



Dahlia Times

August 2024

San Leandro Dahlia
Society

Kristi's plants at
Greer Family Mortuary, Alameda

August 2024 Meeting

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our August meeting. THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM ACCESS FOR THIS MEETING.

Tuesday August 20, 6:45PM

Church of Christ

601 MacArthur Blvd

San Leandro CA 94577

AGENDA

- **Opening remarks, announcements, upcoming shows- Ellen Muir**
- **Introduction of visitors and members - Ellen Muir**
- **Approval of minutes and treasurers report - Dennis Stone, Ellen Muir**
- **Dahlias and History, August 7- All**
- **August/September garden chores and dahlia Q&A- All**
- **Show prep and planning details- John Morton, Chris Dix**
- **Digital clerking experience- Kristi Whitfield**
- **September 17 potluck sign ups- Ellen Muir**
- **Closing comments- Ellen Muir**

- **Next meeting: September 17**



Letter from the President

Dear All,

Welcome to August. Hopefully, your plants are starting to grace you with blooms to admire and share.

We saw evidence of that at our July meeting Mini-Show, where several new members learned how to stage blooms in pin frog containers and admire the beautiful dahlias. Appreciation goes to our Judges for the Mini-Show, John, Curtis, Chris and Deva who patiently shared how they came to their decisions on the best of



the entries, while educating us along the way. Prize money will be awarded at the August meeting.

Many of us also bought our first ever SLDS T-Shirt at the meeting. We still have some for sale, if you were not present to get one. They are eye catching and beautiful. Reserve yours today by contacting Quamrun Eldridge quamrun_eldridge@yahoo.com

Our society is now in full planning and prep mode for our show at the end of August. We will send out an email for requests to fill the gaps for people to be at the membership/greeter table and for other roles if needed after the August 20th meeting. Thank you to all who already signed up at the July meeting.

Kristi shared a preview at the July meeting and Judging Seminar of the Digital Clerking that will be launched at the four Pacific Southwest Conference shows this year. Check out the dates and links for the Zoom Training in the newsletter and the email that was sent to you recently. San Leandro members were well represented at the Judging Seminar on July 27th. Lou did a fabulous job of covering the bases and made us “work” as well, evaluating Triple blooms in small groups.

Letter from the President

Our hosts, Central Coast Dahlia Society offered great food and a surprise raffle of SLO grown gifts at the end of the day. Who thinks Curtis should share the Peach Whiskey he won?

It is a busy month with the four Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference Shows, one weekend after another. The show schedules were sent to all members. I encourage you to attend all our partner conference shows, as you can to see the array of dahlias that may thrive differently in some climates other than ours.

If you have a few blooms that are particularly stunning that week, show them. One never knows, what will win. A few of the societies are sponsor prizes for “First Time Exhibitors”. You could be one. A mantra that our society members coined is “Never Not Show”.

Although this is a huge month for shows, it is not all about competing. Growing dahlias for pleasure, to beautify our yards, digging into science of what makes them grow and thrive and the support and friendship of the dahlia growing community are the underpinnings gardening for many of us.

For me that is what the San Leandro Dahlia Society is all about.

Ellen



**Join us
Dahlias and History
August 7 th 5-8 p.m.
384 W. Estudillo Avenue**



Dahlias and History

Sponsored by

San Leandro Dahlia Society and
San Leandro Historical Society

Wednesday, August 7, 2024
in the Casa Peralta courtyard
384 W. Estudillo Avenue
from 5 pm to 8 pm

Stop by at any time during the time frame.



Join us for a beautiful evening to learn about the San Leandro Dahlia Society's gorgeous flowers, the Historical Society's Little Brown Church, and the historic Casa Peralta.

Free Event
Refreshments Served

For more information visit www.sanleandrohistory.org or email sanleandrohistory@gmail.com

Save the date for the show!



San Leandro
Dahlia Society
presents ...

**DAHLIA
SHOW!**

FREE
ADMISSION!

Saturday, August 31, 2024
11 AM - 4:30 PM
Sunday, Sept 1, 2024
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM



San Leandro Library
Karp Room
300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro
SLDS.club

What do I bring to a show besides dahlias?

