

*San Leandro*

# DAHLIA TIMES

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**April 2015**

**Next Meeting: April 21, 7:00 PM**  
**Karp Room, San Leandro Library**

Dahlia folks,

The time has come for our once a year tuber/plant sale. This is a four hour time on April 25th, to meet and greet our neighbors that want to grow dahlias and want to know how to grow them. We are their experts and I ask all of you to come give a hand. The sale begins at 9:00 and ends at 1:00 but there are many things that happen before and after this and you can help.

For the sale itself, we will need 4 people to be bankers, counters and adders. You will add up the amount and charge the people for their purchase. We will have information that you can give out with their purchases that explain how to grow dahlias and also tells them about our society.

We will need as many sales people as we can get. You will help the customers to pick our their favorite form or color or sized dahlia.

They will ask many questions about mildew, drought, and pests. We will try to have something at the meeting that will help with answering these questions. Most of the questions you will already have answers because you have been listening at the meetings as they will have the same questions that you have asked in the meetings.

If you have spare tubers or plants, please label them so that we can put them in the proper place on the tables. It will be helpful if you have a picture to go along with them.

I will try to be at Root Park at 7:30 with the tables and what plants and tubers we will have. We will need people there at 7:30 to set up the tables and place the plants and tubers on the tables. We really want to have everything ready by the 9:00 starting time.

After the sale, it would be really nice if someone would help load my van up and help put the tables back. We will all be tired but many hands make the job easier.

For our meeting, I will bring what plants and tubers I have of our flowers of the year. I have a lot of Parkland Rave and some open centered Veronne's to share. If you are going to enter in our August show, feel free to take some of these. I will also bring a surprise plant for us to grow. It is a B size purple and white and I have plenty.

Lots of stuff to read. See you at the meeting,

John

**Refreshments will be provided by:**  
**Chad and Tom Baker, DJ and Paige**

# **San Leandro Dahlia Society**

**Minutes: March 17, 2015**

## **San Leandro Library - Conference Room B**

John called the meeting to order at 7:15 with 19 people present.

He mentioned that Dan Pearson of Dan's Dahlias has a very nice display set up at the flower & garden show and Dan has brought along 3 Cafe au Lait tubers for our raffle.

The minutes from February were approved. Dennis gave a treasure's report and we are solvent.

Down South they're not as lucky as we are. Their show rental alone is nearly 1K and they may only have enough cash and members to continue for another two more years.

Monterey Bay is having trouble attempting to find a location that is affordable for their show. We are very lucky to have our location at the library.

We should perhaps provide dahlias to the library as a way of thanks.

The City of San Leandro also has put up photographs of blooms at Root Park.

Someone is also putting together a video of San Leandro and he wants to include dahlia photos from Root Park. Vicki Bacon is the woman who did some things for John for a Youtube piece. We also need to let the chap know about Castle Peralta for his slide show. The city obviously values what we do at Root Park!

Beverly did a half sheet flyer for our sale which was very nice. We need to be ready to capture new members at our sale as its the one time of the year we have to get as many new members as possible.

We will have a sign up sheet for the various duties and positions we need to have filled for the sale to be a success.

The refreshment list needs to have a few more volunteers and it is circulating

Curtis is going to be purchasing calcium nitrate in bulk if anyone is interested. We took a short break . . .

Roy and John had a rousing happy birthday sung . . .

Cafe au Lait tubers donated by Dan were won by: Joan, Leslie and Marcia.

John introduced Dan and we were on with the show. Dan started growing dahlias when he was 8 years old. He really has done well with his cut flower business. He does it 4 days/wk at the Olympia Farmers Market. In addition he does the Seattle Growers Market each Wed which he and a group of other growers started in 2012 . He stores his sale stock in cedar shavings which hold them quite nicely. . His planting stock is stored in vermiculite . They get 80 inches of rain/year being near the bottom of the Olympic Rain Forest He uses crystal in his bouquets to help keep them plumped up and fresh.

We approved paying two bills and discussed moving to Conference Room B for our meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

DJ

# **Program:**

As John mentioned... we'll have alot to talk about concerning our sale, which will be in a few DAYS! Read his President's message... there will be dahlias at the meeting!

Here is Beverly's flyer...

Show it to your friends!

A flyer for the San Leandro Dahlia Society's Annual Tuber and Cutting Sale. The background is a close-up photograph of a large, vibrant red dahlia flower. The text is overlaid in white and yellow. The text reads: "San Leandro Dahlia Society's", "Annual Tuber and Cutting Sale", "Saturday, April 25, 2015", "9 AM - 1 PM", "Root Park", "Hays and E. 14th Street", "San Leandro", and "sanleandrodahliasociety.org OR slds.club".

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