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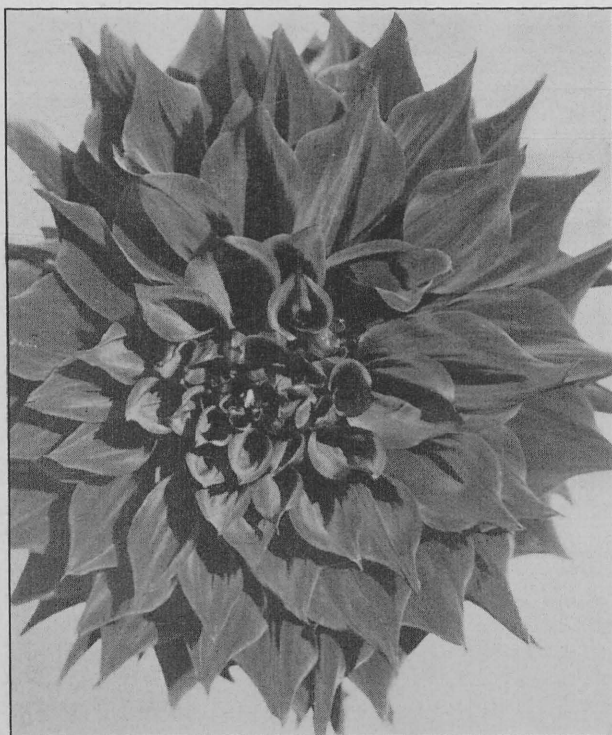
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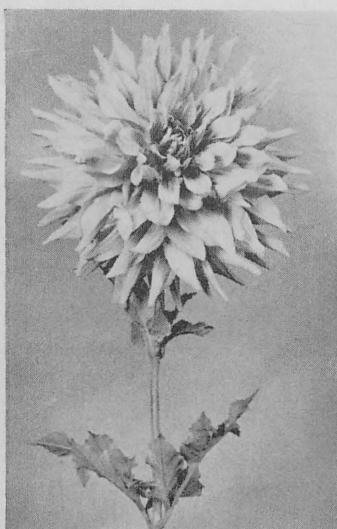
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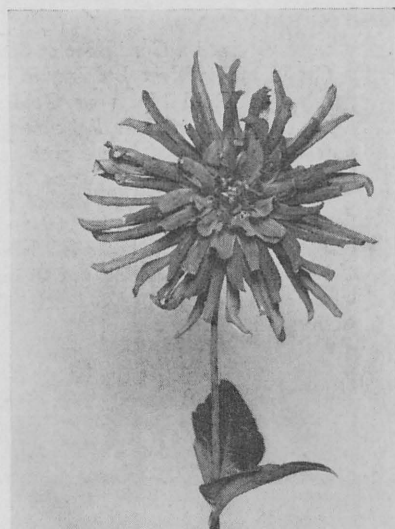
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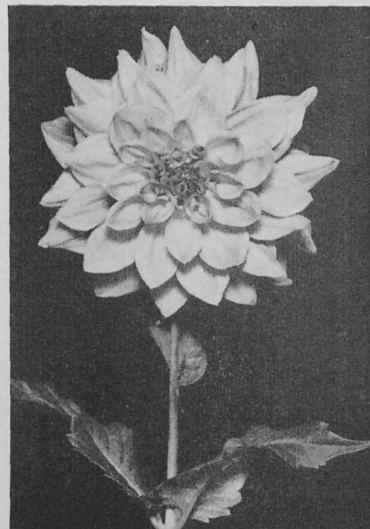
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A. D. S. ANNUAL EXHIBITION

New York Show Opens During Cloudburst September 20th; Closes Under Handicap of Candle Light the Following Night

Four days of almost continuous drenching rain only seemed to spur Dahlia growers to greater effort in protecting by varied improvised coverings the blooms which made the Twenty-Fourth Annual A. D. S. Show a magnificent sight to behold. The Show was of necessity not as large as in other years but the quality of the Dahlias displayed was fully up to standard.

Transformed into a veritable fairyland of gay color, the Ballroom of the Concourse Plaza Hotel, 161 Street and Grand Concourse, New York City, was filled with admiring fans as Borough President James J. Lyons of the Bronx, in company with Lynn B. Dudley, President of the A. D. S., formally opened the Show at three o'clock.

The staging of the Show was another triumph in the long string of successes of Show Manager Edward B. Lloyd, and left nothing to be desired. Judging was finished before the Show opened to the public, thanks to a carefully arranged plan of Conrad C. Frey, Chairman, who was ably assisted by a most efficient group.

In winning the A. D. S. Gold Medal also Silver Medal as well as the Silver Medal of the Dahlia Society of England, Louis B. Tim treated us to one of the finest Dahlia exhibits ever staged. Mr. Tim's estate "Green-acres" at Long Branch, N. J., is widely known as a leading Show place of the Eastern Seaboard. The Dahlias from his garden were uniformly well grown. The staging beggars description. In a setting of black velvet, the beautiful flowers, tastily arranged were in exquisite black containers, save for three mirrored arrangements in the foreground. The center display was a vase containing about twenty blooms of the Holland variety *Volkskanzler*. The entire exhibit impressed one anew with the boundless possibilities of the Dahlia when placed in its proper setting.

Opposite, at the other end of the ball room, majestic in its beauty was what many of us thought the finest display Dahliadel Nurseries of Vineland ever exhibited in New York. Mr. Maytrott may be depended upon always to bring to New York well diversified types of Dahlias, but this time there was an added touch to the general arrangement which enhanced the beauty of the entire exhibit. Noteworthy in the collection were miniatures *Pink Lassy*, *McKay's Purity*, *Snowsprite*, *Dubonnet*, also the new *Dianna* and *Julia S. Twinkle* and *Dahliadel Whisper* were outstanding orchid-flowering, while the poms, *Betty Malone*, and a new yellow to be introduced in '39 received favorable comment. *Mother Maytrott*, *Opal*, *Limelight*, *Golden Bounty* and *Cherokee Brave*, Dahliadel's introductions of recent years were conspicuous among many large flowering types. This two hundred foot exhibit won for Mr. Maytrott the A. D. S. Gold Medal for the finest commercial exhibit.

Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens staged an exhibit exclusively of 1937 and 1938 introductions including their own *W. J. Wyllie*, *Purple Mist*, *Preakness*, the beautiful pure white collarette, also *Sunrays*, *Straight's White* and *Rudolf's Giant*. Mr. Mohr featured the huge *Rita Wells* which were among the largest flowers in the entire Show, and *Langeloth*, a bicolor. These we understand, will be introduced next spring. Dahlias from other sources which attracted much attention were *Katie K*, *Director Carl G. Dahl* and *Bernice Geer*. The display was the medal winner in the one hundred foot class.

Another fine commercial display was that of Albert Parrella whose Dahlias always arouse interest. *Director Marshall A. Howe*, *Ada Hoffman*, *G. W. Hutchinson*, *Vin Well Bittersweet*, *Phyllis Knight*, *Vin Well Royalist* and *Freda George* were arranged in colorful contrast to the Dahlia which Mr. Parrella is so very proud of. He has named it for his daughter, *Margie Parrella*. It is a pure white commercial. Write him and ask him to tell you all about it. Mr. Parrella was awarded the blue ribbon for his display.

Noteworthy was the booth of the Department of Agriculture Bureau of Entomology, under the direction of Dr. C. H. Batchelder. There was always a group of interested Dahliasts popping questions and receiving from Dr. Batchelder information relating to the control of the corn borer.

Nor were the amateurs to be outdone. Here in New York we look to the amateur growers to show us the really big ones—and they did not disappoint!

Downstairs were staged the exhibits of those who grow one hundred hills or less. In Section AA—for growers who confine their activities to sixty hills and have not won a blue ribbon at an A. D. S. Show, Mr. J. E. Waterbury of Peekskill, N. Y., had the edge. His *Satan* and *Son of Satan* looked very fine. We also noted in this section good specimens of *Kardinal Von Rossum* and *Robert Ripley* from the garden of Mr. G. A. Wells and *Vin Well Bittersweet* which won for Mr. John Chorba of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Frederick J. Knocke, Jr., who handled the entire job of publicity for the Show in a most capable manner still found time to stage exhibits in Section A which brought him the coveted sweepstakes. This is the section for growers who cultivate not more than seventy-five hills. Mr. Knocke lacked one first prize to tie for the largest number of blue ribbons in the Show. His *Julius Bunge*, *Royal Purchase*, *The Ohioan*, *Bette Davis*, *Darcy Sainsbury* and *Purple Mist* were noteworthy. Also he captured firsts with a magnificent *Rudolf's Giant* and special for *Ballego's Surprise*. This blossom was later taken upstairs and displayed in the center of the main Show room as one of the best specimens in the Show. Mr. Knocke's



Dahliadel Nurseries' two hundred foot commercial display won the A. D. S. Gold Medal and was considered the finest exhibit in the firms' long list of triumphs.

spectacular success year after year with *Ballego's Surprise* is comparable to friend Shannabrook's consistent winnings in the mid west with *American Legion*.

This section was not surpassed by any other for specimen blooms. Henry A. Olsen, of Flushing, L. I., won in two classes with magnificent *Sunrays*, duplicating his winning for specimen bloom at Rockville Centre with this same variety. All these blooms, we are told, were cut from one plant. He also featured *Frau Ida Mansfield* and *Haslerova*. Mrs. Wesley Hunter of Westwood, N. J., won special with *Watchung Giant* and a giant it was with fine form and perfect center. *Katie K* was also in fine shape. Commendable, too, were *Son of Satan* and *Jean Trimbree* of George Arata, Freeport, N. Y.; *Jersey's Dainty* and *Farncot* of William Warren, Plainfield, N. J.; *Golden Standard* of Charles Mason, Elizabeth, N. J., and Mr. Paul Doll's *Sanhican Sweetheart* from his garden in White Plains, N. Y.

John R. Nichols of Freeport, having won several sweepstakes at Long Island Shows brought what flowers still remained in his garden and proceeded to win sweepstakes in Section B for those who grow not over one hundred hills. *Dulcinea*, *Kentucky Sun*, *Amelia Earhart*, *Lord of Autumn*, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, and a fine bloom of *Straight's White* accounted for many of his firsts. D. J. Sandt of Easton, Pennsylvania, exhibited a fine bloom of *Miss West Virginia*. *Jersey's Dainty*, *Kay Francis*, *Josephine G* and *Victoria* very justly won awards for L. F. Fox of Bellrose, L. I. Mr. John M. Allen, Rockville Centre, L. I., won special with *Satan* and *Margaret Broomall* and first with *Katie K*. These blooms were top notch.

Dr. Walter Bedell of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., won sweepstakes in Section D for those who grow from one hundred to three hundred hills. In addition the Doctor was awarded the large gold cup offered by Louis B. Tim for the exhibitor with the largest number of blue ribbon winning entries. Mr. Tim very generously also offered

a second gold cup for the runner-up which took on added significance when it was learned that Fred J. Knocke had but one blue ribbon less than Dr. Bedell. Dr. Bedell's principal winnings were with *Discovery*, *Robert L. Ripley*, *Phyllis Knight*, *Lily Pons*, *Bette Davis*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Son of Satan* as well as a diversification of European introductions and standard miniatures and poms.

The largest flower was *Lord of Autumn*, exhibited by Edward J. O'Keefe, Cold Spring, N. Y., who needs no introduction in the fraternity of those who grow them big. *Virginia Root*, *Mrs. C. Sowton*, *California Idol*, *Katie K*, *America's Purity* and an immense *Mother Maytrott* demonstrated that Mr. O'Keefe's hand has not lost its skill!

Roy H. Webb of Scranton who always makes the local fellows hustle although he is obliged to bring his blooms this long distance captured many blue ribbons as usual. Particularly fine were his *Freda George*, *War Admiral*, *Rudolf's Giant* and *Tiger*. Mr. Webb and his son were injured in an automobile accident returning home from the Show. We are happy indeed that they are again quite all right.

Section D—Open to all. Dr. Bruce B. Preas again won many prizes including sweepstakes. His *Volcano* and *Murphy's Masterpiece* were impressive, also a magnificent pink collarette under number 378. Pressure has been exerted on the Doctor to introduce this artistic Dahlia which should have an important place in the Dahlia world—perhaps it will be released for 1939. Dr. Preas also won with *Mrs. Brittain*, *Yellow Gem*, *Bob White*, *Little Edith*, *Atom*, *Glorious*, *Baby Royal* and *Little Nemo*.

Louis B. Tim showed several very tasteful arrangements which won for him and *Valeria Home* was a strong competitor in the pom classes. The old, but very

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attractive variety, *Eileen*, being particularly good. They also showed some very promising seedling poms. Arthur Roberts of Waterbury, Connecticut, won many of the ball and miniature classes showing such old-timers as *Yo Yo*, *Frank Smith* and *Tom Jones* in fine condition.

Reginald Anschloss of Tuxedo, N. Y., made some fine exhibits in this section as did Milton Untermeyer of Elberon, N. J., his vase of *Jersey's Beauty* winning a special for him. Albert Parrella, James Borelli were also strong competitors in this section.

In the Estate Section firsts were won by Valeria Home, Oscawanna, N. Y., with *Katie K.*, *Prachtkehl*, *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Clara Barton* and *Rieble*. L. Fioretti of Tuxedo Park exhibited blue ribbon winners, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder* and *Dulcinea*; Edward Ilsey, Devon, Pennsylvania, *Volcano*; R. Auchincloss, Tuxedo Park, *Haslerova* and *California Idol*; Joseph Burrell, Tuxedo Park, *Lord of Autumn*, *Jane Cowl*, *Kathleen Norris* and *Monmouth Champion*. L. M. Ogden, Tuxedo Park won with *Sultan of Hillcrest*, very fine *Hunt's Velvet Wonder* and *Watchung Giant*. Stulz Dahlia Gardens of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, captured the important Belgium medal for the outstanding display of European novelties.

The undisseminated seedling classes were well filled but the general merit was far below other years. The Derrill Hart Memorial medal was awarded to *Langeloth* a bicolor Dahlia entered by Valeria Home and which will be introduced by Ruschmohr. The decision was well nigh unanimous and also well received by all who compared the various entries. The American Home Achievement Medal was won by O. B. Geer, Geneva Dahlia Gardens, Geneva, Ohio, with another bicolor, *Lois Walcher*. These blooms were brought in from Ohio and were exhibited in perfect condition. This was also a very popular decision. While the two Dahlias are bicolors they are very different from each other. *Lois Walcher* is tipped pure white while *Langeloth* is striped and tipped white.



Boro President James J. Lyons (right) together with A. D. S. President Lynn B. Dudley open the show at New York.

—Photo by Albert Humble

Valeria Home also received the Leonard Barron Memorial Award presented by *The Flower Grower* in honor of its former Editor—the specification being a Dahlia of medium size, under seven inches.

The President's Cup offered each year by Lynn B. Dudley for the best bicolor entry was again won by Edward Ilsey with a large basket of *Phantom*, which attracted much attention.

At the opening of the Show interest was aroused in three entries from California via air express. Prizes were awarded to Carl Salbach, Berkeley, California, for a yellow seedling fourteen inches across, *Mayor Frank Otis*. Also to Miss Alice Muesdorfer of San Francisco for her rose colored miniature *Luana* and a large bloom of a clear pink, *Claire Mortimer*. And to Glenn Mack of San Francisco for his miniature *Baby Snooks*, and the collarettes, *La Golandrina* and *Red Velvet*.

Another grower, Henry F. Cory of Linthicum Heights, Maryland, had planned to send entries but found that the planes were grounded due to poor visibility. Nothing daunted, Mr. Cory set out to drive his car all night. His efforts were rewarded with winnings of Silver Medals with two of his exhibits—that is the spirit of a genuine Dahliast.

On the second day of the Show, New York experienced the worst hurricane in over a hundred years. It is a great tribute to a great flower that several hundred people travelled in that terrible holocaust to witness the Show. The power houses became flooded and the entire northern end of the city was in darkness from eight o'clock in the evening. What few candles there were in the hotel were pressed into service and folk walked around carrying these small lighted candles, content to see the Dahlias under these very difficult conditions. It is a matter of record that a lady entered the exhibition room during the closing minutes and insisted upon paying admission, only to receive a small candle, lighted and mounted on a saucer and then proceeded to inspect the exhibits.

It is doubtful whether any Dahlia Show was ever held under more trying circumstances and except for a partial financial loss which was unavoidable proved a complete success.

SECTION AA

(For amateurs growing less than sixty hills who never have received an award at an American Dahlia Show.)

Cactus, three blooms, medium—T. Waterbury, of Peekskill, N. Y., *Pearl*; Robert F. Talbot, of New Berlin, N. Y., *Gretal*.

Decorative, three blooms, medium—Robert F. Talbot, *Vin-well Bittersweet*; John Chorba, Brooklyn, *Rudolph Giant*.

Cactus, three blooms, large—T. Waterbury, *Satan*; G. A. Wells, of Forest Hills Garden, N. Y., *Ballego's Surprise*.

Decorative, three blooms, large—T. Waterbury, *R. Ripley, Sultan of Hillcrest*, *Baerne*; G. A. Wells, *Chataqua Sunset*, *California Idol*.

Ball Dahlias, three blooms—T. Waterbury, *Supt. Amhryn*, *Mary Helen*.

Miniatures, five blooms—Florence Johns, of White Plains, N. Y., *Bishop of Llandoff*; T. Waterbury, *Baby Royal*.

Pompons, five blooms—T. Waterbury, *Atom*; John Chorba, *Little Edith*.

Any other type, five blooms—T. Waterbury, *Naori*.

Special, most outstanding entry in preceding classes—T. Waterbury.

Sweepstakes, preceding classes—T. Waterbury.

SECTION A

For amateurs growing seventy-five hills or less, exclusive of pompons, singles seedlings and miniatures.

Cactus, medium white or yellow, three blooms—William A. Warren, of Plainfield, N. J., *Jersey's Beauty*; Mrs. W. Hunter, of Westwood, N. J., *Jersey's Beauty*.

Cactus, medium orange or red, three blooms—Fred J. Knocke, of New York City, *Ohioan*; Charles Mason, of Elizabeth, N. J.

Cactus, medium pink or lavender, three blooms—Fred Knocke, *Julius Bunge*; Charles Mason.

Cactus, medium purple or bicolor, three blooms—William A. Warren, *Farncot*; Charles Mason.

Arrangement of medium cactus—Fred J. Knocke, *Julius Bunge*.
Special, most outstanding entry in above class—Fred J. Knocke, *Julius Bunge*.

Decorative, medium pink or lavender, three blooms—Charles Mason.

Basket of ten to eighteen blooms, Dahlias, medium—Fred J. Knocke.

Sweepstake—Fred Knocke.

Cactus, large white or yellow, one bloom—Fred J. Knocke, *Royal Purchase*; Henry Olson, of Flushing, *Frau Ida Mansfield*.

Cactus, large, orange or red, one bloom—Charles Mason, *Golden Standard*.

Semi-Cactus, large white or yellow, one bloom—Fred Knocke, *Ballego's Surprise*; W. A. Warren, *Ballego's Surprise*.

Semi-Cactus, large orange or red, one bloom—George Arata, *Son of Satan*; Charles Mason, *Satan*.

Semi-Cactus, large, pink or lavender, one bloom—Fred Knocke, *Bette Davis*; George Arata, *Bette Davis*.

Semi-Cactus, large purple or violet, one bloom—George Arata, *Jean Trimbee*.

Special and sweepstakes—Fred Knocke.

Formal decorative, white or yellow, one bloom, large—Fred Knocke, *D. Sainsbury*; George Arata, *Kentucky Sun*.

Formal decorative, orange or red, one bloom, large—Henry Olson, *Monmouth Champion*; Charles Mason.

Formal decorative, pink or lavender, one bloom, large—George Arata, *Judge Seabury*; William A. Warren, *Jersey's Beauty*.

Formal decorative, purple or violet, one bloom, large—Fred Knocke, *Purple Mist*.

Formal decorative, bicolor, one bloom, large—Henry Olson, *Haslerova*.

Special—Fred Knocke.

Informal decorative, white or yellow, one bloom, large—Charles Mason, *Watchung Giant*; William A. Warren, *S. W. Henry*.

Informal decorative, orange or red, one bloom, large—Fred Knocke, *Rudolph Giant*; George Arata, *Murphy's Masterpiece*.

Informal decorative, pink or lavender, one bloom, large—Wesley Hunter, of Westwood, N. J., *Katie K.*; Henry Olson, *Judr. K. Swoboda*.

Informal decorative, purple or violet, one bloom, large—George Arata, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*.

Informal decorative, bicolor, one bloom, large—George Arata, *Haslerova*.

Special—Mrs. W. Hunter.

Special type, largest and most perfect bloom—Henry Olson, *Sunray*; Charles Mason, *Watchung Giant*.

Sweepstakes—George Arata.

MINIATURES—Any type, five blooms, one or more varieties.

White or yellow—Paul W. Doll, White Plains, N. Y., *Savhican's Sweetheart*; Fred Knocke, *McKay's Purity*.

Orange or red—Fred Knocke, *Buckeye Baby*; Paul W. Doll, *Bishop of Llanddaff*.

Pink or lavender—Fred Knocke, *Baby Royal*; Florence Johns, *Fairy*.

Bowl miniature—Charles Mason; Fred Knocke.

Arrangement of miniature—Fred Knocke; J. A. Kuch.

POMPONS—Five blooms.

White or yellow—Henry Olson, *Rosalie*; Paul A. Doll, *Yellow Gem*.

Orange or red—Fred Knocke, *Little Edith*; Paul Doll, *Atom*.

Pink or lavender—Charles Mason.

Bicolor—James Malone, *Betty Malone*.

Bowl of pompons, ten to twenty blooms—Henry Olson; Paul Doll.

Arrangement of pompons—J. A. Kuch, *Verious*; Fred Knocke, *Little Edith*.

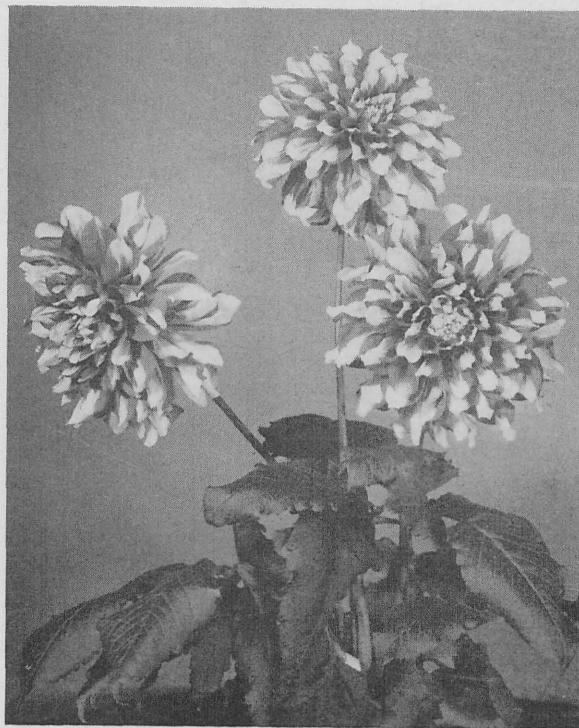
Sweepstakes—Fred Knocke.

Ball Dahlias, three blooms—Mrs. Wesley Hunter, *Supt. Amhryn*; William A. Warren, *Supt. Amhryn*.

Single Dahlias, five blooms—Henry Olson; Mrs. W. Hunter.

Collarette or orchid flowering Dahlias, five blooms—Henry Olson.

Grand sweepstakes in Section A, A. D. S. silver medal—Fred Knocke.



LANGELOTH—Bi-color of Valeria Home awarded Derrill W. Hart Memorial Gold Medal.

—Photo by Albert Humble

SECTION B

(For those other than professional gardeners who grow 100 hills or less, exclusive of small types.)

CACTUS—Incurved, straight or semi-cactus, three blooms, medium, flowers $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 inches.

Red—L. H. Fox, of Bellrose, Queens, *Gretel*.

CACTUS—Incurved or straight, one bloom, large, over seven inches.

White—L. F. Fox, *Jersey's Dainty*.

Yellow—L. F. Fox, *Victoria*.

Orange—L. F. Fox, *Golden Standard*.

Red—J. R. Nichols, of Freeport, L. I., *Dulcina*; D. J. Sandt, of Easton, Pa., *Madam Pesant*.

Lavender—D. J. Sandt, *Miss West Virginia*.

SEMI-CACTUS—One bloom, large, over seven inches.

White—L. F. Fox, *Ballego's Surprise*; D. J. Sandt, *American Purity*.

Yellow—L. F. Fox, *Kay Francis*; J. R. Nichols, *Prochtkerl*.

Orange—J. R. Nichols, *Amelia Earhart*.

Red—John M. Allen, of Rockville Centre, L. I., *Satan*; J. R. Nichols, *Son of Satan*.

Pink—L. F. Fox, *Josephine G.*; J. R. Nichols, *Bernice Geer*.

Lavender—J. R. Nichols, *Bette Davis*.

Purple—J. R. Nichols, *Jean Trimbee*.

*Special—J. M. Allen.

*Sweepstakes—L. F. Fox.

DECORATIVE—Formal, one bloom, large, over seven inches.

White—J. M. Allen, *Margaret Broomall*; D. J. Sandt, *Sainsbury*.

Yellow—J. R. Nichols, *Kentucky Sun*.

Orange—L. F. Fox, *Autumn Moon*; J. R. Nichols, *Sultan of Hillcrest*.

Lavender—J. R. Nichols, *Blue River*.

Purple—J. R. Nichols, *Purple Mist*.

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LOIS WALCHER—Bi-color exhibited by O. B. Geer, Geneva Dahlia Gardens, Geneva, Ohio, winner of American Home Achievement Medal in New York and five other shows. Blooms were shipped from Ohio.

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- *Special—John M. Allen.
Arrangement of five to ten blooms, Dahlias, large—J. R. Nichols.
DECORATIVE—Informal, one bloom, large, over seven inches.
White—J. R. Nichols, *Straight's White*.
Yellow—J. R. Nichols, *Lord of Autumn*; John N. Allen, *California Idol*.
Orange—Mrs. Wesley Hunter, *Watchung Giant*; J. R. Nichols, *Watchung Giant*.
Red—J. R. Nichols, *Murphy's Masterpiece*; J. R. Nichols, *Murphy's Masterpiece*.
Pink—John N. Allen, *Katie K.*; J. R. Nichols, *Clara Carder*.
Purple—J. R. Nichols, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*; John M. Allen, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*.
Bicolor—J. R. Nichols, *New Glory*.
Special—Mrs. Wesley Hunter.
Arrangement of five to ten blooms, Dahlias, large—A. Swoboda; J. R. Nichols.
Special, any type, largest and perfect bloom—Mrs. Wesley Hunter, *Watchung Giant*; J. R. Nichols, *Murphy's Masterpiece*.
MINIATURES—Any type, five blooms.
Red—John M. Allen, *Glorious*.
Pink—John M. Allen, *Baby Royal*.
Arrangement of miniatures—F. J. Knocke.
Special—John M. Allen.
POMPONS—Five blooms.
White—A. Swoboda, *Joe Fette*; John C. Coats, *Snowclad*.
Yellow—John M. Allen, *Little Edith*; John C. Coats, *Amber Queen*.
Orange—L. F. Fox, *Aimee*; A. Swoboda, *Pixy*.
Red—John M. Allen, *Atom*; John C. Coats, *Johnny Pepin*.
Lavender—L. F. Fox, *Nerrissa*.
Bicolor—James Malone, *Betty Malone*.
Bowl of pompons, ten to twenty blooms—A. Swoboda.
Arrangement of pompons—A. Swoboda.
Special—James Malone.

Sweepstakes—A. Swoboda.

BALL DAHLIAS—Three blooms.

Pink of lavender—John M. Allen, *Supt. Amhryn*.

Grand Sweepstakes, in Section B—A. D. S. Silver Medal—J. R. Nichols.

SECTION C

(For those other than professional gardeners who grow more than 100 but less than 300 hills exclusive of small varieties.)

CACTUS—Incurved, straight or semi-cactus, three blooms; medium flowers $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 inches.

White or yellow—Arthur Roberts, Waterbury, Conn., *Bellego's Surprise*; R. W. Webb, Scranton, Pa., *Jersey's Dainty*.

Orange or red—R. W. Webb, *Dulcina*; no second.

Pink—Arthur Roberts, *Miss Ohio*; R. W. Webb, *Olive Robertson*.

Purple or violet—R. W. Webb, *Ella May*; no second.

Bicolor—Dr. W. R. Bedell, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., *Oppelsdorf and Keicharat's Masterpiece*; no second.

Basket of incurved, straight or semi-cactus, Dahlias B, medium—R. W. Webb; no second.

*Special, most outstanding entry in classes 138B to 143B—R. W. Webb.

DECORATIVE—Formal or informal, 3 blooms, medium, flowers $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 inches.

White or yellow—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Helly Boudewyn*; Arthur Roberts, *White Abundance*.

Orange or red—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Adolph Mayer and Leiden's Orange*; no second.

Pink or lavender—Arthur Roberts, *Jersey's Beauty and Queen of Angels*; no second.

Purple or violet—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Kardinal Rossum*.

Bicolor—Arthur Roberts, *William Hogan*; R. W. Webb, *Whirligig*.

Basket of formal or informal decorative Dahlias, B, medium—R. W. Webb; no second.

*Special most outstanding entry in classes 144B to 149B—Dr. W. R. Bedell.

*Sweepstakes 138B to 149B—R. W. Webb.

CACTUS—Incurved or straight, one bloom, A—large, over seven inches.

White, yellow, orange or red—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Golden Standard*; E. J. O'Keefe, Cold Springs, N. Y., *American Triumph*.

Pink, lavender, purple or bicolor—E. J. O'Keefe, *Sleepy Hollow*; Dr. Bedell, *Mrs. Theobald*.

Three blooms, any color or colors—Dr. Bedell, *Miss West Virginia*; no second.

*Special, most outstanding entry in Classes 150A to 152A—E. J. O'Keefe.

SEMI-CACTUS—One bloom, large, over seven inches.

White or yellow—R. W. Webb, *Michigan White*; Dr. Bedell, *American Purity*.

Orange or red—F. R. Kurzenknabe, Hackensack, N. J., *Amelia Earheart*.

Pink or lavender—Dr. Bedell, *Bette Davis*; E. J. O'Keefe, *Pink Elegance*.

Purple or violet—R. W. Webb, *Jean Trimbe*; no second.

Bicolor—R. W. Webb, *Tiger*; Dr. Bedell, *New Glory*.

*Special, most outstanding entry in Classes 153A to 157A—F. R. Kurzenknabe.

Vase or container, cactus or semi-cactus, 12 blooms—Dr. Bedell.

DECORATIVE—Informal, one bloom, over seven inches.

White—E. J. O'Keefe, *Mother Maytrott*; Dr. Bedell, *Mother Maytrott*.

Yellow—E. J. O'Keefe, *California Idol*; Dr. Bedell, *America's Sweetheart*.

Orange—E. J. O'Keefe, *Mrs. Loreton*; R. W. Webb, *War Admiral*.

Red—E. J. O'Keefe, *Murphy's Masterpiece*; Arthur Roberts.

