

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: April 16th, 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia folk,

This is one of the two major newsletters. The second is all about the Show. This is about our once a year fund raiser for our club.

Here are some reasons to come to our **April 27th dahlia sale 9:00 until noon:**

I want to tell you that the tuber sale is fun. If you enjoy talking about your garden, here is the time to do that. Everyone that has been to the meetings this year has a general answer for any dahlia question that the public might pose.

If you are at a loss for an answer to a question, there are several of us that will be glad to help you out. Every member should come to the tuber sale to help out our society. You can encourage others to join our society. It could be that they can be more of a help to us than we can be to them. You just never know. I know of two people that had never met before and they joined a dahlia society and are now best friends and do everything together, not just dahlias. For those that live in San Leandro, this is the official flower of the city of San Leandro. Enough!!

We will need, cashiers, sales persons, set up people, take down folks, dahlia tuber or plants, donuts, water etc. We will have a sign up of jobs you can fulfill at the next meeting. This is only a three hour obligation.

If you bring tubers or plants, please make sure they are labeled. There was a dahlia called Veritable that I dearly wanted. I found a package of Veritable tubers at Costco and at Ace Hardware. When planted they were not what I expected. We do not want to be a Costco or Ace Hardware. We want the public to get the correct dahlia.

While we are doing sales, remember the Flowers of the Year we will have in the Show Schedule for 2019. Spartacus or a relative of Spartacus and Kelsey Annie Joy are our special cultivars for 2019. Snag these for your selves or for the club as they could give you money at our Show. Another hint, if you see any dahlias that come from either of the Chibante brothers, there is money for both a single and a triple bloom in our show schedule. If you want to put up some money for your favorite dahlia in our show, please let Dennis Stone, treasurer, and myself, show schedule author, know and we will make that happen.

There has been a renewed interest in having a two day dahlia Conference that is held in February when nothing else is going on. For many years we had a two day conference that had a great dinner and raffle that would go into the late hours of the night. We had folks from Southern California and San Diego joining our group and we got to meet the other folks from the other Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference. Now that we have abbreviated this conference to a one day event, it makes it hard for those from SoCal to join us here and

hard for NorCal to join those in the southland for these events. I have many fun memories and great stories from these two day events. Please let me know if you are interested in going back to a two day conference.

I know you are tired seeing me limping around the meetings since November. Well, I have gotten out and attacked all the four foot weeds, rototilled the yard and hopefully will have the garden planted by our tuber sale April 27th. (We have been having the tuber sale at Root Park the last weekend in April since the late 80's.) Anyway, I am almost back to normal and expect to have everything planted and all excess tubers and plants going to our sale. Some things I have seen while preparing the garden so much later than usual, the snails and slugs are abundant. I haven't seen any earwigs but there have been a lot of aphids on the weeds that have the white, milky sap. Aphids, I have never seen so many black aphids in the garden. The slugs are fatter and healthier than other years and the snails are as big as Hershey's Kisses. Come on Sluggo Plus!!!

Looking forward to seeing you at the April 16th meeting.

John the Pres.

