Dahlia Folks,

  I am not sure how our meeting will go April 17th at the San Leandro Library. It will be lively. We will have Dahlias to trade, vases to swap and who knows what.  Curtis has some Dahlias for sale and I will bring some of our special Flower of the Year plants.  We have been given some vases and other things for raffle prizes so be prepared!!

  Remember the American Dahlia Society Spring Workshop April 20-22.  This will be held at the Sonesta Silicon Valley Hotel, 1820 Barber Ln. Milpitas, Ca. 95035.  Friday and Sunday usually is ADS Business but Saturday will have Dr. Virginia Walbot, from the Department of biology at Stanford University speaking on the Dahlia Genome project.  We will also hear from Dr. Pappu from the Washington State University and our expert on Dahlia virus. These two things alone should make this occasion one to attend.  Get this.  No cost unless you want to eat.  There you are on your own.

  Our Tuber/plant sale will be held April 28th at Root Park 1033 East 14th Street, San Leandro just a block South of the San Leandro City Hall.  We can use your help.  Please bring small boxes appropriate for holding tubers and dahlia plants in 4" pots.  Our customers will need these for shopping carts.  Please bring any tubers or cuttings that you do not need.  Have them marked with their name.  A picture would be great as pictures really sell our dahlias.  We will begin set up at 7:30 and the sale will begin at 9:00am and end at noon.  All can help.  Please come and help.  If you listen in the meetings you can answer any questions that the public has.  Thank you in advance.

Some dahlia hints. It is almost time to plant dahlias. When we get through these little rains we have been getting, we can plant. Dahlia tubers do NOT like to be sitting in water when they first get planted. The little hair roots form early after planting and if they sit in water, they will rot off and the plant you have left will be less than desired. Plant your tuber, water it in well and don’t water again until they come up. DO put down slug, snail and earwig bait as these critters will eat your new dahlia plants down before you even know they are coming up. If you go out in the yard at night with a flashlight, you will see snails with a little bottle of blue cheese dressing making a salad of your newly sprouted dahlias. Not a pretty sight.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dahlia Society of California Show August 18-19

Monterey Bay Dahlia Society Show August 25-26

San Leandro Dahlia Society Show September 8-9

Hertiage Show in Santa Rosa September 12-15

National Dahlia Show September, 22-23

Enough!! Hope to see you at the meeting, April 17th from 7:00 until 9:00 at the San Leandro Library. An extra bonus is some of Tony’s brownies!!

Pres. John

03/20/18    7pm

SLDS Minutes

San Leandro Library

13 present

Presiding   John Morton

General information   Library has given time frame for our yearly show as Sept 7-9. Past usual dates have been in August. Growers may have to adjust their growing schedule.  Will try for 8pm on Friday prior to set up instead of midnight.

Root Park   SL Park Dept covers the renting of this area. While not secured yet, John does not expect a problem.  Last Sat in April from 9am to 12noon and keeping to same price range [3.00& 5.00].

  Yearly spring meet to promote dahlias    April 21-23rd in San Jose   Especially try for Sat. discussions on virus research and Genome project.

   Newsletter: Still no volunteers.

   Raffle for next meeting Curtis stated the donation of cultivars plus John asked for items like containers to be raffled.

   SF Home and Garden Show is back at Cow Palace now and dates of April 4-8th.

 Minutes of previous meeting accepted

 Treasurer's Report   Dennis gave more detailed report that itemized where money has been spent this past year.  Second year with loss. Yearly tuber sale only source of revenue.  Kristi indicated that club should be receiving a tax return to supplement the loss. Discussion followed on possible ways to curtail expenses.  Included more sales of plants at April sale plus less donating of plants to buyers at that time. Will attempt to expand advertising of the April sale.  John and Beverly to contact Tri City. Chris would like club to consider the suggestion made by Iris [Monterey society] to entice new members/money.  Initially spend money to purchase plants that are proven winner. Raffle held then with winner asked to bring in three (?) tubers the following year to sell.

He and Kristi will contact Iris if more details needed.  Motion made, seconded and past to have $350.00 for plant purchases.

   Curtis showed his box with the growing seedlings.  Starts with approx. 1000 and gets about

       200 to develop.

    Meeting adjourned 8:40 past refreshments.  No birthdays   Tony stated he would bring in his chocolate brownies for next meet.  Refreshment list needs to be reestablished.

    Maren Giannini  Secretary