Exhibitors generally create their own checklist of what to pack for a show. Members new to showing might wonder how to prepare. The following list (next page) has been shared and added to over the years. Feel free to copy it and make it your own.



Show supply list

- Fresh blooms with two leaves
- Containers with pin frogs (mark with your name)
- Classification book
- List of dahlias & their #s
- Show schedule
- Watering can/jugs
- Exhibitor cards
- Floral fresh or Dip It
- Empty 3- or 5-gal bucket
- Paper towels or rags to mop spills
- Greens for arrangements
- Extra stems for crutches
- Arrangement accessories
- Vases/arrangement containers
- Clippers/Scissors
- Pens/pencils
- Cell phone & charging cord
- Ibuprofen/Tylenol
- Newspaper to wrap containers
- Spray bottle with water or stylet oil
- Photo entries
- Coffee/tea/water flask/snack



Pacific Southwest Conference Dahlia Society Show Calendar

Society	Show Dates	Website
Central Coast DS	August 9-11	http://www.centralcoastdahlias.org/
Dahlia Society of California	August 16-18 County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park	https://www.dahliadell.org/
Monterey Bay DS	August 23-25 Capitola Mall, 41 st Avenue, Capitola	http://www.mbdahlias.org/
San Leandro DS	August 30-September 1 San Leandro Library	http://www.sanleandrodahliasociety.org/
ADS Show	September 5 – 9 Wenatchee, WA	http://www.dahlia.org/

Our Annual Show Publicity

Beverly created a gorgeous flyer for our show this year and continues to publicize it in the local papers weeks before the show.

Christina is bringing blooms to the library and Chamber of Commerce while Ellen takes them to City Hall.

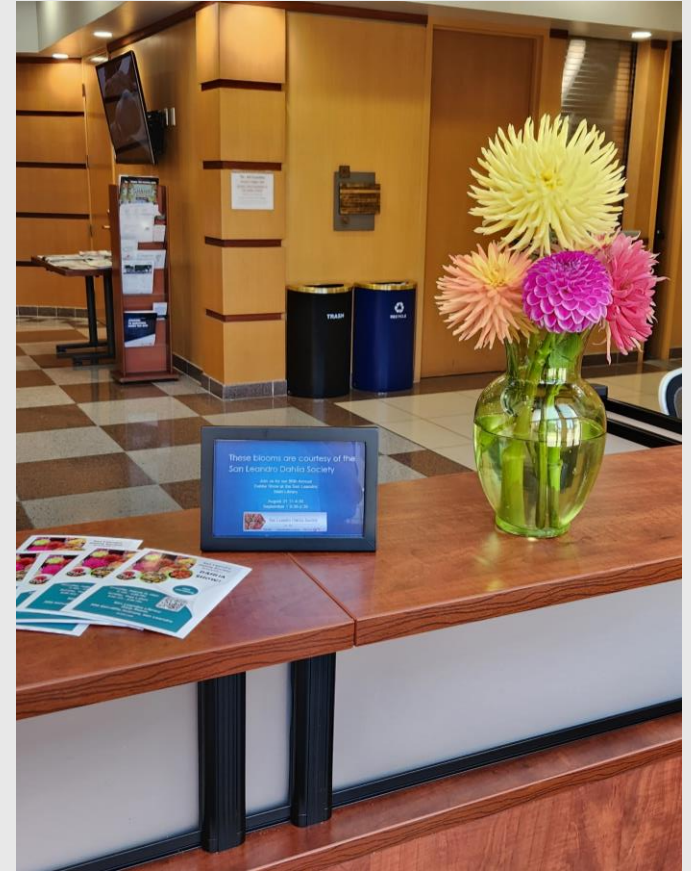
Frances is bringing fresh blooms to the Santa Clara County Fair to show off with her beautiful display.

What are some ways that you can help advertise our show? Contact Ellen if you need additional flyers or find them in our SLDS show email.





Blooms at Chamber of Commerce



Blooms at City Hall

Show us your garden!

