

VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE * NORM SHARP

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Next Meetings:

February 17, 2010

March 17, 2010

First and foremost I wish you and your families a very HAPPY NEW YEAR and a most successful growing season for 2010.

This year's executive are a well seasoned group of dedicated members willing to seek opportunities to learn and enjoy with all our members the joy of growing and showing of dahlias.

We encourage all our members, (in particular new members), to feel free to contact any of the executive if they have any questions, suggestions or problems they would like us to feature at our meetings or just privately regarding dahlia culture.

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Congratulations are in order to Gordon Stach for his four new 2010 dahlia introductions and to Paul and Cheryl Howard in winning the Evie Gullickson Medal Award for their new introduction: Lulu Island Mom -Single-White, with a score of 91.833. (The Evie Gullickson medal is awarded to the cultivar which has the highest average Seedling Bench Evaluation score as an open center or disc center.).

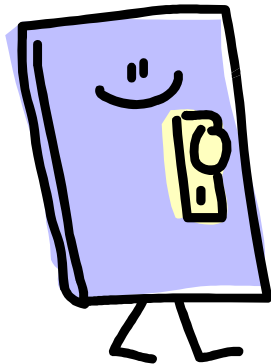
Thank you folks, your success is our reward !!

Our first meeting for 2010 will take place on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. We will be doing, (hands-on), cuttings and have a review of A. D. S. 2010 Handbook changes.

See you on February 17th.

P. S. It's time to check those sleeping tubers to ensure all is well.

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.



DOOR PRIZES FOR 2010

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.

TUBER REQUEST

Hi VDS members. I have received the following request to pre-order a special tuber. If you can supply this tuber to Lynne, please contact her directly.
Thanks, Robin, VDS Editor.

Hi,

I've been to your Vancouver Dahlia Society website and I talked with Sue Croft. She suggested that I ask the Bulletin Editor, Robin Blackmore to place a request in your upcoming Bulletin. My Amanda's Climax Giant Dahlia froze last year and I have really missed it in my garden this year. I'm wondering if you could ask your members if they have a tuber that I could purchase. I understand that you have a sale in April, however, I would really like to pre-order this special tuber. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lynne Cox
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Spring is on the Way!

TUBER SALE PHOTOS FOR 2010

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 February or March meeting.

Remember the varieties with photos sell better than those without.

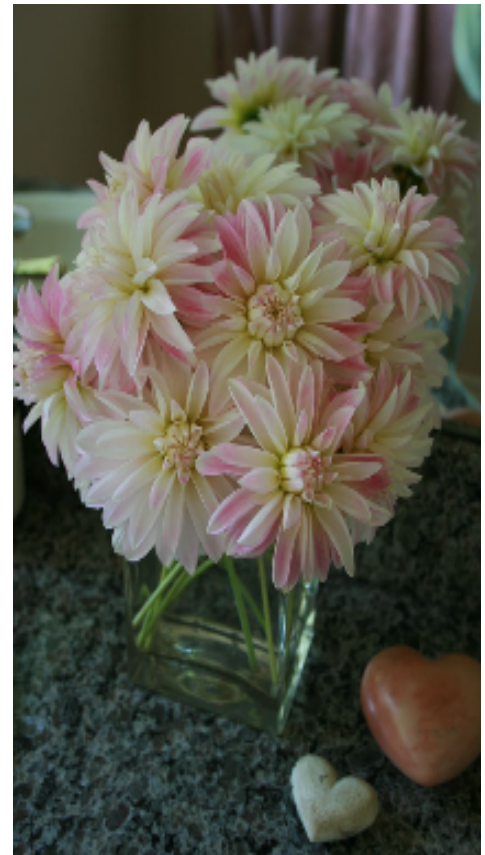
Tina McNabb

NAME THAT TUBER

My sister-in-law gave me this dahlia tuber about five years ago. Many ask what the dahlia is called and I don't know. My sister-in-law passed away from breast cancer a few years ago and it is precious to me. I want to share the tubers with her daughters so I was wondering if anyone knows the name of this beautiful variety. Thank you.
Nora McDowall -- member of the Dahlia Society.

If you can help Nora with the name of this beautiful dahlia please contact her directly at noramcd@shaw.ca

...Robin, VDS Editor



VDS MEMBERSHIP REMINDER



If you have not renewed for 2010 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 2010 are \$17 for individuals and \$20 for families.

Please consider receiving your bulletin by email. You will enjoy a full colour edition, as well as saving the stamp and the environment.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Conley Driediger
Neeta Popat



Your **50/50 DRAW** will be back again in 2010. 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 38 members in attendance at the October, 2009 meeting and the winner of \$30.50 was Bonnie Nagel.



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year 2010! I am again asking for articles for the Bulletin. I thank all article contributors, especially Betty Girard. If you have something you would like to share, even something non-Dahlia, that you see in a newspaper or magazine, it would be greatly appreciated. I hope I don't have to use the above too often.

... Robin

Article reprinted from a Steve Whysall column in the Vancouver Sun dated April 7, 2006

Q. I have too many dahlias to pre-plant but because of the mild weather my tubers now have five to six cm (2 - 2 1/2") growth of new shoots. What should I do, since it is too early to plant?

SW: I called dahlia expert David Jack at Ferncliff Gardens in Mission for his thoughts and he said it sounds like the "feeder roots" are taking off, perhaps because of moisture. He suggests trimming them back and allowing the tubers to dry out for a few days. Then, pop them in the ground in the middle of April. Yes, I know it sounds early, but Jack says Ferncliff plant all their dahlias in mid-April and they flower perfectly.

.....editor

Hybridizing News

Congratulations to:

Paul and Cheryl Howard on receiving the Evie Gullickson Medal from the American Dahlia Society for **Lulu Island Mom (S W)** which scored 91.833 (avg.) in the 2009 Seedling Bench Evaluation.

and to

Jeannette and Gordon Stach on **Peppermint Patty (B SC V L/DR)** scoring 86.00 in the 2009 Eastern Trial Garden.



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Refreshment Reminder

February Meeting

Sandwiches:

Sweets:

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