Pink—E. J. O'Keefe, *Katie K.*; R. W. Webb, *Phyllis Knight*.

Lavender—E. J. O'Keefe, *Katy K.*; Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Robert Ripley*.

Purple—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Discovery*; E. J. O'Keefe, *Discovery*.

Bicolor—Dr. Bedell, *Roxbury Mystery*; R. W. Webb, *Freckles*.

*Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 159A to 166A, E. J. O'Keefe.

DECORATIVE—Formal, one bloom, more than seven inches.

White or yellow—Dr. Bedell, *Darcy Sainsbury*; R. W. Webb, *Darcy Sainsbury*.

Orange or red—E. J. O'Keefe, *Fireball*; R. W. Webb, *Grand Master*.

Purple or violet—Arthur Roberts, *Wenoka*; R. W. Webb, *Purple Mist*.

*Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 167A to 171A; Dr. Bedell.

Basket—Formal or informal decorative Dahlias: A, large, Dr. Bedell, R. W. Webb.

SPECIAL—ANY TYPE

Largest and perfect bloom, diameter and depth, any type; E. J. O'Keefe.

*Sweepstakes, 150A to 173A—Dr. Bedell.

MINIATURES—Any type, five blooms.

White or yellow—Dr. Bedell, R. W. Webb.

Orange or red—E. J. O'Keefe, *Sylvia*; R. W. Webb, *Buckeye Baby*.

Pink or lavender—Arthur Roberts, *Fairy*.

Purple or violet—Dr. Bedell, *Purple Perfusion*.

Bicolor—R. W. Webb, *Popagee*; Arthur Roberts, *Teddy Johnson*.

Bowl or basket of miniatures, ten to twenty blooms—R. W. Webb, *Buckeye Baby*; Mrs. Ellen Bulluss, Meriden, Conn., *Pink Pearl*.

Arrangement of miniatures, twenty to forty blooms—R. W. Webb; Dr. Bedell.

*Special—Most outstanding entry in classes 174 to 180, Dr. Bedell.

POMPONS—Five Blooms

White—Mrs. Bulluss, *Bob White*; Dr. Bedell.

Yellow—Mrs. Bulluss, *Dottie Dimple*; E. J. O'Keefe, *Little Edith*.

Orange—Dr. Bedell; Mrs. Bulluss, *Hilda Searle*.

Red—Dr. Bedell; Mrs. Bulluss, *Dixie*.

Lavender—Dr. Bedell; Mrs. Bulluss, *Leada Behler*.

Purple—Arthur Roberts, *Sherry*; Dr. Bedell.

Bicolor—James Malone, *Betty Malone*; Dr. Bedell.

Bowl or basket of pompoms, ten to twenty-five blooms—Mrs. Bulluss; Dr. Bedell.

*Special—Most outstanding entry in classes 181 to 189, James Malone.

*Sweepstakes—174 to 189, R. W. Webb.

BALL DAHLIAS—Three Blooms

White, yellow, orange and red—Arthur Roberts; R. W. Webb.

Pink, lavender, purple or bicolor—Arthur Roberts; R. W. Webb.

ANY OTHER TYPE

Ten or more blooms, orchid flowering—R. W. Webb; Dr. Bedell.

Arrangement of Dahlias—Dr. Bedell; R. W. Webb.

*Special—Most outstanding entry in classes 190 to 193; Dr. Bedell.

*Grand Sweepstakes in Section C—A. D. S. silver medal—Dr. Bedell.

SECTION D Open to All

CACTUS—Incurved or straight, 3 blooms, medium, 3½ to 7 inches.

White or yellow—Vincent Sigismondj, Teaneck, N. J.; George C. Eldridge, Jr., Wenonah, N. J., *Marietta E.*

Orange—Albert Parrella, Bronx, *Miss Belgium*; Dr. Preas, *Miss Belgium*.

Red—S. Fioretti, Tuxedo, N. Y., *Dulcinea*; no second.

Pink—Valeria Home, *Reil*; Stolz Dahlia Gardens, Hazleton, Pa., *Mascoti*.

Purple or bicolor—M. F. Untermeyer, Butler, N. J.; no second.

*Special—Most outstanding entry in classes 194B to 199B, Valeria Home, *Reil*.

SEMI-CACTUS—Three blooms, medium, 3½ to 7 inches.

Orange or red—Walter H. Ostrander, Kingston, N. Y., *Market Jewel*; no second.

DECORATIVE—Informal, five blooms, medium, 3½ to 7 inches.

Orange or red—M. F. Untermeyer, Jr., *El Ray*; no second.

Pink or lavender—Reginald Archincloss, Tuxedo, N. Y.; no second.

DECORATIVE—Formal, five blooms, B, medium, 3½ to 7 inches.

Pink or lavender—M. F. Untermeyer, *Jersey's Beauty*; M. F. Untermeyer, Jr., *Jersey's Beauty*.

*Special, most outstanding entry in classes 211B to 216B—M. F. Untermeyer.

*Sweepstakes, 206B to 216B—M. F. Untermeyer, Jr.

CACTUS—Incurved or straight, three blooms, large, over 7 inches.

White or yellow, Albert Parrella; Louis Feoretti, *Golden Golden*.

Orange or red—Dr. Preas, *American Triumph*; no second.

SEMI-CACTUS—Three blooms, large, over seven inches.

White or yellow—E. J. O'Keefe, Cold Spring, N. Y., *Ballego's Surprise*; Louis Feoretti, *Frau O'Bracht*.

Pink or lavender—M. F. Untermeyer; no second.

*Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 223A to 227A, E. J. O'Keefe.

DECORATIVE—Informal, three blooms, large, over seven inches.

White—Louis Feoretti; James Borrelli, *Arela Lloyd*.

Purple—Louis Feoretti, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*.

Yellow—James Borrelli, *Lord of Autumn*.

Orange, James Borrelli, *Jane Covel*.

Red—Dr. Preas, *Murphy's Masterpiece*; no second.

Pink—James Borrelli, *Kathleen Norris*; Dr. Preas, *Carl Dahl*.

Lavender—Louis Feoretti, *Orchid Queen*.

Bicolor—M. F. Untermeyer, *Freckles*; Walter Ostrander, *Fancy Free*.

*Special—Most outstanding entry in classes 229A to 236A, James Borrelli.

DECORATIVE—Formal, 3 blooms, large, over 7 inches.

White or yellow—Louis Feoretti, *White Giant*; Dr. Preas, *Volcano*.

Orange or red—James Borrelli, *Mownouth Champion*; Dr. Preas, *Volcano*.

Pink or lavender—M. F. Untermeyer; Louis Feoretti, *Wenoka*.

SPECIAL—ANY TYPE

Largest and perfect bloom, semi-cactus, diameter x depth, any type—Louis Feoretti, *Amelia Earheart*.

Largest and perfect bloom, informal decorative—James Borrelli, *Premier's Majestic*.

Largest and perfect bloom, formal decorative, diameter x depth, any type—Reginald Auchincloss, Tuxedo, N. Y., *Volcano*.

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MRS. C. J. SOWTON—Blue Ribbon Winner of Ed. J. O'Keefe, which attracted much interest.

—Photo by Albert Humble





SUNRAYS

First prize winner of Henry Olsen, Flushing, N. Y. One of the most perfect blooms in the Show.

—Photo by Albert Humble

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*Sweepstakes 229A to 246A—James Borrelli.

Grand Sweepstakes 194B to 246A. Silver cup offered by Edward B. Lloyd, show manager—Louis Feoretti.

MINIATURES—ANY TYPE, 5 BLOOMS

Orange or red—W. H. Ostrander, Kingston, N. Y., *Honey Bird*; Arthur Roberts, Waterbury, Conn., *Jean*.

Pink or lavender—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Rockville Centre; *Baby Royal*; Etherington Dahlia Gardens, Westwood, N. J.

Purple or violet—Fred P. Webber, Newport, R. I., *Morine*.

Bicolor—Dr. Preas, *Little Nemo*.

Bowl or basket of miniatures—Louis B. Tim, Long Branch, N. J.; Dr. Preas.

Arrangement of miniatures—Louis B. Tim; Mrs. George Green, Kensington, Conn.

Cactus—Incurved, straight or semi-cactus, 5 blooms—Fred P. Webber, *Petit Sonne*; Walter H. Ostrander, *Baby Royal*.

Decorative—Formal or informal, 5 blooms—Walter H. Ostrander, *Harlequin*; Philip L. Boutillier, Irvington, N. J.

Peony (open centered), 5 blooms—Dr. Preas, *Bishop of Llandaff*; Lucy O'Neal, Indianapolis, *Mrs. Perry O'Neill*.

*Special most outstanding entry in classes 147 to 256—Louis B. Tim.

*Sweepstakes, 247 to 256—Louis B. Tim.

POMPONS—Ten blooms.

White, Dr. Preas, *Bob White*; Valeria Home, Inc., Oscawana, N. Y., *Seedling No. 10*.

Yellow—Valeria Home, *Mrs. Borham*; Dr. Preas, *Yellow Gem*.

Orange—Dr. Preas, *Little Edith*; Baleria Home, *Amber Queen*.

Red—Valeria Home, *Seedling No. 25*; Dr. Preas, *Atom*.

Pink—Valeria Home, *Seedling No. 312*, Dr. Preas, *Mrs. Bretton*.

Lavender—Valeria Home, *Eileen*; Dr. Preas, *Lavender Beauty*.

Purple—Arthur Roberts, *Sherry*; M. F. Untermeyer, Jr., *Censor*.

Bicolor—Valeria Home, *Eileen*; James Malone.

Bowl of pompons, ten to twenty blooms—Dr. Preas; M. F. Untermeyer, Jr.

Basket of pompons, fifteen to thirty blooms—Dr. Preas, *Bob White*; Louis B. Tim.

Arrangement of pompons, twenty to fifty blooms—M. F. Untermeyer, Jr.; Valeria Home.

*Special—Most outstanding entry in classes 257 to 267.

*Sweepstakes—257 to 267—Dr. Preas.

BALL DAHLIAS—Three blooms.

White or yellow—James Borrelli, *No. 356*; Arthur Roberts, *Supt. Amhryn*.

Orange or red—Arthur Roberts, *Yo-Yo. Frank Smith*.

Pink or lavender—James Borrelli; Dr. Preas.

ANY OTHER TYPE, 5 to 9 blooms—Dr. Preas.

Basket or arrangement—Dr. Preas.

*Sweepstakes 268 to 274—Dr. Preas.

*Grand sweepstakes 247 to 274, A. D. S. Silver Medal—Dr. Preas.

SECTION E

Private Estates With a Gardener

Commercial Growers Excluded

Display of Dahlias not over 100 square feet—A. D. S. silver medal—Louis B. Tim.

Basket of Dahlias, not over twenty-five blooms, B medium, 3½ to 7 inches—Louis B. Tim, *Jersey's Beauty*; Ed. Ilsley, Devon, Pa., *Jersey's Beauty*.

Basket of Dahlias, not more than twenty blooms, over 7 inches—Ed. Ilsley, *Volcano*.

Cactus, incurved or straight, five blooms, one or more varieties, over 3½ inches—Ed. Ilsley, *Devon Beauty*; Valeria Home, Inc., Oscawana, N. Y., *American Triumph*.

Semi-cactus, five blooms, one or more varieties, over 7 inches—Baleria Home, *Greater Glory*; Reginald Auchinchloss, Tuxedo, N. Y., *Jessica Dragonette*.

Decorative, informal, five blooms, one or more varieties, over 7 inches—Reginald Auchinchloss, *Lord of Autumn*; L. M. Ogden, Tuxedo, N. Y., *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*.

Decorative, formal, five blooms, one or more varieties, over 7 inches—L. M. Ogden, *Sultan of Hillcrest*; Reginald Auchinchloss, *Sultan of Hillcrest*.

Largest and perfect bloom, x depth, any type—Ed. Ilsley, *Murphy's Masterpiece*.

Ball, five blooms, one or more varieties—Valeria Home, *Supt. Amhryn*; Ed. Ilsley, *Supt. Amhryn*.

Single, twelve blooms—Valeria Home, *Purity*; Louis B. Tim, *Volksklausler*.

Collarette, seven blooms—Edward Ilsley, *Tribune*; Judge A. I. Elkus, Red Bank, N. J.

Arrangement of orchid flowering Dahlias—Louis B. Tim, *Dahlidel Whisper*; Judge A. I. Elkus, *Twinkle*.

White, five blooms, any types, large, more than 7 inches—Ed. Ilsley, *White Abundant*; Judge A. I. Elkus.

Orange, five blooms, any type; A. large, more than seven inches—Edward Ilsley, *Volcano*; L. M. Ogden, *Jane Cowal*.

Red, five blooms, any type; A. large, more than seven inches—Valeria Home, *Murphy's Masterpiece*; L. M. Ogden, *Murphy's Masterpiece*.

Pink, five blooms, any type; A. large, more than seven inches—Valeria Home, *Katie K.*; Edward Ilsley, *Kathleen Norris*.

Purple, five blooms, any type; A. large, more than seven inches—L. M. Ogden, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*; Judge A. I. Elkus, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*.

Bicolor, five blooms, any type; A. large, more than seven inches—Edward Ilsley, *Phantom*; Reginald Auchinchloss, *Haslerova*.

Collection of miniature, four varieties, five blooms of each variety—Edward Ilsley; Judge A. I. Elkus.

Sweepstakes—Edward Ilsley.

SECTION F

Commercial

*To the most outstanding and meritorious commercial entry; award, A. D. S. Gold Medal—Dahlidel Nurseries.

Dahlia trade exhibit of 200 square feet—Dahlidel Nurseries.

Dahlia trade exhibit of 50 square feet—Albert Parella.

Trade exhibit of novelty or novelties, 1937-'38 introductions and undisminated varieties, Dahlia trade exhibit of 100 square feet—Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Rockville Centre, L. I.

SECTION G

Undisseminated Dahlias

Must not be less than two, and preferably three, years old. On long stems. Special—Derrill W. Hart Medal. Most outstanding entry regardless of type—Valeria Home, *Langeloth*.

Cactus, incurved, 3 blooms, medium—George Eldridge, Jr., Wenonah, N. J.

Semi-cactus, 3 blooms, medium—William Molter, Hempstead, L. I.

Decorative, formal, 3 blooms, medium—Valeria Home.

Miniature, cactus, incurved, straight or semi-cactus, 5 blooms—Vincent Sigismondi.

Miniature, decorative, formal or informal, 5 blooms—Valeria Home.

Semi-cactus, 3 blooms, large—Vincent Montani, Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

Decorative, informal, 3 blooms, large—Etherington Dahlia Gardens, Westwood, N. J.

Decorative, formal, 3 blooms, 1A large—Valeria Home.

Pompons, 5 blooms—E. E. Tooker, Rockville Centre, L. I.

The American Home Achievement Medal won by Geneva Dahlia Gardens, Geneva, Ohio, Lois Walcher.

Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy won by Valeria Home.

SECTION H

Shipments by Air

Shipped 300 miles or over—Glen T. Mack, San Francisco, California, *Red Velvet*, *La Golandrina*; Alice Meussdorffer, San Francisco, *Claire Mortimer*.

750 miles or over—Carl Salbach, Mayor Frank Otis; Caroline Loop, Adrian, Michigan, *Culo*.

Three blooms undissemated—Henry Corey, Linthicum Heights, Md., Seedling Caroline Loop, *Charon Hall*.

Three blooms on trial at an official A. D. S. Trial Garden—Henry F. Corey, Glen T. Mack, *Baby Snooks*.

SECTION I

Special—Open to All

The most outstanding and meritorious non-commercial entry or display. Not to go to a commercial grower or to an entry of less than three blooms. Award—A. D. S. gold medal—Louis B. Tim.

HOUSE BEAUTIFUL AWARD—House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity. The best of one or more than one of the varieties selected for House Beautiful's "Dahlia Futurity" article, by J. W. Johnston, published in the December, 1937, issue of "House Beautiful." Award to the winner: House Beautiful's Dahlia Futurity gold medal—Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa., *Rosy Morn*.

NEW JERSEY SOCIETY AWARD—Honorary President's Award. Best Dahlia of New Jersey origin never before exhibited at a show of the A. D. S. Medal offered by Mrs. Charles H. Stout—George C. Eldridge, Wenonah, N. J., *Marietta E.*

A. D. S. PRESIDENT'S AWARD—Bicolor, President award bicolor special for the best basket display of not less than ten blooms of bicolors. Silver pitcher offered by President B. Dudley—Ed. Ilsley, *Phantom*.

MEDAL OF NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND—The silver medal of the National Society of England; most artistic arrangement of Dahlias in the show—Louis B. Tim.

OHIO VALLEY AWARD—Class 328, the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association's meritorious award to the most outstanding vase or basket of Dahlias in the show—Ed. Ilsley—*Phantom*.

BELGIUM DAHLIA SOCIETY AWARD—Collection of imported cactus Dahlias, including incurved, straight or semi-cactus, in one container. Bronze medal, Dahlia Society of Belgium—Stolz Dahlia Gardens, Hazeltown, Pa.

Garden Club Section

Dahlias and Other Garden Flowers

By Georgena Humble

The colorful scene of Dahlias was a thing of great beauty as one stepped inside the Concourse Plaza Hotel to view the Fall Show of the American Dahlia Society, leaving behind him the beating rain which had not ceased falling for several days. The transition was almost breath-taking. One wondered how these glorious blooms so large and perfect, could have made their way without blemish from the soaking garden to the Show. Upward glances of the visitors made them more curious as they gazed on the surrounding balcony above. From here could be seen more gay colored exhibits placed at the pillars of the balustrade and on round tables staged along all sides of the balcony, the space for the Garden Club exhibits.

The horticultural exhibits of Dahlias and garden flowers were of superior quality, and the arrangement classes included compositions especially interesting, unusual and of high standard. Displays of Dahlias, large

and small, spread over the balcony in a great variety of color. Among the horticultural classes for large specimens and medium sized blooms, were shown *Rudolph's Giant*, a mammoth informal decorative of glowing buff; *Son of Satan*, a large bright red semi-cactus that is attractive and dominating in the garden; *Mrs. George Le Boutillier*, *Murphy's Masterpiece*, both fine large reds; *Haslerova*, a white and purple garnet flecked bicolor; *Frau O'Bracht*; *Ballego's Surprise*, a winner in the white class; *Sultan of Hillcrest*, *Frau Ida Mansfield*, *Lord of Autumn*, all lemon yellows; *Bette Davis*, a beautiful deep violet rose; *Mrs. Herbert O'Connor*, a good keeper of bright rose pink cactus type, excellent for arrangements; and *Darcy Sainsbury*, the winner of the tricolor for the best specimen bloom. Mr. Nichols, of Freeport, L. I., member of the Community Garden Club of Bellerose, L. I., was the proud exhibitor of *Darcy Sainsbury*, a fine white formal decorative of Australian introduction.

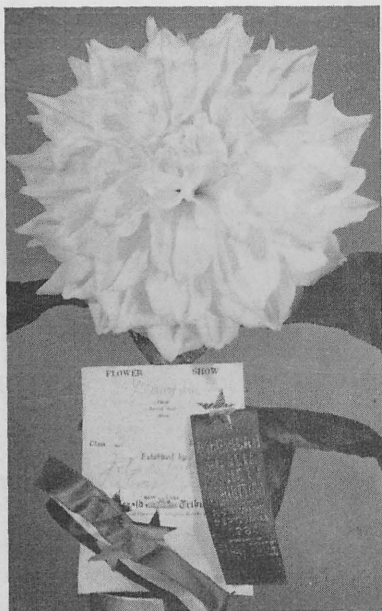
Orchid flowering Dahlias were lacking, but pompons and miniatures were popular. The prim little pompons were perfect specimens, minute in size, with close formation of tiny cupped petals reaching from the tight centers around to the stems, forming blooms as round as balls. The favorites among these were *Indian Chief*, *Atom*, *Little Edith*, *Bob White*, *Joe Fette*, *Johnny*, *Donnie* and *Honey*. Mrs. Bahr, of Verona, N. J., won the blue ribbon for pompons. The miniatures included *Baby Royal*, *Little Dream*, *Snowsprite*, *Easter Greeting*, *Mirth*, *Dubonnet*, *Bishop of Landaff* and *Prince of Bulgaria*. The blue ribbon exhibit was staged by Mrs. Hunter, of Westwood, N. J.

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MARGIE PARRELLA—White Commercial awarded blue ribbon—named in honor of the daughter of its introducer, Albert Parrella of New York City.

—Photo by Albert Humble





Garden Club Tricolor Winner
DARCY SAINSBURY
exhibited by John
Nichols, Freeport,
N. Y.

—Photo by
Albert Humble

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Among the garden flower exhibits, some exceptionally large specimens of *Celosia Cristata*, red coxcombs, over a foot across, caused a sensation, vying in size with the largest Dahlias. These were shown by John Grider, of Pompton Lakes, N. J., who also won blue ribbons for a basket of especially fine pale yellow *Fantasy* Zinnias and for giant Zinnias. There were several exhibits of Lilliput and Mexican Zinnias as well as the giant Dahlia-flowered varieties. Some beautiful Gladiolus of varied colors were displayed in the Garden Club Section. Mr. White, of Englewood, N. J., won two blue ribbons in the classes for Gladiolus. Many types and varieties of Marigolds gave autumn atmosphere with gay coloring of yellow, gold and bronze. The best Asters were shown by Mr. Rufus E. Smith, of Bellerose, L. I. Blooms of delicate and dark shades of the hybrid tea Roses were frequently sniffed, for their fragrance was rich and tempting.

The class calling for any meritorious exhibit not indicated on the schedule, brought some distinctive pieces. A terrarium skillfully planted with mosses and Indian Pipe, arrested the close attention of many who would probably never again have an opportunity to see such rare and perfect specimens of this fairy-like bit of nature. This was the handiwork of Mr. and Mrs. Conover, of Oradell, N. J., who gathered the choice piece while out for a walk in the woods. From the open drawers of an old Chinese chest tumbled many clusters of sempervivums. This was one of the clever exhibits of Mrs. Scholz, of Great Neck, L. I. Miss Norris, of Douglaston, L. I., showed a bubble bowl filled with snowberries that glistened through the glass, rose out of the top and fell over the sides in a fountain of waxy white sprays intermingled with delicate green.

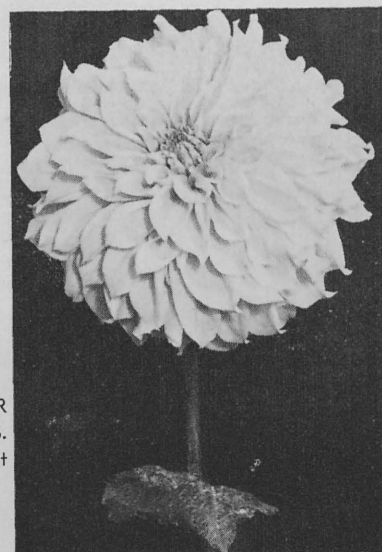
These charming displays were attractive to the minutest detail, but more spectacular and bold in character were those exhibits featuring Dahlia arrangements.

One piece, not only inspiring but thrilling to look at, was a tall black pottery vase standing on a tier of black blocks, in which had been placed with pleasing balance, a bud and two large lemon yellow blooms of *Major Messervy* Dahlias with Rhododendron foliage. Another composition that attracted attention and admiration was in a class requiring a composition of Dahlias suitable for placing before a large audience. Here the blending colors of *Blue River* and Thomas Edison Dahlias were used with Oxydendron foliage in a harmonizing mauve colored jug. The tricolor for the best arrangement was awarded to a composition of *Baby Royal* Dahlias, salmon pink semi-cactus miniatures placed with autumn colored Oxydendron foliage in a Japanese pottery pillow, the color of which was a pleasing blend of flowers and foliage. All three of these distinctive exhibits were made by Mrs. Frederick Lewis, of Little Neck, L. I. Mrs. W. G. Wheeler, of Brooklyn, N. Y., won for an arrangement of pompons and Mrs. Radline of Little Neck, L. I., won in the class for miniatures, in which she used *Baby Royal* Dahlias with Leucothoe foliage, in a white pottery vase.

A large basket of dry plant materials, an arrangement in the Japanese manner, of Cattails, the berried compositions, the rich autumn shades in the Marigold and Zinnia arrangements, and the red flowers in black containers were a splendid contrast for the more delicate and fragrant roses and white compositions.

The Community Garden Club, of Bellerose, won the Garden Club sweepstakes, having five blue ribbons with a tricolor. These were all won in the horticultural classes, four for Dahlias and one for Asters. A fine glass vase was awarded to the club as a trophy. Mr. and Mrs. Conover won the individual sweepstakes with four blue ribbons, won in classes for meritorious and distinctive compositions, and for arrangements of Marigolds. The Silver Medal of the A. D. S. was awarded to this couple for their achievement.

Judging from the time visitors devoted to peering into the Garden Club exhibits, it may be assumed that these



CLAIRE MORTIMER
winner at A. D. S.
Show on bloom sent
by Alice Meuss-
dorffer, San Fran-
cisco, Cal.

offered inspiration and stimulated ideas which the spectators were carrying off for future work from both standpoints of adding to their garden varieties and filling their vases.

The prize winners were as follows:

Section A—Dahlias

Five large flowered Dahlias, one or more varieties—J. R. Nichols, Freeport, N. Y.; L. F. Fox, Bellerose, Queens; A. J. Romeril, Bellerose.

Three decorative Dahlias, formal or informal, one or more varieties—J. R. Nichols; A. J. Romeril; Rose Napoli, Little Neck, L. I.

Decorative Dahlia, formal or informal, one bloom, any color—J. R. Nichols; Gilbert C. Wagner, Leonia, N. J.; Rufus E. Smith, Bellerose.

Three cactus Dahlias, straight or incurved, one or more varieties—Mrs. Wesley Hunter, Westwood, N. J.; William A. Warren, Plainfield, N. J.; Rufus Smith, Bellerose.

Three semi-cactus Dahlias, one or more varieties—L. F. Fox, Bellerose; J. R. Nichols; George Arata, Freeport, L. I.

Six single or collarette Dahlias, one or more varieties—Rose Napoli.

Twelve pompons, one or more varieties—Mrs. Charles Bahr, Verona, N. J.; Mrs. Wesley Hunter; A. J. Romeril.

Twelve miniatures, one or more varieties; blooms not to exceed $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter—Mrs. Wesley Hunter; Mrs. Jules Rosenthal, Great Neck, L. I.; J. R. Nichols.

Arrangements Featuring Dahlias (Exhibitors to furnish containers)

Large flowered Dahlias arranged with autumn foliage for placing before a large audience—Mrs. Frederick Lewis, Little Neck; John Grider, Pompton Lakes, N. J.; Mrs. Charles G. Scholz, Great Neck.

Large flowering Dahlias of one color arranged with evergreen material—Mrs. Fred Lewis; Mrs. William G. Wheeler, Brooklyn; Mrs. Jules Rosenthal.

Small Dahlias suitably arranged for placing on a luncheon table with service for eight—Dorothy Kaupman, Brooklyn; A. J. Romeril; Mrs. G. Healy, Bronx.

Pompon Dahlias arranged in any container—Mrs. William G. Wheeler; Mrs. Alfred Bial; Mrs. George E. Green, Kensington, Connecticut.

Miniature Dahlias arranged in any container—Mrs. L. L. Radline, Little Neck; Mrs. Louis F. Lee, Hartsdale, N. Y.; Mrs. Fred Lewis, Little Neck.

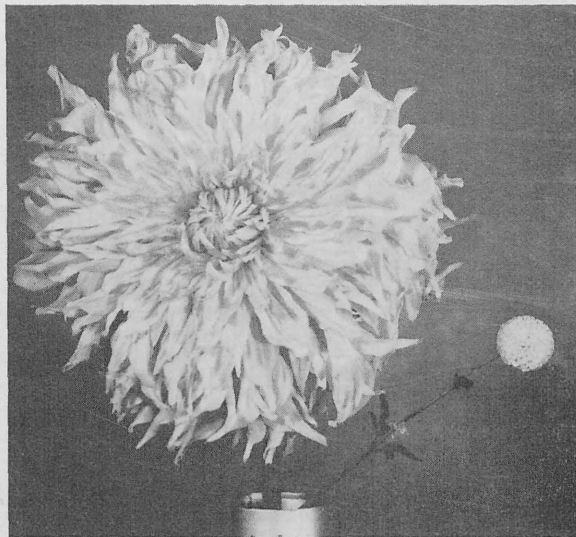
Garden Flower Other Than Dahlias (Quality of blooms to count 50 per cent)

Exhibitors to furnish containers except where otherwise indicated—Rufus E. Smith, Bellerose, Queens.

Three sprays celosia cristata, containers supplied; quality of blooms, foliage and stems to count 100 per cent—John Grider, Mrs. Alfred Bial, Rose Napoli.

Gladiolus, three spikes, one variety, any type, container supplied; quality of blooms 100 per cent—John White, William White, George White, all Englewood.

Gladiolus, one or more varieties, containers supplied;



MAYOR FRANK OTIS—Air Express Blue Ribbon entry from Carl Salbach, Berkeley, Cal. Its tiny friend is E. E. Tooker's pompon, GRAIN OF GOLD.

—Photo by Albert Humble

quality of blooms 100 per cent—John White, William White.

Asters, one or more varieties of yellow—Rufus E. Smith.

Marigolds, one or more varieties of orange—Mrs. A. I. Elkus, Red Bank, N. J.; John Grider, Rose Napoli.

French marigolds, one or more varieties—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J.; Mrs. Alfred Bial, John Grider.

Marigolds, any combination of varieties and colors—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Mrs. A. I. Elkus, Mrs. G. Healy.

Petunias, large type, one or more varieties—Honorable mention, Mrs. G. Healy.

Roses, vase of six hybrid teas, one or more varieties; quality of blooms, stems and foliage 100 per cent—Mrs. F. Untermeyer, Butler, N. J.; Rufus E. Smith.

Roses arranged for effect, with or without other flowers—Mrs. Tom Cummings, Brooklyn; O. Norris, Douglaston, Queens; Mrs. E. V. Norris, Douglaston.

Zinnias, ten blooms, giant type, one or more varieties, container supplied; quality of blooms, stems and foliage 100 per cent—John Grider, Rose Napoli, Rufus E. Smith.

Zinnias, Lilliput, one or more varieties arranged in any container—Mrs. Alfred Bial, Gilbert C. Wagner, Leonia, N. J.; Mrs. A. I. Elkus, Red Bank, N. J.

Zinnias, Mexican, arranged in any container—Mrs. Louis F. Lee, Hartsdale, N. Y.; Mrs. Alfred Bial, Cedar Grove, N. Y.; Mrs. G. Healy, Bronx.

Zinnias, giant type, one or more varieties arranged for effect—Mrs. Alfred Bial, Mrs. D. P. Jones, Brooklyn; Mrs. Jules Rosenthal.

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Impressions of Dahlias—New and Old

*Being a travelogue of George R. Currie, Sheboygan,
Wisconsin, Attorney and Dahlia Enthusiast*

This past season the writer was able to spare more time away from my office on vacation and as usual devoted it to trips visiting Dahlia gardens in the middle west and attending Dahlia Shows.

On August 19th and again on August 23rd I attended the Eighth Annual Dahlia Show of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc., held in connection with the Wisconsin State Fair at Milwaukee.

