

Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

# THE DAHLIA DIRT



## April 2016

Next Meeting

Friday, April 8 at Simpkins Swim Center

7:00 Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 Meeting

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Don't miss this Friday's meeting! Not only will you receive the dahlia tubers you won over the past year, but we will have a special raffle for new tubers we have ordered. It should be a fun and lively meeting.

Thank you everyone for helping to make the tuber sort and sale a big success. Tuber sales cover the expenses of our bloom show and other society expenses.

At this Friday's meeting, we will be sharing our dahlia planting and growing expertise. Please come with your dahlia growing questions.

If you have extra tubers or plants you would like to donate, this is a good meeting for you since most of us will be planting out our dahlia gardens in April.

Happy gardening...Kristine



# 2016 TUBER SALE REPORT

## 2016 Tuber Sale Report Back

First of all THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the sort, donated tubers and helped on Saturday with the sale. It's always fun to see how much we can accomplish when there are so many willing and able bodies!

After Kristine's preliminary tuber count on Thursday, we were all a bit concerned if we'd have enough tubers by Saturday. We had roughly 170 different cultivars available for sale this year compared to last years 200 varieties.

Saturday our eager members started arriving around 7:30 and we had everything set up and ready by our 9AM start. After the first wild rush of dahlia enthusiasts, we continued to have a steady stream of folks coming through.

Best news is that Katy estimates that we are near the same amount in sales as last year! As you know, this is how we fund our clubs shows and activities.

This week Kristine will bring the approximately 300 left over tubers to the talk at San Lorenzo Garden Supply.

Again, many thanks!

Iris



# 2016 TUBER SORT & SALE



















# MINUTES

Minutes from MBDS Meeting on March 11, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Kristine.

Membership: No report

Treasurer: No report

Seed Starting: Kristine and Kevin gave demonstrations on how to start seeds. Place seeds in a damp cloth or paper towel in a warm location, when a small white root emerges place seed halfway in seed starting mix. Move from 4 inch pot to 1, 2, or 3 gallon or the ground. Joe suggested shaking from seed pod directly into the ground in rows, marking sections with the known parent.



Dahlia Door Prize Raffle: Next meeting we will distribute all tubers won throughout the past year. Going forward, starting at the next meeting, the new dahlias purchased will be raffled off at the beginning of the season. Once grown, the owner will keep what they like and bring any surplus to the following years raffle.

Dahlia Door Prize Winners: Marlana, Tom & Dean

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Maia Pedemonte

# 2015 TUBER RAFFLE

## 2015 Tuber Raffle Disbursement

This past week during the sort and sale many of you have already received your tubers from last years monthly raffles.

We had 8 "experienced" growers growing out last years' tubers for the raffle. We all had trouble with one or more of the tubers. Rot, gophers and spotted snake millipedes were among the challenges we encountered growing this past year. Because of the crop failure, we've had to make

substitutions so you may not be receiving the tuber you thought you won.

If you haven't received your winnings, please come to our next meeting on Friday or make arrangements with Iris.





# THE CREW



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