



Long Island Dahlia Society
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MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 2006

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:

“How to Store Dahlias for the Winter”

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

LIDS Nov. Gen'l Meeting 11/16
7:30 pm HGWCC

LIDS SECOND DAHLIA SHOW 2006

The LIDS show day started out as a discouragingly rainy Saturday morning, but by the early afternoon, the skies brightened and the public came through with enthusiasm. The upward trend continued for Sunday, which turned out to be sunny and mild, bringing out a steady stream of awed spectators throughout the day. The show was efficiently run, due to the efforts of many participating club and committee members, most especially Bill Bushman, this year’s show chairman. Once again, Dennis Kirchner displayed a beautiful selection of prizes, making for an outstanding Court of Honor. Many enthusiastic volunteers were present both for the initial set-up on Friday evening, and for the breakdown on Sunday afternoon, which enabled the show and cleanup process to go smoothly. Thanks to all involved for a very successful show!



EXPANDING OUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

As the night temperatures start to drop close to the freezing mark, we dahlia lovers must face the sad fact that the end of the growing season is close at hand. Within the next couple of weeks we will wake up one morning to find that our beloved dahlias have succumbed to the frigid weather. Fortunately, as bad as the browned out dahlia plants look, one of the beauties of dahlia growing is the fact that the tubers have not died– they merely need a “long winter’s nap” (same as Old St. Nick!)
 At the October 19th meeting, Joe Lysik will outline the procedures to follow in order to dig, divide, and properly store our tubers for their winter hibernation. Done properly, this will ensure that come next spring, our tubers will eye-up and be ready for planting once again, promising us another summer season of riotous color!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Dahlia Lovers,

It's my pleasure to report that The By-Laws Committee has finished its update of the Society By-Laws. The major changes are as follows:

* Creating a Board of Directors to manage the business of the Society. The board shall consist of officers of the organization, elected committee chairs, American Dahlia Society and North Atlantic Dahlia Conference representatives, and past presidents.

* Creating the position of Associate Garden Director. There shall be two persons in this position working with the Garden Director and sharing the duties associated with the operation of the display garden.

* Quorum. Changing the number of members needed to be present at a meeting (from twenty five persons to twenty persons, including five members of the Board of Directors) in order to establish a quorum.

* Changing the term of President from one year to two years, with the provision that the president may not serve two consecutive terms.

* Establishing guidelines for the revocation of membership in the organization.

This is a brief summary of the proposed changes. A complete copy of the revisions will be available at our October meeting. The vote on the changes of the By-Laws will take place at the November meeting and the By-Laws will become effective after ratification by the membership.

I would like to thank all of the people on the By-Laws Committee for their input and for the time that everyone spent on this project.

Jim Micheels, President

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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!

THE NATIONAL SHOW, 2006



After two years in the planning, the **2006 American Dahlia Society Show**, hosted by our neighbors of the **Mid Island Dahlia Society**, was a great success. Over 2200 magnificent blooms stood proudly on the show tables, drawing crowds of approximately 4000 dahlia enthusiasts to the Planting Fields in Oyster Bay over the two day show! Exhibitors and growers traveled to Long Island from all over the country and Canada, in spite of the sometimes gloomy weather. The members of MIDS certainly did themselves proud, both in organizing and executing the show itself, as well as laying claim to 36 of their own blooms on the spectacular Court of Honor! They also treated visitors to a taste of the Long Island region, including trips to Belmont Raceway and the Dahlia Display Garden maintained by LIDS at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum. :) All-in-all, a great show event! (Thank you to Warren Leander for info for this article and Jeff Kracke for above photo) For further info and photos of the ADS Show, see the MIDS website at www.midislanddahlia.com].

LIDS 2nd Dahlia Show 2006

Awesome Dahlia Basket designed by Dennis Kirchner as raffle prize!

A Definite Success!

LIDS new member Nahmen Redlefsen gets his first taste of victory after earning his spot on the Court of Honor with a tricolor ribbon in the novice class.



Club member Maureen Burford happily accepts a tricolor ribbon and prize for her Court of Honor win in the novice class.



Show spectators admire the gorgeous dahlia blossoms on the Court of Honor ↑

Bill Bushman assigns judging and clerking positions—one of his many duties as the LIDS Show Chairman for 2006. ↑



Obviously delighted with her choices, a happy show spectator goes home with a bundle of beauties!



Bill Allgeier clutches his prize vase after winning a place on the Court of Honor.



Marge Schnerr receives an autumn themed platter for her Court of Honor win.

