

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: June 16, 7:00 PM
Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia Folks,

A quick update on me. I am prostate free. Surgery longer than expected but I am well on my way to recovery. I am not supposed to do any lifting so I have just about gotten the show schedule completed and with luck, you may have it before the meeting. I will set that goal.

Well, the weather has been a surprise. Over a 100 one day, then rain the next. What is next? Cucumber beetles! We have seen a rise in numbers of these green lady bug looking things. We have talked about these in earlier meetings. I have also seen a lot of what Jack Almand called Tarnish Bugs. They are light brown very quick bugs that also munch on our favorite flowers. Check with your local nurseries and see what they recommend for these bugs (and others you might find) and maybe we can come up with a common bug killer. (Lady bugs will help deter the cucumber beetles.)

A word on our buddy Roy, who called from Stanford the other day. He will be stuck there for a few weeks. Pace makers, stints... oh my, oh my. We will certainly keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

I hope to see you at the meeting.

John

Refreshments will be provided by:
Deva and Joan Davis

San Leandro Dahlia Society

May 19, 2015

Karp Room - San Leandro Library

President John Morton called meeting to order

19 members present

Treasurer Dennis Stone reported -- We are solvent and the Dahlia Sale "went well"

Minutes last meeting were seconded and approved

Topics discussed:

- #1 John and Curtis brought Stylet Oil [among uses for mildew, mites, and white fly] for sale at 1qt. \$8.00
Calcium Nitrate for fertilizing at 5 gal \$5.00
- #2 Yearly dahlia show 8/1 and 8/2. John has assigned people to various committees
- #3 Tax board has sent forms for completion. John will seek professional help to complete them ---as relates to our continued nonprofit status.
- #4 Tuber Sale --- "great success" Need for increased pictures of cuttings. Buyers esp. interested in size/color. Greg Schaefer volunteered to put together picture board for next year.
- #5 Root Park --- Soil tilled, compost applied, and irrigation ok per Chris. Suggestion made to have July meeting at park to better demonstrate plant care.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm after the raffle drawing led by D.J.

Minutes per Maren Giannini

Program:

We'll be talking about what's happening to our gardens as we watch our flowers prepare themselves for the upcoming shows.