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ANNOUNCING *These Winners for 1940*

May we remind you that we have a lot of luck or something in picking the kind of New Novelties to introduce to our Dahlia Friends. Just think back, if you will, over the ones you saw with blue ribbons on them at some of the recent Shows. Remember SUNS RAYS, RITA WELLS, STRAIGHT'S WHITE, PREAKNESS, MISS SANTA MONICA, STEPHENSON'S GIANT, and further back such winners as: LE BOUTILLIER, MAN O' WAR, PURPLE MIST, JOSEPHINE G., RUDOLPH'S GIANT?

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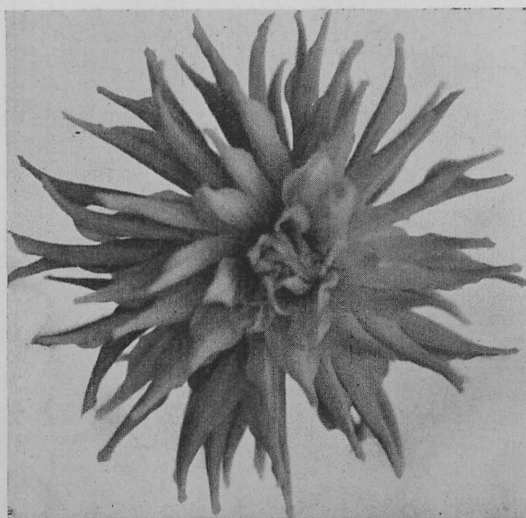
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A.D.S. Silver Anniversary Exhibition

MAGNIFICENT SHOW HELD AT NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 26th and 27th

Quality, quantity and interest ran a neck and neck race providing the most thrilling New York Show in many years.

Taxing to capacity the beautiful Florentine Room of the Park Central Hotel this 25th Annual Exhibition was replete with entries to gladden the hearts of every type of Dahlia fan. The attendance, too, showed increase over previous years.

The management of the Show functioned smoothly under the direction of Edward B. Lloyd—the man who does everything quietly and so capably. Conrad Frey, Chairman of Judges, handled his difficult assignment most satisfactorily.

From the balcony which contained a Show in itself of the Garden Club section one viewed below a beautiful spectacle of color, just a bit marred by the crowding of the blooms, necessitated by the large number of entries. On the stage were grouped the seedling classes.

Like the big ones? And have you looked in vain at Show tables so many times for that superlative? Well, your quest was ended upon gazing at the magnificent specimens entered in the Court of Honor class for largest and best bloom in the Show—the most spectacular class in the memory of many. Dr. Bruce B. Preas has won many specimen classes in his long experience as a superior Dahlia showman. But at this Show he outdid all previous efforts by staging a perfect bloom of *Dir. Carl Dahl*, fifteen inches in diameter and ten deep. Not a petal was ruffled, wilted or out of position. It was the specimen bloom many of us have dreamed of for a long time. This Dahlia does grow large in many gardens but not that large. Add to this the feat of getting it on the Show table (35 miles away) in A1 condition. It so happens that your Editor offered a cup for the winner of this class and his regret is that it wasn't a gold cup! Hats off to Dr. Preas for this impressive victory. In competition were *Rita Wells* (13½ inches), *Mayor Frank Otis* (13 inches wide but shallow in depth), *Tooker's Masterpiece* (a beautiful 13 inch specimen), also *Sunrays*, *Murphy's Masterpiece* and other good exhibits.

In direct contrast was a half inch pom, *Little Edith*, which won for Otto Aumuller of Valley Stream, L. I., the distinction of smallest perfect bloom.

The pom classes at the Show were the finest quality the writer has ever seen in competition. Big winners were R. H. Webb, Dr. W. R. Bedell, Henry Olsen and Dr. Preas.

Newer varieties which were outstanding included *Little Prince*, yellow; *Mrs. J. Telfer*, white; *Mrs. V. Brittain*, pink; *Burwood*, autumn; *Eillen* and *Betty Malone*, bi-color; *Doria*, dark red. Etherington Dahlia Gardens of Westwood, N. J., won with *Cream Gem*, tiny white pom; also *Miss Marjory*, an exquisite Mulberry pom.

