

BULLETIN of the AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

& Premium List of
18th Annual Show



3rd Quarter, 1932



Vase of Miss Harriet Hctor, Purple Informal Decorative

SUCCESS DAHLIA GARDENS

ORIGINATORS — INTRODUCERS

We specialize in introducing California originations from the gardens of J. J. Broomall and C. W. Ballay. A visit to our garden this year will be a treat for the Dahlia lover who likes to see outstanding Dahlias before they are introduced. We have hundreds of hills of unreleased Dahlias awaiting our visitors.

OUR CALIFORNIA GARDEN

We have set aside a section of our trial garden in which we will feature California originations exclusively from the gardens of many California well known growers who have kindly sent us many of their unreleased seedlings for this garden. The donors are Mrs. Lymbrey (Bessie Boston), Miss Alice Meussdorffer, Samuel Newsom, Carl Salbach, Charles Garrity, and others. We appreciate the kindness of the above mentioned growers in sending their best for the Eastern growers inspection. We feel that with the Broomall and Ballay originations in great numbers it is worth while to plan a visit to our garden this season.

NEW ENGLAND'S LARGEST FALL FLOWER SHOW

We wish to extend our friends a cordial invitation to visit this remarkable exhibition which will be held in the State Armory, Lawrence, Massachusetts, August 24-25-26, 1932. This exhibition was classed as one of five outstanding shows held in the East last season. Our nationally known judges will be pleased to meet you in Lawrence—here they are: Mrs. W. E. Hayward, J. A. Kemp, Derrill W. Hart, Thomas Leavitt, George L. Farnum, W. L. W. Darnell, George W. Fraser. A good suggestion: visit this exhibition and then join us in making a trip to our garden. This exhibition is sponsored by the Lawrence Lions Club.

BE SURE AND VISIT OUR DISPLAY AT ATLANTIC CITY

SUCCESS DAHLIA GARDENS

(Charles G. Reed, Prop.)

HOME OF "MARGARET E. BROOMALL," WORLD'S LARGEST DAHLIA

171 FERRY STREET

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COME TO THE DAHLIA SHOW

THE rendezvous for good fellows and fine blooms. There you will see the Dahlia at its best . . . primped and primed like the deb for a gala presentation.

THERE is lots of fun to be had from exhibiting, too, in case you have never attempted it.

WE recommend your attending any or all of the following shows, and will be happy to greet you at all these events or at our nurseries in Vineland, New Jersey.

3rd National Atlantic City Flower & Garden Pageant

Atlantic City Auditorium, Atlantic City, N. J.

September 3rd to 10th, inclusive. Dahlia Days—September 8th, 9th and 10th

The Baltimore Dahlia Show

Alcazar Auditorium, Baltimore, Maryland

September 19th and 20th

The American Dahlia Society Show

Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, N. Y.

September 22nd and 23rd

DAHLIADEL NURSERIES

Warren W. Maytrott

VINELAND, NEW JERSEY

COME AND SEE A RIOT OF COLORS IN BLOOM

You and your friends are cordially invited to visit my Dahlia gardens to see the following listed Dahlias, as well as 500 other varieties including many that were sent by other growers, but not released for sale as yet.

Judge them for yourself, as to height, color, foliage, vitality, etc., so that when you buy them from your grower you will have a fair idea of what to expect. You are under no obligation to me, but cordially invited.

It will be well worth your time to visit the Show of Shows, held under the auspices of the American Dahlia Society, at the Hotel Pennsylvania on September 22nd and 23rd, and see our display, as well as the world's leading Dahlias in all their glory and beauty.

American Legion
Achievement
Andrea Ericson
Asbury Park
Aunt Nell
Bagdad
Bertha Fritzel
Champoege
Chattaugua Salute
City of Bankok
City of Wellston
Captain Costa
Cloudland Gem
Crowning Glory
Charles G. Reed
Doris Fellows
Dorothy Stone

Dwight W. Morrow
Eagle Rock Fantasy
Eagle Rock Gem
Eagle Rock Wonder
Eva L. Quadling
F. J. March
Florence Florey
Girl of Hillcrest
Gladys Young
Golden Goblin
Helen Ivins
Imperial Pink
Jean Trimbee
Josephine G.
Julia Telson
June Fellows
Katherine Fellows

Kentucky Red
Leona D. Green
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Miss Wilma
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Mrs. L. A. Galvin
Mrs. Walt. M. Jeff
Nellie Austin
New Glory
Oh Henry
Omar Khayyam
Orchid Dream
Olive Wright
Patricia Ann
Pink Ambassador
Pansy G. White
Prince Regent

Rosina Mehaffey
Sara Cooper
Shahrazad
Supreme Glory
Tarrytown
Towerlite
The Queensbury
Tang
Watchung Chief
Watchung Maroon
Watchung Prince
Watchung Sunrise
Watchung Sunset
Western Giant
White Perfection
Wonder Pink
Wonderful Something

Direction to my gardens by auto: one block east of Boston Post Road at 222nd Street, Ely Avenue or Grace Avenue.

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Four acres of gardens, plants, competitive and trade displays.....
America's greatest and largest Fall Flower and Garden Show.

The State Show of six important Horticultural organizations, with over 100 other groups participating. Here you may secure for your own garden, from reliable growers, plant material whose worth is proven in competition.

Schedule of classes and prizes will be mailed on request. Commercial displays may be arranged at moderate cost.



Atlantic City Flower and Garden Pageant

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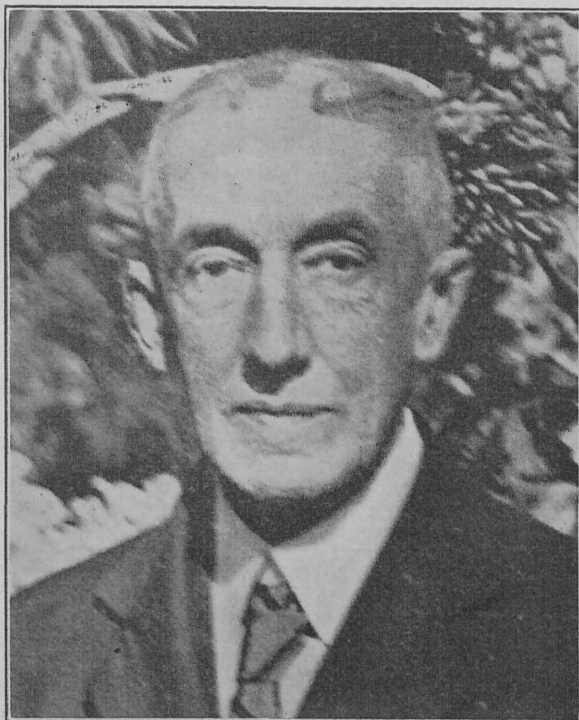
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WM. J. RATHGEBER, SECRETARY, A. D. S., DIED JULY 17th

He had been Editor of this Bulletin for 11 years—Served as Treasurer '19 and '20—Was one of the best loved Dahlia pioneers in the Society



William J. Rathgeber

The A. D. S. has suffered a great loss by the death of our faithful and beloved secretary, William J. Rathgeber, on July 17th, of heart trouble. Mr. Rathgeber, who was affectionately known as "Bill" to our entire official family, as well as to a wide circle of friends, had been in failing health for many months. Nevertheless he persisted in carrying on the routine work of his office despite the fact that many attempts had been made to relieve him of a portion of it. Much against the wishes of his family, and the advice of his doctor he made the long trip to New York on June 14th to attend the executive meeting, and as usual, took a very active part. It is interesting to note that during the entire eleven years as secretary he did not miss a single executive session of any sort or, in fact, any other meeting pertaining to the interest of the society.

Mr. Rathgeber was of a cheerful, easy going, disposition who quickly made friends, and had an endless stock of good stories with which he was ready at any occasion. He has been a tireless worker for the A. D. S. and possessed a very shrewd business ability, always handling the affairs of his office with the utmost economy. Much of the present success of the society must be attributed to this ability and the many hours of hard labor which he has performed in its interest.

He served us as treasurer in 1919 and '20, and at the annual meeting of 1921 was elected secretary, and has held the position since that time, editing and securing the advertising for our Bulletin, which has grown by leaps and bounds under his supervision. He was in the 71st year of age, and never married. Our efficient treasurer, Mrs. Mabel C. Rathgeber, being the wife of his younger brother, J. A. Rathgeber, although it has often been erroneously assumed that she was his wife. He had also served as secretary of the New Haven County Horticultural Society and looked forward to taking part in the one hundredth birthday of the society which is being celebrated this year. He had for many years been engaged with his brothers in the manufacture of soap under the firm name of "Rathgeber Bros."

A large number of friends gathered at the funeral services in New Haven, on July 20th. The A. D. S. being represented by a large group of its officers. The floral tributes were many and very beautiful. Mr. Rathgeber is survived by three brothers, J. Albert, Augustus H., and Henry J. Also two sisters, Miss Marie Rathgeber and Mrs. Arthur Munson.

Yes, we of the official family will miss "Bill", not only for the work he has done, but his good fellowship and willingness to give a friend a helping hand.

The following is a portion of an article from the editorial page of the New Haven Journal Courier of July 23rd:

"Mr. Rathgeber's career is an example of a life well spent. He learned to love nature. He was a specialist in Dahlias. Not every person has an interest in nature, but there is or can be developed an interest in something worth while. It stands to reason that people who have no special interests in life are the ones who, under the new regime of expanding leisure, will find life most vapid. Mr. Rathgeber is an example of a man with a rewarding hobby. As the years passed his hobby did not forsake him. It grew more and more intriguing. It remained with him throughout his entire life."

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CHARLES G. REED, *Commercial Grower*, Lawrence, Mass.

The Dahlia Forum seems to be enthusiastically received by our membership, judging by the number of letters, articles and inquiries received.

We believe that those appearing in this issue will be welcomed. We have on hand more than we can publish in this issue owing to the space required for the show schedules, but the fall number will make up for this, we hope.

We want you to take part in these discussions—and to offer your comments and suggestions. One grower's discovery may save another's garden. One seemingly commonplace idea may revolutionize the Dahlia growing habits of a Nation.

Send in your ideas. Put up problems which will help others, by their intelligent solution. Make articles or queries short and to the point. Mail them direct to the Forum Conductor if you would save time. In special cases where time element is essential—queries will be answered direct first and later published if there is sufficient common interest in them.

Address communications to Lynn B. Dudley, 580 North Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

A Flower Arrangement Class for Everyone

GEORGENA HUMBLE

The question is frequently asked, "How may I arrange my flowers to the best advantage?" Some are anxious to win blue ribbons at flower shows, while many are concerned in the correct arrangement for beauty in the home.

