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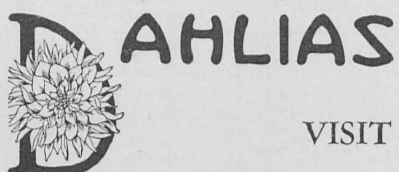
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# Twenty-Fourth Annual A. D. S. Show To Be Held At Concourse Plaza Hotel

## Convenience and Accessibility Chief Factors in Choice of Location

Moving northward away from the congestion of mid town New York City, the Society will hold its Annual Exhibition in the beautiful ball room of the Hotel Concourse Plaza, 161st Street and Grand Concourse, on September 20th and 21st.

The new location is readily accessible via the George Washington Bridge for those who will come from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and points in the mid west; for Long Islanders, the new Tri-Borough Bridge. The Bronx River Parkway and Boston Post Road will be found most convenient for residents of New York and New England. The hotel is but twenty minutes subway travel from Times Square on the Eighth Avenue line to 161st Street Station.

Parking facilities are splendid and exhibitors will not have to worry about building elevators. The plan is to drive right in on the ground floor.

The ball room while not quite as large as some of our previous exhibition halls is adequate and should prove the background of a very beautiful Show.

Gardens in the east at this writing are in splendid condition and since authentic information for control of whatever insects may be present has been disseminated, no difficulty is feared from this angle. Surprising how a little diligence and intelligent handling of the situation eliminates what used to be quite a menace!

The committees, reappointed from last year by President Dudley and augmented by new workers are tackling their jobs earnestly and under the ever dependable guidance of Show Manager Ed Lloyd will doubtlessly function smoothly.

Schedules were mailed this year in the spring giving all exhibitors ample time to prepare their plantings accordingly.

One of our new members, Albert Schuster of East Rockaway, N. Y., is in charge of the prize committee. It will not be an easy matter for Al to duplicate Dewey Mohr's record in this capacity during these last few years and the economic situation will not help matters greatly.

Mr. Schuster holds a trusted position with the National City Bank and has a life long experience in finance. Your editor knows him well and greatly desires that every single member of our Society will forward some donation, large or small, to help make the Show a success and to say well done to a new man whose only recompense is the satisfaction gained by giving his best. Let's all get behind the Prize Fund.

The schedule embraces classes for all types of exhibitors. Section AA for those who grow sixty hills or less and have never won an award at an A. D. S. Show requires special mention. It is hoped that a large num-

ber of growers will receive their initial experience in this class.

The Garden Club Section has always proved a most interesting as well as educational part of our Show. No individual in the A. D. S. is more capable than Mrs. Georgena Humble. Present at every executive meeting and Show Committee gathering, well qualified in all the branches of floriculture and herself a well known educator, Mrs. Humble heads up a group of ladies on whom the A. D. S. can always depend for maximum results.

There was a time when judging was mentioned in a whisper. Today the A. D. S. is proud of its judging. Differences of opinion will always exist since each individual has his own particular likes and dislikes. Fairness is all anybody asks and our chairman of judges, Conrad Frey, has worked out a plan which was so successful last year that some of the most important Shows will use it this fall. He has invited amateur and professional judges purely on their knowledge of the Dahlia and record of fairness. Friendships and personalities have had no part.

Every member of the Society should boost the Show—urge your friends to attend; make up parties and thereby help advance the Dahlia and let us break all attendance records.

## Directions for Reaching New York Show

*From the Bronx River Parkway*—Down to Fordham Road, west on Fordham Road to Grand Concourse, south on the Concourse to the Hotel at 161st Street.

*From New Jersey via the George Washington Bridge*—Straight off the bridge to Broadway, south on Broadway to 155th Street, east on 155th Street and cross the bridge over the Harlem River. First right turn off the bridge is 161st Street, four blocks east to the Concourse. Note: Remain on the right and do not take the underpass. Hotel is on the northeast corner Grand Concourse at 161st Street.

*From Long Island via the Triborough Bridge to the Bronx*—North on Willow Avenue to 138th Street, left (west) on 138th Street half a block to Southern Boulevard. Right (north) on Boulevard to 163rd Street, left (west) on 163rd Street. Continue west on 163rd Street across Third Avenue (which has elevated over it) and follow trolley tracks which one block beyond Third Avenue wind down to 161st Street. Continue west on 161st Street to the Concourse, being careful to stay right and do not use the underpass under the Concourse.

*By train from mid town New York*—Twenty minutes from Times Square via 8th Avenue subway to 125th Street—there change to local and get off at 161st Street.



# STYLES FOR USING DAHLIAS

By GEORGENA HUMBLE

Throughout the length and breadth of our country, there has been a great trend in flower arrangement, and there continues an ever increasing desire on the part of the public generally, to acquire the fundamental knowledge which constitutes what is acceptable in this art so recent to our nation. With the rapid growth and development of garden clubs, has grown the popularity of artistic arrangements, for in many flower shows the exhibitions that attract and hold the greatest interest are unmistakably the composition classes.

Flowers may be perfect in form, color and beauty, and a horticultural delight, but their charm is increased when they are skilfully used with consideration of container, position therein, and purpose for which they are meant. It is just as important to use cut flowers properly to their greatest enhancement, as it is to grow them to the highest cultural standards. So frequently is heard: "I can grow fine flowers, but I cannot arrange them well." Anyone who raises and loves the beauties of nature, acquires the gentleness necessary in handling them. One may readily employ this tenderness in placing them suitably, to give them every advantage in their unnatural setting after having been severed from nature's harmonious green background.

Whether or not one is familiar with the generally accepted principles of flower arrangement, the satisfying element that first reassures one of correctness, is the composition as a whole, its proportion and balance. The next factor is the choice of the most appropriate container for the material at hand. Frequently this is governed by size, style and color with relation to the material, for when placing the receptacle near the plant material for comparison, a sense of good taste will readily determine the most suitable. A wise choice will give distinction, and the subtlety of originality in cleverly placing the forms with an eye to color and balance, will be of great advantage.

The richness and range of color, size, form and characteristics of the Dahlia with its long blooming season, ranks this flower of summer and autumn, a leader among blooms shown in late summer and fall flower shows all over the country. Information has been widespread as to care in cutting blooms at the coolest part of the day, and by burning the tips of the stems or plunging in shallow scalding water, and then placing them in deep cold water where they may remain for several hours in a cool dark place free from air currents. After this treatment, most Dahlias will keep in good condition for a period of several days.

Seldom are Dahlias displayed in Mexican pottery made in the native country of the Dahlia, yet this ware is most appropriate, pleasing and unusual, and may be secured in varied colors. The best for holding flowers are those with simple designs and not too much pattern.

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Dahliadel Joy and Orange Scarlet Miniature in Copper and Brass Container.

Photo—Albert Humble

## Juniors Keep Pace In Growing Dahlias

By Georgena Humble

Early last spring, the American Dahlia Society secured seeds of miniature Dahlias for distribution to juniors in school gardens having summer supervision. These seeds were mailed in packets giving complete planting instructions, and each containing a hundred or more seeds.

The distribution has been far reaching, in as much as requests came from all corners of our United States. Packets have been mailed to fill requests in the states of New York, Connecticut, Virginia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Ohio, Illinois, Arizona, Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin and Oregon.

There are hundreds of school gardens in the City of New York and seeds were supplied to many in Manhattan, Bronx, Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens, and some to private schools and Junior Garden Clubs, also to Garden Counselors of the WPA, who instruct in children's home gardens.

Report of success of sturdy little plants have been received. One report from Maine, growing roots from last year's seedlings gives information that plants grow exceptionally large there. How interesting it might be to know the results from all these far distant localities eager to try growing Dahlias.

## Timely Tips for the "New" Dahlia Fan

The more experienced grower is your friend—he is willing and anxious to help you with all the information gained by his longer study of the Dahlia. Do not hesitate to ask him about anything you desire to learn regarding Dahlia culture.

Visit as many Dahlia gardens as you can and compare your plants and your blooms with those of others.

Certain definite attention must be given your plants in order that maximum success be attained. And always remember there is no problem or stumbling block in the culture of the Dahlia that some enthusiast has not mastered and then passed along to all of us the remedial method to be used.

The writer has grown Dahlias since before the war and has never in a single instance had a poor garden. Study your Dahlias, learn to love them and they will become as "putty in your hands."

The essential factors are: (1) good stock; (2) proper planting in carefully prepared soil; (3) cultivating or stirring the soil to keep top loose and free from weeds; (4) regular schedule of spraying prevents insect damage; (5) use of fertilizers and water for sturdy growth; (6) trimming and disbudding to produce fine blooms on long stems.

The Dahlia is affected by a few troublesome insects which if permitted to have their own way would spell disaster. But they are very readily controlled by known and proven spraying programs. The work involved is trivial in comparison to the joy of producing gorgeous specimen blooms which seem to echo and re-echo their thanks for the effort you have expended.

At this season an application of a balanced fertilizer (4-8-6 for example) will prove beneficial to plants and blooms and will also aid in making good strong roots which will winter more readily. Use a handful to each plant scattered and raked in a circle of three feet.

Since the bushes are full grown they require plenty of water if rainfall is withheld. For show purposes the plants should be watered generously the night before blooms are to be cut. Remove the nozzle from the hose and wrap burlap loosely over the open end and allow the water to pour directly on the ground around the plants.

Shade your finest blooms when buds begin to show color. An old beach umbrella can be used—although an inverted bushel basket will better protect from wind as well as sun and rain.

In preparing for the Show read the schedule very carefully; many fine blooms have missed winning a prize because of a misunderstanding of the schedule. Be certain your exhibit is in the right class, also that the correct number of blooms have been used. Check your entry blank carefully.

Cut blooms the night before the Show, just at dusk. Plunge the end of the stems (about four inches into boiling water for two or three minutes being very careful that the flower stalk is held at an angle so the steam does not damage the bloom). Then place the stalk in

deep cold water and keep in a cold cellar (not too dry).

In transporting specimen blooms to the Show some growers nail a small block of wood two by two and three inches high to the bottom of the packing carton. In this piece of wood are inserted a couple of old phonograph needles. The blossom is placed carefully into the box and the back of the flower is pressed gently over the needles. This will keep the flower from shifting in the box and will also prevent the back petals from crushing as the block of wood really suspends the bloom above the bottom of the box.

The stalk may be filled with water and a penny balloon also filled with water attached to the open end of the stalk if you wish to take this extra precaution to keep blooms fresh.

Blossoms should be kept dry when packed. Simply line the box with waxed paper and cover the blooms.

Pack in closed boxes with just a little ventilation.

In selecting the bloom to be shown remember that a ten inch perfect bloom of good color will invariably win over a larger bloom somewhat imperfect in form, center or color. Avoid using blooms that have passed their peak and consequently are out of condition. A good clean flower with good center and back petals in good condition will receive consideration in the judges' award.

Plan to enter in at least one Show this fall. Many of the important Shows have classes for novices where the new Dahlia fan may compete on even terms with those whose experience also is as yet limited. Your bloom has a good chance of winning a coveted blue ribbon.

The American Dahlia Society functions especially for the benefit of the amateur and the novice. Let us know your problems and your successes and secure the benefits the Society is in a position to offer you.

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### Visitors From West Coast

E. E. Eddy, whose business address is U. S. Customs Building, San Francisco, and who, rumor says, is one of the chief arbiters of motor carriers' operations in California, dropped into New York from Washington, D. C., one nice day in June.

Mr. Eddy's other claim to fame is that he is the subsidizer of many foreign Dahlia growers. He doesn't know how many varieties he imports every year but it runs into the hundreds and more hundreds. He also claims he doesn't know how much he spends per year for these overseas "Cock Eyed Lizzies." But he privately admits if you pin him down, that he doesn't grow some of them but one season. Others he claims are so unusual that visitors to his garden go into ecstasies over them. Our own opinion, after several very interesting discussions with Mr. Eddy and the receipt of some tantalizing petals from bicolor Dahlias is that Brother

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# MID WEST DAHLIA SHOW

The Fifth Annual Mid West Dahlia Show will be held in the General Motors Building Auditorium on September 24th and 25th, Detroit, Michigan. Participating societies which includes Wisconsin, Central States, Indiana, Ohio, Toledo, Akron, West Virginia, Kentucky, American Dahlia Society and Michigan Dahlia Society will be represented with both judges and exhibits.

This is one of the finest air-conditioned Show rooms in the country and should permit us to stage the best Mid West Show ever held. Such Dahlia personalities as President Lynn Dudley, Gordon Waaser, Louis Alling, Ernest Tooker, Dewey Mohr, Dr. Preas, Warren Maytrott and others will attend from the east. We are expecting two or three visitors including Mr. Cordes from California. Special prizes are being awarded for Dahlias shipped in via air express and both the American Air Lines and United Air Lines have promised us super service on any air express shipments.

Something new in the way of attractions for Dahlia Shows will be the Fall Fashion Show. The Helen Hadley Shop in the General Motors Building will supply the gowns and the G. M. Girls' Club will do the modelling, using Dahlias as floral effects. We will also have the pleasure of an orchestra for Saturday afternoon and evening which is being donated by General Motors and this should add something unique to the Show.

The annual banquet will be held at 6:00 P. M. September 24th, at the L'Aiglon in the Fisher Building which is

accessible by tunnel from the General Motors Building.

Reports from all participating societies indicate the best representation ever seen at a Mid West Show. We want to make this a very friendly get together for Dahlia people. Leave your pet peeves and personal criticisms at home and come prepared to join us in two wonderful days renewing old friendships, creating new ones, and ready to offer instructive criticisms that will be beneficial to the growth of the Dahlia business and the admiration of the flower itself.

The Michigan Dahlia Society will sponsor a Field Day on Saturday, September 10th, where all Dahlia lovers are invited to meet at the Trial Ground at East Lansing where they will register and be shown the garden by Prof. Wildon who has charge of the East Lansing Trial Ground. This will be largely an informal Field Day with no speeches and it will be climaxed in the evening by dinner at 6:00 P. M. at a place designated by Prof. Wildon where we can sit down together and discuss the day's activities. Prof. Ray Nelson, the plant pathologist at Michigan State College, will spend the day at the Trial Ground as will also Miss McDaniels, entomologist at the college, who will try to answer your questions relative to both virus diseases and insect control in Dahlias. We urge all Dahlia growers to attend this Field Day and know that you will find it both profitable and pleasant.

*Bruce D. Collins.*

## Visitors—Cont. from preceding page

Eddy is out to annex the title of West Coast Dahlia Bicolor King.

Seriously, Mr. Eddy is one of the most enthusiastic amateurs it has been our pleasure to meet. He gets a lot of kick out of showing his friends some new novelties from the Orient, Africa, Iceland, Asia, Russia and odd places which are not regarded as Dahlia growing countries, as well as Australia and Europe.

You would get a lot of kick out a Dahlia discussion with E. E. Eddy. Some day we are going to hold a special A. D. S. meeting when he comes east, rather than just the three or four at lunch which has been the rule on his other visits.

The subject of roots vs. plants waxed strong and loud when Mr. and Mrs. Glenn T. Mack attended the A. D. S. executive meeting June 24th. Glenn, as you know is Secretary of the Dahlia Society of San Francisco, and is director of physical education of the San Francisco schools which latter job permits him to maintain a commercial Dahlia grower status in his spare vacations. He specializes or rather, "they specialize," for Mrs. Glenn is a part of the Dahlia firm, in miniatures and collarettes, with emphasis on the latter.