For those preferring miniatures, the classes provided the best varieties known; well grown *Baby Royal* vied with the later introductions, *Glow of Dawn*, a dainty peaches and cream cactus which lends itself so well for arrangements of utter refinement. Also *Glorious*, bright red; *Royalette*, purple; *McKay's Purity* and *Snowsprite*, white; *Little Nemo* and *Tip Top*, bi-color.

Most successful among out of town exhibitors was Macmillan Hooper, Chairman of the Delaware State Society's Show. Mr. Hooper captured seven first prizes, one red ribbon, two specials as well as the medal of the Belgium Dahlia Society. He also won the Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy with three blooms of the new red and white cactus seedling of Salem Dahlia Gardens, *Flash*.

The medal of the National Society of England for the most artistic arrangement in the Show was awarded to F. W. Webber, Newport, R. I., for an arrangement of bronze foliated miniature Dahlias of English origination.

In addition to Dr. Preas, big sweepstakes winners were Edward J. O'Keefe, large flowering types; Dr. Bedell, who included in his exhibits a number of promising European originations: *Triumphe de Paris*, flame cactus, and *Vondel*, semi-cactus; also an Australian purple semi-cactus, *Hawkesberry Queen*. Henry Olsen of Flushing, L. I., excelled in poms and miniatures, also had important winnings in the large flowering classes. Roy H. Webb of Scranton captured many awards in medium types, also poms and miniatures.

Interest in the undisseminated classes always is at a very high pitch at the New York Show. Large classes awaited the judges' decisions. The big winner was *Manhattan*, a huge informal decorative, vermilion red with capucine orange reverse. This beautiful variety was awarded the Derrill W. Hart Memorial Gold Medal, the highest A. D. S. award; also the American Home Achievement Medal. It was originated by S. Yohe Veile of Easton, Pennsylvania.

In winning the Louis B. Tim trophy cup for grand sweepstakes in Section B for advanced amateurs Edward J. O'Keefe of Cold Spring, N. Y., maintained his standard of excellence in the large bloom classes. Noteworthy among his exhibits were *Mother's Day*, an eleven by nine white informal; also *Virginia Rute*, deep red semi-cactus.

In the Private Estates Section, the Louis B. Tim large gold cup was awarded for grand sweepstakes to Edward Ilsley of Devon, Pennsylvania. Mr. Ilsley also won the silver pitcher, the President Dudley award for best basket of large bi-colors. Mr. Ilsley also annexed the Governor Moore of New Jersey cup with a basket of large decoratives of several varieties in autumn shades. Valeria Home won with many exhibits strictly up to their high standard of perfection.



Brilliantly colored mass of rich blooms—enthusiastic spectators, marked this magnificent A. D. S. Silver Anniversary Show at Park Central Hotel, New York, N. Y.

One of the leading features of the Show was a hundred foot display by other than commercial growers. This beautiful exhibit won for Louis B. Tim of Green Acres, Long Branch, N. J., the A. D. S. Gold Medal. What few realized was the fact that Mr. Tim, just two weeks before had lost his only son in a tragic automobile accident. Mr. Tim realized we counted upon his beautiful display and simply said he would not let the A. D. S. down.

"A page from the Editor's Garden," an arrangement of twenty-seven blooms of *Lord of Autumn* in a huge urn was awarded the Silver Medal of the Dahlia Society of Ohio. *Lord of Autumn* still ranks number one in this Baldwin garden.

In the commercial exhibits Dahliadel Nurseries won the A. D. S. Gold Medal featuring principally their own introductions, *Opal*, *Marietta E.*, *Betty Malone*, *McKay's Purity*, *Tip Top*, *Snowsprite*, *Julia S* and *Dianne*.

C. Louis Alling was awarded the medal for eighty foot display, in which exhibit were seen *Jessica Draggomette*, *Mohawk Chief*, *Mary Talmadge*, *Sherry*, *Baby Royal* and many standard varieties.

The fifty foot award went to Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens for what most conceded was the best display Mr. Mohr has ever staged. It included very well grown *Deep Purple*, *Nancy Ann Mitchell* and *Pink Victory*, the firm's 1940 introductions; also *Sunrays*, *Straight's White*, *Carl Dahl*, *Lord of Autumn* and many of the better cactus, miniatures and poms.