A vase of well grown blooms properly arranged in the most suitable container, and placed in its ideal location in a room, will arrest the eye of the visitor more quickly than any other object in the room. Why? Because it expresses an art, a feeling for beauty in its subtle charm of exquisite form and color.

Nature attracts the young and the old alike, and creates within them a thrill of joy that gives a consciousness of the marvels of nature created for our pleasure. Why should not these heavenly gifts always bring this feeling, when they have been severed from nature's surroundings, to adorn a duller environment? Why should not everyone who uses them for this purpose get this desired effect?

It becomes one of the essential duties of the home

maker to properly use flowers about her home—to arrange them correctly—to place them in their most advantageous positions. This was recently shown by a test given to the members of the Home Bureau Association. The members listened to a lecture giving the principles for acquiring perfection in flower arrangement. Their skill was tested, when, at their annual convention the members were asked to bring arrangements suitable for their luncheon tables. Prior to the luncheon, the flower arrangements were judged, and following the luncheon, each arrangement was criticized according to the accepted principles of flower arrangement. Not only were the prize winning exhibits analyzed but also those receiving no awards. Many members felt the criticisms of the latter were of greatest benefit.

A class giving similar instruction in flower arrangement could well be a feature at any flower show. Exhibitors would then know why certain arrangements receive awards, while others apparently worthy, do not. If one is willing to judge arrangements, he or she should be just as ready to tell why some exhibits receive awards, and why others do not. If this is competently

done exhibitors are shown their errors, and not left in bewildered disappointment.

Arrangements suitable to a definite purpose, such as an arrangement for a guest breakfast table, an arrangement for a hall table, an arrangement for the top of a bookcase, etc., or an open class having any flowers in any suitable container, may be staged at the show, and then judged by an experienced judge. At a designated time, this judge might give in detail the reasons for the prize awards—analyzing each for perfection of arrangement, proportion, color harmony, balance, distinction, relation to receptacle, and suitability to occasion. Following this, an analysis of all exhibits not receiving awards would be most helpful to those who have made the effort without success, and it would help to prevent some errors in future work. Where such a class has been held, the result has been most advantageous, for seldom are the same mistakes repeated.

If you think well of this, try it at your next local show and by all means do not fail to take advantage of the class which the American Dahlia Society is planning in connection with the Garden Club Department of the A. D. S. Fall Flower Show, being held on September 22nd and 23rd, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York.

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Grow Pompon Dahlias for Variety of Color

MRS. FRANK S. FISHER

As each Dahlia season rolls around we see more and more of these popular little "button" Dahlias, both in the garden and on the exhibition tables. Every Dahlia "fan" likes to grow the enormous flowers and have them on exhibition in his garden, they create a topic of interest to talk to his neighbor about. Housewives like flowers to beautify the house, and here is where the little fellows come in handy.

No matter what color scheme a hostess desires for her luncheon or dinner table it may be made with Pompon Dahlias. Even corsages for her guests are most charming made with poms, asparagus fern and a narrow ribbon to blend. For instance, Charming and DeeDee make a splendid combination in two tones of lavender; Honey, a new variety, pale yellow with a slight red suffusion is one of the most attractive of poms, its long stems making it particularly fine for arranging.

Aimee, Anna Kristina, two of the amber shaded varieties combined with Atom, a tiny scarlet flower, are another combination that is kind to the eye. Girlie, Baby and Tiny Tim are all what is termed "baby" pink shades, in fact you can get almost any color you may desire in pompons, there being about one hundred of the fine exhibition sized varieties.

Care must be taken when exhibiting pompon Dahlias to select the smallest and at the same time most perfect blossoms. No pompon will be judged perfect that shows an open center or is more than two inches in diameter, therefore it is always well to cut more than sufficient to fill the class, for often times poms will produce an open center from the close confinement in a box while being taken to the show room. Select flowers of approximately the same size for each class, never have a small perfect flower and a larger one in the same entry if it can be avoided, uniformity of size counts with the judges.

Cut your blossoms after sun down the night before the show, place them in receptacles of the proper size to allow them plenty of water and place in a cool place, cellar preferred, over night; this is what the florists call "hardening off." Flowers thus treated will carry better and last much longer on the exhibition table. Pack them carefully in rows in a box lined with wax

paper, but do not allow the heads to press against each other too hard, place a sheet of wax paper between the rows, this will help keep the flowers from being damaged.

Be sure to read your schedule carefully and see that you have the proper number of flowers and the correct number of varieties for the class you are entering and that your entry conforms to the requirements of the schedule in every way. This will save argument after the judging and bring you the coveted prize.

More classes are added to the schedules each year for this fascinating little flower, why? Because a small backyard will accommodate twenty-five plants and from this number you can make at least ten entries in a flower show, pleasing arrangements that attract a great deal of attention.

For those fortunate enough to have large gardens a very good plan is to make a border in front of the exhibition Dahlia plot using pompon Dahlias for this purpose. It gives a finish to the plot and as these plants are usually covered with bloom they supply all the flowers necessary for the house, the more you cut the better for the plants.

If planted in partial shade your plants will be taller and the stems longer. No fertilizer is required for pompons, only the usual cultivation necessary to grow any kind of a good flower. The top may be pinched out to keep them dwarf so they will not need staking or they may be allowed to grow 3 to 3½ feet tall and stake them. This latter method makes a better appearance in the garden.

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Annual Field Day, Storrs, Connecticut, Saturday, September 10, 1932

CHARLES G. REED, *Chairman, Trial Garden Committee*

The annual Field Day of the American Dahlia Society Official Trial Garden will be held on Saturday, September 10, 1932. A fine program is being arranged and it is expected that a record attendance will be on hand to look over the new creations. There has been much said and written about old man depression, but it seems that the originators of new varieties of Dahlias have not met this old man. The visitors will find a garden full of Dahlias that will speak for themselves. It is doubtful if there has been a better display at the gardens before. Many of the outstanding originators have sent their best and with the best of growing conditions our friends and visitors will not be disappointed. Prof. Roland H. Patch will be on hand to greet his old friends and a hearty welcome await everybody. Lunch will be served in the college dining room as usual. Interesting short talks and other matters of interest to the Dahlia growers will be discussed. Better plan now to attend the Field Day. If you have never visited this section of New England you have much to see that will make your trip most pleasant. You will find the very best of roads leading to Storrs from all directions. Storrs is situated about seven miles from Willimantic, Conn. Busses run from Willimantic direct to Storrs Trial Gardens. Be sure and visit the Trial Garden sometime this fall if you are unable to be with us at the Field Day. Every day is visiting day and a cordial welcome awaits you.

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1932 Schedule and Premium List for the Eighteenth Annual Flower Show of the American Dahlia Society Hotel Pennsylvania, September 22nd and 23rd Admission 50 cents

The Eighteenth Annual Dahlia and Fall Show of the American Dahlia Society will be a two-day show. It will be staged at Hotel Pennsylvania on the Ball Room floor, Thursday and Friday, September 22nd and 23rd.

This location is most convenient, at Seventh Avenue and 33rd Street—directly across from the Pennsylvania Station. This is on the Seventh Avenue subway line and less than a block from the Hudson Tubes. It is centrally located and easy to reach from any metropolitan point. The layout of space is ideal and service will be excellent. Many elevators are available to exhibitors, including a large freight elevator. Visitors can reach it by elevators or one-flight stairways on the 33rd Street side of the hotel.

Dahlias will predominate at this show but there are more classes than ever before for annuals and perennials and larger classes for Garden Club members. Gladiolus will have their special classes, and table decorations and artistic arrangements will be features. It is planned also to have classes with instruction by experts in flower arrangement. This will be staged in the Garden Club Section each day.

The Show Where the Best Ones Get Started

The American Dahlia Society takes no little pride in the fact that more than 90 per cent of all the great popular eastern Dahlia varieties were introduced at the A. D. S. shows. The stamp of approval on a Dahlia exhibited at New York has made thousands of varieties "go over" big.

That is why the A. D. S. has voted to provide a Fall Flower exhibition despite all the gloom prevailing. We feel that we owe it to both commercial grower and garden maker to provide an exhibit where new varieties can be judged and selected.

We invite and urge all amateur and professional flower growers to bring Dahlias and fall flowers and enter competitive classes. The prizes are so arranged that any grower, large or small, will have a fair chance in the competition. And there are more classes on display at one time than in recent four-day shows.

Write for Entry Blanks—Send Entries Early

Entries will be accepted up to and including Tuesday, September 20th. If you have not received entry blanks, write for them today. Then we will appreciate your mailing them early. If they reach us before September 15th, exhibit cards will be waiting for you

at the show. Please address entries before September 15th to the American Dahlia Society, 198 Norton Street, New Haven, Conn. If mailed after September 15th, send to American Dahlia Society Show, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City.

Please read the rules below carefully. They have purposely been made as simple and fair as possible. If every one bringing blooms to the show will have a previous understanding of the rules, fewer questions will need to be asked and more order will be obtained—and a finer display presented.

Again let us urge you to come and exhibit your flowers. Ask your friends to come and see them. Thousands of flower lovers and Dahlia fans will be there. Come and trade experiences with them—come and see how their results measure up with yours.

General Rules

1. The 1932 Show of the American Dahlia Society will be opened to the public on Thursday, September 22nd, at 2:00 P. M., and will close Friday, September 23rd, at 10:30 P. M., Daylight Saving Time. All exhibits must be in place at 12 noon, Thursday, September 22nd, except as noted. Judging will start at 12:30 September 22nd.

2. Exhibits sent from a distance should be addressed to the American Dahlia Society, Hotel Pennsylvania Ball Room, New York City. All freight, postage or express charges must be prepaid by the sender.

3. An entry fee of \$2.00 must be paid by all exhibitors (excepting Garden Club Section) who are not members of the American Dahlia Society. This fee is to be remitted with list of entries.

4. All exhibits must be entered in writing on entry forms furnished for that purpose by Wednesday, September 21st. The society reserves the right to reject or accept entries after that time.

5. The use of artificial material to support Dahlia stems, such as wire or cord, will disqualify an exhibit.

6. Exhibitors will not be allowed to make more than one entry in a class except in seedling classes.

7. Each variety exhibited must be marked with its correct variety name. Uniform labels will be furnished for this purpose. This rule does not apply to classes calling for artistic arrangements or seedling classes.

8. Only standard named varieties true to form may be exhibited in competition, except in classes for seedlings.

9. Any article unfit for exhibition will be excluded by the management and the judges shall withhold prizes when they consider entries are unworthy of awards. No second or third awards will be made when an exhibit is unworthy of the first award.

