

THE DAHLIA DIRT



The Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

December 2012

Next Meeting:

Friday, December 14 at Simpkins Swim Center, Santa Cruz

6:00 Pot Luck Dinner followed by Gift Exchange

Program:

Annual Holiday Party!



From the Prez....



Our Annual Holiday Party is this Friday at 6 pm at Simpkins Swim Center. Joe Ghio will be our "Master of Ceremonies" for the lively gift exchange. For those of you who have never attended our party, members usually bring a wrapped garden related gift which has a value of \$10 to \$15 for this fun event. We have a potluck prior to the exchange so bring a dish to share as well.

I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Happy Holidays!
xxoo Kristine



Corralitos Gardens Tuber Divide

Kevin and Karen have generously offered their dahlia tubers for the MBDS sale again this year. The tubers were dug this week and are ready to divide. If you have time in the next few weeks and can pick up clumps to take home and divide, call Kevin (596-0323) to arrange a time to pick them up. The tubers will need to be stored with your own personal tubers and then brought to the sort in early April.

Kevin and Karen are willing to have a divide party at their garden in mid January (watch for an email in late December for details).

Hope to see you then.



Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference

February 16 & 17, 2013

Registration for the conference is \$ 55.00 per person. Please use a separate form for each individual who will be attending. Mail your payment made out to the San Leandro Dahlia Society no later than February 8, 2013 to:

Peg Andriani
3244 Lynde Street
Oakland CA 94601

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Location: The Marina Inn
68 Monarch Bay Drive
San Leandro CA 94577

For Room Reservations call: 800.786.7783 and tell them you are with the Pacific Sowthwest Dahlia Conference for the special room rates:

Non-water view Queen or two Double beds	\$ 99.00
Water side Queen bed	109.00
Water Side Deluxe King bed	129.00

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Minutes from the MBDS Meeting

Minutes from MBDS meeting on November 9th, 2012

Kristine Albrecht called the meeting to order which was held at Toni and Alba's this month.

Minutes: Motion was made to approve the October minutes as written in the November newsletter. Motion was approved.

Treasury: No change.

Membership: Jean was collecting memberships during dinner and was pleased to announce that nearly everyone present had renewed.

Flower of the Year: Suggestions for Flower of the Year were made. Some of the cultivars that were nominated include the following: Verrone's Sandra J., Cynthia Huston, Bar Velvet, Verrone's Taylor Swift, Midnight Star, Verrone's Obsidian, Mars, Verrone's Citrine, Badger Twinkle and Blown Dry. We will vote during next month's meeting.

Holiday Party in December: Next month our meeting will include a gift exchange (~\$10). Gifts are encouraged to be garden related. Joe Ghio will be our "Master of Ceremonies". The meeting will begin at 6PM. This is earlier than the usual 7:30 beginning time.

Board Members and Officers: Kevin is getting nominations for Board Members and Officers.

Culture: Karen Hoffseth asked if anyone had tried using chamomile tea for mildew. She will report back the results in the future. Kevin as well as others suggested using sulfur, but also cautioned its use because of the potential to burn plants if used during hot weather. Serenade was also recommended.

Harvesting Seed: Kevin and Karen brought dahlia flower pods for all of us to practice finding dahlia seeds. Members were able to compare the results with each other and see the differences when a seed pod is mature vs. one that isn't fully ripe. At a future meeting we will learn about germinating seeds.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Iris Wallace

Future Dates

January Meeting: Friday, January 11

Pacific Southwest

Dahlia Conference: February 16-17



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