

# Dahlia Times March 2025

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San Leandro  
Dahlia Society



Clearview Jonas

# Letter from the President

Spring is just a few weeks away as I write this message. Already the days are longer and daffodils and other flowers are blooming. The signs of Spring remind me that regardless of what is going on in the world, nature pushes forward and does not pay attention to the news.

Just as nature takes care of us and gives us a safe space to be, we need to take care of ourselves mentally and physically. With that in mind, Quarum and I decided to include in our standing meeting agenda “Gardening for Health”. During this 10-minute topic members will share how they prepare for and recover from the many physical demands of gardening and prevent injury. Our gardens need us, so we need to be at our best to care for them. In our February meeting we broke into workgroups to plan for five of our many activities/projects for the year. Many great suggestions and ideas were generated. At our March meeting we will review them and add suggestions from the general meeting with the goal of creating a working organizing document for each annual event that can be stored in our Drive and updated each year.

We have Cherry Festival co-chairs! Julia Cronin and her daughter Siobhan Moher agreed to chair the Cherry Festival. Siobhan reportedly loves the Cherry Festival and tries to never miss it. We are grateful for them taking charge after Peggy Murphy’s stellar efforts in 2024.

Ellen



# March 2025 Meeting

Tuesday, March 18,

**Social Hour: 6:30 - 7:00 PM**

Meeting: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Church of Christ

601 MacArthur Blvd

San Leandro CA 94577

(parking in the rear)



# San Leandro Dahlia Society

## Meeting Agenda

Date: March 18, 2025

Time: Social Hour: 6:30 -7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

| Topic  | Who                          |
|--|------------------------------|
| <b>Opening Remark</b><br>10 mins   | <b>President, Ellen Muir</b> |
| <b>Introduction of visitors and new members</b><br>10 mins   | <b>Ellen Muir</b>            |
| <b>Approval of minutes and treasurers report</b><br>10 mins  | <b>Ellen Muir</b>            |
| <b>Selfcare for gardening</b><br>10 mins   | <b>Tai Chi Video - all</b>   |
| <b>Review last month's workgroup plans.</b><br><b>Get contributions from the rest of the group.</b><br><b>1. Tuber Sale</b><br><b>2. Cherry Festival</b><br><b>3. County Fairs/outreach</b><br><b>4. Show</b><br><b>5. Mulford Garden</b><br><b>Q &amp; A</b><br>50 mins | <b>All</b>                   |
| <b>BRIX Presentation</b><br>20 min   | <b>Christina Estrada</b>     |
| <b>Announcement &amp; Closing</b><br>10 min  | <b>Ellen Muir</b>            |

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### **Summary**

The San Leandro Dahlia Society February meeting covered nonprofit status approval, membership renewal details, a Roy Steir memorial, an April workshop at Evergreen Nursery, and raffle planning. Discussions included member contact information sharing, new logo designs by Christina, a speaking engagement at the San Leandro Rotary Club on April 2nd and ordering extra American Dahlia Society's classification handbooks. Next steps involve securing donations to fund future projects and finalizing raffle prizes.

### **Minutes:**

#### **Attendees (from sign in sheet):**

Diane Bond, Ellen Muir, Peggy Murphy, Jeff Bennett, Marilyn Fong, Evelyn Fitzsimirs, Sabrina Almaza, Cristina Estrada, Curtis Maxwell, Chrix Dix, John Kawagucki, Kristi Whitfield, Beverly Dahlsteadt, Quamran Eldridge, Erin Wurgley, Tara Frost, Deva Lowenthal, Olivia Colt

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- Peggy lost some spoons at the potluck, if you find them, bring them to the next meeting!
- John is in Seattle for the PNW flower festival and is having knee surgery on March 4th, please wish him well!
  