10. Blooms shown in competition must be grown by the exhibitor entering them, except where noted.

11. No cash award will be given unless two or more entries are made in a class.

12. Trade exhibitors are to furnish all special forms of staging for their own exhibits. Any labor or material furnished trade exhibitors will be charged to the exhibitor at cost.

13. Containers will be supplied for competitive classes except in classes calling for arrangement. No containers will be supplied to trade exhibitors.

14. The decision of the judges shall be final unless the management of its own accord requests a re-judging. Any protest made by an exhibitor must be made within two hours after judging, and a deposit of \$5.00 in cash shall be made with such protest. This deposit will be forfeited to the society if the decision of the judges is sustained, but it will be returned to the exhibitor making the protest if the management shall find that there has been an error in judging.

15. Exhibitors other than those engaging trade space for this show will not be permitted to give away circulars, cards, catalogues or any advertising matter or to solicit business on the floor of the show. Exhibitors paying for trade space may have circulars, cards and catalogues for distribution in a dignified manner.

16. No exhibition or part of an exhibit may be removed from the hall at any time during the show, except by special permit of the management.

17. The management may make such further rules as it may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the 1932 show of the American Dahlia Society.

18. The society will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits or personal property of exhibitors, but will exercise its utmost care for the protection of all exhibits.

The committee suggests that those exhibitors supplying their own containers attach their name and address in an inconspicuous place as many such articles are found in cleaning up the show each year with no means of identification.

Trade Space Charges

Space rate, 50 cents per square foot.

Minimum space sold, 50 square feet.

No space definitely assigned unless accompanied by 25% deposit.

Cash discounts—given only if total space is paid for before September 15th—as follows:

200 square feet or more—15%

100 to 200 square feet—10%

50 to 100 square feet—5%

SECTION A

For those other than professional gardeners who grow fewer than one hundred hills exclusive of pompons, singles, seedlings and miniatures, who do their own garden work, except soil preparation, and do not sell green plants or cut flowers but may sell surplus roots.

Awards in this section will be in the form of certificates for Dahlia roots or other merchandise at retail prices to be selected by the winner from the catalogues of the donor listed under each class.

Each variety must be marked with correct name except in arrangement classes.

Class

1. **Incurved, Recurved or Straight Cactus**, 1 bloom, any color.

First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Fisher & Masson, Trenton,
New Jersey

2. **Semi-Cactus**, 1 bloom, any color.

First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by George W. Fraser, William-
antic, Connecticut

3. **Formal Decorative**, 1 bloom, any color.

First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Dahladel Nurseries, Vineland,
New Jersey

4. **Informal Decorative**, 1 bloom, any color.

First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Success Dahlia Gardens,
Lawrence, Massachusetts

5. **Ball**, 1 bloom, any color.

First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by J. A. Kemp, Little Silver,
New Jersey

6. **Largest and Most Perfect Bloom**, depth x diameter.

Prize, package of choice seed, value \$5.00
Offered by J. F. Cordes, Santa Monica,
California

7. **Pink**, 1 bloom, any type.

First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Lynn B. Dudley, Mount
Vernon, New York

8. **Mauve or Lavender**, 1 bloom, any type.

First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by R. Vincent, Jr. Co., White
Marsh, Maryland

9. **Violet or Purple**, 1 bloom, any type.

First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by N. Harold Cottam, Wapp-
ingers Falls, New York

10. **White**, 1 bloom, any type.

First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by W. L. W. Darnell, East
Moriches, New York

Section A—Continued

11. **Yellow**, 1 bloom, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by The Golden Rule Dahlia
Farm, Lebanon, Ohio
12. **Orange, Buff or Autumn Shades**, 1 bloom, any
type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by R. A. Petrie, Gardena, Calif.
13. **Red, Maroon or Crimson**, 1 bloom, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Elizabeth M. Morehouse,
Fairfield, Connecticut
14. **Bi-Color**, any combination of two distinct colors,
1 bloom, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Frank's Dahlia Gardens,
Bedford, Ohio
15. **Blended Colors**, consisting of any two or more
distinct blended colors.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by C. Louis Alling, West Haven,
Connecticut
16. **Vase of 5 blooms**, large flowering Dahlias, 1 or
more varieties. Stems not less than 18 inches
long.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
Offered by Fisher & Masson
17. **Basket of Dahlias**, arranged for effect. Not
more than 10 blooms. Large flowering varieties
to predominate.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
Offered by George W. Fraser
18. **Mignons arranged for effect**, in one container,
1 or more varieties and not less than 25 blooms.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Dahliadel Nurseries
19. **Bowl of Miniatures**, arranged for effect, 1 or
more varieties, and not less than 25 blooms.
First Prize, 6 roots of miniatures from
Vin-Well Gardens, Wellston, Ohio
Second Prize, \$2.00, offered by Success
Dahlia Gardens
20. **Bowl of Pompons**, arranged for effect, 1 or more
varieties, and not less than 25 blooms.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by W. L. W. Darnell
21. **Sweepstake prize** will be given to the exhibitor
having the greatest number of points in above
classes. First to count 3; second to count 2.
Prize, vase contributed by Mrs. George
W. Holland

SECTION B

For those other than professional gardeners who grow more than one hundred and fewer than two hundred and fifty hills exclusive of pompons, seedlings, miniatures, and singles; do their own garden work except soil preparation and do not sell blooms or green plants but may sell surplus roots.

Section B—Continued

Awards in the section will be in the form of certificates for Dahlia roots or other merchandise at retail prices to be selected by the winner from the catalogues of the donor listed under each class.

Each variety must be marked with correct name.

Class

22. **Incurred Cactus**, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Lynn B. Dudley
23. **Recurved or Straight Cactus**, 3 blooms, 1 or
more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by C. Louis Alling
24. **Semi-Cactus**, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by R. Vincent, Jr. Co.
25. **Formal Decorative**, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by N. Harold Cottam
26. **Informal Decorative**, 3 blooms, 1 or more
varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm
27. **Ball**, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Elizabeth Morehouse
28. **Largest and Most Perfect Bloom**, depth x
diameter.
Prize, root of new Dahlia Mrs. Edgar
V. Seeler, offered by R. A. Petrie
29. **Pink**, 3 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Frank's Dahlia Gardens
30. **Mauve or Lavender**, 3 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Fisher & Masson
31. **Violet or Purple**, 3 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by George W. Fraser
32. **White**, 3 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Dahliadel Nurseries
33. **Yellow**, 3 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Success Dahlia Gardens
34. **Orange, Buff or Autumn Shades**, 3 blooms, any
type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by J. A. Kemp
35. **Red, Maroon or Crimson**, 3 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Lynn B. Dudley
36. **Bi-Color**, any combination of two distinct colors.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by C. Louis Alling

Section B—Continued

37. **Blended colors**, consisting of two or more distinct blended colors.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by R. Vincent, Jr. Co.
38. **Vase of 6 blooms Large Flowering Dahlias**, 1 or more varieties. Stems not less than 18 inches long.
First Prize, Dahlia White Gold. Second Prize, Dahlia City of Wellston, offered by Vin-Well Gardens
39. **Basket of Dahlias**, arranged for artistic effect. Not more than 12 blooms, and large flowering varieties to predominate.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
Offered by Success Dahlia Gardens
40. **Mignons arranged for effect**, in one container, at least 25 blooms and 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by W. L. W. Darnell
41. **Bowl of Miniatures**, arranged for effect, at least 25 blooms and 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm
42. **Basket of Pompons**, arranged for effect, at least 25 blooms and 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
Offered by Fisher & Masson
43. **Sweepstake prize** will be given to the exhibitor having the greatest number of points in classes 22 to 42. First to count 3 points; second 2 points.
Prize, Silver Medal of The Dahlia Society of New Jersey

SECTION C

For those other than professional gardeners who grow Dahlias for pleasure, selling roots, plants or cut flowers as a side line. No limit to number of hills grown.

Awards in this section will be in the form of certificates for Dahlia roots or other merchandise at retail prices to be selected by the winner from the catalogues of the donor listed under each class.

Each variety must be marked with correct name.
Class

44. **Incurved Cactus**, 6 blooms, any color, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
Offered by George W. Fraser
45. **Recurved or Straight Cactus**, 6 blooms, any color, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
Offered by Dahliadel Nurseries
46. **Semi-Cactus**, 6 blooms, any color, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
Offered by Success Dahlia Gardens

Section C—Continued

47. **Formal Decorative**, 6 blooms, any color, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
Offered by Lynn B. Dudley
48. **Informal Decorative**, 6 blooms, any color, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
Offered by C. Louis Alling
49. **Ball**, 6 blooms, any color, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
Offered by R. Vincent, Jr. Co.
50. **Basket of Dahlias**, arranged for effect. Not more than 15 blooms. Other flowers may be used but large flowering Dahlias must predominate.
First Prize, \$8.00 Second Prize, \$5.00
Offered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm
51. **Largest and Most Perfect Bloom**, depth x diameter.
Prize, \$3.00, offered by Success Dahlia Gardens

AMATEUR SPECIAL

52. Open to those who qualify in any of the previous three Sections. Exhibit covering 50 square feet for effect. Other flowers and foliage may be used but Dahlias must predominate. Scale of judging to be the same as commercial exhibits.
First Prize, A. D. S. Silver Medal.
Second Prize, A. D. S. Bronze Medal

SECTION D

PRIVATE ESTATES WITH A GARDENER

Commercial Growers Excluded

Prizes in this section will be paid in cash.

Each variety must be marked with correct name.

Class

53. **Incurved, Recurved or Straight Cactus**, 6 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
54. **Semi-Cactus**, 6 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
55. **Formal Decorative**, 6 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
56. **Informal Decorative**, 6 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
57. **Ball**, 6 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
58. **Largest and Most Perfect Bloom**, depth x diameter.
Prize, \$2.00
59. **Pink**, 6 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00

Section D—Continued

60. **Mauve or Lavender**, 6 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
61. **Violet or Purple**, 6 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
62. **White**, 6 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
63. **Orange, Buff or Autumn Shades**, 6 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
64. **Red, Crimson or Maroon**, 6 blooms, any type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
65. **Bi-Color**, any combination of two distinct colors.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
66. **Blended colors**, consisting of any two distinct or more distinct blended colors.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
67. **Basket of Dahlias**, arranged for effect, not more than 20 blooms, and large flowering varieties to predominate.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
68. **Sweepstake prize** will be given the exhibitor having the most number of points in this section. First to count 3 points; second to count 2. Prize, Michell Seed House Silver Medal

SECTION E**ONLY OPEN TO COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS WHO HAVE TAKEN TRADE SPACE AT THIS EXHIBITION**

All trade exhibits to be judged by the following score card:

- 50 quality of blooms
- 25 arrangement, including color effect and diversity of types
- 25 originality of setting and form of display—no wiring

100 Total

Measurements of exhibits to be approximate and determined by space engaged.

