



Long Island Dahlia Society

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

MEETING

JULY 19, 2007

WHERE:

HG Williams Community Center- Massapequa, NY

DIRECTIONS:

Southern State Pkwy to Route 110 South. At second traffic light (Taco Bell on the corner), turn right (west) on to Ritter Ave. The center is in a small park on the north (right) side of the road.

MAIN TOPIC:

“Transporting dahlias for dahlia shows”

DAHLIA 101 TOPIC:

“Disbranching for maximum bloom size”

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

JULY

LIDS Gen'l meeting 7/19
7:30 p.m. HGWCC

AUGUST

LIDS Gen'l Mtg 8/16
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 photography
exhibit 10/6-10/7

FABULOUS FOOD, FRIENDSHIP, & FUN!

What better time to have a picnic than the sunny middle of summer? What better people to share it with than your like-minded buddies? What better place to have it than in a park surrounded by magnificent specimen trees, gorgeous flowers of every hue, and many fascinating species of birds? Nothing better, you say? That's the general consensus! Therefore, you are invited to come join your fellow dahlia enthusiasts on the 19th of August, at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum's Dahlia Display Garden. Beginning at 3:00 p.m., members of the Long Island Dahlia Society 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, as well as 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 and drinks will be supplied. In order to assure a well-balance 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. **Please note:** In the event of rain, the picnic will be rescheduled for August 26th.

FORGING A NEW TRADITION

Based on the requests of many club members, the LIDS executive board has decided to sponsor the First Annual Garden Tour. The event, which will take place on September 22nd this year, will enable registrants 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.

It is expected that this tour will educate, motivate, and titillate participants. What an opportunity to gather fresh ideas for your own garden, or simply to enjoy the beauty and creativity of others! Further information and registration for the tour will take place at the July meeting or by calling Pat Murphy at 567-4298. You may also email her at 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.

LIDS 2007 CALENDAR**JULY**

- 14 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 19 - Meeting, Massapequa
- 21 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 28 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am

AUGUST

- 4 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 11 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 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
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- 13 - Dahlia garden, 9 am
- 18 - Meeting, Massapequa

NOVEMBER

- 15 - Meeting, Massapequa

DECEMBER

- 20 - Meeting, BCA CH Loft, Holiday Party

**EXPANDING OUR
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

LIDS members attending the July meeting will be able to participate in a discussion of methods for transporting dahlias for the upcoming shows. This instruction will be applicable for all LIDS members, but especially for those who have never shown their flowers before, but 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.

Both topics are pertinent to the upcoming shows.

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!



A view of our prosperous new border dahlia gardens at the arboretum. In the background you can see the spreading trumpet vine above our favorite arbor. Considering how we feel about it, is it any wonder that the vine is forming a heart shape?? See page 3 for more pics

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CHANGES TO LIDS ANNUAL PHOTO EXHIBITION

For the fourth year in a row, LIDS will be sponsoring a photo exhibition/contest as an adjunct to our very popular dahlia show schedule. The format, location, and date of the exhibition will be undergoing exciting changes this season, as the LIDS board of directors has decided to bring our show "up a notch" in several ways. First, the date of the photo exhibit will be moved from early September to coincide with the second dahlia show in early October. This will allow us additional time to advertise to the public and to attract more professional photographers, amateur photo club members, and judges to our venue. Secondly, club organizers are currently in the process of meeting with representatives of photography clubs, to assure that our photo show meets the standards to which the photography enthusiasts have become accustomed. Third, we will be moving the photo show to the Arboretum Annex, where the facilities will be more conducive to such an ambitious undertaking, as well as more visible to the public. The new location will also allow us to divide the exhibit into two rooms, one for professional photographers with exhibition experience, and one for novices or hobbyists. Prizes will be awarded in each category. The following are the ADS Photo Show Classes that will be incorporated into our show:

1. **INTRODUCTIONS OR UNDISSEMINATED DAHLIAS** - introductions of the past two growing seasons or unnamed seedlings. Only one variety should appear in the image, and petals should not extend beyond the picture edge.
2. **DAHLIA PORTRAITS** - any single dahlia listed in the Classification Handbook or past ADS listings. Only one variety should appear in the image; petals should not extend beyond the picture edge.
3. **BLOOMS OF TWO OR MORE VARIETIES** - be sure to identify these
4. **DAHLIA GARDENS** - note location of garden and identify any persons shown
5. **DAHLIA SHOWS AND CLUBS** - pictures of club events and any dahlia exhibition accepted. Identify recognizable individuals and location or club
6. **MACRO VIEW** - close-up or part of a dahlia bloom or plant; may include insects or other interesting elements relating to dahlia culture
7. **KIDS & CRITTERS** - dahlias must be present in image to qualify
8. **ARTISTIC** - image manipulation using traditional approaches (e.g., filters)
9. **DIGITAL DARKROOM** - creative use of dahlia photography using Photoshop or other software applications to enhance image or form special effects. Please specify technique and program used.
10. **DAHLIA PERSONALITIES** - any clearly recognizable individuals qualify, so long as their relationship to dahlia culture is identified with the image.

Interested LIDS members and their families are encouraged to submit photos to the exhibit and to promote the show among their friends and acquaintances. More details, including requirements for size, matting and framing, will follow as they are formulated. Club members Pat Murphy, Maureen Burford, and Lori Glatzer are heading up the photo exhibit committee, and will report updates to the membership at LIDS meetings as well as at the Saturday sessions at Bayard.

A VERY PROSPEROUS SEASON!!

At the June LIDS meeting, President Don Koehler made the happy announcement that, due mostly to vigorous advertising and fundraising efforts, our club bank account is quite healthy at this time. With the treasury totaling approximately \$4500 thus far this year, the board has set aside some funds for new projects to benefit the club and its members. These will be discussed at the July meeting, along with other possible projects to be considered.

