



# 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.**

## 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**

### 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

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

