

VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE * WALLY KURTH

Our Website is now:
www.vancouverdahlia.com

Next Meetings:
March 18, 2009
April 15, 2009

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It's almost Tuber Sale time! It's time to prepare your tubers for the *Annual Tuber Sale* that will be held at VanDusen Gardens in the Floral Hall on *April 4th & 5th*. You will earn some extra cash by bringing those 'restless' tubers to the sale. As you are aware, half of the money raised is donated to the Vancouver Dahlia Society. This helps pay for the facility rentals, ribbons for the dahlia show, show prizes etc. On Saturday, April 4th, the sale for the general public begins at 1:00 pm. We are delighted that Vera Williamson and Tina McNabb will again be key organizers for this very worthwhile event. *(The inside of this bulletin will give further detailed information about the April Tuber Sale.)*

A number of our members have submitted new introductions to the various trial gardens this past summer throughout the US. We are delighted that tubers originated by *Gordon & Jeanette Stach*, *Tina McNabb* as well as *Walt & Cory Wynne* have scored 85.0 or higher at trial gardens. These new dahlias will be available for purchase: *Wyn's Radiant Star*– A-IC-DB-PR/W [Wynne], *Miss Holland*– A-C-OR [Stach], *Pandora Elegance*– BB-C- PR [McNabb], *Treasure Hunter* – BB-LC-Y [Stach], *Superstition Mtn.* – CO DR/W [Stach]. Congratulations!

Louise & Craig Stewart did an excellent job of teaching us all about the various dahlia forms at our February General Meeting. At our March meeting we will have *Buz Carter* informing us all about the *ADS National Show* that will be held in Everett, WA in August. He is known to grow superb AA dahlias. He will be delighted to give us growing tips.

Please invite a friend to the next General Meeting that will be held on March 18th at 7:30 at the Floral Hall at VanDusen Gardens. Dahlias are one of the most beautiful flowers! Let's promote the joy of growing them!

We have a number of new members – welcome to the club! We hope to make you feel at home. We always support each other. We will support you!

The VDS meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, except January, November and December in the Floral Hall at the VanDusen Botanical Garden at 7:30 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009

- February 18 *First General Meeting – 7:30 pm*
Workshop conducted by Louise & Craig Stewart - All about Dahlia Forms and related characteristics—a key presentation
- March 18 *General Meeting – 7:30 pm*
Buz Carter reporting on the ADS Show & growing tips
- March 21 *Federation Spring Workshop—Mt. Vernon, Wash.*
Mt. Vernon Seniors' Centre - 9 am to 3 pm. Varied program
- April 4 & 5 *Vancouver Dahlia Society Annual Tuber Sale*
Floral Hall, VanDusen Gardens
Sale for public – 1 to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday
- April 15 *General Meeting – 7:30 pm*
Key presentation by Walt & Cory Wynne - seedlings/cuttings & planting tips
Dahlia Auction of special tubers
- April 18 *Fraser Valley Dahlia Society Tuber Sale*
George Preston Recreation Centre - Sale for public – 9 to 5 pm
- May 20 *General Meeting – 7:30 pm*
Maria Keeting - all about dahlia insects
- June 17 *General Meeting – 7:30 pm*
Dick Porter - Disbudding/Disbranching/Pompons etc.
- July 15 *General Meeting – 7:30 pm*
Richard Zuk - Floral Art
- July 25 *Judging Workshop – Mt. Vernon, Wash.*
Mt. Vernon Seniors' Centre - 9 am to 3 pm
- August 19 *General Meeting – 7:30 pm*
Show preparation - Basic staging and clerking review
- Aug 22 & 23 *ADS National Show*
Everett, Washington
- Sept 5 & 6 *Vancouver Dahlia Society – Dahlia Show*
VanDusen Gardens - see schedule
- Sept 16 *General Meeting – 6:00 pm*
Potluck Dinner & Parlour Show
- Sept 19 & 20 *Fraser Valley Dahlia Society – Dahlia Show*
George Preston Recreation Centre - Langley
- October 21 *General Meeting – 7:30 pm*
Elections / Cutting & preparing tubers for storage

DAHLIA TUBER SALE NEWS ** Vera Williamson and Tina McNabb

Information for Sellers

New sellers wishing a copy of the seller's information list may pick it up at the March meeting. Deadline to be on the Seller's List is March 18, 2009. All sellers must have a number (get one from Vera Williamson). Your number remains the same from year to year.

