



Long Island Dahlia Society

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28 44th St. ISLIP, NY 11751 **AUGUST, 2006**

MEETING

August 17, 2006

WHERE:

Bayard Cutting Arboretum

DIRECTIONS:

Take Southern State Parkway to Exit 45 South (Montauk Hwy East). Travel about a quarter mile past the light. Entrance to the park will be on the south side of Montauk Hwy. Follow signs to Carriage House upper level.

MAIN TOPIC:

“Staging Blooms for Shows”

DAHLIA 101 TOPIC:

“Dahlia Basics”

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

AUGUST

LIDS August Gen'l. Meeting
8/17, 7:30p.m. BCCH/ LL

SEPTEMBER

LIDS 1st Dahlia Show
Sat./Sun.- 9/2-9/3
BCA-CH lower level

ADS National Dahlia Show
Sat- 9/16
The Planting Fields, Oyster Bay

LIDS 2nd Dahlia Show
Sat./Sun- 9/30-10/1

A VERY SUCCESSFUL PICNIC, INDEED!

- * The weather was perfect — 75 sunny degrees with low humidity and a gentle breeze.
- * The setting couldn't be beat — with the colorful backdrop of the dahlia gardens and beautiful trees of the Bayard Cutting Arboretum.
- * Participation was the best ever— approximately 60 enthusiastic attendees.
- * The food was plentiful, varied, and delicious — including everything from appetizers to dessert.
- * The congeniality among guests was obvious — with mingling and laughter between old friends and new.
- * The raffle prizes, including giftware, garden produce, and various plants, added a touch of fun and excitement to the day — while at the same time, contributing funds to the LIDS coffers.

All in all, the annual LIDS picnic was as near perfect as a day could be!

(For photos of the event, please see page 4, “SUCCESSFUL PICNIC - cont'd.”)

EXPANDING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Just in time for our first LIDS Dahlia Show (September 2nd and 3rd), as well as for the American Dahlia Society Show in mid September, our educational committee has scheduled an exciting main topic for our August meeting. Entitled “Bloom Staging for Shows”, it will undoubtedly be a very helpful discussion and demonstration of the various procedures followed by successful dahlia showers. For club members who may possibly be interested in showing their flowers for the first time, this is an essential, not-to-be-missed session. Seasoned members will also benefit from the discussion and may add some new tips to their repertoire. Competition may not be for everyone, but many growers find that participating in the shows adds an exciting new dimension to their dahlia growing experience!

We hope to see many club members present at the shows, whether as dahlia displays or simply as dahlia admirers. We can also use all the volunteer help we can get for the show set-up on Friday evening and especially the show break-down on late Sunday afternoon. Whether you will be showing your own blooms or not, we'd welcome your assistance at these times.

LIDS SHOW SCHEDULE

The following is a list of times and events for the first LIDS Show this season:

Friday September 1-

Room set-up beginning at 2:00 p.m.. Bloom staging and photography displaying may be done from 6-10 p.m.

Saturday, September 2-

Bloom staging and photography displaying from 7:00-11:00 a.m. Judging begins at 11:00 a.m.. Open to the general viewing public from 2:00—6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 3-

Room open for sprucing up the blooms beginning at 10:00a.m. Open to the general public from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. Public sale of all dahlia blooms at 5:00 p.m.. Photos may be picked up after 4:00 p.m. Clean-up from 5:00 until finished

Let's make this the LIDS Show with the best overall participation, both in showing and in helping it to run smoothly!

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHY BUFFS!

The Long Island dahlia Society is dedicated to the cultivation and propagation of the beautiful dahlia in all its forms- including the photographic. We invite, therefore, all dahlia photographers, whether actual gardeners or not, to enter the LIDS Dahlia Show 2006. Come share your "preserved" and memorable dahlia blooms in the 3rd Annual LIDS Photography Exhibition. This show is traditionally very well attended and appreciated by the general public as well as dahlia enthusiasts. Your photos will be seen by hundreds of visitors to the Bayard Cutting Arboretum on the weekend of September 1st and 2nd. For entrance info and registration, please contact John Patrick, 2006 Photography Chairperson at lidsnews@hotmail.com. We hope to see you there!

A REMINDER FOR NOVICES

In an effort to lure either newbie growers or newbie showers to enter their dahlias this year, LIDS will be making a addition to the show format. New exhibitors (entering dahlias for the first time) may choose to have their blooms displayed on a separate table in the show, where their efforts will be compared to those of others with fledgling skills/experience. Although these entrants will not be judged by ADS standards (no tricolors), they will be eligible for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons awarded by our club. This is a great way to try out the bloom-staging skills you will be learning at the August meeting!

DAHLIA 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, co-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!

HAPPY TO MEET YOU!

Growing is what we do best!! A very hearty welcome to this month's new members of the LIDS:

Judy Buitenkant of Stony Brook, **Richard & Judith Carroll** of Bay Shore, **Lori Frost** of Bethpage, and **Harold Schwartz** of East Meadow.

We're all looking forward to getting to know you. Welcome to the Land of Dahlia Lovers!

NATIONAL DAHLIA SHOW

We on Long Island have the privilege of being able to participate in the American Dahlia Society's Show this year. Our friends at The Mid Island Dahlia Society will have the honor of hosting the national show and exhibition on September 14-18 at the Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay. We, as a neighboring dahlia club, should do our best to support this important event by attending the show, possibly entering our own blooms, or participating in one or more of the many ancillary activities scheduled for the show week (see below).

Thursday -A boat tour will offer dining and dancing as the boat cruises down the East River, with the glittering Manhattan skyline as a backdrop. Then "Lady Liberty") makes her breathtaking appearance for a close up.

Friday-A trip to Eisenhower Park is planned to view the Eastern trial garden. If viewing the new introductions for 2007 isn't enough excitement, a free barbeque lunch is included to sweeten the deal.

Saturday- **The 40th Annual ADS National Show** and judging. The awards cocktail party and banquet to be held at the Planting Fields rounds out the day.

Sunday- The ADS annual meeting followed by "A Day at the Races." In our own private viewing room at Belmont Park, home of the third jewel in the Triple Crown, attendees will enjoy lunch and watch horse racing, which will include "The American Dahlia Society Handicap."

Monday- Features a tour of one of the finest bathing beaches in the world - Jones Beach. Then it's off to Bayard Cutting Arboretum to visit the dahlia display garden of our neighboring society, the Long Island Dahlia Society.

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