

# VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \* NORM SHARP

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Hundreds of excellent blooms were on display at our Annual Show at Van-Dusen Botanical Garden on Sept. 3rd & 4th. It was wonderful to see so many new members showing blooms and participating in all our class sections. We had exhibitors from Vancouver Island as well as from Washington State participate in the show, providing us with nothing short of quality entries. As this was our first show using the new A.D.S. classification system, a special thank you to all of you who assisted in the planning and preparation of the show. Congratulations to Connie Young Davis, winner of the "Best in Show" with Rycroft Jan, (M F D W) and to all the other participants. Thanks to Jennifer, Richard & Betty for co-chairing an outstanding show.

Our Potluck Supper and Parlour Show held on Sept. 21 was a fun evening, with lots of good food and company to enjoy. Although our Novice entries were scarce, Merle Boyes drove all the way from Merritt to win the Best Novice with his "Ballego's Glory" entry. The Seedling entries were won by Gordon Stach's Novelty Open entry, and Peter Kruger's Waterlily entry. Vera Williamson's Clearview Erin won the Judge's Section and the Best in Show awards. Vera did not stop there, also winning the Best Table Centre Piece.

Jeanette Stach and Richard Zuk tied in our 50/50 draw for our Annual Show Bloom Count, their guess was 1,622 blooms (the actual count was 1,614). The winner of the Photo Contest was Pat Ianson for her portrait photo of "Alpen Cherub" and her Garden Photo. Thank you, Sue, Jennifer and Betty for organizing such a wonderful evening.

Our final meeting of the year in October will focus on tuber preparation for the winter and the election of new officers. Think about letting your name stand for one of the many executive, or committee positions, no experience necessary, just greatly appreciated. This is my final year as president and I thank you all for your tremendous support, I have enjoyed this position immensely.

Have a good Thanksgiving and hope to see you on October 19th at 7:30 PM.

The VDS meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, except January, November and December, in the Floral Hall at the VanDusen Botanical Gardens at 7:30 PM. Visitors are Welcome. Our website is [www.vancouverdahliasociety.com](http://www.vancouverdahliasociety.com)

## 2011 Show Results

AWARD	WINNER	VARIETY
Best Bloom in Show	Connie Young Davis	Ryecroft Jan
Best Single Giant	Ralph & Arlyne Kuiper	Zorro
Best Triple Giant	Connie Young Davis	Kenora Clyde
Best Single Large	Connie Young Davis	Kenora Jubilee
Best Triple Large	Ralph & Arlyne Kuiper	Kenora Jubilee
Best Single Medium	Connie Young Davis	R Kris
Best Triple Medium	Doug & Diana Youngson	Trengrove Millenium
Best Single Small	Connie Young Davis	Pink Suffusion
Best Triple Small	Connie Young Davis	Embrace
Best Single Miniature	Connie Young Davis	Ryecroft Jan
Best Triple Miniature	Paul McKittrick	Barbary Red Dwarf
Best Single Ball	Connie Young Davis	L'Anresse
Best Triple Ball	Ed Johnson	Suncrest
Best Single Miniature Ball	Jean Heeringa	Dunham Royal
Best Triple Miniature Ball	Connie Young Davis	Pocrates
Best Single Pompon	Connie Young Davis	Glen Place
Best Triple Pompon	Paul McKittrick	Lismore Moonlight
Best Single Waterlily	Ed Johnson	Cameo
Best Triple Waterlily	Connie Young Davis	Pam Howden
Best Single Stellar	Connie Young Davis	Clearview Erin
Best Triple Stellar	Gary & Carole Rollie	Irish Pinwheel
Best Single Peony	Gary & Carole Rollie	Elvira
Best Triple Peony	Gary & Carole Rollie	Elvira
Best Single Anemone	Gordon & Jeanette Stach	Goldie Gull
Best Triple Anemone	Peter Krueger	Goldie Gull
Best Single Collarette	Glenn Gitts	Pooh
Best Triple Collarette	Paul McKittrick	L0-04
Best Single Single	Gary & Carole Rollie	Lulu Island Mom
Best Triple Single	NO AWARD	
Best Single Mignon Single	Gary & Carole Rollie	Lo-Blush
Best Triple Mignon Single	Gary & Carole Rollie	Lo-Blush
Best Single Orchid	Connie Young Davis	Midnight Star
Best Triple Orchid	Vittorio Fontana	Natalie's Star
Best Single Novelty Open Centered	Vittorio Fontana	Lorona Dawn
Best Triple Novelty Open Centered	Peter Krueger	Lorona Dawn

