



# Long Island Dahlia Society

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

## MEETING

## NEWSDAY COLUMNIST VISITS BAYARD

**SEPTEMBER 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-

### MAIN TOPIC

Photo Presentation and dis-  
cussion of of Labor Day  
Dahlia Show

### DAHLIA 101 TOPIC:

"How to Show Dahlias"

### 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.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

1st annual LIDS Members'  
Garden Tour - 9/8 and 9/22,  
12-4:00 p.m.

Mid Island Dahlia Show

9/15-16 Planting Fields

LIDS Gen'l Mtg. 9/20 BCA-  
CH Loft, 7:30 p.m.

#### OCTOBER

2nd LIDS Dahlia Show

10/6-10/7 BCA CH/LL

LIDS 3rd Annual

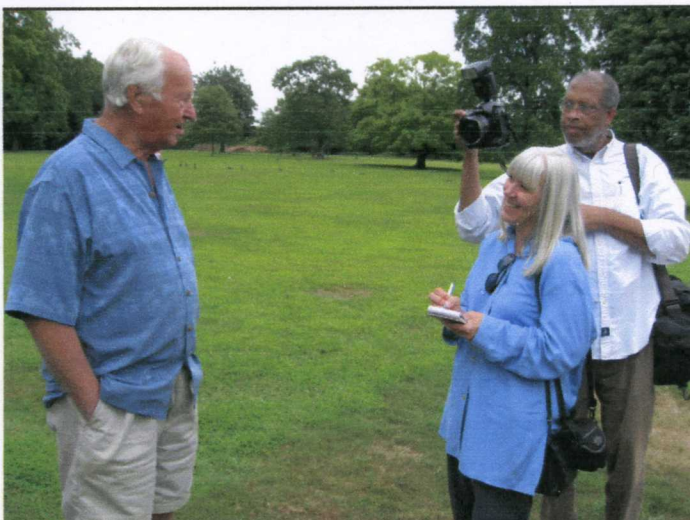
Photography Exhibit 10/6-

10/7 BCA Annex

Mid Island Dahlia Show

10/14

On Sunday, August 19th, LIDS members attending the annual picnic at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum had an exciting surprise! Irene Virag, Newsday's gardening columnist, showed up with her husband Harvey and her photographer friend, Bill, to view our very own Wolkoff Dahlia Display Garden! Our publicity chairman, Joe Lysik, had recently called and invited Ms. Virag to come see "the largest dahlia display garden in the Northeastern U.S." and it's founder, Bill Wolkoff. Being a newbie dahlia grower herself, Mrs. Virag was enthusiastic about attending the picnic and chatting with several club members as she took the grand tour of the garden. Before she left, she even purchased a lucky raffle ticket from our club and ended up going home with a beautiful banana



leaf plant. The general consensus of attendees that day was that it couldn't have happened to a nicer person! LIDS members were then thrilled to find a wonderful, full-page tribute to Bill and the LIDS dahlia garden in the Sunday, September 1st issue of NEWSDAY. Nice publicity job, Joe!

Mrs. Irene Virag ↑  
takes notes as she  
interviews Bill  
Wolkoff at the LIDS  
picnic. Her photogra-  
pher, Bill, captures  
the moment.

Apparently sharing  
an amusing story are  
Joe Lysik, Bill  
Wolkoff, Irene Virag,  
and Don Lang. —>

Photos by Pat Murphy



## LIDS 2007 CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 6-10 - NATIONAL SHOW, St. Charles, Illinois
- 8 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 8-9- Rhode Island Show
- 15 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 15-16 - Mid Island Dahlia Show (first)
- 20 - Meeting, BCA Carriage House Loft
- 22 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 29 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am

### OCTOBER

- 5 - Set up Dahlia Show, BCA CH lower level
- 6 - 2nd LIDS Dahlia Show, BCA CH lower level  
3rd Annual LIDS Photography Exhibition,  
BCA Annex
- 7 - 2nd LIDS Dahlia Show, BCA CH lower level  
3rd annual LIDS Photography Exhibition,  
BCA Annex
- 13 - Dahlia garden, 9 am
- 14 - Mid Island Dahlia Show (second)
- 18 - Meeting, Massapequa

### NOVEMBER

- 15 - Meeting, Massapequa

### DECEMBER

- 20 - Meeting, BCA CH Loft, Holiday Party

## EXPANDING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Our Education Chairman, Joe Lysik, reports that the main topic of the September meeting will be the LIDS Labor Day Show. He will provide a photo presentation of the show and its exhibitors, with special attention to the Court of Honor winners and their dahlias. Since there will still be one more LIDS Show scheduled for October 6-7th, the "Dahlia 101" topic will be a continuation of the requirements and techniques for showing dahlias to their best advantage.