He has large florist contracts for the small flowered types. He cuts some of the collarettes on three foot stems, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack gave a very fine picture of the Dahlias and Dahlia folks in San Francisco and "Alameda 'cross the bay" (sung to the tune of Mandalay). One of the gravest charges ever made to a group of eastern growers by a grower from the cradle-land of Dahlias was voiced by Mr. Mack when he stated that the west coast people thought the easterners were over producing new varieties with plants by the thousand plus rooted cuttings by the million. He stated that they, out there, believed that more stable business could be built with the natural root production. He further intimated that at least part of the reason for the high prices on roots for new California introductions was the fact that they could not sell many roots the second year of an introduction, if roots were purchased by eastern plant makers the first year.

It is the opinion of most California originators that the east upsets the law of supply and demand by over production of plants of new varieties. And some of us here have held some heated discussion along the same subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack visited many of the growers on Long Island and New Jersey on their visit and on way home. They came by car to attend the sessions of the National Educational Society.

We enjoyed having them and the questions they raised along with the descriptions they gave us of the growing conditions on the Pacific coast.

*Lynn B. Dudley.*

# Preparation of Sprays for Control of the European Corn Borer in Dahlias . . . .

C. H. BATCHELDER AND D. D. QUESTEL

*U. S. Department of Agriculture—Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine*

General recommendations for the control of the European corn borer in Dahlias have appeared in an earlier issue of the BULLETIN (May, 1938) and, as noted in that discussion, the critical spray period for successful control of this insect occurs during August and September.

While many packaged insecticides carry directions for their use that are safe and effective for most purposes, many Dahlia growers prefer to mix their own materials. This is not so difficult as it may seem although all ingredients should be measured carefully. The table below provides convenient directions for mixing various quantities to meet the requirements of the individual grower, the smallest quantity given ( $3\frac{1}{8}$  gallons water) being sufficient for one thorough application on approximately fifty plants. Three insecticidal agents found effective by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for corn borer control in Dahlias are included in the table, together with dilution rates for spreaders which can be used with any of the three poisons.

Spreaders are soaplike materials sold in powder or liquid form and packaged under various trade names. Ordinary soap powders should not be used because of their tendency to burn the plants. While there may be other good spreaders on the market, those in powder or

flake form composed of sodium-butyl-hydroxyphenylbenzene-sulphonate ("Areskap"); sodium sulpho soap ("Ultrawet"); and in liquid form composed of sodium oleyl sulphate and synthetic resinous sticker ("SS-3"); have been found satisfactory in experimental tests. To facilitate its handling in small quantities, a solution of the spreader is first made as indicated in the first footnote of the table. The amount of this solution to use in mixing the spray is given in the table.

## *Utensils for Measuring*

As previously stated, it is important that the spray materials be weighed or measured accurately. Some gardeners request their neighborhood druggist to do this for them. Others find it more convenient to do their own weighing and measuring. For the dry materials a scale weighing fairly accurately to ounces should be used, and for the liquid materials, a glass graduate measuring to fluid ounces and half-ounces, such as can be obtained in 10-cent stores, is satisfactory. The water for the spray can be measured with a common gallon measure or larger container, the capacity of which has been carefully determined. Having obtained the necessary utensils and materials, the directions given in the table below can be easily followed.

## DIRECTIONS FOR PREPARING EUROPEAN CORN BORER SPRAYS

Water	Insecticide (use one only)				Spreader solution (See footnote 1)	
	DERRIS ground root 4% rotenone (See footnote 2)	PHENOTHIAZINE (See footnote 2)	NICOTINE TANNATE (See footnote 3)			
(Use clean, soft water)			Free nicotine (50% nicotine)	Tannic acid (Chinese gallotannin)		
	Dry wt.	Dry wt.	Liquid measure	Liquid measure	Liquid measure	
50 gals.	2 lbs.	2 lbs.	8 oz.	24 oz.	16 oz.	
25 gals.	1 lb.	1 lb.	4 oz.	12 oz.	8 oz.	
12½ gals.	8 oz.	8 oz.	2 oz.	6 oz.	4 oz.	
6¼ gals.	4 oz.	4 oz.	1 oz.	3 oz.	2 oz.	
3⅛ gals.	2 oz.	2 oz.	½ oz.	1½ oz.	1 oz.	

1. This solution is prepared by dissolving in 10 ounces of water the amount of spreader recommended on the package for 50 gallons of spray, then adding water to the 16 ounce level while stirring vigorously. Some spreaders require 32 or 64 ounces of water to dissolve them properly and the quantities of "spreader solution" used in making up less-than-50 gallon lots of spray should then be increased proportionately.
2. First dissolve the spreader in the spray water. Then, using a small portion of this water in a separate container, make a thin paste of the insecticide. Finally, stir this paste thoroughly into the spray water.
3. First measure the required quantity of water and add to it the proper amount of spreader solution. Then dissolve the free nicotine in a small portion of the water (1 to 5 gallons according to amount of spray being prepared). Dissolve the tannic acid in the remaining water. Slowly pour the first solution into the second while stirring vigorously.



*When to Spray*

The first insecticide application should be made when corn borer egg masses begin to hatch, and certainly when new foliage and blossom buds begin to wilt. Hatching usually begins in localities of southern New England during the first week of August and continues into the first week of September. For this reason, and also because of the rapid growth of the plants and the dilution of insecticidal materials caused by rainfall, applications should be repeated at 5-day intervals. Thus, five or six applications are necessary to protect the plants. For example, if hatching first occurs in a Dahlia garden on August 5th, the first application should be made at that time, and succeeding applications should be scheduled for August 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, and September 4th and 9th if necessary. The most practical schedule can be established through the coöperation of local and State agricultural agencies.

*Parts of the Plant to Treat*

The sprays should be directed to those parts of the plants in which infestation is first established, that is, the growing foliage and axillary and blossom buds. These should be covered thoroughly with the insecticide. The remainder of the plant will usually also receive treatment in the process.

*Equipment to Use*

Compressed-air sprayers of the portable 3-gallon size, or the larger "wheelbarrow" type, have been found useful. Sprays may be readily directed at the buds and new foliage by means of a short length of hose terminating in a light, 30-inch extension pipe fitted with a nozzle for producing a fine spray, and provided at its base with a lever-operated shut-off valve.

*Precautions*

*Use clean utensils.* Plugged nozzles frequently interfere with successful spray applications. The plugging substance usually comes from flakes of caked spray materials, particles of rust, or lumps of undissolved insecticides. If a fine mesh sieve is used when spray solutions are poured into the sprayer most of these difficulties will be eliminated. In addition, all of the equipment should be cleaned thoroughly following each application. After washing out the sprayer, it should be hung upside down to drain, thereby avoiding corrosion of the metal parts. Another hint for maintenance of the sprayer is occasionally to apply a little neatsfoot oil to the leather cup on the pump plunger to preserve it against excessive wear.

*Make up fresh preparations.* Most insecticide preparations deteriorate both chemically and physically when left for some time in the sprayer or mixing containers. Although it may seem wasteful to throw away the material left after finishing a spray operation, this is the most practical as well as the safest procedure.

*Handle poisons carefully.* Free nicotine is very poisonous and should be handled with extreme care. It should not be allowed to come in contact with the skin or clothing, and any left-over spray should be disposed of in a way that will not endanger children or domestic animals.

While derris is not considered a violent poison, long exposure to the spray is undesirable, since the muscles of the face and hands may be temporarily affected.

## FLOWER SHOW DATES 1938

- Elberon Horticultural Society, Asbury Park, N. J., September 1st-2nd.  
 Mid West Trial Gardens Field Day, East Lansing, Michigan, September 7th.  
 Freeport, L. I., September 8th.  
 Old White Dahlia Show, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, September 9th-10th.  
 American Dahlia Society Field Day, Storrs, Connecticut, September 10th.  
 Northern New Jersey Horticultural Society, Passaic, N. J., September 10th.  
 Bellrose, L. I., Dahlia Show, September 10th.  
 Valley Stream, L. I., Dahlia Show, September 10th.  
 Passaic, New Jersey, Dahlia Show, September 10th.  
 Dahlia Society of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, September 10th-11th.  
 Racine County Dahlia Society, Racine, Wisconsin, September 10th-11th.  
 Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dutchess County Horticultural Society, September 13th-14th.  
 Bay Shore, L. I., September 13th-14th.  
 Scranton, Pennsylvania, September 13th-14th.  
 Irvington, New Jersey, September 15th.  
 Peekskill, New York, September 16th.  
 Baltimore, Maryland, September 16th.  
 Central State, Chicago, September 17th-18th.  
 Cleveland, Ohio, September 17th-18th.  
 Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society, Pittsburgh, September 17th-18th.  
 Ohio Dahlia Society, Cleveland, September 17th-18th.  
 Indianapolis Dahlia Society, Indianapolis, September 17th-18th.  
 Englewood Dahlia Society, Englewood, N. J., September 17th-18th.  
 Baltimore, Maryland, September 18th-19th.  
**American Dahlia Society, New York City, September 20th-21st.**  
 Hagerstown Dahlia Society, Hagerstown, Maryland, September 22nd-23rd.  
 Rockville Centre, L. I., September 23rd.  
 Burholme Horticultural Society, Burholme, Pennsylvania, September 23rd-24th.  
**Mid West Dahlia Show, Detroit, September 24th-25th.**  
 Wellsville Dahlia-Glad Club, Wellsville, Ohio, September 24th-25th.  
 National Capital Dahlia Society, Washington, D. C., September 24th-25th.  
 Alabama State Fair, Birmingham, Alabama, September 26th to October 1st.  
 Dahlia Society of Virginia, Richmond, September 27th.  
 Dahlia Society of New Jersey, Summit, N. J., September 27th-28th.

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# Towards One Big Dahlia Society

When the by-laws of the A. D. S. were revised as of January 1, 1938, it was the purpose and hope that the way would be made open for other Dahlia groups to take an active part in the work of the A. D. S.

We invited, through these by-laws these other societies, wherever they might be, if they so chose to vote and have voice in our avowed purpose "to stimulate interest in and promote the culture and development of the Dahlia; to establish a standard nomenclature; to test out new varieties and give them such recognition as they deserve; to study the diseases of the Dahlia and find remedies for the same, and to disseminate information relating to this flower; to secure uniformity in awarding prizes at Shows, and to give exhibitions when deemed advisable."

Since our invitation went out that we wanted to create a broad, friendly coöperative group which could accomplish the bigger things which can be done for the Dahlia and for those who love them, the following societies have joined with us in this great objective: New Jersey Dahlia Society, Western Pennsylvania Dahlia Society, Alabama Dahlia Society, Ohio Valley Dahlia Society, Michigan Dahlia Society and Indiana Dahlia Society. At this time there are several other societies considering the Branch idea and some of them will, we hope, take this step of such great importance to the Dahlia world.

And one of the main reasons why other groups have not done so, is the idea born undoubtedly in the meaning of the term "Branch." No doubt was an unfortunate choice of term. Because when President Bruce Collins of the Michigan Society told us during negotiations that the Michigan group did not wish to be "absorbed" by becoming a subsidiary of the A. D. S.

Strangely enough such a construction of the plan we offered had never occurred to us. We had made it possible for other society groups to vote in our group and take part in our planning, without any desire or offer on our part to have a vote in the affairs of the other societies.

We knew that the members, or most of them, at least, who became "participating" members of our society with one vote in our elections, because they had paid \$1.00 and were registered as a Branch member in the A. D. S., felt that in receiving the A. D. S. BULLETIN they got their full value alone. But when we showed that we wanted each member of such Branch groups to be a "participating" member of our society we were taking the first step, at least, in a get-together-and-do-things-National-group. But we had no idea of interfering in any degree with the affairs of other societies. And further, there is no desire to have Branch membership in the A. D. S. upset or restrict any other group affiliations which may be in effect.

This apparent misconception of our intents all centers around the meaning of the word "Branch." And if that

is a misnomer for the tying up of two societies, the A. D. S. and any other society in a friendly, coöperative working arrangement where we try to give more than we receive—then we will change the by-laws to read "Associate," "Participating," or any other descriptive term at the next annual meeting. Arrangements for this change have already been started and it will be put to a vote in September at the annual meeting.

We wish we could sit down and discuss the whole question with the officers of every State and Regional Society. Maybe we could not convince them of the unselfish purposes back of these new by-laws which permits other societies to take up their share of the responsibility in perpetuating Dahlia enthusiasm and planning all over the country—but it wouldn't be because we did not try.

Actually there is every idea included in this set up to bring all the worthy societies in the United States together with a common objective. And if it is followed through as planned and your society joins with us—or "associates" with us—or "participates" in our program for the Dahlia—then the membership of your society has more fundamental attractiveness to those in your vicinity.

After all, we who work in societies "for the fun of it," or because it offers an "outlet for our group thinking and working"—must think of the other fellow and do nice things to smooth the way for him. True, we may battle good naturedly over details and fuss over little things—but if we didn't love the Dahlia phase of horticulture and like the "nuts" who persist with us in following it in spite of many handicaps and discouragements—then we would try raising pigeons or pet alligators for an avocation.

The A. D. S. invites other societies to participate in our program—with voice and vote in our plans—but we ask no unreasonable thing in return—just a minimum of twenty-five members who believe there is power and pleasure in a great National Dahlia group—and no maximum limit from each society—who will pay \$1.00 each per year for the A. D. S. BULLETIN and all privileges which go with a "participating" membership in this Society.

If there is still something which our crude way of explaining has still left obscure, write us, and we will try to simplify the problem further. But it will please us a lot if you will get your society to join with us and let us explain afterwards.

*Lynn B. Dudley, President A. D. S.*

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# Activities at the A. D. S. Trial Grounds

## Connecticut State College

Storrs, Connecticut, August 2, 1938

The Dahlias at the Connecticut State College are doing well. This means that they have been growing as well as could be expected at this time of the year. However, beginning on Sunday, July 17th, rain came and it rained off and on all that week and it did really rain the greater part of this period. A number of inches fell (10.86), and flood conditions were reached in this section of New England, something unprecedented in the middle of the summer. I can't say just what effect this surplus of moisture will have on the Dahlias. They are soft and advanced in growth for the latter part of July.

There are one hundred eighty-six entries which is more than last season. Most of these came in around June 1st and were consequently planted nearer to our recommended planting date than is usually the case.

At this time we are thinking of the Dahlia Field Day which will come this year on September 10th. Following is a summary of the plans for the day.

### AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY FIELD DAY CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

Storrs, Connecticut, September 10, 1938

#### Forenoon

Informal Get-Together in Trial Gardens. (Come any time that it is convenient—the earlier the better. The Dahlias will be the source of entertainment).

#### Lunch

This may be had at the College Grill (cafeteria style). Entrance is to the rear of the Dining Hall, hour 12:00-12:30 P. M. We must be there on time so plan to start from the Trial Garden at 12:15 P. M.

#### Afternoon

Speaking Program in Room 1, Gulley Hall, at 1:15 P. M. (Building directly north of greenhouse.)

"Official Welcome for Connecticut State College and the American Dahlia Society"—Lynn B. Dudley, Tuckahoe, N. Y., President American Dahlia Society.

"Dahlias On the Private Estate"—Stanley Jordan, Superintendent Harkness Estate, Goshen, Pt., Connecticut.

