



Long Island Dahlia Society Newsletter

AUGUST 2008

LIDS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Bayard Cutting Arboretum
Carriage House
Thursday, August 21, 2008

7:00 p.m. Dahlias 101

“Preparing Your Dahlias for the
Dahlia Show.”

7:30 p.m. Refreshments

8:00 p.m. Business Meeting

8:30 p.m. Education Program

“Choosing and Staging Show Dahlias.”

MEET ME UNDER THE GIANT MAPLE TREE



Don't miss the annual LIDS picnic coming up on Sunday, August 17th (rain date August 24th). We will be meeting under the giant maple tree next to the Wolkoff Dahlia Garden at 3:00 p.m. This is the time to get together with friends and family members and relax and enjoy good conversations and a perfect view of the garden. As usual my mouth is watering thinking about all the delicious foods that I will be able to feast on. Bring an old favorite or something new. Patrick Schildt would like to have an idea of what you will be bringing, whether it's lasagna, ham, chicken drumsticks, potato salad, garden salad, cake, brownies, rolls, or the food of your choice. Bring your entrée, salad, or dessert in a container and with serving implements. LIDS supplies the paper goods, plastic ware, beverages and coffee.

Dennis Kirchner has agreed to set up a door prize table. He is bringing an assortment of plants, vegetables, and other items for door prizes. The way you get in the drawing is by just showing up at the picnic. Dennis is asking members to contribute items to add to the available door prizes.

Patrick Schildt will need some volunteers to help set up the tables, put on the tablecloths, put out the paper goods and plastic ware, place the food on the tables, clean up, and take down the tables. Please talk to him or call him at (563-8787) to volunteer.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

August 13 BCAHS “Walk to Wolkoff
Dahlia Garden” (6:30 p.m.)

August 17 LIDS Annual Picnic
(rain date—Sunday, August 24th)

August 21 LIDS Membership meeting

Aug. 29 LIDS 1st Dahlia Show Set up

August 30 & 31 1st LIDS Dahlia Show

Sept. 18 LIDS Membership Meeting

Sept. 27th Second LIDS Garden Tour

Oct. 10 LIDS 2nd Dahlia Show Set up

Oct. 11 & 12 LIDS 2nd Dahlia Show

Oct. 11 & 12 LIDS Photography Show

LIDS NEWSLETTER

Pat Murphy—Interim Editor
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& Eileen LaManna

**Thanks, to Lori Glatzer for her
continued support and assistance.*



Alpen Cherub



Christmas Carol



Rumble Tumble

SPOTLIGHT ON COLLARETTES

The collarette is an open-centered dahlia which is classified by its form and color. A collarette is distinctive looking. It is the only form with petaloids . The petaloids surround the disc flower and are attached to the ray florets. . They are 1/2 to 2/3 of the length of the ray florets. Usually the petaloids are a different color than the ray florets. According to the American Dahlia Society (ADS) a collarette has single row of eight ray florets that are arranged on a flat plane around the disc flowers. The ray florets usually have rounded tips and should be uniformly and evenly spaced and slightly cupped. Collarettes have up to three rows of pollen.

The first collarettes were hybridized and exhibited in France and Germany in the early 1900's. The Germans can be credited with naming the form collarette "Halskrausen." It refers to the ruffled neck collars that were worn by German officials in portraits in the 16th century. Collarettes were first listed as a form by the American Dahlia Society in 1915.

Collarettes are healthy and attractive plants that grow to the height of about 3 feet. Alpen Diamond, Pooh, and Sean C. are collarettes that are named in 2007 on the Top Fifty Show Dahlias list. Some other favorites are Christmas Carol, Alpen Cherub, Bumble Rumble, and Hillcrest Regal

Don't overlook these stunning, delicate blooms. They are a bright and perky addition to any dahlia garden. Look for them when you visit the William Wolkoff dahlia garden at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Pooh will make you smile.

