

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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**Just like last month.... We will meet
at Root Park at 6:30 before the meeting
There you will learn how to spot potential
winning flowers.... how to cut them and when
we return to the library....
how to display them!**

Next Meeting: July 19, 7:00PM
Karp Room, San Leandro Library
After meeting at Root Park

Dahlia folks,

First something important. We need a volunteer to supply the judges and clerks with lunch on Saturday August 6th at noon. Leslie has done a great job of this the last few years but needs a break. This meal will be for about 45 people and the society will pay for it. Safeway or Costco have great food! Please call me and let me know if you can help with this. (510) 276-0530. As you can tell from the information you are receiving about the show that I am buried in dahlia stuff and really need someone to step up and take on this chore. Call for more information.

Second something important. We will begin our meeting at Root Park at 6:30 learning about choosing the winning blooms and coming back to the library to see how to stage these blooms. We have the display garden very close to the library and here is a way that we can better use it for our club. We look forward to seeing all of you at both the park and the rest of the meeting on July 19th.

So, the show schedule is done, the clerks papers are ready and the placement cards telling where to place your blooms are almost complete. Just a few more details and we will be ready for our show. In your prepping for the show, make sure you know the name of your blooms. We need a name. The blooms need at least a pair of leaves. This is a must. Novice growers--just because your bloom is not PERFECT, bring it anyway. You will be showing against other novices that have the same blooms that you do. The last thing about the show, this is a fun time. Enjoy yourselves. meet and greet other dahlia folks from the other societies and compare notes. Let it be known that the San Leandro Dahlia Society is a fun group that has a serious dahlia growing issue!

John

**Refreshments will be provided by:
Joanna Morton and Kristi Whitfield**

Next month: Tony and Sue Gregori

San Leandro Dahlia Society

Minutes: June 21, 2016 Meeting San Leandro Library - Karp Room - 7:00 PM

The meeting began in Root Park with Chris Dix demonstrating the whys and hows of pinching, disbudding and disbranching our dahlias. Thank you, Chris!

The meeting continued at the Library around 7:20 with Pres. John reading "Snails Sliming" by Pat Kite.

Our treasurer was not able to join us. We are solvent, and there were no bills to be paid.

Eighteen members and one guest were present. Our guest, Annie Stovall, later joined the society. Welcome, Annie!

Judging school was changed from July 16 to Sunday, July 17 in Monterey area. Perhaps three members will attend.

At the last meeting, John explained that they gave John Stowell Society of San Jose cuttings to sell at their tuber and cutting sale, with half the proceeds coming back to SLDS. John received a check for \$100. Thank you, John Stowell.

Bettie shared cucumbers and zucchini. Thank you, Bettie.

John reviewed/explained the show schedule along with the show entry form. Main points:

** Section on the entry form refers to the section from the show schedule.

Section A is single bloom (what most of us use)

Section B is triple bloom of the same cultivar

Section C is five blooms of the same cultivar

** Classification on the entry form is the number that follows the name of the cultivar in the Classification Handbook.

** Exhibitor number on the entry form is an assigned number. John passed that page around for new showers to sign up.

Lots of discussion on the Hall of Fame candidates and Hall of Fame cultivars. John continued to clarify and explain each section of the Show Schedule.

John also explained the main parts of the Classification Handbook - the first half is organized alphabetically by flower names while the last half is organized numerically by the flowers' classification numbers.

The other parts of the Show Schedule are self explanatory. The last page shows what flowers have a different classification number here in the Bay Area because they grow differently than in the rest of the country.

Moving into the rest of the show, John reviewed the people in charge of various parts of the show. Those are not listed here as the people still need to be confirmed. Stay tuned.

Clerking is a big part of the judging process. John explained the hows and whys of recording the judges' decisions. We always need clerks! It's also a good way to see how the judging works.

Next meeting: Root Park 6:30 - Chris will demonstrate the grooming process and how to cut blooms for shows. The meeting will then proceed to the library to demonstrate the staging process.

Happy birthday, Diva!!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Dahlstedt (Acting secretary for the night)

Program:

Bring your classification books!

We may need them to look up some flowers.

We'll talk about how to stage your flowers for the upcoming Dahlia Show.

Early hands-on at Root Park at 6:30 to see how to pick "winners"!

Attached to this letter (if you get it by email) is:

- 1) The 2016 Show Schedule (containing all the rules and categories for the upcoming show in San Leandro)
- 2) A blank form for the entry cards (one required for each entry). It is in Word, so you can simply put in your information and print them out
- 3) The exhibitor number list. If you don't see your name on the list, give John Morton a call and he will assign you a number