September 10th found me in attendance at the Racine County Dahlia Society at Racine which Show this year proved to be even better than our State Show.

On the evening of Wednesday, September 14th, Dr. H. H. Vollendorf, of Manitowoc, and I left by automobile driving as far as Desplaines, Illinois, the first night. The next morning we were guests of Mr. John J. Brugman for breakfast at his home at Hinsdale, Illinois, where we had an opportunity of seeing many of the new Dahlias for 1939 on trial in his cloth house, from such growers and introducers as C. W. Ballay, Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Joseph Nuneviller's American Dahlia Farm, A. H. Rich and George H. Burkart. We also stopped a few minutes to visit the garden of Mr. H. L. Franzen, Maywood, and then drove over four hundred miles in order to arrive at Canton, Ohio, where we enjoyed the hospitality over night of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. R. Veirs. We certainly enjoyed our stay at the Veirs' home and had an opportunity to have a real Dahlia visit with Mr. Veirs who is one of the finest gentlemen and outstanding Dahlia authorities in the country.

Thursday morning we inspected Mr. Veirs' gardens and his extensive planting of seedlings, and the quality of his stock of *Lord of Autumn*, *Darcy Sainsbury* and *Robert L. Ripley* were outstanding. He also had some undisminated Dahlias of other growers on trial, two of which are more fully described later on in this article. Mr. Veirs also took us to the backyard garden of one of his customers where we viewed a fine bush of *Robert L. Ripley* having six big perfect blooms open at one time.

The remainder of Thursday was spent visiting the Hillside Dahlia Gardens of Walter Bissel and the Strasen Dahlia Gardens, both at Austintown, Ohio, and the gardens of F. J. Parenica at Bedford, H. H. Robens at Chagrin Falls, and Charles F. Lasch at South Euclid. The recent cloudbursts of rain had injured the Dahlia gardens in Ohio and they were not appearing at their best. At Mr. Bissel's, the outstanding Dahlias were *Oakleigh Monarch* and his own fine undisminated Dahlias such as *Hillside Sunset* (the Achievement medal winner at the Cleveland Show), *Silver Lady* (a very fine lavender and white informal decorative), *No. 261* (an autumn colored straight cactus), and *No. 113* (a purple informal decorative seedling of *Thomas A. Edison*). Later I saw *No. 261* and *No. 113* at East Lansing Trial Gardens where they proved to be two of the best varieties there.

Friday was spent at the Dahlia Society of Ohio Show at Cleveland where we both served as judges, the concluding event of the day being the banquet. While the rains interfered with the number of exhibits the quality was good, but the most enjoyable part of the day was meeting acquaintances of former years.

Sunday morning we visited the Dahlia garden of Ralph L. Walcher, located on a farm south of Cleveland and that of E. J. Wind of Rocky River. We believe Mr. Wind has the best equipped Dahlia farm in the middle west. We then drove 350 miles in order to arrive at the Show of the Central States Dahlia Society at Garfield Park Conservatory at Chicago, where the number of exhibits and quality of bloom were outstanding.

Monday we visited many of the gardens of members of the Central States Dahlia Society in company with Mr. H. L. Franzen and Mr. J. L. O'Brien, and on the way home stopped at Northbrook Dahlia Gardens at Northbrook, Illinois, the proprietor of which is Mr. Asther, where we found many of the 1938 introductions as well as the best of the older varieties in full bloom, and this proved to be one of the finest Dahlia gardens visited. At Racine, Wisconsin, we stopped to view several of the gardens arriving home late that evening.

After two days at the office, including several hours of night work, my automobile was again tearing over the highway enroute to the Dahlia gardens of Michigan and the Mid West Show at Detroit. The other passengers on this trip were picked up along the way, being W. E. Kernen of Milwaukee, Secretary of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin; Theodore F. Schroeder of Muckwonago, and E. M. Larsen of Madison, both past Presidents of our State Society; and H. L. Franzen of Maywood, Illinois, who has been Show manager of the Central States Dahlia Society's Chicago Show for the past two seasons. At Detroit we were joined by Prof. Lew Sarett of Ravinia, Illinois. We were blessed with six beautiful, bright, warm days of perfect weather, and a more enthusiastic bunch of Dahlia fans than those in our party would be hard to find, so that the trip will long stand out in my memory as one of the most enjoyable of life's experiences.

Thursday afternoon we visited the gardens of F. C. Wolfe, Athens, Michigan, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Emmons, Battle Creek, Michigan. Several hundred plants of *Lord of Autumn* in full bloom at Mr. Wolfe's were outstanding. At the Emmons' garden we saw a large shaggy rose-pink cactus called *Rose Point* which is very attractive, and which is on trial at the East Lansing Trial Gardens this year.

Thursday night we spent at Grand Rapids and on Thursday we visited the Dahlia gardens of Lloyd L. Hook (Oakleigh Gardens), and A. T. Edison (Springhill Dahlia Farm), at Grand Rapids, the Trial Gardens

at East Lansing, and the gardens at Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, and of Nick Koenig (Lake Side Dahlia Gardens), New Baltimore. Mr. Hook has some undisseminated Dahlias of Dr. Silvernale of California which appear to be outstanding and which are to be sent to the trial gardens next year. The quality of the field planting of Mr. Edison was outstanding, and among the varieties doing especially well in the field were *Bette Davis*, *Golden Beauty*, *California Peach* and *Rockley Dictator*.

Mrs. C. E. Wildon and the largest and finest bloom of *Watchung Giant* I have seen were the outstanding sights at Dixie Dahlia Gardens. At Mr. Koenig's we had an opportunity to see his new introductions for 1939, *Dai Wong* and *Satania*, and his introduction of the past year, *Michigan White*, which was doing particularly well.

Thursday night was spent at Port Huron, and in the morning we visited the Dahlia Gardens of George H. Burkart and found Mr. Burkart busy packing his flowers for the exhibit at the Detroit Show.

We then enjoyed a beautiful scenic drive along the shores of the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair from Port Huron to Detroit and past the beautifully kept estates and mansions of Grosse Point. The remainder of the day and evening was spent at the Mid West Show including attendance at the six o'clock banquet.

It was a full day as four of us were pressed into service as judges. When the Show closed its doors at ten o'clock the six of us adjourned to one of our rooms at the Hotel Statler where under the tutelage of Prof. Sarett we held a clinic on the Dahlias thus far seen on the trip in the gardens and at the Show.

Sunday morning we inspected the Dahlia planting at the beautiful Detroit Zoological Gardens at Royal Oak which is doing much to further the popularity of the Dahlia. Ballot boxes are provided at either end of the planting where visitors are asked to cast their vote for the Dahlia they like best. There were eight of us in the party that morning and each faithfully cast his ballot in secret before we compared notes and then found that five of us had voted in favor of the Dahlia, *Mrs. C. E. Wildon*, while the three dissenters had scattered their votes on three other varieties. While the writer cast his vote for *Mrs. C. E. Wildon*, I thought *Michigan White* and *Miss Oakland* were strong runners-up. *Miss Oakland* was also outstanding at the Detroit Show where the finest bloom I have seen of this variety won the blue ribbon for Dr. Del Marr of Ridgetown, Ontario, as best white formal in the amateur class, and I feel sure it would have had a good chance to have won the medal for most perfect bloom in the Show if it had been specially entered in the class calling for the most perfect bloom.

After the visit Sunday morning to the Zoological Gardens, we spent two hours at the Show carefully and methodically viewing each table of exhibits and making notes of what we considered outstanding. After dinner we headed south and after a drive of one hundred ninety miles we arrived at Urbana, Ohio, where we spent the night.

Monday morning we visited Mr. D. P. Wickersham's Mad River Gardens where under the guidance of Mr. Wickersham we spent more than two very profitable hours because in addition to many seedlings and undis-

seminated Dahlias of his own, these gardens contain many undisseminated Dahlias of other growers sent on trial and many imported varieties from Australia and Europe.

Another long drive was necessary to take us from Urbana to the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sparks at Columbus, Indiana, but the well grown Dahlias we found there were ample reward for the drive. After leaving Columbus we headed homeward getting as far as Lebanon, Indiana, for the night.

Tuesday, September 20th, was consumed in the homeward trip, the only gardens visited outside of the respective gardens of members of our party being the Northbrook Dahlia Gardens, Northbrook, Illinois. During the trip Mr. Kemen, who is an accomplished amateur photographer, took numerous photographs and moving pictures of outstanding Dahlias, many being taken with colored film, and these were shown at the meeting of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, held on October 15th.

Most Dahlia fans are most interested in the new undisseminated varieties which are about to be released so the writer will discuss those viewed which appeared to me to be truly outstanding and worthwhile, such being the following:

Lois Walcher. No other Dahlia in my recollection has ever won six American Home Achievement Medals, yet this is the amazing record made by this Dahlia, having won this award at Akron, Indianapolis, New York, Detroit, Richmond, Virginia and Wisconsin. Still more astonishing, this Dahlia as exhibited had a diameter of eight inches, but nevertheless defeated many ten and eleven inch Dahlias of exceptional quality. The color is amaranth purple (almost a red) with each petal tipped a clear clean white. A remarkable characteristic of this variety is that the proportion of the white tips on the petals doesn't vary, and there is no merging of the purple into the white. It is a remarkably clean cut beautiful bicolor, formal decorative in formation. At Detroit I took a good bloom of *Cornell* and held it alongside of *Lois Walcher* to compare the two, and this comparison of the two demonstrated clearly what a vast improvement in bicolors has been achieved in *Lois Walcher*. On the Sunday morning of the Cleveland Show we drove out to the home of Ralph L. Walcher, the originator of this Dahlia, who lives on a farm about fifteen miles out of Cleveland towards Bedford, where we were privileged to see over three hundred hills of *Lois Walcher*. This Dahlia is five years old and most of the stock has been produced solely from roots. The uniformity was impressive as each bush was just like every other, and there were no off-color flowers on any of them. The bushes grow three and one-half feet to four feet tall, were loaded with blooms and stems and foliage were excellent. Furthermore, the flowers do not fade in the sun. Ralph Walcher is as fine a modest, unassuming farm boy as one could wish to meet. If one wishes to successfully compete in the bicolor class hereafter, *Lois Walcher* is indispensable. In addition to the Achievement Medals, it received Certificates of Merit from the East Lansing (1936) and Ohio Valley Trial Gardens (1937).

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Winsome. This Dahlia will be introduced in 1939 by its originator, George H. Swezey, Premier Dahlia Gardens, Hillside, N. J. Plants of this were viewed at the garden of Mr. F. V. R. Veirs, Canton, Ohio, and at East Lansing Trial Garden. It is a light pink informal decorative easily growing eleven inches in diameter with great depth. The bushes are medium height, foliage healthy, and stems straight and strong. "Light pink" is an inadequate color description because the color is most beautiful.

"32-2-35." Perhaps by the time this is printed the originator, Mr. D. P. Wickersham, Mad River Gardens, Urbana, Ohio, will have bestowed a name on this outstanding Dahlia. (*Jessie E. Cowles* is the name—Editor's note.) For the past two seasons I have observed it on trial in the garden of Mr. J. Louis Roberts at Chicago and was particularly pleased to see it this year in the originator's own garden. The color is unusual and striking, bright cerise rose with a purple cast and possesses a frosty metallic sheen. The bloom we measured was ten inches in diameter by six and one-half inches in depth, but Mr. Wickersham states that he has had it as large as thirteen inches. The bushes grow five and one-half feet tall and stems and foliage are perfect.

Hillside Sunset. Not only did this Dahlia win the Achievement Medal at Cleveland this year but one of the three blooms which won such award also won the award for the largest bloom in the Show, measuring twelve inches in diameter by eight in depth. The originator is Walter Bissell, Austinburg, Ohio, and he states it is a seedling of *Margrace*. The color is gold and bronze with each petal edged with rose red, none of the edging seeming to extend over on to the face of the petals. Late in the season this variety has the same characteristic of *Milton J. Cross* of throwing many blooms almost solid yellow in color. The bushes grow about five feet in height, stems and foliage are good, and the plants are most prolific bloomers as viewed in the gardens of the originator.

Everybody's Favorite. This fine pink, the color of which resembles *Kathleen Norris*, was the winner of the Derrill Hart Medal at Detroit, being exhibited by Mr. George H. Burkart, Port Huron, Michigan, for the originator, Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J. We saw it growing in Mr. Burkart's garden, in the garden of Mr. F. V. R. Veirs at Canton, Ohio, as well as on the Show table at Detroit. The flowers are ten to eleven inches in diameter with good depth. The bushes were three and a half feet in height, vigorous growing, with good stems and foliage.

Your Lucky Star. This was the winner of the American Home Achievement Medal at the Racine, Wisconsin, Show, being exhibited by John J. Brugman, Hinsdale, Illinois, for the originator, Joseph Nuneviller, proprietor of the American Dahlia Farms. It is a beautiful star-shaped straight cactus of large size and most pleasing color, the inner half of the blooms being crystal white and the outer half orchid. I have seen it growing for two years at Mr. Brugman's, this year being grown both inside and outside the cloth house, and it is a tall strong grower and stems are long and straight.

It will be noted that of the six new varieties to be

introduced for 1939, which the writer thought most outstanding of all the many seen at the five Shows attended, and the many gardens visited, three fall in the pink or rose color class, a class where there has long been felt a real need for improvement. This past season of 1938 there were a number of good pink and rose colored Dahlias introduced but it is my candid opinion that none of the pink or rose 1938 introductions are the equal of *Winsome*, "32-2-35", or *Everybody's Favorite*, if these three Dahlias uniformly perform in the same manner as I have seen them grow this season.

At Mad River Gardens we saw two Dahlias which, while not 1939 introductions, were new to us and were so outstanding that they deserve comment. The first was *Shirley Temple*, named after the little actress with her permission (not to be confused with the yellow ball Dahlia named for her without her permission). It won the American Home Achievement Medal at the 1937 Portland, Oregon, Show, where it was exhibited by its originator, W. H. Brown of Victoria, British Columbia. It has been classified as a semi-cactus but the blooms we saw of it in Mr. Wickersham's gardens were true cactus. They were not completely open when we saw them and then measured ten inches in diameter, and since arriving home Mr. Wickersham wrote saying when fully opened they measured twelve inches. The color is light lavender with a slight yellow cast at the center and stems are perfect and bushes are medium to tall in height. The other is a new Dahlia from Australia, a fine yellow informal decorative named *Nancy Gene*. The yellow is deeper than in *Lord of Autumn* and the formation is most graceful and deep, the bloom we saw measuring ten inches in diameter by seven in depth. Although we saw but the one bloom of *Nancy Gene*, we considered it the finest single bloom viewed on the trip.

At Mad River Gardens we saw a very fine new red pom, *Ila*, which matches *Mrs. V. Brittain* and *Burwood* in size, and two very fine new miniatures, *E. T. Hipwell*, a formal decorative, scarlet to orange with yellow tips, and *Sunglean*, a semi-cactus, lavender pink in color with a yellow center.

On the homeward trip Prof. Sarett put the question to us of what twelve varieties of large flowering Dahlias each of us would grow if we were limited to growing but twelve varieties. After careful deliberation each of the six, including Sarett, named his selection of the twelve and the surprising thing about the result of such poll was not the divergence of opinion but that we so nearly agreed. For example, the following varieties were on practically every list: *Lord of Autumn*, *Sunrays*, *Bette Davis*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Robert L. Ripley*, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder* and *Freda George*. As a fitting conclusion I will set forth a resume of this poll as I recollect it, subdivided into colors:

White—*Darcy Sainsbury* and *Ballego's Surprise*. Yellow—*Lord of Autumn* and *Miss Glory*. Lavender—*Bette Davis* and *Robert L. Ripley*. Purple—Five of us selected *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, and one *Discovery*. Autumn—*Sunrays*, *Golden Beauty*, *Grand Master* and *Director*. Red—*Mrs. C. E. Wildon*, *Oakleigh Monarch*, *Cherokee Brave* and *Murphy's Masterpiece*. Pink—*Everybody's Favorite*, *Mad River Gardens*, "32-2-35" and *Winsome*. Bicolor—*Lois Walcher*. Blended color—*Freda George* and *Greater Glory*.

MID WEST DAHLIA SHOW ACCLAIMED BY MANY TO BE BEST EVER HELD

The General Motors Building auditorium, Detroit, Michigan, was the scene of what many Dahlia fans proclaimed to be the finest Dahlia Show held in this country during 1938. Not only from a quality standpoint, but from the large number of entries, and the marvelous attendance, it was a great Show. The commercial exhibitors were with us in great numbers, coming from Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, Canada and Michigan, which proves that the commercial men are on their toes.

The setting for the Show was perfect, and when the doors were thrown open to the public (and it was a FREE Show), the scene was one to make the heart of any Dahlia fan thrill. Shortly after the doors were opened the curtains on the stage were withdrawn and the beautiful non-competitive display, covering the entire stage, and shown by Lakeside Gardens, was a sight to make one feel that they had actually been transported to a veritable fairyland of Dahlias. With the back of the stage banked with hundreds of beautiful flower, the centerpiece being a fourteen foot turntable, which was beautifully arranged with the most colorful display of Dahlias ever seen. The stage was lighted with wonderful banks of colored lights, which rivalled those of the finest modern theatre.

The stage has been greatly enlarged to cover over one thousand square feet and a beautiful background of drops and curtains in autumn colors made the setting very effective. Backing up the exhibit was a large wedge-shaped exhibit featuring enormous vases of *Michigan White*, *Jane Cowl*, *Jersey's Beauty*, *Miss Oakland*, *Autumn Sunset* and many others. The center of the large circular revolving turntable was crested with a large vase of Lakeside's new *Satan* seedling, *Model 999*, surrounded by smaller vases of *Sylvia*, *Grace O'Neil*, *Shirley Temple*, *Buckeye Babe*, *McKay's Purity*, *Dulcinea*, *Sanhican's Sweetheart* and many others.

The stage was arranged so that the public could walk up through the display, and on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon a Fashion Show was arranged by one of the prominent fashion shops in the building, who had arranged to have live models promenading through the display.

The annual banquet of the Mid West Dahlia Conference was held at the Fisher Building Saturday evening, September 24th, and one hundred and eighteen growers from ten states, including Texas, Kansas, Georgia, and many other states including several from Canada, sat down together. No actual business meeting was held, it having been decided to hold the next Mid West Conference business meeting at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in January, 1939, at which time arrangements for the 1939 Show will be discussed.

Among the guests of honor at the banquet were Dorothy Bidle, Editor of *Garden Digest*; Philip Breitmeyer, veteran Detroit florist and Detroit City Councilman, who greeted the visitors in behalf of the Mayor; Ruth Mosher Place, garden editor of the *Detroit News*;

Linda Lee, garden editor of the *Detroit Times*; and several others who gave short inspiring talks.

Well known and conspicuous personages attending the Show and either judging, showing, or both, were as follows: F. V. R. Veirs, Canton, Ohio (who doesn't know Val?); Oliver Shurtleff, Fairmont, West Virginia (our own Bob Burns); Dr. E. W. Crooks, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Fred L. Summers, Parkersburg, West Virginia; J. Louis Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, Chicago, Illinois (what, you never heard of him?); Stanley Swanson, Chicago, Illinois; Harry Franzen, Chicago, Illinois; George Currie, Sheboygan, Wisconsin; John Strassen, and his mother, Austinburg, Ohio (John is President of the Ohio Society, you know); Harley Peck, Sr., and Harley Peck, Jr., if you please, and the boy is a real Dahlia fan, and better looking than his dad; E. R. Heitzman, Cincinnati, Ohio (looks like excellent Senatorial timber to me, and a fine gentleman); Dad Balcombe, Toledo, Ohio, the youngest judge at the Show, being a bit over eighty, but you couldn't keep him away from the gals; H. B. Melotte, Toledo, Ohio; The Schlagheck Brothers, A. J. and A. C., Toledo, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sparks, Columbus, Indiana, Ray looking fine and well again, and the Missus as efficient and beautiful as ever; The Shannabrooks, from Ohio; The Walter Bissells, Austinburg, Ohio, the whole family, including Margaret and Grace, for whom *Margraces* was named; Ralph Swartz, Indianapolis, Indiana; Paul Wickersham, Mad River Gardens, Urbana, Ohio (he likes all Dahlias just so they are red and enormous); Nick Koenig and family, New Baltimore, Michigan, and what a family; Barton Elliott, Grand Haven, Michigan; Al. Hendricks and wife, Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan, showing his new *Paul Bunyan's Charm*; Jake Bauman, Bauman's Dahlia Gardens, Birmingham, Michigan; Jake Groll, Fenton Gardens, Fenton, Michigan (ever see Jake miss a Show?).

If I have missed anybody, don't feel badly about it, I did not make notes, and my memory is getting bad, but I did try to meet everybody and I hope everyone had as good a time visiting with us as I had visiting with them. Here are the winners of the special awards:

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING AWARDS, FIFTH MID WEST DAHLIA SHOW, DETROIT, 1938

Commercial Displays

Special—Most outstanding display regardless of size—Michigan Gold Medal, Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan, for their non-competitive display.

Trade exhibit to cover 50 square feet—Michigan Silver Medal to Lone Pine Dahlia Gardens, Royal Oak, Michigan.

Trade exhibit to cover 100 square feet—Coming from more than 100 miles—A. D. S. Silver Medal to Golden

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Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio. Michigan Bronze Medal to Baker Dahlia Gardens, Toronto, Canada.

Artistic display to cover 100 square feet—A. D. S. Bronze Medal to Albert Hendricks, Clio, Michigan.

Display of pompons and miniatures to cover 50 square feet—Central States Bronze Medal to Loop Gardens, Adrian, Michigan. Michigan Bronze Medal to Bauman's Dahlia Gardens, Birmingham, Michigan.

Collection of 1937 and 1938 introductions—Michigan Silver Medal to Sparks Dahlia Gardens, Columbus, Indiana.

Specials

Largest bloom grown by an amateur—*Watchung Giant* by W. F. Jarvis, Detroit, Ohio Silver Medal.

Largest bloom grown commercially—*Hillside Sunset* (undisseminated) by Hillside Farms, Austinburg, Ohio, Michigan Bronze Medal.

Largest bloom by a member of the Wolverine Men's Dahlia Club—*Seedling No. 821* by Dr. C. R. Bernard, Detroit, Michigan, Bronze Medal.

Most perfect bloom in the Show—*Golden Dream* by John Zazo, Akron, Ohio, Michigan Bronze Medal.

Most perfect bloom grown by a member of the Wolverine Men's Dahlia Club—*Fort Monmouth* by Roy Ewing, Detroit, Michigan Bronze Medal.

Smallest and most perfect bloom—*Doria* by A. C. Schlagheck, Toledo, Ohio, Michigan Bronze Medal.

House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity—*Freda George* by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Association meritorious award—basket of *Lord of Autumn* and *California Idol* by W. F. Jarvis, Detroit.

Best bloom of a 1938 introduction over 9 inch diameter—*Grand Master* by Creekside Dahlia Gardens, Richmond Dale, Ohio, Wisconsin Gold Medal.

Mid West Dahlia Conference trophy for the best six blooms of a mid west origination shown by the originator—*Mrs. C. E. Wildon* by Albert Hendricks, Clio, Michigan.

Best undisseminated variety—medium sized, straight cactus white—*Annabelle* by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan, West Virginia Trial Ground award.

Derrill W. Hart Memorial medal—*Everybody's Favorite* by George H. Burkart, Port Huron, Michigan. (Grown for Salem Dahlia Gardens.)

American Home Achievement medal—*Lois Walcher* by R. L. Walcher, Bedford Ohio.

Air express shipped 300 miles or more—*Virginia Shipley* (undisseminated) by Henry F. Cory, Lithicum Heights, Maryland, Michigan Silver Medal.

Air express shipped over 1,000 miles—Glenn Mack, San Francisco, California, Michigan Silver Medal.

Specimen bloom sweepstakes—John Zazo, Akron, Ohio, Michigan Silver Medal.

President's Open Sweepstakes trophy—Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan.

Winter Storage for Dahlia Roots

Facilities for storing Dahlia roots vary so widely that a certain amount of experimenting will be necessary to ascertain the method best suited to individual requirements. If your present plan is successful, by all means do not deviate from it.

Generally speaking, Dahlia roots will keep best in a cellar with an old fashioned dirt floor and no heat. Under these well night ideal conditions, the clumps are packed in baskets or boxes a day or two after they have been dug and dried of excess moisture. It is only necessary to provide sufficient ventilation to avoid dampness.

However, most growers do not have such a cellar and must endeavor to keep roots in heated cellars with cement floors.

One method is to pack the clumps in boxes heavily lined with paper and then covered with a tarpaulin or other heavy covering which will exclude the warm dry air. Store as far away from the heating plant as possible. It is well to keep a large pail of wet shavings or peat moss near the boxes of roots and add water every few days to increase the humidity of the surrounding air.

Another very successful method is to place the clumps on ashes spread six inches thick on the floor as far away from the heater as possible. Filter sieved ashes in between and over the roots until they are just barely covered. Each succeeding week add a couple of inches of ashes to the mound and sprinkle with water *very lightly*. Do this until the roots are covered a foot deep. The ashes prove good insulators holding in the cold from the floor and excluding the drying air from atop. I have seen clumps taken from the ashes in April in approximately the same condition they were when dug.

Peat moss may be used in and around the roots in boxes or barrels but stock should be examined frequently. If inclined to shrivel, add moisture to the moss. If stem rot appears, trim the affected parts and apply sulphur; dry out for several hours and repack with fresh dry peat moss.

If clumps are very large, it is advisable to split in half to avoid stem rot. Several growers quarter clumps of such varieties as *Murphy's Masterpiece*. Sulphur well and allow to dry in the cellar for a day or so. Then pack in dry sawdust, shavings or sand.

Regardless as to the method pursued, by all means examine your roots once a month throughout the winter and you will indeed profit by this extra care and attention.

President's small amateur sweepstakes trophy—Mrs. Emily Hunn, Detroit.

President's large amateur sweepstakes trophy—Dr. C. R. Bernard, Detroit.

Amateur display to cover 50 square feet—John W. L. Hicks, Detroit, Michigan Silver Medal.

Special award—to Blue Water Chapter of Michigan Dahlia Society for their complimentary display.

Seventh Annual Show Central States Dahlia Society

By H. L. Franzen

The members of the Central States Dahlia Society, their friends, and other Dahlia Societies of Chicagoland filled to overflowing Horticulture Hall, the Show room and a large portion of the Palm House at Garfield Park Conservatory with thousands of gorgeous blooms at the Seventh Annual Show, held September 17th and 18th.

The Central States Dahlia Show is an annual event at Garfield Park Conservatory and each year's attendance exceeds that of the previous year, which indicates the ever increasing popularity of the grandest of all flowers. The 1939 or Eighth Annual Show of the Society will be on September 16th and 17th.

The ten days of steady rain prior to this year's Show meant nothing to the ardent Dahlia fans, as the quality of blooms exhibited were the finest.

The unique feature of this year's Show was the fact that a Dahlia classification as to type and color was used, which is similar to the one used by the Gladiolus Society for several years. This was of great benefit to the exhibitor, as it permitted making out the entry tags prior to arriving at the Show, as the classification specified the type and in what color class (according to our Premium Schedule) all varieties were to be exhibited, and eliminated the confusion that always exists at all Dahlia Shows of exhibitors trying to find out what type or in what color class a particular variety should be exhibited, also prevented the abuse that exists at every Show where an exhibitor willfully enters blooms of one variety in several classes in an endeavor to win in each.

This classification was accepted most enthusiastically by all exhibitors and our Society has received many favorable comments. The classification, however, applies only to specimen bloom exhibits.

In addition to the many sections provided in previous years, our Society added a six bloom class for amateurs, which was six different disseminated varieties, and many fine blooms were exhibited in this class. The winner being awarded the American Dahlia Society medal, and was won by Lew Sarett with blooms of *Carl G. Dahl*, *Bette Davis*, *Greater Glory*, *Melantrich*, *America's Sweetheart* and *American Purity*.

The *House Beautiful* Futurity class was also a welcome addition, as our Society was privileged to have the *House Beautiful* Futurity gold medal, which was won by James Stonek with six beautiful blooms—four *Sleepy Hollow* and two *Julius Bunge*.

The seedling section, as always, was very interesting—some very fine new varieties being exhibited.

The winner of the American Home Achievement medal was awarded to *Eemessee* a very fine autumn informal, originated by J. Louis Roberts, and grown by

J. F. Stonek of Racine, Wisconsin. This Dahlia won an award at East Lansing Trial Grounds last year, and we are informed by Mr. Roberts that he is giving this Dahlia to the Central States Dahlia Society for dissemination.

The runner-up in the informal class was *Mrs. R. R. McCormick*, grown by John Wallner and originated by Mrs. R. R. McCormick.

The best in the formal class and the winner of the Central States Dahlia Society medal was a pink formal as yet not named, grown and exhibited by Northbrook Dahlia Gardens, North Brook, Illinois.

The contender for first place in the formal class was the now well known *Lois Walcher*, a beautiful bicolor, which to date has won at least five achievement medals, and was grown and exhibited by R. L. Walcher of Bedford, Ohio.

The best in the semi-cactus class and winner of the Central States Dahlia Society medal was a pink semi-cactus, named *Pink Amelia*, grown and exhibited by Mr. Edison of the Springhill Dahlia Farms of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The runner-up in the class was a fine yellow named *Paul Bunyon's Charm*, grown and exhibited by Mr. Hendricks of Dixie Dahlia Farms, Clio, Michigan.

Four blooms of the Dahlia Mayor, *Frank Otis*, were forwarded to exhibit in the seedling section by Carl Salbach of Berkeley, California, but were received in too poor shape to exhibit. We are advised that this Dahlia won a silver medal at the New York Show, and the American Home Achievement medal, as well as the largest bloom at the Portland, Oregon, Show, in addition to several other honors on the west coast.

The exhibits began arriving at the Show early on Friday (the day prior to the opening) and continued throughout the night and until noon on Saturday, at which time forty-five judges and fifteen clerks labored for several hours to determine the winners in the different sections. There were many fine commercial displays—first place going to North Brook Dahlia Gardens of North Brook, Illinois; second place to Lombard Dahlia Gardens of Lombard, Illinois, and third place to O'Man Nurseries of Prairie View, Illinois.

Mrs. H. J. Bluhm was awarded the Ohio Valley Dahlia Society medal for a most unique display, it being educational in that it illustrated how Dahlias are developed and demonstrated the possibilities and disappointments in growing and originating Dahlias.

Mr. H. O. Sandberg provided a very interesting insect display, illustrating by specimen, the various insects and the damage they do.

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Preliminary Reports of Trial Grounds

REPORT OF A. D. S. TRIAL GARDEN AT STORRS WILL BE OMITTED

Tropical Hurricane Wrecked Plants September 21st

The report of the American Dahlia Society Trial Gardens at Storrs will be omitted for 1938. The reason for this is that the plants were wrecked by the tropical hurricane which passed over this section on September 21st. This was almost unprecedented for New England. It being well over one hundred years since anything like it has occurred. A great toll of death was left in its wake as well as damage to old and beautiful trees and buildings. The story is too long to tell.