Cash prizes except as noted

Class

69. **Supreme Award** to the most meritorious and outstanding Dahlia display in the show.
Prize, A. D. S. Gold Medal
70. **Dahlia Trade Exhibits of 200 square feet or more.** Accessories allowed.
First Prize, The President's Cup
Second Prize, A. D. S. Silver Medal
Third Prize, A. D. S. Bronze Medal
71. **Dahlia Trade Exhibits of 100 square feet or more, but less than 200.** Accessories allowed.
First Prize, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Silver Medal
Second Prize, A. D. S. Silver Medal
Third Prize, A. D. S. Bronze Medal

Section E—Continued

72. **Dahlia Trade Exhibits of 50 square feet or more, but less than 100.** Accessories allowed.
First Prize, Durand Vase, offered by Warren W. Maytrott
Second Prize, A. D. S. Silver Medal
Third Prize, A. D. S. Bronze Medal
73. **Best 25 blooms**, large flowering types in one container.
First Prize, perpetual motion wrist watch, value \$19.00, offered by Lynn B. Dudley
Second Prize, A. D. S. Silver Medal
74. **Basket of 12 blooms**, large flowering types, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, Chinese Brass Bowl, offered by Mr. J. V. Hare, Trevoise, Penn.
Second Prize, A. D. S. Bronze Medal
75. **Mignons arranged for effect**, in one container, at least 25 blooms, and one or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
76. **Bowl of Miniatures**, arranged for effect, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
77. **Basket of 50 blooms Pompons**, other foliage allowed.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
78. **Vase of 10 blooms of 1932 introduction**, 1 variety, on stems at least 30 inches in length.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
79. **Vase of 12 blooms**, 12 varieties, large flowering types.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
80. **Largest and Most Perfect Bloom**, depth x diameter.
First Prize, \$2.00
81. **Sweepstake prize** will be given the exhibitor having the greatest number of points in the section. First prize to count 3 points, second 2 and third 1.
Henry F. Michell, Gold Medal

SECTION F—OPEN TO ALL**Cash prizes except as noted**

Class

82. **Vase of 15 blooms**, 1 or more varieties, on stems not less than 24 inches in length.
First Prize, 1 root of new Dahlia "Amelia Earhart," value \$10.00, offered by J. F. Cordes, Santa Monica, California
Second Prize, \$3.00
83. **Basket of Dahlias**, arranged for artistic effect. Not less than 15 blooms. Other flowers and foliage may be used but large flowering varieties to predominate.
First Prize, 1 root of new Dahlia, "Mrs. Charles G. Reed," offered by Patrician Dahlia Gardens, San Leandro, Calif.
Second Prize, \$3.50

Section F—Continued

84. **Vase of 6 blooms, Incurved, Recurved or Straight Cactus**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
85. **Vase of 6 blooms, Semi-Cactus**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
86. **Vase of 6 blooms, Formal Decorative**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
87. **Vase of 6 blooms, Informal Decorative**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
88. **Color arrangement of Miniatures** in a bowl, one color to predominate, other flowers and foliage permitted.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
89. **Basket or bowl of 50 Miniatures**, number of types and arrangement to be given equal consideration.
First Prize, 1 root of new Dahlia, "La Fiesta," offered by J. F. Cordes
Second Prize, \$3.00
90. **Bowl of 18 blooms Mignons**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
91. **Vase of 6 blooms, Ball**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
92. **Basket of Pompons**, arranged for effect. Other flowers and foliage may be used, but pompons to predominate.
First Prize \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00
93. **Vase of 10 blooms, Single**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
94. **Vase of 10 blooms, Anemone**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
95. **Vase of 10 blooms, Collarette**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
96. **Vase of 6 blooms, Peony**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
97. **Basket arrangement of medium size Dahlias**, which bloom normally 5 to 7 inches in diameter, 1 variety. Not more than 25 blooms nor less than 10. Any one type.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
98. **Incurved, Recurved or Straight Cactus**, largest and most perfect bloom. Stem not less than 24 inches.
First Prize, \$1.00
99. **Semi-Cactus, Largest and Most Perfect Bloom**, stems not less than 24 inches long.
First Prize, \$1.00
100. **Decorative, Formal or Informal, Largest and Most Perfect Bloom**, stems not less than 24 inches long.
First Prize, \$1.00
101. **Largest and Most Perfect Bloom**, any type, stems not less than 24 inches long.
First Prize, \$2.00

Section F—Continued

102. **Sweepstake prize** to the exhibitor having the greatest number of points in this section. First to count 3 points, second 2 points.
Medal offered by Mrs. Charles H. Stout

SECTION G—GARDEN FLOWERS, OPEN TO ALL

Cash prizes except as noted

Class

103. **Basket of Annuals**, arranged for effect, not to exceed 30 inches in height, other foliage allowed.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
104. **Basket of Perennials**, arranged for effect, not to exceed 36 inches in height. Other foliage allowed.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
105. **Asters (annual)**, 12 blooms, 1 variety, any type, any container.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
106. **Calendulas**, 12 blooms, any type, any container.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
107. **Delphinium (perennial) vase**, 3 spikes.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
108. **Marigolds**, vase 12 blooms, double.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
109. **Marigolds, French**, bowl, 12 blooms arranged for effect.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
110. **Marigolds, African**, vase 12 blooms.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
111. **Roses, outdoor grown**, vase 12 blooms, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
112. **Zinnias**, vase 12 blooms, any colors, giant types.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
113. **Zinnias**, vase 6 blooms, 1 color, giant type.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
114. **Zinnias**, vase 12 blooms, small flowering types, any colors, arranged for effect.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00

SECTION H—SPECIALS

OPEN TO ALL

Class

119. **The American Home Sweepstakes**. Silver Medal. The American Home Achievement Medal, in silver, to be awarded annually at the official show of the American Dahlia Society to the most worthy undissemated Dahlia. At least three blooms on long stems must be shown and must be entered specifically for this award. Open to both amateur and professional growers. The award to be made on behalf of The American Home, by the regularly appointed judges of the American Dahlia Society.

Section H—Continued

120. **Best Keeping Variety.** For the best 12 blooms of commercial variety, same to be put on exhibition first day of show, and judged at noon on the last. Open to all, any type or class of Dahlia (except pompons) to be judged by the A. D. S. scale, condition on last day to score 50%. All entries to be in place by 2:00 P. M. first day of show, and flowers not to be touched by anyone other than regular attendant, who may change water. No boiling water or any other resuscitant to be used. Any variety having once won in this class cannot compete again.

Prize, "The Darnell Cup," offered by
W. L. W. Darnell

121. **Basket Dahlias of California Introduction**, not less than 12 blooms, 1 or more varieties.

First Prize, Dahlia Society of California
Gold Medal
Second Prize, Silver Medal
Third Prize, Bronze Medal

122. **Best 6 Blooms of Omar Khayyam.**

Prize, flower bowl offered by Miss
Virginia Stout, Short Hills, N. J.

SECTION I—UNDISEMINATED SEEDLINGS

Staged September 22 and 23, 1932

Seedlings must be not less than two, and preferably three years old, on long stems. No limit to number of entries. Ribbons will not be awarded unless Dahlia is meritorius. Second prize may be awarded in case of real merit.

Class

123. **Incurved Cactus, 3 blooms, Undisseminated Seedling.**
First Prize, A. D. S. Blue Ribbon
124. **Recurved and Straight Cactus, 3 blooms, Undisseminated Seedling.**
First Prize, A. D. S. Blue Ribbon
125. **Semi-Cactus, 3 blooms, Undisseminated Seedling.**
First Prize, A. D. S. Blue Ribbon
126. **Formal Decorative, 3 blooms, Undisseminated Seedling.**
First Prize, A. D. S. Blue Ribbon
127. **Informal Decorative, 3 blooms, Undisseminated Seedling.**
First Prize, A. D. S. Blue Ribbon
128. **Pompons, 6 blooms, Undisseminated Seedling.**
First Prize, A. D. S. Blue Ribbon
129. **Any Type Not Mentioned Above, 3 blooms, Undisseminated Seedling.**
First Prize, A. D. S. Blue Ribbon
130. **To the finest Seedling** in classes 121 to 128 will be awarded the Silver Medal of the Trenton Horticultural Society.

GLADIOLUS SECTION

The American Dahlia Society is pleased to announce that the Gladiolus sections will be staged with the co-operation of the Metropolitan Gladiolus Society, Dr. Forman T. McLean, President.

SECTION NO. 1

For those who grow less than 1,500 bulbs

To be staged by 12 o'clock noon, Thursday,
September 22, 1932

Awards in this section will be in the form of certificates for Dahlia roots and other garden merchandise to be selected from the catalogues of many well known growers, the names of which will be announced later.

Please attach names of varieties to each entry.

Class

1. **One Spike White.**
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
2. **One Spike Pink.**
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
3. **One Spike Salmon Pink.**
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
4. **One Spike Orange.**
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
5. **One Spike Red.**
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
6. **One Spike Purple or Violet.**
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
7. **One Spike Lavender.**
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
8. **One Spike Smoky.**
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
9. **One Spike Yellow.**
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
10. **One Spike Primulinus or Primulinus Grandiflorus, any color.**
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
11. **Vase of 10 Spikes, 1 or more varieties.**
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
12. **Gladiolus in Case or Basket**, arranged for artistic effect. Not more than 15 spikes permitted. Other flowers allowed.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00

SECTION NO. 2

For private estates and gardeners

To be staged by 12 o'clock Thursday,
September 22, 1932

Awards in this section will be paid in cash

Class

13. **Six Spikes, 1 variety, any type.**
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
14. **Six Spikes, 1 or more varieties, any type.**
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
15. **Basket of Gladiolus arranged for effect**, not more than 25 spikes. Other flowers and foliage permitted.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00

Gladiolus Section—Continued**SECTION NO. 3****Open to All**

To be staged by 12 o'clock Thursday,
September 22, 1932

Class

16. **Three Spikes White**, 1 variety.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
17. **Three Spikes Pink**, 1 variety.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
18. **Three Spikes Salmon Pink**, 1 variety.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
19. **Three Spikes Orange**, 1 variety.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
20. **Three Spikes Red**, 1 variety.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
21. **Three Spikes Purple or Violet**.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
22. **Three Spikes Lavender**, 1 variety.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
23. **Three Spikes Smoky**, 1 variety.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
24. **Three Spikes Yellow**, 1 variety.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
25. **Three Spikes Primulinus Grandiflorus**, any color,
1 variety.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
26. **Three Spikes Primulinus**, any color, 1 variety.
First Prize, \$2.00 Second Prize, \$1.00
27. **Vase of 12 Spikes**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$3.00 Second Prize, \$2.00
28. **Basket of Gladiolus**, arranged for artistic effect.
Not more than 25 spikes. Other foliage and
flowers permitted.
First Prize, \$5.00 Second Prize, \$3.00

GARDEN CLUB SECTION**An Invitation**

The American Dahlia Society extends a cordial invitation to amateurs to exhibit in this section which is open to members of Garden Clubs, Horticultural or Plant Societies.

