

The Connecticut Dahlia Society

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July 2022 Newsletter

Date: Saturday, July 16
Time: 10:00
Place: Prospect Library Community Room
17 Center Street, Prospect, CT

President's Message:

Hi members,

I hope your gardens are up and growing! Tying and watering this time of year is never-ending, monitoring for pests is always on the top of the list as well.

Our big news is our new meeting room at the Prospect Library! A group of us met there last month and everyone liked the accommodations. It's so nice to have an actual room to meet in again. We had a nice informal meeting and had some extra dahlia tubers for members who needed replacements or wanted to add something new to their gardens.

We still have extra roots that I'll bring to the next meeting if anyone needs a replacement or has room to plant more.

Our July /August meetings are both important for planning for our upcoming show on August 27, and helping you as growers in how to prepare for a flower show and how to transport your blooms safely so they aren't damaged in transit. With the right planning and preparation

it isn't really that daunting and it makes us better growers and exhibitors !

The dahlia display garden up at Elizabeth Park is looking good and always in need of volunteers to help with watering and dead-heading and keeping the beds looking their best. If you are interested in helping or know someone who doesn't have a garden of their own who would like to help, please contact Jessie Peterson or any of our members and we'll get them the contact info. No experience necessary!

I hope to see you all at the meeting on Saturday, the 16th!

Happy growing,
Kevin

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CDS Meeting Dates:

Please note the new dates for July and August meetings.

July 16	Regular Meeting 10:00 Prospect Library
August 7	Regular Meeting 10:00 Prospect Library

August 27 CDS Show, Elizabeth Park
 September No Meeting- Show time
 October 9 Regular Meeting 10:00 &
 In-house Competition
 Nov. 6 Regular Meeting 10:00
 Dec. Holiday Party, San Marino

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Update on 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 parks many 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 summer and fall months. Specifically, the needs are watering, weeding 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 phone 860-485-3376. Generally you can expect these tasks to take less than 1 hour.

Jesse Peterson

Challenge Flower



CORNEL
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Our Challenge Flower for this year's show will be Cornel, a dark red ball originated in Holland in 1996. It is very prolific and an excellent tuber maker.

2022 Show Dates:

August 27 **CDS Show, Elizabeth Park**
 Challenge: **Cornel**
 Sept. 3 & 4 **Long Island DS**
 Challenge: **Bloomquist Jean**
 Sept. 10 & 11 **Rhode Island DS**
 Challenge: **Ivanetti**
 Sept 17 & 18 **Mid Island DS**
 Challenge: **AC Abby**
New England DS
 Challenge: **Sandia Brocade**
 Sept 24 & 25 **National Show**
 Oct. 1 & 2 **Greenwich DS**

We will post changes or updates as they become available .Check the CDS website for the latest information.

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