Queens Dahlia Gardens, Flushing, received the award for thirty foot display. This exhibit was somewhat crowded. It featured good blooms of *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Volcano*, *Winsome*, *Lois Walcher* and many standard varieties.

Albert Parrella was awarded the medal for his large commercial display. It used as a theme a birthday cake representing the silver anniversary of the A. D. S. Mr. Parrella had intended to flank this center motif with blooms of his new *Silver Wings* but unfortunately the flowers were not quite ready for the Show date. His *Margy Parrella* and *Little Nell* received favorable comment.

The bi-color, *Town Topic*, in the center will be introduced this year.

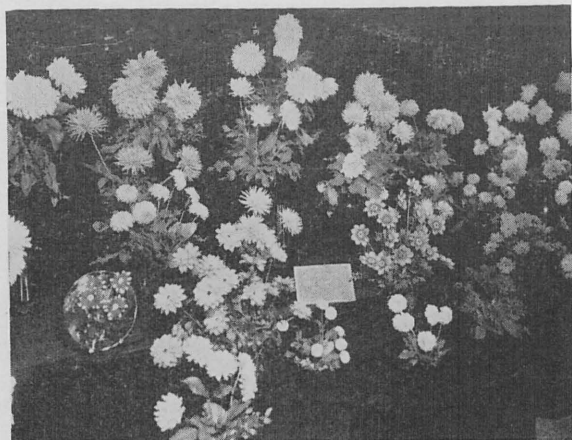
The New Jersey Society Gold Medal offered by Mrs. C. H. Stout for a collection of New Jersey varieties was won by J. A. Kemp of Little Silver, N. J.

SECTION A

For those other than professional gardeners who have never won an award at an A. D. S. Show, and who grow 60 hills or less

Cactus, medium, 3 blooms—Jerome Lewine, Hilltop Farm, Hartsdale, N. Y., *Franz Berger*; Genevieve Haley, New York, N. Y.
Decorative, medium, 3 blooms—Mrs. Warren L. Clark, Merrick, L. I., N. Y., *Red Salute*; F. C. Ryan, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Cactus, large, 3 blooms—Mrs. Warren L. Clark, *Son of Satan*; F. C. Ryan.

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A.D.S. Gold Medal Display for non-commercial grower. Beautiful exhibit of Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Tim, Long Branch, N. J.
—Photo, Jessie Tarbox Beals

A. D. S. Show—Cont. from p. 7

- Decorative, large, 3 blooms—Jerome Lewine, *Incandescent*: R. A. Vogel, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
 Miniatures, 5 blooms—Mrs. Warren L. Clark, *Glorious*: F. C. Ryan.
 Pompons, 5 blooms—Mrs. Warren L. Clark, *Little Edith*: James R. Malone, Haledon, N. J.
 Other type, 5 blooms—Mrs. Warren L. Clark, *Bishop of Llandaff*: F. C. Ryan.
 Most Outstanding Entry—Mrs. Warren L. Clark, *Son of Satan*.
 SWEEPSTAKES, Section A—Mrs. Warren L. Clark.

SECTION B

For those who grow 250 hills or less

CACTUS, MEDIUM, 3 BLOOMS

- White—Mrs. A. Warren, 967 West 4th Street, Plainfield, N. J., *Jersey's Dainty*: Vincent Sigismundi, Teaneck, N. J.
 Yellow—R. W. Webb, Scranton, Pennsylvania, *Frau Ida Mansfield*, Marietta, Beate.
 Orange—R. W. Webb, *Cometeer*.
 Red—R. W. Webb, *Dulcinea*: Henry Olsen, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.
 Pink—R. W. Webb, *Bernice Geer*: Henry Olsen.
 Lavender—R. W. Webb, *Miss Ohio*.
 Purple—Henry Olsen, *Farncott*.
 Arrangement, 7 to 15 blooms—R. W. Webb.
 Most Outstanding Entry—Henry Olsen, *Farncott*.