"How Fertilizers Are Manufactured"—Ernest S. Davis, Jr., The Rogers & Hubbard Company, Middletown and Portland, Connecticut.

"The Fertilizer and Timing Garden"—Roland H. Patch, Associate Professor, Connecticut State College, Storrs, Connecticut.

"Impromptu"—There are officers of the American Dahlia Society and guests that we will want to hear a few words from.

"Picture"—Weather permitting, after the speaking is over, adjournment will be taken to a spot near the

Dahlias where a camera man will take a group picture of those in attendance.

We hope that a fair day may be in order and that the Dahlia enthusiasts from all over the northeastern section of the country will gather to profit at Storrs by association with friends.

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## Mid West Trial Gardens—Season 1938

The Mid West Trial Gardens at Michigan State College has 126 Dahlia entries for the 1938 season. Michigan again leads in number of entries with 23, while New York State is close second with 21 entries.

### Entry Record

STATE	NO. OF ENTRIES	STATE	NO. OF ENTRIES
California .....	1	Minnesota .....	11
Canada .....	1	Missouri .....	1
Connecticut .....	2	New Jersey .....	12
Delaware .....	1	New York .....	21
District of Columbia .....	2	Ohio .....	11
Illinois .....	4	Virginia .....	1
Indiana .....	9	West Virginia .....	3
Kentucky .....	1	Washington .....	2
Maryland .....	11	Wisconsin .....	5
Massachusetts .....	1	Europe .....	3
Michigan .....	23	Total .....	126

At this time, (August 1st) the condition of the Dahlias is excellent. As a matter of fact, the plants are in the best condition they have ever been at this time of the year. This probably is due to the rather favorable climatic conditions. Cool nights with adequate rainfall throughout June and July have been conducive to good growth.

Many improvements have been made in the gardens and it is confidently expected that visitors in late August and September will find much of interest.

Two lines of tile have been laid through the gardens which should be ample to take care of any conditions such as were caused last year by severe cloud bursts of rain.

An all Ornamental Horticulture Field Day has been projected for September 7th at East Lansing. This will bring florists, private gardeners, nurserymen and horticulturists from all over Michigan and surrounding States. Several thousand visitors are expected. At that time the Dahlias should be in their prime.

A new departure in variety gardens has been started this year in conjunction with the Trial Gardens. For

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### Mid West Trial Gardens—Cont. from page 11

this garden a top notch variety in each color and class in Dahlias was selected for planting and in so far as possible the originator in each case was asked to send three plants. In some cases substitutions had to be made. Each year the list is to be carefully gone over and when a better variety is brought out it will be substituted. In this way the public will be able to see and to know the best in Dahlias.

Evan Roberts, son of J. Louis Roberts of Chicago, graduate student in floriculture has been taking care of the culture of the Dahlias this summer. At present we are combatting a severe attack of thrips. Leaf-hoppers we have with us always.

While the date for Dahlia Field Day has not been definitely set, it will probably be held September 13th.

#### Mid West Trial Gardens Committee—Season 1938

O. W. Slocum, Ionia, Michigan; Lloyd L. Hook, Grand Rapids, Michigan; J. Louis Roberts, Chicago, Illinois; Barton W. Elliott, Grand Haven, Michigan; Nick Koenig, New Baltimore, Michigan.

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### Special Timing and Fertilized Garden

The special garden conducted at Storrs, Connecticut, under the direction of E. E. Tooker, Rockville Centre, L. I., is being prepared for inspection on Field Day of the regular Trial Grounds.

Mr. Tooker is treating his planting of some 200 hills of large flowering Dahlias under the same method of forced feeding and culture as was outlined in the February BULLETIN. Maximum results are anticipated and it is hoped that a very large group will attend on that very interesting day, September 10th. Details of Field Day program will be found elsewhere in this issue.

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### Ohio Valley Trial Grounds

Entries have been received and planted from both United States and European Dahlia growers. At this writing the various varieties are growing well, some having started to bloom. The Ohio Valley so far has received an unusual amount of rainfall and the humidity has been below normal for this section. Insect life has been moderate at the trial grounds for which all are thankful, but the season is not yet past.

Supervisor Robert Seibel, has the grounds in splendid condition and his keen skill and interest is evident throughout the gardens. Certain sections of the park plantings which number nearly 2,000, are being tested by various applications of fertilizers. This experiment is on Dahlias other than trial ground specimens.

The Ault Park setting is a marvel to see and according to visitors who really know, the Dahlia planting is the largest of any city in the United States.

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### O. V. D. A. SHOW

Due to a request by the management of the Hotel Netherland Plaza the 1938 O. V. D. A. Show will be set back one week. The official dates will be October 8th and 9th. This change will give opportunity to many growers to show their prize blooms at the Cincinnati Show, who otherwise would be obligated at other Shows. The Indiana State Show dates having been set for October 1st and 2nd will since the change by the Ohio Valley Association enable the grower from the Ohio Valley and the Indiana State Societies to exhibit their blooms both at Cincinnati and Muncie. This is most favorable as these two societies have been cooperating these several years. Only because of the Mid West Show dates being set for September 24th and 25th was the date of October 1st and 2nd adopted by these two Societies. Plan your Show endeavors to include especially the O. V. D. A. classic October 8th and 9th, the Indiana State Show, October 1st and 2nd, and the Mid West Show at Detroit, September 24th and 25th.

We wish to convey some facts pertaining to the O. V. D. A. Show which will be of utmost interest and importance to everybody who desires to show; also to witness this outstanding annual exhibition.

Perfect air conditioning affords ideal atmosphere for both the flowers and the people who attend the Show. Show rooms that are huge and fitted admirably to show off the specimen and large displays of blooms makes it a rare pleasure to the exhibitor.

A Show schedule can be had by addressing the Show Chairman Harley T. Peck, Lebanon, Ohio, or O. W. Mills, Secretary, O. V. D. A., 3628 Kroger Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Plan to come to Cincinnati and see the climax exhibition of the season, also the Official Ohio Valley Trial Grounds of the A. D. S. located in the spacious and beautiful Ault Park.

G. A. Richardson.

### Dr. Clyde R. Jeffords

Dr. Clyde R. Jeffords, expert Dahliast, and chairman of the Latin department in a large New York City high school for thirty years passed away August 7th at his residence in Jamaica, L. I.

Handicapped due to the loss of an arm, Dr. Jeffords carried on a great deal of experimentation with the Dahlia and did much to interest young people in this fine hobby.

He introduced several Dahlias, including *Miss Long Island* and *Don Wilson* and was working with a number of seedlings this season.

His friends found him retiring in nature but a man of great accomplishment. The Dahlia world loses a staunch fan and will miss his contributions to its advancement.

George F. Yaeger.



# A New Breed of Dwarf Dahlias with Black Foliage

By MAJOR G. GEORGE, *Secretary Dahlia Society of Belgium*

## Introduction

Before being justified in stating that a species of Dahlia, or of any other kind of plant, may be termed a "breed," an important number of proved varieties of same should be in existence. These should furthermore have furnished proof that they form a whole, showing characteristics that are totally different from those of the individuals from whom they have been detached.

Particularly when stating that a Dahlia is a "dwarf," this is frequently done far too lightly. At the first critical and deeper examination, this denomination does not survive. It immediately becomes apparent that dwarfishness is absolutely normal or essential, that is to say that we are in the presence of a plant which is poorly developed. Upon placing it where it will find sufficient or even abundant nutritious material, dwarfishness will disappear. It had consequently been caused solely by the absence of such elements as are indispensable to its normal development, it was dwarfishness through privation.

In plant life, as in animal life, dwarfishness should be looked upon as smallness of size. The dwarf plant should be a reduction of the adult plant. There can be no question of a "breed," either in this case or in another one, which I will call individual dwarfishness. By individual dwarfishness of a plant we must understand an isolated physiological case, just as normal dwarfishness is a pathological case. This individual dwarfishness is in fact merely an unestablished variety as is, alas, the case with so many Dahlia varieties, which are far too easily connected with one or the other group, often created arbitrarily.

However, as long as one confines oneself to propagation by cutting or by dividing stocks, dwarf plants will exist, but one seeding, for instance, will be sufficient to enable one to determine with certainty that there is no question of breed dwarfishness.

There will only be breed dwarfishness, that is to say a "dwarf breed," at such time as we find ourselves confronted by a group of a variety of Dahlias, small sized, and of a kind reproducing itself habitually as such.

When using the denomination "Dwarf Dahlia," we should be able to visualize the picture of a reduced adult Dahlia, as it appears to our senses.

It is in this spirit that I deal with the subject, as it has seemed to me opportune and indispensable to establish a point in the history of the Dahlia, or at least its evolution.

## History

Just as the simple dwarf Dahlia is considered an atrophy of the original plant, the dwarf Dahlia with black foliage itself is a reduced volume of elements of the tissue of large sized dark leaved Dahlias.

Without wishing to cast any doubt on the above, I wish to state, however, that in my opinion by "original plant" we should understand the initial variety which showed and produced difference of size, and that one should not go back to its origin, namely to the year 1789, for any other purpose than to illustrate the capacity for variation which the Dahlia appears to have shown since its introduction in Europe.

Von Humboldt, the botanist, wrote in 1803, at the time when he believed to have discovered the Dahlia, having found it blooming and in seed at a height of 6,000 to 8,000 feet on Mexican table-lands: "These plants were only five to six thumbs high."

As early as 1829 the question of the first varieties showing more or less dwarflike tendencies comes up. The Belgian Donkelaer, of Louvain, devoted himself to research work in dwarf Dahlias immediately after the first doublings had been obtained, while Wells, an Englishman, was engaged in the same task across the Channel. Should the existence of some dwarf varieties, with simple flowers and dark green foliage, lead you to believe that the origin of dwarf Dahlias with black foliage must be sought there, I can but undeceive you at once.

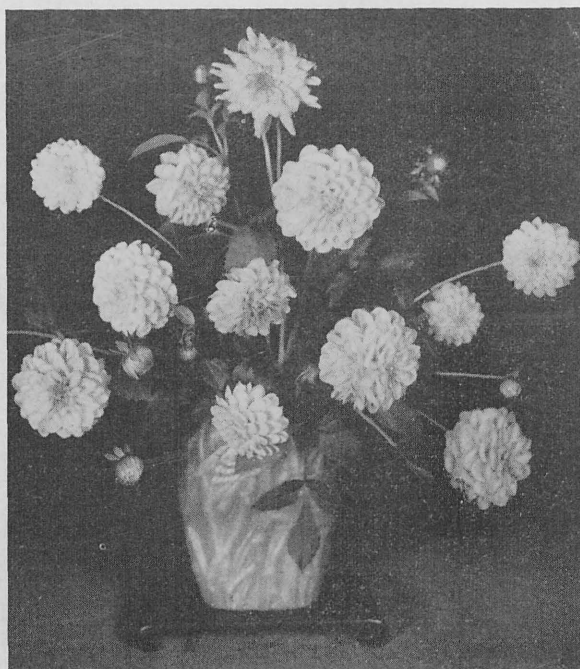
It should further be added that this recent breed, which is of German origin (obtainer Degen of Köstritz), plays no part whatsoever in the varieties of the Belgian breed, named by its obtainer "NAGELS BREED."

For several years I have had the opportunity to follow, season by season, the work which has been carried on so methodically by Mr. Emile Nagels in his nursery-gardens at Wilryck-Antwerp, and have personally been able to engage in studies and experiments on the value of this dwarfishness. I am convinced that we are in the presence of actual dwarfishness of breed, i. e., a new breed of Dahlias, which dates back three years, that is to say from the time at which I had acquired the certainty that at least 90% of seeds of black-leaved dwarf Dahlias reproduce black-leaved dwarf Dahlias, various experiments indicating that dwarfishness is maintained even when the plant is subjected to most varied treatment.

The ancestor of the dwarf Dahlia with black foliage is the *Lucifer* variety, originally obtained in France. It is a seedling of either Mr. Rivoire or Mr. Nonin of Lyons, I do not remember exactly which. "LUCIFER" dates back to 1884 and is still being grown nowadays. It reaches a height of 0.90 to 1.25 M., has dark leaves and simple scarlet flowers which have a diameter of 8 Cms.

Around 1923-1924 it occurred to Mr. Nagels to obtain fecundation of *Lucifer* by pollen of the *Lemur* variety. The result was a plant with double flowers of scarlet red color, and black foliage, whose height does not ex-

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Pink Miniature Seedlings in Green Glass Container.

Photo—Albert Humble

### Styles for Using Dahlias—Cont. from page 5

Metal containers of pewter may be used for the bright reds, copper and brass receptacles for autumn shades or even the intensely colored. The illustration shows a copper vessel with a brass cover, using yellow with orange scarlet miniatures. This combination was rich and daring in its boldness, but presented a fascinating composition. Note the balance and rhythm in the use of the yellow which was concentrated to give intensity above the shiny brass top. Care was employed in not spotting the others, but by showing them against the copper and using them as background to give depth and intensify the yellow.

Glass may be used with many of the cactus types, singles and miniatures. The illustration shows a small green glass container with delicate pink miniature seedlings. Interest is added to the composition by featuring the only bloom of different type to the others. The distribution of buds and foliage give a pleasing balance, and a small teak stand is used to give better proportion and stability—to the balancing spread of the flowers.

Pottery in varied weight and form is always suitable for arranging Dahlias, particularly the large types. The prim little pompons are frequently considered somewhat stiff, giving a pinecushion effect in a composition, but this is a mistaken idea, for these little gems lend themselves as readily as any type to most charming effects. Their particular roundness makes them most adaptable to bowls and with the use of buds and foliage, delightful asymmetrical balance is readily acquired.

Fashion in flower arrangement has brought an aversion for the use of baskets in flower shows. This has prob-

ably been due to the use in former years of worn baskets, from whose handles still dangled the original faded water-soaked ribbon, and which contained weedy and distasteful exhibits. Baskets should never go out of style if properly used. They are convenient, appropriate and as adaptable as any container. However, good taste and skill must be employed in their use to acquire distinction in the composition. When a basket is used, it should present a freshness and harmonizing color, as well as being of proper size and shape for the material at hand. Ribbons should be omitted for show purpose. It is important that baskets with loop handles be arranged so that the handles are not entirely concealed, but play the part of carrying for which they were intended. The plant material should not extend too far above any part of the handle. A good balance, not over-crowding, but using just enough material to make a pleasing effect to show the individual beauty of flowers and foliage, is desired.

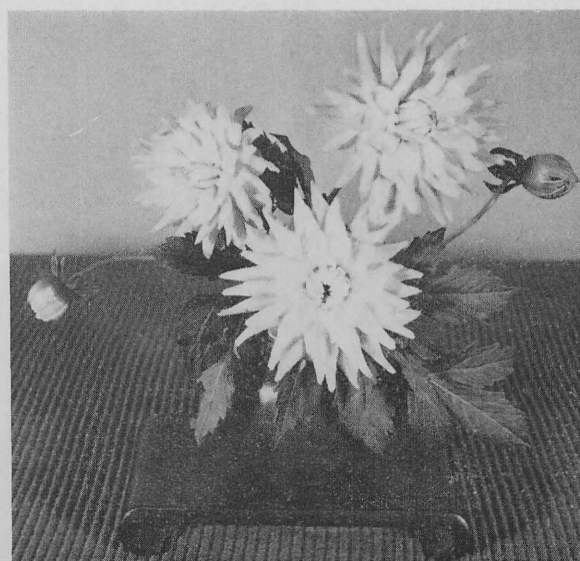
In acquiring balance in any composition view it from the center where greatest strength is placed. From each side of the center allow the material to take positions that give equal weight of balance but irregular in outline. This gives the desired asymmetrical balance and avoids the uninteresting symmetrical type. Subordinate the container by allowing some of the foliage to gracefully swing over it with buds or blossoms.

