

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: August 21st, 7:00PM

Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia Folks,

Dates to Remember:

August 18-19 Dahlia Society of California Show. Go on line to get information

August 25-26 Monterey Bay Dahlia Society

September 8-9 San Leandro Show

September 12-15 National Heirloom Expo, Santa Rosa

September 22-23 National Dahlia Show, Philadelphia with Longwood Gardens.

This is what our summer of dahlias has as opportunities.

I have dropped by the Root Park garden and Chris has some great blooms. Tony and Roy have some huge blooms at Casa Peralta and word has it the Kristie's garden is the hit of Lakeside Park.

I have heard from several sources that mildew is popping up already. Curtis recommends Stylet Oil. It doesn't harm wildlife but stops mildew. (I want it to murder gophers and cucumber beetles too, but it doesn't say it will do that on the instructions.)

The show schedule is almost complete and the clerk's papers are close to being printed. I will bring some clerk's papers to give instructions to those that haven't used them before. Watch out for Curtis as he will be looking for volunteers for clerks and judges. For those new to showing dahlias, being a clerk is the best way to know what the judges look for. You can hear them discuss the pros and cons of the blooms and how they come up with a winner.

See you Tuesday Aug. 14th at 7:00 in the Karp room. Bring Blooms to Share!

John

**Refreshments will be by provided:
Curtis & Tony**

Next Month: Idalina & ???

San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

July 17, 2018, 7pm - San Leandro Library, Karp Room

Presiding ---John Morton

Present 18 members

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Treasurer Update:

Treasurer ---Dennis Stone, absent but relayed "solvent"

JoAnna --- Asked that society pay for ink used by John for multi papers needed for society. Motion made and passed for bills to be submitted and paid.

Minutes --- 06/19/18 Minutes approved

John --- S.L. 2017 show schedule circulated as reminder of events.

Opportunity to sponsor a favorite dahlia

Plant care during increased heat included need to water in am, about one inch per week and mulch several inches to keep cool. Various types of mulch discussed including organic ones.

Chris said that spray for mildew under leaves and then apply mulch as he does at Root Park, will then be "set for season".

Sue --- check with her if not receiving newsletter.

Beverly --- Displayed her netting and 2 coat hanger concoction that has so far, kept small critters from eating away at plants.

Quamrun ---Invited members to her garden display August 11th. She has assorted plants but primarily dahlias. Papers passed that give address and asks for rsvp.

Chris ---Set up display of dahlias for "staging" that will enhance chance for approval by show judges. There needs to be a pair of leaves and cutting of stem in proportion to leaves and flower, plus "frog" for support. Use of fluorite solution is used by some. Much depends upon how many hours prior the flower is cut. If staging 3 or 5 blooms, reminder that leaves must not touch each other.

JoAnna --- Reminded members that clerking at shows will present opportunity to learn what judges are looking for.

John --- Judging school in SF. Nine members were tallied with a show of hands to attend. Many club members set display of blooms for practice. Judged by John,Chris and Curtis. Max's Parkland Rave won Best in Show plus \$6.00.