DECORATIVE, MEDIUM, 3 BLOOMS

- White—L. F. Fox, Bellerose, L. I., N. Y., *Wayville Beauty*.
 Yellow—Charles Mason, Elizabeth, N. J., R. W. Webb.
 Orange—R. W. Webb, *C. L. Mastick*: John C. Coates, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Lavender—Gilbert C. Wagner, Leonia, N. J., *Josephine G.*: John C. Coates.
 Bicolor—Henry Olsen, *Lois Walcher*.
 Most Outstanding Entry—Henry Olsen, *Lois Walcher*.
 SWEEPSTAKES, Medium Cactus and Decorative—R. W. Webb.

CACTUS, LARGE, 1 BLOOM

- White—Vincent Sigismundi, *Ballego's Surprise*: L. F. Fox.
 Yellow—Edward J. O'Keefe, Cold Spring, N. Y., *Kemekage*: Herbert D. Green, Westwood, N. J.
 Orange—Roy Stock, Pen Argyle, Pennsylvania, *Golden Standard*: Herbert D. Green.
 Red—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Sir Arthur Fenndret*: Herbert D. Green.
 Pink—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Sleepy Hollow*: Henry Olsen.
 Most Outstanding Entry—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Sleepy Hollow*.

SEMI-CACTUS, LARGE, 1 BLOOM

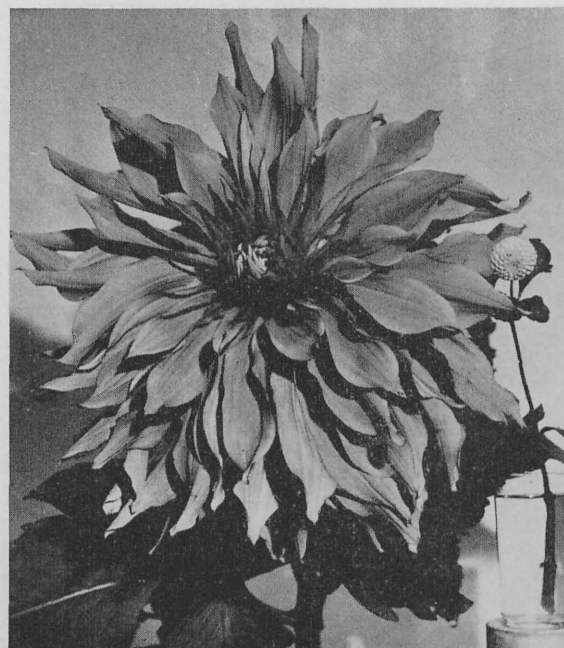
- White—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Ballego's Surprise*: Dr. F. J. Knocke, 2616 Arlington Avenue, New York, N. Y.
 Yellow—G. O. Wagner, *Prachtkerl*: R. A. Vogel.
 Orange—A. H. Romeril, Bellerose, N. Y., *Jessica Dragonette*: Charles Mason, Elizabeth, N. J.
 Red—F. R. Kurzenknebe, Hackensack, N. J., *Satan*: Edward J. O'Keefe.
 Pink—Edward J. O'Keefe, *California Peach*: Clarence O. Braun, Scarsdale, N. Y.
 Lavender—R. W. Webb, *Bette Davis*.
 Most Outstanding Entry—Edward J. O'Keefe—*California Peach*.
 SWEEPSTAKES, Large Cactus or Semi-Cactus—Edward J. O'Keefe.

FORMAL DECORATIVE, LARGE, 1 BLOOM

- White—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Darcy Sainsbury*: Henry Olsen.
 Yellow—Roy Stock, *Kentucky Sun*: Herbert D. Green.
 Orange—Walter Hardisty, Waterbury, Connecticut, *Volcano*: Edward J. O'Keefe.
 Red—Henry Olsen, *Dr. Marshall Howe*: Herbert D. Green.
 Pink—Walter Hardisty, *Phyllis Knight*: Herbert D. Green.
 Lavender—Walter Hardisty, *Blue River*: Max Sheffel, Emerson, N. J.
 Purple—A. F. Romeril, *Purple Mist*: Max Sheffel.
 Bicolor—T. E. Waterbury, Peekskill, N. Y., *Phantom*: Henry Olsen.
 Most Outstanding Entry—T. E. Waterbury, *Phantom*.

