

*San Leandro*

# DAHLIA TIMES

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**Next Meeting: October 16th, 7:00 PM**  
**Karp Room, San Leandro Library**

Dahlia Folks,

Here's a note from Kristi if you haven't already seen it. Let Kristi know if you can help.

*Dahlia Friends,*

*A few weeks/months ago a guy who sometimes volunteers at the Lakeside Park garden at Lake Merritt decided to move into the greenhouse where I propagated cuttings last year. He planned to live there. His access has been blocked now, but not before he was able to do some damage to the infrastructure. He removed the wood benches and the metal frames that were holding them up. I only heard about it this week, and stopped by today to see what condition it was in. I've attached pictures so you can see what I saw. There is a plan to remove the guy's stuff, but there are some politics involved regarding seizure of belongings of the homeless. I hope that gets resolved soon.*

*I only see one of the metal frames that was holding the wood benches. The other one may still be around, but I'm not sure how they could be replanted. The wood benches are outside (see the pictures).*

*The electricity still works and I'm guessing the water does too, but I wasn't able to test the water. It looks like I can still use the greenhouse, but will need to figure out something for benches. John has a seedling light box that may work for the cuttings, but I will need to something to hold the boxes with the tubers. Plus a bench to work on.*

*I'll keep you posted as the story develops.*

The dahlia blooming season is almost over. Have you been labeling your dahlias so you know what you have? Have you written down the names of those dahlias you just can't do without next year? These are musts before dahlia time next year.

A couple of things we want to talk about at the next meeting. Our November meeting is scheduled the 20th of November 20 with the 22nd being Thanksgiving. Last year we skipped November and December and held our holiday potluck in January. Is this something we want to do again? Don't let me forget to bring this up at the meeting.

Now is the time to pay our dahlia dues, both ADS if you are members and our local society. Beverly will be asking for these dues at the meeting as we need to get the ADS dues in by the end of the year. If you joined at our local show this year, you are paid for 2019. (Was it 19 years the Y2K scare happened?)

At the last meeting Curtis gathered the new dahlia growers and gave them some dahlia 101 discussion. Bring your dahlia questions as that is how our society can help new growers to grow prize winning dahlias.

See you at the meeting, October 16th at the San Leandro Library starting at 7:00.

John

**Refreshments will be by provided:  
Dawn & Maren G**

**Next Month: ??? & ???**

Here are photos of the Lake Merritt Greenhouse (from Kristi):



# San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

**September 17, 2018, 7pm - San Leandro Library, Karp Room**

**Presiding ---John Morton**

**Present 18 members**

New Business ---

John --- Open the discussion by asking how our show went and asked for suggestions for improvement:

- Labels on tags were hard to read the name of the flower due to difficult to read hand writing and the labels were blocked by other flowers
- Cooperation among SLDS members helped everything run smoothly and show went well.
- It would be helpful if we told/educated visitors about the general dahlia information.
- Liked Friday night set-up, helped give everyone more time.
- It would be helpful if visitors had a reference to what each category of growers there were: Novice, Amateur, Open to all (and junior)

Introductions around the room for new members

Beverly – Is our webmaster and she would like a section added to our website showing everyone's garden. She requested everyone e-mail her photos of their garden.

Curtis – Purposed our meetings are broken into 2 groups: A business group and a new members training group. Example topics: digging, separating, flower classification

Additional business---

The meeting then broke into 2 groups: Seedling judging and a mini dahlia training for new members.

Seedling Judging:

Parkland Rave seedling (best and worst, \$25 each)

- Best Parkland Rave seedling – Beverly
- Worst Parkland Rave seedling – John & Joanna

Any seedling (best open center and fully double), 28 entries

- The judges narrow downed the best blooms and then the meeting regrouped together and everyone voted by a show of hands
- Best Open Center - John & Joanna
- Best Fully Double – Kristi

Mini Dahlia Training – Curtis was the trainer, Tony and others brought in flowers for discussion

- Topics this training: Books an references available. Looked at dahlia form by examining petals pulled from flowers. Talked about making worm casting tea and powdery mildew

September Birthdays – none

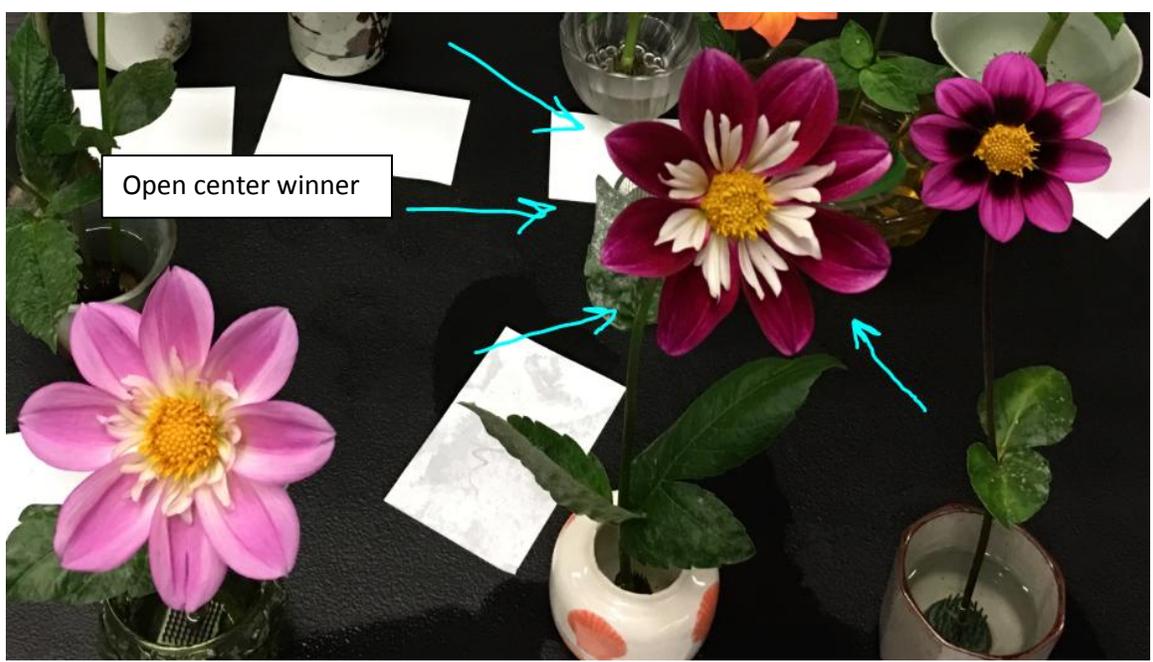
Adjourned 8:40

Secretary ---Sue Gregori

Seedling Entries



Open center winner



Fully Double winner



Curtis' dahlia training session

