

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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**Want to have a hands-on experience?
Meet at Root Park at 6:30 before the meeting
when you will learn how to disbud,
disbranch, spot diseases and choose and cut
flowers for the show!**

Next Meeting: June 21, 7:00PM
Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia Folks,

At the last meeting, we discussed a lot of different topics that seasoned dahlia members already know about. What we forget is what the new comer might not know. And the new comer might not know to ask about some topics because they don't even know about them. Thus said, if you have any subjects that you want to talk about, let VP Marcia know. We will get them in.

I will be bringing some of the show reporting forms from last year. With going over last year's show schedule and seeing the reporting forms, we can probably make sense of what we do at our shows. And on the subject of show schedules, if you want to sponsor a bloom in the show, we ask that you sponsor it for at least \$10. This is a chance to have your favorite blooms compete and be exposed to the public as a favorite.

Remember the July 17th Dahlia judging school. If you can attend, RSVP to kristinexoo@gmail.com.

When we left on vacation, the weather was cool and we expected to come home to a few buds. What we got was very hot weather, some blooms and diabroticas. They were really munching on the blooms and the foliage. Now that the weather has cooled down, they have gone away. Let's hope they stay away until after show time.

John

**Refreshments will be provided by:
Curtis and Deva**

Next month: Joanna and Kristi Whitfield

San Leandro Dahlia Society

Minutes: May 17, 2016 Meeting

San Leandro Library - Karp Room - 7:00 PM

Presiding --- John Morton 18 members present.

General information---Beverly has provided membership list for all to receive. Barry/Marcia absent [she Chairs monthly programs]Treasurer--- Dennis Stone John told us about the Root Park sale proceeds and a few additional sales.

John mentioned that small local papers continue to promote the yearly Root Park event, but East Bay doesn't.

Updates on plantings:

Lakeside ---Kristi All seedlings plus "others" like peonies planted. Earth Day volunteers were a big help. Squirrels apparently like what they see. Park has suggested that info signs be placed.

Root Park ---Chris, Tom , Curtis[currently absent] and Kristi have multi plantings in place with some blooms already. Kristi wished to thank Roy for sharing his expertise and helping her.

San Leandro Garden Club----John spoke to us about to our dahlia organization and hopefully a few will join us.

Questions arose from several new members about the San Leandro Show. The date is the 1st full weekend in Aug. 6 - 7 this year and in current location plus added room next to it. In addition to regular categories, one can enter an especially liked dahlia under a sponsorship that offers a monetary award.

Each flower in the show must have a completed entry form.

Categories for entry are 1) "open to all"---as implies, anyone can enter, 2) Novice...Beginners, who have not won 3 sweepstakes. A show Sweepstakes is won if you get the most points in a category. Every blue ribbon gets points. 3) Amateur... After winning 3 Novice Sweepstakes and therefore can not go back to novice standing. Can enter Open to All though. 4) Junior... 18years or younger 5) Commercial growers ... for profit

Brief comment regarding the yearly conference----made up of our 6 dahlia societies that meet.

Judging class ... one day session in Santa Cruz this year on July 16th.

July meeting ---possibly will meet at Root Park or Casa Peralta. Will provide opportunity for demonstration on how to cut , best stage, etc. in prep for our August show.

Following break period ---Tony and Betty provided refreshments---additional questions/answers prior to adjourning.

Minutes submitted by Maren Giannini

Program:

Bring your classification books!

We'll talk about how to use them.

We'll also talk about our Show Schedule and about how to stage flowers in our upcoming show.

Early hands-on at Root Park at 6:30!

See attached 2015 Show Schedule!