

THE DAHLIA DIRT



The Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

September 2014

Next Meeting:

Friday, September 12 at Simpkins Swim Center, Santa Cruz

7:00 Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 Meeting

Program:

We will be discussing tuber storage, seed collecting and cross pollinating.

Don't forget to bring in your blooms to share!



From the Prez....

Thank you everyone for all your amazing work putting on the dahlia show at the Museum of Art and History this past month. It's always more work in a new venue and everyone pitched in to make it a success. Thanks again to Iris Wallace and Kevin Larkin for chairing the show.

We have our Annual Dahlia Dine-Around coming up Sept. 20th. We will be visiting three gardens and end at Bettie and Jim's for



dessert. Katy Bannister has graciously opened her garden to us along with Kevin and Karen and Sharon Lucchesi. We will talk about the details at Friday's meeting.

The 2014 John Stowell Dahlia Society and Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference show will be

at Vallco Shopping Mall at 10123 Wolf Road, Cupertino this Saturday and Sunday Sept. 13 and 14. If you would like to exhibit, bring your blooms. Set up starts at 11 pm Fri. Sept. 12 and goes through to Sept. 13 at 9am. Please plan on staying to judge or clerk if you can or if you don't bring blooms and would like to help with judging/clerking, please come and help. It's our last local dahlia show....don't miss it.

Iris, Dave and I recently came back from the National Dahlia Show in Tacoma. We traveled our dahlia blooms in Iris and Dave's camper, keeping a swamp cooler stoked with ice every few hours. Sixteen hours later, one of my blooms, Hollyhill Geisha made it to the head table and two of Iris' photographs won two of the top five photography awards. We had a lot of fun visiting the Tacoma Trial Garden as well as Accent Dahlias, Verrone's Pride of the Prairie, and Clearview Dahlias plus a few more. Next year's National Show is on Long Island.



Don't forget the Santa Cruz County Fair is this week and through the weekend. We need volunteers to staff the dahlia area at the fair. If you work a 4 hour or more shift we can get you a free pass into the Fair. If you are visiting the fair but can't work that long, please drop by the dahlia area and plan on staying and answering questions. We really need help on Saturday and Sunday so let me know if you can lend a hand. Thank you Jan and Kevin for speaking and demonstrating at the fair.

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Hope you can make it!

Happy Gardening, Kristine

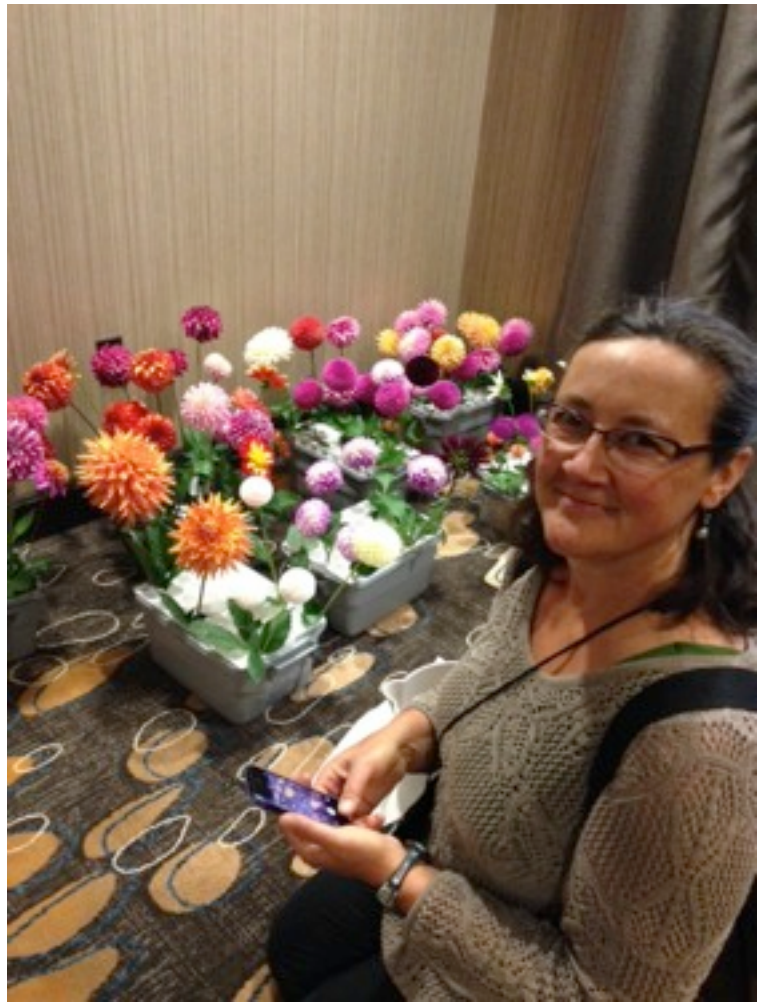
MBDS Show at the MAH







National Show in Tacoma





Minutes from MBDS meeting on August 8th, 2014

Kristine Albrecht called the meeting to order at 7:40. Meeting began by members introducing themselves.

Treasure Report: Katy to check with Soquel High. Last years check for the show was never cashed.

Mini-Show: Thank you Kevin and Karen for hosting. And thanks to Jan for the arrangement demonstration.

MBDS Show at the MAH: New location. Jan went around room earlier in the evening distributing maps to make sure everyone was clear as to how the parking would work. We have 4 spaces out in front of the MAH reserved for dahlia bloom delivery and other supplies for the show. Free parking available at Coamerica Bank on River Street after 1pm on Saturday and all day on Sunday. Their employee parking lot is free all day Saturday and Sunday. We will have greeters at the front door to help exhibitors orient themselves to the new location. Many thanks to Toni Campbell for working with Print Smith to get postcards and flyers made. Also thank you to Randy Marsden for the design help.

Kristine organized a list of jobs for the show and went around room trying to fill in where needed.

Dine-around: Our Dine-Around has been tentatively set for Saturday September 20th from 12-5. Gardens we will visit are Katy Banister, Lena and Randy Marsden, Sharon and George Lucchesi and Bettie and Jim Crandall. Directions and more information to be emailed out later.

County Fair: MBDS is seeking to have a larger presence at our local county fair this year. We have arranged to give 2 Dahlia 101 type talks, and a new section for anyone to bring in blooms and show them. Please consider volunteering. If you help for 3+ hours you can get into the fair for free.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Iris Wallace



Future Dates

San Jose Show: September 13-14

Santa Cruz County Fair: September 9-14

Dine-Around September 20

Katy 12-1:30

428 Beach St. , Watsonville

Kevin and Karen 1:30-3:00

Corralitos Gardens

Brown's Valley Road

Sharon 3:00-4:30

1805 Leslie Lane, Aptos

Bettie 4:30-6:00

450 Cox Road, Aptos

The Crew

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