



# Long Island Dahlia Society

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28 44th ST. ISLIP, NY 11751 **DECEMBER, 2007**

## MEETING

## COME MAKE MERRY & BRIGHT!

**DECEMBER 20, 2007**



### WHERE:

Bayard Cutting Arboretum,  
Carriage House Loft,  
East Islip, NY

### DIRECTIONS:

Southern State Pkwy to exit  
45 East (Montauk Hwy or  
Main Street East). Go  
through 1st light, and Arbo-  
retum is on the right. If main  
gates aren't open, continue  
to service gate, the Arbo-  
retum's 2nd entrance

Each year , LIDS members get together in late December to share some holiday cheer. This year, December 20th will be the date and, as usual, the Arboretum Carriage House Loft will be the location. Members will gather for a brief general meeting, followed by a luscious feast, prepared by our own members. Marge Micheels has volunteered to organize the food offerings for this event. Please take the time right away to call or write to let her know what delectable dish you will be contributing to the "groaning table". It can be anything from an hors d'oeuvre or salad to an entree or dessert. Judging from past experience, the meal will be a mouth watering treat! Marge may be reached by email at [dahlia59@optonline.net](mailto:dahlia59@optonline.net) or by phone at (631)581-7131. Early notification will make her very happy, and will ensure a well balanced selection of treats, so please make that call!

### MAIN TOPIC

Yearly review

A highlight of this event is the holiday gift exchange. If you'd like to be able to pick out a gift from the table, please bring in a new, wrapped gift valued at approximately \$15. If the gift is meant to be specifically a guy's or a gal's gift, please label it so on the outside. Participation in the exchange is voluntary, as always, and a lot of fun. So, circle the date and be prepared to celebrate the season with fellow LIDS members!

**DAHLIA 101 TOPIC:**  
Over-wintering Tubers

### REMINDER:

Meetings are held on the **3rd  
Thurs. of every month,**  
and begin at 7:45, with coffee  
at 7:30. \* **"Dahlia 101" at  
7:00 for newer members.**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS,  
HAPPY HANUKKAH,  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL!!!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

## LEARNING THE WORTH OF DAHLIAS

### DECEMBER

LIDS Gen'l. Meeting and  
Holiday Party BCA-CH,  
12/20 7:30 p.m.

On December 2nd, Irene Virag, freelance garden column writer, published another article on dahlias (her third this year!). In the Newsday column, entitled "Dahlias are Well Worth the Trouble," Mrs. Virag related her recent experiences digging and packing up the dahlias she grew this summer. It seems that in the past, Virag had only planted a few dahlias in her flower gardens, and had been unsuccessful at preserving them from season to season. When she planted this year's dahlias, she had made up her mind to treat them as annuals, letting them die at the end of winter, and buying new stock in the spring. She changed her mind, though when she was offered the

### JANUARY

LIDS General Meeting  
Location to be determined  
1/17 7:30 p.m.

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## LIDS 2007 CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

- 7 - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Bayard  
20 - LIDS Meeting, BCA CH Loft, Holiday Party

### JANUARY

- 17- LIDS Meeting,

## BY-LAWS CHANGES

Below are the by-laws changes that were discussed at the Board of Directors meeting on Nov. 1, 2007. The changes were approved by the directors and will be voted upon by the membership at the December LIDS meeting.

### Article 4: Section 2 -

Add to the duties of the President:

The President shall form an Audit Committee of three persons to perform the annual review of the Society's Treasury. This report shall be given at the first Board of Directors meeting of the new fiscal year.

### Article 4: Section 4 -

Delete from the duties of the Vice President:

...to form an audit committee for the annual review of the treasury. This report shall be given at the first Board of Directors meeting of the new fiscal year.

Article 4: Section 5 - Under the duties of the Treasurer it states that the Fiscal Year is from January 1 to December 31. The new proposal is to change the Fiscal Year to be from November 1 thru October 30 of the following year.

Article 11: Section 3 - Change the dates of the Fiscal Year from January 1 through December 31, to November 1 through October 30 of the following year.

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## EXPANDING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Our Education Chairman, Joe Lysik, reports that the main topic of the November meeting will be a **review of the past year**, including everyone's successes and flops. If you have any printed photos or digital images in your camera, that relate to this past year, or even just a story or memory to share, please bring it with you. "**Over-wintering Tubers**" will be the topic for the Dahlias 101 class. Through knowledge we grow!

## DAHLIAS 101

We'd like to encourage all new members (and anyone else who would like a "refresher") to attend the Dahlia 101 class, starting at 7:00 pm, just prior to the general meeting times. Taught by Joe Lysik, chairman of the Education Committee, these half-hour segments are a great way to learn the jargon and get a head start on becoming an experienced dahlia gardener. They also provide an easy way to get to know other club members a few at a time, rather than to be initially overwhelmed by the larger numbers at the general meetings. Hope to see you there!

## HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES AT BAYARD

Just a reminder-- The Bayard Mansion will be open to the public during the holiday season. For free inspection of the beautiful vintage Christmas decorations on the first floor of the Manor House, visitors may show up any day during this month and early January. For guided tours including the 2nd floor of the Manor House, please sign up at the reception desk. Tours will take place on some weekdays and all Saturday afternoons in December, beginning at 2:00.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!

We are pleased to announce that we have added the following names to our membership roster in the last month:

Keith McLoed of New Rochelle  
Harold Reichert of Bay Shore (re-up)

Welcome to the wonderful world of dahlias, folks! We're looking forward to seeing each of you at our meetings, social events, and at the Arboretum garden..

