

THE DAHLIA DIRT



The Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

December 2013

Next Meeting:

Friday, December 13 at Simpkins Swim Center, Santa Cruz

6:00 Pot Luck Holiday Party Begins

Program:

We will be voting on our Flower of the Year and having fun eating and exchanging gifts!!!!



From the Prez....



This Friday is our fun-filled Annual Holiday Party at Simpkin's. The festivities and potluck start at 6pm, an hour earlier than usual. Bring a wrapped \$5-\$15 garden related gift for our gift exchange MC'd by our own Joe Ghio!

We will be voting on the flower of the year at Friday's meeting. Here are our nominations so far. (Other nominations will be accepted at our meeting prior to voting).

Elma Elizabeth (A size, FD, Lavender 1008), **Twister** (B size, ID, Red 2106), **Harvey Koop** (A size, ID Variegated DR/YL 1114), **Darla** (BB size, ID, Purple 3109), **Paul Z** (Ball,Purple 6007), **Rock Star** (Anemone, Dark Red 8207), **Teesbrooke Red Eye** (Collarette, Lavender 9008), **Honka** (Orchid, yellow 9002), **Baron Aunt Dorothy** (Collarette, Yellow 9002) , **K-K-K Katie** (Orchid, Orange 9203).

A big thank you to all who helped dig and divide tubers at my place on November 16 and 17th for our Tuber Sale in April. We were able to put 300 tubers away for the winter.

Happy Holidays...Kristine







Minutes from the MBDS Meeting



Minutes from MBDS meeting on November 8th, 2013

Kristine Albrecht called the meeting to order at Tony and Alba's Pizza in Capitola.

Minutes: Motion was made to approve minutes from September meeting and was approved.

Treasury: We're in good standing. Room at Simpkins is all set up and reserved for next years meetings.

Membership: Jean reported that tonight's membership drive was successful. Still need 38 out of 61 members to renew. There will be time next month at our Holiday Party!

2014 Dahlia of the year nominations: Each year we choose one fully-double and one single dahlia for our Flower of the Year. There is a special category to enter these in at our annual show. The following nominations were made: **Elma Elizabeth** (A size, FD, Lavender 1008), **Twister** (B size, ID, Red 2106), **Harvey Koop** (A size, ID Variegated DR/YL 1114), **Darla** (BB size, ID, Purple 3109), **Paul Z** (Ball, Purple 6007), **Rock Star** (Anemone, Dark Red 8207), **Teesbrooke Red Eye** (Collarette, Lavender 9008), **Honka** (Orchid, yellow 9002), **Baron Aunt Dorothy** (Collarette, Yellow 9002), **K-K-K Katie** (Orchid, Orange 9203). Other nominations will be accepted at our meeting in December before we vote.

Dahlia Dig at Kristine's: Kristine has set aside many plants for the club to come and dig up next Saturday and Sunday (16th and 17th) from 11-3. One of the main ways our club generates income is from our tuber sale in April. All the tubers that we dig this weekend at Kristine's will be donated to our club sale. Please come join us. Lunch will also be served! Homeless Garden project is also interested in any extra tubers members may have.

Next months' Meeting: Our annual Holiday Party will be at 6PM next month, December 13th. Please bring a gift (\$5-15) to exchange. Joe Ghio will once again lead us through our "exchange ceremony". **Remember we will start early 6PM** instead of our usual 7:30 time.

What did our members like best this past year? And what about next year?: Kristine asked each of us what we liked best about our meetings and what they would like to see in the future. Most members seemed to like the "Round Robin" type discussions we had where each member gets an opportunity to voice themselves. This was followed by the Gopher Guy Talk, Fertilizer talk, weed identification, what to do about bugs/pests (UCSC Extension), Compost teas, Break out groups, water talk, slide show of member's gardens, having show results visually displayed, Information about what it takes to be a judge, Bug ID Charts, Talk about other plants to grow to use in our arrangements (Floraval? Nursery).

Pacific Southwest Conference: It's San Jose's turn next year in February.

Judging Seminar: Do we want to take this on again and have it locally? Do we want different speakers to attend?

2014 Dahlia Show: There's a schedule conflict with our show next year and the National Show. Many of our member's will be driving to Tacoma, WA for the National Show, as well as other key judging members from the bay area. Do we have an alternate date or location? Soquel High is not available the week before Labor Day. Need to check if earlier in the summer is possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Minutes respectfully submitted, Iris Wallace

Future Dates

Next meeting: Friday, December 13
Holiday Party
6pm Bring a gift to exchange



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