

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: Mar. 21, 7:00 PM

Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia folks,

Having spent five days with Dan's Dahlias up in Seattle, I can tell you that people want to grow dahlias. I nearly walked the soles of my shoes off keeping the racks full of dahlias. Let's hope that our tuber sale has the same enthusiasm. And speaking of the tuber/rooted plant sale, I should have the date of the sale firmed up by the meeting. If you left your tubers in the ground, you may want to check them to make sure they haven't drowned in the heavy rains we have had.

I have mentioned this earlier, because of the very wet cold winter we will probably have more issues with slugs and snails. They love wet weather, damp places and will be looking for nice tender dahlias when they first come out of the ground. I would expect that other pests will not be as bad. Let's keep our eyes open and see what problems we find.

I got a call from the Dahlia Society of California and their show date has been changed the third weekend in August to the second weekend, August 12th and 13th.

The library has supplied many of the groups that meet there with a locker to keep supplies that are needed at the meetings, coffee cups, coffee, napkins, etc. Late last year I was asked to empty our locker as they were going to change things around. I have now been told that we will no longer have access to a locker. Anyone want to store a bunch of boxes of dahlia stuff? Along those lines, if anyone is willing to come a few minutes early and start the coffee and make sure the room is set up for our snacks, let us know. JoAnna has been doing this for about four years.

This newsletter is a bit early as our editor and his wife are going on vacation to Japan. Barry and Marcia, have a great time!! See if you can find a green or blue dahlia over there.

See you March 21st,
Pres, John

Refreshments will be provided by:
JoAnna Morton and Chris Dix
Next month: Andrew and ??

Minutes - Feb. 21, 2017 Meeting 7:00 - Karp Room

Presiding Chris Dix [President John Morton absent]
Meeting called to order. Members present 19

Treasurer's report ---Dennis Stone absent

Old Business ---Bev Dahlstedt. Membership form [current] circulated to to update information. If red color, indicates no dues have been paid

Tom Baker--based on previous meeting, made motion that society reconsider tax form 501C3 to legally protect nonprofit organization. Allows to raise money and protect operation. Recognized as tax exempt in California. Beverly seconded

Motion. Board of Directors to meet one hour prior to March meeting for further discussion. Approved by show of hands

New Business ---Curtis Maxwell presented certificates to Kristi Whitfield and Quamrun Eldrige for candidate for judge. Encouraged all to review the needed information and take the "open book" test.

Chris Dix presented some general information regarding the recent Dahlia One Day Conference, especially the dwindling number of members in some societies. Our society to be the location for next year's gathering. Multiple awards were given out at the conference.

Discussion on germinating seeds and various methods to achieve this. Some discussion on possibly adding 2 new categories [micro and mini].

Raffle held with multi cuttings, \$25.00 gift certificates for Root sale[2] gloves etc. given out.

Chris did demonstration on developing seeds using seed pots and starter mix. Curtis showed his method using cepit. mat, adding heat and moisture until the sprouts develop. and then transplant. Consensus is heat or no heat , cover or no cover, No absolutes.

Adjourned at 8:45 following refreshments

Minutes recorded --- Maren Giannini

Program:

Spring is approaching and we are thinking about getting our dahlias in the ground.

Before we plant, we need to amend our soil so it's really ready for the tubers and cuttings. We'll hear about what to do to the soil and how to "get ahead" about getting our precious dahlias in the ground!