

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: May 15th, 7:00PM

Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia folks,

Did everybody have fun at the tuber sale? Everybody I saw said they were having fun. I saw people that I only see at this sale. The weather was perfect for the event and the sales were brisk especially early in the day. Thank you to all for your donations of cuttings and tubers. I believe this was our most successful sale ever!! Good job to all of you!!

We want to greet our new members, Marilyn and Peggy, both of which participated at the sale. Peggy worked double duty as sales person and dog walker while Will was marking his tubers. Thank you for jumping in and helping right away.

JoAnna and I still have a lot of plastic pots of all sizes that we need to send to a caring home. Being evicted off the land we have been using for 42 years is making for a lot of work right at planting time. The biggest things left to move are our chickens and a shed. We hope it doesn't fall apart as it has served well for 35 years.

Some tips for early planting time. Remember the snail, slug and earwig bait. They think new tender dahlias are snacks just for them. When planting tubers, water them in well and then don't water again until they come up. It is at this time they are putting out their little hair roots that collect nutrients and getting too wet at this time could rot some of these hair roots and the plant will not be as healthy. On the other hand, if you are planting cuttings, your roots will need water right away. Water frequently, every couple of days for 2-3 weeks until the roots get established and then water as you would your vegetable plants. Water only when they need it. Best time to water is early morning.

Thanks to Sue for volunteering to do the newsletter. I am sure she can make it look more professional than I. Sue has shown her computer skills with our Conference agenda. Good work and thank you Sue.

See you Tuesday the 15th at 7:00. Good growing,

John

**Refreshments will be by provided:
Dawn and Sue**

Next Month: Deva & another volunteer?

SLDS Minutes – April 17, 2018, 7pm - San Leandro Library, Karp Room

Presiding ---John Morton Present 22 members

Sue Gregori has volunteered to do monthly newsletter. Refreshment list passed among members. Earlier lists misplaced.

Tuber sale [Sat. 04/28] list also passed to sign up for various functions. Set up time 7:30-9am. 2 people for banking, take down, snacks, and all members expected to assist with sales. Beverly has contacted the Forum to place info regarding event. Tri Valley sent person to John's home to get information on tuber sales and place in their garden section.

John also reported that Cal Tran informed him that the back area he has been using for dahlia planting has been sold. This will definitely restrict the number of plants they can provide for future sales/events. Hopefully other members will increase their own numbers to make up for the difference.

Report on Dahlia Gardens ---Chris on Root Park and Tony on Peralta both indicated everything ok. Kristi reported on Lake Merritt Park. Stated she has "acquired" a volunteer [Pearl] who donated multi bags of tubers for our use. Apparently, she enjoys working with the plants but for personal reasons, no longer able to so on her property. The tubers were distributed to members with the intent that they clean them and prepare them for the tuber sale.

New Members ---Marilyn Fong and Peggy Murphy introduced. Both received \$20.00 gift certificates that can be used at our Tuber Sale.

Clip boards that were left from yearly dahlia conference in February can be purchased for \$5.00.

Treasurer Dennis Stone reimbursed members for bills presented.

Raffle held. Besides multi large and small cuttings, various containers, water gauges, and soil conditioners won. Tickets bought at \$1.00 each.

Prior to closing, John reminded members of Milpitas conference this Friday/Saturday. Discussion will include virus research and Genome project.

Birthdays this month include Barry and Quamrun.

Meeting adjourned 8:40.

Secretary Maren Giannini

April's Meeting Raffle Items and Happy Winners



American Dahlia Society Workshop, April 21, 2018 - Picture is of various species of Dahlias from seeds that Dr Walbot collected in Mexico for the ADS Genome project. These seedlings were grown by Kristine Albrecht. The grown plants will provide information back to Dr Walbot, to help determine the various dahlia species relationships and to confirm which species is the parent of all the hybridize dahlias we see today.



SLDS Tuber and Cutting Sale - Root Park, San Leandro, April 28th