Large exhibition Dahlias are best used in heavy pottery, and are attractive when placed at different heights. In the illustration of *Straight's White* in which the class required three blooms, a pleasing balance was accomplished by placing the blooms at different heights, and having the individual beauty of each strikingly effective.

Dahlias are disbudded in growing, but the use of buds and the proper amount of foliage gives interest to the composition. Avoid the use of any material that has no

Sanhican's Sweetheart in English Pottery Container of Dark Blue. Arrangement not over 6½ inches in any dimension.

Photo—Albert Humble







Mrs. Georgena Humble arranges Straight's White from the Editor's Garden—showing how mammoth blooms lend themselves to good arrangement.

Photo—Albert Humble

bearing in the design. Compositions are more distinguished in which only Dahlia forms and foliage are used than otherwise. Grasses and airy sprays are not especially appropriate in combination with Dahlias. Better designs are made without them, unless a class especially requires a combination, when only harmonious or blending forms should be included.

Much may be said about color harmony in Dahlia arrangements. This subject is a study in all forms of art and unless treated intensively may prove confusing. In combining any colors, one should keep in mind that flowers of one color should be concentrated toward a definite purpose in the design. Never spot them about in a composition, but have the intermingling of color carry the rhythm or theme in the bouquet. Always use more of one color than another. The correct handling of color aids the balance and one should be conscious of a satisfactory balance in color as well as of form and outline in the complete design.

No flower show seems complete without the ever popular exhibits of miniature arrangements, and in these, Dahlias may be used with supremacy. See the illustration that is complete in every detail, yet does not exceed six and a half inches in any dimension.

## Annual Exhibition of Dahlia Society of Ohio

With the arrival of mid August, members of the Dahlia Society of Ohio are beginning to manifest increasing symptoms of "Show fever." This is a seasonal "disease" which stirs the patient to unusual activity at the thought of Dahlias. Oftimes it results in his exposing himself to long hours in the rays of a broiling sun, doing the many things that he has learned to bring his flowers to perfection at a certain date. Will he be successful? Judging by past performances, we will say that he will.

Our Show this year is to be held on September 17th and 18th, and will again be at Hotel Statler in Cleveland. Two or three of our previous Shows have been staged in the main ball room of this hotel and have been highly successful. This year we have secured the "Euclid" ball room, with its more modern air conditioning system. Although slightly smaller in area than the main ball room its other advantages outweigh the loss of a little space, in the opinion of the Show Committee.

The Ohio Show has been steadily growing in all around excellence. If any one feature stands out we would say that it is the seedling classes. Judges from other sections have frequently remarked upon the strength of the entries as well as the number in this section. Last year one of the leading authorities on Dahlias in the mid west, commented upon this in a magazine article and said that in his estimation there were no less than four undissemated varieties entered for the "American Home Achievement Medal" that were worthy of the award. In my personal notes of the Show last year I jotted down the names of a number of varieties which struck my fancy. Later I found eight of these listed on the various honor rolls. No doubt there were others which were overlooked among the thousands of blooms shown.

The importance of the seedling classes here can be ascribed to our favorable location between the two great Dahlia growing sections of the east and mid west, as well as to the tremendous yearly increase in the number of seedlings planted here. Check on the number of seedlings at the various trial grounds this fall and you will find that the number from Ohio is "there or thereabouts." So, if it is the new Dahlias that you are interested in, make it a point to be here for our Eighth Show, September 17th and 18th. You won't be alone. We have assurances from enthusiasts from as far away as Alabama and Wisconsin that they will be here and such neighboring states as Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and New York will send their usual delegations.

We are also fortunate in having a large number of progressive commercial growers here who support the Show handsomely. Our previous Shows have had in the neighborhood of twenty commercial displays, in which one may find nearly all the leading varieties of our time. Several of these growers specialize in foreign importations and an excellent opportunity is offered to compare the best from all lands with our domestic favorites. The commercial displays, although not as elaborate as at one or two other Shows, do offer as great a diversity of

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# The American DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

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## Editorial

Show time—the culmination of all the hopes and plans of Dahliaists everywhere is here. This is our greatest opportunity of the year to interest our garden loving friends in this favorite of ours—the Dahlia—garden flower supreme.

Boost your Show—large or small—make it your personal job to break all attendance records.

The A. D. S. Show at New York promises to be the most beautiful exhibition ever staged. Plan to be present and then visit gardens within thirty to fifty miles of the city where you will witness Dahlias at their very best.

New branch societies are joining with the A. D. S. between each issue of the BULLETIN—also many new members. We are here to serve you and welcome suggestions for the constant growth and broadening of the Society. Our National growth is steadily advancing on the slogan "More Flower Lovers to Grow the Dahlia and the Dahlia to be Grown More Successfully."

One of the easiest of all flowers to grow, the Dahlia should be found in every garden. Even those whose space or planting plan does not lend itself to the mammoth giant Dahlias, will find the proper setting for cer-

tain cactus varieties as well as miniatures and poms. Planting and fertilizing are very simple and a few moments a week devoted to spraying insecticides will keep plants clean and growing and assure desired results. Encourage your neighbors and friends. Dahlia societies and experienced growers will gladly give you complete cultural information.

Field Day at the various Trial Grounds are published in this current issue. Plan to attend with a group of your friends to receive the benefit of the information the programs will offer and also to demonstrate your support of the work being accomplished by these leading authorities who year after year devote so much of their time and energy to the conducting of the gardens.

Ballots have been mailed to every member in good standing for the first election held under the new by-laws. The nominating committee has renamed President Lynn B. Dudley to succeed himself. Great strides have been accomplished during the last few years and there is still much to be completed which is already under way. President Dudley enjoys the confidence of the whole country and if elected will continue to have the whole-hearted support of all his committees and fellow officers. The A. D. S. is fortunate in having many who could turn in a good job as chief executive and it is to Lynn Dudley's credit, that the nomination, wholly unsolicited, was tendered to him as a mark of what the Society thinks of his value to the Dahlia and his zeal for its advancement.

Again the reminder—invite as many as you can to see your garden and also to the Shows.

Display your blossoms in shop windows on "Main" Street—at railroad terminals—in the lobby of your local movie—everywhere you can. And watch the Dahlia advance on a broad front.

## Richard A. Vincent

Richard A. Vincent, President of the Richard Vincent Company, died at his home in White Marsh, Maryland, on July 15th after a long illness. Mr. Vincent was son of our first President, Richard Vincent, Jr., and brother of our popular Vice-President, John S. Vincent.

He was a life member of the S. A. F. and a past President of the Baltimore Florists' Club, also a Rotarian. He made the arrangements for the Vincent Dahlia Shows which for many years drew immense crowds for a week or more. He was Superintendent of the Sunday School of the Ebenezer M. E. Church for more than thirty years.

Mr. Vincent is survived by six daughters, all of whom are married, several grandchildren, and one son, Stephen, who with his uncle, John S. Vincent, will carry on the business of the R. Vincent Company. Our sincere sympathy goes to all these good friends in their loss.



## Dahlia Society of New Jersey Show

The Sixteenth Annual Exhibition of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey will be held in Hobby Hall, Beechwood Hotel, Summit, N. J., on September 27th and 28th. Plans for the event were completed at a meeting of the Show Committee on August 15th at the home of President Pollak.

The schedule as adopted by the Dahlia Society of New Jersey, the first State Branch Society of the American Dahlia Society follows in outline and competitive classes that of the American Dahlia Society, although with fewer classes and sections to meet the lesser requirements of a smaller Show.

The schedule presents an innovation in its treatment of the seedling exhibit. In an effort to promote quality over quantity of seedlings, one class only is provided for seedling display. This class is the American Home Achievement class and the Dahlia Society of New Jersey feels that if a seedling of any type is not worthy of competing for the American Home Achievement Medal, it should not be exhibited.

The silver Dahlia Futurity Medal of House Beautiful and the Honorary President's Medal for a variety of New Jersey origin never before exhibited at an American Dahlia Society or Dahlia Society of New Jersey Show are up for competition. The President's Cup, offered by Mr. Pollak, will be awarded to a member of the Society who shall exhibit the three finest large Dahlias.

A section of the exhibition will be given to annuals and Fall flowers, and the schedule here furnishes a further innovation through eliminating specimen classes and calling for arrangements in all cases.

Fifty-five of the one hundred and thirty-two classes in this schedule are closed to members of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey. In the seventy-seven open classes, the Society extends a cordial invitation and welcome to all flower lovers to join with them in Summit on September 27th and 28th. Schedules may be obtained from E. B. Lloyd, 2 Upland Way, Verona, N. J.

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### Ohio Show—Cont. from page 15

varieties as can be found anywhere, and the staging is very little behind the best.

Nearly all Shows have good competitive classes and this Show is no exception. In fact, it is too hot (the competition and the weather today, to dwell upon. You'll have to see for yourself. Don't forget the dates, September 17th and 18th.

A fairly good growing season has been somewhat discounted here by the fact that leaf-hoppers and thrip have been more prevalent than usual. Most of our growers now have these pests under control and today (August 16th) Dahlias give every promise of being at their best by Show time. Late May and early June (planting time) was nearly ideal with frequent moderate rains. Dahlia growth was the best in several years but about July 1st, with the coming of hot weather, growth was somewhat checked and insects caused serious damage. The plants have now been growing well for about three weeks again and there is less apprehension that we won't

have the blooms for the Show. All through the summer to date there has been sufficient rainfall. July and August to date have been somewhat above normal in temperatures with high humidity. In fact our season seems to have been somewhat better than in most sections of the country.

A large delegation of our members are planning to attend the big Mid West Show in Detroit. From present indications about fifty are likely to make the two hundred mile pilgrimage. Other Shows which will receive their full share of attention from our members are those at Akron, Toledo and Wellsville, as well as a number of county fairs and the state fair.

Rain put a damper on our annual picnic held July 31st at Vice-President R. W. Ludwig's beautiful and interesting summer estate. Only thirty of the faithful were on hand in contrast to more than one hundred who attended last year. BUT, those thirty—well, they made up for many who didn't get there. The hour was late when the party finally dispersed.

Some of our members are movie camera addicts. Several reels of film have been made of Dahlias in black and white and also in color. These show the Dahlia season from beginning to end. Although our camera "operators" are beginners the subject matter has been fairly good and provides an occasional interesting program for meetings. It occurs to me that perhaps others might get some enjoyment from these films. If there is a projector available in your society which will show 16 mm film I am sure that if you will get in touch with the writer we can arrange to send some of them for one of your programs. Perhaps some of your members have film which we could borrow. How about an exchange? Kindly remember, however, that none of us are expert cameramen.

*E. J. Wind, Rocky River, Ohio.*

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## A. D. S. Annual Meeting September 21st

The 1938 Annual Meeting of the American Dahlia Society will be held September 21st at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, New York City, at 2:00 p. m. Action will be taken on a proposed change in our By-Laws moving the date of our annual meetings from September to the third Saturday in January. Consideration will also be given to the portion of our By-Laws pertaining to "Branch Societies" with the thought in view of substituting a more suitable term such as "Associated" or "Participating Societies."

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### Ohio Valley Trial Grounds—Cont. from page 12

The park and its floral culture gardens are open to the public throughout the year.

This being an official A. D. S. trial grounds all scoring will be done by the usual A. D. S. score card and by judges that are duly appointed and authorized critics.

For further information you can communicate with Raymond Moffett, Trial Ground Secretary, Lockland, Ohio, R. F. D. No. 6.

*G. A. Richardson.*

# Dahlia Society of Indiana Plans Fine Show

Plans for the 1938 Dahlia Show season in Indiana are progressing nicely in spite of many adverse circumstances. Wet weather has hindered planting and cultivation to say nothing of aiding the ever present insects to work more freely. Illness of some of those directly connected with the administrative duties of the society has handicapped them in doing all they would have liked to do both in their own gardens as well as in furthering the interests of the society.

This year the society is putting into effect a plan of holding regional Shows over the state prior to the big State Show. This idea has long been under discussion and consideration and was definitely put into action this year. It has as its purpose the encouragement to novices and amateurs to exhibit the blooms from their garden as a prelude to further exhibition in the State Show and further popularizing the Dahlia in four additional centers of the state all in one season. At the beginning of the year the state was divided into four regions bounded on two sides by the state boundaries and on the other two sides by two national highways one running north and south across the state and the other east and west. Each of these regions has two vice-presidents of the society who are directly responsible for the membership and activities of the society, including the regional Show, in their particular regions.

All regions will use the same schedule of entries, which is a modified form of the larger state schedule. These schedules, the necessary entry blanks and tags, all ribbons, a major prize and the judges are furnished by the state society. Much lively interest is manifest in each region and tentative plans for the four Shows follow:

Kokomo (Northwest), September 17th and 18th.

Columbus (Southeast), September 17th and 18th.

Muncie (Northeast), September 24th and 25th.

Linton (Southwest), September 24th and 25th.

## State Show

As announced earlier in the year through this column the big State Show will be held in the historic old city of Madison, down on the banks of the beautiful Ohio. No more interesting spot could be found to hold this classic state event. While October 1st and 2nd is rather close to the frost deadline in Indiana there was no other date available, in deference to the important Mid West Show at Detroit. Should Jack Frost stay away as he has many times before there will be a wealth of cool weather bloom to fill the large high school gymnasium to capacity. According to latest reports the entire population and all civic organizations of Madison are much enthused over the Show being held there and are backing it to the limit. Mr. Emmet Wood, popular commercial gardener, of Madison, is the Show Manager, and has as his assistant Mr. George Sherlock also of Madison. With two hard working, live wire members like these on the job only a splendid Show could result.

Some very decided changes and improvements have been made in the schedule for this year, namely the creation of a Junior Section for boys and girls of school

age; a division of the much disputed Amateur-Commercial sections into Amateur, Professional and Commercial and the addition of a Garden Flower section. In addition all barriers as to number of entries were taken away so that an exhibitor may make as many entries in a class as he wants and can further enter as many blooms of one variety as he desires. The society takes the position that an exhibitor who can produce several winning blooms of a variety should not be forced to choose one bloom to enter and then see blooms inferior to those which he discarded win either first, second or third place.

More attention is being paid to the miniature types and this year only varieties of like type are competing against one another. This is distinct advancement over the old schedules where formals, informals, semi-cactus, etc., competed together so long as they were in the same color class. Encouragement in the use of Dahlias for design and floral work is advanced by the creation of several classes along this line.

On the whole given growing weather and a late season Indiana will stage a Show this year which will be hard to surpass.

Much concern has been expressed over the illness of Mr. Raymond Sparks of Columbus, and many wishes for his speedy recovery have been expressed to the writer. Get on top of it Raymond; the crowd is still rooting for you.