Chairman: George L. Farnum, Media, Pennsylvania.

Vice-Chairmen:

Mrs. Arthur M. Decker, 200 Summit Avenue,
Summit, New Jersey.

Mrs. Charles H. Stout, Short Hills, New Jersey.

Mrs. Albert Humble, 232 Ridge Road, Douglaston,
Long Island, N. Y.

Mrs. Raymond M. Gunnison, 47 Brewster Road,
Scarsdale, New York.

Address all communications to Mrs. Albert Humble,
secretary, 232 Ridge Road, Douglaston, Long Island,
New York.

Rules

All specimen flowers must be grown by the exhibitor. In the arrangement classes, the flowers may or may not be grown by the exhibitor.

Entries must be staged by one o'clock on day mentioned in schedule.

Garden Club Section—Continued

All entries for this Section except as noted, to be made at entry desk of Garden Club Section, Hotel Pennsylvania Ball Room on Thursday, September 22nd, as called for in schedule, not later than 12 noon. No previous entries necessary. No entry fees.

Only one entry in each class allowed to an exhibitor.

Wherever specimen flowers are shown varieties must be marked true to name.

GARDEN CLUB SECTION A

To be staged before 1:00 o'clock on Thursday,
September 22, 1932

Class

1. **3 Decorative Dahlias either type**, 1 variety.
Container supplied.
First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—Max Schling, Seedsmen, New York City
Second Prize, Ribbon
2. **3 Cactus Dahlias, straight or incurved type**, 1 or more varieties. Container supplied.
First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—Peter Henderson & Co., New York City
Second Prize, Ribbon
3. **3 Semi-cactus Dahlias**, 1 or more varieties. Container supplied.
First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—W. E. Marshall & Co., New York City
Second Prize, Ribbon
4. **6 Single or Collarette Dahlias**, 1 or more varieties. Container supplied.
First Prize, merchandise—Green Brook Gardens, Scotch Plains, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon
5. **12 Pompons**, 1 or more varieties. Container supplied.
First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—Brook Iron Works, New York City
Second Prize, Ribbon
6. **10 large flowered Dahlias** in one container, 1 or more varieties. Container supplied.
First Prize, Silver Medal—Stumpp & Walter, New York City
Second Prize, Ribbon
7. **A bowl of 15 Miniature and Mignon Dahlias**, 2 or more varieties. Arranged for effect.
First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—Hosea Waterer, Philadelphia, Pa.
Second Prize, Ribbon
8. **Arrangement**, 1 Dahlia bloom, any type or size, with any kind of foliage.
First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—Dahliad Nurseries, Vineland, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon
9. **An arrangement for dinner table** to contain not over 12 Pompons and 12 Miniature types, to be not over 15 inches high, other flowers and foliage allowed.
First Prize, Bronze Medal—Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Second Prize, Ribbon

Garden Club Section—Continued

10. **A basket of 15 Pompon Dahlias**, 1 or more varieties.
First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—W. Atlee Burpee Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
Second Prize, Ribbon
11. **Arrangement of Miniature Dahlias in pottery.** No other foliage allowed.
First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—Hart's Nurseries, Lynbrook, L. I.
Second Prize, Ribbon
12. **Arrangement of Dahlias**, mixed varieties in copper container.
First Prize, 2 dozen roots Mertensia—George D. Aiken, Putney, Vermont
Second Prize, Ribbon
13. **A vase arrangement of Miniature types**, all to be under 4 inches in diameter.
First Prize, \$5 value Narcissus bulbs—Zandbergen Bros., Oyster Bay, N. Y.
Second Prize, Ribbon
14. **25 flowers**, varieties of Miniatures and Pompons in about equal proportions, arranged for effect. Other foliage and grasses allowed.
First Prize, membership for one year in the American Horticultural Society.
Offered by Mrs. Charles H. Stout
Second Prize, Ribbon
15. **A window vase arrangement.** Dahlias to predominate, but other flowers to be included.
First Prize, \$5 Evergreen—Bulk's Nurseries, Babylon, N. Y.
Second Prize, Ribbon
16. **Collection of 3 Pompon varieties**, 3 blooms of each in separate vases. Blooms not to exceed 2 inches in diameter. Containers supplied.
First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—Westbury Rose Co., Westbury, L. I.
Second Prize, Ribbon
17. **Collection of 4 Miniature varieties**, 3 blooms of each in separate vases. Blooms not to exceed 4 inches in diameter. Containers supplied.
First Prize, Bronze Medal—Vaughan's Seed Store, New York City
Second Prize, Ribbon
18. **Arrangement of large flowered Dahlias** in one container. This class is open only to men who are members of a Horticultural or Plant Society.
First Prize, Bronze Medal—Stumpp & Walter, New York
Second Prize, Ribbon
19. **Collection of Dahlias** to be grown by members of a Garden Club. To be staged in the name of that Club by one or more members. Quality of bloom 50%, number of varieties 25%, arrangement 25%. Entries for this class must be sent to Mrs. Albert Humble, 232 Ridge Road, Douglaston, Long Island, N. Y., not later than Monday, September 19th.
First Prize, \$10.00—anonymous
Second Prize, Ribbon

Garden Club Section—Continued

DELPHINIUM (Perennial)

20. **1 Specimen spike.** Container supplied.
First Prize, \$2 value merchandise order—Henry A. Dreer, Philadelphia, Pa.
Second Prize, Ribbon
21. **3 Specimen spikes.** Container supplied.
First Prize, \$3 value merchandise order—Henry A. Dreer, Philadelphia, Pa.
Second Prize—Ribbon
22. **Arrangement of Delphinium**, other flowers and foliage allowed. Not over 36 inches high.
First Prize, 3 Duckham Delphiniums—William C. Duckham, Madison, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

BUDDLEIA

23. **Arranged for effect.** Any container.
First Prize, 3 Roots Miniature Dahlia "Agalia"—Miss Virginia Stout, Short Hills, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

GLADIOLUS

24. **3 Spikes**, 1 variety, any type. Container supplied.
First Prize, 3 Roots Miniature Dahlia "Agalia"—Miss Virginia Stout, Short Hills, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon
25. **3 Spikes pink or lavender tones**, 1 or more varieties. Container supplied.
First Prize, \$5 merchandise order—J. A. Kemp, Little Silver, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon
26. **3 Spikes red or maroon tones**, 1 or more varieties. Container supplied.
First Prize, \$5 value Dahlia roots—Mrs. Albert Humble, Douglaston, N. Y.
Second Prize, Ribbon
27. **3 Spikes any other color**, 1 or more varieties. Container supplied.
First Prize, \$3 value Gladiolus Bulbs—Arthur Gerlich, Somerville, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

LILIES

28. **1 Spike, any variety.** Container supplied.
First Prize, Merchandise order—William Tricker, Inc., Saddle River, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

MARIGOLDS

29. **Arrangement, Guinea Gold.**
First Prize, 3 Miniature Dahlias—George L. Farnum, Media, Pa.
Second Prize, Ribbon
30. **Arrangement of French Marigolds in bowl.**
First Prize, \$5 value order—I. S. Hendrickson, Jamesport, N. Y.
Second Prize, Ribbon

Garden Club Section—Continued

PETUNIAS

31. Arrangement in any container.

First Prize, \$5 merchandise order—
Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Rockville
Center, N. Y.
Second Prize, Ribbon

ROSES

(Containers not supplied)

32. 1 Bloom pink.

First Prize, 3 Roses—Bobbink & Atkins,
Rutherford, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

33. 1 Bloom red.

First Prize, \$3 value merchandise—
Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Rock-
ville Center, N. Y.
Second Prize, Ribbon

34. 1 Bloom any other color.

First Prize, \$5 Peony merchandise or-
der—Geo. H. Peterson, Inc., Fair Lawn,
N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

35. Arrangement for dinner table.

First Prize, 3 Roses—Bobbink & At-
kins, Rutherford, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

SALVIA

36. Arrangement of blue in any container. Other flowers and foliage allowed.

First Prize, 4 Iris Grisilipis, Mrs. C. S.
McKinney, Madison, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

SCABIOSA

37. Best collection in one container. Container supplied.

First Prize, 3 Duckham Delphiniums—
W. C. Duckham, Madison, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

SEDUM

38. Arrangements of blossoms in any bowl.

First Prize, \$5 order—W. A. Manda Co.,
South Orange, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

TRITOMA

39. Arrangement in any container. Other flowers or foliage allowed.

First Prize, \$5 Iris, Micheline Carriere—
Robert Wayman, Bayside, N. Y.
Second Prize, Ribbon

40. Arrangement in low container.

First Prize, \$5 value Pompon Dahlias—
W. L. W. Darnell, East Moriches, L. I.
Second Prize, Ribbon

Garden Club Section—Continued

ZINNIAS

41. 6 Blooms (giant type). Container supplied.

First Prize, 3 Pompon Dahlias—George
L. Farnum, Media, Pa.
Second Prize, Ribbon

42. 10 Blooms (small flowering). Container supplied.

First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—F. &
F. Nurseries, Springfield, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

43. Arrangement in tones or orange or peach.

First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—John
Lewis Childs, St. James, L. I.
Second Prize, Ribbon

GARDEN CLUB SECTION B

To be staged before 1:00 o'clock on Friday,
September 23, 1932

General Arrangements

44. Arrangement of Sedum plants in bowl not over 15 inches in any dimension.

First Prize, 12 Anemone, September
Charm—Van Dusen Nurseries, Geneva,
N. Y.
Second Prize, Ribbon

45. Arrangement for guest room, in tones of pink; any flowers.

First Prize, \$5 value merchandise order—
Fisher & Masson, Trenton, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

46. Arrangement of any combination of annuals or perennials, or both in one container. Largest dimension not over 24 inches.

