



# Long Island Dahlia Society

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

## MEETING

**AUGUST 16, 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 Arbore-  
tum's 2nd entrance.

### MAIN TOPIC:

"Transporting, displaying,  
and judging dahlias for  
dahlia shows"

### DAHLIA 101 TOPIC:

"Disbranching for maxi-  
mum bloom size"

### REMINDER:

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### AUGUST

LIDS Gen'l Mtg 8/16  
BCA CH/LOFT 7:30  
Annual LIDS Picnic 8/19  
3:00 pm BCA dahlia garden

#### SEPTEMBER

1st LIDS Dahlia Show  
9/1-9/2 BCA CH/ lower  
level  
1st annual LIDS Members  
Garden Tour - 9/22, 12-4:00

#### OCTOBER

2nd LIDS Dahlia Show  
10/6-10/7 BCA CH/LL  
LIDS 3rd annual photogra-  
phy exhibit 10/6-10/7 Annex

## LIDS ANNUAL PICNIC!!

By the time you receive this newsletter, there will be less than a week remaining before August 19th, the date of the much awaited Annual Picnic. Beginning at 3:00 p.m., members of the Long Island Dahlia Society and their guests will come together under the spreading (and cooling) branches of the giant maple tree to share a happy and delicious feast provided by none other than our own talented members! As in past years, attendees are asked to bring a dish of food to share with others. **This year, members are also asked to bring folding chairs.** There will be a concert on the arboretum grounds the same day, so the chairs usually provided by the arboretum will not be available to us this time. Tables, paper goods, and drinks will be provided. This gathering provides a relaxing and informal opportunity for members, new and old, to truly mingle, making it a favorite event for many. In order to assure a well-balanced array of appetizers, salads, entrees, and desserts, anyone planning to attend is asked to **RSVP to Marge Micheels as soon as possible.** Be prepared to tell her the number of people coming as well as the food you are expecting to bring. Marge may be reached by phone at 631-581-7131 or by email at Dahlia59@optonline.net. **Note:** Bring along your camera, since one of the categories at the Photo Exhibition in October will be Dahlias at shows and events. You never know!

## NEW LIDS T-SHIRTS

Due to an interest expressed by members working at the dahlia display garden this year, the LIDS executive board has decided to order more t-shirts made with the LIDS logo. Jim Micheels has investigated the cost of having the t-shirts made. He will report back to the membership at Thursday's meeting and will take orders from anyone wishing to purchase a shirt (or two) at that time. We need to have at least 50 t-shirts ordered to keep the price down for all. The shirts will need to be ordered and paid for in advance. It's been three years since the last time we ordered t-shirts for the LIDS members, and those who have them find them indispensable both for gardening and for presenting a unified and professional appearance in public venues. Why not be the first person in YOUR neighborhood to own a genuine LIDS t-shirt?? ( I studied advertising in college- that was called the bandwagon persuasion approach. :))

## A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE

There have been several incidents of damage to ground markers and trees in the area surrounding the Carriage House recently. We are all asked, therefore, to park only in the main parking lot in the future. **No cars are to be parked outside the Carriage House Loft at any time.** Thank you for your cooperation.

LIDS 2007 CALENDAR**AUGUST**

- 16 - Meeting, BCA Carriage House Loft
- 18 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 19 - Annual Picnic beside Dahlia Display Garden
- 25 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 26 - RAIN DATE for Picnic
- 31 - Set up Dahlia Show, BCA CH lower level

**SEPTEMBER**

- 1 - Dahlia Show, BCA CH lower level
- 2 - Dahlia Show, BCA CH lower level
- 6-10 - NATIONAL SHOW, St. Charles, Illinois
- 8 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 15 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 20 - Meeting, BCA Carriage House Loft
- 22 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 29 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am

**OCTOBER**

- 5 - Set up Dahlia Show, BCA CH lower level
- 6 - Dahlia Show, BCA CH lower level  
3rd Annual LIDS Photography Exhibition,  
BCA Annex
- 7 - Dahlia Show, BCA CH lower level  
3rd annual LIDS Photography Exhibition,  
BCA Annex
- 13 - Dahlia garden, 9 am
- 18 - Meeting, Massapequa

**NOVEMBER**

- 15 - Meeting, Massapequa

**DECEMBER**

- 20 - Meeting, BCA CH Loft, Holiday Party

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!**

The two newest members of our club are:  
**Lil Gonzales** of Patchogue, and **Audrey Collins** of Islip. We're glad to have you aboard, Ladies. We're hoping to see you at the picnic this weekend, so we'll really have a chance to get to know you!

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**EXPANDING OUR  
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

LIDS members attending the August meeting will be able to participate in a discussion of methods for transporting dahlias as well as how to display them for show purposes. **Interested members are asked to bring in a couple of blooms from their own garden for hands-on practice. Trained judges will also use the blooms brought in to explain the criteria they use to judge blooms at shows.** This instruction will be applicable for all LIDS members, but especially for those who have never shown their flowers before, and would like to try their hands at it this season.

The 7 p.m. Dahlias 101 class will cover the disbranching of dahlia plants in order to achieve maximum bloom size.

**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!

**GARDEN TOUR REMINDER**

As mentioned in our last issue, the First Annual LIDS Garden Tour will take place on September 22nd this year. Registrants will be able to visit the gardens of fellow club members between the hours of 12 noon and 4:00 p.m.. The welcome mats will be out at the following host homes at that time:

**Christina and Ralph Ayasse, of Islip; Lori and Mark Glatzer, of East Islip; Marybeth and Don Lang, of Sayville; Elizabeth and Joe Laundrie, of West Sayville; Patricia Murphy, of Sayville; and Barbara and Cliff Reitz, of Bohemia.**

Registration will be limited, so be sure to indicate your desire to attend ASAP, either at the August meeting or by calling Pat Murphy at 567-4298. You may also email her at [Homemurphy@msn.com](mailto:Homemurphy@msn.com). The board wishes to thank this season's hosts for their generous hospitality. The success of this event will ensure its continuation next season, perhaps in a different area of L.I.

( for schedules, please see continuation on p.3)

