

# THE DAHLIA DIRT



The Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

**July 2015**

Next Meeting:

Friday, July 10 at Simpkins Swim Center

7:00 Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 We will be going over details about the Minishow, answering dahlia growing questions and signing up volunteers for our bloom show in August.



## From the Prez

I am always surprised by how quickly my dahlias start growing in July. I can't wait to see the new varieties planted in the garden and the new blooms as they unfold.



July 18th is our Mini Show at Kevin and Karen's at 296 Browns Valley Rd., 12 noon to 4pm. We will stage blooms from 12-1pm. Judging will begin at 2pm. The minishow is a once-a-year casual event where new members can learn how to stage blooms for a real show. The society will have blooms there, so you don't even have to bring your own blooms! It's a potluck so bring something to grill and something to share. It's a relaxed and fun event and I hope you all can make it.

If you have blooms in your garden please bring a few to Friday's meeting and put them on the bloom table for all to enjoy. We will be answering any dahlia growing questions you might have at the meeting. Also, be prepared to volunteer for jobs at our August 29th and 30th bloom show at the Museum of Art and History in downtown Santa Cruz. Hope to see you Friday.

Happy Gardening- Kristine

# Minutes

## Minutes from MBDS meeting on June 12, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm. 19 members present- Introductions were made around the room. Minutes from previous meeting were all in favor approved. Treasurer and membership were out, update at next meeting.

Care and Feeding update from Kristine: Serenade & Captain Jacks Deadbug Brew are highly recommended to be mixed and sprayed regularly. Feed with fish emulsion as well.

Now is the time to check tubers that have not come up and replace, preferably with a tuber at the same stage of growth as the surrounding tubers.

Dean Barnes- Canisters & Container Man: When showing dahlias different sized containers are needed for the varying sizes of dahlias. Wide containers with wide prongs are needed when showing groups of 3 to 5 dahlias. For these especially it's a good idea to have some weight so they do not tip over. Aquamarine cement is recommended to glue frog prongs on the bottom. Traveling tubs can be made out of any sized and shaped container with foam, drilled holes and PVC pipe.

Mini-Show: Put July 18<sup>th</sup> on your Calendar! 12-4pm

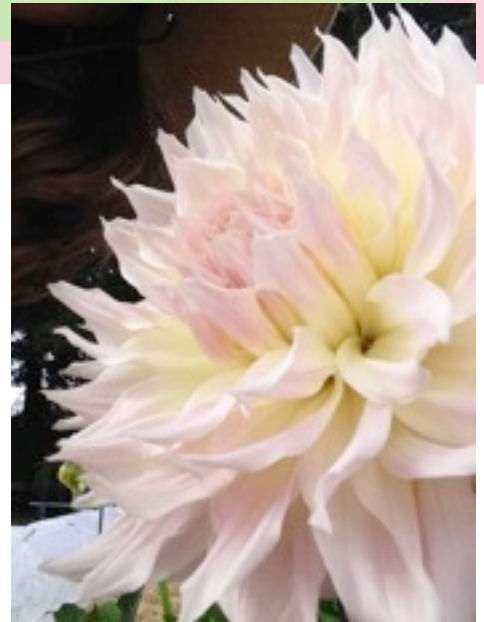
Bloom Show: Help is needed judging, so people should make a point to go to the judging seminars. If you're not a judge, help is also needed with clerking!

Dahlia Door Prize Winners: These lucky folks get their prize next spring, after the tubers have been grown out.

Hollyhill Santa Baby: Dave, Doris, John Pinto

John Meggos 1114 A ID: Andrew, Mary, Mary Lynn Pinto

Minutes respectfully submitted, Maia Morris



# Tuber Purchase Program

## July Tuber Raffle

At our July meeting we will raffle off 2 Cultivars: JS Butterscotch (A ID Variegated Orange/Dark Red) and KA's Cloud (A ID White)



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# Summer Calendar

- July 18                      Mini Show at Kevin and Karen's  
   296 Brown's Valley Rd. Corralitos  
   12:00 to 4:00
- August 1-2                      San Leandro Show
- August 15-16                      San Francisco Show
- August 29-30                      MBDS Show

## The Crew

President: Kristine Albrecht  
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