

*San Leandro*

# DAHLIA TIMES

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**June, 2018**

**Next Meeting: June 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM**

**Karp Room, San Leandro Library**

Dahlia folks,

Are you starting to see some color in your yard? We are starting to see some blooms scattered throughout the yard. The tubers I planted are of course slower than the cuttings. Only buds there. We are already behind on pinching back the terminal start so we aren't getting many laterals yet. We planted the cuttings a bit later than usual and they sat in unattended 4 inch pots for longer than normal. The result has been a lot of yellowing on the leaves which made me think I had a lot of virus in my plants but now that they are in the ground and getting some fertilizer, the foliage is coming in nice and green.

It is never too early to think about show time. Leslie called today to say she got a call about ADS ribbons and the ADS medal that we get each year. I think that might be what will push me into working on the show schedule. If you have any favorite dahlias you would like to sponsor, let me know. We will insert them into our show schedule.

We saw our first cucumber beetles of the year this week. Warm days and cool nights will bring them out. They will munch on buds, leaves and blooms so don't let them take hold in your garden. (Did you read where mosquitoes can be trained not to bite people? I wonder how long it will be before ALL the mosquitoes have gotten this training.) Our roses have had aphids as well as some fuchsia starts in the greenhouse. Nasty critters.

We want to welcome new member Max from Fremont. Max grows quite a few dahlias so we can look forward to seeing his blooms at the meetings.

If this comes in late, blame the Pres. There has been, too much work moving 42 years worth of garden stuff off Caltrans property. Trying to figure out where to put "important" stuff is hard work as we have to cut down about 50%. I won't have this excuse when the next newsletter comes due!!

Thank Sue for the great job she did on our last newsletter. Remember to send her pictures for the newsletter. We want to keep our dahlia information colorful!!

See you at the meeting Tuesday, June 19th at 7:00.

John the Pres.

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

**Next Month: Pat S. & Beverly**

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

Presiding ---John Morton      Present 14 members

Old Business

Reminded that clipboards still available at \$5.00, Dahlia Book at \$10.00, normally \$14.00. TriCity newsprint had large layout of the dahlia club that included photos of some members.

New Business

Sue asked for refreshment sheet to be completed so newsletter could post as reminder to members. She would also like members to send photos of their gardens that she could include in next issue.

Treasurer --- Dennis Stone ---Remain solvent. State refund received. Root Park annual sale brought in one of largest amounts in recent years.

Discussion in future as to keep tubers/cuttings same price or increase. Need to check with other clubs as to their prices.

Beverly --- tabulation sheet on how plant buyers heard of the annual tuber sale. The TriCity report appeared to have greatest input.

Max Critchfield --- new member introduced himself. Lives in Fremont area and has been interested in dahlias for past six years, esp. growing sizes that allow him to pick for bouquets. Members proceeded to introduce themselves and indicate number of plants they are growing currently.

John --- Brought in 16 Les Pinkham plants to grow for show. Chris also brought in variety of starters that could be purchased.

Jo Anna --- Suggested that pizza be considered instead of sandwiches for lunch period at time of annual show. Salads would continue to be on menu. More will be discussed in future.

Chris --- Still time to plant for show since event this year in September. Proceeded to explain about bushy appearance of plant if desired. With pinching can achieve laterals.

Disbudding also demonstrated.

Refreshments by Sue, Dawn, and Tony

Adjourned 8:30

Secretary Maren Giannini



May's meeting in progress. At the front table John has Les Pinkham cuttings to share with the club for those who still want to have one for this year's single flower for our show. And Chris has brought plants use to demonstrate how to pinch a plant for more laterals.

### Paige, D J & "CoCo" Eckleberger Shared Photos of their Dahlia Garden Progress for May/June

While nothing is in bloom for us just yet up here in "famous potato" land, I thought you might be able to put these time lapse ones to use (for the newsletter).

This is our main dahlia bed which has 25 seedlings along the back and a dozen named varieties in the front.



