



Long Island Dahlia Society

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28 44th ST. ISLIP, NY 11751 **JANUARY, 2008**

MEETING

JANUARY 17, 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 show - New Hybrids for 2008.

DAHLIA 101 TOPIC
ADS film - "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

JANUARY

LIDS General Meeting
1/17 7:30 p.m.
BCA-CH

FEBRUARY

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

HAPPY NEW GROWING SEASON TO ALL!

-by Joe Lysik

We may not be able to dig yet, but we can and should plan our gardens for the new growing season. During our winter sabbatical we should review last year's successes and failures. Better yet, make a New Year's resolution to prevent last year's mistakes from happening again and fine tune the successes for even better results. Then enjoy sharing your results (both good and bad) with other members, so they can capitalize on your knowledge and possibly confirm it even further. For instance, last season Joe Laundrie, one of the many up-and-coming new growers in our club, experimented with a shiny type of fabric mulch that he laid down in one of his dahlia beds. He has reported that insect damage was practically nonexistent in that bed, compared to neighboring beds without the shiny fabric mulch. It's always nice when you try something new and it works well, but there's even more gratification when you share it with like-minded gardeners, who can appreciate your discovery.

Even the dahlia garden at Bayard needs some planning every year. Bill Wolkoff has made it fairly easy to do this by having beautifully laid out the raised beds around hardscapes like the pergola oasis and grand trellis. So to make a difference in the garden, we change the content. Last year we added all 16 varieties of Gallery Dahlias surrounding the purple martin condo on the pole. This year, we would like to fulfill a long time dream of our club and have all of the "Fabulous 50" displayed in the Bayard Dahlia Garden. To clear up a common misconception, the "Fabulous 50" is not a list of the 50 top winning dahlias. The "Fab 50" are those dahlias that have won 50 Blue ribbons and/or higher awards, which this year works out to be 111 dahlias. The list below represents the dahlias we need to complete the list of 111 "Fab 50" dahlias. If any members have any of the below dahlias and are able to donate a spare tuber, the club would greatly appreciate the gesture. Please let me know (joelysik@yahoo.com / 631-754-1002) by the end of January, because I have to order what we don't have and the tuber ordering rush is already on. Any of the garden directors, Bill Wolkoff, Mark Glatzer, Jim Micheels or Joe Laundrie can be contacted if you have any questions. Thank you.

FABULOUS 50 "WANTED" LIST

Ivory Palaces
G W's Babe
Danum Meteor
Kathy's Choice
Tren Grove Millenium
SB's Sunny
Scaur Swinton
Ms Kennedy
April Dawn
Odyssey

Stoneleigh Joyce
Kenora Sunset
Glenplace
Kenora Majestic
Irish Miss
Jomanda
Primrose Pet
Chimacum Katie
Camano Pet
Hy Clown

Ryecroft Jan
Brenda Sue
Rose Toscano
Delta Red
Barbary Red Dwarf
Inflammation
Hollyhill Purely Purple
Rembrandt
Martina

Brookside J Cooley
Horse Feathers
Ruskin Andrea
Miss Muffit
Lorona Dawn
Lismore Moonlight
Ruskin Marigold
Rejman's Polish Kid

LIDS 2008 CALENDAR

JANUARY

17- General Membership Meeting, BCA-CH

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 that the main topic of the January meeting will be an **ADS slide show of the New Hybrids for 2008.** We will also be treated to two of Pat Murphy's wonderful **Garden Tour slide shows** set to music. Featured this month will be the Laundrie and Lang gardens.

The **Dahlias 101** class will view a short film by the National Capitol Society, entitled, "Dahlias!"

It promises to be a great agenda for January, so be sure not to miss it! 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 are pleased to announce that we have added the following name to our membership roster this month:

Aagun Connell of Bayport, NY.

Aagun is a member of the Bayard Horticulture Society as well.

Welcome to the wonderful world of dahlias, Aagun!

We're looking forward to seeing you at our meetings, social events, and at the Arboretum garden this spring.

OPPORTUNITIES

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest ...
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!
I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!

- William Arthur Ward

ELECTION REVOTES

At the December general meeting, elections took place for the 2008 LIDS Board. Unfortunately, a procedural mistake occurred during the voting process that rendered the vote for the Vice President unconstitutional. In addition, Don Koehler has since stepped down from the role of President. It is therefore necessary for club members to vote once again for both positions- President and Vice President. The new vote will take place at the February meeting. The following members have been nominated for the positions:

President-	Bill Bushman
Vice President-	Kevin Fox
	Lori Glatzer
	Dennis Kirchner
	Jim Micheels

Anyone who would like to make a nomination from the floor is welcome to do so, but the person being nominated must be present to accept or reject the nomination. The vote will then be by secret written ballot.

The following newly-elected positions will be in effect for 2008:

Recording Secretary-	Pat Murphy
Corresponding Secretary-	Lori Glatzer
Treasurer-	Marge Micheels
Membership-	Maureen Burford
Garden Director-	Bill Wolkoff
Garden Associates-	Mark Glatzer
	Jim Micheels
	Joe Laundrie
Education-	Joe Lysik
Evaluation-	Erina Aaron
Fundraising-	John Canzoneri
Publicity-	Joe Lysik
Dahlia Shows-	Dennis Kirchner
Website-	Joe Lysik
ADS-	Bill Bushman
NADC-	Erina Aaron
	Dennis Kirchner
Hospitality-	Pam Dovak