The growing season had been, from the beginning, somewhat retarded because of such things as a whole week of rain from the 18th to the 25th of July. However, we had a successful Field Day on September 10th and the Dahlias looked well on September 20th. The note taking was going along well and plans had been made for the scoring. Some judging had already been done but not enough to be the basis for conclusive results. Then came the storm, already referred to, which compelled a secession of the work.

As soon as the frost comes the roots will be dug and returned as heretofore to their owners. We are planning to go on as usual in 1939.

Roland H. Patch,
Associate Professor of Floriculture.

Certificate Winners Mid West Trial Gardens

Twenty-three Certificates of Merit were awarded out of a total of 126 varieties entered.

Stake No. 14. Name: *Laura Parker Rich*. Semi-cactus. Score: 85E. Entered by A. H. Rich, Box 5014, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Stake No. 27. *Sunset Needles*. Cactus. Score: 85E. Entered by Mrs. Robert M. Selkirk, Leamington, Ontario, Canada.

Stake No. 30. Name: *Happy*. Formal decorative miniature. Score: 85C. Entered by Sunrise Dahlia Garden, Connersville, Indiana.

Stake No. 34. Name: *Snow White*. Formal decorative. Score: 85.1C, 85C. Entered by M. Markland, 1259 North Mount Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Stake No. 36. Name: *Golden Radiance*. Formal decorative. Score: 85E. Entered by Harry E. Cain, 804 Pittsburg Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia.

Stake No. 41. Name: *Premier's Winsome*. Formal

decorative. Score: 85E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, 63 Mertz Avenue, Hillside, N. J.

Stake No. 42. Name: *Premier's Majestic*. Semi-cactus. Score 85E. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, 63 Mertz Avenue, Hillside, N. J.

Stake No. 43. Name: *Pink Grand*. Informal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by Harley T. Peck, Lebanon, Ohio.

Stake No. 44. Name: *Begonia Rose*. Formal decorative. Score: 85C. Entered by Harley T. Peck, Lebanon, Ohio.

Stake No. 52. Name: *Miss Clio*. Formal decorative. Score: 85C. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan.

Stake No. 55. Name: *113*. Informal decorative. Score: 86E. Entered by Hillside Farm, Walter Bissell, Austinburg, Ohio.

Stake No. 58. Name: *Little Billy*. Miniature formal decorative. Score: 85.2C. Entered by Chautauqua Dahlia Fields, Mayville, N. Y.

Stake No. 65. Name: *Doc*. Single. Score: 85s. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Originator: Dr. Frank Moore, Woodlynne, N. J.

Stake No. 67. Name: *Dianne*. Miniature cactus. Score: 85.2s. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J.

Stake No. 69. *Leah Pearl*. Ball. Score: 86.1C. Entered by C. N. Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Stake No. 71. Name: *Joseph E. Mitchell*. Informal decorative. Score: 85E. Entered by Mrs. Helen E. Mitchell, Wanatah, Indiana.

Stake No. 86. Name: *Royalty*. Informal decorative. Score: 85.7E. Entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland.

Stake No. 88. Name: *May Marion Dozier*. Informal decorative. Score 85.9E. Entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland.

Stake No. 93. Name: *Burch Foraker*. Informal decorative. Score: 86E. Entered by O. W. Slocum, Ionia, Michigan.

Stake No. 95. Name: *Miss Ionia*. Incurved cactus. Score: 85C. Entered by O. W. Slocum, Ionia, Michigan.

Stake No. 107. Name: *Little Snow White*. Pompon. Score: 85s. Entered by Locust Valley Dahlia Farm, Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y.

Stake No. 112. Name: *Mrs. R. R. McCormick*. Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Score: 86.1E. Entered by John Wallner, West Chicago, Illinois.

Stake No. 125. Name: *L. K. 175*. Cactus to semi-cactus. Score: 85.6C. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan.

C. E. Wildon.



The trial gardens at Storrs just after the hurricane. At its prime the day before, it now is but a tangled mass of broken plants.

—Photo by Prof. Roland H. Patch

Ohio Valley Trial Grounds Certificate Winners

Stake Nos. 10, 11, 12. Score: S85. Name: *Our Little Joannie*. Owner: John Tierney, 3452 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Stake Nos. 61, 62, 63. Score: S85. Name: *Little Colonel*. Owner: Limestone Gardens, Washington, Kentucky.

Stake Nos. 76, 77, 78. Score: E85. Name: *Bandoeng*. Owner: J. G. Ballego and Sons, Leiden, Holland.

Stake Nos. 79, 80, 81. Score: E85. Name: *4-R-6*. Owner: Henry Smith, Lamson Estate, Maderia, Ohio.

Stake Nos. 91, 92, 93. Score: S85. Name: *Betty Malone*. Owner: Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J.

Stake Nos. 94, 95, 96. Score: S85. Name: *101-33*. Owner: Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J.

Stake Nos. 106, 107, 108. Score: E85. Name: *H. C. 101*. Owner: Heil's Dahlia Garden, Fosters, Ohio.

Stake Nos. 142, 143, 144. Score: E85. Name: *Mother Maytrott*. Owner: Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J.

Note: This is a tentative list of the entries awarded the Certificate of Merit. A complete report will be forwarded later. We are sorry that this report was delayed but we have not yet had frost, and four judges have not yet turned in their judging cards, on one or two entries that have ratings just under eighty-five. If necessary we will include these in the full report.

WEST VIRGINIA TRIAL GARDEN REPORT

By Oliver Shurtleff, Secretary West Virginia Dahlia Society

"You birds in West Virginia are hard, but when you say a new Dahlia is worth a C. M. I'll buy it."

The above statement is from one of the large and important Dahlia growers from the mid west and indicates the strictness with which the West Virginia Dahlia Society attempts to grade and score new varieties which

are entered in the Society's Trial Garden. We are very glad to have this reputation because we believe that this policy of strict grading will, in the long run, be most valuable to the new varieties and to the Dahlia growers themselves.

For the current season the West Virginia Trial Garden had twenty-five entries from five different states. The season was a mixture of good and poor growing conditions. Some of the varieties entered did exceptionally well while others did not grow with any degree of satisfaction. Soil conditions and cultivation for all entries were the same and for that reason the poor showing made by some entries cannot be traced to garden conditions. This problem should have careful study from all trial garden superintendents and committees.

Out of the twenty-five entries four C. M.s were awarded. While this number may seem small, the West Virginia grading committee feels that these four are outstanding and will win many friends.

Betty Malone (Maytrott). *Betty Malone* is a pompon of a white or ivory shade with lavender tips. This variety is good, uniform in size and, as one garden visitor said, "will grow bushels of flowers." This flower can be recommended to pom growers. It was rated with a score of 85.5.

265 (Bissell). Another good Bissell origination which grew in the West Virginia Trial Garden as an informal decorative. 265 is a light to white ivory with an orchid flush. It has good stems, well shaped flowers, good full centers and is free-blooming. It is a desirable flower. Score, 85.

268 (Bissell). Here we have a flower with a little "plus" in its make-up. It is an informal decorative with a good tall bush. The flowers come gold with light red pencillings which turn to gold upon full maturity. The flowers are large and last well. It is a free bloomer. Besides making a good trial garden record it has also made a good Show record. This flower can well be put upon recommended lists. Score, 86.

Reta Wells (Straight and Wells). One of the most massive blooms yet available. An informal decorative

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and a free bloomer. The dominating color is peach with a light magenta flush on the reverse. It has good bush habits. This flower has also made a good Show record to date. Score, 85.

Several other entries scored in the 80s. Reports on non-C. M. entries have been mailed to the owners of the flowers by C. M. Robert Superintendent of the garden.

In closing this informal and partial report, the writer wants to say to the Dahlia growing world that the services of the West Virginia Trial Garden are available to all who might want to make use of these services. The secretary can be reached at State College, Fairmont, West Virginia.

Report of Dahlia Society of California Trial Grounds at University of California Botanical Gardens

First season's trials at the University of California Botanical Gardens (sponsored by the Dahlia Society of California) were distinctly a success—but expectations for 1939 are naturally much greater, in view of the fact that the San Francisco World's Fair, within fifteen minutes' drive of the Botanical Gardens, will attract hundreds of thousands of prospective buyers to the Bay Region—many of whom will naturally visit the Botanical Gardens, which are famous for many things other than the Dahlia trials.

Judging, as is customary in the Eastbay, was, frankly critical. Only three Dahlias were certificated, and only four others scored over eighty. Reports on those eight follow, but it was the feeling of the Trial Grounds Committee that no report should be made on the remaining varieties (more than fifty per cent of the entries)—for it is a known fact that many Dahlias do better in some places than others. As a matter of fact, one of those scoring 83 was enough better twenty miles away to have won a certificate.

Certificate Winners

Variety—*Joyce Louise*. Entered by Raymond Grass, 4 Bellerive Acres, Normandy, Missouri. Score 85. Exhibition type, informal decorative, 5 feet. Blooms very large of lavender or rose pink. Stake No. 100.

Variety—*No. 96*. Entered by Premier Dahlia Gardens, 63 Mertz Avenue, Hillside, N. J. Score 85. Exhibition type, informal decorative, 5-6 feet. Autumn shades, or pinkish bronze, large, with stiff stem. Stake No. 114.

Variety—*No. 421*. Entered by A. H. Rich, Box 5014, St. Paul, Minnesota. Score 85. Exhibition type, formal decorative, 4 feet. Huge blooms of light old rose, shading to bronze. Heavy substance. Stake No. 108.

Varieties Scoring Between 80 and 85

Variety—*Michigan White*. Score 83. Entered by C. N. Keiser, Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Berrian Springs, Michigan. Commercial type, semi-cactus. White, with

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The Annual Ohio Valley Dahlia Show

The Dahlia, arrayed in its wonderous glory, was again proclaimed King of the Autumn Flowers, at the annual Show of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association. One of the finest of the organization's many gorgeous Shows was staged in the beautiful Hall of Mirrors of the Netherland Plaza Hotel October 8th and 9th. Although this was one of the latest dates ever chosen for a leading Dahlia Show, the classes were all filled and competition was unusually keen. Those whose gardens do not have the aid afforded by high altitude were put to some disadvantage because of an unwelcomed visit by Jack Frost the day before the Show. This, however, was not sufficiently general to prevent the staging of a well balanced Show. Not a single class in the entire Show was left uncontested.

The Show was well attended, and much credit is due Mr. Harley T. Peck for his fine leadership as Chairman, and to the hard working committee that staged this splendid spectacle.

Noteworthy gain was made in the number and quality of entries in at least two if not every section of the Show. Due to the untiring efforts of Mr. George A. Richardson and Mr. Henry Smith, the class for "Private Estates or Public Institutions with Gardener" made rapid strides toward a goal which we hope, by next year, will prove to be one of the high spots in the Show.

The other section which is rapidly coming into its own, under the careful guidance of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brayton, is that of the Garden Club exhibits.

With this growing list of entrants and the improved quality of the exhibits, next season should find this division a center of leading interest in our Show. With a few more enthusiastic workers like Mrs. C. G. Arnold and Mrs. Sam Thompson, these entries can be made superb.

The greatest gains for types and classes were observed in the ball Dahlias and the bicolors of all types. Many keen observers have realized the value of these oft neglected classes and are now rounding out their Dahlia collections with a greater degree of balance. Also rapid strides are being made in the direction of pompons and miniatures. Many growers are now competing in all these classes.

It is of great interest to note how the old standbys hold their own and even forge ahead of the latest varieties in stiff Show competition. The following outline lists only the varieties of each type that were successful in winning one or more blue ribbons in the various sections of the Show. (The number indicates extra blue ribbons.)

Cactus

Ballego's Surprise (2), Jersey's Dainty (2), Miss Ohio, Leiden's Elegance, Saarland's Heimkehr (2), Royal Purchase, Gretel, Golden Standard (3), Miss Belgium, Beaute (2), Mrs. Herbert O'Connor (2), Miss West Virginia, Tyrus, Bette Davis, Better Times, Cardinal Von Rossum, Ella May, Farncott (2), and Amsterdam.

Semi-Cactus

American Purity (2), May Robson (2), Son of Satan, Satan, Red Jug, Frau O'Bracht (3), Prachtkerl, Golden Age, Rudy Valee, Edna Ferber, Josephine G, Louise Bates, Bette Davis, Grace Curling, Jean Trimbee (2), New Glory (2), and Cerise Giant.

Formal Decorative

Miss Oakland, White Abundance, White King, Marie, Cavalcade, Oakleigh Monarch (3), Monmouth Queen, Buckeye King, Kentucky Sun, Volcano, Honor Bright, Blue River (3), Thomas Edison, Saracen, and Ballego's Glory.

Informal Decorative

Peace (2), Clara Carder, Elissa Landi, Coronada, Purple Mist, Good Night, Mother Maytrott, Lord of Autumn, California Idol, Kathleen Norris (2), Margrace, Mrs. Le Boutillier, Directeur Plumecocq, Haslerova (2), Palo Alto, Grace Curling, Democracy, David Copperfield, Golden Beauty, Margaret Cole, Velvet Wonder, Freda George, and Vario (2).

Ball

Kentucky Snow Ball, Jean Kerr, Snow Queen, Maud Adams, Mary Helen (2), Golden Ball, Zelda (2), Pink Perfection, Supt. Amhryn, Velvet Ball, Charlotte Caldwell (3), F. Havener, Tecumsa, Goldsmith Ball, Patricia Armstrong (2), and Clara Clements.

Pompons

Bob White (2), Creekside Canary, Burwood, Nerissa, Mrs. V. Brittain (2), Bette Anne, Johnnie (2), Jack, Little David, Posie Gem, Morning Mist, Mary Munns (3), Doria, Little Edith (2), Donnie, and Charma.

Miniatures

Corronne, Dahliadel Joy, Diana Jean, Variety Wadsworth (2), Baby Royal (3), Little Jewel, Little Dream (2), Sylvia (3), Red Head, Buckeye Baby (2), Baby Sagamore, Orchid Lady (3), Blue Bird, Charma, Gut Gluck, Little Nemo, Peter and Fairy.

Single, Duplex, Collarette, Mignon and Orchid Flowering

Tribune, Bishop of Llandaff, Mrs. Perry O'Neal, Whisper, Twinkle, Glare and Gaziella.

Winners of Special and Commercial Awards

Novice Sweepstakes. Mr. Walter E. Meyer, Maderia, Ohio, two plants of *Pink Grand*. Mr. Meyer had 42 points. Dr. C. J. Baldrige, Hamilton, Ohio had 18 points for second place.

Small Amateur Sweepstakes (under 200 hills). Mr. W. Bertele, 550 Enright Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, who earned 151 points. Awarded the gold medal of the Central States Dahlia Society. Mr. Louis Deckelmeyer of 3433 Osage Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, won second place with 68 points.

The Large Amateur Sweepstakes (over 200 hills of Dahlias). Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Moffett, Hammel

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Avenue, Route 6, Cincinnati, Ohio, with 190 points. Awarded the Wisconsin Gold Medal. Mr. M. Y. Thomas of Erlanger, Kentucky, was runner-up with 102 points.

Grand Sweepstakes. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sparks of Sparks Dahlia Gardens, 616 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, Indiana, with a total of 254 points. Awarded the O. V. D. A. Meritorious Medal. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Moffett earned a total of 231 points for second place.

Open to All Sweepstakes. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sparks. They had 244 points and received the O. V. D. A. Trophy. Delight-U Gardens, Box 5633, Indianapolis, Indiana, took second place with 119 points.

Estates Sweepstakes. B. W. Lamson Estate, Maderia, Ohio, with 84 points. The award was a beautiful vase donated by the Dahlia Society of Indiana. In the Estate Group Entries, first award was won by the Leonard Smith Estate, Madisonville, Cincinnati, Ohio, with 25 points. The runner-up for this honor was The Children's Home, 5050 Madison Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, with 24 points. Special Gold Ribbons went to Miss H. T. McCullough and Mrs. E. R. Jones, Madisonville, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Garden Club Sweepstakes was taken for the second consecutive year, by the Anderson Township Garden Club at Mt. Washington, Cincinnati, Ohio, with 59 points. Runner-up was the Newtown Garden Club, Newtown, Ohio, with 48 points.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Peck and Sons, Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio, went the Meritorious Medal of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association for the best commercial display, regardless of size. Their display filled 200 square feet. Second prize in the commercial class, a bronze medal presented by the American Dahlia Society was won by Hiles Dahlia Gardens, Fosters, Ohio.

The President's Trophy, a Rookwood Vase, for the most outstanding display, was presented by Mr. E. R. Heitzman to Dr. and Mrs. A. E. White, 6215 Washington Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. John Merkhofer, 2780 Shaffer Avenue, Westwood, Cincinnati, Ohio, won the Golden Rule Trophy, presented annually by Harley T. Peck of the Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, for the best keeping ten blooms in one container. He exhibited *Queen City*.

The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Achievement Medal, for the best and longest keeping ten blooms of an undisseeded Dahlia went to Mr. Presley E. Caldwell of the Creekside Dahlia Gardens, Richmond Dale, Ohio, for an entry of his beautiful purple and silver ball, *Nettie M.* This entry attracted much attention of Show patrons.

The Brayton Trophy for specialization in commercial trade exhibits went to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hiles, of the Hiles' Dahlia Gardens, Fosters, Ohio.

Mr. E. R. Heitzman won the *House Beautiful* Futurity award for six blooms of *Freda George*.

A special award for number and diversity of types went to the B. W. Lamson Estate, Maderia, Ohio.

One of the interesting features of the Show was the airplane shipments of blooms. Carl Salbach of Berkeley, California, sent two blooms of the Dahlia, *Mayor Frank*

Otis, a very large deep orange informal, which though received in very poor condition, were revived and greatly admired on Sunday. Henry F. Cory, of Linthicum Heights, Maryland, sent ten blooms of the deep yellow informal *Virginia Shipley*, which, considering distance, were in fine shape and very beautiful. The Loop Dahlia Gardens of Adrian, Michigan, sent five blooms of their fine small flowered specialties *Sharon Hall* and *Calo*.

In the undisseeded section blue ribbons were awarded to *Silver Hook*, a golden brown informal with shadings of silver, *Pink Grand*, an informal to semi-cactus of *Kathleen Norris* color, with great substance, and *Orchid Beauty*, a beautiful tyrian pink, informal.

The spectators thronged the hall and corridors, inspecting closely the quality and beauty of the blooms, then rested and enjoyed the spectacle of hundreds of blooms, banked against the mirrors below their vantage point on the mezzanine floor, only to return again, with pencil and pad, to jot down the names of choice varieties, which they, themselves plan to grow for the next season. Many of them assured us that they would carry this memory image long after the reality had faded with the flowers.

R. H. Moffett.

Survey of the Shows

The Show reports in this issue evidence the increasing interest in Dahlias everywhere. This is a healthy condition, appreciated by all of us.

To the commercial grower it points out anew the responsibility to serve this ever growing number of buyers in a manner which will encourage the spread of Dahlia raising. Good stock is the first requisite to successful results. And it is well to advise the prospective purchaser to do business with legitimate growers. Our advertisers are anxious to serve you properly. Get in touch with a recognized grower, place your confidence in him and tell him you will become his regular customer if well satisfied. You will receive the utmost for your investment and the maximum of joy from good healthy Dahlias.

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faintest touch of cream in the center. Good keeper, free bloomer. Stem excellent, 5 feet. Stake No. 102.

Variety—*E. 115*. Score 83. Entered by A. H. Rich, Box 5014, St. Paul, Minnesota. Exhibition type, informal decorative. Very large American Beauty red, very free blooming, 5½ feet. Stake No. 105.

Variety—*H. R. 30*. Score 83. Entered by A. H. Rich, Box 5014, St. Paul, Minnesota. Exhibition type, informal decorative. Clear soft red. Heavy substance, 4-5 feet. Stake No. 110.

Variety—*Marietta E.* Score 81. Entered by G. Eldridge, Wenonah, N. J. Cut flower type, cactus. Very floriferous, fine substance, 4 feet. Stake No. 113.

Make all 1939 entries c/o Prof. T. H. Goodspeed, Botanical Gardens, University of California, Berkeley, California, and address all correspondence to Edward Salbach, 657 Woodmont Avenue, Berkeley, California (Chairman Trial Grounds Committee). The entry fee is \$3 per set of three tubers. Judging by A. D. S. scoring system.

Dahlia Personals—and Personalities

By Oliver Shurtleff

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"In union there is strength."

There is nothing new in the above quotation but I just wanted to tell readers of the A. D. S. BULLETIN that it is true with Dahlia people and Dahlia organizations as well as with political, state and other organizations. I am using the quotation as a preamble to my "Dahlia Personals" this time because I am presenting a group of good Dahlia people. And, once again, they are all my neighbors.

I saw this fall at the West Virginia Dahlia Show the best exhibit of the best Dahlias I ever saw, and I have seen several! This exhibit was a group exhibit and was non-competitive. It was large, well arranged and attractive. It was placed just inside the door of the first room used for the twelfth West Virginia Show. It was made by a group of amateurs.

The personnel of the group making up this extra fine exhibit came from The Colliers Corporation, one of West Virginia's larger coal industries. It was their second exhibit. The members of the group grow their Dahlias in their individual gardens and then, at Show time, bring their blooms to the Show where they are assembled for the exhibit.

I want the A. D. S. family to meet the members of this group. With one exception they will be new people to you. Let me introduce them to you. I present W. E. Hall, mine superintendent. Those of us who know him and who live neighbor to him call him "Rube." With him are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hoard. Mrs. Hoard is the one most responsible for the arrangement of the flowers as the exhibit is built up. Then we have Earl Gould, Beryl Toothman, Pearl Hawkins and Ralph Wells. Each one is a contributing member to the exhibit.

If you ask me which person is the most important to the project I couldn't say. If I could, I wouldn't. Without the flowers, arrangement would not be possible: without arrangement the exhibit would lack attractiveness. Let me just say that all help and all are looking forward to a much larger and better and finer exhibit for 1939. And they will have it because they are that kind of Dahlia workers. They deserve a lot of credit and praise. They deserve a wider set of Dahlia acquaintances. It is just such type of persons who make the Dahlia a popular flower and who make Dahlia acquaintances so desirable and likeable.

This columnist takes his hat off to the Dahlia growers of The Colliers Corporation.

All material and advertising for winter issue should be in the hands of the Editor by January 5.

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.

Annual Meeting and Mid Winter Dinner

In view of the very large and representative gathering at the A. D. S. Mid Winter Dinner last season, it has been deemed advisable to change the date for our Annual Meeting from the customary September designation to the third Saturday in January.

Hence we look forward to a gala time on the coming January 21st. The meeting will be held at two in the afternoon, to be followed by the dinner in the evening.

The place is not definitely set as we go to press—it will be in New York City of course.

An interesting program is being planned and there will be a showing of just one reel of motion picture in color—we are told it will be the finest ever.

Get in touch with H. Dewey Mohr, Chairman of arrangements, or Secretary C. Louis Alling regarding your reservations. We would like to have an official delegation from every participating branch and affiliated Society. Plan to join us in one of the most enjoyable Dahlia get-togethers ever assembled.

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Dry bouquet, any variety or combination of materials—Mrs. Charles G. Scholz, Great Neck.

An arrangement using any garden flowers with evergreen material—Mrs. Louis F. Lee, Mrs. Charles G. Scholz.

An arrangement using berried sprays—Mrs. Charles G. Scholz, Mrs. J. A. Maier, Great Neck; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover.

An arrangement using white flowers in a white container—Mrs. Tom Cummings, Dorothy Kaupman, Mrs. John R. Bear, Pelham Manor, N. Y.

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An arrangement of any plant material to demonstrate distinctive originality—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Mrs. Joseph Friedlander, Mrs. Louis F. Lee.

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Editorial

For the first time in two years the BULLETIN will be published a few days late. Your Editor regrets this exceedingly but hastens to explain that some of our important material had gone astray in the mails necessitating delay in amassing duplicate copy. We apologize to any who may be inconvenienced.

Judging

From many sources it appears that the decisions of the judges in seedling or undissemated classes in major Shows has met with widespread approval. The credit belongs to a group whose character and moral fibre are a great credit to the Dahlia industry. Among them we would mention Frey of New York, Place and Richardson of Ohio Valley, Veirs of Ohio, Collins and Wildon of Michigan, Bluhm of Central States, Ballay and several others in California, also a member quite on a par with these leaders. They have worked and planned painstakingly but with very marked success.

However there is still much to be desired in the judging of the various competitive classes in the Shows. Your Editor, while very appreciative of the many kind invitations to assist in judging Shows has respectfully declined all and has instead made an exhaustive study of this perplexing problem for two seasons. I am convinced that in the many reports received and analyzed that favoritism was not the basis for dissatisfaction. But there exists a noticeable lack of knowledge of the rules. For example—the case of a single entry in a class. In one Show certain judges granted blue ribbons in all of these classes; another group refused to make an award and a third set of judges withheld the blue ribbon but as a sort of consolation granted second prizes to each. In consistency that should not exist. Some Societies hold that a red ribbon may not be awarded unless there has been a first prize winner in the class. If this is a problem in *your* Show now is the time to iron it out and standardize for 1939.

Then there is the borderline Dahlia—in type or color. Frequently the same variety is exhibited in several different classes. The Central States Society experimented this year by publishing a list designating the classes into which known varieties might be entered. This has some drawbacks but we are informed has been received with much favor—another matter for careful discussion and planning.

A third point concerns the use of poorly grown large varieties in classes calling for Dahlias under seven inches. Is it in the interest of good culture to place a blue ribbon on a bloom of *Murphy's Masterpiece* or *Satan* which measures under seven inches? These are but a few debatable (to say the least) phases of Dahlia judging. The Dahlia Society of New Jersey, also Central States Society are planning judging schools in the late summer. Do you commend them and is this the answer?

NEW VARIETY REGISTRATIONS

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

GRAIN O' GOLD. By E. E. Tooker, Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y. Pompon. Yellow. Seedling of *Little Edith*. 1 to 1½ inches in diameter.

MINNIE NIELSEN. By Theodore Nielsen, Venice, California. Strontion yellow with antimony yellow reverse. Informal decorative.

FOREST RANGER. By Glenn R. Hawkins, Route 3, Winfield Road, Fairmont, West Virginia. Informal decorative.

MAX SCHLING'S FAVORITE. By Max Schling, 58th Street at Fifth Avenue, New York City. Miniature semi-cactus. Rose pink to mallow pink.

MISS SANTA MONICA. By Stephenson's Dahlia Gardens, Santa Monica, California. Cactus. Pure white.

RAY GLASSLEY. By Patricia Dahlia Gardens, San Leandro, California. Informal decorative. Sunset shades.

NORMA SHEARER. By Boston Dahlia Gardens, Boston (24), Massachusetts. Informal decorative. Rose deepening to mallow pink.

Akron Dahlia Society Show

By F. V. R. Veirs

The Akron Dahlia Show was a great success for the great specimen blooms always found in the Akron and Ohio Shows were on display as usual. The yellow class as a whole was not as good as last year, but three *American Legion* blooms shown by Harold Shannabrook were the best I have ever seen. Zazo had grand specimen blooms of *Milton J. Cross*, *Son of Satan*, *Mrs. George Pesant* and many others that were beautiful. Walter Bissell won with an *Oakleigh Monarch* which was a perfect bloom. In the straight recurved or incurved cactus class, Zazo won with *Golden Standard*. There were wonderful blooms of *Lord of Autumn* shown by Warren Shannabrook and others. *Baerne* was much in evidence and won at least three blue ribbons which stamps it as a very desirable Dahlia. It is also a clean grower and one of the most attractive Dahlias as to color and formation. Mr. Everhard won with *Baerne* as the most perfect bloom in the amateur section. He also won with a vase of *Fairy* in the miniature class. Mr. Everhard won the sweepstakes in the amateur section on points and L. R. Davis was second. Mr. Magdeione of Akron won first on three blooms with *Cardinal Van Rossum*. This really is a great Dahlia. *Sleepy Hollow* was a winner in Akron and it is very good.

Mr. Robens was second in points to John Zazo and he had some wonderful blooms of *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Autumn Mist* and a Dahlia of Mrs. McDowell's that will be disseminated this fall. The name of this Dahlia is *Emma Walker*. It is a semi-cactus. The color is yellow and old rose, unopened petals showing lavender at tips. *Mary Walker* won the American Home Achievement medal at Toledo. It was first in section at Toledo and Cleveland—very good. He also won with *Doria* in the pom class.

Dulcinea was great in this Show as was a red cactus of Franks named *Ohio Beautiful*. This Dahlia is almost identical in size, color and type as is *Dulcinea*.

Harold Shannabrook won the champion bloom of the Show with a magnificent bloom of *American Legion*. This I believe was the finest bloom of any type I have ever seen in a Show room.

Two of the most outstanding exhibits in Akron were not in competition. They were large baskets of large flowering varieties furnished by Messrs. Schample of Massillon and Zazo of Akron.

The American Home class was really a hotly contested class and was won by *Lois Welcher*, grown and exhibited by R. L. Welcher of Bedford, Ohio. It is bicolor, purplish red nicely and evenly tipped with white with wonderful stem and foliage. It is outstanding. The size, field grown as were all these blooms, was six inches by four. *Lois Welcher* won the American Home at Akron, Detroit, Indianapolis, and Richmond, Virginia. I cannot recall any other Dahlia winning as many as five achievement medals in any one year.

The Hillside Farm entry of Austinburg, Ohio, was a large informal named *Hillside Sunset*. Its color is golden yellow edged and suffused with red. At the Mid West Show it won the Michigan Society medal for the largest

Miss Enid Carter of Canton holding three "Miss Glory", two "Lord of Autumn" and one "Angelo Rossi"—Dahlias from the gardens of Mr. F. V. R. Veirs.



bloom grown by a commercial grower. It was magnificent in Cleveland where it won the American Home Achievement medal and was judged the largest and most perfect bloom in the Show. It had competition in the American Home class and had to beat among others in the champion bloom class a grand bloom of *Jane Cowl* exhibited by H. H. Robens. Altogether this year it won seven blues.

The following four Dahlias were so close and so good the judges gave each one of them a blue ribbon:

Cherio—incurved cactus about seven inches by three, very similar in color to *Baerne* but a shade lighter, nice stems. Was grown and exhibited by D. T. Morgan, Jr.

Ohio Beautiful—straight cactus of almost identical size, shape and color to *Dulcinea*. Very good stem, color and foliage.

No. 261—chrome yellow, Frank's Dahlia Gardens, incurved or straight cactus. Eight by five inches and a very pretty Dahlia.

Bohemian Girl—incurved cactus, seven by four inches. Color probably classified as autumn tinged with pink. Good stem and foliage. Looks good. Frank's Dahlia Gardens.

Golden Spike, a large lemon yellow semi-cactus entered by H. H. Robens, was very outstanding. Pure yellow semi-cactus are rare, that is with size. Two other seedlings shown by H. H. Robens were very outstanding. *No. 123*, a clear yellow pompon with long stems and a perfect center, shown three times and never defeated; and *No. 128*, a white miniature semi-cactus with good stems, excellent type and centers.

I asked for but did not get a complete list of all the winners at Akron, so I am of necessity compelled to leave out some. The judges at this Show were E. J. Wind, Warren Shannabrook, Walter Bissel, Frank Perenica, John Zazo and F. V. R. Veirs.

