



VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY

Promoting Dahlia Growing Since 1955

Show Bulletin 2009

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55th ANNUAL SHOW

September 5 & 6, 2009

PROGRAM FOR THE SHOW

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Staging and entries may be made 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
If you need to stage later than 9 PM, contact the show chairpersons.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Stage & entries may be made	6:30 - 9:00 a.m.
Placement	9:15 - 9:45 a.m.
Judges & Clerk's Meeting	9:45 - 10:00 a.m.
Judging begins	10:00 a.m.
Doors open to the public	1:00 p.m.
Show Closes	5:00 p.m.

A show luncheon will be served following judging for the Show Committee, Judges and Clerks.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Doors open to the public	11:00 a.m.
Show closes to the public	4:00 p.m.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AFTER THE DOORS CLOSE

NOTE:

If you require cans in order to display your entries please call Jack Duncan at 604-420-9301.

FLORAL ARTS ENTRIES

Contact Jennifer Zuk (604) 294-0237 to reserve space. Email rtzjg@telus.net

REMOVAL OF ENTRIES

Exhibitors are requested to leave entries on the tables until after the Awards Presentation. Those entrants who cannot remove their entries are expected to make arrangements for someone to do so for them.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE * WALLY KURTH

Dahlias in Bloom – On Display!

On September 5th & 6th, our annual Dahlia Show will take place at the VanDusen Botanical Garden. A lot of us just can't wait to bring dahlias to the show and display them with other blooms brought from other areas of BC as well as Washington. The final tally is usually close to two thousand blooms. What a sight to behold! Here is our chance to invite friends, relatives and neighbours to see a spectacular show of varying colours, forms and sizes.

It takes a real team effort to make the Dahlia Show such a tremendous success as it has been in the past. Members of the VDS have free access to the show. Guests and visitors are always welcome - donations can be made at the entrance to the show.

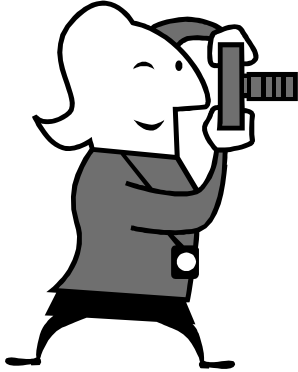
Prizes are a key part of the show - there are many given out on the final day of the show. There is also the cost of the ribbons, rosettes, prizes and the rental costs of the facility. In past years the generosity of our membership has been exceptional. Please contact Maggie Cajar [604-522-6258] in regards to making a donation to help cover the cost of the prizes.

We are very fortunate that so many people volunteer their time and resources to promote and support this yearly event. We will be setting up for the show on Friday, September 4th, starting around 4:30 pm. We need as much help as possible to set up tables, organize the table tops for display etc. At 6:00 pm on Friday, some exhibitors will begin staging their blooms for the show - thus, it is important to have the room set-up as quickly as possible.

On Saturday morning, judging will begin between 9:45 and 10:00 pm. If you would like to assist on the judging team but haven't signed up yet, please contact Jennifer Zuk [604-294-0237] or Betty Girard [604-431-8611]. We also need help on Saturday and Sunday managing the admission area, answering questions from the public and selling cut flowers.

Hopefully you will bring many dahlias as well as many friends to this year's Annual Dahlia Show at VanDusen Botanical Garden. Best of luck to all exhibitors.

Many thanks in advance to all of you for being so willing to assist.



READY, AIM & SHOOT!

Don't forget 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. As soon as you can, email me your photos if they are digital or I can make duplicates from your 4 x 6 prints and return them to you. Remember, the varieties that have a picture sell faster than those that don't.

....Tina McNabb



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

We are still in need of a number of volunteers. Some of the jobs are show set-up and clean-up, cut flower sales, membership, door, luncheon, judging and clerking.

Please contact Jennifer Zuk at 604-294-0237 or Tina McNabb at 604-572-8981 if you would like to clerk or judge and Betty Girard at 604-431-8611 for any of the other volunteer opportunities.



STAN “The Dahlia Man”

Stan Pennington, aged 82, has talented green fingers which he puts to use creating new species of dahlias.

Stan was introduced to gardening as a boy and after the war his interest was renewed. He is now the most successful grower of new dahlias in Britain. It started in 1955 when Stan won his first medal at the Southport show and since then he has received countless awards for his efforts. All his new dahlias carry the name of “Ruskin” as a tribute to the Ruskin Drive allotments in St. Helens where he is still regularly seen, his enthusiasm as great as ever.