Patricia Murphy



Pooh



Hillcrest
Regal



Caboose

THANKS GO OUT TO VIKKI BELZAC FOR OPENING HER SPECTACULAR GARDEN TO US.



GOING THROUGH THE LEARNING CURVE WITH DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY



Are you going through the learning curve with digital photography? Ed Sambolin taught a class at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum on July 26 and August 2, 2008 on all that is new in the digital photography world. Ed taught the class how digital images can be photographed, displayed, stored, manipulated and archived using digital techniques. Hot topics included lighting equipment, tripods, camera bags, and just about everything you need to get ready to take a professional photo shoot of flowers. Members from the Long Island Dahlia Society learned to photograph a whole flower garden, a group of flowers, a single flower, and something as small as a reflection of flowers in a drop of dew. The participants want to thank Ed for sharing his know-how and expertise and most of all his time. We are looking forward to future classes with Ed.

Eileen LaManna

FIRST LIDS DAHLIA SHOW OF 2008

Don't forget to inspect your garden and choose the dahlias you are going to show in our 1st LIDS Dahlia Show on August 30 and 31st at the lower level of the Carriage House. Setup time on Friday, August 29, is 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The show will be open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. As is our tradition, the dahlias in the show will be sold after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday to the general public.

IT'S NOT JUST CHILD'S PLAY.



Recently I was talking on the phone with my brother. We were reminiscing about some of the things we did as young children to keep ourselves occupied on long, summer days. We recalled those damp, humid days that we went down to a nearby vacant lot with jars in our hands to collect garden snails and slugs. Before leaving the house we would poke holes in the lids and stuff the jars with grass, leaves, and sticks. We thought this would be the ideal environment for our specimens. We would spend the day carrying around our jars observing these creatures with tentacles protruding out the top of their head that moved back and forth to feel. How strange that their eyes are located on the base of these tentacles. We watched carefully as they used their foot to crawl upside down, backwards, and even sideways along the glass, leaves, and branches while leaving a mucous trail behind them.

I recently read an article on the web about the work of Anette Hosio, associate professor in the department of mechanical engineering at M.I.T. and her students. They have been studying how snails and slugs use their gooey slime and their muscular foot to help them move in every direction and on all types of terrain. After studying these mollusks they designed a "robosnail" which is comprised of moveable parts that ripple on top of a thin layer of synthetic gooey slime and just like snails and slugs it is able to climb up walls and stick to ceilings. Researchers are trying to understand how the snail's locomotion works and how the gooey slime behaves. They are now trying to miniaturize these "robosnails". They are investigating some of the possible outgrowths of this project. The possibilities are endless. They are exploring how it might be used for invasive surgery procedures, to build a portable biological weapons detector, or to be a tool for underground exploration. Observing snails and slugs is not just child's play. Patricia Murphy
** Go to Google and type in keyword robosnail for more information.*

MEMBERSHIP

If you have changed your email address or hooked up to the Internet for the first time, then please notify Maureen Burford, our membership chair at maburf@yahoo.com with your new email address.

Welcome to new members Chris Lettieri and Louis Minghinelli.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Keep Marge Micheels in your thoughts and prayers. She had her surgery last week and is now home convalescing.

Nahmen Redliefsen is recovering from his surgery. To everyone's surprise he already came back to work in the garden. Nahmen reported that Freda is improving.

Don Koehler's grandson is responding positively to treatment. Don is appreciative of people's help and support for the family in this time of need.

Congratulations go out to Ralph & Christine Ayasse as they are grandparents for the first time.

Call our Good and Welfare Chair Dee Cunningham (467-2252) with any happenings.

BYLAWS CHANGES

Add life long members to the LIDS Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6: PAST PRESIDENTS AND LIFE LONG MEMBERS

SECTION 2: LIFE LONG MEMBERS:

Any life long members of L.I.D.S. shall be eligible to be members of the Board of Directors with full voting privileges. The life long member must notify the Board of Directors by the November meeting of his/her intention to serve on the Board of Directors as an active member.