Akron Amateur Show

Saturday following the Akron Show, a purely amateur Show, sponsored by the Akron Dahlia Society, was held in Barberton, Ohio. Many very beautiful blooms were shown. The sweepstakes was won by Mr. H. R. Robertson and the runner-up was Mr. R. C. Graham, both of

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Dahlia Forum and Exchange

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Looking back over a recent trip to Europe we think of the Rose Garden of Mainz on the Rhine with its fifteen thousand different varieties, the wonderful rhododendrons of Kew and of those around the Palace of Sanssoucci at Potsdam. Also we remember the Royal Botanical Gardens of Edinburgh and the really charming municipal plantings just outside of Budapest along the Danube. All of these show superb planning and everything growing true to their parents. Time and season and work and one knows exactly what the result will be.

But what good is all this to a businessman who loves flowers and has just two hours daily to work in a plot fifteen feet by thirty feet?

The Dahlia is fickle and so is humanity, particularly so as to one's likes and aversions. The varied tints and hues, contours and size, etc., of this Dahlia keeps one on his toes wondering what's it all about. The unexpected is always occurring. We bought an expensive imported pot tuber last spring and so far it has not bloomed. At the same time we got a four bit tuber and have gotten the most heavenly incurved cactus sport we have ever seen.

A Dahlia hobby is usually a Dahlia hubby with friend wife the primary instigator and often adviser in the amateur's backyard.

Some prefer depth of pure color while others admire the merging of all the colors of the rainbow. Nature never makes a mistake in a clash of colors.

In years to come the Dahlia will be *the bloom* in the whole of North America. Cultured people always like flowers but the culture of the Dahlia is a ritual.

A real Dahlia lover will often be found talking to his plants. This conversation, at times, would not look good in print but later when he gets the odd blue ribbon all is forgiven.

May we take this opportunity to wish your splendid BULLETIN the best of success.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Del Marr.

At the Englewood Dahlia Show this year I entered my Dahlias, without singeing or scalding stems, but instead I added a small amount of potassium nitrate to the water. The flowers were cut and entered Thursday evening and

Saturday night when Show closed they were as fresh as they were at judging time Friday morning and were decidedly the freshest flowers in the Show. After the Show I put the flowers in my car and took them up to a Club house in the mountains one hundred miles distant where they were enjoyed for two more days. I have never heard of anyone using potassium nitrate, but it is logical. As they are cut off from nitrogen when severed from the plant, and put in water, as the only elements available then is the oxygen and hydrogen. If you have never tried this do so and report in your journal for benefit of other Dahlia fans.

Your truly,

M. B. Neff,

5424 Spelner Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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The Delaware State Dahlia Association

The Delaware State Dahlia Society held its Sixteenth Annual Fall Flower Show in the Y. M. C. A., Wilmington, Delaware, September 23rd and 24th. After one of the most trying seasons of our sixteen years' experience we were able to put on the best Show of our career.

Some of our standout features were:

A complete commercial display of new undisseeded seedlings exhibited by Mr. Norman Swift of Marshalton, Delaware. This was by far the best seedling exhibit ever seen in our Show. Many other commercial displays were featured. The Glenden Dahlia Gardens of Wilmington winning first prize in this class.

A most gorgeous sight was a complete line of commercial displays running the entire length of the auditorium, flanked on both sides by individual entries, and to give this a substantial background the Wilmington Floral Club arranged an exhibit around the sides of the auditorium.

Another highlight of the Show, however, was the largest bloom class. This is a class which always attracts the dyed-in-the-wool Dahlia fan. This entry was won by a gorgeous *Director Carl G. Dahl* bloom, measuring fifteen inches across and eleven inches deep. This is the largest bloom ever exhibited by our Show at any time. (Maybe this bloom would be in the running for the largest bloom of the year entered in competition.) Anyway we are not claiming that honor.

Our Show comprised three thousand blooms this year, we do not claim it to be the biggest Show in the east but we do say we believe it compares favorably with any Show in the country for quality.

We welcome you to our 1939 Show.

Howard E. Ball, Secretary.

Virginia Dahlia Show

The Fifteenth Annual Show of the Virginia Dahlia Society was held for four days September 27th to 30th inclusive and was staged, as usual, in one of the buildings of the Virginia Fair Association.

Eight additional tables were provided this year and all our tables were filled in spite of the adverse weather conditions with which our growers had to contend. First, we had continuous rain up to the end of July, such as four inches in twelve hours and one inch an hour for two and a half hours at another time. Then, for the whole of August there were only two light showers and such a radical change wrought havoc with many crops. Last of all, the backwash from the storm that ravaged the eastern seaboard, struck Richmond and suburbs, where most of the Dahlias that are shown at our exhibition are produced and many stakes were blown over or broken off and the plants ruined.

The Show was staged by the James River Garden Club and was put on in good form as heretofore. A new class known as AA was added to our list in order to interest our amateurs and especially the ladies and it was liberally patronized.

The total number of points scored was eighty more than ever made here before, the highest being made by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bauer,—two of our most active and enthusiastic growers,—with a total of eighty-one points. Mr. W. L. Elkins, who won first last year, was second with seventy-nine points and Mr. R. P. Liphart, Vice-President of the A. D. S., came third with forty-seven points.

A multitude of different blooms were shown which made the score of any one variety low. A number of the newer introductions were exhibited. Among them we noted *American Sweetheart*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *California Peach*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Dulcinea*, *Edna Ferber*, *Golden Standard*, *Margrace*, *Son of Satan* and *Tom Blackwood*. The greatest competition seemed to be in the large yellow class, with such as *California Idol*, *Lord of Autumn* and *Milton J. Cross* coming in. Court of Honor was won by R. P. Liphart with a beautiful *Cross*. A bloom that seemed to attract the visitors was a large *California Peach* exhibited by Capt. E. C. Fleming. It is a coral semi-cactus and many questions were asked about it.

The seedling class was well filled as was also the undissemminated class. In the latter, two outstanding vases were an informal decorative shown for the first time by Mr. M. B. Hickson of Lynchburg, Virginia, it being a large bloom shaded somewhat like *Myra Howard*; also a vase of medium sized bi-colors—red and white—sent by air mail by Mr. R. L. Walcher of Bedford, Ohio.

Our judges this year were Dr. C. H. Connors of A. E. S. College, Brunswick, N. J., Mr. George Masson of Trenton, N. J., and Mr. W. W. Maytrott of Vineland, N. J., to whom we are greatly indebted for their indispensable service, so generously given.

The attendance was very large, including many from other states outside of Virginia. One day the writer had the pleasure of talking with visitors from seven states, some of whom proudly displayed their A. D. S. card to

show us that we were "birds of a feather." To each of them we say, come again next year.

This year our officers are as follows: R. O. Smith, President; H. A. Williams, First Vice-President; J. A. Millard, Second Vice-President and editor of *Dahlia Doings* (the Virginia bulletin), Dr. A. S. Brinkley, Third Vice-President, and E. Guy Williams, Secretary-Treasurer.

J. A. Millard.

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Dahlia Society of New Jersey

Under the able leadership of our genial Show Manager who, by the way, has been serving in a similar capacity for A. D. S., our Society had gone ahead and made arrangements for a Show which was scheduled to be held on September 27th and 28th at the Beechwood Hotel in Summit, N. J., and from the amount of interest and enthusiasm that was being shown, we were all looking for a Show that gave promise to being the best ever. But then came the four days of rain, at the conclusion of which we were visited by the hurricane of Thursday, September 23rd, the like of which was never before experienced. When the rain had ceased and the wind had quieted down and our members were able to take an inventory of their garden and particularly their Dahlias, most of them found their well nursed plants in a horizontal position with most of their blooms gone, the stalks broken and the foliage which had been whipped about, in a condition that brought disappointment and consternation to all.

A survey was made the following morning and after numerous telephone calls and conferences, it was decided to call off our proposed Show. Our worthy past President, Conrad Frey, reported that of all the hundred of seedlings he had planted, he couldn't possibly get enough to make even a half hearted Show. Ed Lloyd reported much the same condition and Virginia Stout had the same story to tell. Our disappointment was great, but we were not dismayed.

As we had planned on our members being able to get together at the Show and we were in hopes that much good would come out of the gathering; your Executive Committee decided to hold a special meeting of the Society on October 1st and hold an informal Show for our members only, thinking that it would give all a chance to at least show a few of our good blooms. We expected very little and in order to lend a little color to the hall, Virginia Stout denuded her garden of practically all its blooms and brought them over to the Trinity Parish House in Newark. There had been placed three tables, in the belief that that would be ample for whatever blooms were to be shown. Our members commenced to arrive shortly after noon and by the time scheduled for the opening of the meeting, there had been placed in competition one hundred and twenty-five entries and if the truth were known, had it been a regular Show this would have been anywhere from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy-five as many of our members had grouped their exhibits rather

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than enter them in separate classes. The quality of the blooms was excellent and everybody, including the judges, were astounded at the wonderful showing that had been made. Taking into account the quality and quantity of material shown, the Executive Committee, decided that it would be fitting to award some of the medals that were available. There follows a list of the awards that were made.

Grand sweepstakes for greatest number of points, computed on basis of five for first, three for second, and one for third. Won by Virginia Stout.

Best and most perfect flowers in the Show—Cactus type: won by Frank Marker with *Frau O'Bracht*. Decorative type: won by Frank Marker with *Croyden Glory*.

At the conclusion of the judging, Mr. Frey, who acted as chairman of the judges, was good enough to take some of the blooms, especially those in the classes where the competition was keenest and criticize the entries. He pointed out the various points in the entries that were good, as well as the points that were not desirable and finally, at the request of Mr. Swoboda, he scored three of the flowers according to the score card as approved by the A. D. S. Mrs. Fisher gave her views on the good points and the undesirable points of the entries. Numerous questions were asked and from the reaction that was available at the conclusion of the Show, it was very well received and our newer members profited very materially by the meeting.

One point was raised that had given our officers considerable food for thought. Mr. Frey spoke of the scarcity of judges for Dahlia Shows. Many of our old standbys have passed on or moved away and on account of the large number of Shows being held every year, the amount of work that the available judges must do each year is becoming greater and greater and these men are taxed beyond reason. He proposed that there be formed a school for judges, under the auspices of our Society and that instructors give the members who are interested, a complete course in what is necessary to be able to officiate in that capacity. The proposition was very well received and at the next meeting of the Executive Committee, the matter will be discussed with the end in view of forming such a class.

Mrs. F. H. Fisher, Mr. E. L. Gould, Mr. Conrad Frey, Miss Virginia Stout and Mr. William H. Swezey, acted as judges for the Show.

Scores in sweepstake competition: Virginia Stout 31 points, Frank Marker 25 points, W. J. Etherington 19 points, A. Swoboda 19 points, Albert Egan 11 points, Philip Le Boutillier 8 points, R. Sills 5 points, F. W. Zepl 4 points, James Malone 3 points, George Dittman 1 point.

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Western Pennsylvania Branch, A. D. S., Annual Meeting Thursday, October 20th

The annual meeting of our Society was postponed from Thursday evening, September 22nd, to Thursday evening, October 20, 1938, due to our September date conflicting with Show dates throughout the country.

President Ripper's annual report was very encouraging, which is briefly outlined as follows:

Since the organization meeting Thursday evening, July 23, 1937, at which time we had thirty-five members in five counties of western Pennsylvania, today our membership is made up of one hundred seventeen members in sixteen counties of western Pennsylvania, also four members in Ohio and West Virginia.

Our first year has been very successful but it could have been still better; we have made mistakes, which were honestly made, but by these errors we shall profit in the future.

After the President's report was read, the annual election of officers took place; the present officers were again elected to the following offices unanimously:

Jack Ripper, Evans City, Pennsylvania, President; Herman Rapp, Leetsdale, Pennsylvania, Vice-President; John C. Spielman, Dormont, Pennsylvania, Treasurer; C. W. Luebke, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Secretary.

The fifty-five members present were then treated to apples and cider, generously furnished by Fred Clark.

The First Annual Show sponsored by the Society was held September 17th and 18th, 1938, in the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The gorgeous mirrored ball room eighty-six feet long by fifty-four feet wide, with its three crystal chandeliers containing over three hundred light bulbs, supplemented by two foyers each sixty-five feet by forty feet, furnished with rich red and gold draperies and floor covering to match, was an ideal setting for our Show.

The Society was fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Herman Rapp and Fred Clark as Show Managers; both these men have been connected with every horticultural display of note in western Pennsylvania, and their experience in arranging the exhibition tables, assigning commercial display space, arranging the fern and palm decorations, had much to do with the success of the Show.

The schedule called for one hundred ninety-four classes, in which sixty-five exhibitors exhibited over three thousand blooms in one hundred sixteen classes.

In the classes calling for Dahlias from three and one-half to seven inch blooms, the outstanding varieties were: *Dulcinea*, *Scarlet Elegance*, *Miss Belgium*, *Miss Elsie Jane*, *Yellow Miss Belgium*, *Miss Ohio*, *Julius C. Bungie*, *Jersey Dainty*, *Jersey Beauty*, *Wiser Dame*, *Wiser Hirc* and *Market Glory*.

In the semi-cactus and cactus classes over seven inches, the outstanding varieties were: *American Purity*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Golden Standard*, *Renate Muller*, *Satan*, *Son of Satan*, *Pride of America*, *Amelia Earhart*, *Greater Glory*, *Jessica Dragonette*, *Royal Purchase*, *Pink Fantasy*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Koki* 44.

In the formal and informal decorative classes over seven inches, the outstanding varieties were: *Azura*, *California Idol*, *Carl Dahl*, *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Early Gold*, *Fireball*, *Cherokee Brave*, *Freda George*, *Katie K*, *Miss Parkersburg*, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, *Lord of Autumn*, *Rosy Morn*, *Souvenir*, *Straight's White*, *A. E. Heil*, *Robert Ripley*, *Jimmy Fox*, *Mrs. William Knudson*, *Volcano*.

Ribbons were the only prizes awarded, except the American Dahlia Society medal. Following are the winners of the medal and special ribbons:

Winner of American Dahlia Society medal for best flower in the Show: W. E. Gelsdorf of Derry, Pennsylvania, with his bloom of *Azura*.

Winners of special ribbons for best exhibits in their section: A. F. Gunther & Son, Glen Willard, Pennsylvania; William Buresch, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; W. E. Gelsdorf, Derry, Pennsylvania; George Lang, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; C. F. McNulty, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania; W. J. Gower & Son, Washington, Pennsylvania; L. D. Hislop, Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania; J. A. Greubel, Derry, Pennsylvania; Fleck Dahlia Gardens, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; A. E. Heil, Mt. Oliver, Pennsylvania; John Schott, McKees Rock, Pennsylvania; Charles Buresch, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; A. F. Dunmire, Salix, Pennsylvania.

The commercial displays of Beaver Dahlia Gardens, J. J. Englert, Ripper Dahlia Gardens, John Tobin, Retzer's Dahlia Gardens and A. E. Heil, created considerable interest, the Beaver Dahlia Gardens receiving the "nod" from the judges.

Due to an oversight of the Secretary, no record was made of the seedling class, but I was later advised that a number of fine, promising seedlings were exhibited.

The foyer facing Forbes Street was allotted to the florist trade, Garden Clubs and Horticultural Societies. This room was a haven for any flower lover, the artistic arrangements of vases and baskets by the florist and the displays of the Garden Club and Horticultural Societies added much to the Show.

The Show was attended by over twenty-five hundred persons who paid twenty-five cents admission fee, receiving a sixteen page program upon entering the exhibition hall. One of the outstanding features of the Show was a broadcast lasting one-half hour from the Show room, at which time the winners in all classes were announced.

C. W. Luebke, Secretary.

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Washington Dahlia Society

A new high in number of entries and public interest was registered at the Annual Washington Dahlia Show this year, staged in the auditorium of the John Burroughs School, 18th and Monroe Streets, N. E., September 24th-25th, under the auspices of the National Capital Dahlia Society. The Show attracted more than 1,200 entries and in excess of 7,000 visitors.

Despite the storm and high wind that preceded the exhibition by four or five days, a large number of exceptionally fine blooms were shown and the general quality of entries was uniformly good.

Competition was keen, centering in the seedling class for the American Home Achievement Medal, in the class set aside for the gold medal of the *House Beautiful* Futurity, and in the several sections devoted to amateur growers.

Commercial exhibits were more numerous and of

better quality, and the public particularly was impressed with the spectacle afforded by the set-up of the Show, due to the arrangement of color classes.

Official and social Washington rubbed shoulders with the home gardener and small grower of Dahlias and each competed with the other for the numerous trophies and awards offered.

Judges were Prof. W. R. Ballard of the University of Maryland; Major J. B. Eastman, Washington, D. C.; Mr. James H. Kesecker, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Earl P. Loller, Baltimore, Maryland; Mr. John C. Mencke, Jr., Baltimore; Dr. J. B. S. Norton of the University of Maryland; Mr. William J. Stolz, Hazleton, Pennsylvania; and Prof. A. S. Thurston, University of Maryland.

The American Home Achievement Medal was won by the Maryland Dahlia Gardens with the Dahlia *Ruth Quick*, an informal eleven inch blossom, color mauve shading to lavender. This Dahlia showed excellent keeping qualities, had an excellent stem and good foliage. One of its outstanding characteristics was a crystal sheen that enhanced the color. Slight silver pencillings marked the backs of the petals. *Ruth Quick* won in a notable class of forty-three other entries. Berwick Dahlia Gardens, Baltimore, Maryland, and Dr. H. L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland, submitted entries that were well considered.

Six entries competed for the gold medal of the *House Beautiful* Futurity. A basket of six *Carl G. Dahls*, exhibited by Frank H. Goetzger, won this distinction, closely pressed by an entry of six *Sleepy Hollows*. *Carl G. Dahl*, a shaggy apricot buff and old rose, averaged ten to eleven inches each.

Other entries in the futurity section were *Monarch of the East*, *Julius C. Bunge*, *Kentucky Dawn*, *Adolf Mayer*, *W. G. Hutchinson* and *Jim Baxter*.

Dahlias *Sleepy Hollow* and *Greater Glory* have begun to take their place on the tables of the Washington Show with credit and distinction, while *Robert Ripley* was frequently in evidence in its class. It was interesting to see the old favorites, *Kathleen Norris* and *Amelia Earhart* pressing newer blossoms for Show honors. A specimen bloom of *Ballejo's Surprise* was chosen as the best in the Show.

Among the smaller classes, *Mascotte*, a Holland pink cactus, finding its way for the first time on American Show tables, was the best in the standard section devoted to Dahlias up to seven inches in diameter. Closely following *Mascotte* was the Belgium Dahlia, *Nagel's Bijou*, also a cactus, and the Italian specimen, *Louise Arduini*, a red velvet cactus.

A popular section was that devoted to poms, singles and other types, while a new feature of the Washington Show was a class devoted to the exhibition of blooms of Dahlias of foreign origin. The florist's arrangement of baskets was well filled, but the commercial exhibition was exceptionally good. An entry by John C. Mencke, Jr., was first, Maryland Dahlia Gardens was second, and the Limestone Dahlia Gardens, Washington, Kentucky, third. *Little Colonel*, a miniature cactus seedling, was noteworthy. It is a bicolor that will not make its debut until 1940.

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President John L. Bishop and other officers of the National Capital Dahlia Society are unanimous in giving credit to growers of Baltimore and vicinity for much of the success of the Show. By the same token, a majority of the trophies and awards were carried back to the neighboring city by Baltimore growers, most prominent among them being Nicholas A. Gossman, President of the Baltimore Dahlia Society.

A friendly rivalry exists between the two Societies, many Washington members belonging to the Baltimore Society and a large section of Baltimore growers being affiliated with the Washington group. The Societies exchanged silver trophies this year, and if a Baltimore grower exhibited the best Dahlia in the Washington Show, it can be said that a Washington grower presented the best Dahlia to the Baltimore Show and carried away with him the Mayor's trophy from the exhibit that the Baltimore Society put on a week earlier than Washington.

The Show manager, under direction of President Bishop, was Frank H. Goetzger, while other members of the Show Committee included Dr. Henry C. Parker, Harold J. Clay, C. C. Clark, L. M. Clarke and Walter H. Gannaway.

Stephen James, Secretary.

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Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society, Inglewood, California

The Society's Seventh Annual Flower Show was held August 26th and 27th. We can truthfully say that this Show was the very finest we have ever held, surpassing in splendor of exhibits, number of entries, quality of blooms and attendance, any of our past Shows. The 100% coöperation and enthusiasm of all the exhibitors developed the keenest competition, and as a result an exhibition of exceptional beauty. The Society wishes to thank everyone who so generously gave of their time and efforts in making this Show such a success. Using a "Hollywood" expression, it was "Colossal."

In the commercial class, Stephenson's Dahlia Gardens of Santa Monica again won the sweepstakes trophy awarded by the Inglewood Junior Chamber of Commerce. This exhibit was in the form of a large cross built high in the center, and featuring a large bowl of *One Grand*, their introduction of 1938. Other blue ribbon winners for Stephenson's included: *Dresden*, *Margrace*, *Peace*, *American Purity*, *Purple Mist*, *Triumphant de Paris*, *Little Miss Muffet*, *Symphonia*, *Kentucky Snowball* and their own white cactus seedling to be introduced soon. The *House Beautiful* Futurity medal was also won by Stephenson with six blooms of *Adolph Mayer*. As always the Stephensons proved themselves fine showmen and created an exceptional display.

The Rainbow Dahlia Farms, operated by Joseph Pfluger & Son, again presented one of their large and beautiful exhibits, winning many blue ribbons with their fine flowers. Mr. Pfluger is celebrating his thirtieth year of growing Dahlias, in 1939, and all of us in the Society wish to take our hats off to a 100% Dahlia enthusiast.

We all wish him thirty more years of growing his favorite flower. Mr. Pfluger's new introduction, *S. O. S.*, won the award for the largest flower in the Show. His other blue ribbon winners included: *City of Inglewood*, *La Reina de Los Angeles*, *Mme. Schumann Heink*, *Exquisite*, *Mrs. George Martin*, *Yellow Crystal*, *Vlammenspiel*, *Purple Joy* and *Mines Field*.

The advanced amateur class again produced some very keen competition and outstanding displays, with the sweepstakes trophy donated by the Inglewood Rotary Club, going to the last year's winner, Mr. H. T. Johnson. Mr. Johnson's blue ribbon winners included a perfect bloom of *Frank Serpa*, which was judged best flower in the Show. His other blue ribbon winners were: *Grand Master*, *Katy K*, *Frank Werner*, *Seigren*, *Sunrays*, *Bernice Geer*, *Creeside Canary*, *Dot*, *Rose Gray*, *Verity Wadsworth*, and his own new seedling *Oriental Splendor*.

Crowding Mr. Johnson for sweepstakes honors were Mr. and Mrs. Sterling S. Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jefferson, and Dr. Cannon. The Tompkins won blue ribbons with *Joyce Louise*, originated by Raymond Grass of St. Louis, Missouri, *Margrace*, *California Idol*, *Frieda George*, *Jersey's Dainty*, *Vlammenspiel*, *Torquay Gem*, *Bishop of Landaff*, *Anna von Schwerin*, *Burwood*, *Ila*, *Doria*, *Little Surprise*, and *Kurly-Q*.

To the Jeffersons went the award for most artistic display, and blue ribbons were won for them by *California Idol*, *Chemar's Eureka*, *Little Miss Muffet*, *Baby Snow*, *Les Amours de Madame*, *Doreen*, *Florist Gem*, *Frieda George*, *Satan*, and their own red and yellow pompon seedling.

Dr. Cannon's fine exhibit consisted mostly of large flowers. His fine specimen blooms and blue ribbon winners included *Miss Glory*, *Azura*, *One Grand*, *Wenoka*, *Charles Mastick*, *Harry Carr*, *Bing Crosby*, *California Rose*, and *Golden Beauty*.

To the class C amateur group must go the lion's share of the praise for their tremendous enthusiasm and improvement in quality and quantity of blooms exhibited in this Show.

The Society is proud to report that this division had the greatest increase in entries and the largest number of exhibitors than in any past Show. It was a great tribute to the popularity of the Dahlia. The advanced amateurs had better be on the lookout for some of these new fans have their eye on a sweepstakes win in the advanced amateur class.

The class C amateur sweepstakes trophy donated by the Rainbow Dahlia Farms was again won by Mrs. Thomas Sleva, who also won the American Dahlia Society bronze medal for a new semi-cactus seedling she has named *Harbor of the Air*.

Close competitors of Mrs. Sleva, and blue ribbon winners were Robert J. Lundblad, Fred Schmitt, Pete Detweiler, Walter Anderson, Donald Gray, Hardin Hart, Roy J. Clark and N. B. Neff.

The Society has already started planning for the 1939 Show, as they realize in setting such a high standard as this year's Show, there is a great deal of work in store for every member.

Augusta K. Williams, Secretary.

NOTES ON NORTHWEST SHOWS

The first Show this season was held by the Kitsap County Dahlia Society of Bremerton. This Society is composed of amateur growers who are past masters at growing exhibition blooms. Last year we had a small commercial exhibit there and the two Show days found most of the members in the Show room every spare moment they had and they would walk back and forth among the tables looking at the blooms over and over again, discussing the merits of one Dahlia and another and wondering if one would not do a little better with another sort of fertilizer, etc. I don't believe I ever saw such undivided interest shown at a flower Show as I witnessed there. I know I never saw as large a percentage of nearly perfect blooms as are shown in Bremerton. *Shekinah*, shown by N. S. McKamey, was the best bloom in the Show, with *Spotlight*, by the same grower, as second best. Other winners were *Schintench*, best red cactus; *Mrs. L. Bragazzi*, best pink cactus; *Martha Churchill*, best rose cactus; *Rondo*, best yellow cactus; *Golden Standard*, best amber cactus; *Dulcinia*, best red straight cactus; *Nagel's Bijou*, best salmon; *Golden Age*, best amber; *Ambassador*, best blended. In the semi-cactus class the following were winners, *Satan*, best red; *Frau O'Bracht*, best cream; *Oriental Beauty*, best pink; *Goodacre Sensation*, best salmon; *Amelia Earhart*, best amber; *Shekinah*, best mauve.

Formal decorative, *Julia Mack*, best red; *Wenoka*, best rose; *Sultan of Hillcrest*, best lavender.

Informal decorative, *Robert Emmet*, best red; *Mt. White Horse*, best white; *Kathleen Norris*, best pink; *Betty Coulter*, best salmon; *Spotlight*, best yellow; *Frank Serpa*, best lavender; *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, best purple.

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The Capitol Dahlia Society of Olympia Show, a regional Society of the Washington Dahlia Society, was held August 30th and 31st. We are proud of this small Society and the growth they have made since their organization. Members from Tacoma and Bremerton travel to Olympia to show their blooms and this year the Show room was full to overflowing with fine entries. Sweepstakes bloom was *Shekinah*, brought from Bremerton by Mrs. McKamey, who also won most points, and seedling sweepstakes with a delicate pink semi-cactus bloom. The largest Dahlia in the Show was *Discovery*, entered by Mr. Tryon of Lee's Dahlia Gardens. Mrs. J. W. Lee entered the smallest, *Teeny Weeny*. Sweepstakes basket was an arrangement of *Salbach's White*, entered by Mr. Cogswell of Franklin Gardens. Best informal decorative Dahlia in the Show, *Pink Daily Mail*, entered by Mrs. Campbell. Best formal decorative, *Mommouth Champion*. Best semi-cactus, *Shekinah*. Best cactus, *Pink Spirel*. A beautiful basket, entered by Mrs. A. N. Kanouse, of *Salbach's White* and white gladiolus won as the best basket of Dahlias and other flowers, mixed, and was much admired.

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Washington Dahlia Society Show September 10th and 11th, Tacoma. The Show in Tacoma was larger and finer than ever, this year. A down town location assured a good attendance and the large Show room helped the beauty of the Show by having no crowding.

The sweepstakes bloom was *Freda George*, which was also judged the best bloom entered by an amateur and the best informal decorative Dahlia in the Show.

The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to *Silverwings*, a large white cactus Dahlia with faint shading of pink, entered by Mrs. J. W. Lee.

Seedling sweepstakes went to Mr. G. T. Atkinson, amateur grower, on a lovely informal decorative; pink and cream blend.

Amateur sweepstakes, on points, was won by N. S. McKamey.

Best basket of Dahlias was an arrangement of *Nancy Robinson*, entered by Franklin Gardens.

Largest Dahlia was *Jane Cowl* and the smallest was *Teeny Weeny*. Best cactus Dahlia, *Golden Standard*. Best semi-cactus, *Ambassador*. Best formal decorative, *Mommouth Champion*. Best bloom in the novice class was *Lord of Autumn*.

In the cactus classes the following were winners: *Kathleen Valentine Smith*, *Elite Gem*, *Pink Ambassador*, *Lutare*, *Petunia*. Semi-cactus: *Schillar*, *Goodacre Sensation*, *Oriental Beauty*, *Franz Berger*, *Gretel*, *Satan*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Red Jug*. Formal decorative: *General Gordon*, *Red Victor*. Informal decorative: *Freda George*, *Pink Fringe*, *Jane Cowl*, *Incadescent*. Washington introductions winning were *Daisy Turnquist*, *Julia Mack*, *Grand Slam*.

Best eastern Dahlia: *Milton J. Cross*. Best California Dahlia: *Azura*. Best three foreign cactus Dahlias: *Shirley Temple*. Best three foreign decorative Dahlias: *Freda George*.

Three fine commercial exhibits added their part of the beauty of the Show. Far West Dahlia Gardens won first, with Lee's Dahlia Gardens and Franklin Gardens tying for second place.

Mrs. J. W. Lee had a fine exhibit of her own originations. Some 1938 seedlings and many two and three year old Dahlias. Some fine new cactus varieties were very interesting. We believe this is the first time such an exhibit has ever appeared in any Show.

Many entries filled the seedling classes and it will not surprise us to find some of them "going places" in another year or two.

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The Western Washington Fair, held at Puyallup, is the largest flower Show we, in the west, see. As Dahlias predominate, and our members, amateur and professional, show there, and incidentally carry off most of the first ribbons, we consider it as one of "our Shows." For several years one or another of our members has won most points in both amateur and commercial classes. Eight of the nine commercial growers are members and the exhibits are the very best we can show. Mrs. Glen Dunlap won sweepstakes on points this year, repeating her last year's winning. Franklin Gardens, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cogswell, won first on commercial exhibit, as they did last year.

The large baskets, using fifty to one hundred blooms are very beautiful. We saw such baskets of autumn shades, *Jane Cowl*, *Daily Mail*, *Olympic Sunset* and

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others, blended in a lovely combination, *Lord of Autumn*, *Nancy Robinson*, *Bobee Dean*, *Salbach's White*. The smaller type Dahlias in large baskets are most interesting, where over a hundred miniature Dahlias are used and two hundred poms are arranged to make a most artistic display. Even the large florists use many Dahlias in their beautiful displays, in fact the florists in our part of the country are using Dahlias more each year in all their work.

Some of the newer Dahlias we have seen and that have done well in the Puget Sound country, this year, *Miss Parkersburg*, *Grand Master*, *Discovery*, *Clara Scott*, *Mildred Pote*, *Cornell*, *Leiden's Orange*, *Derella*, *Frost Queen*, *Cyril Verschave*, *Miss Glory*, *Taiyo*, *Pius XI*, *Believe It Or Not*, *Pacific Splendor*, *Royal Pennant*, *Azura*.