### 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!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!

Our ranks continue to swell! During the months of August and early September, the following 10 names have been added to our club roster:

**Marcia and George Pagnotta** of Calverton  
**Dan Pasaric** of Central Islip  
**Remani Ninan** of Stony Brook  
**Patrick Schildt** of Bohemia  
**John Di Giacamo** from somewhere on Long Island (?)  
**Lois Booth and Al Martinez** of Smithtown  
**Les Malin** of Bayport  
**Lucille McCue** of Bay Shore  
**Martine Dezalou** of Central Islip

Welcome all new LIDS members to the friendliest club in town! Hope to see you at the Dahlia Shows. Prepare to be dazzled!! :))

### ATTENTION, PLEASE!!!

There have been several incidents of damage to ground markers and trees in the area surrounding the Carriage House recently. We are all asked, therefore, to park only in the main parking lot in the future. **No cars are to be parked outside the Carriage House Loft at any time.** Thank you for your cooperation.



Irene Virag with her winning raffle ticket, flanked, from left to right, by her husband Harvey, Mark Glatzer, and John Canzoneri. (photo by Pat Murphy)

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**T-SHIRT ORDERS BEING TAKEN**

Due to the popular demand of members working at the dahlia display garden this year, the LIDS executive board has once again decided to order t-shirts made with the LIDS logo. It's been three years since the last time we ordered t-shirts for the LIDS members, and those who have them find them indispensable, both for gardening and for presenting a unified and professional appearance in public venues.

Jim Micheels will take orders from anyone wishing to purchase a shirt (or two) at the September meeting. We need to have at least 50 t-shirts ordered to keep the price down for all (\$10 for sizes S-XL, and \$12 for 2XL and above). The shirts must be ordered and paid for in advance. Don't miss out on the chance to show your pride in being a member of the society that plants and maintains "the largest dahlia display garden in the northeast!" Bring your checkbook to the September 20th meeting at Bayard and stake your claim now or be sorry.

**MASTER GARDENER OUTREACH**

LIDS member Ed Bonci reports that the Master Gardener Demonstration garden where he has 60 dahlias, was a featured garden on the 8th Annual Westchester-Putnam Girl Scouts Garden Tour, called "Rhapsody in Bloom". The local paper, The Journal News reported the following on August 1st:

*"An extra bonus this year was the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden at Hart's Brook Park and Preserve, planted and maintained by the Master Gardener volunteers of Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Westchester County. It consisted of a large vegetable garden, plus fruit and berry, herb, and perennial flower beds, including a dahlia collection. Attendees learned much about good gardening techniques for plants well-adapted to Westchester growing conditions."*

More than 600 people toured the gardens, with all proceeds going to support the Girl Scouts Organization. Nice community outreach, Ed!

**A JOINT EFFORT**

This editor wishes to express delight and gratitude to several club members who added to this issue of the newsletter. Pat Murphy, as always, spent time photographing gardens and people, and soliciting info for articles on my behalf. Maureen Burford and Pam Dovak submitted original human interest stories for a lighter touch. Ed Bonci sent an article from afar, testifying to his continual involvement in community outreach. Bill Wolkoff submitted photos of the garden tours, and Kim Sauget helped to collate, fold, and stamp the snail-mail copies. Thank you all for helping to make this issue the largest and most varied in content. Additional submissions by fellow members are always welcome and appreciated!

**CALLING ALL SHUTTERBUGS!!**

Anyone just can't resist photographing dahlias in his/her garden or elsewhere, please take note. Coinciding with the 2nd LIDS Dahlia Exhibition October 6th and 7th, there will also be an LIDS Photo exhibition, which will be housed in the Bayard Cutting Arboretum's Mansion Annex. The exhibit and contest will be open to ALL photographers, amateur hobbyists, or pros. The photos will be divided into 2 skill categories for display and judging, so everyone has a fair chance. This is the ideal time, then, for all of you shutterbugs to keep a keen eye out for the perfect lighting, the most beautiful blossom, the best composition, etc. in order to take away a prize in the photo show. Requirements for the submission of photos appear below. They will be discussed at the September meeting or by speaking to Pat Murphy at the Labor Day Show, as well.

**PHOTO SHOW RULES**

The exhibitors must have taken the photographs in 2006 or 2007, and must enter their photographs at the photo entry table on Friday October 5th from 2-5:00 p.m. or from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, October 6th. The photographs must be mounted on a white matte board which is not smaller than 8" by 10" and no larger than 16" by 20". The LIDS photography committee will attach a hanger to the back of the matte board and place it in exhibit. White matte board will be available for LIDS members to purchase at the LIDS September meeting. A very limited number of matte boards will be available the day of the Photography Show.

Photographers will be asked to submit no more than 4 photographs in each of the classes designated by the American Dahlia Society Rules. The photographs will be rated by qualified judges who will base their ratings on 3 criteria - composition, impact, and technique.

**Happy clicking and good luck to all!**

Joe B., Bill W., and Joe L. tiptoe through the tul... oops - I mean dahlias!



