



# Long Island Dahlia Society

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

## MEETING

## PRESEASON WARMUPS!

**MARCH 15, 2007**

### WHERE:

Bayard Cutting Arboretum,  
Carriage House Loft,  
East Islip, NY

### DIRECTIONS:

Southern State Pkwy to exit  
45 East (Montauk Hwy or  
Main Street East). Go  
through 1st light, and Arbo-  
retum is on the right. If  
main gates aren't open,  
continue to service gate, the  
Arboretum's 2nd entrance

### MAIN TOPIC:

"Propagating Dahlias" plus  
a slide show of ADS photo  
winners

### DAHLIA 101 TOPIC:

"Planning the dahlia gar-  
den"

### 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

### MARCH

**Tuber Sorting and selection**  
3/17 Lower Carriage House  
9:00 am - noon

**LIDS Gen'l Meeting**  
BCA CH/LL 3/15/, 7:30 pm  
**Hicks Nursery Garden Expo**  
3/17 & 3/18, 9 am-5 pm

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

### APRIL

**LIDS Dinner/Auction** 3/15  
Irish Coffee Pub, 12 noon

As we get our first taste of spring-like weather this week, our thoughts naturally turn to outdoor activities, such as picnics, bike rides, walks in the parks and arboretums, and, of course, gardening. You may not be quite ready to start working on your backyard garden yet, but if you've got that "gardening itch", our club provides you with an opportunity to get an early start on limbering up your green thumbs! Come to the Bayard Cutting Arboretum this Saturday morning and join our volunteer crew. Our garden directors, Bill, Mark, and Jim, along with a host of other club volunteers, have been dividing and labeling tubers for the last 4 weeks. This week they will continue to sort the divided tubers and then select those that will be used for benching up in the coming weeks. Before you know it, those tubers will be planted at the LIDS dahlia display garden for all to enjoy! Once again, our directors ask that all available club members join them for these Saturday morning sessions at Bayard. With more than 750 healthy tuber clumps dug out at the end of last season, we have plenty of work to keep everyone busy! The sorting will be done in the Lower Carriage House starting at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until approximately noon.

So bring your garden gloves and favorite tools with you, and spend a fruitful and enjoyable morning with fellow dahlia lovers. Use the Bayard's second entrance (about 50 feet to the left of the main entrance) and immediately make a left and then a right. After about 100 feet, make a left, following the signs to the Cornell Lab.

## EXPANDING OUR KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Many of those who attended our February general meeting were disappointed when part of our scheduled educational segment had to be deleted due to lack of time. Well, good news! The second slideshow that was supposed to have been shown that evening, portraying the winning American Dahlia Society's Photo Contest winners for 2006, is now on the agenda for our March meeting. Joe Lysik, our Education Chairman, will start with a discussion of Propagating Dahlias, then segue' into the showing of contest winning photos, for an extra-enjoyable evening.

The Dahlia 101 portion of our meeting will delve into the process of planning a dahlia garden. Although the lesson is mostly intended for newbies to dahlia growing, I suspect that many of our seasoned gardeners could also benefit from that discussion! :))

**LIDS 2007 CALENDAR****MARCH**

- 3 - Divide tubers, BCA Woodshop by garden, 9 am
- 10 - Divide tubers, BCA Lower Carriage House, 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 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

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- 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

**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!

**SEEKING TUBERS**

Our club would like to have all of the "Top Fifty Show Dahlias" represented in our display garden at Bayard Cutting Arboretum. If you had any of the following tubers growing in your garden and would be willing 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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