

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: Aug 15, 7:00 PM

Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia folk,

It is SHOW TIME!! I hope all of you can make it to the Dahlia Society of California show this weekend in Golden Gate Park. I am not sure about the roads and the parking since there is a HUGE music festival going on at the same time. Maybe some of flowers in their hair will be dahlias:)

With our show coming up the next weekend, it would be well to be at our next meeting to see how you can help. Friday, I don't know what time, we will put out the dahlia placement cards on the tables. There is an afternoon event using the Karp room so setup will be later than usual. At midnight Friday night, we will be open to setting up our dahlias. We will want volunteers to supply fruit, cookies, snacks, and drinks for the exhibitors while they are setting up. We will have a few words about the show at 9:30 and then start judging. Maren will be at the information desk and will need help with that area.

We will have lunch at noon and Tom and Chad will take care of that. I still remember how good the lunch was last year. Saturday afternoon we will need 2-3 runners to take back blooms from the head table to their original tables. We have to be out of the building by 5:00 Saturday evening.

Sunday morning we open at 10:00. We need volunteers to go through the tables and open the cards up so visitors can see who the exhibitors are that brought the blooms. You know that exhibitors want to know where to get tubers and plants to grow next year. At 4:00 Sunday afternoon we will give out our prizes and then take everything down. We need volunteers to help with this as we want to leave the library as clean and nice as we found it.

Our last meeting was a lot of fun. Everyone that attended were judges for the blooms that were brought in and Deva was the big winner. Is she still a Novice Exhibitor? There were a lot of good discussions about judging from those that attended the judging seminar a few weeks ago.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting!!

John

Refreshments will be provided by:
Curtis and Tony

Next Month: Maren and Quamrun

Minutes - July 17, 2017 Meeting

7:00 - Karp Room

Presiding --- John Morton Members present: 14

Copy of S.L. Historical Society newspaper for members to view multi pictures from past. Included Roy, Chris and annual library showing plus article on history of the society. Dahlia is their city flower.

Food for breakfast/lunch for those attending judging school Sat. July 22 presented by JoAnna. Society will bear the expense.

Treasurer ---- Dennis Stone: We are solvent. Bills presented and payments made.

Lake Merritt Garden -- Kristi Whitfield indicated many visitors and positive comments regarding garden. Two possible signs for our dahlia show were showed by Kristi.

Curtis Maxwell proposed that 200 dollars be allowed for banners for show. One would be 2x3 feet and second one 2 1/2 x6 feet. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Second proposal by Curtis that 20 dollar gift certificate be made to new members for use at Root Park sale provided that the person must first attend a dahlia meeting. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

East 14th / Root Park garden site ---- Chris said garden showing well though slightly less so for tree shaded area.

John and Chris said mildew remains problem and preventive measures needed.

Reminded to thin out past first bloom, mulch and definitely water especially during these hot periods to encourage increased blooms. For tubers this season many experiencing stunted growth or "no show". Chris reminded members to slowdown on nitrogen past July 4th and stop by Labor Day.

Helpful hints for upcoming show--- Chris did a staging of single blooms and Curtis did triple blooms. This was followed by a demonstration of what judges look for in the various categories. Members submitted their blooms/ forms. Opportunity then to select a first and second place with detailed reasoning as to why.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 after refreshments

Minutes submitted Maren Giannini

Program:

The Show! The Show! The Show!

Pictures from the July Meeting's Mini Show:





