

San Leandro

DAHLIA TIMES

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Next Meeting: Sept. 20, 7:00 PM

Karp Room, San Leandro Library

Dahlia folks,

Now that the exhibition season is over we can start playing with our blooms. *Jan Palia from the Monterey Bay Dahlia Society will be at our meeting to show us how to easily make arrangements fit for a queen.* This is Jan's second time with us and is back by request from the folks that were at her last session and by Jan herself who had a great time when she was here last. Jan gives public seminars on flower arranging at the Monterey Bay Dahlia Show. We are lucky to have her with us again. **Read page 3 carefully!**

The last of the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Shows are now over. The Monterey Bay Show was spectacular and I understand the show at the heirloom Exposition in Santa Rosa was a challenge but with Deborah Dietz wheeling and dealing, it came off with the public loving the show. I believe the estimate was over 10,000 visitors to the dahlia show.

We will concentrate on giving Jan as much time as possible at our meeting so we will quickly go through business.

John

Refreshments will be provided by:

Maren and Quamrun

Next month:

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San Leandro Dahlia Society

Minutes: July 19, 2016 Meeting

San Leandro Library - Karp Room - 7:00 PM

Presiding John Morton. Members present 14

Treasurer----not present---remain solvent, bill submitted and paid.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes from July meeting

Old Business

Yearly dahlia show [Aug.6/7] Big winners from Monterey: Kevin Lark and Karen Zydner. Noted high quality for Court of Honor.

Show improvement suggestions were given. Need for an increase in signage. SL Library monitor at entrance does not seem to be as effective as previous use of actual posters. Street signs promoting show need to be displayed in more locations.

Library personnel limited the number of tables show could use. In past 75 tables, this year approximately 45. This resulted in limiting display of "fives". John will continue to try to work with library to resolve these issues. Possibly larger donation and use floral displays in library where mentioned. Much appreciation to John for his continued efforts to negotiate with library.

Brief discussion on use of flowers for small bouquets that could be sold at time of show. Chris will note Monterey's program and the possibility of our attempting similar idea. A resale license would be needed to be able to sell the blooms..

Curtis presented paper showing amount of sunlight /space at Root Park

Comments made regarding possible other locations. Tom suggested getting city management involved. The dahlia is S.L. 's flower.

The possibility of BBQ at Casa Peralta was suggested by Curtis.

If presented as a work day first, hopefully San Leandro Parks Dept, would give approval Tom said he would check into this idea.

Question raised regarding the elimination of January meeting. Comments made that this is time for cuttings and orders to be done. No vote was taken.

Chris presented staging ideas. Met with great enthusiasm. Refreshments at this time.

Adjourned 8:40

Respectfully submitted ---- Maren Giannini

Program:

A Flower Arranging Class!

The class will consist of a short demonstration that will cover the basic principles of floral design. Depending on time and interest, I can do one arrangement using clear floral tape in a wide mouth vase and another in a narrow mouth vase that would satisfy the requirements for a "casual, over-the-fence bouquet."

But the main part of the time will be spent in the students making their own arrangements and me assisting and answering questions.

This is a list of materials that we will need:

Clippers

A towel: to keep things dry

Containers for arrangements : Bring 1-2 containers. Canning jars are always good to work with.. I will bring some extra jars. Small to medium sized vases or containers with pin frogs can be used.

Blooms: Depending on the size of the vase and the size of the blooms, we will need approximately 10-12 blooms(dahlias) per arrangement. I will bring up a tub or two of dahlias that will be available for participants.

Filler: This would include foliage and other garden flowers that add interest and dimension to an arrangement. It is difficult to predict what will be available in September from the garden.... perhaps zinnias, feverfew, snapdragons, seed pods, etc. I will bring some foliage and flower filler to share.

Transportation: It's always a good idea to think ahead and plan on either a box with support for your arrangement or bucket to transport your arrangement in the car.

Optional: I will be bringing some clear, floral tape that we will use to make a supportive grid on the wide containers. If you are interested in purchasing your own tape: The name of the tape is Capri Clear Floral Tape. I like to use the 1/2" size. It is available with a wholesale license at Floral Supply Syndicate in San Jose. It is also available online through Amazon and other sources. Google Capri Floral Tape and see what comes up.

Small watering can or pitcher

Scissors to cut floral tape

Jan Palia

From our show.... our great judging teams...



And some flowers from both our show and the SF show (most are named if you zoom in):

