

# VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY

*Promoting Dahlia Growing Since 1955*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \* NORM SHARP

HAPPY NEW YEAR FOLKS!!

[www.vancouverdahlia.com](http://www.vancouverdahlia.com)

### Next Meetings:

February 16, 2011

March 16, 2011

At the beginning of last November we were still enjoying above seasonal fall weather and the displays of colours from our gardens. And then, overnight, Old Man Winter turned our multi colour dahlia beds into black liquorice sticks (of the non edible type). It was a kick in the pants for those of us who were procrastinating in digging up those jewels. There just may be brisk sales at our Tuber Sale this year! Just a reminder, the date of our Tuber Sale is changing this year. It will still be held at the same place, only on the weekend of April 9 & 10, 2011.

So now we face a new year and the challenges Mother Nature may throw at us in growing our beautiful blooms. Take heart, as our dahlia hybridizers have produced yet another year of great new varieties, to give us all the more reason to take on any challenges that may come our way.

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Do take time to check the various web sites of the growers/hybridizers (and fantasize). There is a great selection this year, so order while the stock is available.

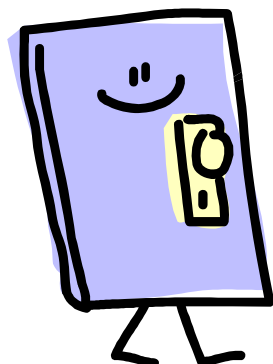
We have an exciting year ahead of us as a club with a few new changes to address in this coming year. A venue change at VanDusen Gardens and the ADS classification changes. Working together we should have no trouble accomplishing these and more.

I welcome Maria Mackenzie as a new member of this year's Executive Committee. Maria has accepted the position as our secretary and saved the day. Many thanks to Linda Ayres for her support as secretary for the past 2 years and welcome her to the new role as Director.

Remember we have a "FOR SALE" and a "WANTED" section in the bulletin for your use. Just email your requests to Robin at [vseditor@shaw.ca](mailto:vseditor@shaw.ca) (it's free).

Have a great growing year and remember there is lots of room on the "Head Table" for you!

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.vancouverdahlia.com](http://www.vancouverdahlia.com)



### DOOR PRIZES FOR 2011

Everyone looks forward to the door prizes that we award each month at the end of the general meeting. Door prizes do not have to be new, they can be just about anything - cuttings from your garden, extra produce, a "re-gift" or homemade treasures. Each month names are randomly picked from those who have signed in at the beginning of the meeting, and each person chooses their door prize in order of winning. Everyone appreciates contributions to the door prizes. Please bring in anything that you would like to share with the club.

### VDS MEMBERSHIP REMINDER AND UPDATE

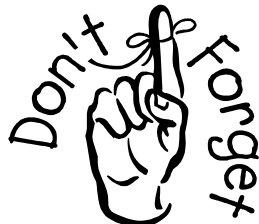
If you have not renewed for 2011 this will be the last bulletin you will receive. You can renew at the February meeting, or send your renewal notice in to Betty Girard, 6970 Marlborough Ave., Burnaby B.C. V5J 4G5. Memberships for 2011 are \$17 for individuals and \$20 for families.

Our membership declined slightly in 2010, with 69 family, 79 single and 7 honorary lifetime for a total of 155 members. Unfortunately, we have lost touch with two of our honorary lifetime members. If any members, particularly long-time members, are still in contact or have updates on Laura Miles or Doreen Lock I would appreciate the information. The contact information I have for both these ladies is no longer valid.

The number of bulletins that we send out via regular mail continues to decline. If you currently get your bulletin via regular mail, and would like to switch over to email delivery please send me a message at [vdsmembership@telus.net](mailto:vdsmembership@telus.net) and I will add you to our email list.

Thank you to everyone who promptly renewed their memberships for 2011. Jack and I will be at the February meeting to collect renewals if you haven't had a chance to send your renewal in.

..... Betty Girard



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lana Austin

## Report on the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers General Meeting

The big focus of the General Meeting was the First Inductees to the Federation Hall of Fame. Some of these names you may not recognize if you are new to the dahlia world but they were instrumental in the forming of the Federation of Northwest Growers. Phil Traff, Evie Gullickson and Birdie McCarthy (all deceased), Dick and Susan Ambrose and Les Connell. And from the Vancouver Dahlia Society, Frank Snell who we just lost a couple of years ago. This is a big honour and we congratulate ALL of the inductees. Unfortunately we are restricted on the number of people that can be nominated each year from each club and there are more members who also belong in this prestigious group. Their names will be put forth in the coming year.

The Federation Challenge Trophy (held by Fraser Valley Dahlia Society last year) for the club with the most head table wins went to the Washington State Dahlia Society.

The other issue discussed of course was the 4 Digit System to be use for all Dahlia Shows. Don't fret, it's not as complicated as you might think, in fact it's not a lot different than the system we use now. It will be all laid out in the 2011 Show Schedule and we will be reviewing these changes at an upcoming VDS general meeting.

.....Tina McNabb, Federation Representative

Your **50/50 DRAW** will be back again in 2011. Tickets will be available when you sign in **before the start of the meeting** from Robin Blackmore.

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



We had 43 members in attendance at the October, 2010 meeting and the winner of \$29.00 was David McIntosh.

**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

### February Meeting

**Sandwiches:**

**Sweets:**

**Fruit/Veggies:**

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