- New Member Welcome
  - Tara
    - Moved here from Georgia in August
  - Peggy
    - From San Leandro
  - Pat
    - Works in SL sometimes, went to the show last year
  - Patrick
    - Maintenance gardener, wants to use more dahlias
  - Kat
    - Met Ellen at Evergreen
- General hello from all the members and introduction
- Announcements
  - Non profit application application got approved!
  - Have to update constitution and bylaws
  - Can take donations

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- Membership - Diane
  - Membership year is May 1st to April 30th
  - Renewing membership, she has a list tonight to renew the membership
  - Beverly updated the website with the dates
    - If the website isn't working, please let Beverly know because she is webmaster and wants to be able to fix the issues
  - Can mail a check, cash, VENMO, Square
    - Venmo account is @sanleandrodahlias
  - Last 4 digits for account: 4768
- Membership is \$10
- Diane only handles our SL membership, not the American Dahlia Society
  - Curtis highly encourages everyone to join ADS
  - Membership year for ADS is May - April
- March 1st is the memorial for Roy Stier
  - Information for the memorial is in the latest newsletter
- Jon did a wonderful job on the newsletter, thanks Jon!
- Diane did an AMAZING job on the American Orchid Show, she won! Congrats Diane!
- Evergreen nursery contacted us about a workshop. Ellen said we would like to do a Saturday workshop in April 12th

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### •Raffles

- Curtis has suggested we do raffles again
- Some members brought in items for the raffle for today
- Ellen is passing around tickets
  - Tubers
  - License plate holders
  - Zinnia seeds
  - Notepads
  - Dahlia cake pan

•Quamrun won in the annual American Dahlia Society photo contest for three of her entries. CONGRATS!!

### •Member phone list

- Will be updated, please let Diane know if you would **not** like to share your info
- We can share the doc electronically via Drive/Google Documents or via a hard copy
- The members present agreed that their phone and email addresses could be shared electronically with the agreement that they are not shared outside the group

### •Cristina made a couple of logos for SLDS

- Ellen is passing around her mock ups, please provide feedback



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- Rotary club has asked us to come in and do a talk, will feed you lunch, if you are interested talk to Ellen, this will be in April 2nd
- The ADS classification booklet
  - If you joined after October 2024, you would not get a booklet until 2026
  - Ellen will be purchasing 5-10 of them for members to buy, they cost \$4, we will sell them for \$5
  - Can sell them at the Cherry Festival, Tuber Festival or at the show
  - Chris and Curtis will happily show you how to use the booklet
  - Kristi will do a demo on her database and how to use them
- Beverly
  - Someone wrote in asking for specifically for a few cultivars, everyone says to refer them to SF or to the tuber sale
- Thank you to everyone who brought food
- Marilyn thank you for your wonderful tea
- Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting
  - Minutes were approved

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### •Frances

- She is working on a Balance Sheet & P&L
- She has put together a reasonable budget for 2025
- Contact Frances for details of our account balances
  - We purchased tablecloth, speakers, tables
- Our balance is roughly the same over the last few years

### •Chris did a cutting and seedling demo

- Thank you Chris for the demo!
- Chris has offered a tour of the green house in Lake Merritt for anyone who wants to check it out

### •Chris & Curtis led a discussion regarding seeds

- Thank you Curtis and Chris for your demo
- Now is the time to sow your seeds!

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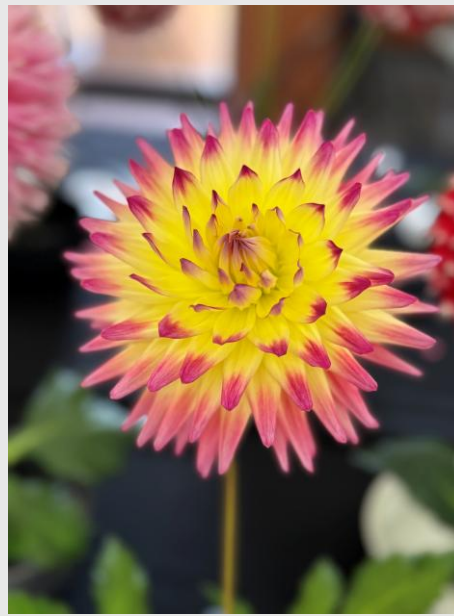
- Activity to prepare for activities for the year
  - Quamrun: planning session for upcoming events this year
  - If you sign up for a committee we hope that you work on planning those events, but you can also work on other projects
  - In the group, select a team leader, discuss the successes and challenges we had in 2024, what do we want to improve for 2025
  - Create timeline with an action plan for each group
  - Detailed results of these discussions will be available at the March 2025 meeting
- Next meeting is 3/18
- John Morton has lots of 4” pots

# Tuber & Cutting Sale is Saturday, April 19

It's time to check those tubers. It is earlier than in past years, so before you know it, the day of the sale will be here. If you plan to donate tubers or cuttings to the sale, we'd like to get a jump on getting items ready earlier.

