

The Connecticut Dahlia Society

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November 2017 Newsletter

Meeting Date: Sunday, November 12, 2017
Time: 2:00 pm Business Meeting
Place: Thomaston Savings Bank, 985 Watertown Avenue,
Waterbury

Connecticut Dahlia Society Receives the Theodore Wirth Award

President's Message:

A strange summer has been followed by a very wet October. I received a total of 10" of rain in the 2 rain events this October, where was this rain in August and September?

At this November meeting we will select dates for our meetings. The dates for the 2018 Root Sale and Show have already been scheduled so you can add them to your 2018 calendar now.

A Dues Renewal form is attached to this Newsletter so please plan on sending it in by **December 12th**. Membership in the ADS is for a calendar year so that is important that we get those dues in promptly so that you will receive all of your publications on time.

We will select a Sunday in December as the date for our Holiday Party so wait for our December Newsletter for this date of a fun time with a nice dinner. CDS subsidizes the greater part of your dinner's cost so that makes it a better choice as well.

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Our society has received the Theodore Wirth Award by the Elizabeth Park Conservancy. The award is based on our community service to Elizabeth Park and the Conservancy by our commitment to the Dahlia Display Garden at the park. We received a framed award certificate during the Conservancy's State of the Park and Annual Meeting on October 3rd.

The Theodore Wirth Award is presented to an individual, group, organization, business, governmental or non-governmental agency who has been influential in the planning design, development, administration, maintenance or preservation of a historic site, landmark or cultural landscape in a park, park system or wildlife preserve.

Theodore Wirth (1863-1949) was instrumental in designing the Minneapolis system of parks. Swiss-born, he was widely regarded as the dean of the local parks movement in America. The various titles he was given included administrator of parks, horticulturalist, and park planner. Before emigrating to America in 1888, he worked as a florist and landscaper in Zurich, London, and Paris. He married Leonie Mense, the daughter of his employer in Glen Cove, Long Island, before taking a job as superintendent of parks in Hartford Connecticut in 1896,

where he developed the first municipal rose garden in the country.

Our garden volunteers who work each week at the park are a dedicated group of individuals who maintain the garden throughout the year including planting tubers in the spring, caring for the garden throughout the the growing season and taking down the garden in the fall. The Dahlia Display garden is a highlight of the park and is visited by scores of people each day. Any CDS member can become a volunteer by contacting one of the society officers.

2018 Challenge Bloom

We are excited to announce that the challenge bloom for 2018 is Woodland's Wildthing, 2203, B, SC, Orange. It is a heavy bloomer as well as a good producer of roots. So, as you plan your 2018 garden, please consider including this one. The prize will be \$75.00.



Meeting Date for 2017:

Dec TBD 1:00 pm, Holiday Party, San Marino Restaurant, Waterbury

2018 CDS Root Sale & Show:

April 29 Root Sale, Pond House, Elizabeth Park

August 25 CDS 60th Anniversary Show Elizabeth Park

Marilyn Lonergan, Editor