July birthday ---Beverly

Adjourned 8:45 past refreshments

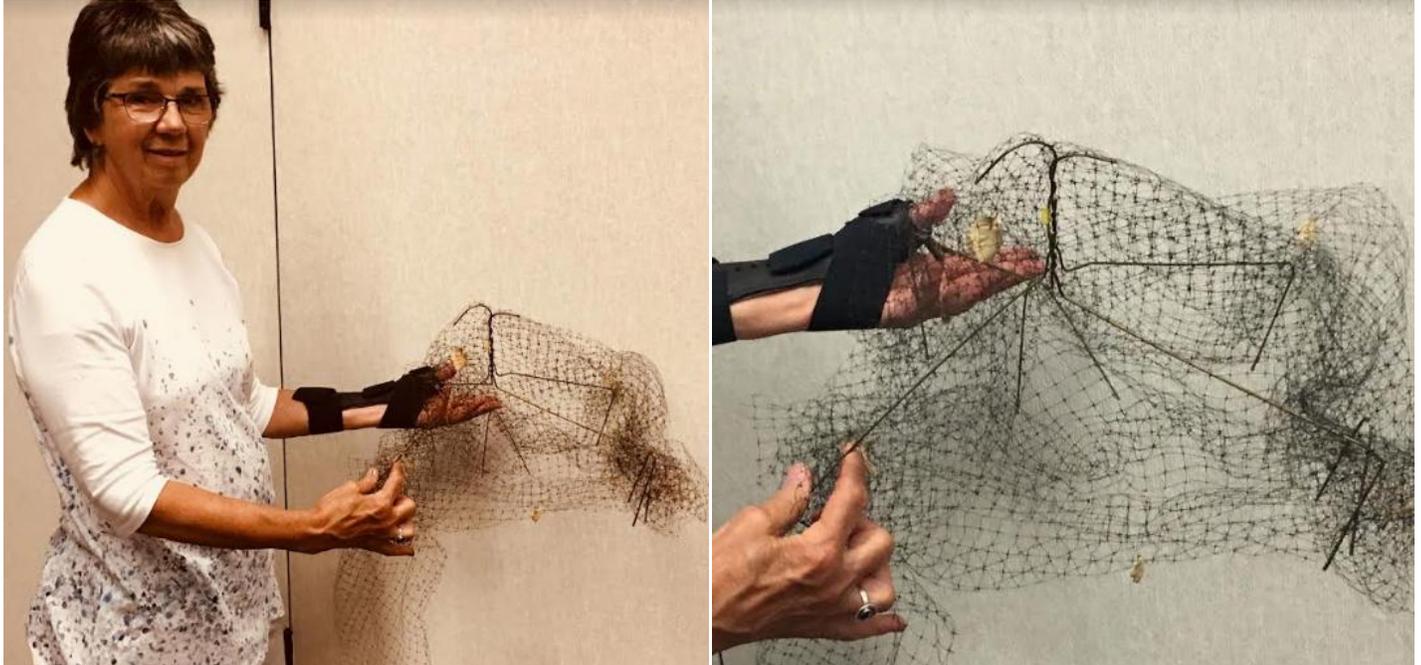
Secretary ---Maren Giannini

July's Meeting photos

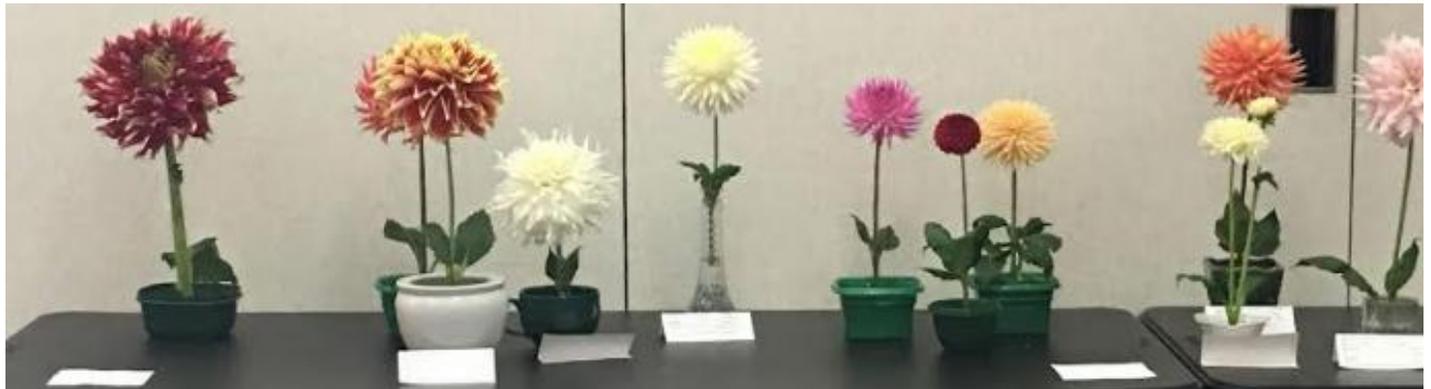
Chris Dix –demonstrating dahlia staging do's and don'ts for selecting stem length and how much to cut for better proportion and what shows best and answering questions.



Beverly's new protective covering to keep small critters from eating her dahlias



FirstJuly's mini show: setting up



Mini Show Winners:

First Place - Max's Parkland Rave won



Second Place – Quamrun's Ketchup & Mustard



Lou Paradise & John Morton - Dahlia Society of California, judging seminar July 28th

