

THE DAHLIA DIRT

NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTEREY BAY DAHLIA SOCIETY



MBDS MINUTES, 6/2011

An informative presentation, reports of recent events, and news of upcoming events, including the MBIS' own 2011 Annual Dahlia Show.

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NEXT MEETING

Second Friday of every month
7:00 Potluck
7:30 Meeting
Come to the
Simpkins Family Swim Center,
Community Room
979-17th Avenue, Santa Cruz
June 10, 2011

Meeting Minutes – May, 2011

Talk on Soil Treatment

Before the meeting was called, John, a guest from Reforestation Technologies International (RTI) gave a presentation about using the RTI product, XTreme Gardening ([/www.xtreme-gardening.com/](http://www.xtreme-gardening.com/)) to add beneficial fungi and bacteria to the soil before we plant. He was very knowledgeable and “Xtremely” generous with the large supply of product samples he left members to try in our own gardens.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Larkin at 8:30 p.m. We had two new guests: Betty and Larry. They learned about our meeting at the MBDS tuber sale in April.

Treasurer’s Report: Katy Bannister reported that we had one of the most successful sales ever!!

Dean Barnes Update: Dean Barnes is scheduled to have gall bladder surgery on June 2nd.

Alladin Nursery: Sharon Lucchesi, Mary and Kevin Larkin went to Alladin in April to talk about dahlias. The event was successful and Alladin wants us to come back and give out more information related to dahlia culture.

Mc Shane’s Nursery: Kevin Larkin and Sharon Lucchesi are going to Mc Shane Nursery in Salinas to do a similar demo and sale of tubers.

Greenhouse Tour: Greenhouse tour will be taking place on June 18th from 9:00 to 4:00. A total of seven nurseries are participating.

Upcoming events

- On the third Saturday of July (July 16th) there possibly will be mini-show at Pat and Jack’s. This has not been confirmed.
- The American Dahlia Society National Show will be held from August 18th to August 21nd at the Marriot Hotel in Santa Clara. Kristine Albrecht is organizing the raffle for the National Show.
- The San Leandro Dahlia Society will hold its show from August 27th to August 28th.
- September 3rd and 4th will be our own Monterey Bay Dahlia Society show, held in the Soquel High School cafeteria

Meeting Adjourned at 9PM

Minutes respectfully submitted, Iris Wallace



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The American Dahlia Society's 2011 National Show

(Excerpt from www.ads2011.org)

Welcome to the 2011 American Dahlia Society National Show. The seven societies of the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference invite you to join us for a terrific lineup of events, excursions, food, entertainment, and seminars, not to mention our fabulous show. Plan to make our beautiful San Francisco Bay Area your destination for a memorable family vacation, a visit with old friends, or perhaps an extended gardeners' tour of one of the most beautiful and fertile regions on Earth!

As you discover all the exciting events we've planned, bear in mind that some items may be subject to change. Be sure to check in for the latest information.



[Events](#) lists all the show-related activities available, with descriptions, costs, locations and times for each.

The [Calendar](#) provides a timeline for all the show related events in an easy to use calendar format.

Click [Registration](#) to view and print the official forms you will mail in to reserve your place. You can sign up for full or partial registration, meal choices and tours. On the form you can also volunteer to help out with the show effort, judge or clerk, a great way to enhance your experience.



Click [Accommodations](#) for information about the beautiful and luxurious Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara, the site of all show related activities, and an ideally located hub for all your Bay Area and Central California plans. We've negotiated special pricing for rooms and parking, so make your reservations soon and take advantage of this remarkable deal.

See [Local Attractions](#) for links to other Bay Area venues offering loads of exciting things to do, cool places to go and awesome things to see, from theme parks to beaches, world class wineries to the incredible Monterey Bay Aquarium.

[Show Schedule](#) is the guide to the Dahlia show itself, including complete show rules, exhibitor classification, flowers of the year, entry options, special classes and prizes. Check it out now to decide what to plant in this year's garden.

Click [Contact Us](#) for the mailing addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses to use to get more information regarding registration, reservations, accommodations and other show related questions.

(Visit www.ads2011.org for additional details about the national show, and plan to attend: this year's location is closer to the Monterey Bay area than it will be again!)

New Opportunity to Visit the Mills Garden

On Tuesday, June 14th at 11am, Stephanie Mills' is offering a tour of her world class garden! It is located five miles north of Santa Cruz. Don't miss this amazing opportunity. The tour is limited to 30 people so let me know ASAP if you are able to attend. kristinexxoo@gmail.com. I will send you a confirmation and directions when I hear back from you.

Stephanie has invited us to bring a lunch and enjoy it in the garden if we would like.

Hope to see you there.....Kristine Albrecht, Monterey Bay Dahlia Society Member

P.S. If you would like to bring a friend please let me know their name when you e-mail me back.



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