Two changes in the official family have occurred since the last issue of the BULLETIN. Mr. O. A. Guntle, of Frankfort, has replaced Mr. Fred Gresh of Zionsville as Vice-President for the northwest region and Mr. James Swallow of Muncie has replaced Mr. Lawrence Schutte of Richmond as Vice-President for the northeast region. Both replacements were occasioned by the inability of the retiring gentlemen to continue to serve.

Mr. George Schwin of Covington, Publicity Director, and Mr. John Rugenstein of Indianapolis, Past Publicity Director, have both been on the sick list, hence the "cub reporter" is having to pinch hit. Both are getting along OK now and we hope will soon be back on the job.

There will be no more meetings of the society other than the picnic, which is to be held at Madison, until the annual meeting held at the time of the Show. This is always a gala event where more real Dahlia fellowship crops out than at any other time of the year. The next meeting after the Show will be held in Indianapolis on November 6th. This is the election meeting so mark it up on your calendar now.

*Ralph C. Swartz, President.*

Let each of us get a new member for the A. D. S. Show season.



# THE DAHLIA OF THE FUTURE

By A. B. BAUER

*This splendid article was written for the Virginia Dahlia Society and published in their fine recent issue. In order that Dahliaists everywhere may have the benefit of its information, Mr. Bauer and our Virginia friends have made possible the publication of this material in our BULLETIN.*

We all know that the first Dahlias known to man, as far as history goes, originated in Mexico and unquestionably was of the type we now call Single, for this type is now the prevailing wild kind in Mexico.

But here is a strange fact. In 1615 a book, "Plants and Animals of New Spain," made its appearance in Spain, and in this book we have the first recorded history of this Aztec flower. Strange as it may seem, the drawings accompanying the treatise on the "Water Cone" as it was called, are a duplex Dahlia and the second undoubtedly the Peony, so over three hundred years ago this wonderful flower had begun to depart from type.

It was not until 1798 that roots were introduced into Spain and from there into England and Continental countries during the next few years, and from these introductions our new types have evolved.

In 1817, we have the record of the first Decorative, a rose color, which reached England in that year and from that time on until 1840 became a craze.

Many roots were sent to this country and expensive new creations were eagerly sought, the Ball shape having appeared.

By 1860, however, when every possible shade and color had been developed and no conquests seemingly were to be made, its popularity began to wane. In 1870 the British National Dahlia Society was founded and as if to stamp this year indelibly on the mind there appeared in Germany a tiny ball blossom shaped which was called Pompon, and is, of course, so called today. It found quick acceptance in all parts of the world, but its appearance failed to stop the waning influence of the flower.

But the growers persisted and a few years later the miracle of the Dahlia world appeared—the Cactus type—and it came into prominence in Holland. It was promptly named Juarez, in honor of the then Mexican President and its vigor crossed with the older cultivated species, produced the many strains now in commerce and known wherever civilization flings its banner.

This root came from Mexico, but its origin is obscure. Whether it came as a careful cross breeding of selected types or was the plaything of gusts of tempered hillside breezes will never be known, but its appearance electrified the botanical world and the possibilities of further crossing and breeding brought forth tens of thousands of other attempts, which surpassed all previous attempts combined.

Other creations appeared from time to time. Starfish now known as Orchid, Miniature, Star, Collarette, and Anemone, and Mignon, which brings the list of types practically up to date.

Perhaps the greatest number of roots planted in the world today are of the Mignon type, literally millions of these beautiful flowers are planted annually in Great Britain and throughout Europe. This season in Montreal, Quebec, and Ottawa, the city parks were alive with them—great masses that enlivened the parks to a remarkable degree.

I don't know of a single catalogue in America that lists a line of these wonderful blooming, colorful little Dahlias, and have never seen a park in America that featured or even grew them. And great is the pity for the American public is missing a great treat. So we may safely say that America in the near future is going to adopt the Mignon Dahlia.

A new type is the Double Collarette. A correspondent in South Africa says that a number of kinds are already in commerce and in heavy demand.

The Giant Anemone has been tried locally, but so far results have been poor, but we should keep trying for we are told they are marvelous and a joy to behold.

I think, too, that the miniature Cactus is going to become a big favorite in the near future. Already we have a beautiful white which can be forced indoors and is actually used in Holland for Easter.

Yellows, reds, pinks, old rose, and lavenders now may be had and they are very beautiful.

The English are also trying dwarf decoratives and semi-doubles for bedding purposes and no doubt their successful usage will determine their popularity.

Are we also to eliminate from our efforts the possibility of attaining a twenty inch Dahlia, now that we had a seventeen inch one, or are we to tire of this goal and seek to bring new beauties into existence from three and one-half to seven inches, which our parent Society, The American Dahlia Society, has brought into the Show rooms by creating this class in the various types?

A new type of pompon from Australia is demanding a hearing. They are smaller than our Johnnie, are as tightly quilled and have the distinction of being more spherical in shape, the petals curving at the base to the stem.

An Orchid Anemone, miniature type, in a dark red, very novel and striking, is a new comer for 1937, appearing for the first time in the Lee's of Tacoma, Washington, 1937 catalogue.

A type that is fast increasing in number of new varieties is the bronze foliage Dahlias, originating in Wales and commonly known as black stem Dahlias. We all know *Bishop of Landoff*, *Amy Barlylette*, but few of us know *Caldicote Castle*, *Othello* and *Firebrand*, but all of us should.

Every now and then one sees in a catalogue a Dahlia advertised as fragrant, but we are miserably disappointed at blooming time, and so with the long coveted

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# Dahlia Society of Georgia Announces Completed Schedule for Mammoth Fall Show . . .

By B. E. PHILLIPS *Chairman Publicity Committee*

The second quarterly meeting of the Dahlia Society of Georgia was held in the Assembly Room of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Building Tuesday evening, April 12th, with President B. L. Kennedy presiding. The meeting was well attended by enthusiastic Dahlia fanciers and a very interesting program was presented. After the regular business session, during which all standing committees presented reports indicating progress and enthusiasm in the year's program, a number of new members were introduced, and the completed schedule for the mammoth Dahlia Show sponsored by the Society, to be staged at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, Friday, September 30, 1938, was presented. Special attention is directed to the fact that there is a special section provided in the Show Schedule for "Novices," i. e., those who grow only a few Dahlias and who have never entered blooms in a Show. This arrangement will afford the "Novices" an opportunity to enter blooms in the Show, where competition will be only among themselves rather than with the more experienced Dahlia growers. There will be no charge for entries by members of the Society, and only members will be allowed to exhibit. To those who are interested in growing Dahlias and who are not members of any Dahlia Society, a cordial invitation is extended to make application for membership, addressed to Mr. A. C. Caraway, Chairman Membership Committee, 315 Thompson Street, East Point, Georgia. One has never reached the height of enjoyment in growing Dahlias who has never entered blooms in a Show and experienced the thrill of winning ribbons or trophies. The complete Show Schedule is ready and anyone desiring a copy should address a request to Mr. C. E. Faust, Chairman Schedule Committee, 3532 Piedmont Road, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Ample provision has been made in the schedule for the popular small and medium flowering types, as well as for the huge and gorgeous exhibition types. Quite a live interest is reported manifest among a number of the Society's membership, in the art of propagating Dahlias from seed. By this method, new types are originated and it is quite likely that one or more of the future popular varieties, or even sensations, will be on exhibition at the coming Show, in which there has been provided fifteen classes for this type of exhibits. The principal features in a very interesting program in connection with the above meeting, and under the direction of Mrs. C. D. Swint, Chairman Program Committee, was a brief address by Norman Lefkovits, President of The Dahlia Society of Alabama, and a very interesting resume by Dr. H. C. Rike, Chairman Show Committee of the Alabama Society of his and Mr. Lefkovits pilgrimage to the Central States and Mid West Dahlia fields and Shows, during the 1937 season. Following are a few excerpts of highlights from Dr. Rike's resume:

"With all due respect to those in charge, and considering the generally bad season, there were more and

better blooms at the Atlanta Show than any other Show included in the pilgrimage.

"It seems that Dahlia growers always have time to talk Dahlias. On a visit to the West Virginia Dahlia Society at Fairmont, Oliver Shurtleff was found in the midst of teaching a class. The class was promptly dismissed in order that he may talk Dahlias with his visitors.

"The Sparks (Mr. and Mrs. Raymond), of Columbus, Indiana, are just about 'the salt of the earth' in Dahliadom, grand people to meet; good sports, and get a lot of pleasure out of growing Dahlias. The writer heartily seconds the above, having had the pleasure of meeting this couple at the Alabama Show last season.

"The three most outstanding varieties seen during the pilgrimage were: *Premier's Majestic*, a large informal decorative of a new color combination; salmon, gold and mulberry; *Tarzan*, a striking semi-cactus of a new black red color; *Stoplight*, a formal decorative of Chinese red with slight yellow reverse showing. Other worthwhile varieties were as follows: At Sparks Dahlia Gardens: where there was found growing four to eight blooms to a plant and all exhibition quality, including six rows of *California Idol* from which 1,000 blooms could be cut, there was Sparks recent introduction, *Pink Elegance*, semi-cactus, true watermelon pink; *Pacific Splendor*, *Discovery*, a golden magenta which can be forced to enormous size; *Missouri*, a glorified Mrs. Warner, Sparks sport of *Blue River*, *Red Salute*, the best *Bing Crosby* seen anywhere. Rainbow Gardens had the best *Fire Ball*. Storrs Trial Ground had *Katie K.*, which is considered better than *Kathleen Norris*; *One Grand*, largest bloom of *American Legion* seen, *Lew Aires*, *Missouri*, which was runner-up for American Home Achievement Medal; *Grand Master*, and the best *Golden Standard* seen anywhere. At White's Gardens at Louisville, there was *Kate Smith*, *Kentucky Sportsman* and *Kentucky Sun*.

"Now, getting back to the subject of Georgia and Georgia grown Dahlias, be sure to include in your schedule a visit to the Atlanta Show this year. It will be well worthwhile."

## Notice to Contestants and Would-Be Contestants

The Nation Wide Contest sponsored by the Dahlia Society of Georgia will close as of July 31, 1938. The medal will be delivered to the winner shortly after that date, and the winner announced in the next issue of the A. D. S. BULLETIN.

## Show Dates—Cont. from page 9

Portland Dahlia Society, Portland, Oregon, September 27th-28th.

Dahlia Society of Georgia, Atlanta, September 30th.

Camden Dahlia Society, Camden, N. J., September 30th to October 1st.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Society, Cincinnati, October 8th-9th.

Dahlia Society of Alabama, October 11th.



# Dahlia Personals—and Personalities

By Oliver Shurtleff

Secretary, West Virginia Dahlia Society  
Vice-President, American Dahlia Society  
1264 Bryant Street, Fairmont, W. Va.

Once again, and I am glad of it, I come with my Dahlia personality. It is a genuine pleasure that is mine as I introduce and present people whom I know. And just think of it; a few years ago I had none of these friends. The Dahlia has brought them all to me!

*From Across the Ohio*

Several years ago we met, this friend and I, in the Dahlia garden of a mutual acquaintance. I had never seen him before but I was asked "to meet Mr. Delbrugge." I did and have never regretted the acquaintance since.

Em. Delbrugge of Martins Ferry, Ohio, and proprietor of the RoseMary Dahlia Gardens, is no stranger where good Dahlias grow because that is the kind he grows and produces. I have seen his Dahlias in his garden and in the Show rooms and I know. I have seen his flowers in proud array in big Shows and in little Shows, but the size of the Show doesn't matter. Delbrugge always carries away his share of the blue ribbons and his share of the trophies and, worthily so.

I remember the Odd Fellows Hall in Fairmont one fall. From out of an ante room came a man carrying a huge basket of wonderful yellow Dahlias taller than the man himself and every Dahlia bloom as large as a cushion whereupon a queen might glory to sit. It was Delbrugge carrying the finest specimens of *Lord of Autumn* I have ever seen. Blue ribbons for Delbrugge and his flowers? That basket received two blue ribbons! He can grow that flower more nearly to perfection than any other person I know.

His Dahlia garden, row on row and up that hill that overlooks Martins Ferry, shows careful cultivation and choice selectivity. None but the best can be found there as they strut their magnificent beauty along and up the hill. A stranger visiting Martins Ferry need not ask: "where does Mr. Delbrugge live?" His Dahlias say: "Here is where he lives, come on in, the Dahlias are fine."

It is pleasant to visit with the Delbrugge's. To sit in the swing on the side porch of the house and talk with Mr. and Mrs. Delbrugge makes an attractive afternoon. Of course, the conversation is liable to veer a "leetle mite" toward the Dahlia. It did when I was there.

I am going to invite the folks to visit the Delbrugges at their home and Dahlia garden in Martins Ferry. I'll guarantee that the latch string will be out.

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Name Tag your blooms for the Show. Help make the Show more attractive and interesting to visitors.

A Department Devoted to the Idea that Worth While Achievement in the Dahlia World Should Be Recognized, Even Tho' The Achiever is Not Often in the Headlines in the Dahlia Magazines.

## Further Reports on "Men Who Have Gone Nuts About Dahlias"

By Bruce D. Collins, Detroit

Continuing with the list, which was started in the last issue we are going to nominate for our fourth member of this club Jake Groll of Fenton Gardens, Fenton, Michigan. "Jake" has been growing Dahlias a long time. Formerly an expert electro-plater his health failed, and he moved to a small farm on the edge of the town of Fenton. Here he grew Dahlias to his heart's content. Stories are told of Jake going to some of the growers and making down payments on the new Dahlias, before they were even really put on the market, which proves that the bug must have bitten him hard. Jake is one of our finest growers, and Show-men. No Show is quite complete without him, and he knows every Dahlia grower in the country. An expert judge, his services are sought by every Dahlia Show in this part of the country.

For our fifth member of this club, we nominate our Vice-President, Mr. George Burkart of Port Huron, Michigan. I don't know just how long George has been growing them, but it is too long for some of us to remember, and perhaps George would just as well we wouldn't talk about that. An ardent fan, who knows how to grow them, show them, and judge them. A sheet-metal master-craftsman by trade, he devotes a lot of his time to his commercial Dahlia business, and has put a number of fine originations on the market over a period of years. You can always depend on a Burkart origination. A gentleman of the old school, but with young ideas is George, and a visit with him, will convince you that he knows his Dahlias, and his Dahlia friends know him.

Mention of the sixth member will recall many pleasant experiences to the older growers, as well as the younger ones. He is Mr. Barton Elliott of Grand Haven, Michigan. An executive of the Peerless Glove Company of that city, handling the sales, and doing a swell job of it too, "Bart" as he is known to every Dahlia fan, is one of the most critical and keen judges of a Dahlia in the country. Just how long he has been growing them even he will not admit, and he isn't so very old either. Guess he must have started growing them before he got out of kindergarten. One of our most valuable members, in that he is endowed with a keen business sense, and a fine spirit of coöperation, we are glad that he lives in Michigan, and you will agree with our feelings, once you meet him.

## Akron Dahlia Society Show

By F. V. R. Veirs

Show time will soon be here, and this year the Akron Dahlia Society, departing from a very old custom, will hold a strictly specimen bloom Show including baskets and the three bloom classes for disseminated and undis-seminated Dahlias. Although undis-seminated Dahlias have been shown in Akron for the last ten years, this is the first time the American Home Achievement Medal has been offered as the supreme award for the three best blooms in the undis-seminated classes, providing the blooms are an outstanding addition to the Dahlia world and a named Dahlia. If the winner in this class does not prove to be worthy of the award, the medal will be given to the largest and best bloom in the Show.

