

# THE DAHLIA DIRT



The Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

**February 2015**

**Next Meeting:**

**Friday, February 13 at Simpkins Swim Center**

**7:00 Pot Luck Dinner**

**7:30 Meeting**



# From the Vice Prez

## Vice President's Message February 2015

### **"You must be present to win!" - Dahlia Door Prizes at Every Meeting in Free Raffle**

Raffle tickets are free and the dahlias are great.

In January we kicked off our "virtual dahlia" door prize program developed by Kristine, Iris, and Joe. At each meeting we will raffle off the rights to 3 or 4 premium, new dahlias that will be received in March or April of next year - yes 2016. The reason for the delay is because they have purchased single roots of several new introductions that will be grown out this season and the resulting root crop will be passed out the following spring. It delays everything by a full season, but it will serve to bring new varieties into our collections and have some fun in the process.

At the February meeting we will have several "real time" dahlias added to the raffle from Kristine and from Corralitos Gardens - so don't miss the meeting.

### **Check Your Dahlias in Storage**

By February we have nearly made it through the storage season. Check your stored roots and evaluate whether they are stable. They could also be sprouting or, worse, shriveling or rotting. If they are anything other than stable, you may need to respond by altering the storage conditions or pulling them out of storage and waking them up - albeit a bit early. We'll discuss some root storage issues and solutions during the February meeting.

### **Club Roots for April Sale**

We chose April 4 as the date for the Annual Root/Plant sale at Deer Park. That is the day before Easter. We have had two very productive club dig & divide weekends. First at Kristine's before X-Mas and at Corralitos Gardens in January. We have maybe 1,000 roots stored away - but not all will be viable, so be sure to keep as many of yours as you can and bring them to root sort prior to the sale. This is our one big money maker for the year.

### **Membership Management - Renew Now Please to Reduce Chaos**

If you are reading this and are not certain that your 2015 Monterey Bay Dahlia Society or American Dahlia Society dues are paid please contact our Membership Chair Jean Biberdorf as soon as possible so that she can let you know about your membership status. [jean.biberdorf@gmail.com](mailto:jean.biberdorf@gmail.com) or come to the February meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> to renew your membership.

# Tuber Purchase Program

## February Tuber Raffle

This month we will raffle off Bloomquist John F., Bloomquist Sun Rays and Camano Morder. Please remember these are the tubers that will be distributed next year after they've been grown out for one year.



Bloomquist Sun Rays 3110 BB ID LB

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Bloomquist John F. 1510 AA LC LB

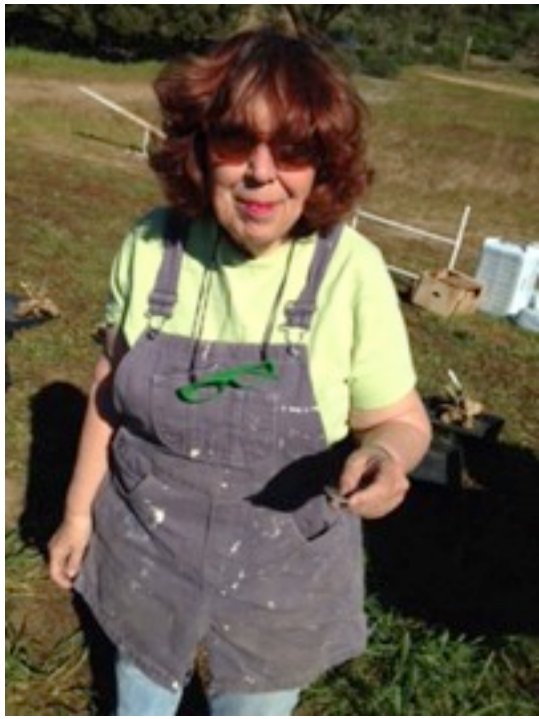
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Camano Mordor 6013 Ball Dark Blend DP/P  
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**Tuber Dig at Kevin's**









## Minutes from MBDS meeting on January 9, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm with 12 members present. Kevin introduced returning officers: Kristine Albrecht, President; Kevin Larkin, Vice President; Katy Bannister, Treasurer. He then introduced myself, Maia Morris as secretary and Margo Loehr as backup secretary.

