



# DAHLIA TIMES

## October 2023

San Leandro Dahlia Society

Brown Sugar

# Letter from the President

Dahlia folk,

As I go through my garden, I find several mislabeled plants. They are not ones that I am familiar with, so it is hard to identify them. They are all nice, but they can not be exhibited if we can not name them. So, I ask you to go out while the dahlias are still blooming and make sure they are named correctly. I too have given out incorrectly named plants on occasion, so a slap on the hand to me as well.



As the gardens are slowing down, don't do any more fertilizing but do try to control mildew and pests. The tubers are forming, and we do not want the plants to be suffering while the tubers are forming. We want happy tubers so we can have Blue Ribbon winning blooms next year.

I want to once again thank those that made our San Leandro Dahlia Show one that we are proud of. Many hands make the work easy.

I love to walk through the garden this time of the year and see all the bees spreading the pollen from plant to plant. I am seeing more monarch butterflies this year. I often see three or four floating through the garden as well as tiger swallowtails. If you are having pests disturbing your plants and you don't know what they might be, go out at night with a flashlight and you might be surprised at all the good and bad bugs that roam around at night.

Hope to see you at the next meeting. Bring blooms and questions.

John

# October 2023 Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our October meeting. (see the agenda below)  
UNFIRTYBATEKT,THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM ACCESS FOR THIS MEETING.

**Tuesday October 17, 7:00PM**

Church of Christ

601 MacArthur Blvd

San Leandro CA 94577

## AGENDA

**Opening remarks- John Morton**

**Introduction of visitors and members**

**Approval of minutes and treasurers report**

**Program:**

Seed Collection-Curtis Maxwell

Tuber Digging, Dividing & Storing-Chris Dix and Curtis Maxwell

Officer and Board Nominations from the floor

**Selection of Flowers of the year**

**November meeting:**

Officer and Board Elections

When and where to order tubers for spring planting

**No meeting in December**



September Meeting Minutes (1)

Quamrum Eldridge	Frances Kawaguchi	Sue Gregori	Ginger Porrell
Kristi Whitfield	Jon Kawaguchi	Curtis Maxwell	Diane Bond
Cris Whyte	John Morton	Ellen Muir	Linda Baily
Peggy Murphy	Sabrina Almazan	Chris Dix	Beverly Dahlstedt

New-		
Pauline Guilbert	Melanie Yap	Bob Brewer
Yalina	Guy	

Zoom-			
Ally Whiteneck	Dennis Stone	Sephia	Patrica Wagner

Meeting started at 7:05pm

- Introductions
- Treasurers report - Accepted/Approved
- Minutes from last meeting - Accepted/Approved

# September Meeting Minutes (2)

## Program

Slide show of shows presented by Kristi

San Leandro

San Francisco

Monterey Bay

Central Coast

National- Portland

## Recap of our show

- Good PR and organization despite time restrictions
- We discussed the pros & cons of the event

Flowers of the year for 2024. We will vote at the October meeting.

2024 show dates -

1<sup>st</sup> week of August

1<sup>st</sup> week of September

This was tabled for the Board to discuss

Idea was floated to do Zoom for the Winter meetings

Discussion on cover crops for dahlia beds

Discussion on the upcoming Autumn Lights Festival, scheduled August 12-14 at Lake Merritt in Oakland.

Curtis did a demo on rooting dahlia cuttings

Meeting ended at 8:30pm

## **Letter to the editor**

### **Published in the San Leandro Times and Castro Valley Forum**

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the San Leandro Dahlia Society, we would like to thank the San Leandro Library, the Mayor and City Manager's office, the members of the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Societies and the community for contributing to the success of our 89th Annual Dahlia Show on September 9th and 10th.

During the two-day event we had over 550 members of the community in attendance. Over 40 exhibitors from our societies displayed blooms and photographs. Arrangements for every category for our "San Leandro Charm" theme were on display. A local artist, Rachel Perls, demonstrated her celebration of dahlias through her paintings. We provided a fantastic dahlia display photo opportunity at the entrance to the show created by members Quamrun Eldridge and Christina Walker.

The San Leandro Dahlia Society was formed in 1925 with its first meeting at the Masonic Hall. With rare exceptions, a show has been held in the City almost every year since the society's inception. The show would not have been a tremendous success without the tireless efforts of our members who organized the event, welcomed our visitors, shared dahlia growing knowledge. directed them to vote for the People's Choice dahlia, signed up new members and visitors interested in our 2024 Tuber Sale and Show.

We hope to see you all next year.

Sincerely,

Ellen Muir and John Morton

The San Leandro Dahlia Society



# A little help!

- Kristi would like to get some help digging and dividing the tubers at Casa Peralta and the Mortuary in the next 4-6 weeks.

Many of these tubers will go to the tuber sale so please help. If you are available, please contact Kristi ([kristi9876@aol.com](mailto:kristi9876@aol.com)) to set up some days and times.

- Kristi is also looking for a cool, dark place to store the tubers for the tuber sale. Refrigerated space would be great, but not necessary. Please let her know if you have some space.



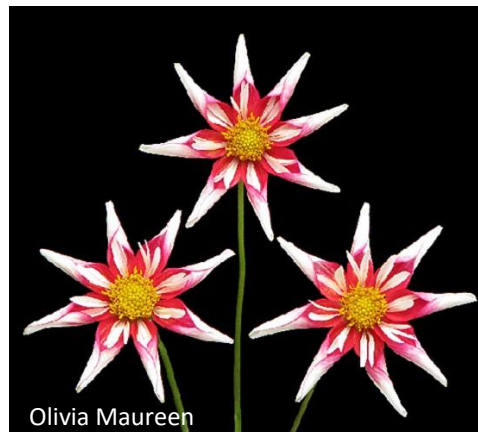




Olivia Maureen



KA's Jubilee



Olivia Maureen



Tahoma Angie



Destiny's Teacher

# Choose Flower of the Year 2024

- Each year we choose one fully double and one open center flower to be the flowers of the year for the San Leandro Show. We want to have plenty of tuber/cuttings on hand so that EVERY member can grow and show these flowers at the show.
- What will our flowers of the year be for 2024?
- You have an opportunity to nominate a cultivar for each category. Did you see something at the show that you loved? Do you have a cultivar that is a favorite? Is one of the cultivars that have been introduced by members a favorite?
- Think about your favorites and be prepared to come up with suggestions at the meeting in October. That is when we will decide.



# The San Leandro Dahlia Show in Images

What a show!





## The San Leandro Dahlia Show in Images



Can I answer your questions?



## The San Leandro Dahlia Show in Images



The Photo Booth

## The San Leandro Dahlia Show in Images



....a gaggle of judges





## The San Leandro Dahlia Show in Images



Judging





# Want Ads and Notices

This is a page that we can all share with each other.

- If you have some dahlia related material to share, send a note and we will get it in the want ads.
- If you want something. A specific tuber, some fertilizer, some help with a growing problem, send a note and we will get it in the want ads.
- If you have a gardening/plant related notice (like a show or sale for another society), send a note and we will get it in the want ads.

Send a note to :

- [bondddiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bondddiane9@gmail.com)

if you want to put something in the want ads.