May 3rd



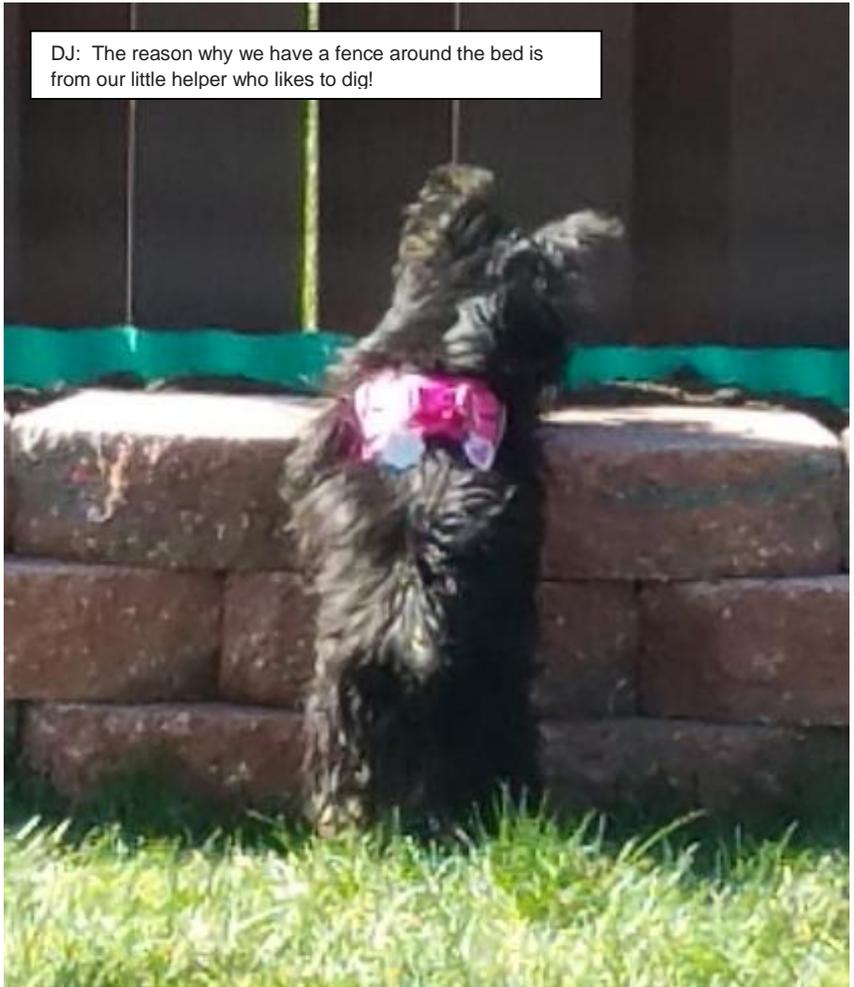
May 8th



June 6th



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DJ: The reason why we have a fence around the bed is from our little helper who likes to dig!

Sue Gregori's - Genome seedling & other seedlings



Tiny leaves grows super slow, compared to other seedling, late May

What can go wrong when you Goggle search and can't spell?

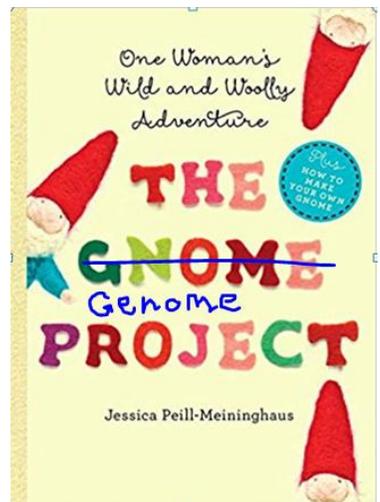


Table like the one Dr. Walbot shared at the ADS workshop, which shows the different species of Dahlias.

**Fig. 4** Phylogenetic tree of the genus *Dahlia*, with known 2C and 2Cx-values indicated (modified from Murray 2008 with permission)

The VRC group (green ones) are distant relatives to the dahlias we cultivate and contain the Tree & vine dahlias →

The CDC group is genetically more likely to share more genes with our dahlias.

One of the blue species is what is likely to be Origins of the modern dahlia cultivars. →

My seedling is supposed to be in the CDC group, but not one of the blue ones.

They need to grow & test several species to rule out genes that are related to the modern dahlia