SPECIAL REQUEST By Wednesday, August 28th

- All members- take a photo of your garden in August. If you can get one with you in the picture even better. It could be a picture of your 3 plants in pots or you standing next to your favorite bloom or a wide view of your entire garden.
- Send the photo to **Diane Bond** bonddiane9@gmail.com by Wednesday, August 28th. It will be fun to share our dahlia gardens via the newsletter with each other as the season moves towards its conclusion.



John Morton out standing in his field of new cultivars

ADOPT A DAHLIA

Christina Walker proposed an idea that sounds like a lot of fun and will bring joy to our communities and neighborhoods.

Ask your local hardware store, coffee shop, hairdresser, barbershop, bank, garden store, church, nail salon, restaurant, workplace that you frequent to “ADOPT A DAHLIA”. Pick one of these spots and ask if they would like you to bring a single dahlia bloom from your garden (or ask a society member, if you are short) each week to display at for the public. A bud vase or small jar container is all you need and the commitment to stop by weekly and replace the bloom. Attach one of our mini show flyers next to it. The shop’s commitment is to refresh the water when needed. Evergreen Nursery adopted a dahlia this week and they tell me that the customers and staff are raving about the blooms at the check out counter.



Bloom at Evergreen Nursery

Dahlia Show Clerk Training

I'm happy to announce that the clerk trainings for this show season have been scheduled. Please spread the word and invite your members. See next page for details. These trainings will be held on the Wednesday before each show, and clerks (or the clerk-curious) and judges from any PSW club are welcome to attend any session. We will be recording the training for those who can't make the scheduled time or who want to review the materials on their own schedule.

Train early! Train often!

The training will cover:

1. How to fill out an entry form.
2. How judges mark a completed entry.
3. What stickers go on what forms and where.
4. How the judged entries are recorded on the paper clerk sheets.
5. How the judged entries are entered into the tally spreadsheet
6. Technical requirements for phones to be used for direct entry
7. How to set up a phone for direct entry
8. How to access the tally spreadsheet from a phone for direct entry
9. How to navigate the phone interface for direct entry



I'd like to encourage all JUDGES to attend the trainings as well so you are better able to help your clerks.

These trainings are also an excellent opportunity for growers new to showing to learn about the entry forms and judging process even if they decide not to clerk.

Dahlia Show Clerk Training

Training Dates:

Central Coast: August 7, 2024, 7:00 PM

San Francisco (DSC): August 14, 2024 07:00 PM

Monterey Bay: August 21, 2024 07:00 PM

San Leandro: August 28, 2024 07:00 PM

Zoom details (same for each week):

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82500226818?pwd=PqbIf1bTXs9aT1KN6Maaw8aZ5xllgC.1>

Meeting ID: 825 0022 6818

Passcode: 846182

One tap mobile

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See you soon!

Kristi Whitfield

(510) 872-6767



Clerk entering data on her phone

Our July mini-show



Junior Growers Garden



San Leandro Dahlia Society Minutes

July 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Ellen Muir at 7:15, after the set-up of the “Mini-Show” for all Novice growers. Lots of good mentoring was going on.

Present: Sabrina Almazan, Linda Bailey, Jeff Bennett, Craig Callihan, Julie Cronin, Beverly Dahlstedt, Chris Dix, Quamrun Eldridge, Cristina Estrada, Marilyn Fong, Lynette Harris, Frances Kawaguchi, Jon Kawaguchi, Janina Konopka, Hensl Lisé, Deva Lowenthal, George Massey, Curtis Maxwell, Patricia Millar, Siobhán Moher, John Morton, Ellen Muir, Peggy Murphy, Brooke Robbins, Leslie Servin, Linda Watkins, Kristi Whitfield, Cris Whyte, Erin Wurgley.

Minutes were approved as posted in the newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report: provided and approved.

Fair Report by Frances Kawaguchi: We had three shifts at the Alameda County Fair in the Flower/wine building on Saturdays, 2 PM - 6 PM. Total PR ... we told people about dahlias and gave away small plants. Recipients were thrilled. The Fair coordinators were thrilled and asked us to return next year.

