



Vancouver Dahlia Society

Promoting Dahlia Growing Since 1955

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How did your seedlings turn out? Earlier this year I started some seeds of Fancy Pants (OT L), crossed with Lorona Dawn (OT PR) and shared them with club members. I planted about 200 seeds myself. Out of the 200 I have three that I consider worth planting another year. They are a red and white blend single, a pale pink orchette and a pink collarette with orange overtones,

At the moment I am busy collecting seed for next year. Last year it was suggested that I use Alpen Cherub (CO W) as a seed parent. They say that when you use white as a seed parent, you get a greater variety of colors. We'll see. It is making lots of seed so I would be happy to share these. I am also collecting seed from Lo-Blush (MS LB DP/W) crossed with Inflammation (MS OR) and Kelsey Dwarf (MS L). It is making lots of seed so I would be happy to share these with anyone who wants them as well. I have had some good success with mignon singles and they do not take up so much space.

I know that many of you are struggling with mildew at this time of year. It is a common myth that too much moisture is the cause of mildew on the dahlias. Not true. Mildew occurs naturally in the soil and will attack weak and stressed plants when the conditions are right. The solution, then, is to make sure your plants are strong and healthy. Improve the soil and fertilize. Dahlias need a lot of fertilizer (but not now - they need to use up the fertilizer that is in the soil and harden off for storage). Make sure there is adequate air circulation around the plants. If your plants are already struggling with mildew, start by making sure they are adequately watered. Then pick off as many of the effected leaves as you can and even remove some branches if the plants are too close together. The quality of the tubers will not be affected by the mildew.

We just had another great show. The bloom count was down because it was on the same weekend as the national show and we missed a few key exhibitors but the quality of the blooms was second to none. A special thank you to the show committee: Betty, Jennifer and Richard. A great big thank you to all the volunteers. We couldn't do it without you.

Congratulations to Daniel Ng who, while still a novice, managed to snag the most coveted prize: best in show with his bronze semi cactus Embrace.

We have an exciting potluck and parlor show planned for the September general meeting. We will have the usual friendly competitions but the difference this time will be a bouquet making challenge. Blooms will be provided and if you are not able to bring your own vase, one will be provided. The best vase will be chosen by a vote of the membership and a prize of \$5.00 will be awarded. You may take the blooms home with you. See you there.



Next Meetings: Wednesday September 18 and October 16

The VDS meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, except November, December January and February in the Floral Hall at VanDusen Botanical Garden at 7:30 pm.

September & October Meeting Agenda



PGK Ruth D



PGK Hilary



PGK Charlene

September Meeting: Our September general meeting is our Annual Potluck Dinner and Parlour Show, which is a much-anticipated event. **We will begin at 6:30, but come when you can.** There will be staging supplies available at 6:00 for those who would like to put a bloom in the parlour show. It's an opportunity for members who find entering our annual show a bit intimidating. Bring a few blooms and maybe win a prize! There will also be a vase making workshop at our potluck this year. Please bring a vase from home, and Peter Krueger will be showing us how to put together a vase for home display. Bring your own dahlias and greenery if you would like, or use the blooms that Peter and other growers will be donating to the workshop. You will be able to take your completed vase home at the end of the workshop. In addition, the person who creates the best vase will win a prize!

Please bring a dish to share with approximately 5 other people. Roast chicken will be provided along with plates, cutlery and napkins. Consider bringing an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert along with serving utensils if needed.

October Meeting: Preparing Your Tubers for the Winter Digging, Dividing and Storing. Election of the 2020 Executive.

