

The Connecticut Dahlia Society

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July 2018 Newsletter

Meeting Date: Sunday, July 15, 2018
Time: 1:00 pm “Debranching your Dahlias” Understanding both the “American Dahlia Classification System” and our “CDS Show Schedule” By Marge Schnerr
2:00 pm Regular Meeting
Place: Thomaston Savings Bank, 985 Watertown Avenue, Waterbury

President’s Message:

In our June Newsletter I started by saying how dry the Spring had been and now we have this serious heat spell that is upon us! Dahlia growing seems to be a constant challenge from the weather!

We had a program for new members at our June Meeting and those attendees are interested to continue on in July to learn some more aspects of debranching and learning how our varieties are classified and how they will use our show schedule.

At our August Meeting we will have a program to teach our new members how transport their blooms, and how to stage their blooms for our show. Our show containers will be used and we will also show how to make entry tags for them. New members will be encouraged to bring some of their blooms to work with so that they will feel confident on transporting their blooms to the show and how to go about setting them up for entry.

Also some of our experienced members have requested seeing a demonstration on how to make a basket.

We look forward to having a good turnout for this training session before our usual meeting.

Marge Schnerr

Tending the Display Garden

On Monday, June 25, 2018, Jesse Peterson and Sal Corio offered a demonstration on what is involved when taking care of the Dahlia Display Garden at Elizabeth Park. Twenty Five people attended, both Society Members and non-members.

A short history of the Display Garden was reviewed along with the reasons why the Society continues to maintain it. Jesse and Sal were a good team as they reviewed the correct way to water, weed, stop a plant, and tie dahlias to a stake. They also showed how to check a buried root to see if it is still viable and how to replace a plant. There was good interaction and interesting to note that everyone has a slightly different way of doing things.

An updated version of “Display Garden Guidelines” was distributed. A majority of

those who attended indicated an interest in volunteering at the garden. We had a nice gathering at the Prospect Café afterwards and shared stories about dahlias, as well as life in general. It seems like we will have a good team for the rest of Dahlia Season, including digging and storing for the Winter!

Melanie Dumont

SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The CT Dahlia Society is looking for volunteers to work as clerks at our show August 25th. 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 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 our coordinator, Sal Corio (srcorio@hotmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

2018 Meeting Dates:

August 12 1:00 pm "Staging your dahlias for showing and baskets"
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

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