## 2011 Show Results

AWARD	WINNER	VARIETY
Best Single Novelty double	Gordon & Jeanette Stach	Merrygold
Best Triple Novelty double	Gary & Carole Rollie	Valley Porcupine
Best Single Undisseminated Seedling	Paul & Barbara Bloomquist	255-11
Best Triple Seedling (Sec 2) ADS	Paul & Barbara Bloomquist	Seedling
Best Triple in Show	Connie Young Davis	Pocrates
Best 5 Bloom Entry	Paul McKittrick	Pam Howden
Best Novice Basket	Jennifer Zuk	Lakeview Glow
Best Amateur Basket	Ralph & Arlyne Kuiper	Lakeview Glow
Best Open Basket	Pat Ianson	Mrs W G Murray
Best Basket in Show	Pat Ianson	Mrs W G Murray
Best Novice Arrangement	Jack Duncan	Bloom's Wildwood
Best Amateur Arrangement	Betty Girard	Not Too Shabby
Best Open Arrangement	Barbara Bloomquist	Vista Lindsey, Bloomquist Elizabeth, Bloomquist Ellanore, sdling
Best Men's Arrangement	Richard Zuk	Ryecroft Zoe
Best Junior Arrangement	NO AWARD	
Best Miniature Arrangement	Betty Girard	Terra Cotta
Best Arrangement in Show	Betty Girard	Not Too Shabby
Best Dahlia of the Year (Overall)	Connie Young Davis	Ryecroft Jan
Dahlia of the Year (Amateur)	Betty Girard	Skipley Spot of Gold
Dahlia of the Year (Novice)	Maria MacKenzie	Skipley Spot of Gold
Dahlia of the Year (Open)	Connie Young Davis	Skipley Spot of Gold
Challenge Flower - Any Waterlily	Jennifer Zuk	Kelgai Ann
Best Bowl of Dahlias	Vera Williamson	Park Princess Little Willo Valley Porcupine
Best Vase of Dahlias	Barbara Bloomquist	Bloomquist Sweet
Best People's Choice	Ken & Susan Birchmore	Gloriosa
Best Three Poms	Jennifer Zuk	Pop Willo, Czar Willo, Glenplace
Largest Dahlia in the Show	Peter Krueger	Bryn Terfel
Vandament Lacinated Challenge	Ed Johnson	Jennie
Best Bicolour Dahlia	Connie Young Davis	Jessica
Best Variegated Dahlia	Norm Sharp	Mick's Peppermint
Best Floating Waterlily	Gary & Carole Rollie	Kelgai Ann
Best First Time Exhibitor	Lana Austin	Kenora Lisa, Kidd's Climax
Best Table Centre Piece	Radina Jerderic	
Special Award Novice Giant	Glenn Gitts	Wyn's Farmer John
ADS Medal for Sec 2	Paul & Barbara Bloomquist	

## FEDERATION HALL OF FAME

***Rosa Beer has been elected into the Federation Hall of Fame.*** [July 2011]

Rosa and husband Bill Beer were bitten by the dahlia bug in the early 1990's and immediately began to actively support and promote the growing and judging of dahlias by the general public.

Rosa's passion for dahlias was infectious and her commitment to educate and train new judges was an inspiration to all. Her determination to instill into VDS members and judges "that dahlia form and colour were the main issues for a judge" still resonates in this member's memory.

Rosa took an active role in building the Vancouver Dahlia Society throughout the 1990's and on into the new century. Rosa and Bill both served in many positions on the VDS executive including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. She co-chaired many annual VDS shows where Rosa welcomed competitors from all over the Pacific Northwest. She was instrumental in organizing and co-chairing the American Dahlia Society's National show held in Vancouver in 1996.

Over the past twenty years Rosa has taken an active role in the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers and the American Dahlia Society. She co-chaired the Membership Committee of the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers, was the Vancouver Dahlia Society Representative for the Federation as well as the American Dahlia Society. Rosa taught many workshops on judging and clerking at the Federation level. After Bill's passing in 2001 Rosa maintained her work for the Federation, VDS and ADS and continues to enjoy the growing and promoting of dahlias. There are many judges and society members today in the Pacific Northwest that can trace their inspiration, passion and education about dahlias to Rosa Beer. Congratulations, Rosa! You have inspired us all. ***We are delighted that you have been elected in to the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers Hall of Fame!***



*The 2012 Dahlia Calendar Is On It' Way!*

The calendars should be available for sale at the October meeting and of course until the end of the year. You can call me at 604-572-8981 or email [themcnabbs@telus.net](mailto:themcnabbs@telus.net) and I will arrange to get them to you. The cost is the same as last year \$12.00 each (plus any applicable postage).