### Minutes

Kevin called for a motion to approve last months minutes. Motion was made, seconded and all in favor approved.

### Flower of the Year

Nominees were: AC Ben, Harvey Koop, Elvira, Show 'n' Tell, Sylvia Craig Hunter and Kelsey Radiance. Mary encouraged the idea of having a locally developed variety. Harvey Koop and Show 'n' Tell were eliminated because there are not enough tubers. AC Ben is a good nominee because there is a large supply of tubers, and there has not been an AA flower of the year in some time. Sylvia Craig Hunter also has a good supply of tubers. A vote was held - AC Ben received 7 votes, Sylvia Craig Hunter received 4 votes. Iris had looked into purchasing Kelsey Radiance for disc-centered flower of the year, but none were available. Rycroft Sunrise is Kevin & Karen's most prolific disc-centered flower and Kevin offered to bring some in for those who want to grow for flower of the year.

### Seedlings & the Show

A new category/class description will be added to the show this year for seedlings. There will be about 3-5 entries allowed per person, and judges will pick a best and a worst. Kevin brought in packets of mixed seeds and passed out to members.

### Dahlia Door Prize

The first Dahlia Door Prize raffle was held! The first three varieties and winners:

Ayers Glory- Doris & Margo

Bloomquist Candy Corn- Mary, Dean, Maia & Iris

Bloomquist Dan G.- Deborah & Becky

### Dahlia Dig

Corralitos Gardens has 800-900 plants in the ground they are willing to donate to the club. There will be a dig on January 24 & 25 from 10am-3pm.



### Tuber Sale

The first weekend in April is Easter. The group decided go ahead and keep it that weekend on April 4th, most members present will be in town and available to help. The sort will be April 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.

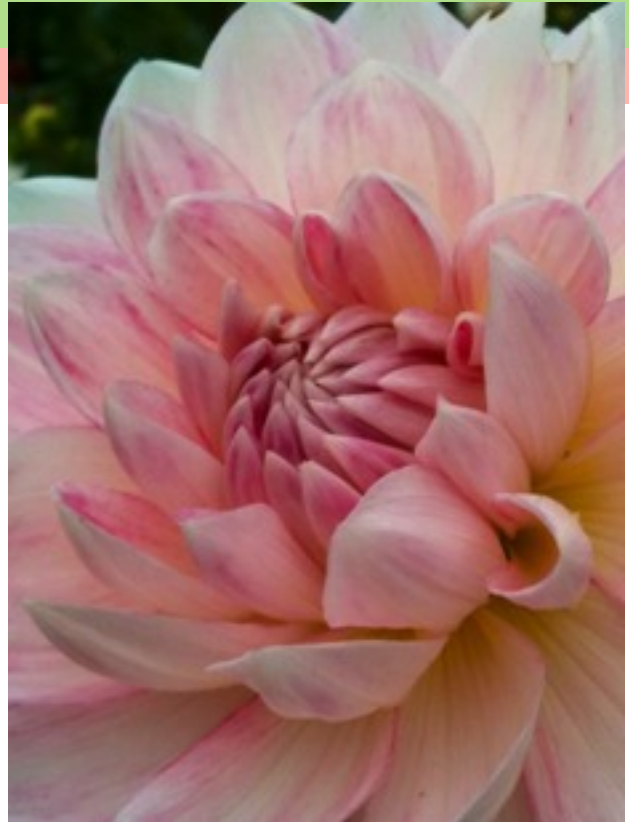
### Flower Transport

Kristine suggested ordering samples of trays that are available from Stuewe & Sons, and bringing them to a meeting for members to see what they want to order. She will look into it and report back.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm  
Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Maia Morris

## The Crew

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