First Prize, \$5 value merchandise order—
Turner Bros., West Long Branch,
N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

47. Porch arrangement of any combination of berry bearing shrubs or vines or both in one container.

First Prize, 4 Potted Plants, Iris Grisil-
ipis—Mrs. C. S. McKinney, Madison,
N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

48. Arrangement of any flowers in wall vase.

First Prize, \$5 Evergreen—J. H. Schmidt
& Sons, Milburn, N. J.
Second Prize, Ribbon

49. Miniature flower arrangement in any container, to be no more than 5 inches in any dimension.

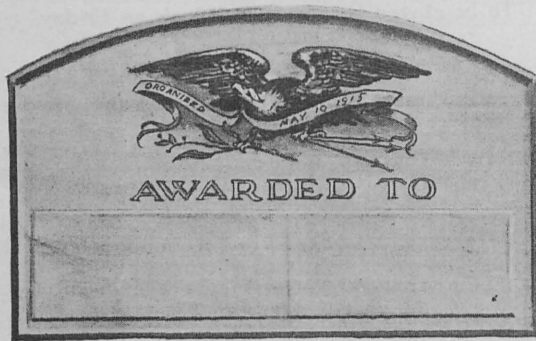
First Prize, \$5 value merchandise—Van
Bourgondien Bros., Babylon, L. I.
Second Prize, Ribbon

50. Collection of garden flowers in two similar containers, to be grown by members of a Garden Club and staged by one or more members of that Club. Quality of bloom 50%, number of varieties 25%, arrangement 25%. Entries for this class must be sent to Mrs. Albert Humble, 232 Ridge Road, Douglaston, Long Island, N. Y., not later than Monday, September 19th.

First Prize, \$10—Offered by Chairman
Garden Section.
Second Prize, Ribbon

New A. D. S. Medals

To Be Distributed for First Time at 1932 Show



The above are photographs of the sketch of our new medal design which is being provided by our vice-president, Mrs. Charles H. Stout. The title is "Flora Blesses the Dahlias." These medals will be used at our coming exhibition and any exhibitor may feel proud to win one.

The Bronze Medal will be supplied affiliated societies if they so desire or the usual Silver and Bronze of the old type may be had if they prefer.

1931 Show Premiums Unpaid

Due to our funds becoming involved in a closed bank as we were about to pay our premiums, as well as to the slowness of collections of our outstanding bills, many of our 1931 show prizes remain unpaid. Our 1932 show is being planned on a very carefully laid out budget and we hope to be able to clear up these unpaid premiums very shortly. In the meantime we trust that none of our members will refrain from showing at our coming show for this reason.

Our records show all root and other merchandise prizes paid. However, our secretary was in very poor health for several months prior to his death, and it is quite possible some errors may have occurred. The committee will greatly appreciate hearing from any exhibitor who has been overlooked and will do their best to rectify any errors.

Several of our members have very kindly donated their 1931 premiums to the use of the society. To these the prize committee and other officers offer their most sincere thanks.

Contributions Received for Show

We are greatly indebted to our many friends who have so generously contributed to our Premium List. These contributions do much to assist the committee in insuring the financial success of the show. We will also welcome any other contributions which any of our friends would care to make. We are happy to mention below such contributions as have been received as we go to press.

- "A Friend,"** \$25.00 cash.
Alling, C. Louis, West Haven, Connecticut. \$25.00 roots.
Burpee, W. Atlee Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. \$25.00 in cash. Certificates.
California Dahlia Society. Three medals.
Cottam, N. Harold, Wappingers Falls, N. Y. \$10.00 roots.
Cordes, J. F., Santa Monica, California. One root of Dahlia "Amelia Earhart" and one "La Fiesta," also a \$5.00 package of seed.
Dahlia Haven, Mr. Willard Phillips, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Three ladies' compacts.
Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. \$25.00 roots.
Dahlia Society of New Jersey. Silver Medal.
Darling, Edgar, New Bedford, Massachusetts. \$10.00 roots.
Darnell, W. L. W., The Dahlia Farm, East Moriches, N. Y. Silver Cup and \$25.00 roots.
Doubleday Doran Co. "American Home" Achievement Medal.
Dudley, Lynn B., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Men's windless wrist watch and \$25.00 roots.
Faitoute, Mrs. M. W., Short Hills, N. J. \$10.00 cash.
Farnum, George L., Media, Pennsylvania. \$10.00 cash.
Fisher & Masson, Trenton, N. J. \$25.00 roots.
Frank's Dahlia Gardens, Bedford, Ohio. \$10.00 roots.
Fraser, George W., Willimantic, Connecticut. \$25.00 roots.
Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. \$25.00 roots.
Hare, Mrs. J. V., Trevoise, Pennsylvania. Chinese Brass Bowl.
Holland, Mrs. George L., Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Vase.
Humble, Mrs. Albert, Douglaston, L. I., N. Y.
Johnston, J. W., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. \$10.00 cash.
Keamp, J. A., Little Silver, N. J. \$10.00 roots.
Leavitt, Thomas, Assinippi, Massachusetts. \$10.00 cash.
Maytrott, Warren W., Vineland, N. J. President's Cup and Durand Glass Vase.
McKenney's Dahlia Gardens, St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. \$5.00 roots.
Morehouse, Elizabeth M., Fairfield, Connecticut. \$10.00 roots.
Mitchell Co., Henry F., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. One each, Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.
National Association of Commercial Dahlia Growers. \$25.00 cash.
Peck, Harley T., Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. \$25.00 roots.
Patrician Dahlia Gardens, San Leandro, California. One root of new Dahlia, "Mrs. Charles G. Reed."
Petrie, R. A., Gardena, California. Ten packages seed, one root new Dahlia, "Mrs. Edgar V. Seeler," and \$15.00 roots.
Robens, H. H., Chagrin Falls, Ohio. \$5.00 in roots of Dahlia "New Glory."
Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. \$25.00 roots and \$10.00 cash.
Stout, Mrs. Charles H., Short Hills, N. J. Medals, membership in Horticultural Society and \$25.00 cash.
Stout, Miss Virginia, Short Hills, N. J. \$15.00 roots, and flower container.
Success Dahlia Gardens, Lawrence, Massachusetts. \$50.00 roots.
Trenton Horticultural Society. Silver Medal.
Veile and Mendham, Easton, Pennsylvania. \$25.00 roots.
Vin-Well Gardens, Wellston, Ohio. Two roots new Dahlia, "City of Wellston," and two roots of new Dahlia, "White Gold," and six miniature roots for the Junior Department.
Vincent, John A., White Marsh, Maryland. \$5.00 cash.
Vincent, R. Jr. Co., White Marsh, Maryland. \$25.00 roots.
Wood, Sarah W., Southport, Connecticut. \$25.00 cash.

THE DAHLIA FORUM and IDEA EXCHANGE

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Miniatures

GEORGE L. FARNUM

Conductor's Note: Mr. George L. Farnum is recognized as one of the foremost authorities on small types of Dahlias. We felt that our readers would be interested on his slants on the increasing interest shown in

The writer has been asked to briefly state the chief advantage of the Miniatures. If but one word were allowed, we would say unhesitatingly, their floriferousness; but the subject is too large to be covered by one word, and we must digress a bit and start anew.

No real collection of Dahlias is worthy of the name without a representative list of our outstanding large Decoratives. Nor could the Cactus or Semi-Cactus be ignored in a well balanced collection of large flowered Dahlias.

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Now where space and the budget (I am beginning to hate that word) are to be considered is where the Miniatures enter the picture and prove their real worth. Take a garden of, let us say, twelve hills of Pompons, well selected as to color harmony, and add twenty hills of Miniatures and one would be able to have two or three vases or flower arrangements to suit the owner's taste in the house at all times from early August till frost puts and end to these neat little flowers. They take just half the space of the larger types and give threefold or more of bloom, as they flower with great frequency and abundance. They possess good stiff stems with flowers held at a graceful angle and lend themselves most readily to various arrangements as a cut flower. Added to this excellent quality, are the soft pastel shades they most frequently assume, and you have the ideal Dahlia for the small garden.

Mr. Farnum is spending part of the summer in Germany and Holland and you may expect an interesting report, probably in the next issue, on 1932 Dahlias in those countries.—Ye Conductor.

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Dr. Howe on Certificate Registration

MARSHALL A. HOWE

Chairman, Nomenclature Committee

In the BULLETIN of the American Dahlia Society for April, Mr. Dewey Mohr suggests a new rule whereby a new variety receiving a Certificate of Merit under a name not previously registered is automatically registered under the winning name. This seems to me a good suggestion, especially if it is understood that the selected name is one that has not previously appeared in any catalogue or advertisement of a commercial dealer in Dahlias, or that has not appeared, let us say, within five years of the date of the award of the Certificate of Merit. It will give me pleasure to recommend such a rule to the Executive Committee of the American Dahlia Society.

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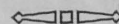
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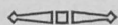
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The Pursuit of An Ideal

LYNN B. DUDLEY

Elsewhere in this issue you will read with regret of the passing of our good friend and secretary, William J. Rathgeber. We will leave to others the writing of his obituary, but we cannot help but add our tribute to a man who has given so unstintingly of his hours and effort to an ideal. He wanted to make everyone conscious of the Dahlia—and through his early gardening efforts he realized that this flower was worthy of the best that anyone could give it. His early journalistic training made it a natural thing that he should undertake the publishing of the American Dahlia BULLETIN. So for many years he nursed this publication along—through discouragements galore—and in spite of many financial reverses, he gave his best. He asked but the joy of doing it. He took pride in the results. He had his own ways of doing things—and who does not form habits, through the years of giving of ourselves to help others? Those ways sometimes did not parallel some of the fresh ideas of we younger fellows who have come along in recent years to set the world on fire in Dahliadom. But Bill had learned by hard experience that some formulas for society advancement did work and others were, well, to put it in Bill's own words, "That won't work. We tried that five years ago and it did not pan out."

But when a new idea, never tried, and offering a possible solution of a society problem, came along from the Executive Committee or an A. D. S. member, Bill would seize upon it and be wholeheartedly for it.

He worked far into many nights, answering correspondence and trying to keep everybody happy in his wide circle of friends. If, sometimes letters went unanswered for a time, it was just because he was too tired after his regular day's work to write them.

His life was tied up with the society and his end was undoubtedly hastened because he insisted on attending the Executive and Show Committee meeting at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, in early June. He had suffered a bad spell just prior to that and took to his bed again immediately afterwards.

Our small efforts in the Dahlia Forum were undertaken to relieve friend Bill of some of his hard work. He was wholeheartedly for the Forum, after he understood that our whole idea was through it to make the BULLETIN more interesting and valuable to members.

We will carry on, with your assistance, as long as permitted and voted desirable with the Dahlia Forum. It would be Bill's wish that this department become more and more the editorial meat of the BULLETIN. We have a splendid Board of Reference all experienced persons who are closely allied with garden improvements and Dahlia culture. They are really becoming associate editors of the BULLETIN. Bill's life work will thus be carried on—and what he put into the society in stick-to-it-iveness and determination to be helpful will be perpetuated. We ask all our members to be kind, and charitable, and indulgent. We'll do the best we can to continue the ideals of our departed friend to all Dahlia lovers, William J. Rathgeber. We dedicate the Dahlia Forum from this time on to him.

