



**MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2006**

**WHERE:**

Bayard Cutting Arboretum

**DIRECTIONS:**

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

**MAIN TOPIC:**

“Preparing for our last show“

**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**

**SEPTEMBER**

Mon.-9/17- ADS visitors to B.C.A. in early afternoon

LIDS Sept. Gen'l. Meeting 9/21 7:30 p.m. BCA CH /lower level

LIDS 2nd Dahlia Show Sat./Sun- 9/30-10/1 BCA-CH lower level

**October**

LIDS Oct. Gen'l Meeting 10/19 7:30 pm HGWCC

**LIDS FIRST DAHLIA SHOW 2006**

The first LIDS Dahlia Show of the year got off to a slow start due to the all-day rains on Saturday, September 2nd. Although several growers from Connecticut were present, some of the other long-distance exhibitors who were expected to attend decided to forego the show this year, because of road conditions and very iffy weather reports for the weekend. As a result, the number of show exhibitors as well as show attendees was somewhat smaller this year than in the past. Fortunately, however, the cloudy skies dissipated Saturday night and Sunday was a magnificent day! The very welcome warm temps and sunny skies drew the public out to the Bayard Cutting Arboretum in good numbers throughout the day, resulting in many “oohs and ahhs” and a successful show after all!

As always, Dennis Kirchner worked his magic with the Court of Honor, creating a striking backdrop for the winning blooms and beautiful crystal and giftware prizes (see below).  
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**EXPANDING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

Joe Lysik reports that the education topic for our September meeting will center around the preparations for our last LIDS show this year. We will also be discussing the process to be followed for digging and storing our precious tubers at the end of the growing season. It’s hard to believe we’re reaching that point already, but it will be only a matter of 4-6 weeks until we put our dahlia gardens and tubers to sleep for the winter. After treating us to so much beauty this summer, they’ve certainly earned the rest!! When the ground turns cold, and snow blankets the surface, we’ll be perusing flower catalogs in anticipation of next year’s crop of brilliant dahlias!

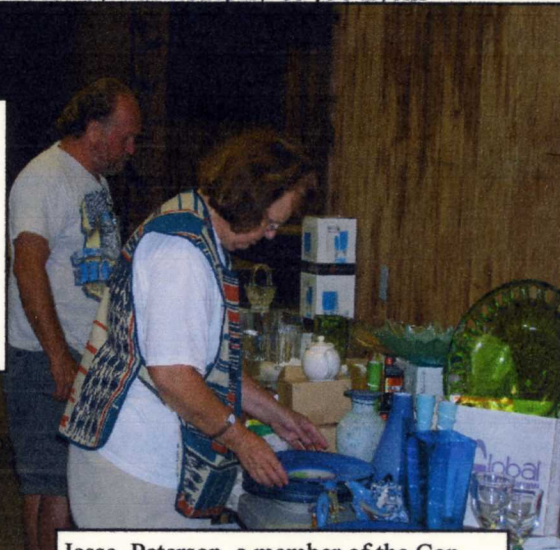
# DAHLIA SHOW 2006—cont'd

Photos by Pat Murphy & Joe Lysik

Judy Buitenkant, Christine Ayasse, and Steve LaRosa work together to drape the Court of Honor table with black velvet Friday night before the show.



Dennis Kirchner and Marge Micheels unwrap the very attractive prizes to be awarded to lucky tricolor winners. —>



A Court of Honor to be proud of!

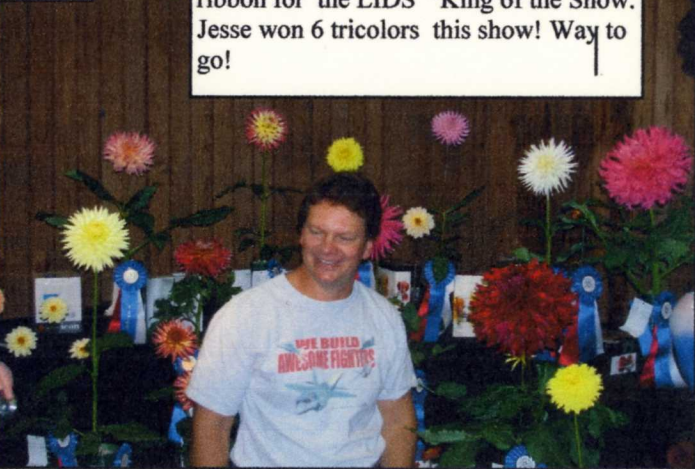


Jesse Peterson, a member of the Connecticut Dahlia Association, with his terrific "Zorro", which won the tricolor ribbon for the LIDS "King of the Show." Jesse won 6 tricolors this show! Way to go!



## PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

As part of the first LIDS Show earlier this month, local photographers were once again invited to display their favorite dahlia photos in a competition for prizes. The photography gallery attracts a great deal of attention and admiration from spectators, and adds another aspect of dahlia beauty to the show. Several of our club members submitted their pictures, and the following were winners in various categories: Daisy Bushman (who won the overall tricolor as well as several 1st place ribbons), Joe Lysik (who won 1st place in the black and white category), and Pat Murphy, who took 2nd and 3rd place for single blooms. Congrats to all winners and thank you to all who submitted entries.



## HAPPY TO MEET YOU!

In the summertime, our dahlias aren't the only things growing – our club keeps growing as well!! A very hearty welcome to this month's newest additions to the LIDS membership roster: **Marc Anassi** of East Islip, and **Sonja Johnson** of Smithtown. We're all looking forward to getting to know you both. Welcome aboard!

## 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, 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!

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## MORE L.I. BEAUTIES

by Pat Murphy & Lori Glatzer

In last month's issue, we spotlighted 6 dahlias that were first introduced by growers from Long Island. They included "Bernadette Castro", "Everly's Mabel", "Judy Albert", "Lady Darlene", "Lemon Blast", and "Uncle Bob." The gorgeous dahlias shown on this page were also the product of Long Island growers.

\* \* Thanks to Dennis Kirchner, Bill Allgeier, Steve Nowotarsky, and Kevin Fox, for supplying background information and sharing their remembrances for this article.



**"ISLANDER"** (A ID DP) Originated in 1983 by grower Joe Wickey. Islander is a beautiful, eye-catching blend of pinks. Since 1983, it has been a major contender, having won 2109 awards at ADS shows across the country. It has remained a strong favorite among growers and is one of the dahlias on this year's "Cream of the Crop" and "Fabulous Fifty" lists. Islander also has the privilege of being the "Flower of the Year" for the American Dahlia Society (2006) show. This national exhibition is being sponsored by the Mid Island Dahlia Society and is being held at the Planting Fields Arboretum in September. Joe Wickey was a member of the Mid Island Dahlia Society and lived in Central Islip. He was a master carpenter and made pieces of furniture that he donated to be auctioned off at the MIDS annual dinner. Members would look forward to buying chances on the pieces of furniture, as well as birdhouses, that he donated for the auctions each year. The birdhouses were reportedly decorated gorgeously and even came in the two-family apartment varieties. In addition to Islander, Joe Wickey originated "Peppy" in 1985. Unfortunately, this dahlia is no longer available.

### \* NOTE

To qualify for ADS registration, a new dahlia must be planted in a trial garden for 3 years, where judges look for consistency, form, color and other factors, before awarding the new dahlia a grade.



**"LONG ISLAND LIL"** (BB FD O) Originated by grower Wayne Wicks in 1993. Wicks was a teacher of aeronautics. His hobby was growing dahlias, and he was a member of the Mid Island Dahlia Society. He originated "Long Island Lil", along with "Long Island Sunset", "Long Island Unique", "Long Island Checkmate", and "Long Island Sunshine", in the 1990's. They were all last listed in the ADS 1976-2003 Composite Listing of Dahlias classification book. It appears that the only one that remains today is Long Island Lil. It has won 158 awards since 1992, including the Lynn B. Dudley Medal. You can find Long Island Lil in the William Wolkoff Dahlia Display Garden at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum.



**"MARIE SCHNUGG"** (O R/r) Originated by grower Tom McNulty in 1973. Since then it has been a top award winner. It continues to be listed on the Top Fifty List (2006) and the Cream of the Crop (2006) lists. McNulty named his dahlia to honor a LI dahlia grower, Marie Schnugg. Marie was born with a handicap that necessitated her use of a wheelchair, but that didn't stop her. She would get down on the ground to plant her dahlias. She was a member of the Long Island Dahlia Society and would always attend the Long Island shows. She depended on the kindness of friends to pick her up so she could attend the annual dinner as well.

