

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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<p>Next Meeting: Jan. 16, 6:30 PM Karp Room, San Leandro Library</p>
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READ THIS CAREFULLY OR YOU MAY BE LEFT HUNGRY!

Dahlia Folks,

When we last met we decided to forgo the normal potluck in November as it was so close to Thanksgiving. We decided to have the potluck at our January meeting so, bring your silverware and plates and the society will provide chicken and the napkins, coffee etc. Bring something to eat and enough to share with the rest of the group. **We will start at 6:30.**

At our meeting we will give an update on the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference that we will be hosting February 17. There are jobs that still need to be fulfilled. Jobs spread among many make for an easy time. Thanks to all that have already volunteered.

In April the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference will be hosting the American Dahlia Society Spring Workshop. This will be held in Milpitas and will be Friday evening 7-9, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 9-12. As time gets closer we will let you know the hotel and other information. I really encourage you to come join this event in support for our society and the conference. It is not necessary to attend all three days but your attendance is encouraged.

We are getting close to planting time!! How time flies.

Pres. John

**Our Holiday Meal will be provided by
the Club and YOU!**

San Leandro Dahlia Club Minutes for Nov. 21, 2017 Meeting

Presiding: John Morton Members present: 16

Board Members----Slate of officers will remain the same

President: John Morton **Vice Pres.:** Chris Dix **Treasurer:** Dennis Stone **Secretary:** Maren Giannini **Nominations:** Deva Lowenthal **Dues Collector:** Beverly Dahlstedt

With payment of current dues, members present held drawings for assorted " fun " items.

Kristi commented that a recent Better Homes and Garden Magazine had dahlias on their cover. Kristi showed and demonstrated the use of a multi tool that she purchased for cutting dahlias as well as a label maker for easy marking of tubers. It was found on Amazon at a reasonable price that also included multi colored tapes.

Kristi also reported that, unfortunately the fires north of our area showered a large amount of ashes on the plants at Lake Merritt Garden, destroying many.

New Business

Treasurer's report----solvent Minutes-----approved

John led a discussion of plans for the upcoming Pacific South West Conference. The one day event will be Sat. Feb. 17th. Hours 9-4. The location is yet to be decided but Beverly's church has a possible facility. The San Leandro church that has been used for judging school in past is also under consideration. Donation of \$100 dollars will be given. A guest speaker still needs to be decided. Any suggestions?

After searching for possible item[s] for those attending the event, either a magnetic clipboard or journal type notebook was suggested by Dawn. Motion made by Curtis to purchase clipboards and add our website plus Pacific So. West Conference data to the board. Passed by show of hands. Expect 30-40 to attend, at \$35.00 per ticket. This will include all activities plus food.

The January meeting will include a pot luck dinner prior to meeting so will start at 6:30. Reminder to bring your own dinnerware and utensils plus whatever you wish to drink. John and JoAnna will provide chicken this time. Members will come with food to share for the pot luck.

Chris did a demonstration on cutting tubers. After brushing the clump well, he trimmed end roots and dangles with scissors to expose mother root. States that a bleach solution be used to finish cleaning the tubers well. Make sure absolutely dry prior to using a "magic marker". He uses plastic bags for storage that have peat moss added. Air holes are made with a knife. They are stored in a plastic box with a lid but not sealed. Chris reminded us not to put tubers on cement --- it sucks the moisture out. Try for cool dry place.

Following refreshments, the meeting adjourned at 8:45

Minutes recorded by Maren Giannini

Pot Luck Holiday Meal!



The club will supply the chicken!

Bring something to share! It can be an appetizer, a side dish, a desert... This will truly be a Pot Luck!

It has even been suggested that we might get creative and make something that reminds us of dahlias... in shape, color... or ?

In any case...

The club will provide paper plates and plastic utensils, but feel free to bring your own!

Coffee and Tea will be supplied. Feel free to bring some other drinks (soft drinks, etc... non alcoholic!)

***We will be discussing
the upcoming dahlia
events in our area...
one of which
we will
be hosting
next month!***