



# Long Island Dahlia Society

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

## MEETING

**MAY 17, 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:

None - tuber sale

### 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

### MAY

**Bayard Horticulture Sale**  
5/12- BCA-CH lower level  
10 am - 4 pm

**LIDS Mtg. & Tuber Sale**  
HG Williams Community Ctr.  
Massapequa 5/17 - 7:45 pm

### JUNE

**LIDS Mtg. & Tuber Sale**  
BCA -CH Loft 7:45 pm

## DISPLAY GARDEN UNDERWAY!!!

The efforts of many LIDS volunteers throughout the winter and early spring has culminated in the planting of much of the Wolkoff Dahlia Display Garden at the Bayard Arboretum this past weekend. Saturday, May 5th was a glorious day for the job- temps in the high 60's, with a gentle breeze blowing- just perfect for gardening. Approximately 350 dahlias were taken from their temporary cold-frame shelters and lovingly dug into the soil in the various display garden beds. Another 150 assorted dahlias will be planted in the rectangular beds over the next couple of weeks and an additional 250 border dahlias will fill the new pie-wedge-shaped beds circling the birdhouse pole. Visitors to the Arboretum are in for a real treat this summer! \* **PLEASE NOTE!! There will be no Bayard display garden volunteer work next Saturday, May 12th.\* (see article below)**

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY PLANT SALE

LIDS President, Don Koehler, suggests that this coming weekend would be a good one for club members to plant or add to their own home gardens. **The Bayard Horticultural Society** will be conducting a plant sale in the lower Carriage House on Saturday, May 12th, from 10 am-4 pm., including gorgeous hanging baskets, shrubs, trees, exotic tropical plants and flowers. LIDS will also be represented, selling eyed-up tubers and brightly-colored border dahlias. The sale is open to the public and club members are encouraged to support the Arboretum, the Horticulture Society, and the LIDS by purchasing their plants at this very popular sale. At the same time, attendees can stroll the arboretum and enjoy all the tranquility and beauty it offers.

## LIDS TUBER SALE

Come one, come all!! Our Massapequa location will be the venue for the much-awaited 2nd LIDS Tuber Sale of this season. Starting at 7:45 in the evening, there will be the usual business section of our meeting, followed by the sale of high quality tubers grown by our own club members. Bring a list of the dahlias on your wish list for this season, and, with a bit of luck, you may find them at bargain prices at the LIDS tuber sale. For the first time, LIDS is attempting to provide photos of the available dahlias in full bloom, to make choosing tubers easier. You may even be tempted by some dahlias that are new to you! Feel free to invite friends and family members to join us for the sale - you'll be doing them a favor! The prices will be low and the quality will be great. The club has gone to painstaking effort this year to ensure that every tuber sold will have at least one growing eye. You can't beat that deal! (-cont'd on pg. 2)

LIDS 2007 CALENDAR**MAY**

- 5 - Plant dahlia display garden, 9 am
- 12 - Bayard Horticulture Society & LIDS Plant Sale, BCA
- 17 - Meeting & tuber sale, Massapequa
- 19 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 26 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am

**JUNE**

- 2 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 9 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 14 - Meeting & tuber sale, BCA CH Loft
- 16 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 23 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am
- 30 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am

**JULY**

- 7 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am.
- 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
- 7 - Dahlia Show, BCA CH lower level
- 13 - Dahlia garden, 9 am
- 18 - Meeting, Massapequa

**NOVEMBER**

- 15 - Meeting, Massapequa

**DECEMBER**

- 20 - Meeting, BCA CH Loft, Holiday Party

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EXPANDING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

On May 17th, the LIDS general meeting will be held at the H.G. Williams Community Center in Massapequa. Much of that meeting will be devoted to our second tuber sale of the season. As a result, there will be no guest speaker or main topic for the meeting. The Dahlia 101 segment will be held at 7:00 as usual for beginning dahlia growers. The topic discussed will be "How to Grow Dahlias."

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 is extended to the latest LIDS members!

We're pleased to be adding the following names to our club roster for the month of April:

**Diane Dubshinsky**, of Hauppauge; **Patricia Chow** Of Medford; **Kathleen Rivers** of Bayport; and **Mary Anne Murphy** of Sound Beach.

We're looking forward to meeting and working with all of you!

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An additional date to keep in mind for tuber and plant sales:

June 14 - LIDS Meeting and Tuber Sale, BCA-CH Loft 7:45 pm.

**\*\* Once the season is underway, tubers will be sold at Saturday morning garden sessions at the Bayard Dahlia Display Garden.** Remember, a good part of the LIDS operating budget is derived from the profits of our tuber sales. Spread the word and help make our sales a huge success!

