

THE DAHLIA DIRT



The Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

November 2012

Next Meeting:

Friday, November 9

Our annual Pizza Meeting will be held this month at Tony and Alba's on 41st Avenue near the movie theater and next to Palace Arts. Meeting will start at 7pm. The club will purchase pizzas and members can purchase drinks.

Program:

Kevin and Karen will talk about dahlia seed collecting and storing.

We'll plan our holiday meeting.



From the Prez....



Wow, did we have hard-working volunteers at the dig and divide at my garden this past Saturday and Sunday! With all their work we now have 833 tubers from 67 different cultivars set aside for our tuber sale in April. A big thank you to Millie, Doris, Jan, Iris, Janet, Dave, Dennis, Max, Patricia and my other 5 farm friends that braved the heat to dig and divide.

Don't forget this Friday's meeting at Tony & Alba's Pizza on 41st Avenue near the movie theater and Palace Arts. Pizza is served at 7pm. You will need to buy your own drinks so bring some cash. Kevin and Karen will educate us on dahlia seed collecting and storing.

Jean will be collecting money for Society dues at Tony & Alba's. Our local membership dues are \$10. If you would like to join the American Dahlia Society (ADS) and receive a 2013 classification book, quarterly bulletins, and lots of dahlia info, you can pay an additional \$24 per individual or \$30 per family. With the family membership you receive two classification books plus the quarterly bulletins.

Happy fall gardening, Kristine

Observe the end of season motto:

“THINK DIG”

The Dig



Julie and Janet



Christianne concentrating on finding a good eye.

We had a most successful Dig November 3rd and 4th digging and storing 883 tubers including 67 different cultivars from over 200 donated plants!



Kristine



Doris



Jan



Patricia

It was a hot weekend with temperatures in the 80's but it didn't stop our volunteers from coming out.

Thanks to all that showed up and contributed so much time, energy and sweat!

Kristine, Jan, Janet, Dave, Iris, Julie, Max, Dennis, Doris, Patricia, Millie and other Farm friends Christianne, Jan #2, Kirt and Lisa.



Dennis



Iris



Dave



Millie



Max

Minutes from MBDS meeting on October 12th, 2012

Kevin Larkin called the meeting to order at 7:35PM. Number of members present = 24.

Welcome to new member Dennis Caracappa! He saw Jean's dahlias and she encouraged him to attend our meetings. Katy and Mary's brother, John, attended as a guest.

Minutes: Motion was made by Katy to approve the September minutes as written in the newsletter. Doris seconded it and motion was approved.

Treasury: Katy Bannister reported we were in good standing. Still had some outstanding expenses for awards from our show.

Membership: Jean was absent, but it was reported that renewals will be accepted next month at our annual Pizza meeting. It's helpful for her if we all renew early so she can submit dues to ADS. Forms will be available at our next meeting

Dine Around: Our annual Dine Around where members visited 4 gardens was once again a yummy success. Thank you to Kristine, Doris, Kevin and Betty who made their gardens and homes available for viewing. We also celebrated Kevin's newly elected position as President of the American Dahlia Society.

Tuber Dig: A tuber dig date has been set up for November 3rd and 4th at Kristine Albrecht's garden. Signup sheet was sent around for volunteers. One of the main ways our society makes money is by selling our tubers that members donate in the spring. Kristine has over 200 plants to donate this year and would love help dividing.

Board Meeting: Board members met this past month to discuss our non-profit filing status. At this point they have not decided on anything. Most likely at 501.C7 will be filed. They will keep members informed as they gather information.

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Culture: We covered the importance of having a cover crop, making sure all dahlia plants are labeled and getting rid of your plants that didn't do well or showed signs of virus. Kevin also spoke about the heat wave we had and that using a fine mist can help lessen the stress on plants from the heat. The smaller the droplets the better.

Knife Guy: We ended our meeting with our last speaker of the year, Terry Beech, AKA the Knife Guy! He spoke about the importance of maintenance on gardening equipment. Things to do and not do to your tools. One key point made was that if the clipper doesn't come apart easily for sharpening it's probably not worth saving. He just Marvel Mystery Oil on his tools to clean and lubricate them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Minutes respectfully submitted, Iris Wallace

Future Dates

Holiday Party: Friday, December 14



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