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The Santa Clara County Fair is next for two weekends. Frances is looking for flowers and volunteers.

Ellen thanked Marilyn Fong for the tea and refreshments. Ellen thanked Quamrun Eldridge for spearheading the SLDS T-shirt production. Many members bought them at the meeting and promptly wore them. Thank you to Jon K for handling the T-shirt sales at the meeting. Check your email and the newsletter on how to get one, if you weren't present.

Ellen reported that the San Leandro Historical Society has invited SLDS to join an Open House on Wednesday, August 7, 5 PM - 8 PM. They own the Little Brown Church that is on the Casa Peralta property. Casa Peralta is now closed because it is not safe (It was built in 1901). It needs renovation, and the historical society is trying to raise funds for the work. If we sell blooms, the \$\$ will go toward the renovation. Signup sheet was circulated.

John passed out and reviewed the current show schedule, explaining various categories and prize possibilities. Thank you to the estate of Ken Masurat which is donating \$\$ for the novice grower. John also took a moment to announce the passing of Bettie Stier in April, wife of Roy Stier.

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Kristi discussed clerking at the dahlia show as a great way to learn more about what judges look for in a bloom. Kristi has developed a streamlined way of clerking, using Microsoft Excel on mobile phones. She will be holding Zoom training on the four Wednesdays in August at 7 PM beginning August 7th. Zoom training info will be sent to the members. Kristi encouraged all people to take the training, even the judges, so they know what's going on. Kristi has listed 11,000 cultivars for direct entry!!!! You go Girl!! Thank you Kristi!!!

Q&A - Thanks to many new members, there were good questions. Topics covered include:
can't read names on tubers
yellow leaves
ground squirrels
mildew
seed library at S.L. Library

We moved from the auditorium to the classroom to learn how the judges judged the beautiful entries, looking primarily at color and form.

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Winners are as follows:

Class 1 - AA, A, B

1st - Quamrum Eldridge ... Hollyhill PDX Sunset

2nd - Ellen Muir and Cris Whyte ...

Class 2 -BB, Miniature, Micro Miniature

1st - Ellen Muir and Cris Whyte ... Ruthli ***** BEST OF SHOW!!

2nd - (I'm sorry - who won this????) ... Carmen Fiesta

Class 3 -Ball, Miniature Ball, Pompon

1st - Ellen Muir and Cris Whyte ... Kasasagi

2nd - Brooke Robbins ... Little Bees Wings

Class 4 - Stellar, Miniature Stellar, Waterlily, Miniature water Lily, Novelty Double, Micro Novelty Double

1st - Ellen Muir and Cris Whyte ...AC Golden Nickels

2nd - Cristina Estrada ... Kelgai Ann

Class 5 - Peony, Micro Peony, Anemone, Micro Anemone, Novelty Open, Micro Novelty Open

1st - Linda Watkins ... Northwest Barbara Ann

2nd - Ellen Muir and Chris Whyte ...Sandia Summertime

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Class 6 -Collarette, Micro Collarette, Orchid, Micro Orchid, Orchette, Micro Orchette, Single, Minion Single

1st - Ellen Muir and Cris Whyte ... Baron Abby

2nd - Jon and Frances Kawaguchi ... Kelsey Bramble

Announcements:

** SLDS Show Flyers will be available at the judging seminar on July 27.

** Deva would like to retire from the ribbon job at the show. Who would like to take it on?

** Plums! Take some. Take a bag ... or two bags!!

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Dahlstedt

Want Ads and Notices

PIN FROGS for Sale

Stainless steel

\$2.00 for 7/8"

\$3.00 for 1.15"

Contact Ellen Muir at emuir54@gmail.com



Want Ads and Notices

This is a page that we can all share with each other.

- If you have some dahlia related material to share, send a note and we will get it in the want ads.
- If you want something. A specific tuber, some fertilizer, some help with a growing problem, send a note and we will get it in the want ads.
- If you have a gardening/plant related notice (like a show or sale for another society), send a note and we will get it in the want ads.

Send a note to :

- bonddiane9@gmail.com if you want to put something in the want ads.