An index of Articles and Advertisements will be found on page 28.

Pacific Coast Dahlias

By CURTIS REDFERN

It is roughly 2,100 miles as the crow flies from Skagway, Alaska, to San Diego, California. Between these two points nearly every variety of climate imaginable is met with, approaching the torrid in heat and dryness in some parts of Southern California, mild, temperate climate along the coast in California, Oregon, and Washington, and when Skagway is reached only a very short season that is free from frost and from the glacier covered mountains the winds can be mighty cold. Compensating this short season in Skagway there are almost 20 hours of daylight to the 24 and the Dahlias grown there make the most of it and reach a wonderful degree of perfection about August 1st.

In these many climates there are a like number of varying soils, ranging from beach sand-dunes along the California and Oregon coasts, leafmold-laden valley silts, disintegrated volcanic soils, heavy black adobes to the spongy tundra soils of Alaska.

In all these different climatic and soil conditions Dahlias thrive—BUT (and we write the word in capital letters) all Dahlias do not thrive under all the conditions. After being grown a second or even a third season in an attempt to acclimatize them their failure to adapt themselves to the new conditions makes it necessary to discard many.

This inherent temperamental characteristic of the Dahlia has come to be acknowledged by several Pacific coast breeders—they have accepted the challenge and they test their new varieties out in the east before introducing them to commerce. It has been determined that a Pacific coast developed Dahlia that will do well in New York or northern New Jersey will give a good account of itself in most places throughout the country.

When these Pacific coast varieties duplicate their home growing performances in the east and are found to be sufficiently outstanding by Mr. Derrill W. Hart to place them on his Annual Roll of Honor they have achieved a recommendation far more valuable to the Dahlia buying public than the winning of many first prizes in the home-town show. It seems hardly necessary to recall that many first prize ribbons are placed upon exhibits by kindly intentioned judges when the exhibit so honored had no competition, i. e., it was the only entry in that particular class.

Such awards do not guarantee the quality of a new variety and such practice on the part of the judges, while well intentioned, is fraught with potential harm as unsuspecting buyers are prone to look upon a variety advertised as a first prize winner as a desirable acquisition to their collections.

It is not necessary for me to list Pacific coast Dahlias that should have a place in all well balanced collections. Mr. Hart has already done that and his Annual Roll of Honor keeps the list up-to-date.

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Organizing a Dahlia Society

THOMAS LEAVITT

Question: Can you give me information on how to organize a local Dahlia Society?

DR. J. H. DOWNIE, San Antonio, Texas.

Answer: In forming a Dahlia Society it would be well for some individual or perhaps two or three to take the initiative and write a letter to all those whom they would like to have belong to such an association inviting them to meet with the writer at some designated place at a designated time and date, stating in the letter that the meeting is for the purpose of forming a Dahlia Society.

When the time arrives, the leader or one of the leaders in this movement should call the meeting to order and state the purpose for which the meeting is held. Then a temporary chairman should be elected from the gathering and a temporary secretary should also be elected to keep the minutes of the meeting.

Then the meeting is ready to proceed. The first business ought to be the adoption of a constitution and by-laws or some set of rules for the government of the newly formed society. This constitution should contain the list of officers who are to be in charge of the affairs of the society. As soon as the constitution and by-laws or rules are adopted then permanent officers can be elected and the society is ready to do business.

A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Dahlia Society can probably be obtained from the secretary and could be used as a draft for a local society, omitting such sections as did not apply locally.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Stem Rot

Question by George W. Plinke, Louisville, Ky.

"Last fall my Dahlia, Fort Monmouth, was almost ready to bloom and suddenly took stem rot, so I cut it down almost to the ground and filled in around it with soil. Then it drove up several shoots and I had some of my best blooms afterward. Do you think the roots from this plant will also be affected with rot?"

Answer by Prof. C. H. Connors, New Jersey Agricultural Experimental Station.

"If one is careful to select roots for planting which are free from any signs of rot, he should not be troubled with the stem rot again unless it is one of the soil borne diseases. It would be well to be sure that his roots are well coated with sulphur before planting."

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Dahlia Culture Instruction

Question by Mrs. Raymond Sparks, Columbus, Ind.

Does the American Dahlia Society sell printed instructions for culture of Dahlias?

Answer: The Society does not compile and distribute specific directions for raising Dahlias. In the columns of the A. D. S. BULLETIN over the period of the years there will be found all the instructions anyone could want, we believe. If you have read every article printed during the last five years—you will have a pretty good knowledge of Dahlia culture. We also refer you to Waite's book on Dahlia Culture and the catalogues of most of the growers.—YE CONDUCTOR.

Prices

Question by Miss Addie L. Adams, Livonia, N. Y.

What are the prices usually paid for new kinds of Dahlias? Are there reliable growers who buy up a new Dahlia, if worthy, when they see it growing or observe it in a show or trial grounds?

Answer by ye Conductor.

Most new varieties are introduced at \$10 per root first year. If it is a winner, and outstanding, this price prevails second and sometimes third year. Then, with larger stocks and with many growers listing, the price drops to \$5, \$3, \$2, and down in the years after its introduction. Yes, there are many reliable growers who go around visiting gardens and trial grounds looking for new, worthy Dahlias to introduce. Some growers handle nothing but their own originations—but there are many other dependable commercial growers who will buy outright or introduce on a share basis. If you have one you think good, send it to the Storrs Trial Grounds. If it scores 85 and gets a certificate, you'll receive some offers, undoubtedly.

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Who Knows Variety, Mrs. M. A. House?

Question by J. Grossmann of Henry F. Mitchell Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Will you be kind enough to give us some information in reference to Dahlia named "Mrs. M. A. House," name of originator, type, color and by whom marketed?

Answer: Mr. Rathgeber was unable to find this variety in his list of registered names. Likewise it is not listed in Prof. Norton's "Favorite Dahlias of 1928," and previous years. None of the members of the A. D. S. executive board recalled this one, nor can it be located in any current catalogue.

Can any of our members help Mr. Grossmann with above information?

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Semesan and Stalk Cutting

Question by C. Bruegger, Brewster, Ohio.

1. Would you advise dipping Dahlia roots in Semesan Bel or other disinfectant before planting?

Answer: Please see our answer to Mrs. Raymond Sparks on Corrosive Sublimate and Semesan in this issue.

Note—The Bayer-Semesan Co., under date of February 28, 1931, wrote us, "We do not recommend new improved Semesan Bel for treatment of Dahlia roots, as we have not yet completed our experiments with this product on these roots. However, we do recommend 'Semesan' for this purpose." If the experiments have subsequently proved Semesan Bel proper for Dahlia roots we have not been so notified—Ye Conductor.

2. Is it best to cut off stocks at once when Dahlia plants are killed by frost or wait until about ready to dig?

Answer: Our experience has shown that as soon as stalks are completely killed it is best to cut them off within a few inches of level of ground. But many growers leave them on until digging. It depends somewhat on how long they are left after freezing. If stalks are full of sap—some varieties begin to rot at crown when the plant juices seep down, when killed by frost. It is safer to cut them off in our opinion, if not dug for several weeks afterward.—YE CONDUCTOR.

Corrosive Sublimate for Dahlia Roots

Question by Mrs. Raymond Sparks, Columbus, Ind.

Do you think Dahlia roots should be treated with corrosive sublimate? What strength and how long? I have used Semesan but as the corrosive sublimate is used for glads and seeds I wondered about it for Dahlias?

Answer: Corrosive sublimate, (HgCl₂) or mercuric chloride is used by some growers to prevent hard rot and scab on gladiolus corms. It is effective in killing germs or fungus on these bulbs. We believe it also kills larvae of some worms and pests which might adhere to them when dug. It might also be effective for these purposes on Dahlia roots. But we believe that dry sulphur would be just as efficient and accomplish equally good results. If corrosive sublimate is used we think a 1 to 200 solution would be sufficient—but we refer this question to Dr. Connors of our board of reference.

Note—We believe you can get further information and particularly a report of how to best use Semesan for Dahlia roots by writing Harley T. Peck, Lebanon, Ohio, whom we understand has had considerable experience with it. Growers who have had experience with these chemicals on Dahlia roots are requested to send their comments for publication to Ye Conductor.

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Rust

Question by M. S. Lewis, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Some of my Dahlias, which are near Sweet Peas and Hollyhocks seem to have the same kind of rust coating I have been fighting on the latter plants. What is it and what can I do about it?

Answer: It is difficult to correctly diagnose any disease or pest trouble without seeing it. It might be more puzzling if we did observe it. We are not the last word in doctoring all the troubles which perplex Dahlia growers. But we will do the best we can—and refer the questions to our board of reference for a final word.

This rust might be caused by red spider—or it might be just dry weather—and too much watering of the foliage—instead of the ground under plant. It could also be caused by a combination of aphids and dry weather. (Too much sucking of juices from tender shoots.) A spray compound of a good fish oil soap, combined with nicotine sulphate and pyrethrum—using a teaspoon of each of latter to four quarts of water, would stop the rust, if as we suspect, it is caused by one or both of these pests.—YE CONDUCTOR.

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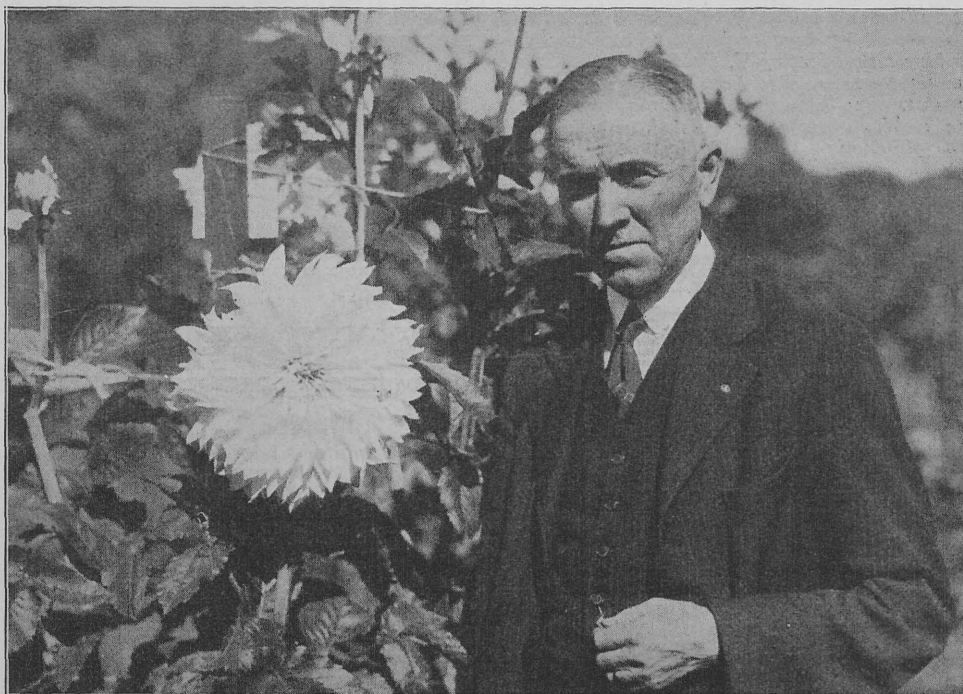
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This photograph was taken at the American Dahlia Society's official trial garden at Storrs, Connecticut, where this variety received the highest score ever awarded at this garden. Mr. Reed is shown in this picture with “Margaret E. Broomall.”

