

VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE * WALLY KURTH

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It was great to be able to have our Dahlia Show at VanDusen Gardens on August 30 & 31, 2008! We had a total of 1306 dahlia blooms on display. Paul and Cheryl Howard are to be congratulated for having won a total of 20 head table exhibits! What an achievement!

Congratulations to all of you who grew beautiful blooms, brought blooms to the show, helped organize for the show, volunteered time setting up for the show, judged, clerked, manned the entrance tables, helped with the dahlia flower sale, helped with the take down, donated prizes and assisted in any way to make the show of such excellent quality! It was a terrific joint venture that brought in so many dahlias as well as so many keen growers together. It was supported by members of our communities that came to view and appreciate all of our dahlias that were on display – we had around 280 visitors during our public viewing. A total of \$434 was donated by the public. If you brought a dahlia to the show – you are a winner! Thanks to Betty Girard, Richard Zuk and Jennifer Zuk for co-chairing the dahlia show. Team work has made the show such a tremendous success. Thanks to all!

Our next general meeting on *September 17th*, will be a special meeting that will feature a *Pot Luck Dinner* as well as a *Parlour Show*. The program will start at 6 pm. [Check the bulletin for specific details]. We would like to have as many members as possible attend this fun-filled social event!

On *October 15th*, you will be deciding who will be your executive for the 2009 year. Please be sure to attend and take part in the voting process; think about taking on one of the executive positions. The program for our October meeting, the final meeting of the year, will include presentations on *digging, cutting tubers, storing* following the business meeting and elections.

I have enjoyed being president of the Vancouver Dahlia Society for a third year. I have appreciated working with so many dedicated, energetic members. I have felt privileged to work with such a keen, thoughtful, hard working executive. It has been a positive, enjoyable experience.

It is soon time to think about digging out the tubers that have given us so much joy and beauty and again putting them down for a long winter's nap. Then waking them in the spring for another cycle of fun-filled activities!

See you at the September meeting! Thanks for all of your support!

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.

2008 Show Results

AWARD	WINNER	VARIETY
Best Bloom in Show	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Mary's Jomanda
Best Single AA	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Wyn's King Salmon
Best Triple AA	Ralph & Arlyne Kuiper	Irene's Pride
Best Single A	Dick Porter	Kenora Jubilee
Best Triple A	Cory & Walt Wynn	Wyn's Sleepyhead
Best Single B	Ralph & Arlyne Kuiper	R Kris
Best Triple B	Doug Youngson	Camano Ariel
Best Single BB	Dick Porter	Scott's RW
Best Triple BB	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Aitara Caress
Best Single Miniature	Ray & Jane Lauzier	Barbarry Pet
Best Triple Miniature	Gordie Stach	Amethyst Glow
Best Single Ball	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Mary's Jomanda
Best Triple Ball	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Mary's Jomanda
Best Single Miniature Ball	Norm Sharp	Lulu Island Dad
Best Triple Miniature Ball	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Lulu Island Dad
Best Single Pompon	Jennifer Zuk	Glenplace
Best Triple Pompon	Doug Youngson	Tiny
Best Single Waterlily	Peter Krueger	Taratahi Ruby
Best Triple Waterlily	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Pam Howden
Best Single Stellar	Paul Bloomquist	Camano Pet
Best Triple Stellar	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Camano Pet
Best Single Peony	Dick Porter	Miss Muffit
Best Triple Peony	Dick Porter	Elvira
Best Single Anemone	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Comet
Best Triple Anemone	NO AWARD	
Best Single Collarette	Dick Porter	Pale Tiger
Best Triple Collarette	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Alpen Diamond
Best Single Single	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Seedling 06/02
Best Triple Single	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Seedling 06/02
Best Single Mignon Single	Dick Porter	Inflammation
Best Triple Mignon Single	Craig & Louise Stewart	Matthew Juul
Best Single Orchid	Dick Porter	Natalie's Star
Best Triple Orchid	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Lupin Sheila
Best Single Novelty Open Centered	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Lorona Dawn
Best Triple Novelty Open Centered	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Lorona Dawn

