

# THE DAHLIA DIRT



The Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

## December 2014

**Next Meeting:**

**Friday, December 12 at Simpkins Holiday Party**

**6:00 Pot Luck Holiday Dinner**

**7:00 Gift Exchange**



## VP's December Message

### Happy Holidays

I hope everyone is ahead of us digging their dahlias. We are just beginning and with the recent wet weather, the digging and cleaning is a lot more challenging than during



dry times. It's always best to wait as long as possible following a storm before trying to dig roots. As in past years we will store our clumps undivided and schedule a weekend in January when the club can divide roots for the spring tuber sale.

### New Dahlia Internet Forum

Craig Carraher of the Dahlia Society of CA has

created a new discussion forum for Northern California dahlia growers. You can participate by signing up at [www.NorCalDahliaGrowers.com](http://www.NorCalDahliaGrowers.com).

The forum has several topics and a calendar of dahlia society events. Craig is hoping interested users may identify discussion areas that they may want to take ownership of. MBDS has a section moderated by Kristine and Sharon.

See you at the Christmas party Friday!



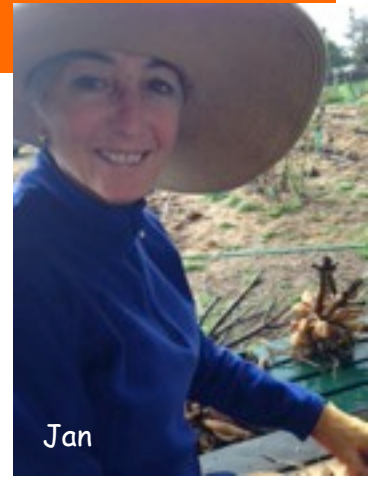
# Tuber Dig and Divide



Dave doing the digging!



Patricia working on the tubers.



Jan



Doris with a big one!



Iris





Kevin



Lindsay

Jodie



Julie



Liz



Joe and Kristine





Danny

Iris



Marlena

Janet



Becky



Emily



Kristine

## Minutes from MBDS meeting on November 14th, 2014

Meeting was held at Tony and Alba's Pizza this month..

**Minutes:** Kevin called for a motion to approve last months minutes. Motion was made and all approved.

**Membership:** Annual membership drive began tonight. Makes it easier for Jean when we all pay our dues early. ADS wants our dues by January. Jean was pleased to announce that most everyone at the Pizza Night has renewed their membership. Make sure if you need a nametag to let Jean know. Nametags come with your membership.

**Treasury:** We are in good standing after paying for most of the show expenses. Kevin still has some outstanding bills from the show and fair. Katy will also follow up with Soquel High in regards to an outstanding check that has not been cashed from the 2013 show.

**Elections:** Next month we will elect members for our officer positions. The secretary position is opening up. Iris has kept the minutes for the past 5 years. She also manages the tuber sale/sort and helps co-chair our annual show and is looking for some relief in her duties. Iris is willing to help whomever takes on the secretary role, by being a backup secretary when needed. At this time all other positions will remain the same.

**Dahlia Dig:** Kristine is donating many of her extra plants to the club for our annual tuber sale in April. She is having a dig and divide gathering at her place on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 am -2 pm. Please let her know if you plan to come so she can arrange lunch food for everyone.

**The Dahlia Door Prize Program:** Joe and Iris described how the Dahlia Door Prize Program will work. Kristine, Joe and Iris will get together to discuss and choose which new (in the last couple years) dahlias the society will purchase. Please let them know if there are any new cultivars you might like to see available to our members.

**Holiday Party:** Next month is December when we hold our annual Potluck and Holiday Party. Please note we will start an hour earlier than usual. This means **potluck at 6 PM and "Santa" Joe will coordinate the gift exchange at 7PM.** If you would like to participate in our blind gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift around \$10 or so. This is usually a garden related type exchange.

Meeting adjourned, 8pm

Minutes respectfully submitted, Iris Wallace





# Don't Forget the Holiday Gift Exchange!!!!

If you would like to participate in the  
Holiday Gift Exchange this Friday  
bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or  
so and get ready for some big fun!

Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00  
Gift Exchange at 7:00

## The Crew

**President: Kristine Albrecht**  
**Vice President: Kevin Larkin**  
**Treasurer: Katy Bannister**  
**Secretary: Iris Wallace**  
**Membership: Jean Biberdorf**  
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