

DAHLIA TIMES
January 2023

San Leandro Dahlia Society



Penhill Watermelon- Q. Eldridge

January 2023 Meeting

Tuesday January 17, 7:00PM

Church of Christ

601 MacArthur Blvd

San Leandro CA 94577

PLEASE WEAR MASKS

AGENDA

- Opening remarks by John Morton
2. Introduction of visitors and members
3. Approval of minutes
4. Treasurer's report
5. Program: How to make rooted cuttings, presented by Chris Dix
6. Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference — planning update and sign ups, raffle donations, presented by Ellen Muir and Quamrun Eldridge
7. Announcement of judging seminars, presented by Curtis Maxwell
8. Other announcements (root sale?, show date?)
9. Q&A: Bring your questions about soil preparation and buying dahlia tubers
10. February meeting preview: Starting seeds; Planning your garden; Show schedule overview.



Letter from the President

Dahlia Folk,

We have three big events this year and we are working them all. The first will be the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference which we are the hosts. This event is coming up fast and everyone is invited to help. Please donate raffle prizes as the raffle will be the \$\$\$ event that will help us pay for the room, meals, and all else we have to have money for. Please, no junk. We have one speaker confirmed and waiting on another. You will hear much more about this at our January meeting.



The other two events are our tuber sale and our annual show. More on these in the coming days.

The long-awaited Online Judging Training Modules are now available. Curtis has already been checking these out and as our Judging Chair is wanting to get with those that want to be judges (and those that want to keep their judging status up to date) and work with you.

After complaining about NO RAIN for several years we can complain no more. Well, not about no rain. We certainly hope that you aren't one of those flooding or having trees land on your property. Our yard is pretty swampy now and we are thinking about planting rice. Doesn't rice need to be planted in mud?

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting.

Pres. John

PSW Conference update

The 72nd Pacific Southwest Dahlia February 18th Conference details, registration and payment information will be posted on our website at slds.club and in your email inboxes Friday, January 13th. Please register and pay as soon as possible. We were fortunate to confirm Stephen P. Andrews, Jr, Soil Scientist, UC Berkeley Educator, and Natural Resources Specialist as an expert speaker on Building Healthy Soil. Stay tuned for updates on the program as additional speakers are confirmed.

We have assembled some great raffle items and swag for you to take home along with a wide range of information that will support your dahlia growing in the upcoming season. The conference committee continues to meet weekly to create an exciting day for all.



Wanted: donations for the raffle!

At every PSW conference, we have a raffle. It helps defray the cost of the meeting and....its just fun! In order for our raffle to be successful, everyone needs to participate.

Perhaps you have something others might want. Or you are crafty and can make something others might want. Please donate what you can. Ideas include:

- Trip to Hawaii
- A favorite tuber or cutting
- A bottle of wine
- gardening tools
- Gardening supplies that are not tools (gloves? fertilizer? other?)
- White elephant???
- something just FUN!!!
- Scratchers (unscratched of course)

Please bring what you have to the **January meeting!**

Something too big? You aren't going to be at the meeting? Contact Beverly (beverlydahlstedt@sbcglobal.net) Arrangements can be made.



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 :

- bonddiane9@gmail.com

if you want to put something in the want ads.

Want Ads and Notices

This is the season that many of us are looking for tubers for next year. Below is a list of sites and vendors that might help you in your quest.

- Dahlia Addict (<https://dahliaaddict.com/>) This site lists many US suppliers and cultivars they have available.

The following is a list of suppliers that were mentioned at the October meeting:

- Cowlitz River Dahlias (<https://www.dahlias4u.com/>) **OPEN JANUARY 2023**
- JS Dahlias (<http://www.jsdahlias.com/>)
- Lobaugh's Dahlias (<https://www.lobaughsdahlias.com/>) **OPEN December 1 2022**
- Connell's Dahlias (<https://connells-dahlias.com/>) **OPEN NOW!**
- Dan's Dahlias (<https://www.shop.dansdahlias.com/>)
- Arrowhead Dahlias (<https://www.arrowheaddahlias.com/>) **OPEN NOW!**
- Birch Bay (<http://www.birchbaydahlias.com/>)
- Stonehouse Dahlias (<https://stonehousedahlias.com/>) Rooted cutting of Kristine Albrecht's cultivars.

Support our supporters!

Lougagh's Dahlias (<https://www.lobaughsdahlias.com/>), Swan Island (<https://www.dahlias.com>) and Stonehouse Dahlias (<https://stonehousedahlias.com/>) have agreed to send tubers/plants for the PSW Conference auction. Please show your appreciation of their support by shopping at their sites.



Want Ads and Notices

- Dahlia swap opportunities : www.sunsetviewfarmdahlias.com
- Wanted: Photos of Ken and Marilyn Masurat from shows, conferences or in their garden. Please send to Quamrun Eldridge (qne3918@gmail.com) by February 1st. If you do not have the ability to scan photos, please bring them to the January 17th meeting and we will scan them for you and return them at our February meeting.

Upcoming Local Orchid Shows

- Diablo View Orchid Society Show and Sale
Saturday February 11, 10 AM- 4 PM \$5 admission
First Lutheran Church
Concord, CA
- Peninsula Orchid Society Show and Sale
January 21, 22, 2023 10 AM – 5 PM \$10 admission
Redwood City Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City
- Pacific Orchid Exposition
February 24, 25, 2023 10 AM - 5 PM
February 26, 2023 10 AM – 4 PM \$12 in advance
County Fair Building
1199 9th Ave
San Francisco, CA

