

MBDS NEWSLETTER

March 2017



The Dahlia Dirt

Next Meeting:

Friday, April 14
Simpkins Swim Center
Santa Cruz

7:00 Pot Luck Dinner
7:30 Meeting: Raffle of Raffles

From the Prez

You must be present to win!

If you have won newly introduced tubers from our monthly society meetings please come to this month's meeting to claim your winnings. You must be present to receive your tubers. You can also have a friend come to the meeting for you. (See the "Raffle of Raffles" article below for details)



Also, we will have a second raffle for all new members or attendees at this Friday's meeting. Thank you Iris for putting this together and for keeping track of all the winners throughout the year. It should be a fun and lively meeting.

I will be at the meeting at 6:30 pm (half hour early) to answer any pressing dahlia growing questions as the raffle will take up an hour of our meeting. Please ask any questions about planting, soil prep, waking up your tubers, dividing, bugs etc.

Also, anyone interested in helping to answer dahlia questions and sell our tubers left from our sale, please join me at the San Lorenzo Garden Center Dahlia Talk this Thursday, April 13th at 4:30pm. We will be setting up the sale and demo at 4 pm if you want to come a little early to help.

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. We had our best sale in years. Come to the meeting to hear our grand total!

If you have extra tubers or plants you would like to donate to the raffle, please bring them this Friday as most of us will be planting our our dahlia gardens in April. Let Iris know what you will be bringing at: iris@cruzio.com

Happy gardening...Kristine

Tuber Sale 2017











Raffle of Raffles

The Raffle of Raffles is coming to our April Meeting



For the third straight year Monterey Bay Dahlia Society has purchased new introduction dahlia tubers. It takes a minimum of 4 years for a first year dahlia seedling to make it this far and be included in the Classification and Handbook of Dahlias put out by the American Dahlia Society.

By reviewing the lists and scores from Trial Gardens and the Seedling Bench our Tuber Purchase Committee decided which new dahlias to purchase. We've tried to include a variety of sizes, forms and colors to appeal to everyone.

Each month at our meetings we've held raffles for these newest varieties/cultivars.

How the Raffle of Raffles will work

First and most importantly you **must be present** to participate in this final raffle or have made other arrangements for someone to stand in your place.

When you arrive at our next meeting please check in with Iris. She has a log of all the monthly winners from May 2016 to March 2017 and will hand out your raffle ticket(s). The more meetings you come to, the better your chance is at winning.

After everyone has deposited their tickets into the "hat", names will be drawn and that member will be able to go choose which dahlia tuber they want. Tickets will be drawn until all the winners have claimed their prize(s).

Any tubers unclaimed at the end of this time will be available in a new raffle for everyone at the meeting. We also have a \$25 gift certificate (Frey's Dahlias) that will be included in this new raffle. So even if you have never won anything at any of the meetings this past year, you still have an opportunity to come away with a new 2017 tuber at this meeting!

One of the goals of the Tuber Purchase Program is to have our members grow new varieties and then bring any surplus tubers back next March 2018 for our member auction so a wide distribution of these cultivars can be grown. Over time these tubers will also begin to show up at our annual tuber sale and made available to all. The other obvious reason we do this is because it's just plain FUN to grow new dahlias!!

Questions? Please call Iris 831-227-7974

Minutes

MBDS March Meeting Minutes

March minutes were not available.....



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