

DAHLIA DIGGINGS



NEWSLETTER FOR:

"THE GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY"

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**A Big Thanks To All for a
Successful Picnic**

MEETING:

September 9th

Annual Garden Tour

Hosted this year by the Washington / Union members of the GSTLDS

NEXT MEETING:

The Society meets the third Friday of each month.

At the Missouri Botanical Garden at 7:30 pm.

The next scheduled meeting at the garden will be October 20th

REVISED show schedules and additional show tags will be available at the September garden tour meeting. Washington-Union, Mo. area members are hosting the garden tour.

EDUCATION: Dave Wehmeyer will provide the education program --another interesting class on arrangements. The education program will take place at Hillerman's prior to lunch and prior to the garden tour .

IN MEMORY of longtime Union member, Elsie Webb, others in the Washington-Union area had another society banner made. It, along with the one donated two years ago by members Ken and Michaela Kornblum, enables the society to now have one in the exhibition hall and one in the foyer en trance to the hall. .

BOB SEWELL conducted another informative judging seminar, using a double-barrel slide presentation. The presentation stimulated a number of questions and observations that should also prove helpful at this year's show. The American Dahlia Society requires each affiliated society to conduct at least one judging seminar .

SHOW ENTRIES: Contact Bob Sewell if you plan to enter the 2006 show. He needs to know which sections you plan to enter and will also assign you an exhibitor number. The Society needs exhibitors badly. The number of exhibitors has decreased greatly in recent years because of attrition. The good news is that the Society continues to add new members to its ranks but sadly these new members have hesitated to exhibit at previous shows.

Members with show experience will be glad to assist anyone who wants to exhibit. Your effort will not go unnoticed. Also remember this: those with show experience had to start sometime and each, like any of you, probably hesitated in the beginning, fearing failure.

Those who have exhibited over time can attest that the show is much more than awards and a possible place in the Court of Honor. It is a public forum that allows an exhibitor to silently say, "Look what I accomplished. And also remember that if you had fun accomplishing something, then what you and other exhibitors accomplished might energize somebody else to grow dahlias and eventually participate in a future show.

SETTING UP: Preparing the exhibition hall at the Garden will take place on Thursday (Sept. 21) a.m. The exact start time will be determined at the garden tour meeting in Washington.

LOOKING AHEAD: The awards banquet will be held act. 7 at the Overland Christian Church. A flyer explaining the particulars in detail accompanies this bulletin. Directions to the church will be via a separate email and regular mailing later in September .

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Be thinking about the '07 Flower of the Year ++++

It takes everyone to make the Society run successfully. As we head into our new fiscal year, beginning with the Oct. 20 meeting, give the new leadership team, whoever it might be, your support and your suggestions.

The new show section "*BOUQUET OF DAHLIAS*" is a perfect example. It came about because of an idea put forth at last year's show.

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



Newlyweds

A young couple got married and went on their honeymoon. When they got back, the bride immediately called her mother. "Well," said her mother, "So how was the honeymoon?"

"Oh, mama," she replied, "The honeymoon was wonderful! So romantic.." Suddenly she burst out crying. "But, mama, as soon as we returned, Sam started using the most horrible language -- things I'd never heard before! I mean, all these awful 4-letter words! You've got to take me home, PLEASE MAMA!"

"Sarah, Sarah," her mother said, "calm down! You need to stay with your husband and work this out. Now, tell me, what could be so awful? WHAT Four letter words?"

"Please don't make me tell you, mama," wept the daughter, "I'm so embarrassed, they're just too awful! COME GET ME, PLEASE!!"

"Darling, baby, you must tell me what has you so upset. Tell your mother these horrible four letter words!"

Still sobbing, the bride said, "Oh, Mama..., he used words like: **dust, wash, iron, cook...**"

"I'll pick you up in twenty minutes," said the mother.

See you at the Garden Tour!!!

Question and comments greeted with a smile!