THE A.D.S. ADVANTAGE

-By Bill Bushman

If you appreciate a bargain (and who doesn't), membership in the American Dahlia Society is a no-brainer! Annual dues for ADS are \$20 Individual, \$23 Family (2 or more people at same address). For that modest sum, members get Quarterly ADS Bulletins (March, June, September and December), as well as the 2008 ADS Classification Book (2 Classification books for Family Memberships). For veteran gardeners, the annual Classification Book is the indispensable source of names, descriptions, and show results of the many thousands of dahlias currently recognized by the ADS. For anyone with an interest in showing their dahlias, this is a must. The quarterly bulletins contain reports from Dahlia Societies throughout the country, and also contain many informative, up-to-the-minute articles on dahlia growing and related topics. -cont'd on pg. 4

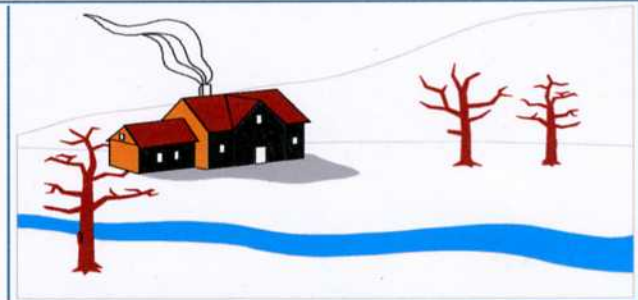
LIDS DUES DEADLINE

As we start the new year, how about adding a new resolution to your "good intentions" list? If you haven't already done so, why not resolve to pay your LIDS 2008 membership dues on time? New members who joined the club on or after September 1, 2007, as well as Life Members are considered paid through 2008. All other members are obligated to pay now in order to remain active in our organization. Obviously, the Club depends on the timely payment of member dues to keep our ship afloat and to allow the Board to plan for Spring expenses. It won't take much- just \$15 to ensure you a place in the "LIDS members-in-good-standing" group. Plus, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that one of your financial obligations for 2008 has been fulfilled. If you remember to bring your membership renewal payment to the January 17th meeting, you will make Maureen Burford (Membership Chair) and Marge Micheels (Treasurer) very happy. If you can't attend the meeting, please mail your membership dues a.s.a.p. to:

Maureen Burford
24 Washington Avenue
West Sayville, NY 11796.

Checks received by mail will be acknowledged. Please feel free to contact Maureen by email at maburf@yahoo.com or by phone at 631-363-3651. Thank you.

BEHIND THE SCENES



January is the quietest month in the garden.

... But just because it looks quiet doesn't mean that nothing is happening.

The soil, open to the sky, absorbs the pure rainfall, while microorganisms convert tilled-under fodder into usable nutrients for the next crop of plants.

The feasting earthworms tunnel along, aerating the soil and preparing it to welcome the seeds and bare roots to come.

- Rosalie Muller Wright, Editor of *Sunset Magazine*, 1/99

ADS ADVANTAGE -cont'd from pg. 3

Checks for dues should be made out to **LONG ISLAND DAHLIA SOCIETY, (not me or ADS)**, as I have to send one check to the ADS for the whole LIDS group. Dues can be brought to the January LIDS meeting or mailed to my home @ 239 Oak Street, Medford, NY 11763-4035.

All Dues must be received by Friday, February 15, 2008.

All 2007 ADS members should have already gotten their December 2007 Bulletin, as well as the 2008 Classification Book. Paying dues by 2/15/08 will insure receipt of March 2008 Bulletin. New members for 2008 will receive the 2008 Classification Book with the March Bulletin, and often are sent the December 2007 Bulletin (as supplies allow) as a bonus.

If anyone has questions, or concerns/difficulties with their current membership, feel free to call me at (631) 475-1922.

Bill Bushman, ADS Representative

There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter.

One is the January thaw.

The other is the seed catalogues.

- Hal Borland

HOLIDAY FUN!

The December LIDS general meeting was informative, as usual, but it was so much more! A new Board of Directors was elected (see page 2), beautiful slide shows of two of this past summer's LIDS garden tours (the Ayasse's and the Glatzer's) were shown, new members were introduced to the membership, and plans for the 2008 dahlia display garden were discussed. As the business meeting came to a close, however, the Annual Holiday Party began! Club members contributed delicious dishes of their own making, which added up to a mouth-watering buffet dinner to be proud of. And the yummy desserts! Words just can't do them justice. Animated conversations ranged from Christmas and New Year's plans and upcoming vacations, to new gardening catalog offerings, winter storage of tubers, and the new Arboretum director. It may have been icy cold outdoors that evening, but there was plenty of cozy warmth and companionship inside!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Saturdays beginning in February, we will be 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!"

DID YOU KNOW??

January is named after Janus, one of the most interesting of the Roman gods. Janus protected the gates of Heaven. He represented transitions and progress...and was often invoked at the beginning of planting and the end of the harvest. He is also uniquely Roman. Unlike most other gods of the Roman pantheon, he has no ready counterpart in the Greek pantheon. The importance of Janus in everyday Roman life during the years of the Republic and earlier is indisputable. Every meal was begun with a request for his blessing, and public ceremonies began with a libation drunk to the god of beginnings. He was the 'god of gods', appearing first on the most ancient lists of Roman gods - so it's only fitting that the head of Janus appears on some of the oldest coins of the Roman Republic.

Janus was usually depicted with two heads joined at the back and facing in opposite directions (see coin at right). He was the god of opposites - of exits and entrances, beginnings and endings, doors, doorways, gates and crossroads. As such, he was the natural patron of the month of January, the gateway to a new year. He was said to look back to the old year and forward to the new one. Thus, the month of January is often seen as a time which bodes opportunity, casting out the old and in with the new. It's a time when many reflect on events of the previous year and often resolve to redress or improve some aspect of daily life or personal philosophy."

-The Mystical World Wide Web



Janus Head, Roman God
(100 B.C.)