

# THE DAHLIA DIRT



The Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

## July 2013

### Next Meeting:

Friday, July 12 at the Winston Campus Montessori, Aptos

7:00 Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 Meeting

### Program:

We will be going over staging techniques, time saving tips for the garden and tool sharpening.



## From the Prez....

I hope all your dahlias survived our recent hot spell. I know it challenged my watering and shading skills. On day one of the heat I was spritzing down my dahlia plants as they flagged in the heat. By humid and hot day three, I put up Agribon cloth as a shade, and watered hoping to stay ahead of the heat.



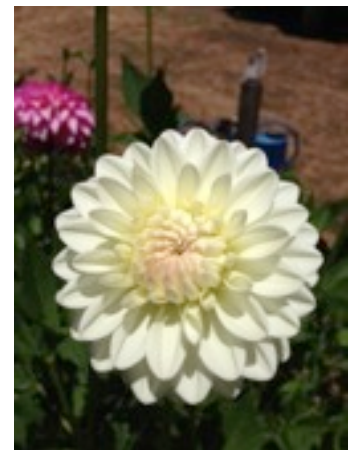
Fortunately, the heat subsided after four days. I still have the Agribon cloth up high on my stakes but with the weather cooling off this week I will soon remove it. What we do for our dahlias!



Providing much needed shade on a hot day.

At Friday's meeting we will be going over some important dahlia tending techniques as well as covering some basic dahlia show staging, time saving tips for the garden and tool sharpening.

Happy Gardening! - Kristine



## MBDS at the Kitayama Brothers Gerbera Festival and Open House

Saturday, June 15, was a little overcast, but everyone had a sunny smile at the Kitayama Brothers Gerbera Festival and Open House. Carol and Stuart Kitayama were there along with many other family members to welcome hundreds of guests. Katie, Mary, and Yoshi set up a wonderful table that had a fabulous selection of Kevin's blooms for all to enjoy, as well as educational information to inspire dahlia growing.

Organic vegetables of a dozen varieties for .75 each, Sunland potting soil for \$5 a bag, and blooming gerbera daisies for \$2.50 a pot were among the fabulous bargains. All proceeds went to support the State Parks. Tours of the greenhouses are amazing! It is hard to imagine that they are so big and filled with so many plants that they need CO<sub>2</sub> generators so that the plants don't run out. WOW!

If you were there, you know it was a fun event! If you missed it, just look forward to next year!



## Judging Seminar 2013

The judging class will take place on July 20, 9am to 3 pm in the "orchid room" in Golden Gate Park right off the Dahlia Dell. There should be adequate parking right at the Dell. Walk up the stairs towards the Conservatory and enter through the back gate to the windowed room full of DSC people.

Take this wonderful opportunity to learn from the ADS Classification Chairman, Lou Paradise and from the Show managers' Show Manager, John Morton. Bring examples of blooms you have lost the names for and we'll ask the experts. Do bring suitable containers, please.

We'll have lunch and an opportunity to cruise the Dell collections afterwards.

To sign up, call Deborah 415 816 2118 or email: [dahlia.dietz@gmail.com](mailto:dahlia.dietz@gmail.com). We need a head count to prepare for lunches.

Take this opportunity to learn more about our favorite flower, how to judge, how to evaluate your own dahlias, how to buy ones in the future, and to meet more bloomerati and dahlianistas.

Come prepared to take notes, meet people, participate and enjoy!

**June 14, 2013**

7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Potluck

7:30pm Meeting called to order by President Kristine Albrecht

New Members – Shelly Edwards

Visitor – Margo Kent a good friend of Doris Wilson



Treasury Report – Katy Bannister, it good shape overall. If you have any outstanding Club expenses please let Katy know so she can get you a check.

New Business - Doug Almand would like to sell plants at our show in September. There was a spirited discussion.

Issues-

Distracts from the show

Confusing – who's in charge

Quality of plants

It was put to vote and decided we will not sell plants at our show this year.

Sluggo Plus – One of our members; Mike James is able to get us a deal on Sluggo Plus. Kristine sent around sheet for those interested.

Judging Seminar – There will be a judging seminar put on by the Dahlia Society California (San Francisco). July 20<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date. Watch from more information on this opportunity to learn the ins and outs of dahlia judging. A great way for new growers to learn about showing dahlias.

Upcoming Dahlia Shows

AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> San Leandro Show

Dahlia Society of California August 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

MBDS August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>

John Stowell Society San Jose September 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

MBDS Mini Show - 2 dates are available 7/13 and 7/27. A vote was taken and it was first decided that it would take place on 7/13. After some discussion it was decided that 7/27 would be better because plant would have more bloom. Kevin Larkin and Karen Zydner will host either at their house or Corralitos Gardens. Information to follow. A request was made to have Jan do another demonstration/workshop on arrangements. The Club would also like to have Ken Massurat come and give a talk on multiples staging for shows like he did last year.

July Meeting Venue Change - We have a change of venue for the July meeting. We will me meeting at the Montessori School in Aptos on 7/12. We will have the same format, potluck at 7pm, meeting at 7:30pm. The address is 2446 Cabrillo College Drive Soquel, CA.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Don't Forget.....



This Friday, July 12 the MBDS Meeting will be held at the Winston Campus Montessori School (where the judging seminar was held last year)

7:00 Pot Luck

7:30 Meeting

## Directions:

From Hiway 1 get off at Park Avenue and head north (away from the ocean). At the stop light with Cabrillo College Dr. take a LEFT (most people will want to go right) and follow Cabrillo College Drive around and all the way to the end where there is a culdesac. Head up the driveway for the Lutheran church and take the first right into the Montessori parking lot. The address is 2446 Cabrillo College Drive, Soquel, CA.

## Future Dates

MBDS Meeting	July 12
Judging Seminar San Francisco	July 20
MBDS Mini Show Corralitos Gardens	July 27
MBDS Meeting	August 9
Dahlia Shows	
San Leandro	August 3-4
San Francisco	August 17-18
MBDS	August 31-September 1
San Jose	September 7-8



## The Crew

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