

Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

THE DAHLIA DIRT



May 2016

Next Meeting

Friday, May 13 at Simpkins Swim Center

7:00 Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 Meeting

FROM THE PREZ



At Friday's meeting we will be answering questions you have about growing dahlias, anything from pests to planting.



We will also be setting the dates for our Mini show, Dine-around, and Judging seminar, so bring your calendars.

We will host a raffle for some society dahlia tubers. If anyone has extra tubers or plants please bring them as members often have tubers that are not viable and need to be swapped out this time of year.

At our June 10th dahlia society meeting, we will be having Virginia Walbot speak. She is a geneticists, botanist and agriculturalist from Stanford University who has studied dahlias. Please put the date on your calendar.



Happy gardening,
Kristine

2016 MEMBERSHIP

We have several new memberships from the tuber sale activities, some new and renewals.

Our ADS is now up to 32 members which is really really great! We have 72 MBDS members now, so 44% of our members are both MBDS and ADS.

New name tags have been ordered and are on their way!



MINUTES

Minutes from MBDS Meeting on April 8, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:40 by Kristine. A total of 31 returning and new members present.



Treasurers Report: The annual tuber sale was successful. Total proceeds were slightly lower than last year, but still a good year. Sale proceeds from the garden store, new membership dues, and cutting sales from the current meeting will be counted separately.

Storing Tubers: Once tubers are pulled out of storage be sure to store them out of the sun, in moistened peat moss or potting soil, to prevent shriveling and dehydration.

Spotted Millipedes: Mustard seed is a effective solution for this new pest. Available at farmfuelinc.com in bulk.

Raffle: Tonight's winners are expected to dig up tubers, divide and store, keep one or two for themselves and bring the remaining back to next April's raffle to be sold/raffled. The purpose is to introduce new introductions and varieties into the club's gardens sooner than might otherwise be possible.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Maia Pedemonte

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