

THE DAHLIA DIRT



The Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

August 2013

Next Meeting:

Friday, August 9 at Simpkins Swim Center, Santa Cruz

7:00 Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 Meeting

Program:

We will be getting organized for our upcoming show at Soquel High, planning for the County Fair and answering dahlia questions. Bring blooms!



From the Prez....



We have a busy month coming up as we host our annual show at Soquel High Aug. 31 & September 1. We need everyone's help to make this a success. Please sign up at the meeting this Friday.

Thank you Kevin and Karen for hosting the Mini-Show this past month. We had a great time learning about trial garden judging and how to make arrangements. We also had a wonderful potluck. Congratulations to Mary Bannister- Amateur and Becky Adams- Novice for winning the sweepstakes. Blown Dry grown by Iris Wallace was the best bloom of the show.

Thank you to all who attended the Judging Seminar in San Francisco on July 20th. We are so fortunate to have Lou Paradise close by. He took us through all stages of what makes a good bloom and how to judge them.

The San Leandro Dahlia Show was held on Aug 3 & 4. Congratulations to Kevin and Karen for winning the Open Category Sweepstakes and Iris Wallace for winning the Novice Sweepstakes. Our members who showed all had blooms at the head table! Congratulations.

Happy Growing....Kristine



Mini-Show

Kevin and Karen's ranch in Corralitos was the site of our September 27 Mini-Show this year.

We had a lot of great food, beautiful blooms and practice for this season's staging and judging.

Congratulations to our winners:

Mary Bannister Amateur

Becky Adams Novice

Iris Wallace Best Bloom





San Leandro Show August 3-4



The first show of the 2013 Season was held in San Leandro on August 3-4.

MBDS members who showed all made it to the head table.

What a fabulous start!



Karen and Ken



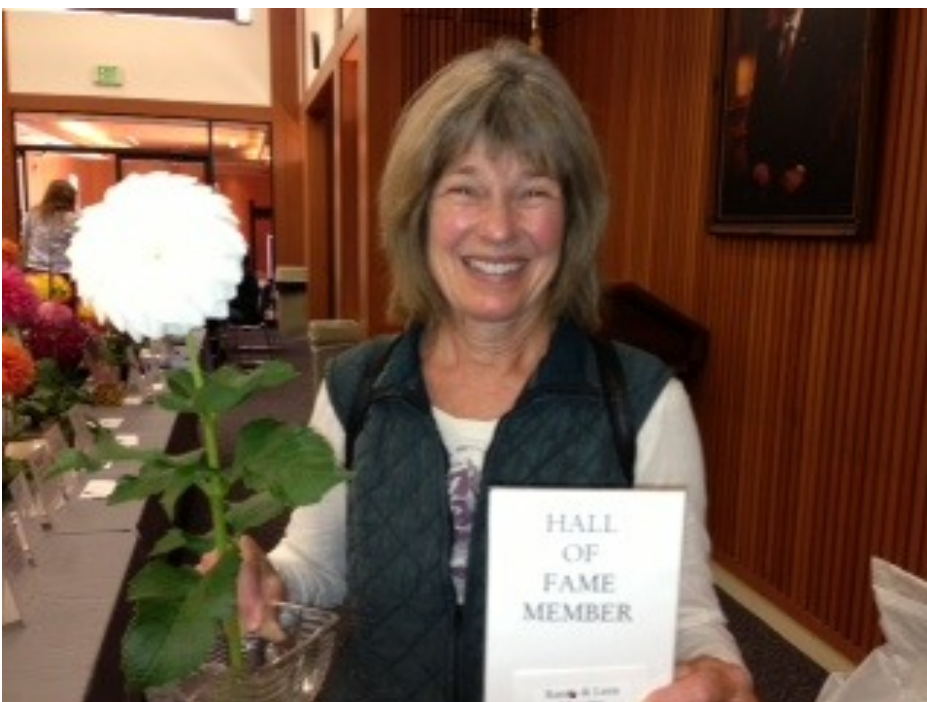


Kevin posing with his incredible Blown Dry display. WOW!



Kristine with Ben Huston

Lena with her prize winner!



Minutes from the MBDS Meeting



Minutes from MBDS meeting on July 12th, 2013

Kristine Albrecht called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Meeting was held at Santa Cruz Montessori due to scheduling conflict at Simpkins. Number of members present = 23.

Minutes: Motion was made to approve the June minutes as written in the July newsletter. Motion was approved.

Treasury: Katy Bannister reported that we continue to be in good standing. Soquel High rent for this years show is \$900 vs. \$600 last year.

Membership: Welcome new member Janice!!

Judging Seminar: Next Saturday July 20th at the Dahlia Den/Arboretum in San Francisco. Hosted by Dahlia Society of California. ADS Classification Chairman, Lou Paradise, will give the presentation. Kevin Larkin, ADS President, will also be present. All current members are encouraged to attend. Please let Kristine know ahead of time if you want to go. MBDS will pay for your lunch. Sign up sheet was passed around to coordinate any ride sharing.

Mini Show: July 27th, Saturday from 1-5. This year the mini show will be held at Kevin and Karen's dahlia garden/ranch on Brown Valley Road. This is a good opportunity to try staging a few blooms before our show season starts. Should be good fun. Jan will do an arrangement demonstration and we hope to have Ken Mausarat (sp?) from San Jose show how to stage multiple blooms. Please bring a chair, plates and utensils. Staging to begin at 1pm and Judging to begin at 3pm. Potluck around 4pm.

Dahlia Shows: San Leandro show is August 3rd and 4th, San Francisco is August 17th and 18th, John Stowell is September 7th and 8th.

Our annual dahlia show date has been set for Labor Day weekend (August 30th –September 1st) and will be held at Soquel High School cafeteria. We will need more volunteers. Kevin will be in Michigan at the ADS National Show.

County Fair: September 10-15th.

Dine Around: Our annual Dine-around event has been set for September 22nd (Sunday). The first garden to visit will be Dean's (appetizers), followed by Iris's (salads), Janice (main course) and ending at Betty's (desserts). A schedule with addresses will be emailed out.

Culture: A question was posed about earwig control and it was suggested to try Sluggo Plus.

Mini Talk: Doris Wilson spoke about time saving ideas. One of the things she does to save time in the garden is to keep many shovels out and about so there's always one handy. She also shared information about keep her clippers sharp by using the ACCU Sharpener. She gets hers at Alladin's Nursery for around \$12.

Bloom Carriers: Mary Bannister shared info about where to purchase materials to make bloom carriers to transport our blooms to shows or a friends. She ordered the ROPAK multi-pot from Stuewe. www.stuewe.com Model # MP-6 will fit right snugly into a 3 gallon Rubbermaid storage tub (available at Home Depot or OSH).

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Minutes respectfully submitted, Iris Wallace

Future Dates

Dahlia Shows:

August 17-18	San Francisco
August 31-Sept. 1	MBDS
September 7-8	John Stowell San Jose
September 13	Next MBDS meeting
September 10-15	SC County Fair
September 22	Dine Around



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