the many areas that comprise the "Granny's Garden". A few of the roots will be used for propagation purposes and any revenue generated will be used for overall maintenance of the garden area. Our participation in the project will be noted in several ways, Roberta assured me (Joe Meyer).

## *Here's this month's installment of*

### *HENRY'S JOKE OF THE MONTH*



## FRIED EGGS

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband.

Suddenly her husband burst into the kitchen. "Careful. CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my GOD! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh, my GOD! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful!! CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"

The wife turned and stared at him. "What the hell is wrong with you? You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?"

The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."

**WHITE ELEPHANT:** Any last minute fall house cleaning has probably unearthed something that probably would be a perfect white elephant. So, bring it to the meeting along with your usual appetite for tasty treats and informal dahlia talk.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

Comments and Questions greeted with a smile.

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