

*San Leandro*

# DAHLIA TIMES

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**Next Meeting: Aug. 16, 7:00 PM**

**Karp Room, San Leandro Library**

Dahlia folks,

I have been working long and hard getting our dahlia show together. I guess I have failed. The powers that be at the library say that the we are using space that are needed for safety and handicapped people. We have used about 75 tables in the past and have been told that we can only have 50 tables from now on. Because of this, we will take out the Section C, (showing 5's) from our show. This should help with room at the show. There will be other changes but I don't know what they are yet. I am meeting with some other library folks Friday. There is much more to this story that we can talk about later.

In the garden, now is the time to be checking your labels and plants since you can see the blooms. I have several plants that are misnamed and will be sure to get these changed. When we get tubers form the plant/tuber sale, we are really wanting to get what we buy.

Make sure to check out the Root Park dahlia garden and the Casa Peralta garden. They are really looking good. Tom, Chad, Tony, Curtis, Roy and Chris, you are doing a great job. I haven't seen the Lakeside Park garden in bloom but hear it is really doing well. Good going to all!!

At the next meeting, we will do what we meant to do at the last meeting but ran out of time. We will get expert advice on how to set up our blooms for their best showing.

Best of luck at the show,

John

**Refreshments will be provided by:**  
**Tony Palacios and Sue Gregori**

*Next month: Maren and Quamrun*

# San Leandro Dahlia Society

## Minutes: July 19, 2016 Meeting

### San Leandro Library - Karp Room - 7:00 PM

Prior to start of meeting, members met at Root Park for opportunity to see Curtis and Chris demonstrate the selection of various flowers that would likely show best at the shows.

Meeting ----24 members present

Presiding ---John Morton

Minutes of previous meeting approved

Treasurer's report--- Dennis Stone----Solvent

Bills presented for approval of payment include

1. Payment for multi posters announcing dahlia schedule for August show

Appreciation to Beverly for the great color selections

2. Payment for judging school

JoAnna presented check for 100.00 from an earlier tuber sale

Old Business----none

New Business----Friday 8/5 approx. 3:30 plan for set up of tables in prep for flower arrivals after midnight. Chad and Tom volunteered to help John Assorted food trays and water bottles will also be brought to kitchen site by Maren and JoAnna for use by flower arrangers during the late hours. A guard will be present during the hours the library is not open. Hours for show: Sat 10-5 and Sun 10- 4. Tom and Chad will provide lunch food for approximately 45 people. They will be reimbursed. Reminder to those showing: **Allow enough time to set up!** All flowers need a pair of leaves --- and a name card.

Marcia announced the possible program for September to be a "flower arranger" A hands-on demonstration. Motion made and seconded to provide up to \$200 for her payment that included travel from Monterey area.

Chris suggested the selling of small floral bouquets at time of August show. Flowers to be used from those not "shown" . John to check with library for approval. We need to take care to avoid water spills. Chris stated that \$5 per arrangement could bring in multi dollars. Sue to check with 99 cent store for supply of vases. Definite need for several people on Sat. Aug, 6th to do the actual arrangements.

Chad suggested a photo booth for show. Decision past a vote to try flower sale. Curtis presented info from June bulletin regarding a company that can determine if a virus present on any leaves. Requires minimum 30 samples at 10.00 each. He and Chris voiced interest in this possible project. Andrew demonstrated several ideas on the transporting of flowers in a safe manner to a show. He had several types of racks that he created. He also suggested a "tool box" and labels be filled out ahead of time so there would be less last minute rushing to meet deadline.

Meeting adjourned 8;50

Kristi brought multi melons to meeting for anyone to enjoy

Minutes submitted Maren Giannini

# **Program:**

Kudos to John for handling all the last minute details about tables for the show, etc.

We'll talk about our show... how it went and if there are any suggestions for improvement.

The other shows are coming fast... San Francisco on Aug. 20-21 (see the attached info sheets).

Chris Dix will do a presentation on "How to stage your dahlias for the best results!"

## *A quick note from your Program Chairman:*

When the president calls the meeting to order, it is our cue to be quiet. Please halt your conversations until either the break or after the meeting.

September's meeting will have a speaker from Monterey Bay Dahlia Society. She will be talking to us about flower arranging. It will be a hands-on workshop. More details to follow in the next newsletter.