Receipt for Cut-worm Bait

Conductor's Note: In the New York Herald Tribune recently appeared advice from Geneva, N. Y., Experimental Station giving directions for preparation of poison bait for cut-worms. This, or a similar formula, is used by many Dahlia growers and some print it in their cultural directions. If you are bothered by the cut-worms we recommend the use of this discourager.

“For quick and effective control of cut-worms an inexpensive poison bait is recommended, either broadcast in the field, or sprinkled about the base of each plant. The following mixture will suffice for five acres:

Bran, 20 pounds; paris green, 1 pound; cheap syrup, 2 quarts; 3 lemons and 3½ gallons of water.

“The bran and paris green are mixed dry. The juice of the lemons is squeezed into the water and the peel and pulp chopped to fine bits and added to the water. The syrup is then dissolved in the water and fruit juice mixture and the liquid stirred into the bran thoroughly in order to dampen it evenly.

“If a smaller quantity is wanted, the amounts of the different ingredients may be reduced in proportion to the quantity desired. It is usually better to apply the poison bait in the evening, for cut-worms are night feeders and the bait will thus be in a fresher condition than if applied earlier in the day.”

THE DAHLIA FORUM and IDEA EXCHANGE

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Alterations and Additions to Classifications of Dahlias
by the National Dahlia Society of England

GEORGE L. FARNUM

The writer has but recently received a letter and printed list of alterations in the British classifications of the Dahlia. Mr. Alfred E. Vasey, vice-president of the National Dahlia Society and one of the judges of Dahlias at the Royal Horticultural Society Shows, as well as at the trial grounds at Wisley, writes me in part that the judges were being continually confronted with the situation of having very outstanding entries in the exhibition classes of Miniatures, where the flowers measured slightly over four inches. They were frequently much embarrassed, as this occurred among the best exhibits and they were at a loss to know whether to rule these out or exercise a certain amount of leniency in this class. Some of the judges felt that the size should be raised to four and a half inches, but the Committee on Classifications decided to establish a new ruling making five inches the outside limit.

Conductor's Note: The A. D. S. adopted the four inch maximum diameter on miniature types when re-classification was made. We may be confronted with the same problem as our British friends—when new miniatures are introduced.

The judges at the trial grounds, also, were confronted, just as we are today, with the difficulty of judging a medium sized flower in the same class as a larger flower of the same general type. To avoid this condition and to give a fair chance to the garden flower type of Dahlia, the Classification Committee have decided on new classes which they call Medium Peonies, Medium Decoratives, etc., to measure between five and seven inches in diameter.

They have, also, introduced a new class defining the British type designated as Semi-Cactus. These new classifications on the part of the British are interesting, at least.

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Pyrethrum Sprays

Dahlia growers who are accustomed to using poisonous insecticides or insecticides that stain or injure plants have probably dreaded spraying more than anything else connected with raising flowers.

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At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the A. D. S., August 11th, C. Louis Alling was appointed acting secretary of the society. "Louis," as everyone knows him, has been carrying on the work since the beginning of Mr. Rathgeber's last illness, and is thoroughly familiar with the affairs of the secretaryship. All questions regarding membership, advertising in the Bulletin and other society matters should be taken up with Mr. Alling. Please address all mail to American Dahlia Society, 198 Norton Street, as before.

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Obituaries

We recently learned of the death of Mrs. Charles Wingate, of Amityville, L. I., during the Winter. Mrs. Wingate was well known as a garden club worker throughout Long Island, and for several years assisted in the management of the Garden Club Section of the A. D. S. Show.

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Our official family has been visited very frequently by death of late. Mrs. James Duthie, wife of our oldest ex-president, passing away in February. Mrs. George L. Stillman, wife of our only remaining original vice-president, and pioneer grower of Dahlias, in April. Mrs. N. Harold Cottam, wife of our well known and genial ex-president, on June 18th. On July 12th Mr. Derrill W. Hart, our popular and hard working Show Chairman, was called to Lexington, Kentucky, by the death of his mother. We extend to each and every one of these good friends our sincere sympathy.

Annual Meeting Notice

The annual meeting of the society will be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, Friday, September 23rd, at 11:00 A. M., the second morning of our exhibition. Our By-Laws require that each member be notified of these meetings. Kindly consider this such due notice. Please make an effort to be present as these meetings are always very interesting and are very important to the interest of our organization.

Please address all communications to 198 Norton Street, New Haven, as usual. The work of the society is being handled by committees. Mrs. Mabel Rathgeber will continue to handle the routine work and will refer any special inquiries to the proper committee for reply.

Please make all checks and money orders payable to the society and not to individuals. This is very important.

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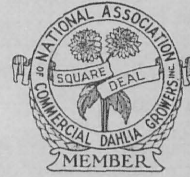
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Coming Shows

Asbury Park, N. J. Elberon Horticultural Society, at the Casino, September 15th and 16th. Secretary Edward H. Hastings, Box 456, Red Bank, N. J.

Atlantic City, N. J. Third Annual Flower and Garden Pageant, September 3rd to 10th. Managing director, J. W. Johnston, Bourse Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Baltimore, Maryland. Baltimore Dahlia Society Annual Show, September 19th and 20. Alcazar Auditorium, H. O. Aburn, 608 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore.

Boston, Massachusetts. Dahlia Society of New England, Horticultural Hall, September 17th and 18th. Secretary Allen A. Lomond, 106 Willow Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Greenwich, Connecticut. Westchester and Fairfield Horticultural Society, September 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Secretary, William G. Ellis, 23 Hazelton Drive, Rocky Dell, White Plains, N. Y.

Haledon, New Jersey. Haledon Floral Society, September 17th and 18th.

New Haven, Connecticut. New Haven County Horticultural Society, September 14th and 15th. Secretary, C. Louis Alling, 251 Court Street, West Haven, Connecticut.

Trenton, New Jersey. Trenton Horticultural Society, September 12th and 13th. Secretary, Harold Spector, New Jersey School for Deaf, Trenton, N. J.

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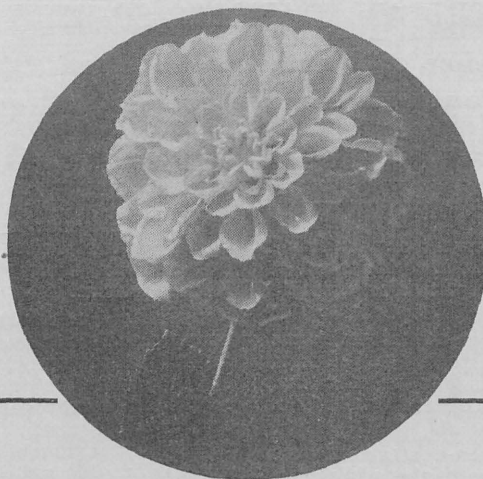
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Class II. Mignon Dahlias. Flowers similar in all respects to those of Single Dahlias, the plants not to exceed about eighteen inches in height. For example, Coltness Gem.

Class III. Anemone Dahlias. Open-centered flowers, with only one row of ray florets, regardless of form or number of the florets, with the tubular disc florets elongated, forming a pin-cushion effect. For example, Ada Finch.

Class IV. Collarette Dahlias. Open-centered flowers, with only one row of ray florets, with the addition of one or more rows of petaloids, usually of a different color, forming a collar around the disc. For example, Diadem, San Mateo Star, Ami Nonin, Géant de Lyon.

Class V. Duplex Dahlias. Open-centered flowers, with only two rows of ray florets, regardless of form or number of florets. For example, Golden Sunshine, Mme. J. Coissard.

Class VI. Peony Dahlias. Open-centered flowers, with not more than four rows of ray florets, regardless of form or number of florets, with the addition of smaller curled or twisted floral rays around the disc. For example, Geisha, Gorgeous, City of Portland.

Class VII. Incurved Cactus Dahlias. Fully double flowers, with the margins of the majority of the floral rays revolute for one-half or more of their length, the floral rays tending to curve toward the center of the flower. For example, F. W. Fellows, Bearclaws, Farncot.

Class VIII. Recurved and Straight Cactus Dahlias. Fully double flowers, with the margins of the majority of the floral rays revolute for one-half of their

length or more, the floral rays being recurved or straight. For example, Ambassador.

Class IX. Semi-cactus Dahlias. Fully double flowers, with the margins of the majority of the floral rays revolute for less than one-half of their length. For example, Edna Ferber, Francis Lobdell, Sunkiss, Alice Whittier.

Class X. Formal Decorative Dahlias. Fully double flowers, with the margins of the floral rays slightly or not at all revolute, floral rays generally broad, either pointed or rounded at tips, with outer floral rays tending to recurve and central floral rays tending to be cupped; all floral rays in a somewhat regular arrangement. For example, Sagamore, Jersey's Beauty, Regal, Glory of Monmouth, Trentonian, Mrs. I. de Ver Warner, and Judge Marean.

Class XI. Informal Decorative Dahlias. Fully double flowers, with margins of the floral rays slightly or not at all revolute, floral rays generally long, twisted or pointed, and usually irregular in arrangement. For example, Fort Monmouth, Jane Cowl, Barbara Redfern, Mrs. Alfred B. Seal, Insulinde, Kathleen Norris.

Class XII. Ball Dahlias. Fully double flowers, ball-shaped or slightly flattened, floral rays in spiral arrangement, blunt or rounded at tips and quilled or with markedly involute margins, the flowers more than three inches in diameter. For example, Gold Medal, Frank Smith, King of Shows.

Class XIII. Miniature Dahlias. All Dahlias which normally produce flowers that do not exceed four inches in diameter, pompons excluded, to be classified according to the foregoing definitions. For example, Little Jewel, Miniature Formal Decorative.

Class XIV. Pompon Dahlias. Having same characteristics as Ball Dahlias, but, for show purposes, not more than two inches in diameter. For example, Belle of Springfield, Nerissa.

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