

The Connecticut Dahlia Society

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June 2018 Newsletter

Meeting Date: Sunday, June 24, 2018
Time: 1:00 pm “Topping Your Dahlias and further care of your dahlias” By Marge Schnerr
2:00 pm Regular Meeting
Place: Thomaston Savings Bank, 985 Watertown Avenue, Waterbury

President’s Message:

A dry Spring has now confronted us and your dahlias are becoming dry. By now many of your roots should have broken the surface and they will need some watering. Also, it is time to begin your spraying program, more on this will be covered at our 1:00 pm program.

At the July meeting I will give a program on “disbranching of your plants.” Then in August we will have a “hands on lesson” on how to stage your blooms for show.

This program will also will have a demonstration on how to make a basket entry. New members will be encouraged to bring some of their blooms to work on to practice their staging of them for entry in our show on August 25th.

Our Display Gardens that we maintain at Elizabeth Park are in need of volunteers.

Please consider helping us there. See the next article for further information.

Marge Schnerr

Meeting at our Display Gardens on Monday, June 25th.

We need your help!

Elizabeth Park and Dahlias go hand in hand. It is unbelievably rewarding to have literally thousands of people view and enjoy our Display Garden every Summer. But, there are now only a limited number of members who care for the garden. You can imagine the time commitment involved.

It doesn’t have to be this way. If our membership takes an active role with the success of the Display Garden, many hands would make light work. If we can get enough to help, the time commitment might only be every other week. The work can be done mornings, afternoons or evenings, so the time frame would be according to your schedule. We connect via email so there are no regular meetings to attend.

We recognize that many may not be comfortable with what needs to be done. So, we plan on having several “hands on” meetings at the Display Garden. We will demonstrate the work

involved through every stage of development. Learning how to grow dahlias is the goal!

The first special meeting will be:

Monday, June 25, 2018

5:30 pm

**The Display Garden at Elizabeth Park (close to the greenhouses)
Instruction by Jesse Peterson and Sal Corio**

Please feel free to bring your friends and family! We have no doubt that you will see how rewarding your efforts will be. If anyone is interested, we can head to the Prospect Café (345 Prospect Ave. West Hartford) after the demonstration to continue our Dahlia Discussion.

We would like an idea of how many to expect so please email your thoughts to melaniedumont@comcast.net.

Thank you in advance!

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2018 Meeting Dates:

June 25	Special Meeting, 5:30 pm Elizabeth Park Display Garden
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 2 nd . Show

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