

*San Leandro*

# DAHLIA TIMES

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**August 2015**

**Next Meeting: Aug 18, 7:00 PM**

**Karp Room, San Leandro Library**

Dahlia fans,

What a great show we had! Although we had fewer dahlia exhibits than usual because of the drought, the quality was good and the enthusiasm was high. The public expressed great joy in seeing our dahlias and our local newspaper came down and took many pictures and did a bit of interviewing. Not only that, a local girl, Olivia Maureen, shown by Chris Dix was Best in show! This cultivar came straight from Root Park two blocks from the library to become the Best in Show!! Chris has done well with Olivia Maureen as she also was a American Dahlia Society Medal winner from across America and Canada. Olivia Maureen is the second dahlia that Chris has introduced and the second to earn an ADS Medal.

I want to thank all those that helped with the San Leandro Show. In all the years that I have been Show Manager, this year was the easiest. Either I have finally figured it out (wrong) or we got more help from our members this year than ever before. At cleanup time, members were asking me what they could do and I was running out of things to have them do. The prep work before the show was easy as volunteers stepped up as never before. Our new members were great in stepping in and learning what it takes to do a show. This was a very pleasant show to preside over and I thank all of you.

A note on the San Francisco show, Lou Paradise had the Best in Show. Once again, fewer blooms at the show than we usually see but the quality was high. I helped judge the Court of Honor and it was really a chore as it was really hard to judge with such high quality blooms. Once again Olivia Maureen was seen on the Court of Honor.

At our August meeting, we should do a bit of talking about what we can do to help our dahlias withstand the heat we have had. I encourage everyone to come prepared to tell what they do to help our plants withstand the heat. Other discussion might be pest control in hot weather and the mildew that we have had this year.

The Pres, John

**Refreshments will be provided by**

**Tony and Beverly**

# **San Leandro Dahlia Society**

**Minutes: July 21, 2015**

## **San Leandro Library - Karp Room**

We met early at Root Park to allow members to have closer observation of dahlias that have been grown and cared for by several of our members. We then moved to the Library: 7pm with 22 present

President John Morton

Annual show set for 8/1 and 8/2

Fri. prior for set up 3:30

The room will open at midnight for set up of displays.

Refreshments will be provided

This Sat 7/25 free school at SF Hall of Flowers for judges ---9-4pm. Show of hands for those planning to attend

Exhibitors reminded of need for number/entry card

Reminder that security guard to be paid for hours since the library is normally closed.

Treasurer's report ---solvent plus bills submitted for purchase of show ribbons and flyers for advertising of event

Leslie Servin is in charge for luncheon for members 8/1-8/2

Minutes from last meeting accepted

D.J. had a carrying case for supplies needed for those setting up displays --  
-show tags, pliers, water, "good scissors" etc

Form sent around to sign up as greeter --2hr time slots

Comments made reg. various means of cleaning plant leaves and how to stage arrangements. Best to practice ahead. Remember ----the event should "be fun"

Adjournment at 8:45, following a raffle

Minutes submitted by Maren Giannini

**Program:** Dahlia discussion (as John suggested) and a slide show showing highlights of both the San Leandro and San Francisco shows.

The highlight of our show was that the Best in Show was won by Chris Dix!



You'll see more pictures at the slide show!