

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: July 17th, 7:00PM

Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia folks,

Big news!! The Dahlia Society of California, (that is the San Francisco Society) will hold a judging seminar

For those that want to become judges, want to upgrade their judging status, want to keep their judging requirements up, this is the time. For the Senior judges, the last part of the seminar will concentrate on some of the new methods of describing color in the Classification book. (Do you know how to write the color of a ray floret if the color main color is on the back of the floret?)

July 28th, 9AM-5AM

Lakeside Presbyterian Church

201 Eucalyptus Dr, San Francisco

at 19th and Lakeside near Stonestown Galleria

Parking on 20th Ave

Please get back to me asap if you want to attend as they will be serving lunch and want to get enough for all attendees. You can either let me know (510) 909-1127 or let Tinnee Lee know (tinneele@gmail.com). I plan to order salmon. Think I will get it?

I have gotten several calls from folks wondering what to do with their dahlias in the hot weather we have been having. For those of you in the hotter areas, Livermore comes to mind, plant your dahlias where they can get some shade or filtered sun in the afternoon.

Dahlias first came from the mountains of Mexico and can stand hot weather but, they don't want to have it hot day and night. The Mexico dahlias have cool nights which gives the dahlias a chance to gather strength for the next day. (Ok, it is too late to do this planting now as they are already in the ground.)

**Refreshments will be by provided:
Pat S and Beverly**

Next Month: Curtis & Tony

Water in the early morning if possible. Do not water too often or too much as the tubers may like water but they do not want to sit in water. They will rot. You may like to put your feet in the pool to cool off but your feet would not want to stay in water for long periods. Remember, your dahlias need about the same amount of water that your vegetables do. Water well and then wait before watering again.

Here is a good hint, do put down mulch. Lots of it. This will help keep the tubers cool and help keep insects away. Snails and slugs like to work their way down to the tubers and nibble so the mulch makes it harder to get to them. If you know the weather will be hot you may want to put some kind of shade cloth over the plants. Even an umbrella tied to a stake shading the plant/s could help. I hope this will help.

I will bring a first copy of our show schedule to the meeting. You can glance through and correct my glaring errors and make suggestions. New comers, feel free to ask questions.

There are a lot of things coming up at this next meeting so let's make sure to get there on time and we will try to get it all in.

See you at the San Leandro Library, July 17th 7:00 until 9:00.

John

July's Meeting Program

Mini Show – Bring cut flowers, flower's name & show containers!

Chris Dix will be demonstrating how to stage flowers and will be bringing a few spare display containers for those who do not have any yet.

Separate show tables will be set up for amateur and novices.

Editor's tips for cutting flowers (for mini show):

- Cut in the cool of the morning or night before
- Select fully formed flowers with closed centers (covering all the pollen), - Other than flowers which form has open centers like orchette, collarette, single, peony
- To cut a long stem, cut below the first set of leaves and right above the second set of leaves.
- Place bottom 2-3" of stems in 160 -170F water for 1hr or more. This will condition the flower to last longer.
- For transport, if flowers are heavy for the stem, cut a stake the length of the stem, but below the flower and use twist ties or string to secure flower.
- If you don't have much time, just put the dahlias in water and keep cool until the meeting's mini show.
- I probably missed a whole bunch of good tips, which can be brought up at the meeting.

San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

June 19, 2018, 7pm - San Leandro Library, Karp Room

Presiding ---John Morton Present 16 members

Prior to start new membership list as of June 2018 was made available.

Old Business

"Dahlia Today " books at \$10.00 still available .

National show will be in Philadelphia this year. Info regarding can be found on line.

Treasurer --- Dennis Stone --- Remain solvent. Motion made and passed to reimburse John for money paid out at past ADA spring meet in Milpitas.

Minutes --- May minutes approved

New Business

Louise Henriksen does not attend meetings but has paid current dues. She does " show" each year.

Kristi ---Lake Merritt dahlia garden doing well. Thanks to approx. 40 Kaiser employees who participated in city community service program. Kristi guided them in weeding and disbudding.

---She also suggested club might consider touring some gardens of our members in future.

John --- Stated that Lou Paradise has suggested a Senior Judge school session for last Saturday in July [28th].

Sue --- Large number of mini blinds available. Can be cut and used in labeling.

Tony --- Peralta gardens ---He and Roy continue to water and weed.

John ---A number of " old timers" have recently passed away including Bill McClaren

JoAnna --- Suggested that at future meeting, some dahlia DVD's be played. Hopefully, library would provide player.

Roy --- Stated that white fly problem can be solved with a Bayer All in One product. Mix and pour into soil instead of spraying. Sue suggested trying one egg mixed with gal. water as a spray.

John --- Members introduced themselves and status of their gardens. New members, John Kitts and Ellen plus recently joined Peg Murphy and Marilyn Fong included comments

Birthday this month --- Deva

Meeting adjourned following refreshments at 8:30

Secretary Maren Giannini

June's Meeting photos

Flowers brought in by Tony Palacios



Seedlings brought in by John Morton



Flower & garden photos for this newsletter were provided by Max Critchfield, July 6th



What a lovely garden Max. Thank you for sharing.