In the early spring, the Executive and Show Committees met at the beautiful home of Warren Shannabrook on the Canton-Akron road. That evening the Show schedule was arranged and other Show arrangements were made. The meeting was adjourned for an excellent lunch and everyone had a grand time roasting weiners in the fireplace of the recreation room.

The Akron Show will be held September 10th and 11th in the Firestone Building in connection with the Firestone Flower Clubs. Table decorations are purposely omitted from our schedule because of the conflict with the Flower Club's programs. Taking into consideration the fact that the Dahlia Show will be held with the Flower Club's, it should be the most beautiful Flower and Dahlia Show ever held in Akron and should attract more flower lovers than ever before. Friends, we are proud of this schedule; and if you do not receive one, write to Mr. L. R. Davis, Secretary, 1895 Ford Avenue, Akron, Ohio. We invite every Dahlia fan and flower lover to come and do not forget to bring those prize winning blooms!

Probably the Dahlia weather could have been a little better, but in most sections of the middle west the rain has been plentiful. The weather was a little cool in June, but did you ever hear a Dahlia fan admit we had ideal Dahlia weather? I wonder how the beautiful blooms could mature in the atrocious weather the fans always claim to have had.

Mrs. Charles Thomas of Emsley, Alabama, visited me this afternoon, and what a grand woman and Dahlia enthusiast she is. She told me about Norman Lefkovits, President of the Alabama Dahlia Society. I will use her own words to describe him. "Oh, Mr. Veirs, Mr. Lefkovits is one of the grandest men in the world. He would give a ten dollar plant to anyone who would enjoy it, and he works for the good of the Society all the time and does the nicest things for all of us." That tells the story of the Alabama Society. They have a membership of more than two hundred members, most of whom are regular attendants at the meetings. Mrs. Thomas remarked that the membership has dedicated itself to helping each other in every way possible and to demonstrate to the people of the whole community that Dahlias can be grown successfully in the hot climate of Alabama.

At a recent meeting of the Dahlia Society of Ohio, Mr. H. H. Robens proposed to have the Society take motion pictures of the Dahlias in this vicinity and try to

make arrangements with other societies all over the country to do the same in their vicinity and then in the winter exchange the films. In that way members of the various societies would not only have wonderful entertainment, but we could all see the Dahlias from the Atlantic to the Pacific as they actually grow. No action was taken on this suggestion, but it is a great idea. Mr. Cowie, Vice-President of the Dahlia Society of Ohio, will take plenty of pictures this fall, and I am sure his film will be available for exchange. If Mr. Robens' plan were carried out, a closer union of all Dahlia societies could be formed.

So far, this has been a very successful year for the Akron Dahlia Society. Our root and plant sale was well attended and it netted quite a nice sum for the Society. At this same meeting Mr. Cowie showed his motion pictures of Dahlias grown last fall. Some of the pictures were taken in color and were really beautiful. These pictures are very complete, showing various stages of growth. They show growing of the plants in the greenhouse of E. J. Wind, Dahlias in full bloom from several gardens and finally the digging of the roots. At the May meeting, Mr. John Zazo told us how to grow real specimen blooms.

Fans, do not forget that the great Mid West Show will be held in Detroit Saturday and Sunday the 24th and 25th of September. The Akron, Ohio, Toledo and the Ohio Valley Societies will be there in full force as well as most of the other societies in the mid west.

We believe and hope this will be the greatest Show ever held in this section of the country; it will be a great gathering of commercial growers, amateurs, novices, officials of the A. D. S. and affiliated societies.

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## PRIZE COMMITTEE APPEAL

The schedule for our Show is indeed complete and that means of course that many prizes will be needed.

Appreciating the present economic situation your committee nevertheless must secure these prizes so necessary for the success of the Show.

We appeal to those who have unfailingly supported our efforts in previous years and also to the members who may not have had this opportunity heretofore.

To the donors of ten dollars, twenty-five tickets to the Show will be forwarded; twelve tickets for five dollar donations; six for those sending \$2.50. No amount is too small to be greatly appreciated.

Contributions to this fund, also the Derrill W. Hart Memorial Award Fund should be sent to Albert Schuster, 46 Alexine Road, East Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.

## Dahlia of the Future—Cont. from p. 19

and much desired blue Dahlia. One day the writer was in Mr. W. G. Sale's garden and saw on the ground a discarded bloom that was the nearest to blue he had seen. Upon asking its name we were told it was *Blue River*, so it is evident that one of these days we are going to have a blue Dahlia and it may be scented.

Another new English creation is a double Orchid and before long we may have many new varieties that will quickly find favor.



# THE JOB OF THE SECRETARY

BY ROBERT A. VOGEL

*Secretary-Treasurer of the Peekskill Dahlia Society*

An organization of the progressive type must be founded on several commonsense principles, such as: an enthusiastic membership with no individual selfishness, leaders that are diplomatic and conservative with a desire to cooperate with other societies that have banded together for the same cause, and one that strives to build up a treasury of sufficient funds to act as a backbone of the organization to overcome emergencies.

The part of the cast acted by the secretary of an organization is principally behind the scenes. It is not only the reading of minutes or following instructions as outlined by the By-Laws, but requires constant thought and action to improve conditions and keep the membership satisfied and contented.

An organization should be based on sound business principles, having for its secretary one qualified in the fundamentals of accounting, in order to submit accurate and intelligent reports; one of congenial habits, who can mix with all types and classes of personalities with whom contact is necessary.

In many organizations it has been deemed advisable to combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer into one office to facilitate the financial work involved and to dispose of same in an expedient manner. Such organizations should insist on a monthly financial report audited by a financial committee in addition to the annual audit of accounts.

A budget plan is very desirable to control the expenditures of an organization based on the balance of funds carried over from the previous year and the amount to be kept in reserve. Of course, it is understood that a Society to follow such a plan must be conservative to gain the amount desired for reserve and to keep the budget in balance.

It is also desirable to charge a yearly rate of depreciation on all tangible assets, such as tables, vases, etc., used for Show purposes and other property belonging to the Society and should be kept in a separate fund for use when replacements are made, to avoid a large expenditure of current funds.

Perhaps this is asking too much of the average secretary. The intention behind it all is only food for thought and the advice intended only for the good that may be found in the reading of this article to meet individual circumstances.

In addition, the secretary's duty is to keep the membership informed as to the meetings and activities, to assist the committees to perform their work in connection with social functions and the sponsoring of exhibitions; to keep the name of the Society before the public by means of various publicity and to cooperate with the parent Society if such affiliation is made. In these duties the secretary really goes to work. Correspondence and personal contacts never cease as the ball must be kept rolling throughout the year if the Society

is expected to receive full cooperation from those in the same field of endeavor.

In the writing of this article the author realizes that there are varying conditions in Societies. Whatever the condition may be, it can be improved by the secretary if he is able to convince the membership as to the objects in view and the benefits derived therefrom.

After five years of work in the direction as outlined herewith, the result to the writer is very gratifying and taking into consideration the many friends made during this period, it has been an inspiration to continue such work for the good of the Dahlia and Gladiolus.

Thinking ahead for greater objectives and further progress appears to be the job of a secretary and worthy projects should be fully substantiated by the Society represented. Progressive planning means a Progressive Organization.

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## Your Part in the Expansion of the A. D. S.

During the rest of the summer and fall many friends will be visiting your gardens to see your Dahlias. Are these visitors all members of the American Dahlia Society? We would be perfectly safe in saying that many of them are not, but are just waiting for you to invite them to join.

We who are members know that we will be doing a good turn when we extend the invitation. We know the good work being done by the Society in the interest of the Dahlia and that this good work can be even better if the membership is larger.

Won't you take this message as a personal message? It is only by the cooperation of the individuals who make up the membership of the American Dahlia Society that we can hope to build up the membership to its proper size.

We know that the BULLETIN alone is worth more than the \$2.00 membership dues, but our non-member friends don't know it. Won't you spread the good word and extend the invitation to join to all with whom you come in contact? It will help you whether you are amateur or commercial. You won't need any special application forms, just write the names and addresses on a plain piece of paper and forward to Mr. C. Louis Alling, 251 Court Street, West Haven, Connecticut, along with the \$2.00 for each membership.

You and I get a lot more kick out of this Dahlia game because we are members. Let's get still more kick out of it by having our friends on the inside too. We will be doing a good turn to our friends, ourselves and to the Society. The more members there are the more the Society has to do with and the final result is a better Society and a better BULLETIN and better Dahlias.

Roy H. Webb, Chairman.

## Scranton, Pennsylvania, Show

This will be our Eighth Annual Show September 13th and 14th and will be held in Washburn Street Presbyterian Church, corner of Washburn Street and Hyde Park Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Each year the Show keeps getting bigger and better. Last year we used twenty-four judges in teams of three to judge the Show. Our schedule this year will contain well over 400 classes, covering everything from Dahlias to table decorations. Ours is by far the largest and best Fall Show held in northeastern Pennsylvania. This year we are breaking down the Dahlia classes into a class for each color of each type, somewhat after the manner of the A. D. S. schedule, only this year we will have a more complete schedule for the amateurs than any schedule we have ever seen. We will have a section for the novice, known as A-A. Another section for amateurs who grow under 150 hills and still another section for the amateurs who grow more than 150 hills. Also a section for seedlings and other special classes like the American Home Achievement and House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity.

The competition, with the exception of the special classes in Section C, are open to amateurs only. Frankly, and I say this with all respect to the A. D. S., we show more blooms in the amateur sections than New York shows.

Last year we awarded 1,500 ribbons and many stock and trophy prizes. Our Show Committee is made up of about 100 men and women who really work, work at the time of the Show as well as for months in advance of the Show making personal calls on friends asking them to bring their blooms to our Show. Last year exhibitors came from all over the northeastern quarter of Pennsylvania. In addition Warren Maytrott came up from Vineland with a commercial display and helped with the judging.

A cordial invitation is extended to all amateur flower growers to be with us and exhibit. There is no entry fee and all competition is open to all amateurs. The commercial growers are also invited to be with us and exhibit in the open to all classes, also to place a commercial display in the main room of our Show. There has never been any charge for floor space, but space is getting to the stage where we may have to charge a small fee for commercial space.

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Joe W. Round of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died on August 4th and was buried the following day. Mr. Round was an interested follower of the Dahlia and grew quite a number of them. He was an active member of the West Virginia Dahlia Society and of the Western Pennsylvania branch of the American Dahlia Society. His life and activities among flowers will be greatly missed by his wide circle of friends. He was the proprietor of The Glad Gardens in Pittsburgh.

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## Varieties Eligible for House Beautiful Futurity Medal

Many Dahlia Shows, large and small will include in their schedules a new class: "Six blooms of one or more than one variety selected for the 'Dahlia Futurity' by J. W. Johnston, as published in the December, 1937, issue of *House Beautiful*."

The winner in this class will be awarded the House Beautiful Medal.

With the view of preventing misunderstandings, we list the varieties of that selection. These are the only varieties which may be entered in this special class:

*Adolf Mayer, Ada Hoffman, Bernice Geer, Bobby Carroll, Carl G. Dahl, Crescendo, Chris, Dandy, Director Marshall A. Howe, Ellen Farr, E. Tolan, Freda George, Germaine, G. W. Hutchinson, Golden Bounty, Humming Bird, Jim Baxter, Julius C. Bunge, Kentucky Dawn, Kemp's Golden Giant, Koongarra Glory, Katie K, King's Ransom, Kemp's Ruffled Beauty, Lewsi G. Bolton, Lime-light, Lynn B. Dudley, Lolette, Little Surprise, Maureen, McKay's Purity, Mrs. M. W. Clements, Mildred Pote, Monarch of the East, O. O. McIntyre, Orange Gold Giant, Pink Fantasy, Preakness, Pink Lassie, Primrose, Rosy Morn, Sunrays, Snowsprite, Straight's White, Sylvia, Sleepy Hollow, Sable, Scarlet Jersey Beauty, Shirokane, Vin Well Bittersweet, Zuivn.*

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## Workers—All

It has been said that the Show Committee of the A. D. S., many of whom have long experience, consists of workers only.

A new member, Mr. Henry Olsen of Flushing, L. I., was appointed to this committee early in the spring. One week later Mr. Olsen, working in conjunction with another amateur Dahliaist, Wesley J. Kloss, forwarded to our Show Manager complete floor plans drawn to scale of the several rooms in the Concourse Plaza Hotel where the Show will be held. These are the finest sets of plans ever placed in the hands of Manager Edward B. Lloyd and are proving very helpful in his arduous task. The A. D. S. congratulates these younger men who gave so willingly of professional ability, time and not a little expense, all for the benefit of the Dahlia.

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## NEW VARIETY REGISTRATIONS

Application has been made, with the customary fee of \$1.00, to register the following name. If no prior rights exist and there is no valid objection voiced within a reasonable length of time registration will be considered made.

JAMBOREE. Informal decorative. Red and white. By Downs Dahlia Farms, Clayton, New Jersey.

JEFFERSONIAN. Informal decorative. Pure orchid. By Ross H. Dorff, East Liverpool, Ohio.



## Experiments On the Control of European Corn Borer Being Extensively Carried On by the U. S. Department of Agriculture

Dahlia growers in the eastern states will be interested to know that the Federal Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine is conducting extensive field tests of various insecticides and spreaders for the control of the corn borer at New Haven, Connecticut.

Although started very late in the season the work has been vigorously pushed so that by August 12th, when we had the pleasure of inspecting the planting, the plants had made a very healthy and rapid growth and averaged thirty inches or more in height. The planting consists of about two thousand roots arranged in experimental plots which are being sprayed or dusted with various kinds of insecticides with the purpose in view of finding a material which is easily applied and available to all who grow Dahlias.

The plants have not been topped or disbudded so that the borers will have every opportunity to find ample feeding as it is their habit to enter and work on the young growth. If an insecticide is effective under these conditions it will surely give ample protection under methods used by the average back yard grower.

A most interesting phase of the work has been the coöperative way in which the work is being done. The roots for the plantings were supplied by commercial growers, and members of the A. D. S. located in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Ohio. More than forty varieties of many fine varieties have been contributed.

Of course, such plot arrangements as are used in spray and dust experiments require a large amount of labor and labor expense. Accurate count of all infestation must be made as well as great care must be taken in the application of the sprays. This has been solved through another coöperative arrangement which has been made with the National Youth Administration, which has provided a selected group of young men and women of post High School age to take care of the plots and to make the many records so necessary in the work.

The officials in charge of the National Youth project have expressed themselves as being delighted with the opportunity to place the young people in work covering such a pleasant environment as caring for flowers and have extended every possible courtesy. The workers themselves have developed a great interest in the Dahlias and bid fair to become real "dyed in the wool" Dahlia fans.

The entire project is under the supervision of our good friend, Dr. C. H. Batchelder, who has already given us much information on the control of the corn borer. Our thanks is also due to the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine in authorizing this control project which we feel sure will eventually provide means of holding this troublesome pest in check.