INFORMAL DECORATIVE, LARGE, 1 BLOOM

- White—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Mother's Day*: Dr. F. J. Knocke, *Straight's White*.
 Yellow—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Lord of Autumn*: T. E. Waterbury, *Lord of Autumn*.
 Orange—Edward J. O'Keefe: Henry Olsen, *Sunrays*.
 Red—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Murphy's Masterpiece*: R. A. Vogel, *Murphy's Masterpiece*.



Silver Anniversary Court of Honor Winners—Fifteen inch "Carl Dahl" exhibited by Dr. Bruce B. Preas, largest flower, contrasted with Otto Aumuller's entry "Little Edith", winner as smallest flower.

Pink—T. E. Waterbury, *Winsome*; Henry Olsen, *Everybody's Favorite*.
 Purple—T. E. Waterbury, *Discovery*; Henry Olsen, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*.
 Bicolor—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Langeloth*; Walter Hardisty, *Freckles*.
 Most Outstanding Entry—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Lord of Autumn*.
 LARGEST AND MOST PERFECT BLOOM, any type—Dr. F. J. Knocke, *Rita Wells*.
 SWEEPSTAKES, Large Formal and Informal Decoratives—Edward J. O'Keefe.
 Lavender—Walter Hardisty, *Glamour*; Edward J. O'Keefe, *Robert Ripley*.

MINIATURES, 5 BLOOMS

White—Miss Virginia Stout, Short Hills, N. J., *Snow Sprite*; Paul W. Doll, White Plains, N. Y., *Little Pearl*.
 Yellow—Henry Olsen; Florence Johns, White Plains, N. Y.
 Orange—Henry Olsen, *Mirth*; Edward J. O'Keefe, *Nagel's Orange*.
 Red—Henry Olsen, *Glorious*; Florence Johns, *Bishop of Llandaff*.
 Pink—Arthur Roberts, Waterbury, Connecticut, *Fairy*; Paul W. Doll, *Rhoda*.
 Lavender—R. W. Webb, *Beatrice von Valkenburg*; Florence Johns.
 Purple—Henry Olsen, *Royaletta*.
 Bicolor—Henry Olsen, *Little Nemo*; Florence Johns, *Little Nemo*.
 Bowl, 10 to 20 blooms—Florence Johns, *Sylvia*; Henry Olsen, *Sylvia*.
 Arrangement, not less than 20 blooms—Paul W. Doll; Henry Olsen.
 Most Outstanding Entry—Henry Olsen, *Mirth*.

POMPONS, 5 BLOOMS

White—Paul W. Doll, *Miss Telfer*; Arthur Roberts, *Bob White*.
 Yellow—Henry Olsen, *Little Prince*; Charles Mason.
 Orange—Henry Olsen, *Little Edith*; Paul W. Doll, *Little Edith*.
 Red—Paul W. Doll, *Atom*; Henry Olsen, *Doria*.
 Pink—Henry Olsen, *Mrs. Brittan*; Paul W. Doll, *Mrs. Brittan*.
 Lavender—Paul W. Doll, *Dee Dee*; Ellen S. Bulluss, Meriden, Connecticut, *DeeDee*.
 Purple—Henry Olsen, *Sherry*; Arthur Roberts, *Sherry*.
 Bicolor—F. J. Knocke, *Betty Malone*; James Malone, *Betty Malone*.
 Bowl, 10 to 20 blooms—Paul W. Doll; Ellen S. Bulluss.
 Arrangement, more than 20 blooms—Florence Johns; Henry Olsen.
 Most Outstanding Entry—Paul W. Doll, *Atom*.
 SWEEPSTAKES, Miniatures and Pompons—Tie, Paul W. Doll and Henry Olsen.

BALL DAHLIAS, 3 BLOOMS

White or Yellow—Herbert H. Green; R. W. Webb.
 Pink or Lavender—Charles Mason; William A. Warner, *Superintendent Amhryn*.

SINGLE DAHLIAS, 5 BLOOMS

Any one variety—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Dahliadel Wonder*.
 More than one variety—Edward J. O'Keefe.

COLLARETTE DAHLIAS, 5 BLOOMS

Any color or colors—Henry Olsen, *Pink Preakness*.

ORCHID FLOWERING DAHLIAS

Arrangement—R. W. Webb.

