

*San Leandro*

# DAHLIA TIMES

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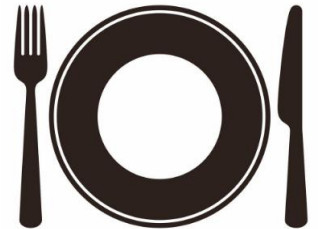
*January 2019*

**Next Meeting: January 15th, 6:30 – 9:00 PM**  
**Karp Room, San Leandro Library**

It is Dahlia time again!!

First, some sad news: Marilyn Masurat from the John E. Stowell Dahlia Society has passed away. She has been ill for several years. For those that knew Marilyn, she was one of the most hospitable people I know. Even in the last days she was glad to see visitors, happily talked about experiences that they shared and made the visitor glad that they had dropped by. She was a key player in the 2002 and 2011 National Dahlia Shows that we held in our area as well as helping us get an affordable place for the American Dahlia Society to hold the Spring meeting last April. Our prayers go out to husband Ken and daughters Christine and Nicole. No date for a celebration of life service has been announced at this time.

We will be holding our holiday potluck at our next meeting so we will start at 6:30 instead of our usual 7:00. The Society will provide fried chicken and everyone else will be expected to bring something to share. Please bring your own plates and silverware as paper plates seem to fold up when loaded down with yummy potluck food.



We hope there will be a good turnout of the less experienced growers to help Kristi dig, wash, split and mark the tubers at Lakeside Park. We will give her an opportunity to share details at the meeting.

Please bring your suggestions for Flower of the Year to our meeting. We want a fully double and a disc bloom to be our challenge blooms in our show. The American Dahlia Society is encouraging dahlia originators to grow and show more small blooms, two inches or less, in our shows. Do we want to provide a special award for the best bloom in the show that is less than two inches across?

The National Garden Bureau, (NGB) the non-profit organization promoting gardening in North America has announced the dahlia as their bulb of the year 2019. We can talk about what this might mean for our Society.

See you at the meeting,

John

**Refreshments will be by provided:**  
**Everyone - Potluck**

**Next Month (Feb): Peg Murphy & JoAnna Hansen-Morton**

# San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

## November 20, 2018, 7pm - San Leandro Library, Karp Room

Presiding ---John Morton

Present 18 members

Old Business ---

Andrew B. had stent placed with hopes of future hip surgery. A card will be sent.

Clip boards at \$5.00 still available.

Hopefully no freeze so April tuber sale can have increased tuber donations

Treasurer ---

Dennis Stone ---Remain solvent.

Minutes ---

Motion made and passed to accept after clarification that January meeting will include pot luck dinner. Reminder to members to bring own plates, silverware and "dish" to be shared. Dinner to start at 6:30 followed by a short meeting.

Beverly presented new member, Diane Bond, with \$20.00 gift certificate to be used at tuber sale.

Chris --- Both presented and demonstrated digging, cutting and dividing dahlias.



When digging, allow for wide space around plant to avoid slicing into plant's tubers.

Curtis showed special knife for this process, going out about 10-12 inches to dig.

Be aware that rotting may occur if left in the ground and it becomes saturated with water as well as infestation of bugs, like slugs. If tuber has significant hollow interior, this too may fill with water and rotting may begin.

Once clump removed, need to get dirt off. Wash with water and disinfect cut tubers with solutions using bleach {1:10} can be used for this.

Guy assisted Chris then in showing ways of removing dead tubers. He reminded everyone that the tuber neck is sensitive area of tuber, to avoid breaking off.

There were plenty of tuber clumps brought in to give opportunity for members to try their hand at cutting.

Curtis followed with video of various dahlia forms/shapes.

Raffle ticket drawing done. Prizes will be new dahlia varieties and hopefully the winners will grow and then bring in tubers next year. This will hopefully promote membership in the club.

Beverly did second raffle with useful or fun items to garden with. This based on getting yearly dues in early.

Birthdays ---Curtis

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Secretary ---Maren Giannini

More Photos of the tuber dividing demonstration and Q&A type discussion:



**Next Meeting's topic:**

How to use the ADS Classification Book.

Bring your classification book to the meeting!