American Dahlia Society Medal to Dick Porter

Best Triple Seedling (Sec 2) ADS

2008 Show Results

AWARD	WINNER	VARIETY
Best Single Novelty double	Paul Bloomquist	Vista Cody
Best Triple Novelty double	Jean Heeringa	Valley Porcupine
Best 5 Bloom Entry	Tina McNabb	Clearview David
Best Single Undisseminated Seedling	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Seedling 07/02
Best Triple Seedling ADS	Dick Porter	Fairhaven Jim
Best Triple in Show	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Seedling 06/02
Best Novice Basket	Peter Krueger	Wildwood Marie/Pam Howden
Best Amateur Basket	Pat Ianson	Mrs W G Murray
Best Open Basket	NO AWARD	
Best Basket in Show	Pat Ianson	Mrs W G Murray
Best Novice Arrangement	Jack Duncan	
Best Amateur Arrangement	Betty Girard	
Best Open Arrangement	Jennifer Zuk	
Best Men's Arrangement	Jack Duncan	
Best Junior Arrangement	NO AWARD	
Best Miniature Arrangement	Vera Williamson	
Best Arrangement in Show	Jennifer Zuk	
Best Dahlia of the Year (Overall)	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Sean C
Dahlia of the Year (Amateur)	Vera Williamson	Sean C
Dahlia of the Year (Novice)	Carole & Gary Rollie	Sean C
Dahlia of the Year (Open)	NO AWARD	
Best Challenge Flower\Bonaventure	NO AWARD	
Best Bowl of Dahlias	Vera Williamson	
Best Vase of Dahlias	Craig & Louise Stewart	
Best People's Choice	Jean Heeringa	
Best Three Different Waterlilies	Paul & Cheryl Howard	
Best Progression	Dick Porter	
Largest Dahlia in the Show	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Clyde's Choice
Best Lacinated Dahlia	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Camano Puff
Best Variegated Dahlia	Peter Krueger	Gloriosa
Best Bicolour Dahlia	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Skipley Spot
Special Award Novice AA	Peter Krueger	
Kitsap County Dahlia Society Medal to	Paul & Cheryl Howard	Best Dahlia of the Year Overall

NOTE: Special Award donated by Ralph Kuiper

Seventh Annual VDS Pot-Luck Dinner and Parlour Show

We are anticipating another great turn out for our pot-luck dinner. Everyone will agree that it is a wonderful time to socialize. We will have a Beginner's Luck section, a Novice section and a Seedling Contest section in this years Parlour Show. Accredited and Senior judges will judge the entries. These judges will be asked to bring 3-4 flowers each so that the rest of the group can judge the judges' flowers like we did last year.

POT-LUCK DINNER * Sue Croft

Bring your food and staged flowers at 6:00 pm. There will be a brief meeting prior to dinner. Dinner will start at 6:45 pm. Members will be contacted by phone or email prior to the pot-luck. They are requested to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to feed five. Two or three people may wish to bring in one larger dish. The club will provide meat (ham and roast beef) buns and condiments, as well as, cold and hot drinks.

PLEASE NOTE, due to the busy schedule planned for this meeting, there will be no 50/50 draw. Come and have an enjoyable, informative evening. If you have any questions, please call Sue Croft at 604-879-0135.

PARLOUR SHOW * Carola Goetze

There won't be any limit on the number of blooms that beginners and novices can enter in the parlour show. Any member can enter the seedling contest and they will be limited to 3 seedlings. The seed can come from any source, eg. collected by the grower.

Beginner's Luck Section (First and Second time showers only)

If you showed only at our recent show, then you still qualify for this beginner's section. Bring your blooms to the show at 5:45 pm in any container for transportation. Club members will be on hand to help you stage your blooms in club containers and help you write **white** tags. A set of leaves is desirable so please try to disbud your flowers early.

Novice Section

If you have shown your flowers more than twice, then you are in this section. This includes our big show as well as our September parlour show, so if you've shown at last year's parlour show and the show at the beginning of September, then put your flowers in this category. Please bring your blooms staged and labeled with **pink** tags. If you don't have black containers or tags please come at 5:45 pm to stage your entries.

Judges Section

Please bring 3-4 staged blooms labeled with **yellow** tags. Place your blooms on the Judge the Judges table.

Seedlings

If possible, please stage entries and fill out any color tag at home.

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Bring your own vase or bowl of dahlias. These can be mixed or just one variety of dahlia with any type of greenery. Be creative. These will be judged by popular vote. All the entries will be used for table center-pieces.

Ribbons and prizes will be awarded in all sections and there will be a Best in Show award. An award will also be given to the judge with the best flower.

The 2009 Dahlia Calendar Is Ready!

The calendars are available now and I will have them for sale at the next two general meetings as well as at the Fraser Valley Dahlia Show and of course until the end of the year. You can call me at 604-572-8981 or email 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).

