



Vancouver Dahlia Society

Promoting Dahlia Growing Since 1955

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IT'S SHOWTIME!

**VDS Annual Show
August 31st & September 1, 2019**

Preparation For Flower Shows by Bud Black

This is a reprint of a bulletin article written by honorary life member Bud Black. In the 1960's and 1970's Bud was an unbeatable grower. His specialty was the giants or "dinner plates" as they were called in his day. He wrote this article to encourage novice growers back in 2005.

The do's and don'ts of dahlia exhibitions.

- Make sure all your dahlias are named in the garden. Consult your classification manual and the show schedule so you will be able to place the flowers in the right areas.
- Be sure to have clean containers filled the night before picking. This allows the chlorine to dissipate from the water. A teaspoon of Floralife per container will help keep the flowers fresh and healthy.
- In warm weather it is best if the blooms are picked early in the morning, the day before the show. Place them in a cool garage or on the north side of the house where they will receive no sunlight.
- Do not pick dahlias that are not immediately pleasing to the eye. They will not be pleasing to the eye of the judges either.
- When placing flowers in vases, be sure to have a damp rag to clean the containers of bits of Styrofoam. The way each container is exhibited is very important.
- Do not try to show any more exhibits that you can easily handle. Novice exhibitors should find an experienced grower to help with the placing of your little treasures. This could be your year to win "Best in the Show"!
- Please volunteer for clerking duties, you will learn more about judging than I can ever tell you. You will also win the gratitude and support of all dahlia exhibitors.
- Don't ever worry about poor results. Just get in there and join a growing fraternity.

And Good Luck!

VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY

Annual Show Schedule August 31 and September 1, 2019

VanDusen Garden, Vancouver, B.C.

FRIDAY, August 30, 2019

Staging and entries may be made 6:00 - 8:00 pm
If you need to stage later than 8 p.m., contact the show chairpersons.

SATURDAY, August 31, 2019

Staging and entries may be made	7:00 - 9:00 am
Placement	9:15 - 9:45 am
Judges' & Clerks' Meeting	9:45 - 10:00 am
Judging begins	10:00 am
Doors open to the public	1:00 pm
Show closes	5:00 pm

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

SUNDAY, September 1, 2019

Doors open to the public	12:00 pm
Show closes to the public	3:30 pm

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 or e-mail jack.duncan@shaw.ca

FLORAL ART ENTRIES

Contact Jennifer Zuk at (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.

DIRECTIONS

VanDusen Botanical Garden is located at 37th Avenue and Oak Street, Vancouver, B.C.

For our U.S. visitors, Oak Street may be considered an extension of I-5 (and further extension of Highway 99). Drive 28 miles (45 km) north of the Peace Arch and you will arrive at VanDusen Garden.

VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY

Special Entries

Novice – Pink Tags, Amateur – Yellow Tags, Open – White Tags

DAHLIA OF THE YEAR “AC Ben”

Single Entry

Novice Class 261A
Amateur Class 261 B
Open Class 261 C

JACKPOT CHALLENGE FLOWER: Lakeview Glow BB IC Y

Pre-registration is required by the Monday preceding the show. (please call Richard Zuk at 604-294-0237)

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.

Novice Single entry
Amateur Class 262A
Open Class 262 B
Open Class 262 C

OPEN TO ALL - USE WHITE TAGS ONLY

BOWL OF DAHLIAS

Class 263

Judged for colour and effect – All around arrangement.
Bowls provided by Vancouver Dahlia Society,
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VASE OF DAHLIAS

Class 264

Vase of exhibitor's choice, **containing 12 dahlias**, with or without greenery, colour variation allowed, type of dahlias may vary. Will be judged as a vase suitable for informal all-around home display.

Note: Definition of a Vase: A container taller than its width.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Single Entry Class 265A
Arrangement Class 265B
In Memory of Jeanne Noel

Each exhibitor may enter only one entry in each class of People's Choice. Winner will be selected by popular vote of the public.
Ballots close at 3:00 pm on Sunday.

VDS CHALLENGE FLOWER

Class 266

Sorbet B SC DB

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Special Entries - Open to All- Use White Tags Only

FLOATING WATERLILY

Class 267

A single waterlily, floating in a bowl that is wider than it is tall, in clear water, no greenery or pin frogs allowed

FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR

Class 268

Single entry, any size

THREE DIFFERENT BB DAHLIAS

Class 269

Staged in one container

VARIEGATED BLOOM

Class 270

Single entry, any size

Vancouver Dahlia Society FLORAL ART

Novice – Pink Tags, Amateur – Yellow Tags, Advanced Amateur – White Tags

All entries in this section must be made by the exhibitor in his/her own container. Some dahlias must be used in all classes. Dahlias need not be grown by the exhibitor. Only one entry per person per class is allowed.

A width of 24 inches is allotted for each exhibit except in class 308.

An exhibit is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories. Fresh-cut, dried, weathered or treated plant material, or any combination may be used.

THEME: STANLEY PARK

PROSPECT POINT LIGHTHOUSE

Class 301

Your own interpretation.

LOST LAGOON

Class 302

A Design featuring water.

VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

Class 303

Your own interpretation.

HOLLOW TREE

Class 304

A design featuring an enclosed space.

THEATRE UNDER THE STARS

Class 305

Your own interpretation.

SIWASH ROCK (Men Only)

Class 306 Your own interpretation

CHILDREN'S FARMYARD (Children Only)

Class 307 Your own interpretation.

MINIATURE TRAIN

Class 308

Your own interpretation. An exhibit not to exceed 12 inches in any direction.

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Judges and Clerks-Important Notice



Many judges and clerks RSVP to our show via the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers postcard. Unfortunately this information is not available. If you did reply via the postcard, please contact Jennifer Zuk directly at jjzuk@telus.net

Volunteers Needed

There is still time to volunteer for the Show! We have needs on all three days! Please contact Betty directly at 604 431 8611 or vancouverdahliasociety@gmail.com if you would like to discuss volunteer opportunities



Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Parlour Show

Save the Date!
September 18th starting at 6:30 pm.

Plans are underway for our annual potluck. We will have an added attraction this year with a vase making workshop for those who are interested. Top growers will be donating blooms so please bring a vase to take some home in! More details to follow in the next bulletin!