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*Congratulations to Daniel Ng, the
Best Dahlia in Show winner!*



2019 VDS SHOW WINNERS

AWARD	EX. #	WINNER	VARIETY
Best Dahlia in Show (Trophy)	1131	Daniel Ng	Embrace
Best Single Giant	3318	Connie Young Davis	Sir Alf Ramsey
Best Triple Giant	3318	Connie Young Davis	Sir Alf Ramsey
Best Single Large	3318	Connie Young Davis	Kenora Jubilee
Best Triple Large	3318	Connie Young Davis	Clearview Palser
Best Single Medium	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Clearview Cameron
Best Triple Medium	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Clearview Cameron
Best Single Small	1131	Daniel Ng	Embrace
Best Triple Small	3318	Connie Young Davis	Hollyhill Showtime
Best Single Miniature	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Barbary Red Dwarf
Best Triple Miniature	3318	Connie Young Davis	Barbary Red Dwarf
Best Single Ball	1131	Daniel Ng	L'Anresse
Best Triple Ball	3318	Connie Young Davis	Snoho Doris
Best Single Miniature Ball	2226	Jean Heeringa	Chimacum Troy
Best Triple Miniature Ball	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Bloomquist Paul Jr
Best Single Pompon	3318	Connie Young Davis	Glenplace
Best Triple Pompon	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Glenplace
Best Single Waterlily	3318	Connie Young Davis	Pam Howden
Best Triple Waterlily	3318	Connie Young Davis	Pam Howden
Best Single Stellar	9002	Eric Young	Cleaview Del Sol
Best Triple Stellar	3342	Paul McKittrick	Chi Shanka
Best Single Peony	3311	Peter Krueger	Seedling
Best Triple Peony		No Entry	
Best Single Anemone	3311	Peter Krueger	Seedling
Best Triple Anemone	2208	Wally Kurth	Comet
Best Single Collarette	3311	Peter Krueger	Pooh
Best Triple Collarette	3335	Doug Youngson	Bloomquist Sweet
Best Single Single	9002	Eric Young	Conie Marilyn
Best Triple Single	3318	Connie Young Davis	Connie Marilyn
Best Single Mignon Single	3311	Peter Krueger	Lo-Blush
Best Triple Mignon Single	2208	Wally Kurth	Lo-Blush
Best Single Orchid	9002	Eric Young	Midnight Star
Best Triple Orchid	2208	Wally Kurth	Midnight Star
Best Single Orchette	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Fancy Pants
Best Triple Orchette	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Fancy Pants
Best Single Novelty/open centered	3311	Peter Krueger	PGK Charlene
Best Triple Novelty/open centered		NO ENTRY	
Best Single Novelty - double	3318	Connie Young Davis	Valley Porcupine
Best Triple Novelty - double	3318	Connie Young Davis	Valley Porcupine
Best Single Undiss. Seedling	3367	Paul Bloomquist	211-18
Best Triple Seedling (Sec.2) ADS	3311	Peter Krueger	Seedling