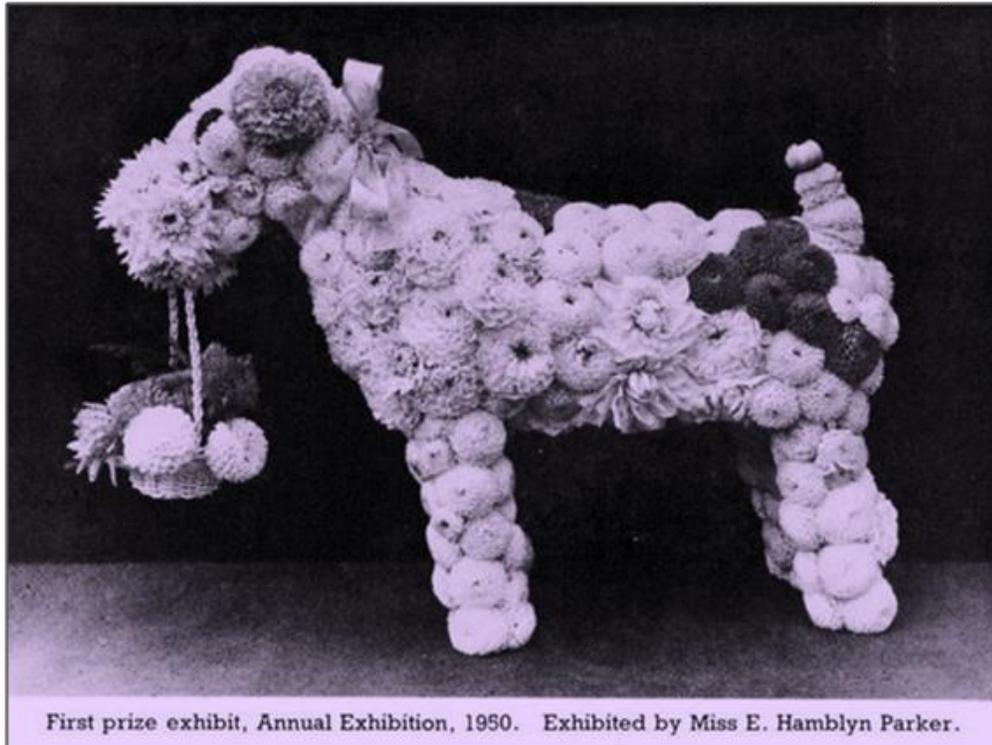
**Refreshments will be by provided:
Julie Nilsen & Andrew Baxter**

Next Month (May): Ellen Muir & Beverly

April 16th – Meeting's Program

1. How to plant tubers and cuttings
2. Soil Amendments
3. Raffle for tubers (must be present to win)

How about a dog made of dahlias with an Easter basket for our April newsletter eye-candy?



First prize exhibit, Annual Exhibition, 1950. Exhibited by Miss E. Hamblyn Parker.

San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

March 19, 2019, 7pm - San Leandro Library, Karp Room

Presiding --- John Morton, President

Present 20 members

Old Business --- At last meeting, decided on Spartacus Sports for our flower of the year. Best disc bloom to be decided.

Treasurer --- Dennis Stone --- We remain solvent. He is awaiting insurance bill. Bills submitted by members and reimbursed with check.

Minutes --- Minutes of Feb. meeting approved.

New Business ---

Flyers created by Beverly for upcoming Root Park sale passed out. Contains info and web site on the Sat. April 27th date from 9-12.

John and JoAnna gave talk to Livermore Garden Club this past month. The club has multi floral involvement and approx. 200 members --- about 80 present that day. Hopeful that some will come to Root Park for annual sale.

Roy brought in container with several Spartacus Sports that have started growing.

John related his trip to Oregon that included several large growers like Swan Island and Daniel Barn. Café Au Lait was a quick sell out.

San Francisco Home and Garden Show location has been changed to Sacramento.

Kristi ----Related that Lake Merritt plans for a new wrought iron gate on hold, expense growing also with hold would allow for another growing area.

----Michigan State University [MSU] has a "magic fertilizer" that orchid growers use. She has purchased small amount and would like to experiment with dahlia growth. Because of the expense, several other members offered to buy some as well.

New potential member --- Matt Jones introduced himself. He lives in the San Leandro area.

Roy and Tony ---- Gave report on Casa Peralta garden area. They're waiting for cuttings to develop. This led to a discussion on types of manure to use and how much space to allow between plants. Twenty four inches seemed to be general consensus. Further apart allows for less mildew.

John ---- Discussion on pricing for tubers/cuttings at this year's Root Park sale. Four dollars for single root or three for ten and six dollars for cutting or three for fifteen dollars decided after a vote taken. He reminded of need to keep sales as easy as possible for the clerks handling actual sales.

Birthdays this month --- Roy 89 and John

Refreshment --- Lovely set up by Marilyn Fong with assorted tea sandwiches and tea cups used,

Meeting adjourned 8:45.

Secretary ----Maren Giannini