

The Connecticut Dahlia Society

June 2016 Newsletter

Meeting Date: Sunday, June 12, 2016
Time: 1:00 pm New Grower's Program
2:00 pm Business Meeting
Place: Thomaston Savings Bank, 985 Watertown Avenue,
Waterbury

President's Message:

Our weather this spring had a lot of surprises for us. We experienced a long period of cold weather that forced many growers to delay their planting and after that was over we experienced a heat wave. Many of my roots that I planted on May 15th are now making their appearance above ground and seem to be on schedule to bloom by our show. It will be hard to predict what kind of an outcome we will have following this unusual spring weather but we are hopeful that we will be able to produce another great early show on August 27th.

At this New Grower's Program we hope to have a good attendance from our new members as this program is designed for you! The program will cover how to care for your dahlias in order to make them into show worthy blooms that you will be happy to enter into our show. Our Novice Classes are provided just for those exhibitors who have never exhibited before.

This program will teach you how to care for your plants by topping them off early, use of further fertilization, use of insecticides and a discussion of the ADS Classification system.

We are fortunate to have a group of prize winning exhibitors in the CDS and they will be participating in this program and encouraging our new members in teaching them to grow great dahlias.

Our August 14th date is planned to be our Picnic and if anyone would like to volunteer their home to host the Picnic the society also supports it financially. We have moved around to many member locations throughout the years and are now hopeful that we may be able to visit a new location. Please let me know if you would like to offer your site.

Marge Schnerr

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

The CT Dahlia Society is looking for volunteers to work as clerks at our show August 27th. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow dahlia enthusiasts, see the very best of the varieties being grown today and learn more about exhibiting your beautiful blooms! No experience needed. You will be traveling with a judging team and will be recording and marking the winning

blooms, as per the judges' instructions. In the process, you will be learning about the dahlias chosen and helping CDS. Once the judging is over, you will receive a voucher for lunch, and a have a chance to enjoy the show!

If you've always wanted to get involved, this is a wonderful way to start, and is a one-time commitment.

Please contact Melanie Dumont, our coordinator, for more information or to volunteer.

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2016 CDS Meeting Dates:

July 10 Thomaston Bank

Aug. 14 Annual Picnic, place to be decided

**Aug. 27 CDS Dahlia Society
58th Annual Show,
Pond House, West Hartford**

Sept. No Meeting, Show Month

Oct. 9 Thomaston Bank

Nov. 13 Thomaston Bank

Dec. Holiday Party, date & place to be decided

2016 Show Schedule:

Aug. 20 & 21 Washington County Fair,
hosted by the RIDS

**Aug. 27 CT Dahlia Society 58th
Annual Show**

Sep. 3 Southern Tier Dahlia Society

Sep. 3 & 4 Long Island Dahlia Society

Sep 10 & 11 Rhode Island Dahlia Society

Sept. 17 & 18 New England Dahlia Society,
1st Show, Tower Hill Botanic
Garden, Boylston, MA

Sept. 24 & 25 Mid Island Dahlia Society

Oct. 1 & 2 Greenwich Dahlia Society
Provincetown MA Dahlia
Society

Oct. 8 & 9 Long Island Dahlia Society
2nd Show

Marilyn Lonergan, Editor