



Long Island Dahlia Society

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12 PERCY WMS. DR., E. ISLIP, NY 11730 **FEBRUARY, 2008**

MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2008

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 Arboretum is on the right. If main gates aren't open, continue to service gate, the Arboretum's 2nd entrance.

MAIN TOPIC

Slide shows of garden tours and dahlia shows

DAHLIA 101 TOPIC

Different forms of 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

FEBRUARY

LIDS General meeting
2/21 7:30 p.m.

BCA-CH

MARCH

LIDS General Meeting
3/20 7:30 p.m.
BCA-CH

SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS

At the January general meeting, special elections took place for the positions of LIDS President and Vice President for the new year. Effective immediately, Bill Bushman became the President for 2008 and Joe Lysik the Vice President. Sincere thanks go to Bill, Joe, and all other members of the 2008 LIDS Board, for generously offering their time and hard work to ensure the prosperity and efficiency of our club as we enter a new growing season. (for further details , see pg. 5 for minutes of the January meeting, submitted by temporary Recording Secretary for the evening, Maureen Burford).

Tuber clump division underway!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Saturdays in February, we have begun dividing dahlia clumps in the carpentry shop next to the dahlia display garden. With over 500 dahlia clumps to work on, there's plenty of work to go around. New LIDS members or anyone wishing to learn tuber division should consider joining the Saturday group from 9:00 a.m until about noon. The best way to learn is by doing— especially while under the supervision and encouragement of experienced club members. So, "Come on down!" If you have your own clumps and are unsure of how to proceed, you might bring a few of them with you on Saturday, or to the next general meeting where a veteran club member could help you through the division process either before or after the meeting.

[photo by Pam Dovak]

LIDS 2008 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 21- General Membership Meeting, BCA-CH

MARCH

- 20- General Membership Meeting, BCA-CH

APRIL

- 5-6- Hicks Nursery Show
13- Spring Luncheon and Country Auction,
Irish Coffee Pub- 131 Carleton Ave., East Islip
17- Dahlia Tuber Sale and General Membership
Meeting, BCA-CH

MAY

- 10- Dahlia Tuber Sale and Horticultural Society
Plant Sale, BCA-CH- **lower level**
15- Dahlia Tuber Sale and LIDS General Membership
Meeting, BCA-CH **lower level**
31- Farmingdale Garden Fair (Farmingdale College)

JUNE

- 1- Farmingdale Garden Fair (Farmingdale College)
19- General Membership Meeting, BCA-CH

JULY

- 17- General Membership Meeting, BCA-CH

AUGUST

- 17- Annual Garden Party and Picnic, BCA Wolkoff
Dahlia Display Garden
21- General Membership Meeting,
30, 31- LIDS 1st Dahlia Show, BCA-CH- **lower level**

SEPTEMBER

- 18- General Membership Meeting, BCA-CH

OCTOBER

- 11,12- LIDS 2nd Dahlia Show and Photo Exhibition,
BCA-CH-**lower level** and Manor House Annex
16- General Membership Meeting, BCA-CH **lower level**

NOVEMBER

- 20- General Membership Meeting, BCA-CH

DECEMBER

- 18- Annual Holiday Party w/ optional gift exchange
and General Membership Meeting, BCA-CH

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EXPANDING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Our Education Chairman, Joe Lysik, reports an exciting agenda for the February meeting. There will be the **power point presentations of two more of the LIDS Garden Tours** from this past summer. These professional-grade slide shows set to music were made by Pat Murphy, and have been very popular with club members. Featured this month will be the Laundrie and Lang gardens.

Club member **Vinnie Graziano**, will also be presenting his slide show of **other clubs' dahlia shows** that some of our members travel to each year, including Rhode Island, New Jersey, Philadelphia, and Connecticut.

The **Dahlias 101** class will be learning about the different forms of dahlias.

Remember, 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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!

We must be doing something right, because new members continue to flock to our doors! We are pleased to announce that we have added the following names to our membership roster this month:

Ronnie Arredondo of Merrick, **Ed Sambolin** of Central Islip, **Carol and Bill Carty** of East Islip, and **Donna Granatelli** of Ronkonkoma.

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