ANY TYPE

Basket or Arrangement—Ellen S. Bulluss; R. W. Webb.
 Most Outstanding Entry Ball, Single, Collarette, Orchid Flowering or other type—Edward J. O'Keefe.
 SWEEPSTAKES, Ball, Single, Collarette, Orchid or other type—R. W. Webb.
 GRAND SWEEPSTAKES for Section B—Edward J. O'Keefe.



Gold Medal Commercial Display—Dahliadel Nurseries, Vine-land, N. J.

SECTION C

Open to All

CACTUS, MEDIUM, 3 BLOOMS

White—Department of Parks of Poughkeepsie, *Jersey's Dainty*; Queens Dahlias Gardens, Flushing, N. Y., *Jersey's Dainty*.
 Yellow—Department of Parks of Poughkeepsie, *Beaute*; Dr. W. R. Bedell, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., *Victoria*.
 Red—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Triumph de Paris*; Louis Fiorette, Tuxedo Park, N. Y., *Dulcinea*.
 Pink—Louis Fiorette; Valeria Home, Oscawanna, N. Y., *Reile*.
 Purple—Albert Parella, Bronx, N. Y., *Ellen May*.
 Bicolor—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Triumph de Paris*.
 Most Outstanding Entry—Department of Parks of Poughkeepsie.

SEMI-CACTUS, MEDIUM, 3 BLOOMS

Yellow—Vincent Sigismundi, *Seedling No. 49*.
 Orange or Red—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Vondel*; W. H. Ostrander, Kingston, N. Y., *Gypsie*.
 Pink or Lavender—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y., *Greater Glory*; R. Greinburg, *Julius Bunge*.
 Purple or Violet—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *O. O. McIntyre*; W. H. Ostrander, *Miss West Virginia*.
 Basket, 18 to 25 blooms—Dr. W. R. Bedell; R. W. Webb.
 Most Outstanding Entry—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Greater Glory*.
 SWEEPSTAKES, Cactus and Semi-Cactus, Medium—Dr. W. R. Bedell.

INFORMAL DECORATIVE, MEDIUM, 5 BLOOMS

Orange or Red—Reinhold Greinburg, Wayne, Pennsylvania, No. 816.
 Bicolor—W. H. Ostrander, *Modern Times*.
 Most Outstanding Entry—W. H. Ostrander, *Modern Times*.

FORMAL DECORATIVE, MEDIUM, 5 BLOOMS

White or Yellow—Reinhold Greinburg, *Mrs. Bradley Geist*; Louis Fiorette.
 Orange or Red—Reinhold Greinburg, *Mrs. A. A. Parker*; W. H. Ostrander, *Scarlet Pimpernel*.
 Pink or Lavender—Louis Fiorette, *Jersey's Beauty*; H. J. Quick, Woodawn, Maryland, *Maryland's Perfection*.
 Bicolor—Louis Fiorette, *Lois Walcher*; Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Pius XI* and *Lois Walcher*.
 Basket, 18 to 25 blooms—Louis Fiorette, *Jersey's Beauty*.
 SWEEPSTAKES, Formal and Informal Decorative, Medium—H. J. Quick.

CACTUS, LARGE, 3 BLOOMS

White or Yellow—Macmillan Hoopes, Wilmington, Delaware, *Bellego's Surprise*; Vincent Sigismundi, *Golden Standard*.
 Orange or Red—Albert Parrella, *Golden Standard*; Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Yow-Matsuoka*.

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Most Artistic Arrangement—Winner of Dahlia Society of England Medal. Exhibited by Fred P. Webber, Homeacres, Newport, R. I.

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Pink or Lavender—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Your Lucky Star*, *Bernice Geer*, *Greater Glory*: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Your Lucky Star*.

Most Outstanding Entry—Albert Parrella, *Golden Standard*.

Vase or Container, 12 blooms—Dr. W. R. Bedell.

SEMI-CACTUS, LARGE, 3 BLOOMS

White or Yellow—Macmillan Hoopes, *American Purity*: Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Miss Glory*.

Orange or Red—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Virginia Rute*: C. A. Dedrick, Port Jervis, N. Y., *Do-Dec*.