Mrs. H. C. Cogswell.



The Dahlia Society of Kentucky

1938 has been one of the most satisfactory seasons Kentucky Dahlia growers have had for several years, and will leave pleasant memories and added enthusiasm to start out another season. The Dahlias have been more beautiful than ever before, many of the new varieties far exceeding the extravagant claims made by the originators.

The Dahlia Society of Kentucky's Seventh Annual Show held in the beautiful Ball Room of the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, on September 24th and 25th, was the greatest success in the history of the Society. Under the able leadership of our President, Mr. George Gill, assisted by the Show Committee and Chairman Lyman Whitman, a new record was set by the Society for the number and quality of blooms. Dahlias were shown that were grown in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky, with the largest bloom in the Show being awarded a silver cup; the exhibitor being Miss Eleanor Warren, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on an exceptional bloom of *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*.

Novice class sweepstakes cup was won by Mr. Walton Small, and the largest bloom in this section was exhibited by Mr. Small, a bloom of *Satan*.

Small amateur class sweepstakes cup was won by Mr. Carl Simbritzki, and the largest bloom in this class was also exhibited by Mr. Simbritzki, a bloom of *Golden Beauty*.

Amateur class sweepstakes cup was won by Mr. C. H. Durnil, and the largest bloom in this class was exhibited by Mr. Durnil, a bloom of *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*.

Open to all class sweepstakes cup was won by Appel-Whitman, and the largest bloom in the class was exhibited by Rainbow Dahlia Gardens, a *Milton J. Cross*.

The grand sweepstakes of the Show, the A. D. S. Medal, was awarded to Appel-Whitman, who scored 190 points.

The Dahlia Society of Kentucky's Silver Medals awarded on threes, were as follows:

VARIETY	EXHIBITOR	CLASS
<i>Berne</i>	George Shee	Open to All
<i>Robert Ripley</i>	W. B. Dietz	Large Amateur
<i>Chinese Lantern</i>	Mrs. C. J. Simmons	Small Amateur

A Silver cup was awarded to the best fives, going to C. H. Durnil on *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*.

A Silver Medal awarded on twelves went to Charles Fieldhouse on a mixed basket of semi-cactus Dahlias.

The Silver Medal awarded for the best twenty-fives, went to Appel-Whitman.

The American Home Medal was awarded to a seedling of Mr. C. W. Simbritzki, *Silverhooks*.

A special award for the best twelve blooms, foreign varieties, was won by Appel-Whitman on a basket of *Berne* and *Julius C. Bunge*.

A special award for the best vase of 1938 introductions was won by Charles Fieldhouse who exhibited *Monarch of the East*.

Special awards were made as follows:

Best entry outside of Jefferson County, Eleanor Warren, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Best three blooms Kentucky origination, Kentucky, Appel-Whitman, Louisville. Best one hundred poms, Appel-Whitman. Best foreign varieties, Appel-Whitman. Best miniatures, Appel-Whitman, *Baby Royal*.

President's cup awarded to the prettiest Dahlia in the Show went to Charles Fieldhouse on a bloom of *Kay Francis*.

Silver cup by Rainbow Dahlia Gardens on the best display of *Stardust*, was won by Charles Fieldhouse.

Commercial basket of fifteen blooms, this display being the centerpiece of our entire Show, first award went to Appel-Whitman on *Milton J. Cross*, second award to Rainbow Dahlia Gardens on *California Idol*, and third to Minish and Potts on *Buckeye King*.

The Society is in a healthy growing condition, there being a noticeable increase in the number of blooms exhibited by growers from neighboring states. This increase in friendship and sociability from neighboring Society members marks a new era for the Kentucky Society.

The Dahlia Society of Kentucky is very appreciative of the help given us by representatives from our neighboring states in furnishing us very able judges. We hope they will all be with us again next year.

L. B. Whitman, Show Chairman.



Kentucky Society News

On Tuesday evening, October 18, 1938, the Dahlia Society of Kentucky held their annual meeting at the Kentucky Hotel. It was one of the best attended meetings held during the year and the most enthusiastic. The chairman of the Show Committee read his report on the Dahlia Show which was given at the Kentucky Hotel on the 24th and 25th of September and was one of the best Shows our Society has ever sponsored. The Cups were awarded for sweepstake prizes in the following classes. Commercial growers, with three hundred hills or more, was won by the Appel-Whitman Dahlia Gardens; large amateur class, three hundred hills or less, was won by Mr. C. H. Durnil; small amateur class, one hundred and fifty hills or less, was won by Mr. C. M. Simbritski, the novice class, which is the beginners, was won by Mr.

C. Small. The cup for the largest bloom in the Show, which was *Hunt's Velvet Wonder* was won by Eleanor Warren, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The President's Cup was awarded to Mr. Charles Fieldhouse for the prettiest bloom in the Show, which was *Kay Francis*. Mr. Fieldhouse was also awarded the cup for the best six blooms of *Star Dust*, originated by the Rainbow Dahlia Gardens of Louisville, Kentucky.

The annual election of officers were as follows:

William H. Swift, President; C. M. Simbritski, Vice-President; Mrs. W. F. Kleinjohn, Secretary; Mrs. Charles Fieldhouse, Treasurer.

Mr. M. L. Forcht and Mr. W. F. Kleinjohn, together with Mr. George Gill, outgoing President, were elected directors.

Mrs. W. F. Kleinjohn, Secretary.

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Dahlia Society of Georgia Stages Fifth Annual Show

Another magnificent Southeastern States Dahlia Show is history. The Fifth Annual State Dahlia Show sponsored by the Dahlia Society of Georgia, and dedicated to the Southeastern States, was staged at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel Thursday, October 6, 1938. While this season's Show was perhaps not as great in volume as some of the past seasons, the quality of bloom, both in single specimen blooms and in arrangements, was of the highest type in several seasons. The continuous stream of visitors, coming from the first moment of opening to the closing of the Show, were enthralled by the mass of display of gorgeous color in the specimen bloom classes, and the dainty beauty in the artistic arrangement classes. As a prelude to the Show, the judges were entertained by the Dahlia Society of Georgia at a lovely luncheon at a local hotel. The table decorations were artistically arranged by Mesdames M. R. Loveless and W. L. Hardin, of the West End Garden Club. The guests included officials of the Dahlia Society, out-of-town guests, and the judges. Major prizes awarded in the Show were as follows: American Dahlia Society bronze medal for largest and most perfect bloom in entire Show, won by Mrs. Lionel E. Williams, with *Amelia Earhart*. Chromium sandwich tray set given by Rhodes-Wood Furniture Company for most perfect bloom, 3½" to 7", in entire Show, won by Mrs. A. Powalisz, with *Jersey's Beauty*.

For best bloom in Show under colors: Pottery vase given by H. G. Hastings Company, autumn shade, won by Mrs. Lionel E. Williams, with *Amelia Earhart*. Pottery vase given by H. G. Hastings Company, bi-color, won by Charles R. Perry, with *Hillcrest Mandarin*. Dig-easy hoe given by King Hardware Company, lavender, won by W. F. Jones, with *Robert L. Ripley*. Two deck chairs given by Hugh W. Mason, pink, won by Hugh W. Mason, with *Kathleen Norris*. Tri-Ogen Kit given by Rich's, Inc., purple, won by Hugh W. Mason, with *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*. Snap-cut pruner given by Rich's, Inc., red, won by Dr. H. C. Rike, Birmingham, Alabama, with *Darcy Sainsbury*. Dust gun given by Lewis H. Cotton-gim Seed Company, yellow, won by B. E. Phillips, with *California Idol*. Dahlia Society of Georgia silver vase for largest number of points in Section "A", won by Mrs. Lionel E. Williams. Dahlia Society of Georgia

bronze medal for largest and most perfect bloom above 7", Section "A", won by Mrs. Lionel E. Williams, with *Amelia Earhart*. Dahlia Society of Georgia bronze medal for most perfect bloom, 3½" to 7", Section "A", won by Mrs. A. Powalisz, with *Jersey's Beauty*. Dahlia Society of Georgia silver vase for largest number of points in Section "B", won by B. L. Kennedy. Dahlia Society of Georgia bronze medal for largest and most perfect bloom above 7", Section "B", won by B. L. Kennedy, with *Prince of Persia*. Dahlia Society of Georgia bronze medal for most perfect bloom, 3½" to 7", Section "B", won by Hugh W. Mason, with *Mascotte*. Console set given by Davison-Paxon Company for best basket arrangement, Classes 64-78, Section "B", won by Mrs. Willaford R. Leach, Tate Mountain Estates, Georgia. Dahlia Society of Georgia silver vase for largest number of points in Section "C", won by Dr. H. C. Rike, Birmingham, Alabama. Dahlia Society of Georgia bronze medal for largest and most perfect bloom above 7", Section "C", won by W. F. Jones, with *Robert L. Ripley*. Dahlia Society of Georgia silver vase for largest number of points in Section "D", won by B. L. Kennedy. Bon bon dish given by Haverly Furniture Company for most outstanding entry, Classes 110-115, Section "D", won by Mrs. H. C. Rike, Birmingham, Alabama, with *Easter Greeting*. Dahlia Society of Georgia bronze medal for most outstanding entry, Classes 116-127, Section "D", won by Willis McCrary, with *Bishop of Landaff*. Pair of photographs in miniature given by McCrary Studio for largest number of different named varieties in miniature types by a single exhibitor, won by Mrs. C. D. Swint. American Home Achievement Medal, awarded to three blooms, one variety, undisseminated Dahlia, having adequate merit, distinction, and novelty, as compared with existing varieties, awarded to B. E. Phillips, on a two year old named *Westwood Chieftain*. Dahlia Society of Alabama Gold Medal, given for most outstanding entry in Classes 130-142, Section "E", seedlings and undisseminated Dahlias, awarded to B. E. Phillips, on *Westwood Chieftain*. Five dollar cash prize by Dahlia Society of Georgia for most outstanding exhibit by Garden Clubs of Georgia, won by Georgia Gladiolus Society. Two dollar cash prize by Dahlia Society of Georgia for second best exhibit by Garden Clubs of Georgia, won by Iris Garden Club. President's cup, given for the three best blooms, large flowering variety, of 1936, 1937, and 1938 introductions, won by W. D. Ricks, with three blooms *Cherokee Brave*. Dahlia Society of Georgia bronze medal for best arrangement of Dahlias and autumn leaves, won by Mrs. Lionel E. Williams. Tri-Ogen Kit given by Rich's, Inc., for best table arrangement; formal dinner table, won by Mrs. Lionel E. Williams.

Dig-easy hoe given by King Hardware Company for best miniature arrangement of Dahlias under 6" in height, won by Mrs. A. C. Caraway. Dahlia Society of Georgia silver vase for largest number of points in novice section, won by Dr. Hubert Rawiszer. Dahlia Society of Georgia Fostoria glass vase for largest and most perfect bloom in novice class, won by Dr. Hubert Rawiszer, with *Jane Cowl*.

The following varieties were awarded blue ribbons:

Amelia Earhart, American Purity, Andenkin, A. W.

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Lindenschmitt, Andrea Ericson, Bearne, Bagdad, Bauer's Ideal, Blue River, Buckeye Glory, Buckeye King, California Idol, Cavalcade, Cherokee Brave, Cherokee Rose, Clara Barton, Clara Carder, Coronada, Darcy Sainsbury, Discovery, Dr. J. Scheiner, Francis Laroco, Fort Monmouth, Golden Standard, Great Eastern, Haslerova, Hillcrest Mandarin, Hunt's Velvet Wonder, Jane Cowl, Jane Dew, Jane Ross, Jersey's Beauty, Jersey's Dainty, Josephine G., Kathleen Norris, Katie K., Kay Francis, Lord of Autumn, Louise Arduni, Margrace, Mascotte, Miriam Hopkins, Miss Belgium, Miss Glory, Mrs. Bruce Collins, Mrs. George Le Boutillier, Mrs. Herbert O'Connor, Mrs. I. de ver Warner, Murphy's Masterpiece, New Glory, Oakleigh Monarch, Paul Pfitzer, Prince of Persia, Queen City, Royal Purchase, Satan, Thomas A. Edison, Volcano, White Wonder.

We feel that we cannot miss this opportunity of a word of praise for our Brother Society over in Alabama. The writer was accorded the honor of being chosen as one of the judges officiating at the Third Annual Show of the Dahlia Society of Alabama, and believe you me, those boys put on a Show that is well worth while traveling several hundred miles to see, and their whole hearted hospitality just can't be beat. Another treat the writer enjoyed was meeting several of Dahliadom's well known personalities: Prof. C. E. Wildon (whose judging technique was much admired), Oliver Shurtleff (the world's champion story teller), also W. H. Kennedy, of Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr. E. S. Landess, of Fayetteville, Tennessee.

B. E. Phillips.

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Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc., Show

The Eighth Annual Show of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc., was an innovation in that it was held in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Fair at the State Fair Park, Milwaukee. The Horticultural Building with its decorations and other floral and garden displays and exhibits provided a beautiful setting. Keen competition was assured by the awarding of cash prizes aggregating in excess of five hundred dollars in addition to ribbons.

On the opening day of the Fair on Saturday, August 20th, the Dahlia classes were limited to amateur growers while the "Open to all" classes were entered and judged on Tuesday, August 23rd. The number of entries on both days exceeded expectations and quality of bloom was unusually good for a Show held so early.

In the amateur classes on Saturday, *Bette Davis*, exhibited by Gilbert Reinke of Milwaukee was selected as the most perfect flower, while the award for the largest bloom was awarded to Thomas C. Christiansen of Racine on a bloom of *Mrs. Rufus Dawes*. Other outstanding blooms exhibited by amateur growers were: *Koki* and *Jimmie Foxx*, exhibited by Mrs. A. Junginger, Madison; *Freda George*, W. E. Keman, Wauwatosa; and *Satan* and *Madam Georges Pezant*, George Rudat, Racine. *Koki* probably attracted more attention and created more comment than any flower exhibited on the opening day. It is a very large semi-cactus of great size, oriental red in color with a chrome yellow reverse showing at the center and tips of the petals, and the stems hold the blooms erect.

In the open to all section on Tuesday, Joseph Stonak of Racine won the award for the most perfect flower with *Louise Arduini*, and for the largest flower with *Murphy's Masterpiece*. *Louise Arduini* is a deep red with a velvet sheen, medium sized, and, as exhibited by Mr. Stonak, semi-cactus in formation, but is sometimes classified as straight cactus. Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens featured a large bouquet of it in their prize winning commercial exhibit at the 1937 Cleveland, Ohio, Show.

Other blooms exhibited in the open to all classes on August 23rd which were of outstanding quality together with the names of their exhibitors were: *Carl G. Dahl* and *Sleepy Hollow*, Joseph Heineman, Milwaukee; *Dean Anderson*, Mrs. J. C. Hawker, Wauwatosa; and *Betty Zane*, Mrs. W. A. Delaporte, Milwaukee.

The class for undissected Dahlias was held in connection with the open to all exhibits on Tuesday and attracted a large number of entries. First place and the American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to *Emessee* of J. Louis Roberts of Chicago, exhibited by Joseph Stonak of Racine. Second place was awarded to *Eric the Red* of A. H. Rich, St. Paul, Minnesota, exhibited by George R. Currie, of Sheboygan; and third place to a very large purple informal decorative of Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J., exhibited by Joseph Heineman, Milwaukee. Both *Emessee* and *Eric the Red* were awarded certificates of merit at East Lansing Trial Gardens in 1937, and are well worthy of such distinction. *Emessee* is a light autumn colored informal decorative with very fine straight stems, while *Eric the Red* is a bright red informal decorative, the red being an unusual shade, and there is a tiny showing of yellow at the center and tips of some of the petals, stems and foliage excellent.

Some of the finest blooms to be seen at the Show were to be found in the commercial exhibits of T. E. Popp, Greenfield Gardens, West Allis, and Mrs. W. A. Delaporte, Milwaukee. Outstanding in Mr. Popp's display were *Maryland's Dixie Queen* (a beautiful large autumn colored informal decorative, buff flushed with pink, very graceful in formation), *Mandalay* (an eleven inch semi-cactus of bright yellow originated by Curtis Redfern) and the finest bloom of *Miriam Hopkins* the writer has ever seen. *Volcano* and *Robert L. Ripley* stood out in Mrs. Delaporte's display.

On Friday, August 26th, special classes were held for commercial growers. Dr. R. S. Millbee of Sullivan, Wisconsin, won the award for the best hundred blooms exhibited. Outstanding among the Dahlias exhibited on Friday were exceptionally fine blooms of *Phyllis Knight* and *Cerise Giant* exhibited by Joseph Heineman of Milwaukee, and six excellent blooms of *Greater Glory* exhibited by Joseph Stonak of Racine.

The attendance at the Wisconsin State Fair was very large this year so that unquestionably more people saw the Dahlia Show than attended any of our previous Shows which should help to instill new interest in Dahlias. Our Society had printed twenty-five hundred leaflets setting forth the objects of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc., its officers and members, and brief instructions on the growing of Dahlias, and these were handed to people manifesting an active interest in the Dahlias on display.

George R. Currie.

Dahlia Society of Indiana Sponsors Several Shows

The year 1938 has been one of successful progress for the Dahlia in the State of Indiana. As stated earlier in these columns the administration recognized the fact one major Show in the State could not hope to popularize our flower as readily as several Shows. The result was the establishing of regional Shows. While only two such Shows were held, one in Muncie and the other in Linton, the number of entries and their quality was sufficient proof of the wisdom of their being held. In addition to these State Society sponsored Shows the Show of the Indianapolis Dahlia Society in Indianapolis, the Dahlia section of the Indiana State Fair and the Tri-State Dahlia Society Show in the southwest section of the State all served to more widely advertise this most popular flower.

Not alone in the number of Shows held, but in recognizing the fact that schedules of years ago were not entirely applicable to modern Dahlias, has Indiana made strides toward Dahlia advancement. This year no exhibitor was limited to one entry of a variety and three entries in a class. The result was a wealth of good flowers and after all flowers make a Show. We went one step further when we placed the fast growing family of miniatures on more even terms of competition one variety with another. We have tried and partially eliminated the difficulties arising from large growers and small growers being forced into direct competition with one another in the creation of another section for those exhibitors who are no longer amateurs and not yet to be classed as commercial. The section was heavily entered and we believe will prove a big help in future Shows. It is surprising how the juniors, given their place in a Show will respond to their opportunity.

Despite the early wet season experienced generally over the State we have had a wonderful season for Dahlias.

The large Brown Gymnasium with its large stage was taxed to hold the flowers. One section in particular overflowed its tables, benches were placed at the side of the tables and likewise overflowed with the result that the floor received vases of threes and fives together with single specimens. Two hours were required in this section to segregate the entries for intelligent judging. To make a long story short judging was not completed until nearly nine o'clock with only time out for the annual banquet.

This year a garden flower section was instituted and it is surprising how many flowers normally considered summer flowers can be placed on the exhibition table. The section was graced with many novel and attractive entries which space alone prohibits us from describing.

An attractive list of awards made possible through the generosity of Madison's livewire civic organizations, luncheon clubs and individuals proved attractive to exhibitors. In addition medals from the A. D. S. and other Societies were awarded.

The successful staging of the Show made possible only through the untiring work of Mr. Emmett Wood and his able assistant Mr. George Sherlock, both residents of Madison and both loyal Dahlia Society members.

The list of major awards are as follows:

Section I—Junior, largest bloom, most meritorious entry and section sweepstakes all carried off by Miss Donita Evans of North Vernon.

Section II—Novice, all three major awards captured by Mr. Charles Scott of Shelbyville. Boy is he a Dahlia fan from now on.

Section III—Amateur, largest bloom to Mr. C. H. Durnil of Louisville with a bloom of *Milton J. Cross*, which bloom also won as the largest in the Show. Most meritorious entry awarded to Mrs. Ruth Evans of North Vernon for a beautiful bloom of *Mother Maytrott*. Sweepstakes in the section awarded to Miss Irene McClintic of Columbus with a score of 70 points.

Section IV—Professional, largest bloom to Mr. W. B. Dietz of Louisville with a bloom of *Katie K*. Most meritorious award to Charles Fieldhouse of Louisville with a vase of *Ballego's Surprise*. Sweepstakes to R. H. Moffett of Cincinnati, Ohio, with a score of 97 points.

Section V—Commercial, largest bloom to Rainbow Dahlia Gardens of Louisville with a bloom of *Milton J. Cross*. Most meritorious entry to Mrs. B. W. Lamson of Maderia, Ohio, with a bloom of *Saarland Heimkerr*. Sweepstakes in the section to Miss Eleanor Warren of Forth Wayne with a score of 104 points.

Section VI—Open to all, largest bloom to Sparks Dahlia Gardens of Columbus with a bloom of *Robert Ripley*. Most meritorious entry to Mrs. Ruth Evans of North Vernon for a vase of *Andre Csizik*. Sweepstakes to Sparks Dahlia Gardens with a score of 85 points.

Section VII—Seedlings. The American Home Achievement medal was awarded to Mr. R. L. Walcher of Bedford, Ohio, for his bicolor *Lois Walcher*. In this section the judges made a special award of the A. D. S. bronze medal for a seedling entry called *Silver Hook* to Mr. C. W. Simbritzki of Louisville.

Section VIII—Trade displays. First in the 200 foot display to Sparks Dahlia Garden; first in the 150 foot display to Mr. Emmett Wood of Madison; first in the 100 foot display to Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, of Lebanon, Ohio, and second to the North Madison Garden Club of North Madison. Best display in entire Show was awarded the A. D. S. silver medal and was given to Mr. Wood's display, while second place was accorded the Golden Rule Farms with an award of the medal of the Dahlia Society of Georgia.

Section XI—Grand awards. Largest bloom to Mr. Durnil, as previously listed. Most meritorious entry to Charles Fieldhouse, with his entry of *Ballego's Surprise*. Sweepstakes in the entire Show to the Sparks Dahlia Gardens with a score of 219 points.

In Section VI a special award was made to Mr. Robert Wenning of Indianapolis for his entry of a Dahlia corsage, carrying with it the medal of the Central States Dahlia Society.

Section X—Organization entries. First to Hanover Garden Club of Hanover; second to Antiocks Grange,

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THE 24th ANNUAL A. D. S. MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 1938

The 24th annual meeting of the American Dahlia Society was held at the Concourse Plaza Hotel, New York City, the second afternoon of the Show, September 21st, at 2:30 P. M. While the meeting was in progress the very disastrous storm which swept the eastern seacoast was at its height. The wind howled about the building and the rain beat against the windows in a fury which had never been equaled within the memory of any of those present. This had been preceded by three days of steady downpour.

In spite of this most inclement weather about forty members were present when the meeting was called to order by President Dudley. In opening the meeting the President stated that the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report would be omitted due to the fact that the Secretary was unable to talk owing to a severe throat infection. However, a full financial report would be presented at our January meeting. President Dudley said that the rain had severely handicapped the Show but we had a far better showing of blooms that could be reasonably expected under the adverse conditions. He thanked all those who had labored so hard to make the Show a success, many who had worked long hours at thankless tasks. He also thanked those who had contributed so generously to the prize fund making ample premiums for the Show possible.

In accordance with an application made at our July 21st Executive Board meeting there were two changes in the by-laws to be acted upon. The first, the changing of the term Branch Societies was explained by President Dudley as follows: BRANCH—meaning according to Webster: a shoot or limb from the main bough; a section or subdivision; any part of a family descending in a collateral line. Naturally, other Societies with individual identities had the impression that "Branch" denoted absorption, or at least loss of identities.

So, because we do not desire to put any Society in the category of being an offshoot or subdivision, even though they may look with favor on "combining" with us to further the interest in Dahlias—we believe we should change the term "Branch" to a word which better describes the big "family, work-together ideas more aptly."

After some discussion it was felt that the term "Participating" best describes this type of membership and the following motion by Mr. Warren Maytrott was presented:

In accordance with a motion made and carried at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Dahlia Society held on July 21st, I move that this Society amend its by-laws, as provided therein, and change the term "BRANCH" Society where ever it appears at present in the by-laws as follows:

In Article 2, Clause 2; Article 3, Section 2; and Article 5, Section 2, Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, in all 16 or

more times, to "Participating" Society.

Mr. Maytrott also presented the following amendment: "Provided that Societies which have already joined under the designation 'Branch' have the right to retain that title if they so desire."

Both the motion and amendment were regularly seconded and adopted.

An application for the change of the time of our annual meeting had also been made at our July Executive Board meeting. President Dudley explained that it had always been very difficult to gather a very large number to a meeting at the time of the Show as the interest was naturally in the flowers and the members did not like to sit through a long business meeting at that time. A most successful meeting and dinner had been held last January with a very large number of members present and it was felt that this would be a far more opportune time for a business meeting than during the Show.

Mr. Maytrott then made a motion that "Article X, Clause I, be amended to read as follows:

The annual meeting shall be held in the State of New York, as required by the articles of incorporation, the third Saturday in January."

The motion was seconded and without objection was adopted.

President Dudley reported that the Dahlia Society of Michigan was the latest organization to come in as a "Branch," now "Participating," Society and had signed the Trial Garden agreement.

The report of the Election Board upon the balloting for officers to serve us for 1939 was then called for and was read by Henry Olsen who with Fred Knocke and the Secretary had checked the ballots.

The results of the election were as follows:

President, Lynn B. Dudley; First Vice-President, Conrad Frey; Secretary-Treasurer, C. Louis Alling; Vice-Presidents: Roland H. Patch, H. Dewey Mohr, Harley T. Peck, Sr., Gordon Waaser, Oliver Shurtleff, Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Mrs. Charles H. Stout, C. E. Wildon, Curtis Redfern, John S. Vincent, Edward B. O'Keefe, Mrs. F. S. Fisher, Nick Koenig, Edward B. Lloyd, J. Louis Roberts, Mrs. Georgena Humble, Mrs. George W. Holland, Glenn T. Mack, F. V. R. Veirs, Bruce Collins, G. A. Richardson, B. B. Melgaard, Al. Cavannah, Earl V. Newton, C. B. Ambrose, R. P. Liphart, J. J. Englert, Jr., H. T. Mills, Jay V. Hare.

Honorary Vice-President, J. A. Kemp, Trustee to 1941, Warren W. Maytrott.

George Fraser gave a very interesting report on his trip to Cincinnati and the new Ohio Valley Trial Gardens. He stated that the Trial Gardens were in very

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Eighth Annual Exhibition of the Dahlia Society of Ohio

The Dahlia Society of Ohio staged its Eighth Annual Show in the ball room of Hotel Statler, Cleveland, on September 17th and 18th. We believe the Show compared quite favorably with former Shows in most respects, in spite of five weeks of drought followed by excessively heavy rains, five days before the Show.

In one particular, at least, the Show surpassed anything we have had in the past. That was the amateur section which was much larger and the blooms better, and better staged. It was encouraging to note the many new exhibitors showing for the first time. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hensley of Maple Heights won the sweepstakes cup in this section for the entrant scoring the most points. Most of their blooms would have gotten much consideration in the open-to-all section. In fact, this was true of most of the blooms in the section.

The open-to-all section seemed to have suffered more because of the heavy rains than the amateur section. At any rate there were fewer of the really large specimen blooms that we have come to look for at this Show. While some of us may have failed to take proper precautions to save our big ones, such was not the case with Mr. Robens of Chagrin Falls. As a result Mr. Robens won another sweepstakes cup to add to his collection. Year in and year out he has brought more really sensational blooms to our Show than anyone else and we all like to see him win—if we can't win ourselves.

In the section for commercial displays, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens of Rocky River won the Society's silver cup for the best display of 100 square feet or more. Hillside Farms of Austinburg received the Society's gold medal for the best display of fifty to one hundred square feet. Mrs. E. MacDowell won the medal for best table commercial display. In the section for commercial displays of poms and miniatures exclusively, Emory Road Dahlia Gardens of Solon was first in the fifty to one hundred square feet class and Mrs. Robert Ludwig in the table displays.

Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens of Garfield Heights won the President's cup donated by John Strasen, Jr., for the best basket of large flowered Dahlias. The *House Beautiful* Futurity medal went to D. T. Morgan, Jr., of Cuyahoga Falls for a vase of six magnificent blooms of his 1938 introduction, *Sleepy Hollow*.

"Largest bloom" and "best bloom regardless of size" in the amateur section was a fine specimen of the old favorite *Kathleen Norris*. Inasmuch as this particular bloom also won in the pink informal class it was a three time winner. Emil Maglione of Akron was the grower.

Another triple winner was Walter Bissel's new undis-seminated *Hillside Sunset*. It was first declared winner in the seedling informal class. Then, competing against all seedling winners for the American Home Achievement medal, it was returned the winner of the highest honor given for seedlings at this Show. To cap off these two noteworthy achievements it also won "largest bloom in the entire Show." The record speaks for this fine new variety.

"Best bloom in the Show" was won by a variety un-

known to most of the "authorities." This bloom entered as *White Lord of Autumn* was grown by D. T. Morgan. Up to this time I have been unable to find out if that is the correct name or not. At any rate it stood out as being the finest white on the market. Three other blooms of the same variety on display (not in competition) were further evidence of the above statement in spite of the fact that they had been damaged by the heavy rains of the week preceding.

As predicted the competition in the classes for undis-seminated Dahlias was very keen. Hillside Farm of Austinburg supplied the ultimate winner of the American Home Achievement medal as mentioned in a preceding paragraph. The colors are a lively yellow at center with the outer tips of the petals tinted red and each petal lightly edged red.

Another which received much consideration for the achievement medal was Mrs. MacDowell's *Enma Walker*, the winner as best semi-cactus. It is a large deep flower of unusual coloring. The center is straw yellow shading out to an old rose toward the tips of the petals. The reverse is a deep lavender showing at the centers and outer edges of the rolled petals. There are also tints of the lavender showing on the face of the petals. This variety won the achievement medal at the strong Toledo Show.

Lois Walcher, one of the most outstanding seedlings of the year was not shown to its best advantage here. Ralph Walcher of Bedford, the originator was practically unknown as an exhibitor previous to this year, but in spite of his lack of experience he won six achievement medals with this variety at other Shows, including the Mid West Show at Detroit and the A. D. S. Show at New York. *Lois Walcher* (informal decorative) is one of the finest bicolors it has been our pleasure to see. The center two-thirds of the petals are a deep reddish purple and the outer third a clear white. There is no blending of the two colors and practically no variation in the proportion of the two colors. The flower has good substance as shown by the fact that it was shipped from the originator's garden to the six Shows at which it won.

All in all it was a good Show and the many visitors from other states were highly pleased, judging by their expressions of praise. Next year . . . ?

E. J. Wind.

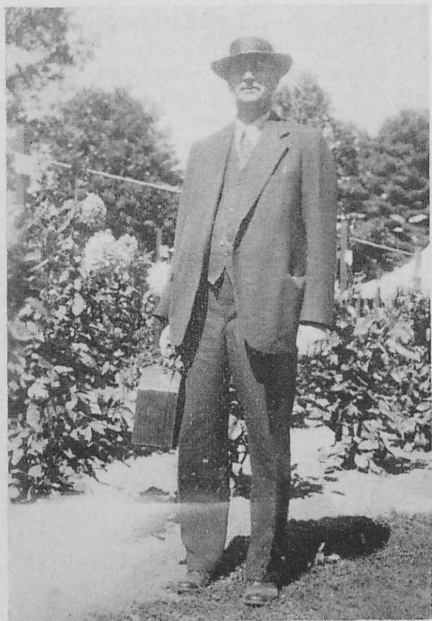
Cleveland News

The Dahlia Study Club of Cleveland, Ohio. at its annual meeting held in October, elected the following officers: President, R. E. Devney; Vice-Presidents, George A. Andrews and Alfred C. Schwabe; Secretary, Katherine C. Freeman.

