

THE DAHLIA DIRT



The Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

March 2014

Meeting:

Friday, April 11 at Simpkins Swim Center, Santa Cruz

7:00 Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 Meeting

Program:

We'll have a panel of experts on fertilizing and care of dahlias.



From the Prez....



FROM THE PREZ

Dahlia season is officially here! Like many of you, I started planting my tubers in April and they are finally all in the ground. I'm really looking forward to seeing if last year's seedlings show the same promise as last season. I am also mulching heavier than ever before to avoid watering fines. I love that there is so much excitement in possibilities this time of year.

At Friday's meeting we will have a panel of experts on fertilizing and care of dahlias. Our own Kevin Larkin, Iris Wallace and Joe Ghio will help us navigate these interesting subjects. Also, please bring your extra tubers to share with other members. Hope to see you on Friday.

April at the Farm



Happy Growing,
Kristine

Photos from the Demonstration at San Lorenzo



At the Homeless Garden Project



Minutes from the MBDS Meeting



Minutes from MBDS meeting on April 11th, 2014

Kristine Albrecht called the meeting to order at 7:32. Number of members present = 15. Two new members: Debbie Russell and Phil ?.

Kristine began the meeting by having members talk about what they're doing right now in the garden or if they had questions. Some of the things members are doing are planting, weeding, dividing, rototilling, and deciding what and how many tubers to plant because of the drought. Doris had a question about bone meal and Debbie wanted to know if it's best to leave the tubers in the ground or to dig up each year. Several different choices were presented. Ultimately, we decided it comes down to your soil type, storage space and time available.

Minutes: Motion was made to approve minutes from March meeting. Passed.

Treasure: Katy Bannister reported that we remain in good standing and revenue from our successful tuber sale was deposited.

Membership: Jean was absent. Katy reported we received two new members from our sale (Liz and Debbie).

Events: Water conservation workshop at UCSC on 4/27/14.

Tuber Sale: Iris thanked everyone who helped with the tuber sort and sale. Kevin and Karen donated 450 of their cuttings for the sale, use of their barn for the sort and use of their trailer to deliver tables and tubers to the sale. Maia took care of the PR end of our sort, Toni labeled and mailed out postcards, Kristine sent emails, Ozzy helped with the sort by picking up and delivering most of the cuttings, Dean was there every day to oversee the sort and add support, Katy helped with the money end of our sales and recruited several members to help with collecting funds, Lena helped with the culture table, Iris reported that we had almost 200 different cultivars at the sale, Becky hung signs and last all the many wonderful members who donated tubers and their time. THANK YOU!!

Joe suggested that to bring in newer dahlia varieties that the club should purchase new introductions and then raffle off to club members at our meetings. Later our growers can then share their divisions at our sort. This idea was well received by the members and it was decided that it may be too late this year to get some of the new introductions available, but it will be looked into. Kristine also shared the idea of members putting together a wish list for the club to purchase and then share.

Show at the MAH in Santa Cruz (Museum of Art and History): After the club unanimously voted to have our next show at the MAH several members went down and took measurements and began layout discussions. The MAH is allowing us to use all their rooms on the first floor area (Atrium, Auditorium, Board Room, Classroom and hall areas). Use of all these spaces should equal the same amount of linear feet as we use at Soquel High. Admission to the museum on Saturday and Sunday will be free. The MAH has a tablecloth requirement. Discussion ensued about the various choices we have: black vs. white, plastic vs. cloth, rent vs. purchase, or to cover all the tables with cloth vs. only covering the tables in the Atrium (main room) with cloth and everything else in plastic. To be continued at our next meeting...

Remembrance: Joe informed us that Al Kennings (sp?) passed away recently at the age of 102 in Oakland. He was one of the original founding members of MBDS. A Motion was made to donate \$50 towards a fund at ADS in his honor. Katy will ask Kevin about the details.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07

Minutes respectfully submitted, Iris Wallace

Future Dates



Next MBDS Meeting

Friday, June 9

Simpkins

Judging Seminar

Saturday, July 19

Montessori School, Aptos

UPCOMING SHOWS

Mini-show

July 26

Kevin & Karen's

San Leandro Show

August 22-3

San Francisco

August 16-17

Santa Cruz Show

August 23-24

Museum of Art and History, SC

National Show

Labor Day Weekend

Tacoma, WA

County Fair

Week of September 9



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