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### LEONARD BARRON

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that being keenly sensible of the great loss which has been sustained by the Dahlia fraternity and being desirous of expressing our lasting appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Leonard Barron to our Society in such an uncommon degree;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that we, the Camden Dahlia and Horticultural Society, express our deep regret for the loss of our beloved co-worker, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family in their bereavement and a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Camden Dahlia and Horticultural Society and a copy be sent to Mrs. Barron and to the American Dahlia Society to be placed in the official BULLETIN.

*George W. Glading.*

## Anybody Need a Show Manager?

The A. D. S. marching on a broad program has many problems and can always use additional recruits to help hold the pace. But there is no problem regarding the management of our Shows. Perhaps the most involved and largest, the A. D. S. Show is capably managed by Edward B. Lloyd. Ever genial Ed. never gets ruffled or impatient and does his job with such quiet efficiency as to make it appear positively easy! Mr. Lloyd is a born organizer.

This year he will handle as usual the New York Show. As though that were not sufficient he will after the close of the Show, step across to his own State of New Jersey and manage their large Show at Summit, N. J., on September 27th and 28th.

Perhaps the reason he will not handle half a dozen more is simply because others neglected to ask him—at least that is our guess.

## Our Great Granddads Knew How to Winter Dahlia Roots

Through the kindness and thoughtfulness of Edward M. Keck, noted Dahlia exhibitor of White Haven, Pennsylvania, your editor is in possession of an original copy of *The Country Gentleman*, published at Albany, N. Y., November 25, 1858. In this issue of eighty years ago appears a question from A. L. Wood of Iron Furnaces, Ohio, asking how may Dahlia roots be best kept through the winter.

The answer—Frost is certain death to the Dahlia, but the roots may be easily kept in a good cellar—if the temperature is only a few degrees above freezing, all the better. If the humidity of the cellar is just right, the roots will keep well, laid simply on a board or shelf. If too moist they will mould and if a furnace is in the cellar they will probably shrivel too much. Hence, for the two latter causes, it is best to box them in dry sand. It would be best to avoid a very damp cellar, and place the sand box in a central closet not reached by frost.

In 1938, eighty years later, has any expert a better method to relate than Great Granddad?

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Mr. Raymond Sparks, of Sparks Dahlia Gardens, Columbus, Indiana, has been very seriously ill and has been confined to the Mayo Clinic and St. Mary's Hospital for some time.

We wish Mr. Sparks a speedy recovery and hope to see him at the Show next month. He will no doubt be pleased to hear from any of his Dahlia friends.

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Visit the Shows—invite your friends; then make a tour of as many gardens as you can.

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## Miniatures and Poms Muster Strength

To persevere means to eventually win favor or success. Well, this is just what the little types of Dahlias have been doing these many years until now they hold and command the attention of thousands where only a couple of years ago they were submerged because of the maddening desire on the part of most all growers to obtain size. Quality usually tells, this goes in the Dahlia culture as truly as in a stock show or a bar examination. There are factors that have brought about this change which must be recognized. It has always been said that the Dahlia is a man's flower, but that is today in error to a certain degree. The ladies have stepped into the picture in their demands that unless a flower can be used for decorative purposes and lend to good color harmony it could not ever hope to meet with popular favor. Another factor that was very important; a flower must withstand handling and keep fresh for several days to gain favor. Here is where the miniature has met these challenges and won a place alongside the best in floral culture.

Today there are hundred of varieties of miniature Dahlias that are replicas of the larger types of Dahlias. Finer stems, more substance of blooms, entire spectrum of color (except blue), easier to grow, take less space and produce far more beautiful blooms throughout the season. As a Show flower it is gaining rapidly. Classes that were never heard of before are being incorporated in Show programs and these classes are ever increasing in popularity.

These little Dahlias resemble various types of flowers, some being aster in appearance, others rose-like, still others like mums and marigolds, not to mention a duplication of all the types known in the larger decoratives and cactus. Where a limited amount of money is to be expended, little space available, minimum amount of labor available, abundant amount of bloom, keeping quality, color and types, the answer to all this is the MINIATURE.

Development of many American varieties and the importation of many foreign varieties has accelerated the desire on the part of the flower loving public to give miniatures and pompon Dahlias a choice place in their choosing.

G. A. Richardson.

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## New York Show Publicity

If all the members of the A. D. S. could see the way Publicity Chairman Fred J. Knocke of New York City is working hour after hour during the hottest spell New York has experienced in years, we feel certain that that committee would immediately consist of all the members. Capably assisted by Edward J. O'Keefe, Mr. Knocke is turning in a very effective job which will surely bring results.

Members! Will you not do your full share by publicizing the Show in your own community and invite some of your friends to attend. This Show can break all records if we will catch the spark of our committee's diligent enthusiasm.



# News and Notes of the Affiliated Societies

## NEW AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

Since the last BULLETIN appeared we have had the pleasure of welcoming three new affiliated societies. The Alabama State Fair of Birmingham, Alabama, who is planning on running a Dahlia Show in connection with their fair. Mr. P. T. Strieder, is Secretary-Manager. The Westport Connecticut Horticultural Society is another new comer. Mr. Sidney Doggett of Westport, Connecticut, is their Secretary. From West Virginia we have the Kanawha Dahlia Society of which Mrs. Alvin McCall is Secretary. Her address is 735 Myrtle Avenue, Charleston, West Virginia.

## Alabama Dahlia News

Six months of 1938 having passed finds the Dahlia Society of Alabama still enthusiastically at the job of growing better Dahlias. Under the capable leadership of the President, Mr. Norman Lefkovits, much progress has been made. Splendid programs have featured the meetings. The programs have proved to be both informing and practical. New members are being added at nearly every meeting. The program for the August meeting will be of an unique type, for at this time the officers and committee chairmen will have their places filled by their wives and other women members of the Society. The second issue of the *Cut-Worm* has recently come off the press. In it were found Show dates of all the Fall Shows, north, east, mid west and south. An article gave detailed cultural instructions and notes on pest and disease control. All sorts of interesting items were to be found, even to the "Plaint of the Dahlia Widow" by Mrs. H. G. Simpson (wife of chairman of Publicity Committee).

We wives are all "widows" I've found,  
For our husbands will "Dahlia" around  
With Joan, Kitty Mac, Frau Bracht and the rest;  
We don't see a show, we're never well dressed  
The money all goes for peat moss and such,  
Fertilizers, clumps, sprays—it all beats the Dutch,  
In our ovens their sand they must sterilize  
So this Dahlia or that will win a grand prize.  
Do we hear their loving words It's hey bring me my  
spray  
I must get those red spiders, they've about ruined me  
today—

Ler's hurry and eat, then we'll go on a lark  
Of planting those Dahlias before it gets dark.

The new Trial Grounds are proving to be of great interest to all members; 375 stakes have been planted

and most of the plants are growing nicely. Mr. T. M. Floyd is really proud of the progress being made.

Dr. H. C. Rike, the capable show chairman, and his committee have completed plans for the Fall Show. Dr. Rike says: "Growing conditions in Alabama have been as near ideal as possible for the 1938 season. The Show Committee has made a tour of all the gardens in the vicinity of Birmingham and is very optimistic about the Fall Show. Reservation of the entire second floor of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel has been made for October 11th. On this date blooms of nearly every 1938 introduction will be in evidence on the Show tables as well as all other recent introductions. The undissemated classes promise to bring forth many surprises. In the selection of this year's judges there is no room for improvement. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sparks of Columbus, Indiana, will be with us again, as will Mr. W. H. Kennedy and Dr. E. S. Landess of Tennessee, Mr. Norman LaMotte, Mr. David Long and Mr. B. E. Phillips of Atlanta, Georgia, and last but not least Mr. Oliver Shurtleff of Fairmont, West Virginia. Show schedules may be obtained by addressing the Secretary, C. G. Goodwin, 1812 Avenue E Ensley, Birmingham, Alabama.

## Baltimore Show

We announce with pleasure that our Fall Show will be held in Baltimore's largest hall—the 5th Maryland Regiment Armory. Through the coöperation of Governor Nice and General Reckord and the efforts of our own members, Harry Rosenberger and Herb Aburn, we secured this hall and our thanks go out to these gentlemen. Show Chairman George Schirmer announces the dates as Sunday and Monday, September 18th and 19th, and promises one of the largest Shows in the east with some new innovations. Admission will be free and commercial growers are requested to contact George Schirmer or Earl Loller for an interesting proposition for commercial displays. Cash prizes will be offered to the three best commercial displays. The Armory is located to the north of the business district with unlimited free parking and easily accessible to street cars, buses, railroads, and taxi service. We plan to use the lower hall (no steps) and delivery of displays can be made right to the door—inside door. While we have an immense floor space we are sure we will have the largest and best display of flowers to date anywhere. Last Sunday, June 26th, under glorious skies our Society gave its annual picnic at member Noffsinger's—Alta Orchards Farm—about twelve miles north of Baltimore. With an elevation of 659 feet on the lawn at Alta Orchard—a delightful breeze completed a most successful picnic. Credit for the untiring efforts of Mrs. Gossmann and her associates must be given for the wonderful affair. And generous praise must be lavished on our President, Nick Gossmann, who has remade our Society with such innovations as motion pictures and a Rose Show at our last meeting.

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We extend an invitation to all Dahlia fans to visit us especially for our Fall Show. We are happy to announce that our Financial Secretary, H. O. Gabrielson, has recovered from his recent illness and his smiling face is with us again. The writer recently visited Earl Loller, originator of *Mary Ellen*, *Jim Moore* and others and lo and behold the seedling bug has bitten Earl—and look out for some new fine creations. We in Baltimore are proud of our boys who bring out the new and finer ones—Marvin Shipley (*DuBonnet*), Nick Scheel (*Julia S.*), Bill Bochau (*Opal*, *Mother Maytrott*), Harry Quick (a list too long to cite) and some others.

We have made to order weather in and around Baltimore—enough rain and just enough bright sunshine—and cool nights. Barring some unforeseen and changeable mood of Dame Nature—all signs portend to one of Baltimore's best seasons for Dahlias. Visit us for our Fall Show and include Washington, D. C., in your trip—the boys in the National Capitol put on a real fine Show. Those Dahlia fans visiting the east in September can include such fine Dahlias Shows as Philadelphia, Camden and New York.

John H. Nolte, Chairman Executive Committee.

### Racine County Dahlia Society

The Racine County Dahlia Society of Racine, Wisconsin, is one of our newest affiliated societies. They are planning a fine Show in Memorial Hall of that city on September 10th-11th. Their Secretary is Mrs. George Rudat of 2012 Quincy Avenue, who will be glad to supply schedules or other information.

### Central States Dahlia Society

The Central States Dahlia Society's Seventh Annual Dahlia Show will be held at Garfield Park Conservatory, Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, September 17th, and Sunday, September 18th.

The Central States 1938 Dahlia Futurity will be one of the major features, also we have The House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity and a Special Six-Bloom Class open to amateurs only. Our undissemated three-years old or older class has been altered so that the Medal can be awarded to each formal, informal, semi-cactus and cactus varieties, if in the opinion of the judges they are worthy. The above is covered by Sections K, L, Q and W, of our premium schedule, copy of which may be had on request.

We anticipate a very fine Show and particularly invite fans from other societies to visit us at the Show.

H. L. Franzer, Show Chairman.

### Kansas City Dahlia Society

At the last meeting of the Kansas City Dahlia Society it was voted to change the name of the Society to: The Missouri Valley Dahlia Society.

T. S. DeVault, Secretary,  
1206 Rowland, Kansas City, Kansas.



### Peekskill Dahlia and Gladiolus Society

The sixth Annual Peekskill Flower Show, sponsored by this society and the Garden Club of Peekskill will be held on Friday, September 16, 1938, at the New York State Armory, Washington Street, Peekskill, N. Y., between the hours of 3:00 P. M. and 10:00 P. M.

Many exhibitors know the reputation the Peekskill Show has earned by exhibitions of merit. We expect that the 1938 Show will uphold such reputation. Our schedule should entice all Dahlia and Gladiolus enthusiasts, within a large radius of the Exhibition Hall, to bring their blooms.

If interested, send for a schedule, your name and address on a postal card to the secretary will suffice.

*R. A. Vogel, Secretary-Treasurer.*

### Englewood Dahlia Society, Englewood, New Jersey

The Englewood Dahlia Society voted at its June meeting to offer a \$50 cash prize for the best undissected Dahlia, one bloom, which will be shown at our Annual Fall Flower Show, to be held September 17th and 18th in the Liberty School, Palisade Avenue and Tenafly Road, Englewood, N. J.

The object of this offer is to stimulate the growing of seedlings among Dahlia growers, both professional and amateur. Also to arouse the interest of other flower growers into the growing of Dahlias.

The award will be made to a new variety of adequate merit, distinction, and novelty; having a new and outstanding individuality as compared with existing varieties. The award cannot be made to a seedling that is already on the market. ONE BLOOM on long stem must be entered specifically for this award. As many entries may be made as desired; \$1.00 fee for each entry must be in the hands of the Secretary, C. Bradford Brown, 317 34th Street, North Bergen, N. J., not later than September 15th.

When mailing entry please accompany same with the amount of your entry fee of \$1.00 for each entry by either check, postal money order, or American Express money order. Cash should be sent by registered mail. No stamps accepted.

Each entry must have the name and address of the originator but it is not necessary for him to have grown the flower.

A special committee will receive out-of-town blooms. They will be properly cared for and set up in time for the judging. Those nearby who prefer to bring and set up their own blooms must have their exhibits in place by 2:00 P. M. Saturday, September 17th.

The Englewood Dahlia Society, Fourteenth Annual Fall Flower Show will be held September 17th and 18th at the Liberty School, Palisade Avenue and Tenafly Road, Englewood, N. J., where all blooms will be received either from out-of-town or local exhibitors.

The Show will be open to the general public at 5:00 P. M. Saturday, September 17th, and all day Sunday, September 18th. It will close at 11:00 P. M. on Saturday and 6:00 P. M. on Sunday. Admission free.

There will be about eighty different classes at our Fall Flower Show. About fifty will be Dahlias and thirty other small flowers. We have a class to please almost everyone.

Prizes will be given out at 5:00 P. M. Sunday, September 18th, by some of the distinguished men of the city. The \$50 prize will be awarded to the winner, if present, and if not will be sent by registered mail to the lucky person.

No bloom will be allowed to be set up on the Show table unless entry has been received by Secretary by September 15th. Send entry to the Secretary, C. Bradford Brown, 317 34th Street, North Bergen, N. J. Send blooms to Englewood Dahlia Society, Liberty School, Palisade Avenue and Tenafly Road, Englewood, N. J.

We have arranged for three very prominent judges to judge this special class.

*C. Bradford Brown, Secretary.*

### Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society announces their Tenth Dahlia Show will again be held in the State Armory, 328 North Potomac Street, Hagerstown, Maryland, September 22 and 23, 1938.

We are planning to make this year's Show the largest the Society has ever held. The Hagerstown Dahlia Society welcomes all amateur and commercial growers. Classification lists and rules are available to anyone by writing the Secretary of the Society.

*H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary,*

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## Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society

Inspired by the memories of last year's "best in the southwest" Dahlia Show, members are consolidating forces with their sponsors, the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce, earlier than ever this year to perform the always desirable miracle of producing a better Show than ever before—the dates—August 26 and 27, 1938—the place again—Inglewood High School boys' gymnasium, Manchester and Grevillea, Inglewood, California.