Best Triple in Show	3318	Connie Young Davis	Snoho Doris
Best Five Bloom Entry	3318	Connie Young Davis	Connie Pei Yang
Best Novice Basket		NO ENTRY	
Best Amateur Basket	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Mary's Jomanda, Snoho Doris
Best Open Basket	3311	Peter Krueger	Snoho Doris
Best Basket in Show	3311	Peter Krueger	Snoho Doris
Best Novice Arrangement	1107	Dorothy Pitre	Tui Avis, Parkland Rave
Best Amateur Arrangement		NO ENTRY	
Best Open Arrangement	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Lauren Michelle, Ferncliff Tango
Best Men's Arrangement	2230	Jack Duncan	Alloway Candy, Lo-Blush
Best Junior Arrangement	JR2	Erica Pedersen	Mixed
Best Miniature Arrangement	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Jacs Lemon Zing
Best Arrangement in Show	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Lauren Michelle, Ferncliff Tango
Best Dahlia of the Year (Overall)	3311	Peter Krueger	AC Ben
Best Dahlia of the Year (Novice)		NO ENTRY	
Best Dahlia of the Year (Amateur)	2266	Jennifer Zuk	AC Ben
Best Dahlia of the Year (Open)	3311	Peter Krueger	AC Ben
Best Bowl of Dahlias	2259	Susan Birchmore	Mixed
Best Vase of Dahlias	3311	Peter Krueger	Mixed
VDS Challenge Flower - Sorbet	3311	Peter Krueger	Sorbet
VDS Jackpot Challenge - Lakeview Glow Novice	3318	Connie Young Davis	Lakeview Glow
Amateur	2222	Betty Girard	Lakeview Glow
Open	3318	Connie Young Davis	Lakeview Glow
VDS Jackpot Challenge Flowers Draw	3318	Connie Young Davis	Lakeview Glow
Best Junior Entry (Trophy)	JR2	Erica Pedersen	
Best Class G/L		NO ENTRY	
Best Class Medium		NO ENTRY	
Best Class Small	JR2	Erica Pedersen	Parkland Rave
Best Class Miniature		NO ENTRY	
Best Class Ball or Min Ball	JR2	Erica Pedersen	Clearview Daniel
Best Class Pom	JR2	Erica Pedersen	Irish Glow
Best Class Waterlily	JR2	Erica Pedersen	Pam Howden
Best Class Stellar		NO ENTRY	
Best Class Novelty Open or Double		NO ENTRY	
Best Peony or Anemone		NO ENTRY	
Best Collarette	JR2	Erica Pedersen	Pooh
Best Orchid or Orchette	JR2	Erica Pedersen	Fancy Pants
Best Single or Mignon Single		NO ENTRY	
Best Medium Triple	JR2	Erica Pedersen	Weston Spanish Dancer
Class 267 - Floating Waterlily	3321	Glenn Gitts	Pam Howden
Class 268 - First Time Exhibitor		NO ENTRY	
Class 269 - 3 Different BB Dahlias		NO ENTRY	
Class 270 - Variegated Bloom	3311	Peter Krueger	Greendor
Micro Dahlia Single	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Jacs Kyle
Micro Dahlia Triple	2266	Jennifer Zuk	Jacs Kyle
People's Choice			
Single Entry	1131	Daniel Ng	Harvey Koop
Arrangement in Memory of Jeanne Noel	2259	Marie MacKenzie	Stella White Owl
Largest Dahlia in Show	2208	Wally Kurth	Ivory Palaces

**We would like to thank the following people for their generous donations
to the show awards.**

Robin Anderson, Ken & Susan Birchmore, Sue Croft, Evelyn Crawford, Jack Duncan, Betty & Frank Girard, Paul & Cheryl Howard, Gisela Kuban, Wally Kurth, Lana Lee, David & Jean McIntosh, Tina & Doug McNabb, Barbara Ann Martindale, Teresa Murray, Daniel Ng, Dorothy Pitre, Connie Young-Davis and Richard & Jennifer Zuk

**** vancouverdahliasociety.com Has a New Look ****

After serving us well for over ten years, it was time to upgrade our website so it would become faster and more functional in the fast-changing world of technology.

With the help of a website designer, we now have a more modern site that can easily handle the changes that have occurred over the last several years.

Our modern-looking home page better reflects the VDS. Our designer created a “hero image” which is very striking and is designed to grab the attention of young and older people alike giving a great first impression.

We now have a “Responsive Design” which means that the entire page will display whether it is on a desktop screen, an iPad or a smart phone. On our old site, one had to move the images around the screen of mobile devices as only small sections of the page were visible.

We now have faster load times which means viewers are able to visit several pages in less time. Research shows that mobile visitors, which account for 80% of the population, tend to abandon webpages that take longer than three seconds to finish loading. With better load times we hope that visitors will view multiple pages and learn more about VDS. This should generate more interest and hopefully bring in some new members to our club.

The new site is secure and can't be hacked as easily. There is now an SSL certificate (you will now see a small lock to the left of the domain name) which basically prevents any sort of malware/hackers entering the site and stealing information. There are many other technological advantages of a secure site that allow all parts to work in a more fluid way.

And, it is easier to maintain (Ya-Hoo!!)