Stan’s major interest now is to develop new blooms and his first major success was a yellow, medium semi-cactus type “Ruskin Avenger”. This won two notable trophies at the 1977 National Show. During the past 15 years, his small yellow “Ruskin Diane” has been voted tops at every show entered. Stan pollinates all his plants by hand and it can take several years of careful growing before the newest plants are released. He has many blooms in the National Dahlia Society’s classified literature bearing names such as “Ruskin Myra”, “Ruskin Sunshine”, “Ruskin Joy” and “Ruskin Rosy”.

Stan is a great advocate for gardening and is full of expert advice and tips. His home greenhouse is full to bursting with cuttings of all varieties and he never tires of tending to their every need.

... A Special Thank You to Jeannette Stach for this article



RUSKIN DIANE

BB FD Y YL3
Class: 302
Orig Year: 1984
Orig Code: P
Originator: PENNINGTON
Country: UK

86	87	88	89	1990	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	2000	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	Total
4	21	48	50	49	82	59	40	45	58	48	71	55	42	51	59	59	56	50	43	43	35	1068

Calling All First Time Exhibitors

Have you ever wanted to show flowers but felt too intimidated to put your blooms on the bench with all those other competitors? Did you bring flowers to the parlour show last year and enjoyed a little friendly competition? This year there is a special category at the show for first time competitors! If you have never entered a dahlia show before, this is a great place to start. It is OK if you have entered our parlour show or a general garden show before. But, if you have never entered a dahlia show before, consider bringing a bloom or two and entering it in Section 59, Class 271. If you don't have vases and foam - don't worry about it. Just bring your flower in some water to the show on Friday, September 4th from 6-9 PM or Saturday, September 5 from 6:30 - 9:00 AM and someone will help you stage your flower and write out a tag. There is going to be a special prize for the winner! See You There!

... Betty Girard, Show Committee

SECTION 59 - Vancouver Dahlia Society - Special Entries

DAHLIA OF THE YEAR - "Snoho Doris"

JACKPOT CHALLENGE FLOWER - "Taratahi Ruby"

Pre-registration is required by Monday August 31, 2009 (please call Louise Stewart at 604-929-1503). Entry fee is \$5.00. Those eligible are encouraged to make as many entries as possible. All entry fees will be returned as prize money. All exhibitors will receive a ticket for each entry made, of which one will be drawn for a \$50.00 cash prize.

Open to All - Use White Tags Only

BOWL OF DAHLIAS - Class 263

VASE OF DAHLIAS - Class 264

PEOPLE'S CHOICE - Class 265

3 WATERLILIES - Class 266

COLLECTION - Class 267

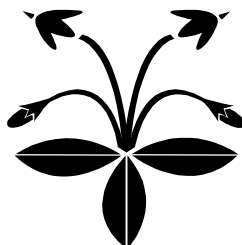
VDS CHALLENGE FLOWER - ANY HUSTON
ORINATION - Single Entry - Class 268

VANDAMENT LACINIATED CHALLENGE
- Single Entry - Any size - Class 269

BICOLOUR DAHLIA - Class 270

FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR - Single Entry
Any size - Class 271

Look at our website under SHOW for more information on Section and Class #'s, rules and regulations.



Vancouver Dahlia Society 2009 Show Committee		
* Co-ChairPersons	Richard & Jennifer Zuk	604-294-0237
* Awards	Betty Girard	604-431-8611
* Treasury	Maggie Cajar	604-522-6258
* Show Properties & Containers	Carole Rollie	778-571-2370
* Show Records	Jack Duncan	604-420-9301
* Placement	Tina McNabb	604-572-8981
* Judges & Clerks	Jennifer Zuk	604-294-0237
* Food Services (Luncheon)	Judges place the Section they are judging	
* Information Table & Membership	Tina McNabb & Jennifer Zuk	
* Sale of Cut Flowers	Sue Croft	604-879-0135
* Ribbons	Dorothy Malkin	604-261-8914
* Arrangements	Julian Buckle	604-543-7554
* Basket and Bowls	Norm Sharp	604-589-0463
* Classification	Vera Williamson	604-574-5791
* Publicity	Wally Kurth	604-536-6878
	Jennifer Zuk	604-294-0237
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	Any Senior Judge	
	Tina McNabb	604-572-8981

2009 Show Season Dates

Fraser Valley Dahlia Society Show

George Preston Recreation Centre, Langley, BC
 September 19th and 20th, 2009
 Info: Ralph Kuiper at 604-792-0252

Whatcom County Dahlia Society Show

Bloedel-Donovan Park Gym, Bellingham, WA
 September 12th and 13th, 2009
 Info: Cory Wynne at 360 -384 -3439