..Tina McNabb

**READY, AIM & SHOOT!**

Just a reminder 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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Claire & Janes Wright
Rodney Ward

50/50 DRAW

Tickets will be available when you sign in at the October meeting. No draw in September at the Parlour Show.

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



We had 43 members in attendance at the July 16 meeting and the winner of \$31.00 was Sue Croft.

We had 38 members in attendance at the August meeting and the winner of \$28.00 was Sue Croft. (No more \$5 worth of tickets for you Sue - ed.)



SPOTLIGHT ON

Tina and Doug McNabb

Doug and I have been members of the Vancouver Dahlia Society since 1986, joining as many do for first crack at the tuber sale. Doug is a third generation grower and shower in his family. His grandfather and Uncle Sid were big showers at the PNE in the late 50's. We dabbled with dahlias on and off for awhile until one day at the PNE we ran into Frank Snell, who it just so happened was a long time customer of mine at Whalley Printers. Neither one of us knew of our common interest. Frank talked us into joining the club and it's been history ever since. I have been on the executive over 10 years (I think?) and assist Vera with the annual Tuber Sale. During my time in the society, I have completed the judging program and am now a senior judge.

Doug and I have also started hybridizing and our first introduction came out this year.



Pandora Hope is named after Pandora Street, in Vancouver, where Doug first saw dahlias in his Grandfather's garden. Back then though it was an echo of his Grandfather's voice shouting "You boys stay out of my dahlia patch!" Later it was a yearly thing to go with Uncle Sid to the "Dahlia Man in Richmond" to buy tubers, only to learn a few years later that this was Earl Huston we were visiting. Earl is the originator of such varieties as Matilda Huston, Walter Huston, Jewell Huston, Cynthia Huston and many, many more.

Doug has been in the restaurant business all his working life and his customers look forward to the big bouquets of dahlias he would bring in every week. He also enjoys clerking for the various shows in the Pacific Northwest and has made a lot of friends south of the border.

My background is in Graphic Arts and I recently retired from a 27 year career working at Whalley Printers here in Surrey. While there I got the idea to print a yearly Dahlia Calendar and it was a great success the very first year. The 4th edition will be out in September. I now have a full service print shop in my home where I print everything from black & white copies to full color brochures and business cards, newsletters, booklets, invitations and flyers. You name it, I can do it for you.

Being part of the Vancouver Dahlia Society has been a lot of fun and a chance to meet new and interesting people. Some of our mentors over the years have been people like Frank and Margaret Snell, Rosa Beer, Ralph Kuiper and Vera Williamson.



PANDORA HOPE - BB C Y YL11

A DAHLIA WEDDING - Betty Girard

Many of you may remember the Zuk girls; they both showed dahlias as junior growers a few years ago. The little girls have grown up and Melissa married Dave Meehan on August 23rd with Natalie, Jennifer and Richard proudly looking on.

All of us have been anxiously awaiting our late blooms, but no one more than the Zuk family. As the wedding approached and the dahlias were delayed by our cool early summer, Jennifer walked through the garden daily hoping that the orange dahlias she planted for Melissa's bouquet and the table arrangements would begin to bloom. Fortunately a week of hot sunny weather just before the wedding brought the dahlias along and although the Zuks ended up complementing the dahlias with roses and freesias, the blooms took centre stage in the arrangements.

Melissa created her own bouquet, and those of her attendants with the same flair and attention to detail that she put into staging her blooms as a junior exhibitor. As I watched her work with the flowers, I was taken back to the times when I watched her as a little girl putting her flowers on the bench.



The wedding was held in the garden with the reception under a large tent in the neighbour's back yard. Guests strolled through the dahlia garden and enjoyed the flowers throughout the afternoon. The tables each held a bowl of dahlias and roses in orange hues with Nicole C, Longwood Dainty and Embrace surrounded by tealights. Jennifer created spectacular designs that graced the signing table, greeting table and even the bathroom counters. My favourite was one that held three blooms of Brookside J. Cooley complemented by a gladiolus spire. Just away from the main festivities, Richard and Jennifer created an outdoor room in the garden surrounded by tiki torches. This was complemented by a large bouquet of mixed dahlias held in an old ceramic jug.

It was a magical day, made even better by being held in a dahlia garden with our favourite flower adding to the beauty of the day.

Jennifer and Richard would like to thank all of you who donated blooms for the arrangements; they really appreciated your contributions to the splendour on the tables.



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Refreshment Reminder

September Meeting

Annual Potluck Dinner - See Pages 4/5 for details

October Meeting

**Sandwiches - Robin Blackmore &
Sweets - Marie O'Gryzlo & Sue Croft**



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