



Long Island Dahlia Society

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

MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 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:

New Hybrids for 2007

DAHLIA 101 TOPIC:

Forms of Dahlias w/ short slide show

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

FEBRUARY

Tuber Division 2/17,2/24
Woodcarvers' shed 9:00-noon

LIDS Gen'l Meeting
HGWCC - 2/15/07, 7:30 pm

MARCH

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

LIDS Exec. Board Meeting
Sun., 3/25/07, 10:30 a.m.

LIDS Gen'l Mtg
BCA CH/LL 3/15, 7:30 pm

LIDS REACHES A LANDMARK!

How's this for an accomplishment? The LIDS Wolcott Dahlia Garden at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum has been in existence for a mere 6 years; yet, according to the ADS, our club can now claim bragging rights for maintaining the largest dahlia display garden in the entire Northeastern United States! Our club has a lot to be proud of, and now we have an exciting reputation to uphold. The establishment of the new border dahlia gardens at the foot of the purple martin birdhouse pole this coming spring should go a long way toward ensuring that reputation. Be a part of our success— volunteer at Bayard!

DAHLIA SEASON BEGINS

Although it's still technically the winter hibernation time to most gardeners, for dahlia growers, the fun begins early! Beginning February 17th, our garden director Bill Wolkoff, and associate directors Mark Glatzer and Jim Micheels, will be busy sorting and dividing tuber clumps in preparation for spring planting at the Arboretum display garden. This process is expected to consume the next four Saturdays at Bayard (February 17th and 24th, March 3rd and 10th). Our directors ask that **all experienced dividers** join them for these Saturday morning sessions. Our successful 2006 growing season produced more than 750 healthy tuber clumps, so there's plenty of work to go around! The dividing will be done in the (thankfully heated!) woodcarvers' shed alongside the display garden, starting at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until approximately noon. So bring your garden gloves and favorite dividing tools with you, and spend a fruitful and enjoyable morning with fellow dahlia lovers.

**** Anyone wishing to learn the tuber division process may join us for a lesson by the "pros."**

EXPANDING OUR KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

We'll be dimming the lights for a treat at the next LIDS meeting on Thursday, February 15th. A slide show and discussion of the new hybrids for 2007 will be the highlight of the meeting. Pass the Popcorn, please. ;))

PLEASE NOTE: Members wishing to continue their memberships in the Long Island Dahlia Society (LIDS) and/or the American Dahlia Society (ADS), please bring separate checks to Treasurer Kevin Fox at the February LIDS meeting, or mail check(s) to him at 81 Gillette Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782 by the end of February. The annual fee for LIDS is \$15. ADS dues are \$20 for a single, \$23 for a family membership.

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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Good News! We've gained 7 new LIDS members since the first of the year! A hearty welcome to the following newbies: **Eric and Susan Baum**, of Great River; **Arthur Rescigno**, of West Babylon; **Margarita Purandare** of Farmingdale; **Delores Scirica** of Massapequa; **Joan Alossa** of North Massapequa; **Sandra Iden** of Bayport; and **Margot Denza** of Babylon.

SEEKING TUBERS

The following Dahlias are missing from our garden at Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Either we never had them, or they failed to grow in 2006. They are all from the list of Top Fifty Show Dahlias. If you had any of them growing in your garden and would like to donate one to the LIDS for 2007, please notify Jim Micheels (631-581-7131), Bill Wolkoff (631-665-1454) or Mark Glatzer (631-581-4532).

Aitara Caress, Camano Sitka, Cameo, Chil-son's Pride, Elsie Huston, Elvira, Embrace, Inflammation, Jomanda, Kathy's Choice, Kenora Sunset, Lupin Shelia, Mary Jo, Matthew Juul, Primrose Pet, Rembrandt, Rose Toscano, and Taratahi Lilac, Trengrove Millenium, Valley Porcupine, and Weston Spanish Dancer.

****Your generosity in helping us to acquire these special dahlias will be greatly appreciated.**

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LIDS 2007 CALENDAR

JANUARY

18 - Meeting, Massapequa

FEBRUARY

15 - Meeting, Massapequa

17 - Divide tubers, BCA Woodshop by garden, 9 am

24 - Divide tubers, BCA Woodshop by garden, 9 am

MARCH

3 - Divide tubers, BCA Woodshop by garden, 9 am

10 - Divide tubers, BCA Woodshop by garden, 9am

15 - Meeting, BCA Carriage House Loft

17,18 - Hicks Garden Center, Spring Garden Show
(LIDS booth) 9:00 am.—5:00 p.m.

31 - Bench tubers, BCA CH lower level, 9 am

APRIL

14 - Bench tubers, BCA CH lower level, 9am

15 - Annual Dinner & Country Cup Auction,
Irish Coffee Pub, 12:00 noon

19 - Meeting & tuber sale, BCA, CH Loft

21 - Bench tubers, BCA CH lower level, 9 am,
Rototill garden

28 - Set poles in garden, 9 am

29 - NADC Dinner

MAY

5 - Plant dahlia display garden, 9 am

12 - Bayard Horticulture Sale

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 by Dahlia Display Garden

25 - Dahlia Garden, 9 am

26 - RAIN DATE for Picnic

31 - Set up Dahlia Show, BCACH lower level

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