

# VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY

*Promoting Dahlia Growing Since 1955*

**Bulletin 2**

**March - April 2011**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \* NORM SHARP

### Next Meetings:

**March 16, 2011**

**April 20, 2011**

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If the weather wasn't already our most popular topic of conversation, this winter/spring would have made it so. We've had a mild winter for the most part and as it comes to an end it has saved it's fury of freezing cold weather for last.

Regardless of the weather, it is time to prepare your tubers for our "Annual Tuber Sale". This years sale is one week later than previous years, which has been the first weekend in April. This year it is on April 9 & 10 at VanDusen Gardens Floral Hall. Please see page 2 for all details of our sale.

The Annual Tuber Sale is our main fund raiser, as half of the sales raised sponsor our annual dahlia show, prizes, ribbons and facility rentals. It is also an opportunity for you to earn cash for your extra tubers and support your own dahlia endeavours. If you have any questions regarding the selling of your tubers, please contact Vera Williamson at 604-574-5791 or Tina McNabb at 604-572-8981.

At our March 16 meeting we will have Conway Lum of Mandeville Gardens to talk on fertilizers and have an open discussion on soil preparation.

At our April 20 meeting we will be having our 4th annual tuber auction where the hard to find tubers will be auctioned off. This is a fun for all evening.

Just a reminder, do not rush your tuber planting, let the ground warm up and the night temperatures remain steady at 10 degrees Celsius or above.

See you March 16 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)

### TUBER SALE UPDATE

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Please be aware that the date of our tuber sale has been changed for 2011. It will be held on the weekend of April 9 & 10, 2011.

### Information for Sellers

The Tuber Price List is now available from Vera Williamson for all sellers. You may pick it up at the March General Meeting or call Vera at 604-574-5791 if you require it sooner. **The pricing stated on this "List" for tubers will be the only acceptable selling prices at our sale.** 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 9, 2011

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

#### APRIL 10, 2011

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

#### For Details:

Vera Williamson at 604-574-5791  
Tina McNabb at 604-572-8981

*Add these varieties to your Tuber Sale Shopping List for 2011*

VDS Challenge Flower - Any Waterlily

VDS Jackpot Flower - Mrs W G Murray

Federation Flower of the Year - Skipley Spot of Gold


**AND NEW FOR 2011!**

At our tuber sale you will be able to enter the VDS Jackpot Flower event. We hope to have a supply of Mrs W G Murray tubers available free for those that pay their \$5.00 entry fee at the sale. Depending upon demand it may be on a first come first freebie basis. You will need to start your Mrs W G Murray early to ensure we have a large number of blooms for this event.

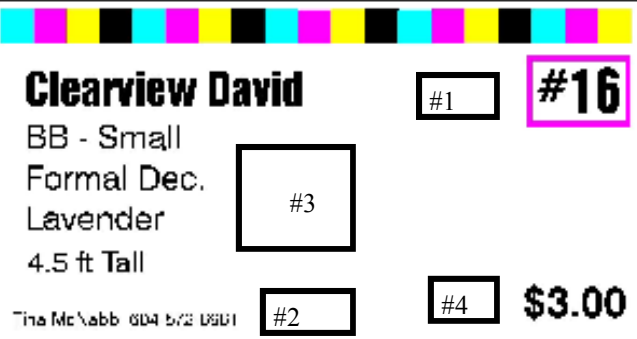
When you are at the tuber sale in April you may also want to pick up some tubers for our Show in September. This is the Floral Art Section of our Show.

**THEME FOR 2011: COLOURS**

<b>YELLOW</b>	Class 301
The colour of the sun. A vertical design.	
<b>RED</b>	Class 302
The colour of the fire. Use red and or flame dahlias	
<b>GREEN</b>	Class 303
An exhibit using the colours of the forest. Incorporate decorative wood.	
<b>BLUE</b>	Class 304
The colour of the oceans. An exhibit showing water.	
<b>Black and White</b>	Class 305
Your own interpretation.	
<b>Gold</b>	Class 306
The colour of money. Your own interpretation. <b><u>(Men Only, Use White Tags)</u></b>	
<b>Rainbow</b>	Class 307
Your own interpretation. <b><u>(Children Only, Use White Tags)</u></b>	
<b>Orange</b>	Class 308
An exhibit not to exceed 12 inches in any direction.	



**Clearview David** **#16**  
 BB - Small  
 Formal Dec.  
 Lavender  
 4.5 ft Tall  
 Tina McNabb 604 572 8981 **\$3.00**



**Clearview David** **#16**  
 BB - Small  
 Formal Dec. #3  
 Lavender  
 4.5 ft Tall  
 Tina McNabb 604 572 8981 #2 #4 **\$3.00**

### LABEL INFORMATION FOR ALL SELLERS

Please see the sample labels above. Would it be possible for all sellers to put their seller number in the upper right hand corner, #1; your name and phone number bottom left hand corner, #2; the name and description of the tuber, and height if you know it, #3; and the price in the lower right hand corner, #4. It is not mandatory to put a picture on your label. Having something distinctive on the label or using an outstanding color makes it easier for sorting at check out and pick up at the end of the sale. Please attach your labels to the outside of the bags.

We discussed this at the February general meeting and it was agreed if we had these in the same place on each label it would help speed up the check out process. If you have any questions please contact Vera Williamson at 604-574-5791 or Tina McNabb at 604-572-8981.

### 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.

### 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. \$10.00 each

## American Dahlia Society – Exhibition Vases

If anyone would like to purchase ADS Exhibition Vases you will be able to order them at the March and April meetings. There is the usual size, pictured below, and a new smaller size introduced this year. The attached picture shows the vases in green but we will be ordering them in black.

The cost for the larger one will be approximately \$2.50 each plus shipping and duty. Final price will be confirmed later.

The new smaller vases are 7.5" H X 2.5" Top > 2" bottom and will cost approximately \$1.75 each plus shipping and duty. Final price will be confirmed later.

Our club will be ordering one hundred vases and we will add your order to our list. The order will go in on May 15 as that is the deadline from the ADS.

You can place your order with Jack Duncan at the March and April meetings. Payment will be due when we get the vases and we know the exact cost.



LARGE VASE



SMALL VASE, NEW FOR 2011

### 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.



We had 39 members at our February 16 meeting and the winner of \$24.50 was Warren Legrice.

**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.**



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## Refreshment Reminder

### March Meeting

Sandwiches: Arlene Brodie & Carole Rollie  
 Sweets: Dorothy Malkin  
 Fruit/Veggies: Lana Austin & Peter Krueger

### April Meeting

Sandwiches: Robin Blackmore  
 Sweets: Jennifer Ketoai & Jeannette Stach  
 Fruit/Veggies

### *VDS TUBER AUCTION*

Up for auction again this year are those "special" dahlia tubers.

Auction date is April 20 at the General Meeting.

