

The Connecticut Dahlia Society

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April 2018 Newsletter

Meeting Date: Sunday, April 29, 2018
Program: Annual Root Sale
Place: Pond House, Elizabeth Park, West Hartford
Time: 9:00 AM for Committee to set up
12:00 Noon Open for the Public

President's Message:

The Root Sale is our only fund raiser for the year and we hope to make it a big success. We have already purchased many great varieties from commercial sources but we need our members to donate their extra stock as well.

As you know, the more varieties we can offer, the more successful our sale will be. We ask our members to let us know by April 25th the names of those roots you will have 5 or more of to donate. By sending these names to our Editor we can make sure we will have a picture printed for the sale. The public says that the pictures are very helpful for them to see what they are buying!

Please go through your stock to sort out those roots that you will donate. If your roots do not show a visible eye, plan now to get them into some damp peat moss and put them in a warm place to encourage them to eye out. We need the name clearly labeled on the individual roots and at least one clearly visible eye.

Please deliver your donations to the Pond House as close to 9:00 AM as possible. This will allow us to have an orderly start.

We look forward to seeing all our members on the 29th, along with any donations you may have!

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2018 Challenge Blooms:

We have three challenge blooms this year!! Please see last month's newsletter for pictures of them.

Our regular 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. The prize will be \$75.00 for the best entry. We will have some roots available at the sale.

The **Neckerman award** will be presented at our show this year to the best **April Dawn**, B, ID, Light blend, entered in that class. This award is presented by the **NADC**, and will include 3 monetary prizes. Roots will be available at the root sale.

Finally, a special challenge will be held in honor of our 60th anniversary: **Gloriosa**, B, FD, Variegated, and a special award will be given for the best entry in this class. We will also have these roots available at the root sale.

2018 Meeting Dates:

April 15 NADC Spring Dinner, our members are invited.
April 29 **Root Sale, 12:00 Noon**
Pond House Elizabeth Park, West Hartford
May 20 2:00 pm Regular Meeting
June 24 2:00 pm Regular Meeting
July 15 2:00 pm Regular Meeting
August 12 2:00 pm Regular Meeting
Aug. 25 CDS 60th Anniversary, Show, Pond House
October 14 2:00 pm Regular Meeting & October Bloom Contest
Nov. 11 2:00 Regular Meeting
Dec. 9 Holiday Party 1:00 pm

2018 Show Dates:

August 18 Washington County Fair, Show hosted by the RIDS
August 25 **60th Anniversary Show of the CT Dahlia Society, Pond House**
Sept. 1 & 2 Long Island Dahlia Soc.
Sept. 8 & 9 Rhode Island Dahlia Soc.
Sept. 8 & 9 New Jersey Dahlia Soc.
Sept. 15 & 16 Mid Island Dahlia Soc.
Sept. 23 & 24 **ADS Show- Philadelphia**
Sept. 29 & 30 Greenwich Dahlia Soc.
Sept. 29 & 30 New England Dahlia Soc.
Oct. 6 & 7 LIDS 2nd. Show

Marilyn Lonergan, Editor