I invite you to take a look at the site at

www.vancouverdahliasociety.com

Along with the “hero image” on the Home Page you will find links to:

- ✓ Meetings and Events - a complete list of meeting dates and topics for the current year,
- ✓ Bulletins - all bulletins are available from 2012 to the most current,

- ✓ Annual Show - a list of the winners and winning flowers from each category from the latest show,
- ✓ Galleries - collections of pictures from several previous shows, tuber sales and the first Burnaby Blooms which VDS participated in.
- ✓ Links you will be directed to other gardening websites and videos on growing dahlias.
- ✓ Contacts shows how to get hold of executive members or ask any questions you may have.
- ✓ Additionally, you can access VDS FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM right from the home page.

Congratulations Tina!

Tina McNabb will be inducted into the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers Hall of Fame in 2020. This award recognizes Tina's contributions to dahlia showing and growing dahlias since she and her husband Doug joined the VDS in 1986. Tina was our representative to the Federation for many years. In addition to that, she created and printed the Federation Annual and taught in their judging school.

The Federation will be officially recognizing Tina's contributions to the dahlia world in 2020. Congratulations Tina!

Another Dahlia Lover

Grandson James enjoying blooms in Hovander Park.
Thank you Maria MacKenzie for this lovely photo!



VDS Finances Have Been Moved to Vancity Credit Union

As the new Treasurer, I suggested and it was approved by the executive, that we move our banking from HSBC to Vancity Credit Union. There were several reasons for this even though we have received good service from the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation over the last several years.

Vancity is a very community oriented bank and is very happy to be involved with clubs such as ours. This can be seen by the fact that one third of their profits go back into the community. However, they won't be making any profit from us, as we have a free account with them, as we did with HSBC. Our main reason for switching is that the three signing members can now get instant account information online and do not have to wait for a monthly statement or pay \$10 to see any account activities. We will also have access to some of their facilities and will soon be able to do more transactions online making it easier, cheaper and faster to deal with the financial affairs of our club.

*Jack Duncan
Treasurer*

Door Prizes

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.



The 50/50 Draw

Tickets are 1 for a Looney - 3 for a Toonie and 10 for \$5.00

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.

Date for the 2020 VDS Annual Dahlia Show

The 2020 Vancouver Dahlia Society Annual Show will be held on **August 29th and 30th** and not the Labour Day weekend due to a scheduling change with VanDusen Garden.

Five Questions for an Experienced Dahlia Grower



Thank you **Connie Young-Davis** for taking the time to answer this months 'Five Questions'. Connie lives in Victoria and has wonderful success at dahlia shows. Here is a picture of Connie at this years VDS show with the ADS biggest bloom (Sir Alf Ramsey) winner!



1. Where were you first introduced to the dahlia?

I saw of field of dahlias in the summer of 1996 and talked to the owner Harry Van Dyke who ended up mentoring me until his death in 2005.

2. How many varieties of dahlias did you grow this year?

This year I grew about 115 varieties.

3. What is your favourite dahlia form?

My favorite dahlia form (hard to choose) is possibly formal decorative.

4. What storage method do you use for dahlia tubers after the are pulled in the fall?

I store the air dried tubers in wood chips in Styrofoam boxes in a cool dry cabinet.

5. What is your personal favourite hybridized dahlia that you have introduced?

My favourite introduction is Connie Pei Yang, miniature formal decorative yellow dahlia.

Position To Be Filled

After many years of being our wonderful refreshment and kitchen coordinator Sue Croft has hung up her apron. We are now looking for one or two people to take her place. The position includes coordinating the general meeting refreshments along with the annual show and potluck held in September. Please think about volunteering and if you have any questions any executive member will be happy to answer any of your queries about the role.

We are always looking for new members to join our executive. You don't have to be an experienced grower or shower just have a keen interest in being involved with the inner workings of our club. Bring your enthusiasm and ideas!

Refreshment Reminder

October 16th Meeting
Sandwiches:
Sweets: Sally Hocking
Fruit/Veggies:

A refreshment sign up sheet will be passed around at the September 18th meeting for the October meeting. Please bring you own mug to cut cost of purchasing cups and to be environmentally friendly.

Welcome New Members!

Chantal Denis

Malik Jamal

Erin Levine

Questions? If you need to contact anyone on the executive, feel free to get in touch with us at:

Email: vancouverdahliasociety@gmail.com