



# Long Island Dahlia Society

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

## MEETING

**APRIL 19, 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  
Arboretum's 2nd entrance

### MAIN TOPIC:

Guest Speaker-  
"Garden Insect Pests"

### DAHLIA 101 TOPIC:

"Planting Dahlias"

### REMINDER:

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

**LIDS Dinner/Auction 4/15**  
Irish Coffee Pub, 12 noon

**LIDS Gen'l Meeting &  
Tuber Sale**  
BCA CH/LL 4/19 7:30 pm

**Bayard Horticulture Sale,**  
5/12

## RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW!!

What better way to welcome spring and to kick off the new dahlia season at the same time, than by joining your gardening buddies for a wonderful afternoon at the Irish Coffee Pub! The LIDS Annual Dinner and Country Cup Auction will take place on April 15th at 12 noon, and everyone is invited! That includes club members, their families and best buddies as well. For the very reasonable ticket price of \$35, attendees will share the fellowship that LIDS members are known for, feast on one of the delicious meals that the Irish Coffee Pub does so well, and also participate in the ever popular Chinese-style Country Cup Auction.

The selection of dinner entrees will include the following: Chicken Francaise, Salmon with Citrus-herb Crust, or Loin of Pork. All will be accompanied by roasted potatoes and vegetables. Penne a la Vodka will be served as an appetizer, and a classic salad will be offered with the Pub's famous creamy-dill dressing. Coffee, tea, and warm apple crumb pie a la mode will top off the scrumptious fare.

Many "found treasures" are expected to be on the auction tables; some brand new, some previously owned. **We are relying on club members to search their closets, garages, and storage rooms, for unneeded but like-new collectibles, giftware, household or garden goods, handcrafts, books, etc. to add to the auction tables.** Come check out the offerings and try your luck at winning that special something or **some things** that catch your eye and beg to go home with you. :)

You may also choose to participate in a separate raffle for extra-special prizes. Dennis Kirchner has once again offered his services to assemble a large "Basket of Cheer", and to provide a lovely piece of jewelry for the raffle. Other prizes include a hand-carved walking stick crafted by Brian Feil, a gift certificate to the Irish Coffee Pub, and both a signed photo print and a special garden structure made by Bill Wolkoff. Many thanks to Dennis, Brian and Bill for using their skills to ensure the ultimate success of this very popular LIDS event!

We still need bottles for the basket, so if you're able to donate one, please call Dennis at 516-239-7260 or Mark Glatzer at 631-523-4532. If you haven't already purchased your tickets, please do so **ASAP**. You may mail a check to Marge Micheels at 28 44th Street, Islip, NY 11751, or phone her at 631-581-7131. If you purchase tickets in advance, you can pay by cash or check, but **cash only at the door**. See you at the Pub!

## JIM IS RECOVERING!

We're very happy to report that Jim Micheels is doing quite well after having his knee surgery on Monday morning, April 2nd, at Mercy Hospital in Garden City. As of this morning (Thursday) Marge said Jim was in good spirits, walking twice a day with a walker, and scheduled to remain at Mercy, where he will undergo 7 days of rehabilitation therapy. The Micheels chose Jim's surgeon and hospital based on Brian Feil's recommendation, since Brian had nothing but good to say of his own knee surgery experience recently. Lots of love and best wishes for a speedy recovery, Jim. We're expecting to see you back in action soon!

## 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!

## NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to the latest LIDS members! We're pleased to be adding the following names to our club roster for the month of August: **Margaret Como** of West Islip, **Peter Natalie** of East Islip, **Delia Cunningham** of Lake Grove, and **Joan Porter** of Seaford. We're very happy to have all of you aboard and we're looking forward to meeting each of you!

## EXPANDING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

The April 19th LIDS meeting will follow a slightly different format than usual, due to the fact that we will be holding our first tuber sale of the season that evening. From 7:30-8:00, high quality tubers grown by our own club members will be sold. Bring a list of tubers you'd like to own this season, and you may be able to fulfill your wish list at bargain prices at the LIDS tuber sale. Be sure to encourage friends and family members to join us for the sale as well!

Then, beginning at 8:00, we will interrupt the sale in order to learn about insect pests, such as corn borers and earwigs, that adversely affect dahlia gardens. Methods of pest prevention and treatment will be discussed by Cornell University Cooperative Extension's entomologist, Mr. Daniel Gilrein. We're very lucky to have the opportunity to be educated by so distinguished an expert in the field, and expect to get many of our questions answered. After the presentation by Mr. Gilrein, the dahlia tuber sale will resume. Please read the article entitled "Tuber Sales" on pg. 3 for further info and sale dates.

## DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY



What's a dahlia club to do when the very helpful director of their favorite arboretum retires? No longer able to rely on the largesse of Brian and his staff in trucking tender young dahlia plants in and out of the lower Carriage House on warm, early spring days, our garden directors formulated a new plan. Bill, Jim, and Mark decided that the long-term solution was to build cold frames! Last Friday, the three men labored the day away making tubular plastic frames, covering them with plastic sheeting, and constructing wood-framed "doors" to keep the dahlias cozy. These mini-greenhouses will enable our fledglings to survive the cool night (and sometimes day) temperatures, while still taking advantage of the warm spring sunshine until they are planted in the ground in mid-May. Thanks go to Mark & Bill for donating the materials for the new frames, and to all three men for their tireless efforts on behalf of the club.

Thanks, also, to the hard work of so many wonderful volunteers this season, we already have approximately 600 dahlia plants potted and "hardening off" in their temporary new shelters.

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**A suggestion:** Club members looking for a cost-effective way to build a cold frame - come check out the Arboretum dahlia garden frames.

