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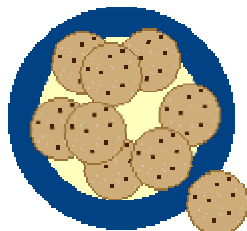
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A SUCCESSFUL SHOW CAPS '06 SEASON

MEETING:

October 20th

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



REFRESHMENTS:

Judy Sewell, Maleta Fox, and Marge Boever





EDUCATION:

Something a Little different, if Jack Frost stays away a few days longer.
Bring a pencil regardless!

2006 show results

(Single Bloom Entries)

King of the Show -Islander, Ron Pollinger

Queen of the Show -Pinelands Princess, Ron Pollinger

Princess of the Show -Aitara Diadem, Les & Dorothy Miller

Best Miniature -Sugartime Sunrise, Jerry Donley

Best Waterlily -Cameo, Ed Kimker

Best Ball -Senior Ball, Colleen Simmons

Best Mball -Barberry Bingo, Joe Meyer

New Introduction -Penhill Andrea's Memory, Ron Pollinger

Flower of the Year- Brushstrokes, Jerry Donley

Largest Bloom- Islander, Ron Pollinger

Smallest Bloom- Stoneleigh Joyce, Colleen Simmons

First Yr Seedling- BLC dk pink, Bob & Judy Sewell

People's Choice- Pam Howden, Bob & Donna Himmelberg

(Vase entries)

- 3A's** -Bella S, Bob & Judy Sewell
- 5A's** -Holly Huston, Joe Meyer
- 10A's** -Zorro, Jerry Donley
- 15A's**- Islander, Ron Pollinger
- 4 Kings**- Jim & Marge Boever
- 3 B's**- Kiara Pompadour, Jerry Donley
- 5 B's**- Hy Nadirah, Joe Meyer
- 10 B's**- Baron Evan, Jim & Marge Boever
- 15 B's**- Beaucon White, Ron Pollinger
- 4 Queens** -Jim& Marge Boever
- 3 BBs**- Barbara Z, Les & Dorothy Miller
- 5 BBs**- Sugartime Sunrise, Jerry Donley
- 10 BBs**- Autay Chipper, Les& Dorothy Miller
- 15 BBs**- Autay chipper, Les & Dorothy Miller
- 5 Min**- Sugartime Sunrise, Jerry Donley
- 10 Min**- Bristol Spartan, Jim Davis
- 5 WL**- Keith H, Jerry Donley
- 10 WL**- no entry
- 15 WL**- Brushstrokes, John & Maleta Fox
- 5 Balls** -Stephanie, Les & Dorothy Miller
- 10 Balls** -Cornel, Les & Dorothy Miller
- 5 M Balls** -SB'S Sunny, Jim & Marge Boever
- 10M Balls** -Mingus Gary, Colleen Simmons
- 5 Poms**- Stoneleigh Joyce, Colleen Simmons
- 5 Other Types** -Honka, Jerry Donley
- Bouquet of Dahlias**, Jerry Donley

(Grand Sweepstakes Winner)

Ron Pollinger

(Arrangement section)

Class 901- Donna Himmelberg

Class 902- Colleen Simmons

Class 903- Colleen Simmons

Class 904- Duey Davis

2006 People's Choice Results

Is the people's choice section experiencing a changing of the guard? Or has 2005 and 2006 produced uncharacteristic voting patterns? In years past exhibitors would trip over each other to place an eye-catching bi-color on the section "P" table. So fierce was the fray that the terms and conditions of the section had to be modified twice. There were exceptions to the rule of thumb but those were few and far between. Members would grow such varieties as Lakewood Joe (the most successful PC entry, dating back to the mid 1980's), Duet, Contrast and other bi-colors for the sole purpose of entering the people's choice section. A bi-color found its way into the 06' competition but it finished well behind the winner, Pam Howden, an orange water lily entered by Bob and Donna Himmelberg. Pam Howden won by a 2-1 margin over runner-up Yellow Harlequin, a yellow/red variegated. The lone bicolor, Checkers, attracted just 28 votes. The 2006 competition had 14 entries, with 439 total votes cast. For the Himmelberg's it was a repeat effort. They ventured into

the winner's circle last year with an entry of Kenora Wow. The 2006 slate of entries was filled with diversity in every definition of the word. There were big blooms, small blooms, solid-color blooms, blended blooms and even an anemone- flowering type entered by Tom Gilbert. It received 30 votes, more than the usual front-running bicolor.