Benefits of selling through the club sales:

- Recycle extra tubers you might otherwise throw out
- To earn money to buy new stock
- To help the society earn money (1/2 selling price goes to the club)
- To get your own tubers ready early
- Sellers will be able to purchase tubers at 9:30

After our sale, we will need tubers for subsequent sales. All proceeds will go to the VDS. These extra sales will (we hope!) pay for some of our rentals plus any other expenses directly pertaining to our tuber sales. After our sale on Sunday there will be boxes under the tables marked "Donation Tubers" for your unsold tubers.

For all Dahlia Club Members:

As a member of our club you may purchase tubers earlier than the public:

Saturday morning - 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Members not on the volunteer list may not enter the hall until 10:00 a.m. sharp.

If you decide to shop at this time, you must wear a name tag or pick up a name tag from Pat Ianson (or designated helpers).

APRIL 4, 2009

8:00 - 9:30	Put up tables, place tubers
9:30 - 10:00	Sellers only Sale
10:00 - 11:30	Club members only may buy
12:00 - 12:30	Straighten out sales tables, complete members sales
12:30 - 1:00	Lunch (Bring your own)
1:00 - 4:00	Public Sale
4:00 - 5:00	Clean up by all members

APRIL 5, 2009

12:30 - 1:00	Preparation for crowd
1:00 - 4:00	Public Sale
4:00 - 5:00	Clean up by all members

For Details:
 Vera Williamson at 604-574-5791
 Tina McNabb at 604-572-8981

Arrangement Categories - ADS National Show 2009
Theme: 100 Years of Dahlias 1909 - 2009

- 1909 - Robert Perry reaches the North Pole
An exhibit incorporating white dahlias
- 1919 - Prohibition
Your own interpretation
- 1929 - "Black Tuesday" - Stock Market Crash
Vertical design
- 1939 - "Wizard of Oz" debuts
Include yellow and/or bronze dahlias
- 1949 - First TV Western, "Hopalong Cassidy" airs
An exhibit using decorative wood or driftwood
- 1959 - "The Day the Music Died" - Buddy Holly, Richie Vallens
and the Big Bopper are killed in a plane crash
Include a musical accessory in your arrangement
- 1969 - Apollo Moon Landing - "One small step for man,
one giant leap for mankind"
Your own interpretation
- 1979 - Seattle Supersonics win NBA Championship
Your own interpretation
- 1989 - Berlin Wall comes down
An exhibit using rock
- 1999 - Millennium Celebrations
Your own interpretation

Add these varieties to your Tuber Sale Shopping List

VDS Challenge Flower for 2009 - Any HUSTON origination

Jackpot Flower for 2009 - Taratahi Ruby

Federation Flower of the Year 2009 - Snoho Doris

Federation Flower of the Year 2010 - Vista Lindsey

VDS TUBER AUCTION

Back again this year, our ever popular Norm Sharp will be auctioning off those "special" dahlia tubers. Auction date is April 15 at the general meeting. "Going once, going twice, SOLD"



NOTICE TO MEMBERS WHO ARE SELLING TUBERS

Tina McNabb has requested all members who are selling tubers this year to please give her a list of all the varieties you are selling. These lists help her to set up the picture boards ahead of time and to find new pictures if they are needed. You can give the lists to Tina as late as April 2 by mail, bring them to the next meeting on March 18, by phone at 604-572-8981 or email at themcnabbs@telus.net

TUBER SALE PHOTOS ** Tina McNabb

Did everyone remember to take photos of the dahlia varieties you are selling this year? The club would appreciate any extra photos you may have or I can make copies from actual photos or from a CD or Memory Card. Bring them to the March meeting. Remember the varieties with photos sell better than those without.

BOOKS

A GUIDE TO GROWING DAHLIAS
Guides will be available for sale at all future general meetings. \$5.00 each

DAHLIAS OF TODAY

Limited amounts of these books will be available at future general meetings.

50/50 Draw

Tickets will be available when you sign in **before the start of the meeting** from Robin Blackmore.

Tickets are 1 for a Looney, 3 for a Tooney and 10 for \$5.00.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Gail Stone, Dave Bowyer, Fay Newman

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you receive your March/April bulletin by regular mail your 2009 membership card will be included in this mailing. If you receive your bulletin by email your membership card will be available at the March meeting. If you do not plan to attend the March meeting, please contact Betty Girard at vdsmembership@telus.net and it will be mailed to you. If you do not pick up your card at the March meeting it will be mailed to you the following week.

We had 42 members at our February meeting and the winner of \$29.00 was Norm Sharp.



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Refreshment Reminder

March Meeting

Sandwiches: Sue Croft & Tina McNabb
 Sweets: Dave McIntosh & Susan Birchmore

April Meeting

Sandwiches Ken Brodie & Robin Blackmore
 Sweets Fay Newman & Maria Mackenzie



Please bring your own cups to cut the cost of purchasing foam cups and to be environmentally friendly.