

THE DAHLIA DIRT



The Newsletter of the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

May 2015

Next Meeting:

Friday, May 8 at Simpkins Swim Center

7:00 Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 We will be identifying pests and problems that effect dahlias and having our free tuber raffle. Also bring in any extra plants or tubers to share.



From the Prez



"Name that Pest or Problem."

At Friday's meeting we will try to name the pest or problems that effect dahlias as they grow. We will be hearing from some experts in the field with different perspectives on solving pest issues. Come for the fun!

Also, we will be raffling off some society dahlia tubers.

If anyone has extra tubers or plants please bring them as a percentage of the tubers we plant are just not viable and need to be swapped out right about now.

Happy gardening,
Kristine

Minutes

Minutes from MBDS Meeting on April 10, 2015

Kristine Albrecht called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. We welcomed some new and returning members, including Dick & Lorie, Barbara, and Linda & Tim.

Minutes: Minutes from March meeting all in favor approved.

Membership: Four new members since the last meeting

Treasury: The revenue from our successful tuber sale surpassed last year's proceeds, including the revenue from San Lorenzo Garden Center.

Expert Dahlia Grower Panel: Iris, Mary, Joe and Karen generously offered their expert advice by being panelists at this night's meeting. Kristine collected handwritten questions about all aspects of growing dahlias and selected a few for the panelists to answer. Each panelist offered their advice on items such as common mistakes beginner growers make, preventative measures for powdery mildew, fertilizing schedule, earwig control, etc.

Dahlia Door Prize Program: The following lucky winners from tonight's raffle will receive their tubers next year, after they have been grown out and divided.

GG's Kalinda- Ozzie , Linda, Karen

Hollyhill Angela- Danny, Marlana, Tim

Holyhill Goldrush- Janice, Lena, Dean

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maia Morris



Tuber Sale at Cabrillo



Great volunteer turnout.....

Thanks to everyone who helped!





Tuber Purchase Program

May Tuber Raffle

For the month of May we will raffle off 3 cultivars: Hollyhill Loverboy, Hollyhill Pink Martini, and Hollyhill Rodolph. It will be interesting to compare Hollyhill Loverboy and Hollyhill Rodolph. A red miniature formal decorative and a dark red miniature ball.



Hollyhill Loverboy 4006 Miniature FD Red



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Hollyhill Pink Martini 7310 Waterlily Light Blend DP/Wh



Hollyhill Rudolph 6107 Miniature Ball Dark Red

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