1. Take an **inventory** of tubers/cuttings you plan to donate. as soon as possible so that we can make sure we have a sign with a photo of the cultivar. Please try to send this list *at least one week BEFORE the sale*, if not sooner. Add an **estimate of the number of tubers/plants** you plan to donate. Include the ADS code, size, form, color if available. (See *illustration*.) **NOTE:** Include a photo of the flower if it is not available in the online ADS Handbook.
2. Ideally, we would like all the tubers to be **cleaned off** and clearly **labeled**. If you are unable to label them, make sure they are sorted and packed in ziplock bags that are clearly marked with the tuber name and code. One of our volunteers will write in the info.
3. If you do not have the time to clean off your tubers, let me know so we can make arrangements to pick up your donations **at least a week before the sale** (or bring them to our April meeting). The day before the sale is pretty hectic and there is no guarantee that we will have enough volunteers to prepare the tubers properly.
4. **Inspect** your tubers *before* dropping them off. Remove unsellable tubers (no eyes, mushy, etc). Separate unknown tubers for sale pricing.
5. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed for the following days:
  - Pre-inspection and preparation of donated tubers in advance, if necessary.
  - *Friday:* Set up tents, sort tubers, setup and arranging
  - *Saturday:* Sales, greeting, customer service, clean-up
  - Treats for volunteers are welcome for both days.
  - Sign up sheets will be distributed at the March SLDS meeting.
6. Bring small boxes and bags for packaging.
7. Sale **Hours** for the public are **10AM – 2PM**, with the **9AM** hour for members only.
8. Contact: Frances Kawaguchi [frkawaguchi@gmail.com](mailto:frkawaguchi@gmail.com) for more information.

| #TUBERS | #CUTTINGS | NAME   | CODE | SIZE | FORM | COLOR |
|---------|-----------|--------|------|------|------|-------|
| 5       |           | AC BEN | 0210 | AA   | SC   | OR    |
|         |           |        |      |      |      |       |
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## **Roy Stier**

On March 1st several SLDS member attended Roy Stier's funeral mass and celebration of life. We learned many surprising things about Roy at the family home gathering, including that he was never missed a mass, was an AVID fisherman, taught almost every relative how to waterski and loved Costco hotdogs. Roy was well loved by many. We need to keep growing and showing his origination, Phil in his honor.

# PSW Conference



A good time was had by all,  
SLDS was well represented  
and Frances was a VERY  
lucky raffle winner!



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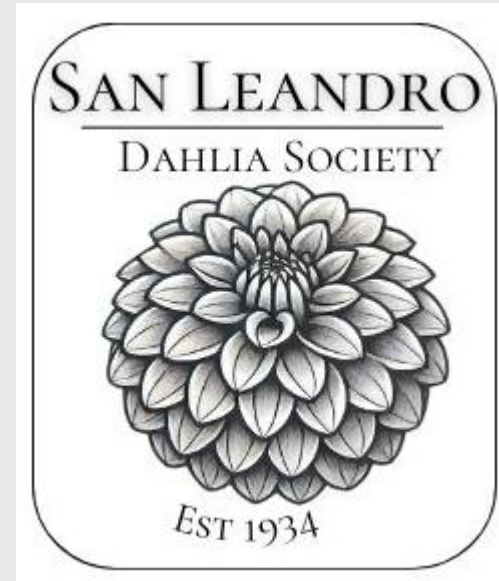
## Chris and his HUGE tuber



# LOGO!

At our February meeting we began the discussion of creating a logo for the San Leandro Dahlia Society that we can use on publications and future sale items. We already have a few submissions. We are looking for unique logo designs that will make our club stand out from other ADS/PSW club logos. If you have a creative/artistic side or are great with CANVA or other design software, please send your design to:

sldahliasociety@gmail.com with LOGO in the subject line by May 15th .







# Want Ads and Notices

## WANTED:

Some of our members are in search of specific tubers or cuttings to round out their gardens. Please contact them directly if you have the one(s) that they desire.

**Ryan Grisso [ryangrisso@gmail.com](mailto:ryangrisso@gmail.com)**

- Kelsey Neahkahnie
- Kelsey Aria
- Kelsey Dwarf
- Kelsey Bramble

- **Cristina Estrada [macresal@gmail.com](mailto:macresal@gmail.com)**
- Pink Paradise



# 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 :

- [bondiane9@gmail.com](mailto:bondiane9@gmail.com) if you want to put something in the want ads.