Katherine L. Devney won the prize for the best seedling of the year. The bush was eight feet high with

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FIELD DAY AT STORRS



E. E. Tooker who conceived the idea of special fertilized and timing garden and then proceeded to carry out the plan. His success has stimulated the culture of specimen blooms. A Connecticut Yankee, Mr. Tooker loves his every journey to Storrs.

Saturday, September 10th, is a red letter day in the history of the Storrs Trial Gardens and the A. D. S. Fully two hundred people were in attendance through the day. The gardens were late as almost continual rain, with short intervals of extreme heat, through the summer had been more than which the plants could combat. However, they were then making rapid progress and bid fair in about ten days to be a beautiful sight. Unfortunately, however, Storrs was directly in the path of the disastrous hurricane which swept New England shortly after that and the gardens were a complete wreck. This is the first failure of any kind in the many years these gardens have been in operation so perhaps we should be thankful and not complain of this season's misfortune.

The visitors who arrived early devoted their time to the inspection of the gardens until 12:15, when lunch was served in the college cafeteria. At 1:15 the meeting convened in Gulley Hall where an overflow crowd was in attendance. Many of the people having to be accommodated in adjoining rooms.

Prof. Patch first presented President Dudley who welcomed the visitors to Storrs and told something of the operation of the gardens and explained our new score card to some length. Mr. Ernest S. Davis, Jr., of The Rogers and Hubbard Co. of Middletown, Connecticut, gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the manufacture and use of commercial fertilizers. At the close of his talk he answered a number of questions on the subject asked by the members present.

Dr. C. H. Batchelder, in charge of corn borer spray control work for the U. S. Department of Agriculture was asked to tell something of the present status of the corn borer work. Dr. Batchelder spoke informally having no prepared talk, telling something of the work being done the present season in the experimental plots at New Haven, Connecticut. Several of the members present cited their experiences with the pest which led to most interesting discussion. At the conclusion one could not but feel that we had the upper hand of this troublesome Dahlia pest and with the continuance of the work by the Department of Agriculture we may look forward to satisfactory control in the near future.

Prof. Hollister, of the Landscape Department at the college, spoke in behalf of the college, tracing something of the history of the gardens and mentioning the possibilities of a new location for the plantings.

Paul F. Frese, the new editor of *The Flower Grower*, made a few remarks as did our old friend, William B. Sweeney, who acts as treasurer for the garden's funds. Secretary C. Louis Alling spoke of his associations with Dr. Batchelder in the corn borer work and the most thorough and effective work Dr. Batchelder and the Department of Agriculture were doing on the corn borer. He also told something of the plans for our coming New York Show.

Several others were called upon for short remarks and in conclusion Prof. Patch gave us some very interesting information about the Trial Gardens and the Fertilizer and Test Gardens being sponsored by Mr. E. E. Tooker. The meeting then adjourned to the garden where group photographs and a final inspection of the Dahlias were made.

As the members prepared to leave several were heard to remark that it was the finest Field Day we had ever held and we should have more like it.

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blooms ten inches across. It was voted by the Club that the flower be named *Katherine L. Devney* in honor of its originator.

Resolution

RESOLVED: that in order to create greater interest in the culture of the Dahlia among amateurs, each club member is encouraged to interest at least two flower growers to the extent of including Dahlias in their gardens; coaching them in how to plant the tubers, pinch out the plants, disbud for larger blooms, and all the little ins and outs such as storing the roots for the winter and dividing the clumps the following spring.

R. E. Devney.

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Plan to attend the A. D. S. mid winter get-together

Ye Olde Timers' Corner

By George W. Fraser

George L. Stillman

The Old Timers' column of this issue is dedicated to the memory of one to whose enthusiasm and perseverance we owe much of the present popularity of the Dahlia, as well as the existence of the A. D. S. George L. Stillman of Westerly, R. I., passed to his reward on October 14, 1938.

Two decades or more ago Mr. Stillman became interested in Dahlias. His interest and love for the flower soon persuaded him to interest others and in this way it was not long before he was deeply in the business as a commercial grower. For many years he was a familiar figure at all eastern agricultural fairs, flower shows or any other place where Dahlias might be shown to advantage. It is a long way from the small, mostly ball and pompon varieties he showed to the present day wide variety of varied types and colors but by constant pounding he aroused an interest in them and this interest has continued to grow even, we suspect, far beyond his fondest expectations.

He was the originator of a large number of varieties. *The Millionaire*, *U. S. A.* and *Lady Helen*, perhaps being the best known. He was the first grower to have confidence enough in the future of the Dahlia to price it at a proper value, his *Millionaire* being the first ten dollar Dahlia in a day when seventy-five cents was considered the top. His method of showing was of the old school, the blooms always being shown on short stems in bottles, this being the only practical method in the days before cars when blooms had to be transported on the trains by hand boxes.

Mr. Stillman was one of that small handful who gathered with Richard Vincent, Jr., on that eventful day in May, 1915, in New York City, when the A. D. S. was organized. At the first election he was made a vice-president and never missed a meeting of the Executive Board as long as his health permitted his attendance. In 1935 he was presented with one of our gold medals for distinguished and pioneer service to the Dahlia and the A. D. S., an honor which, we are told, he deeply appreciated, and this medal was one of his most cherished

keepsakes. He never neglected to boost the Dahlia or the A. D. S. and our late Secretary, William J. Rathgeber, frequently remarked that it was a dull day when at least one new member was not received from George L. Stillman.

Advanced years and failing health curtailed his activities of late and he was not as well known to the present generation of Dahlia growers as those of us who can look back over a period of years of Dahlia growing. Those old timers who remain will long cherish the memory of many pleasant hours spent with him at our meetings, the Shows and a most enjoyable visit with him at Westerly when he entertained the entire Executive Board.

He was born in Westerly in 1856 where he was engaged in the manufacture of wagons previous to his entry into the Dahlia business. He was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and an incorporator of the Westerly Automatic Telephone Co. Mrs. Stillman passed away several years ago and his children are now all deceased. He is survived by a son-in-law, Capt. Allan Thompson, who frequently attended the Shows with him, several grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

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JUDGING THE SHOW

The Show was judged under the capable supervision of our good friend, Conrad Frey. The seedling classes were judged by the entire group of judges, who cast individual ballots for their choice. This method takes a little time but insures thorough and impartial judging. Very few complaints were heard about the judging and these could all be classed as honest differences in opinion. Mr. Frey wishes to express his thanks, as well as that of the A. D. S. to the judges and their secretaries for a very fine job. The prizes were passed out immediately at the conclusion of judging by Al Schuster, Chairman of our Prize Committee. Al and Mrs. Schuster did a grand job with the prize work and deserve our sincere thanks.

Beautiful display at Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y. honoring the memory of
LEONARD BARRON

Dahlias were from the garden of E. E. Tooker who personally supervised this fine arrangement. In the center, "Mrs. George Boutellier", flanked on either side by "Margaret Broomall". The vases on the ends contained "Greater Glory" and "Katie K." "Grain of Gold", Mr. Tooker's 1939 introduction, is the pompon.





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GRAIN O' GOLD (Tooker). Pompon. A diminutive pom which comes from the all time prize winning pom, Little Edith. Color clear yellow. Winner for the best pompon seedling in the 1938 New York Show.

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fine condition and that the city park department were giving them every possible coöperation. Mr. Fraser was followed by Harley Peck, Sr., who also gave us some very interesting information about the new gardens and said that inasmuch as the Ohio Valley Society had come in as a branch he felt that they were a part and working with the A. D. S.

Dr. C. H. Batchelder of the U. S. Department of Agriculture gave a short report on his corn borer control work and stated that through his exhibit at the Show he had met many people and had recorded much valuable information. It was voted to send the Bureau of Entomology a letter of thanks for the splendid work which they were doing to control this pest.

Mrs. Georgena Humble, Chairman of our Educational Committee reported that a large number of seed packets had been distributed to the school children but she felt that in the future roots of the smaller types might give better results as they would be of much easier culture.

Albert Schuster gave a report of the receipts of the Prize Committee to date which were far above our highest expectations under the present economic conditions. A full list of the contributors was being prepared for publication in our next BULLETIN.

It was then voted to carry over any unfinished business to our January meeting and by unanimous vote the meeting adjourned to January 21st, the place to be announced later.

INDIANA SHOW—Cont. from p. 39

of Madison, and third to Post Daughters of the Union, also of Madison. A special award was made to the Tri Kappa Society for their entry.

Section XI—Garden flowers. Most meritorious entry to Mrs. Frank Bovard of Hanover.

Thus came to an end one of the finest Shows ever held in the middle west; a Show where entry tags were at a premium and few ribbons left over to be thrown in the waste basket by a discouraged secretary.

New Officers

The annual meeting of the Society was held at the Lincoln Hotel, Indianapolis, Sunday, November 6th. Reports of the officers for the year were made after which the election of officers was held. Results of the election were as follows: President, O. E. Oler, Dublin; Senior Vice-President, C. W. Rush, Bloomington; N. E. Regional Vice-President, Elmer Lee, Anderson; N. W. Regional Vice-President, O. A. Guntle, Frankfort; S. W. Regional Vice-President, Mrs. Lola Templeton, Sullivan; S. E. Regional Vice-President, R. S. Sparks, Columbus; Secretary, Joe W. Letterman, Linton; Treasurer, Raoul H. Ayers, Indianapolis. Executive committee: James Swallow, Muncie; Jennie Tudor, Zionsville; N. R. Hemphill, Indianapolis; George Washburn, Kokomo; Frank Keyes, Indianapolis; R. C. Swartz, Indianapolis.

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New Baltimore Michigan

Kentucky Show—Cont. from page 45

The Dahlia Society of Kentucky wishes to thank the Dahlia Society of Indiana for sending to us such excellent judges as Mr. Hemphill and Mr. Martland of Indianapolis and Mr. Raymond Sparks. We also want to thank Mr. Whitman and Mr. Weist of Maderia, Ohio, who served us very ably as judges. These men are also members of our Society.

The Dahlia Society of Kentucky believes in helping a good thing along. Immediately after our Show was over the Kentuckiana Woman's Institute, an annual home show at the Jefferson County Armory in Louisville, requested us to put on a second Dahlia Show. We accepted the opportunity.

While the Show did not make any awards to the individual, it offered an opportunity to show to the people of southern Indiana and Kentucky the Dahlia at its best. This was quite a feat because it required a Dahlia Show not for one or two days, but for almost an entire week, running from Sunday through Thursday. Nature favored us with some fine weather and the Dahlias were there in all their glory, from the huge blooms of *Cross* and *California Idol* down to the tiniest poms and miniatures. Under the fine leadership of our President, W. H. Swift, the Dahlia Society of Kentucky has gone ahead this year in a big way, and we feel sure that anything we undertake for the glorification of our "King of the Autumn Flower" will be successful.

At the annual meeting of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky, held on Tuesday, October 19th, at the Kentucky Hotel, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mr. George Gill, President; Mr. Carlisle Hays, Vice-President. George J. Appel and Ed. Miller were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Mr. George Gill has been an active member of the Society for the past four or five years and under his leadership the Society should continue the good work that was begun by our retiring President, W. H. Swift, and go on to bigger and better Shows.

G. J. Appel, Secretary.

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Indianapolis Dahlia Society Show

The Indianapolis Dahlia Society held its Second Annual Dahlia Show and Fall Flower Festival at the Brookside Community House in Indianapolis, October 2nd and 3rd. About 1,000 entries were made by several hundred exhibitors.

Miss Patricia Ayers won the Templin-Bradley sweepstakes medal in the novice class and she also won for the largest and most perfect bloom (*Lord of Autumn*) and for the most meritorious entry (*Lord of Autumn*) in this class.

In the amateur section Mr. Charles F. Meier, Greenwood, Indiana, was the sweepstakes winner and had the largest and most perfect bloom (*Robert Ripley*). Dr. W. E. Kennedy had the most meritorious entry (three blooms *Robert Ripley*).

In the Open to All the sweepstakes prize went to the Sparks Dahlia Gardens, Columbus, Indiana. Raoul H. Ayers won for the largest and most perfect bloom (*Lord of Autumn*) and Dr. A. E. White won the American Dahlia Society medal for the most meritorious entry. (Large basket of his own seedling, named *Warfleigh*.)

Sparks Dahlia Gardens won the sweepstakes in the entire Show and the President's Cup went to Mr. Raoul H. Ayers for the largest and most perfect bloom (*Lord of Autumn*) in the Show. The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association medal was awarded to Dr. A. E. White for the most meritorious entry in the entire Show (basket of *Miss Indiana*).

The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to the Sparks Dahlia Gardens for the best three blooms undissected Dahlias. This Dahlia is a semi-cactus about the shade of *Jersey's Beauty* and is to be known as *Pink Elegance*. This seedling was grown by Mr. R. A. Wenning of the Indianapolis Dahlia Gardens. It also took the American Home Achievement Medal at the Louisville Show. The judges were Dr. W. E. Kennedy, Mr. N. R. Hemphill, Indianapolis, and Mr. Charles Erhardt, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio.

In the garden flower section sweepstakes and most meritorious entry awards were given to Mrs. B. F. Orr. The judges for this section were Mrs. C. Hugel, Mrs. R. C. Swartz and Mr. Arthur Heidenreich.

Mrs. Rex P. Young, Secretary.

Kansas City Dahlia Show

Our Annual Show was held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, September 24th and 25th and despite the six weeks' drought the quantity and quality of the blooms left nothing to be desired.

Judge Allen Southern, of Independence won a Jubilesta cup for best display of eight exhibiton specimens: *Washington Giant*, *Jean Trimbée*, *Andrea Ericson*, *Jane Cowl*, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, *Mrs. Geo. Le Boutillier*, *Kathleen Norris* and *Amelia Earhart*.

Best Dahlia in the Show, *Lord of Autumn*, was awarded a silver medal for J. A. Meidinger, of St.

Joseph, while E. M. Summers won the sweepstakes cup with a total of 123 points.

Special awards were won by Judge Southern, J. A. Meidinger, E. M. Summers, Harry Kurtz, and Fred Batcher.

The Annual Dinner of the Society was held September 24th in the Heidelberg Room of the Hotel Baltimore and was attended by forty members. J. D. Lemmer, President, presided and made the principal address.

San Mateo County Products and Floral Fiesta

Although the San Mateo Fiesta embraces all flowers and products the display of Dahlias was outstanding considering the lateness of the date for good Dahlia specimens.

The Fiesta was held in the Bay Meadows Grandstand and Clubhouse on September 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th, and over 60,000 visitors attended.

Mr. Ballay's display won most meritorious as well as best collection of decorative Dahlias with *California Idol*, *Azura*, *Leland Stanford*, *Pacific Splendor*, *Miss Glory*, *Palo Alto*, *California Rose*, *Frank Serpa*, *Bosphorus*, *Dresden*, *Charles G. Reed* and *Drum Major*; best collection of semi-cactus Dahlias with *Satan*, *Miss*

Glory, *Fair Elaine*, *Sunlight*, *Achievement*, *Cadet*, *California Peach*, *Don Juan*, *Cherokee* and *Elegance*; best collection of California Dahlias with *California Idol*, *Azura*, *Satan*, *California Rose*, *California Peach*, *Eugenia Ballay*, *Achievement*, *Leland Stanford*, *Pacific Splendor*, *Cadet*, *Charles G. Reed* and *Don Juan*; best 12 blooms of a California Dahlia with the glorious *California Idol* and best 25 blooms of one variety with *Leland Stanford*. His new Dahlias for this year were shown at advantage especially the true cactus *Gala California*. Again he had on display the new giant for 1939 an informal decorative of peach shadings *San Francisco*, the most promising flower shown in the bay area this year.

Glenn T. Mack won most artistic display with his small blooms. He won best collection of pompon Dahlias with *Joe Fette*, *Bantam*, *Edward*, *Dixie*, *Goldilocks*, *Yellow Gem*, *Little Beeswing*, *Mary Munns* and *Helen Anita*; best collection of miniature Dahlias with *Ritzzy*, *Elizabeth Pape*, *Aberdeen*, *Miss Vivian*, *Corky* and *Little Snow Queen*; most artistic display of pompon Dahlias with a new one *Coral* and *Joe Fette*; most artistic display of miniatures with *Miss Vivian*; and the most artistic display of collarette Dahlias with *Jim*, *El Toro*, *Brick*, *Rubicon*, *Gypsy* and *Snowflake*.

The grandstand is of concrete construction, the coolness of which kept the flowers very well some of which were not replaced for the entire four days. No doubt that the San Mateo Show ranks with the largest in the world.

Glenn T. Mack.

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Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Club, Wellsville, Ohio

The Fifth Annual Dahlia Show of the Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Club, Wellsville, Ohio, was staged September 24th and 25th, 1938. Over three thousand Show blooms were exhibited on the tables by fifty exhibitors in seventy classes. The unique arrangements of the Show were commented upon favorably. Since the Show was held in the McDonald School, the cactus and semi-cactus classes were displayed in one room, while the informal class overflowed a room, and the formal and par-excellent classes filled the third room. The small varieties filled

another, while the commercial exhibits occupied the wide halls. The basket classes were extensive and well staged.

Over one thousand visitors registered during the two days and many more failed to register. The comment most frequently heard was that the quality of every bloom in the Show was so high that even a bloom that failed to win a ribbon would have ordinarily taken first award in most Shows. The judges hoped to designate the flowers worthy of special mention but there were so many worthy that half of the Show would have been so marked. To give an idea of the quality, in selecting the largest most perfect bloom of the Show there were five candidates. The first failed on the required length of stem, the second on a slightly off center. But the remaining three were so perfect that it seemed impossible to judge. Upon close examination, one bloom was found to have two tiny spots on a petal. It was removed from consideration. The remaining two, *Straight's White* and *Amelia Earhart*, were perfect. In scoring them by the A. D. S. score card, the *Amelia Earhart* rated a perfect score, not a fault to be found, while the *Straight's White* was found to have a very slight crook in the stem. Such close competition existed in every class in the Show.

The judging of this Show fell to H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Carleton E. Lowe, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, W. J. Covern of Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, and E. M. Delbrugge, Martins Ferry, Ohio. The judging was a very fine job and well received by everyone.

Commercial displays were made by George Schuster, Youngstown, Ohio, H. H. Robens, W. J. Gowers, H. Retzer Dahlia Gardens, West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania, and Beaver Dahlia Gardens of Beaver, Pennsylvania, who repeated their fine display that won first in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Show. Mr. C. E. Lowe showed tuberous rooted begonias, while Herbert O. Evans, of Bedford, Ohio, showed the newest in gladiolus.

The largest most perfect flower in the Show was raised by a novice Paul Meade. This is his first year to raise Dahlias, but he has spared no pains to learn all he could. His earnestness resulted in a perfect bloom of *Amelia Earhart*, eleven and one-half inches in diameter and seven inches deep on a perfect stem with perfect foliage. The runner-up was a magnificent *Straight's White*, raised by Edward Rigby, of Newell, West Virginia. This flower was twelve and one-fourth inches by four inches.

The smallest most perfect pompon was raised by a novice, Paul Goddard of Salineville, Ohio. It was a perfect bloom of *Little Edith*.

The Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Club was awarded the Dahlia Society of Georgia Medal of Honor in the contest conducted by that Society. It has been placed as amateur sweepstake perpetual challenge medal, and was won by H. J. Gallimore of East Liverpool, Ohio. The novice sweepstake award went to Mrs. M. R. White of Lisbon, Ohio.

Among the winners the following were outstanding: *Jersey Dainty*, over seven inches, by H. J. Gallimore. *Dulcinea*, by J. T. Eccleston, East Liverpool. *Gretel*, by Mrs. Adah Mint, of East Palestine, Ohio. *Amelia Earhart*, by Harry Herbert of Wellsville. *Greater Glory*, by Wilbur Dennis, Wellsville. *Dulcinea*, by D. F. Reynolds, Wellsville. *Pink Daily Mail*, J. T. Eccleston.

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A basket of *Panhandle Pink* arranged with blue fall asters (wild) was judged the most artistic arrangement in the classes. This was shown by Mrs. Crawford who also won in the novelty class with a wrist corsage of *Elizabeth Pape* and a novel arrangement in a shell of pompons and blue ageratum.

The most meritorious seedling was awarded to a deep maroon informal with a nearly black center. This flower was not large but of fine form. Shown by W. M. Crawford, Wellsville.

The most meritorious undisseminated was a fine yellow by H. J. Gallimore.

At the October meeting of the Club the officers were re-elected to serve for the next year. The novice, Paul Meade, who won the best flower in the Show, brought a duplicate bloom to the meeting on October 3rd. There were several new seedlings displayed at this meeting. A turkey supper is planned for the Club meeting November 7th.

The officers are: President, H. R. Driggs, Ninth Street; First Vice-President, D. F. Reynolds, Broadway, also chairman of Dahlia Show; Second Vice-President, E. L. Savage, Ninth Street, also chairman of Glad Show; Secretary, Mrs. W. M. Crawford, 905 Buckeye Avenue; Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Savage; advisory board, H. P. Patterson, A. L. Henstock, W. M. Crawford.

The October meeting was followed by an oyster supper given by the losing team in the recent membership campaign. H. P. Patterson captained the losing team while T. J. Blackwood captained the victorious group.

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Portland Dahlia Society Portland, Oregon

The Eleventh Annual Portland Dahlia Society's Show was held September 27th and 28th in the auditorium of the Meier and Frank Company's large store and with their coöperation proved to be one of our best, in spite of an unusually dry season. However flowers were of fine quality and substance due to more careful culture.

Because of the dry season some professionals were unable to make entries but those who exhibited carried on the tradition for excellency.

More junior club members, novices, and amateurs entered than ever before making creditable displays, which held the attention of the many visitors who

thronged the store throughout the two days' session. There were many favorable comments by visitors on the quality and quantity of blooms, there being about nine hundred entries. It was notable that amateurs and juniors were growing the newer and better Dahlias. The head of the 4H clubs of Portland stated that there were more 4H exhibitors in the Portland Dahlia Show than in any other Dahlia Show in the United States.

The grand sweepstakes bloom was the pink cactus *Shekinah*, exhibited by an advanced amateur, Mrs. N. S. McKamey, of Bremerton, Washington. The American Achievement medal was won by T. W. Johns, Alameda,

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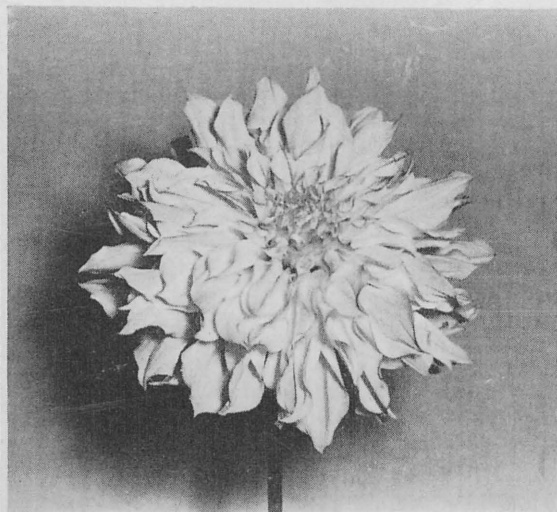
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California, with his seedling *Mayor Frank Otis*. This entry was air mailed about seven hundred and fifty miles. It also was judged the largest Dahlia in the Show, measuring twelve inches.

The *House Beautiful* Futurity award went to the Mastick Gardens for their *G. W. Hutchinson* and *Freda George*.

The smallest Dahlia, *Teeny Weeny*, was exhibited by Mrs. Martin Brouwer.

Best basket in entire Show was won by Mastick Gardens with their own creation, *Charles L. Mastick*, described elsewhere.

Best collection of foreign Dahlias was exhibited by W. C. Scrutton of Estacada, Oregon.

Best basket of bicolor won by Portland Dahlia Gardens with *Margaret Cole*.

Best single entry bicolor won by Mastick Gardens with the cactus *Taiyo*.

Best general display by professional Class A won by Portland Dahlia Gardens; Class B won by Robert Sanders.

Sweepstakes professional Class A won by Mastick Gardens; Class B won by Robert Sanders.

Best basket of foreign Dahlias won by Mastick Gardens with *Nagel's Superb*.

Best basket of miniatures won by Mrs. Julia Compton of Boring, Oregon.

Best basket of pompons won by Mrs. Julia Compton of Boring, Oregon.

Best collection of cactus Dahlias won by Robert Sanders.

Best formal decorative in Show was Charles L. Mastick; best informal decorative, *Nagel's Superb*.

In the amateur division George O. Latimer won sweepstakes.

In novice class Bob Dennison won sweepstakes, and best Dahlia, *California Idol*, was won by Robert Strang.

In 4H Clubs Allen Parker won the Little Trophy for best bloom, *Mrs. L. Bregazzi*. First year exhibitors' sweepstakes won by Bob Anderson, Grade School sweepstakes won by Ruth Razz, High School exhibitors' sweepstakes won by Shireen Hall.

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Alabama Dahlia News

A special feature of the September meeting of the Dahlia Society of Alabama was a barbecue given by the president of the Society, Norman Lefkovits and Mrs. Lefkovits on the grounds of their lovely home in Bessemer, Friday evening, September 16th. Upon arriving, the guests were shown through the host's beautiful Dahlia garden where many beautiful blooms of recent introductions delighted everyone. In addition to these, several growers had brought specimen blooms from their gardens for display. About 150 members enjoyed the bounteous hospitality of their host and also the opportunity to talk Dahlias with one another.

Old Man Weather did his best to defeat the members of the Dahlia Society of Alabama this year. Ideal grow-

ing conditions prevailed until about the first of September, then the rains became fewer, the sun hotter and from September 14th until the Show October 11th, there was no rain at all. In spite of such unfavorable conditions 1,800 blooms made a gorgeous display at the third annual Dahlia Show held at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel. With the capable leadership of the president, Norman Lefkovits, Dr. H. C. Rike, Show chairman, and the cooperation of the members this Show surpassed the previous ones. Many out-of-town visitors in addition to those from out of the State mingled with the 10,000 people who viewed with delight blooms not only grown here, but those from Georgia and Tennessee. One hundred twenty-five varieties, including the best recent introductions created much favorable comment. The very beautiful display of miniatures and poms brought forth many expressions of delight from the vast throng viewing them. Mrs. H. C. Rike's lovely garden of miniatures and pompons furnished many of the newer introductions found in this display.

The judges were greatly pleased with the blooms exhibited and especially so, as they realized the adverse conditions under which they had been grown. They praised the members who would not be whipped by Old Man Weather. The Society feels that it was indeed fortunate in the selection of judges who did so much to encourage and advise along all lines of Dahlia culture. The judges were as follows: Nelson Crist of Atlanta, Georgia, W. H. Kennedy of Nashville, Tennessee, Norman LaMotte of Hapeville, Georgia, Dr. E. S. Landess, Fayetteville, Tennessee, David D. Long, Atlanta, Georgia, B. E. Phillips, Atlanta, Georgia, Mrs. Louis Roberts, Chicago, Illinois, Oliver Shurtleff, Fairmont, Virginia, and Prof. C. E. Wildon, East Lansing, Michigan.

Following a delicious luncheon at which Prof. Wildon and Mr. Shurtleff made interesting talks, the judges visited the Trial Grounds and various Dahlia gardens in the city. They were most encouraging in all their comments on what they saw.

It is regretted that the American Home Achievement Medal could not be awarded this year because of no entries in this section. It is believed that the adverse growing conditions here was responsible for this, but already several are planning to work for this award next year.

However, many awards were made for entries in nearly every section. Creating unusual interest at the Show were the following:

The largest bloom, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, grown by Paul McClain.

The smallest bloom, *Little Edith*, grown by Mrs. L. C. Frazier.

The best twenty-five blooms, *Midwest Champions*, grown by T. M. Floyd.

Sweepstakes of entire Show, awarded the A. D. S. Medal to Dr. H. C. Rike, who also won the President's Cup for the three best blooms, *Margrace*.

The *House Beautiful* Futurity medal was awarded to Dr. H. C. Rike for his entry in this section. The blooms exhibited by Dr. Rike were *Sleepy Hollow*, *Katie K* and *Julius Bunge*. In addition Dr. Rike was awarded medals for the following best blooms of the Show: Most perfect bloom, *Lord of Autumn*; best informal, *Lord of Autumn*;

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best cactus, *Jersey's Dainty*; best semi-cactus, *Frau O'Bracht*; best formal, *Sultan of Hillcrest*.

It is felt that not only was this the best Show thus far, but that the enthusiasm shown by the new members of the Society, the number of entries from Garden Clubs and the increased interest of the public is proof that the slogan "More and Better Dahlias in Alabama" is really coming true. Scarcely was the Show over before the new members began making plans to go in for more and better Dahlias next year, so encouraged were they by their success in winning ribbons, this their first year. Tired but happy over the results, feeling well repaid for all efforts, the entire membership of the Dahlia Society of Alabama looks forward to 1939.

Peekskill Dahlia and Gladiolus Society, Peekskill, N. Y.

The 1939 Peekskill Flower Show, held in the New York State Armory in Peekskill, N. Y., September 16th, was the finest Show yet staged by this Society in conjunction with the Garden Club of Peekskill.

The weather was ideal, the quality of blooms, entries, as well as the attendance, came up to expectations—what more could we desire?

The Society's silver cup was won by Mrs. R. C. Colt, Garrison, N. Y. (John MacIntyre, gardener), exhibiting in the 24-bloom class with varieties: *Dean Anderson*, *Freckles*, *Virginia Root*, *California Idol*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Amelia Earhart*, *Velvet Wonder*, *Fireball* and *Murphy's Masterpiece*. A fourteen-inch bloom of *California Idol* picked from this class was pronounced the best of the Show and received the A. D. S. medal.

The Home Achievement medal was won by the Valeria Home, Inc., Oscawanna, N. Y. (Samuel Travis, gardener), exhibiting bicolor seedling *Langeloth*. This seedling also made a fine record at Storrs and won the Derrill Hart Memorial medal at the New York Show.

The *House Beautiful* Futurity medal was won by Dr. W. R. Bedell, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., exhibiting *Monarch of the East*, *Katie K*, *Bernice Geer* and *Julius Bunge*.

Many fine baskets and vase displays were exhibited. Special mention is made of the basket of gladioli *Picardy*, exhibited by Mrs. Henry Abele, Yorktown Heights, N. Y.

The following varieties predominated in the Dahlia classes and many received blue ribbons: *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *American Legion*, *Discovery*, *Pracht Kerl*, *Red Salute*, *Reil*, *Kardinaal von Rossum*, *Mother Maytrott*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Kathleen Norris*, *Sultan of Hillcrest*, *Volcano*, *Dean Anderson*, *Mrs. George Le Boutellier*, *New Glory*, *Queen City*, *Frau O'Bracht*, *California Idol*, *Josephine G*, *American Purity*, *Elsie Jane*, *Amelia Earhardt*, *Dulcinea*, *Mrs. W. F. Lord*, *Bette Davis*, *Zuiva*, *Pink Spiral*, *Adorable*, *Clara Barton*, *Royal Purchase*, *Miss West Virginia*, *H. R. S.*, *Robert Ripley*, *Katie K*, *Margaret E. Broomall*.

