

The Connecticut Dahlia Society

www.ctdahlia.org

August 2021 Newsletter

Meeting Date: Sunday, August 8, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM

**Place: Thomaston Savings Bank, (Parking Lot)
985 Watertown Avenue, Waterbury**

President's Message:

Greetings Members,

The first dahlia blooms of the season have started to open signaling the start of the show season, August 28th. The CT Dahlia Show at Elizabeth Park is right around the corner! Have you signed up for helping with the show? Please do so now! We need volunteers to help with the show and we need to know early so that we can plan out our show team. You don't need to be there all day, you can come for set-up or break - down. Remember to mark your calendars and email or call us to sign up! New growers are encouraged to attend the meeting with any questions they may have on how to properly prepare and transport their blooms to the show. See you on Sunday.

Kevin Wasilewski

CDS Meeting Dates:

August 28 CDS Show, Elizabeth Park)
September No Meeting- Show time

2021 Show Dates:

Aug 28 **CT Dahlia Society**
Sept 4 & 5 Long Island Dahlia Society
Sept.11&12 Rhode Island Dahlia Society
Sept.18&19 Mid Island Dahlia Society
Sept.25&26 Greenwich DS
Sept.25&26 New England DS

2021 CDS Dahlia Show

On Saturday, August 28 we hold our show in the Pond House at Elizabeth Park. We are excited to hold our show again after last year' s break. The annual CDS show is our opportunity to showcase and promote dahlia growing in Connecticut.

Entry details and rules can be found in the Show Schedule available at the show or at our website, www.ctdahlia.org.

We encourage everyone to bring blooms to the show. We even have a special show class (novice) for new exhibitors so don't feel intimidated. If you have never exhibited and feel that you would like help setting up that day let me know ahead of time and I'll make sure someone will be there to help you. Join the fun and plan to bring a bloom or two to the show.

If you would like to work at the show

Show set-up will be on Saturday morning starting at around 6:30 AM. Volunteers are always needed to help set up the show hall on Saturday morning and to help tear down on Saturday afternoon. Volunteers do not need to be dahlia growers however some of the work does require some lifting. The show is really made up of many smaller tasks that an individual or couple of people can work on. Please help if you can...the more volunteers, the faster the jobs are accomplished. For the newer members, we always have things you can do to help, and all CDS members have the opportunity to participate in judging at the show as either Clerks or Student Judges. This is a great way to learn about showing dahlias and what makes one stand out from the others.

Please contact the Show Chairman if you can help.

A couple of specific needs on show day are **sale of flowers** and **overseeing the luncheon**. See July's Newsletter for more details.

Jesse Peterson, Show Chairman
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Elizabeth Park Dahlia Display Garden

The Elizabeth Park Display Garden is Growing! Our garden has been a focal point in the park for many years now and is looked forward to by the park's many daily visitors. Our garden holds a prominent place in the park across from the historic Rose Garden. As summer fades into fall the dahlia garden becomes the park's shining star!

This year as always we are relying on CDS members to volunteer their services and help maintain the garden during the late summer and fall months. Specifically the needs are watering and deadheading. This becomes especially important to maintain the beauty of the garden.

If you are able to help our existing volunteers with this year's garden please contact me at email:
jessepi@comcast.net or call me: 860-485-3376.
Generally you can expect these tasks to take less than 1 hour.

Jesse Peterson

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