



Long Island Dahlia Society

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

MEETING

DECEMBER 21, 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:

None— holiday party

DAHLIA 101 TOPIC:

None— holiday party

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

DECEMBER

LIDS December Meeting and Holiday Party 12/21/06
7:30 pm BCA Carriage House upper level.

JANUARY

LIDS Gen'l meeting

MARCH

Hicks Nursery Garden Expo
3/17 & 3/18, 9 am-5 pm

TIME TO BE MERRY!!

As one holiday song states, **"It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year"** once again! It's time to brush off your holiday finery and join fellow club members in celebrating the season. For that purpose, a portion of the LIDS December meeting (December 21st) will be set aside for **PARTYING! Note that this meeting/party will begin early, at 7:00**, with dinner served first, then the business meeting, then dessert. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share with the group. It may be an appetizer, entrée, side dish, or dessert of your choice. There are so many terrific cooks among our members, that if past experience is any indicator, the treats are sure to be delectable!

Also, if you'd like to be a part of the gift swap at this meeting, please bring a brand new, wrapped gift worth approximately \$10-\$15, and you will get the chance to select a surprise gift of your own. Participation in this gift swap is purely voluntary. To be fair to all participants, if you choose to contribute a gift, please don't recycle used or older items. Each gift should be newly purchased. If the gift you are bringing is gender-specific, please indicate "male" or "female" on the tag, but don't put your name as the giver (sshhh.. it's a secret!). So, mark your calendars and be sure to come join the festivities on the 21st. Let's spread some **holiday cheer!!**

CHANGE IN PARKING RULES

Unfortunately, there have been serious complaints made about damage caused by members' vehicles, while parked at the upper level at the Carriage House. Recently a light pole was knocked over and damage to the landscape had to be repaired. For this reason, there can be no parking at the upper level. Members who are unloading at the upper level must return their cars to the parking lot.

EXPANDING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Due to the holiday party scheduled for the December meeting, there will be no educational segment presented this month. We'll be giving our brains and hands a rest. There are many projects in the works for the year to come, however. To get a preview, turn to page three for a report from our Educational Chairman, Joe Lysik.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following slate of officers has been proposed by the nominating committee for 2007:

President	Don Koehler
Vice President	Jim Micheels
Treasurer	Kevin Fox
Recording Secretary	Patricia Murphy
Corresponding Secretary	Lori Glatzer
Membership Chairperson	Maureen Burford
Garden Director	Bill Wolkoff
Associate Garden Director	Mark Glatzer
Associate Garden Director	Jim Micheels
Education Chairperson	Joe Lysik
Evaluation Chairperson	Erina Aaron
Fundraising Chairperson	John Canzoneri
Hospitality Chairperson	(OPEN)
Publicity Chairperson	Joe Lysik
Show Chairperson	Dennis Kirchner
Website Chairperson	Joe Lysik
ADS Representative	Bill Bushman
NADC Representative	Erina Aaron
NADC Representative	(OPEN)

The nominations will be voted on at the LIDS December meeting.



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 LIDS MEMBERS

Our dahlias may have stopped growing for now, but not our membership roster! A hearty welcome to our November additions- **Elizabeth Tober** of Babylon, and **Susan Knoepfler** of Bayport were awarded free memberships for the coming year after being chosen raffle winners at our two shows. Congratulations, Ladies!

William H. Freund of Rocky Point, **Jeanne McPhee** of Amityville, and **Rosanne O'Loughlin** of Huntington have also joined our ranks. Welcome all! We're very pleased to have you join us and look forward to sharing our love of dahlias with you. **A word of warning:** Our enthusiasm for our favorite flower can be highly contagious!! Before you know it, you may be clearing every available inch of space in your yard for gardens! You won't be alone. :))

BY-LAWS RATIFIED

At our November meeting, the LIDS Constitutional By-Laws were proposed and voted on. As a result of the vote, the by-laws were ratified by the membership, and immediately became effective.

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Loretta Glatzer, Editor

Patricia Murphy, Joe Lysik, & Mark Glatzer, pho-

EXCITING EDUCATIONAL PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR!!

—By Joe Lysik

The coming year presents many challenges to the new Dahlia grower. We at the Long Island Dahlia Society want everyone to be well-equipped to take on these challenges, so we will be conveying the years of growing knowledge that some of the “seasoned growers” have. The newly-elected Executive “team” of the club feel that we must not only grow dahlias, we must also help our club grow and flourish. We want our new members not only to enjoy the beauty of Dahlias, but also to feel the excitement of showing their home-grown beauties at our dahlia shows. With that in mind, we will institute a new twist to the Wolkoff Dahlia garden at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Two beds will be utilized to show how Dahlias should ideally be grown when they are to be exhibited at a show. A few Saturday mornings will be assigned during the planting and growing season to show exactly what to do to achieve optimum blooms. These dates will be announced in the New Year.

Also we will include a judges’ roundtable in one of the main programs of our meetings. During this discussion, you will learn what judges look for when they judge dahlias at the shows. Besides size and color, there are many aspects to a perfect bloom; angle of bloom, trueness to form, etc.

If anyone has any other ideas for growing the club, please let me know. We are open to any and all suggestions. We hope it will be a great year of learning, growing, and showing for everyone in our “dahlia family.”

ONLY TRACES LEFT



Lori Glatzer cuts down dahlia stalks in her garden on an unusually mild late November day



The Arboretum garden snoozing
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“Hey, Guys, where did all the flowers go??
For that matter, where did all the people go??
Hey! Stay in line back there. Remember,
we’re playing “follow the leader!!”