An unusually interesting opportunity has been taken advantage of by the Society's Secretary, Mrs. Augusta K. Williams, who, during a two months' stay in the Hawaiian Islands (her homeland) has investigated growing conditions in the various districts and has contacted flower enthusiasts through the medium of the University of Hawaii and invited the Honolulu flower enthusiasts to place a Hawaiian entry in this year's Show. Mrs. Williams has also contacted the Honolulu Junior Chamber of Commerce, the members of which organization are greatly interested in the project sponsored by their brother organization in Inglewood.

The American Dahlia Society's Achievement Medal will again be offered to the best three-year-old undisseminated seedling Dahlia, with keen competition forecast. The House Beautiful Futurity Medal, offered by the magazine *House Beautiful* to spur the growing of the finest new flowers is being offered for the first time this year and many plantings of selections from this magazine's list have been made in this region. As many of the flowers are of eastern origin this will undoubtedly constitute a very interesting experiment in change of locale.

As in last year's Show, its sponsors, the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce, are offering the Inglewood Sweepstakes Trophy for the sweepstakes award in the Commercial Class A Dahlia Section. Stephenson's Dahlia Gardens, winners of the 1937 Victory Sweep-

stakes Trophy and Most Artistic Display rosette, are hoping to repeat their success, featuring their *One Grand* and a number of new flowers to be introduced this season as well as an advance showing of next year's expectations.

Rainbow Dahlia Farm under the able management of Joseph Pfluger and Son is preparing for a gala display as a prelude to 1939, veteran "Pop" Pfluger's thirtieth year in commercial Dahlia growing. His one and a half acre of specialty flowers is being groomed to produce a dazzling exhibit of new introductions and the cream of his earlier flowers and will be in the nature of a preview of his Anniversary Year crop.

Mr. M. D. Cox, creator of Ingleflor Gardens, is engaged in moving his fine stock to his new home in Brentwood Heights, where he will continue his good work.

Mr. J. F. Cordes has informed us of his proposed trip to the east, and we are sorry he will not be in competition this year.

Mr. Richard Petrie, well known in all Dahlia circles, has been forced to discontinue Dahlia culture this year because of a serious automobile accident, but he has made a fine recovery and expects to be back in harness next season and offer stiff competition to next year's Class A entrants.

In Inglewood Rotary Club, which sponsored this organization in its infancy, will again offer a silver sweepstakes cup for the Advanced Amateur Class B Section. This class has time and again put on almost as magnificent a display as the commercial growers with equally fine flowers, and it is the second high point of every year's Show. A number of newcomers are expecting to enter this August, particularly featuring their own seedlings. Mr. Fred R. Schmidt and Mr. Marks are among these, as well as Mr. Harden Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jefferson again hope to feature their sensational red seedling which caused so much comment last time and have purchased a large stock of new varieties of all types.

Mr. H. T. Johnson, grower of giant flowers, will again show these but has bowed to the popularity of the useful small flowers and included a large number of them in this planting.

President and Mrs. Sterling Tompkins have planted a large quantity of favorites at their new Inglewood home.

The Nevilles' Gardens in Hawthorne are again featuring their prize winning red miniature and beautiful pink.

In addition to these major divisions of the Show there will be a Class C Amateur division with Rainbow Dahlia Farm offering a silver sweepstakes trophy; a Begonia Section and a Cut Flower Section with silver cups offered in each by the Society and by Moore's Nursery of Inglewood, respectively. The popular Flower Arrangement Section will also be awarded a sweepstakes cup by the Society.

With these prospects beforehand, all committees are being thoroughly enthused to give their all to promote a truly better Show.

Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society, 4239 West Century Boulevard, Inglewood, California.

### DAHLIAS

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The National Capitol Dahlia Society of Washington, D. C., hopes to arrange a date for their 1938 Show which will not conflict with New York and other adjacent Shows. This year's Show was well attended, with representatives from official and diplomatic Washington and numerous visitors from adjoining states and Pennsylvania and New York.

Vice-President Oliver Shurtleff was one of our judges and much to our pleasure Secretary Alling was good enough to pay us a brief visit on Sunday, September 26th.

We are striving to establish the Dahlia in the nation's capital and the support of the American Dahlia Society is highly appreciated.

### Valley Stream Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Valley Stream Flower and Garden Society March 10th was Dahlia night.

This enthusiastic group met at the Library Building and listened to a discourse on Dahlias by the A. D. S. BULLETIN Editor; and the showing of the motion pictures in color by Mr. E. E. Tooker. These films after being shown at the A. D. S. dinner in New York were sent to Detroit and arrived back in the east just in time for Mr. Tooker to present them at this meeting.

They embrace the Trial Grounds and complete campus of beautiful Connecticut State College, Storrs, Connecticut; also Mr. Tooker's garden in Rockville Center, and some very beautiful shots of bits of fall landscape.

The Valley Stream Society under the splendid leadership of Michael W. March, President, capably assisted by Otto J. Aumuller, past President, and a fine group of officers and workers plans a Spring Flower Show at Franklin School, June 5th. In its plans for broadening Valley Stream will endeavor to reaffiliate with the A. D. S. in the near future.

### Virginia Dahlia Society

The spring meeting of the Virginia Dahlia Society was held at the home of Mr. A. A. Ingram, 3114 Barton Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, on Friday evening, May 13th. Quite a large number were present and a pleasant evening followed. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and were greatly enjoyed by all. The membership drive terminated at this meeting with an addition of thirteen members to our rolls. Several fine Dahlia plants which were donated by our members were given as door prizes.

Interesting experiments on propagation of Dahlia plants were reported at this meeting. Mr. C. P. Miller has been very successful in the use of Hormodin-A, and showed plants made from this solution and the great number of roots which the cuttings had made. The plants appeared very vigorous and from about 700 plants he has made, the percentage of losses averages not over one-half of one per cent.

The secretary also made an experiment with a new salve known as KAK salve, and is sold by PHOTOY Products, 509 5th Avenue, N. Y. Having seen an article in the February, 1936, issue of the American Dahlia Society's BULLETIN he sent a request to the magazine for information regarding this product and for the benefit of any Dahlia lover who may be interested in the use of this discovery this article is written.

The salve was applied to the Dahlia tuber, or clump, when about two inches high and allowed to grow, and after about two weeks the part treated became calloused, or swelled; it was then cut below the treated part and potted in a good loam and in a few days began to root. It roots more rapidly than in the usual way and in about three weeks after potting the plant was at least six inches across and perhaps higher, and very strong. Many comments were made on the vigorous growth and the roots had completely filled the four inch pot.

Final dates were given for our Show, which is beginning September 27th, to October 1st, and will be in connection with the Virginia State Fair as in the past several years, and will be staged by the Henrico Garden Club, of which Mrs. A. B. Bauer is President.

Great preparation is being made by our membership to have a more wonderful Show than heretofore, and are planting accordingly.

Mrs. Louise W. Bauer, President of the Henrico Garden Club, and the wife of our Mr. A. B. Bauer will broadcast a fifteen minute talk over WRVA on June 2, 1938, on the subject of Dahlias.

The business of the evening being complete the meeting was adjourned until August, 1938.

*E. Guy Williams, Secretary.*

### Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Club, Wellsville, Ohio

Here is an oddity for your "Dahlia Forum and Exchange." A member of the Wellsville Club was visiting a friend who grows a few Dahlias. It is this lady's habit to leave the soil clinging to the clump when she stores them on a dirt floor not far from the heater. Hence while looking over the clumps she found a two and a half inch bloom of *Judge Marean* blooming unseen in the darkness of the cellar. The Club member picked the flower and coming home, exhibited it to many of our Club members. The bloom finally faded in a vase on my library table on May 1st. Is this the first Dahlia bloom of the 1938 season

But here is the strangest thing I ever saw. Mr. H. P. Patterson found in his clumps of *Miss Belgium* a tuber

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covered with eyes (like a potato) and these eyes were producing sprouts. He brought this unusual tuber where we all could see it. He removed cuttings and they have rooted in the sand of the propagating bed and are potted off. We are all anxious to see what these plants will do.

Mrs. W. M. Crawford, Secretary,  
905 Buckeye Avenue, Wellsville, Ohio.

## A New Breed of Dwarf Dahlias -

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ceed 50 to 60 Cms; this is the *Congo Belge*, which was put on the market in 1927-1928, after its producer and become assured of the value of this seeding and, we must say, after he had realized the possibilities of this variety.

Meanwhile seeding is being continued; collecting all *Congo Belge* seeds Mr. Nagels, seconded by his conscientious headgrower Mr. Jean Wauters, makes his selection with severity and discrimination.

At first good offsprings show a return to higher plants. They are like their mother *Lucifer*, but have double, more perfect flowers, this is *Melle Huberte Wauters*, ruby-red, put on the market in 1930, and about 1 M. high. This seedling had been the product of cross-breeding, the result of chance, and I was able to establish parentage through an experiment in degeneracy: *Congo Belge* x Mr. *Waterkeyn*.

1930 also saw the launching of the *Baron Dhanis* variety, about 60 Cms. high, with double, chestnut brown flowers. In 1931 the plant had already become more dwarflike, *Mme. Xavier Gheysens* variety, with semi-double, flame-red, black centered flowers.

1932 brings a very similar variety, which, however, blooms too late: *Mme. J. Van Den Berg*.

This series is then interrupted for one or two years, its producer having made a startling discovery: a strain of dwarfs has been established.

There follows a series of special dwarf Dahlias with black foliage. They bloom particularly early and abundantly, produce very few seeds and are characteristically dwarfed.

1934! As a novelty Mr. Nagels presents, grown in pots, charming dwarf plants with beautiful black foliage. Outstanding are double flowers of a bright orange color. This new variety bears a name which has now become as popular as a Dahlia as has the talent of the architect-landscape painter: "Mr. Jules Buyssens." The height of this first dwarf Dahlia with black foliage and double flowers does not exceed 40 Cms.

That same year, 1934, quite a series of others accompanies the preceding one: First another, extremely dwarfed plant, height also 40 Cms, *Rev. Pere Dedeken*, with simple, vividly copper-hued flowers, red center; subsequently *Mr. Joseph Goris*, slightly higher, about 50 Cms., with orange-copper flowers showing darker tints; the stems are longer and more flexible; finally one of the best black leaved varieties *Mme. Simone Stappers*, with semi-double flowers, carmine and orange tinted, with black centers, height does not exceed 40 Cms.; a special

feature is its auto-reproduction by seeding, as also its early blooming.

1935 brings us two additional novelties, which are, however, still more dwarflike, height not exceeding 50 Cms. They are *Matadi*, with carmine-red, double flowers and *Elisabeth-Ville*, with semi-double, ochre yellow flowers.

Subsequently we will have to wait nearly three years; this is a period of research after a speckled flower and new colorings. Thus are created three new varieties, launched on the market by Mr. Nagels for the 1938 season: the first, *Innovation*, height 50 Cms. is undoubtedly the first Dahlia with black leaves and red and white speckled flowers which we know. The second *Gaillardiflora* recalls, as is indicated by its name, the flower of a large "Gaillardia Grandiflora." Its flower has a new shape, its copper-yellow shade tends towards vivid red, its contrasting black center creating a charming effect. It should be added, however, that of all varieties this latter is the most dwarflike, its height being only 35/40 Cms. As to the third variety, *Prof. G. Wachtelaer*, it shows all the characteristics of *Mme. Simone Stappers*, but is conspicuous through the novelty of its coloring and of its flowers. These are of a more reddish-orange shade.

In order to make my story even more complete I will divulge, at the risk of being indiscreet, that no doubt the future holds more than surprise. Last summer, when going over Mr. Nagels' experimental fields, I saw series of tiny plants, carrying exquisite flowers of varied hues, and I feel I must name some, which are new of their kind: purple, white, yellow (amongst this latter a canary-yellow, creating an exceptionally curious effect against its characteristic black foliage).

#### Conclusion

With the help of generation, the laws of Mendel on heredity, applied to the research work carried on for over ten years by Mr. Nagels and his head grower Mr. Wauters, have brought forth a new group of Dahlias.

It may be pointed out to us that the black-leaved Dahlia is but a phenomenon of red pigmentation of foliage, due to the presence of an excess of "anthocyanines" (dark magenta and light magenta), i. e., two hereditary pigments which occur in the Dahlia.

It may be objected also that the double flower is only a transformation of the floret, such as has been observed in other cases of evolution in the shape of a flower.

The fact nevertheless remains that the black-leaved Dahlia will always be connected with the name of a Belgian specialist, its obtainer, who was fully justified in christening it "NAGELS BREED." He has indeed been the only one to devote himself to this task, to search and to succeed in establishing a strain. His successors will only be allowed to claim that they waited until the searcher had obtained assured reproduction by seeding, before taking an active interest in the dwarf Dahlia with black foliage.

As a matter of fact this is already becoming evident: in 1937 a few dwarflike plants, with black leaves and more or less double flowers, appeared in Belgium and in Holland. In this respect I cannot refrain from stating

that it was also during the last season that seeds of *Mme. Simone Stappers* variety were launched by their obtainer on a large commercial scale.

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Since the organizing of our Society on July 23, 1937, at which time we became an affiliate of the American Dahlia Society, the officers and Society have had one purpose, a Dahlia Show in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

With the above purpose in mind, in securing members, we have only contacted Dahlia growers. At this writing our membership totals one hundred and five persons who raise from fifty hills up.

At our May meeting the Society voted to rent the main ball room of the Hotel Schenley for Saturday, September 17th, and Sunday, September 18th, for our Show.

President Ripper appointed the following Show Committee: J. A. Gruebel, Derry, Pennsylvania, Chairman; Carl Hogsett, Beaver, Pennsylvania; Herman Rapp, Leetsdale, Pennsylvania; Fred Clark, Mars, Pennsylvania; Jack Ripper, Evans City, Pennsylvania; I. T. Fleck, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; J. C. Speilman and C. W. Luebbe, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Beginning in June, the above committee met every two weeks, at the different homes to discuss the progress of each assignment, of which a full report was made to the Society on August 11, 1938, as follows:

The schedule was prepared from the American Dahlia Society schedule for 1938 with some variation, advertisements being sold only to Dahlia growers, florist trade or persons supplying commercial florists and candy manufacturers. Our idea was not to have a schedule advertising all commodities, but one which would be a credit to the Dahlia. The schedule goes to press on August 22, 1938, of which four thousand copies will be printed, four hundred of these copies to be mailed to the Dahlia growers in West Pennsylvania on September 2nd.

A contract has been let for one hundred fancy colored Show cards, size twenty-four inches by fifteen inches, also four hundred two-toned cards advertising the Show.

Ribbons will be the only prizes awarded. The following have consented to judge: Albert Hunt, E. A. Bonsey, Rody Fletcher, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania; Mrs. J. D. Hailman, Mr. James Moore, Mr. John Greve, Mr. Thomas Layden of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Mrs. A. P. Meyers of Aspinwall, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Thomas Hambeton of Butler, Pennsylvania.

As the committee has done its part, it is now up to the members to contact the public by selling ten tickets each at twenty-five cents to guarantee the financial obligations.

In order to bring our Show to the attention of the Dahlia growers of western Pennsylvania, the Society hopes the commercial growers will purchase tickets at a special price of twenty cents in groups of ten or more, distributing these tickets to his customers in our territory, if this method is pursued, two purposes can be accomplished, our Society makes a new contact, the American Dahlia Society receives a new member.

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