The sweepstake prize for the Show, open to all classes, was won by the Valeria Home, Inc. (Samuel Travis, gardener), and the sweepstake prize for the amateurs was won by Mr. Edward Kear, Montrose, N. Y.

Many new exhibitors from distant points participated in our Show. We are making great strides by having our Shows of merit and treating our exhibitors in a way that they are anxious to exhibit at subsequent Shows.

The judges did credible work, thanks to Messrs. Warren Maytrott, Vineland, N. J.; Edward Lloyd, Verona, N. J.; Conrad Frey, Nutley, N. J.; James McDonald, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Charles Scully, Tarrytown, N. Y.; J. Jamison, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Thomas Stobo, Garrison, N. Y.; Robert McLaughlin, Millbrook, N. Y.; Jack Smith, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

The Garden Club section of the Show was very attractive—many fine artistic arrangements were exhibited and are deserving of this mention.

The Show Committee and subsidiary committees did a great job. Our thoughts are now toward the 1939 Show with great enthusiasm. May we count on you to participate in our next Show and help to make it the Show of Shows?

R. A. Vogel, Secretary-Treasurer.

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Baltimore Dahlia Society

The Baltimore Dahlia Society staged a most successful Show September 18th and 19th in the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Maryland.

From the comments of our distinguished visitors as well as our judges they were unanimous in stating that this was just about the finest Show that has ever been put on in Baltimore and for the number and quality of blooms the equal of any Show in the east.

The entries totaling more than a thousand were of exceptional quality and the competition very keen, particularly in the small garden classes. The American Home Achievement medal was awarded to the Salem-Glyndon Gardens for three very outstanding blooms which were grown and shown by Mr. R. C. Ferguson of Wilmington, Delaware. The runner-up in this class was Mr. W. A. Bochau who showed three very fine blooms of which you will no doubt hear more later. Other winners of trophies and sweepstake prizes were: Gov. Harry W. Nice trophy, Mrs. J. E. W. Lindquist; Mayor Howard W. Jackson trophy, Mr. George Goetzger; Attorney General O'Connor trophy, Harry Quick; John W. Sherwood trophy, Herbert O. Aburn; Oriole Cafeteria trophy, N. A. Gossman; Senator Millard Tydings trophy, George Schirmer. Sweepstake trophies were awarded to Mrs. Pauline Graf, Mr. Roy Tracey, Herbert O. Aburn, N. A. Gossman, E. P. Loller and George Schirmer. The *House Beautiful* medal was awarded to the Maryland Dahlia Gardens.

Show Manager George Schirmer deserves much credit for the manner in which he and his committee worked to make the Show the success it was. The floor layout was such that it permitted the thousands of visitors the opportunity of viewing each entry staged without crowding and this was accomplished only by the efforts in securing such a fine hall as the Fifth Regiment Armory to hold our Show. Many entries were received from all over the east as well as western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia.

After such success the membership of the Society will start planning for 1939 when we hope to go a step better than 1938.

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Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The many varieties of Dahlias and other flowers at the Tenth Annual Hagerstown Dahlia Show presented a picture of loveliness in the large auditorium of the State Armory. The Show was held September 22nd and 23rd.

In spite of the many disadvantages in the weather conditions two weeks prior, the Show was pronounced the most gorgeous ever staged by the Society. The Armory was filled with exhibits of the finest specimens of Dahlias, roses, gladiolus, asters, marigolds, zinnias and other blooms, and a number of attractive displays. Thousands of persons who visited the exhibition of flowers left with words of lavish praise.

All classes were filled. There was an increase of twenty-five per cent in the number of exhibits over the year of 1937.

Mr. C. B. Arusparger had the largest as well as the best Dahlia, and Mr. Homer C. Grove had the smallest Dahlia in the Show. Mrs. Raymond Shifler had the best white. Mr. Lester Doyle the best yellow. Mr. C. B. Arusparger the best purple. Mr. R. B. Liskey the best bicolor, and Powell's Dahlia Gardens the best red and the best pink Dahlia in the Show.

Mr. Walter S. Gibney was awarded first prize for the best large display of Dahlias with Miss Edna Powell and Mr. H. C. Kuhn a close second. Powell's Dahlia Gardens won sweepstakes for the most points on Dahlia while Mr. Oscar R. Moser had the most entries in the Show. For the best 1938 introductions, Groves Dahlia Gardens won first in the formal and informal classes

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with Powell's Dahlia Gardens first in the cactus classes. In the gladiolus classes the specimens were unusually fine, and Miss Mamie Long came out with the most first prizes with Polsgroves Dahlia Gardens a close second.

Interest of the members was fine and enthusiasm ran so high that plans for a bigger and better Show in 1939 has been started.

Judges of the Show, Prof. J. B. S. Norton from the University of Maryland, Mr. Henry J. Betz of Stemmers Run, Maryland, and Miss Mary Bester of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Mr. Walter Gibney was the Show superintendent.

H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary.

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Snapshots In and About the Show

By the Roving Reporter

President Dudley reported three feet of water in his cellar after the storm, the second occurrence of the kind this summer. How about rubber boots for the roots this winter, Lynn?

Dewey Mohr should provide an anchor for his car. It blew up hill and down again during the storm.

Connie Frey was like a mother hen with a lot of chickens before the judging got under way. Hats off to Connie and his gang for a grand job.

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San Leandro Show

The Dahlia Society of San Leandro held their Annual Show on August 27th and 28th in the large auditorium of the Veteran's Memorial Building, and according to critics it was an improvement on any previous Show. Many out of state visitors were loud in their praises of the quality of the blooms exhibited and the beauty of the Show as a whole.

In the advanced section A. O. Hanson was the principle winner, followed closely by T. J. Sjoberg and J. F. Graves. In the amateurs section the winners were as follows: L. Statler, George Bomlor, Mrs. J. Park, William Swift, A. Mugglesbone, Stanley Allan, Mrs. Danneheim.

In the novice section Frank Zell carried off chief honors followed by W. Carman, Miss M. Faster, Miss Armstrong.

Complimentary exhibits were put on by Al Nashman and J. Marshall, also a lovely display of gladioli by the Gladaway Gardens was much admired by the visitors.

A complimentary exhibit occupied the entire end of the room put on by the Patricia Dahlia Gardens and caused much favorable comment.

The Show was opened on Saturday by one of the Councilwomen of the city who was introduced by the Society's President, Mr. Ben L. Moyers.

The best flower in the Show was *Kentucky Dawn*, exhibited by A. O. Hanson. He also won best general display in advanced section, also artistic display, also largest flower with *Mrs. George Le Boutillier*. The A. D. S. medal for best three-year-old seedling was won by T. J. Sjoberg. Best flower in amateur section, *Frank*

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SAN LEANDRO SHOW—Cont. from p. 55

Serpa, was won by L. Statler, who also won best display in amateur section. The Futurity medal of the *House Beautiful* was won by the Patricia Dahlia Gardens, with three lovely blooms of *Freda George* and three lovely blooms of *Kentucky Dawn*. Other Dahlias competing for this medal were *Snowsprite* and *Jersey Beach Beauty*. It was anticipated that over eight thousand people visited the Show. The judges were Fred T. March, Federal Horticultural Inspector, Noel M. Boby, of delphinium and perennial flower fame and Mrs. George Helms, a noted flower lover.

Charles Garrity, Secretary.

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Dahlia Society of Georgia Announces Prize Winner in Nation-wide Contest

By B. E. Phillips, Director of Publicity

The nation-wide contest sponsored by the Dahlia Society of Georgia, offering as a prize the Society's Bronze Medal of Honor to the Dahlia Society whose membership showed the widest diversification of occupation, as announced in the February issue of the American Dahlia Society BULLETIN, was brought to a close July 31st: It proved to be very interesting and popular, and brought out very convincingly the fact that the Dahlia is the King of Flowers with folk in all stations of life, and supports the old adage of "the banker, the baker, and the candle stick maker." The candle stick maker is the only one missing from the lists submitted. However, we still believe that somewhere, there are candle stick makers whose hobby is the culture of the Dahlia. The Dahlia Society of Georgia is very appreciative of the hearty coöperation and the participation of the various Societies in this contest, and feel that a closer bond of relationship has been established as a result. After all, Dahlia Societies are organized and function for one common cause—the promotion and glorification of the Dahlia, and a close coöperation, mutual understanding, and exchange of ideas should prevail and be beneficial to all.

THE WINNER: Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Club, Wellsville, Ohio, with the following list of occupations:

A. & P. Tea Co. Manager, Attorney, Baker, Bank Teller, Barber, Batter-Out (Pottery), Blacksmith, Book-keeper, Cabinet Maker, Carpenter, Caterer, Ceramic Chemist, City Clerk, City Councilman, Commercial Gladiolus and Dahlia Grower, Commercial Printer, Club Steward, Dairyman, Dam and Lock Tender, Decorator, Decoration Printer (Pottery), Dipper (Pottery), Editor, Electrician, Electric Light Fixture Dealer, Electric Power Salesman, Electric Welder, Express Agent, Florist, Foreman Packing House, Foreman Clay Shop, Foreman Warehouse, Furniture Dealer, Gladiolus Hybridizer and Grower, Grocer, Heating Engineer and Contractor, Hotel Proprietor, Housewife Insurance Broker, Jiggerman (Pottery), Kiln Placer (Pottery), Machinist, Mail Carrier, Mail Dispatcher, Mechanical and Combustion Engineer, Millwright, Mine Foreman, Miner, Mould Runner (Pottery), Night Watchman, Optician, Painter and Contractor, Physician, Potter, Proprietor Feed and Farm Supply Store, Pressman (Pottery), Publisher, Rail-

road Brakeman, Railroad Conductor, Railroad Engineer, Reporter, Saleslady, Salesman, School Teacher, Shipping Clerk, Stationary Engineer, Steel Worker, Stenographer, Tailoress, Tea and Coffee Merchant, Tumbler Operator (Pottery), Ware Brusher (Pottery), Ware Dresser (Pottery), Ware Duster (Pottery). Total seventy-four occupations.

RUNNER-UP: Dahlia Society of San Leandro, San Leandro, California.

AKRON SHOW—Cont. from p. 29

Barberton. The largest and most perfect bloom was a nine by five inch bloom of *Margaret Woodrow Wilson*. The judges were L. R. Davis and Charles P. Caffaerty.

Just a word about the Ohio Dahlia Society Show. The setting in the Statler Hotel was beautiful and the commercial exhibits and specimen bloom classes were fine. The table decorations added much to the Show. E. J. Wind won in the commercial class, but he had a very close competitor in the Garfield Heights exhibit. The best *Kathleen Norris* I have ever seen in years was exhibited by Mr. Magdeione of Akron in the amateur section. *Glamour*, an informal purple edged amaranth pink, was shown by an amateur in the single bloom class taking the blue ribbon. The Dahlia was sent to me on trial by William Nunniviller of the Salem Gardens. It is a very strong grower and seems to be absolutely insect resistant. This Dahlia easily grows twelve inches and

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EMESSEE, I. D.

Light autumn; bloom size 10½ inches by 5 inches. Tall, vigorous grower. Scored top rating at A. D. S. Trial Ground at East Lansing, Michigan, in 1937. Won the American Dahlia Society Medal at the Wisconsin Dahlia Society Show in 1938 as the best undissected Dahlia. Won the Achievement Medal at the Central States Dahlia Society Show at Chicago in 1938 as the best undissected Dahlia.

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folds back to the stem. The stem is all that can be desired, and I think should be classed as one of the best. We have another on trial from Premier Gardens of Hillside, N. J. *Winsome* is the name. It is a beautiful pink informal, very large, and the growth, foliage and formation are all that can be desired. It is quite an early bloomer and very prolific.

Now I am down to the Mid West Show at Detroit. I should have said "up to it" for it was certainly a magnificent Show in every detail. The Show room in the General Motors Building was an ideal place to stage a Show. The cooling system was perfect and the exhibits were in perfect harmony with the Show room.

The outstanding exhibit was Nick Koenig's commercial. This exhibit was a Show in itself. It occupied the whole back of the stage. In the center of the stage was a revolving table built about a foot from the floor and about fifteen feet in diameter. In the center of this table was a tower of large flowering Dahlias and around the outside were baskets and other containers of small flowering varieties. The whole display was built by an artist. I wish I knew his name.

I wish to congratulate Messrs. Bruce Collins, Tom Place, J. W. L. Hicks and all the others who helped stage this Show. They did a wonderful job. It is to be regretted that the A. D. S. officials and the eastern growers as a whole could not attend because of the hurricane on the Atlantic seaboard a day or two before the Show. We missed them.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society

At an invitation of the writer to meet and organize a Society fifteen growers and fanciers responded on October twenty-first at Scranton, Pennsylvania. A general discussion of the Dahlia in general had a tendency to fuse the friendship and acquaintance of those in attendance. The following officers were elected to serve a term of one year: President, C. H. Stoeckel, Clarks Summit; First Vice-President, Z. W. Kosemle, of Plymouth; Second Vice-President, W. E. Taylor, Carbondale; Third Vice-President, Mrs. George S. Sawyer, of Dallas; Fourth Vice-President, E. M. Keck, of White Haven; Secretary, Miss Mary Clark; Corresponding Secretary, R. W. Webb; Treasurer, Earl E. Holmes, all of Scranton. A committee to draft By-Laws were named by the President as follows: R. W. Webb, George Beck and Ernest Lewis.

We will be "particular" in accepting new members, we want to increase our membership in such a way that only real Dahlia lovers will be brought in, each new applicant must be recommended by a member and that member is held in strict account for the actions of his or her candidate for a period of at least one year. We believe that by being strict in this respect we will have the right kind of material to build up an organization that we all can be proud of, one that will be a benefit in promoting our desires of cultivating and encouraging fairness and good sportsmanship in the growing and exhibiting of Dahlias.

At this early date plans are being made for our first annual show which will be held in Scranton in September, 1939, the place and exact dates will be announced at a later date. We believe ours will be one of the cleanest and nicest Dahlia shows in the East, and that we will be able to boast on our seedling section; some real surprises will be displayed. With such men as Roy Webb and Ed. Keck who show and win consistently, at the largest shows in the East as active members, you can rest assured that quality of bloom and quantities of good blooms will be on display by these men and their friends.

Our meetings will be held in the Scranton Chamber of Commerce Building, corner of Mulberry Street and Washington Avenue, on the third Friday evening of each month. We gladly extend an invitation to visit with us, to all of the members and friends of the A. D. S. your presence will be welcome and appreciated.

C. H. Stoeckel.

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As we go to press we received word from our good friend, Roy Webb, that the newly organized Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society voted at their second meeting November 18th to come in with us as a branch, now participating Society. They have started with the minimum twenty-five members and expect to add to this number very materially in the near future. Welcome to our midst, Northeastern Pennsylvania folks.

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The Englewood Dahlia Society

The Fourteenth Annual Fall Flower Show was conducted by The Englewood Dahlia Society in the Liberty School, Englewood, N. J., on the 17th and 18th of September, 1938.

The unusually large attendance viewed the gorgeous displays of many varieties of Dahlias and other flowers and evidenced appreciation of their beauty. The prizes were awarded by Mayor Robert Tipping of Englewood.

Our most unique feature and, we believe, one without precedent in the history of Dahlia Societies was the class in which a \$50 cash award was presented to the grower of the best undissected Dahlia. S. Yohe Veile of Easton, Pennsylvania, received first honors in this class for a beautiful bloom of an informal red with gold tips and a gold reverse—a combination which made a very distinctive flower. The entry of *Rita Wells* by the Ruschmohr Gardens of Rockville Centre, Long Island, was judged second best. John Hanna's entry of *Everybody's Favorite*, originated by the Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J., received third prize. This class created so much interest that the Society will endeavor to make it a permanent feature of its Annual Flower Show.

A special feature, which we introduced last year for the first time, was the class which called for blooms of *Katie K* grown from plants purchased from the Society. John Hanna of Palisade Park and C. Bradford Brown of North Bergen were awarded first and second prizes, respectively.

Another special class was the *House Beautiful* Dahlia Futurity. The varieties that won in this class were *Dr. Carl G. Dahl*, *Sun Ray*, *Frieda George* and *Vin Well*.

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Bittersweet and were entered by John W. Hanna of Palisade Park, N. J.

Other special awards were as follows:

Best Dahlia in Show, *Watchung Giant*, John W. Hanna. Silver cup by A. P. Ramella, President.

Largest Dahlia in Show, *Watchung Giant*, F. R. Kurzenknabe, Hackensack, N. J. Osmer's trophy by Frank C. Osmer, Haworth, N. J.

Best Dahlia grown by member, John W. Hanna. Root of *Dir. Carl G. Dahl*, by Waite Gardens, Eatontown, N. J. Second, A. P. Ramella, Englewood, sixteen individual passes by Plaza Theatre, Englewood.

Best Dahlia 1938 Seedling, N. McMurchie, Hackensack, N. J. Vase by James Hopper, Alpine, N. Y.

Best undisseminated Dahlia, S. Yohe Veile, Easton, Pennsylvania. Vase by Dr. J. J. Danielson, North Berben, N. J.

Best three Dahlias New Jersey origin, James Hopper, Alpine, N. Y. Medal by the American Dahlia Society.

Best smallest Dahlia, John W. Hanna. Silver Medal by Stumpp & Walter Company, Englewood and New York City.

Container of foreign cactus Dahlias, R. F. Haussener, Palisade Park. \$2.50 in cash by Society.

The best bloom in each of the seventy-six classes received a handsome award and, in addition, ribbons were given to the first, second and third best.

Sweepstakes

Most points in open for all classes, James Hopper. Cocktail shaker by Weaver's Dry Goods Company, Englewood.

Most points in three and one-half to seven inch classes, William Dennis, Coytesville, N. J. Silver Medal or \$2.50 in seeds or bulbs by Henry F. Michell Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Most points in member classes, John W. Hanna. \$5 in perennial plants by Meadow Brook Nurseries, Inc., Englewood, N. J.

Most points in other flowers group, Charles Brinkman, Rivervale, N. J. One dozen perennials, De Baun & Company, Wyckoff, N. J.

Judges

Mr. William H. Waite, Eatontown, N. J.; Mr. F. W. Fuhrman, Ramsey, N. J.; Mr. Edward Burrows, Englewood, N. J.; Mr. William Windecker, Ridgefield, N. J.; Dr. H. Trossbach, Bogota, N. J.

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C. Bradford Brown, Secretary.

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The Dahlia Society of New England

The Annual Dahlia Show was held at Boston, Mass., September 10th and 11th, 1938.

The Dahlia Society of New England Gold Medal for the Supreme Exhibit in the Show was awarded to N. A.

Heinlein, Wildwood Gardens, 103 Pond Street, Stoneham, Mass.

Dahlia Society of New England Silver Medal for best Wall Display of Dahlias, Rainside Dahlia Gardens, Alfred Cavannah, 9 Adams Avenue, Beverly, Mass.

Four sided display of Dahlias, Dahlia Society of New England offers Silver Medal for first prize to N. A. Heinlein, Wildwood Gardens, 103 Pond Street, Stoneham, Mass.

Four sided display of Dahlias. Dahlia Society of New England offers Bronze Medal for second prize awarded to Sunnyknoll Dahlia Garden, Cecil T. Morrill & Sons, 76 Bromfield Street, Newburyport, Mass.

Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Silver Medal as sweepstakes for the most points in the seedling classes awarded to Fred P. Webber, R. F. D. No. 2, Newport, Rhode Island.

American Home Achievement Medal in bronze to Dahlia *Ko Ki*, the best Dahlia in the Show. Awarded to John Young, Braintree, Mass.

American Dahlia Society Bronze Medal to winner in Class 71, best basket or vase of seedling three or more blooms, one variety, long stems, undisseminated, of New England origin and at least two years old, awarded to Fred P. Webber, Newport, Rhode Island.

House Beautiful Futurity Medal to Dahlia *Monarch of East*, best six blooms as per list of Futurity Class, won by Rainside Dahlia Garden, Alfred Cavannah, 9 Adams Avenue, Beverly, Mass.

Cecil T. Morrill, Secretary.

Battle Creek, Michigan, Dahlia Show

By A. H. Emmons

The Sixth Annual Dahlia Show was held in the gymnasium of the W. K. Kellogg Auditorium on September 10th and 11th.

Without a doubt, this was by far the finest Dahlia Show ever held in southern Michigan; and the attendance far outnumbered any previous occasion.

A great deal of credit for the success of this fine Show goes to Mr. William Nolan, Manager, and his two sisters, Miss Sally Nolan and Mrs. Veronica McGuire, who were his assistants.

One very noticeable feature was the large commercial display of the Hill's Dahlia Nurseries. It contained about sixty varieties, beautifully arranged on a terraced staging with a black background. *Haslerova* was a great attraction; but a seedling of Mr. Hill's (peony in form) was a curiosity to all. Of course this display received a blue ribbon.

A beautiful pyramid of pompons, by the Emmons' Dahlia Gardens received first place. Floral arrangements, in bowls, vases and baskets were among the outstanding features of the whole Show. The table arrangements were of very high type and attracted a large audience; in fact they were a credit to any Show. The amateur and novice were very much in evidence; in fact they alone would have made a great Show.

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BATTLE CREEK SHOW—Cont. from p. 61

Mr. William Nolan won grand sweepstakes in the
 amateur class with fifty-seven points, Mr. Coe Van-
 denberg was second with forty points, next was Mrs.
 Dean Murray with thirty-four, fourth was E. Eplee with
 twenty-eight points, and fifth, Miss Lillian Rolfe with
 twenty-two points.

The Wolfe's Dahlia Gardens of Athens, Michigan,
 was very much in the foreground with eight blue rib-
 bons. They displayed a beautiful bloom of *Freda*
George, which took first place as best bloom in foreign
 origination. Their basket of *California Idols* was one of
 the highlights. They had a total of forty-eight points.

A bloom of *Corallina* won as best flower in the Show
 in the open class; and a rather unusual coincidence, a
 bloom of *Corallina* by Ernest Noble also won as best
 bloom in the amateur class.

Hunt's Velvet Wonder, by Wolfe's Dahlia Garden,
 won as largest bloom in the Show. *Little Edith* (pom)
 easily won first as smallest bloom.

Daddy Kemp was the largest Dahlia in the amateur
 class which was entered by Mrs. Dean Murray.

Mr. Coe Vandenberg displayed a very fine specimen
 of *Oakleigh Monarch*. The three blooms of *America's*
Sweetheart, displayed by Mrs. Dean Murray were the
 best the writer has even seen of this variety.

A general display, in the amateur class, by Mr. William
 Nolan, was a thing of beauty. The crowning feature
 was a beautiful basket of *Jersey's Melody*. Anyone
 could see that "Bill's" sisters had a hand in the arrange-
 ment.

To the Dahlia "fan" one of the most interesting dis-
 plays was the seedling class. There were over fifty
 entries, of which many were worthy of a place in the
 trial gardens. Emmons' Dahlia Gardens won first with
 a large informal bright red with a purple reverse and
 center; with extra long stems. The second went to Mr.
 Gus Sahlstrom with a fine salmon informal which was a
 very unusual color. It was a beauty. The Wolfe's
 Dahlia Gardens of Athens won third with a beautiful
 white informal with good long stems.

Emmons' Dahlia Gardens won the grand sweepstakes
 in the commercial class with eighty-two points.

Mr. B. W. Elliott of Grand Haven, Michigan, and
 Mr. Harry S. Parker of Muskegon, Michigan, were the
 judges.

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Missouri Valley Dahlia Show

St. Joseph Dahlia growers swept the field as prize
 winners at the Missouri Valley Dahlia Association's An-
 nual Show which was held in the Kaul Building.

Medal for Biggest Flower

The American Dahlia Association medal for the big-
 gest flower in the Show went to John Meidinger for his
 dark red *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, a giant blossom meas-
 uring fourteen inches in diameter and five inches in
 depth.

Fred Stock received the supreme Show award with a
 total of ninety-nine points to his credit. He also won
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Westport Horticultural Society

We wish to thank the American Dahlia Society for sending the BULLETINS and bronze medal.

The following is an account of the Show. The meeting of the Westport Horticultural Society on September 8th was held for the following Dahlia classes:

Class 1. Vase of six large flowering type Dahlias.

1. D. MacBeth.
2. D. MacBeth.

Class 2. Vase of twelve single or collarette Dahlias.

1. J. Finnie.
2. D. MacBeth.

Class 3. Vase of twelve pom or miniature Dahlias.

1. J. Finnie.
2. D. MacBeth.

The award of the bronze medal to Mr. MacBeth was for an excellent showing of the following: *Jane Cowl*, *Sultan of Hillcrest*, *Golden Standard*, *Karl Bonwitz* and *Mary Retzer*

Frank Pybus, Secretary.

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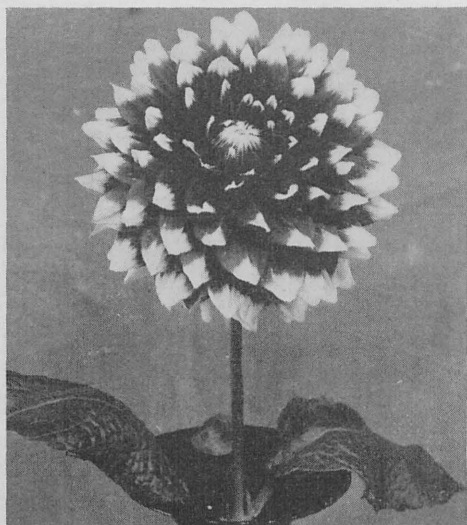
The winners of much coveted Central States Dahlia Society sweepstake cups were: James Marsh, Section B; Lew Sarett, Section C; James O'Brien, Section D; Leo

Garis, Section E; Theodore Christiansen, Section F; Elof Clauson, Section G; Northbrook Dahlia Gardens, Section H; James Stonek, Section J; Elof Clauson, Section M; Mrs. Fred Allen, Section R; William Saunders, Section S.

The winners of Central States Dahlia Society medals were: Joe Cadrobby and A. R. Mieche, tying for sweepstakes in Section A; Fitchett Dahlia Garden, Section N; Northbrook Dahlia Garden, Section Q, Class 523; Springhill Dahlia Farms, Section Q, Class 525; Mrs. Fred Allen, Section R; Mrs. R. R. McCormick, Section S; Northbrook Dahlia Gardens, Section T; B & B Dahlia Gardens, Section W.

The winners of the largest blooms in their respective sections were: Joe Cadrobby, Section A, *Murphy's Masterpiece*; James Marsh, Section B, *Murphy's Masterpiece*; Lew Sarett, Section C, *Carl G. Dahl*; V. W. Reinking, Section D, *Jane Cowl*; James Wunsch, Section E, *Discovery*; August Zade, Section F, *Azura*; Otto Zschan, Section G, *Satan*; Ellis J. Asther, Section H, *Carl G. Dahl*; Joe Heineman, Section J, *Carl G. Dahl*.

The winners of the most perfect blooms in their respective sections were: Joe Cadrobby, Section A, *Murphy's Masterpiece*; Mrs. Amelia Zaininger, Section B, *Frau O'Bracht*; E. M. Larsen, Section C, *Rudyard Kipling*; E. F. Schampel, Section D, *Jersey Dainty*; Leo Garis, Section E, *Vlammeshel*; Alfred Engling, Section F, *Prachtkerl*; Andrew Eide, Section G, *Bette Davis*; Ellis J. Asther, Section H, *Ballego Surprise*; Joe Heineman, Section J, *Darcy Sainsbury*.



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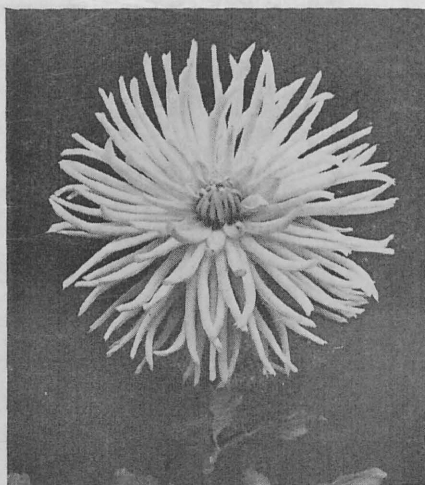
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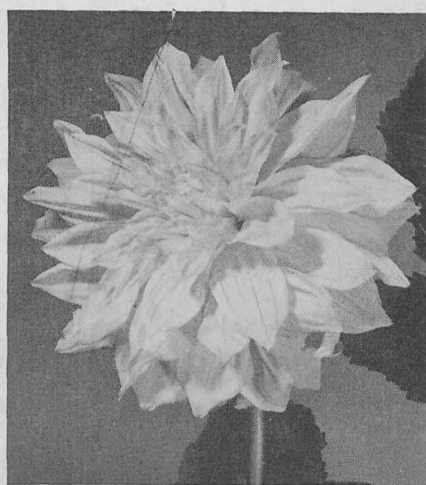
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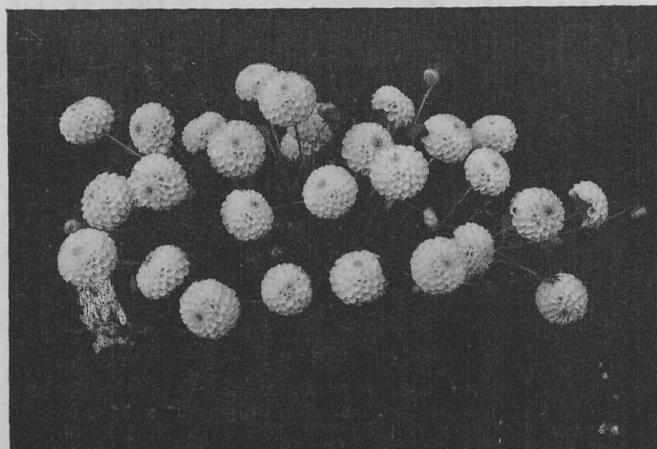
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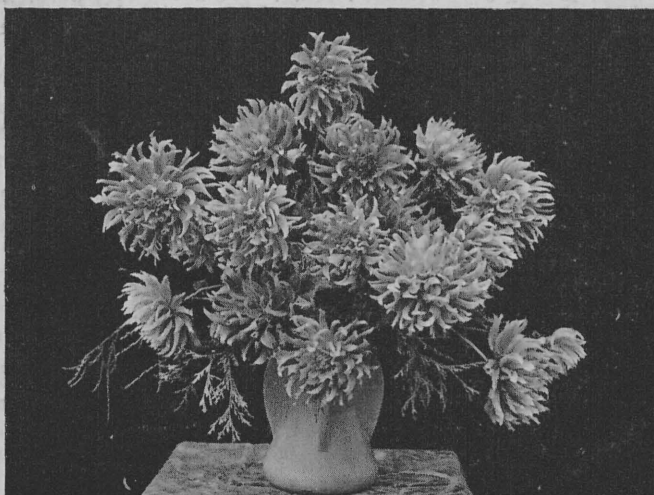
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