Section "P" results

Pam Howden, Bob&Donna Himmelberg 119 votes

Yellow Harlequin, Ron Pollinger 60 votes

Un-named, Les&Dorothy Miller 47 votes

Un-named, Jerry Donley 34 votes

Alpen Fury, Tom Gilbert 30 votes

Checkers, Dee Pollinger 28 votes

Kelvin Floodlight sport, Jim&Marge Boever 27 votes

Nenekazi, Bob&Judy Sewell 21 votes

Un-named, Jim&Duey Davis 17 votes

Mingus Randy, Colleen Simons 13 votes

Citron de cap, John&Maleta Fox 9 votes

Penhill Dark Monarch, Ken Rice 9 votes

Brushstrokes, Joe Meyer 8 votes

Jessica, Hank Soltermann 7 votes

LOOKING AHEAD: Lakewood Joe will be reinstated as a people's choice variety for the 2007 show.

OCTOBER begins a new fiscal year. Expect a report from the nominating committee. Additional nominations can be made from the floor before the new officers are voted on and approved.

REVISITING SHOW WEEK: First the show chairman would like to thank everyone who helped, participated and provided any other assistance in making the show a success. The last-minute usage of round tables turned out to be a god-send, not a liability and Garden liaison Joe Davinroy plans to convey that in his verbal report to our Garden contact. The society should expect to use a number round tables in its 07' show setup plans. In what was expected to be a down year (total entries) was, in fact, quite different. The show attracted 58 more entries than the previous year, but fell short by 59- the number of entries in the '04 show, which was: the society's first without the watchful eye of longtime show chairman Ellis Evans. The only entry missing from the court of honor was a vase of 10 waterlilies. The previous year the court of honor was void of six categories, one of which was, surprisingly, a vase of 15 BB blooms. As a result no Ellis Evans stipend was awarded.

SOME OTHER '06 HIGHLIGHTS

- Ken Rice entered for the first time (novice section) and qualified for an award and three medals.
- The newly approved section "V" (bouquet of dahlias) attracted 11 entries and as a result the board of directors will likely recommend retaining the section for the 2007 show. Its addition in 2006 was probationary and as such needs board action.
- 13-year-old Zach Catanzaro joined the show ranks this year as a non-member and promised neighbor, Jerry Donley, that he will enter again next year in the novice category.
- An Elsie Webb tribute enhanced the entrance foyer to the show.
- In all, the court of honor was graced with entries from 10 members - another big plus. Jim & Marge Boever returned after a one-year absence and 2006 was a change

of pace for longtime member Ed Kimker. Kimker is the uncrowned king of the giant and large varieties. But it was Cameo, a waterlily that earned Kimker a spot in the court of honor.

- And for the second straight year the court of honor was missing old favorites and proven winners, Magic Moment and Hamari Accord. But in contrast occupying its lofty spot again was a vase of 15 Islanders.

HONORED: The recipients of the 2006 Beckmann Distinguished Service award are Brian and Sarah Meyer. Although relatively new members, Brian and Sarah have promoted the society through its website and are responsible for emailing the monthly newsletter to more than half of the membership, which stretches well beyond the metro St. Louis area. Ron Pollinger presented the award at the society's recent awards banquet.

Pollinger also recognized Colleen Simmons with the Dorette Pollinger award for her contributions as president. Simmons began the fiscal year as vice president but took over the presidency, after extended stays in New Orleans following the Katrina disaster, kept Mike Plannett from fulfilling the presidential duties.

Simmons was deeply touched because her close friend, the late Elsie Webb, had been honored with the same award at the 2005 awards banquet.

POSSIBLE PROJECT: With the 2006 season coming to a close it is time to both reflect and look ahead. Part of reflecting is determining what grew well, what varieties will be carried over to next season and what varieties will be discarded. Discarding something doesn't make it useless, however.

There is a place that the society could donate some of these discarded varieties. It is an elementary school near Cincinnati that incorporates a program called "Granny's Garden" into many areas of its curriculum. Granny's Garden is the brainchild of Roberta Paolo and includes both flowers of many types and vegetables.

As the bulletin editor understands, each grade is responsible for a portion of the overall garden. Adult volunteers assist the students but student learning is the primary objective. I'm sure Roberta would recognize the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society in some fashion, if the society would get involved by donating some of our discarded roots. With the root harvest just around the corner it is something worthy of discussion and consideration.

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

A young clergyman, fresh out of seminary, thought it would help him better understand the fears and temptations his future congregations faced if he first took a job as a policeman for several months. He passed the physical examination; then came the oral exam to test his ability to act quickly and wisely in an emergency. Among other questions he was asked, "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?"

He thought for a moment and then said, "I would take up a collection."

DONT FORGET your white elephants.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

Comments and Questions greeted with a smile.



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