**Save the Date in 2012!**

Our annual show will be on August 25th and 26th, the weekend prior to Labour Day

**A BIG THANK YOU TO:**

Linda and Hannah Ayers for all their help with the VDS Show luncheon  
.....Sue Croft



**50/50 DRAW**

Tickets will be available when you sign in at the October meeting.

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

We had 41 members in attendance at the July 20 meeting and the winner of \$26.00 was Norm Sharp.

We had 37 members in attendance at the August 17 meeting and the winner of \$31.50 was Sue Croft.

We had 48 members at the Pot Luck on September 21 and the winners of the 50/50 in the amount of \$8.50 each were Richard Zuk and Jeanette Stach.

**REMINDER - Tickets will be on sale at each meeting only until 7:25 PM. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Please come early enough to purchase your tickets before the start of the meeting.**

## *Show Report*

The public was able to find us despite the concerns about Vandusen being a construction site with limited parking and difficult access. At times the show was packed with the public, and we had lots of donations and sold lots of flowers. Many eyes caught the big display of the Jackpot Dahlia, Mrs. W G Murray. We had it displayed under a tent outside the floral hall, so that it would be easier for the public to find us. (See picture below)

Thank you to all who volunteered with set up, take down, clerking and judging, the luncheon, cut flower sales, greeting the public and all the other work that goes into putting on our show.

Once again the contingent from Vancouver Island arrived on Friday evening with loads of gorgeous entries. Congratulations to Connie Young Davis who took best of show with Rycroft Jan. We always love to see one of the smaller dahlias at the top of head table. Biggest is not always best! Our floral art theme inspired many, with several floral art entries from people who had not participated in our show before.

By now, the big secret is out. We had a total of 1,614 blooms this year; about 200 more blooms than the last few years. But it wasn't just about quantity, the quality of many blooms was exceptional! The tables were packed with beauty.

Next year our show will be held one week prior to our usual Labour Day weekend so that we don't conflict with the ADS national show. The 2012 National Show is being held in Portland, Oregon and many VDS members plan to attend.

It is time to start thinking about next year's show. We will vote on the 2012 Jackpot flower, and decide on other special entries at our next meeting. Please look around your garden and see if there is any flower, or type of flower that you think we should showcase next year. The show committee is always looking for ideas.

Thanks again!

..... Richard, Jennifer and Betty



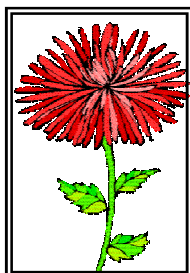
## GET THOSE CAMERAS OUT!



This is the perfect time to take pictures of your blooms for the tuber sale next year. Try to photograph all the ones you expect to be selling next April. Try and take the photo when the bloom is at its peak, meaning not blown or too immature. You can email the digital files to me at [themcnabbs@telus.net](mailto:themcnabbs@telus.net) or pop them on a DVD. Remember, the varieties that have a picture sell faster than those that don't.

..... Tina McNabb

Congratulations to Wally Kurth for winning Best in Show at the Whatcom County Dahlia Show in Bellingham on September 10th with a beautiful bloom of Kenora Jubilee. Wally only brought 5 entries to the show which proves that more is not always better! Despite all the advice about cutting early Friday morning to allow the bloom to condition and to pick with the utmost care Wally has admitted that, for this show, he didn't follow any of it. He was out with a flashlight on Friday night madly cutting a few blooms because he had decided to go sailing on Friday instead of carefully preparing his entries. In fact, he and Norm searched the entire show for his entry thinking he had misplaced it before either of them thought to check on Head Table! Congratulations again Wally - well done.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael Fuchs  
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### Refreshment Reminder

**September Meeting**  
Annual Potluck Dinner

**October Meeting**  
Sandwiches - Betty Girard and Donna Quinn  
Sweets - Robin Blackmore & Sue Croft  
Fruit/Veggies - Norm Sharp

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