Pink or Lavender—Louis Fiorette, *Greater Glory*: Etherington Dahlia Gardens, Westwood, N. J., *Earl Baldwin*.

Purple or Violet—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Kardinal von Rossum*.

Bicolor—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *New Glory*.

Most Outstanding Entry—Macmillan Hoopes, *American Purity*.

Vase or Container, 12 blooms—Albert Parrella.

SWEEPSTAKES, Large Cactus or Semi-Cactus—Dr. W. R. Bedell.

INFORMAL DECORATIVE, LARGE, 3 BLOOMS

White—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Alice May*, *Mother's Day*: Macmillan Hoopes, *Mother Maytrott*.

Yellow—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Lord of Autumn*: Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Lord of Autumn*.

Orange—Vincent Sigismundi, *Watchung Giant*: Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Watchung Giant*.

Red—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Murphy's Masterpiece*: Edward J. O'Keefe, *Aztec Chief*.

Pink—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Carl Dahl*: Louis Fiorette, *Carl Dahl*.

Lavender—Macmillan Hoopes, *Freida George*.

Purple—Louis Fiorette, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*: Vincent Sigismundi, *Discovery*.

Bicolor—Mrs. William W. Carman, *Langeloth*: W. H. Ostrander, *Kentucky Sportsman*.

Most Outstanding Entry—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Lord of Autumn*.

FORMAL DECORATIVE, LARGE, 3 BLOOMS

White or Yellow—Macmillan Hoopes, *Miss Oakland*.

Orange or Red—Macmillan Hoopes, *Red Salute*.

Pink or Lavender—Vincent Sigismundi, *Mrs. I. der ver Warner*.

Bicolor—Vincent Sigismundi, *Haslarova*.

Basket, 12 to 18 blooms—Albert Parrella.

Most Outstanding Entry—Macmillan Hoopes, *Red Salute*.

Vase or container, 12 blooms—Dr. W. R. Bedell.

LARGEST AND MOST PERFECT BLOOM

Semi-Cactus—F. J. Knocke, *Rita Wells*.

Informal Decorative—F. J. Knocke, *Straight's White*.

Formal Decorative—Macmillan Hoopes, *Director Ploembco*.

SWEEPSTAKES, Large Formal and Informal Decorative—Tie, Macmillan Hoopes and Vincent Sigismundi.

GRAND SWEEPSTAKES, Section C to here—Dr. W. R. Bedell.

MINIATURES, 5 BLOOMS

White or Yellow—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *MacKay's Purity*: Fred P. Webber, Newport, R. I., *Beachfield White*.

Orange or Red—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Petite Prince*: Florence Johns, *Onah*.

Pink or Lavender—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Baby Royal*: W. H. Ostrander, *Pink Gem*.

Purple or Violet—Fred P. Webber, *Mauveen*: Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Royalette*.

Bowl or Basket, 15 to 30 blooms—Florence Johns: W. H. Ostrander.

Arrangement, 20 to 50 blooms—Fred P. Webber.

Cactus—Fred P. Webber, *Sally*: Florence Johns.

Decorative—Fred P. Webber, *Golden Nugget*: Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Mirth*.

Peony—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Bishop of Llandaff*: Florence Johns, *Bishop of Llandaff*.

Most Outstanding Entry—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Petite Prince*.

SWEEPSTAKES—Fred P. Webber.

POMPONS, 10 BLOOMS

White—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Bob White*: Etherington Dahlia Gardens, *Cream Gem*.

Yellow—Dr. W. R. Bedell, *Little Prince*: Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Grain o' Gold*.

Orange—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Little Edith*: Valeria Home, *Honey*.

Red—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Melrose Baby*: Fred P. Webber, *Doria*.

Pink—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Nerrissa*: Valeria Home, *Seedling No. 312*.

Lavender—Valeria Home, *Eileen*: Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Lavender Gem*.

Purple—Etherington Dahlia Gardens, *Miss Marjory*: Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Sherry*.

Bicolor—James A. Malone, *Betty Malone*: Valeria Home, *Eileen*.

Arrangement, 20 to 50 blooms—Dr. W. R. Bedell: Queens Dahlia Gardens.

Most Outstanding Entry—Etherington Dahlia Gardens, *Miss Marjory*.

SWEEPSTAKES—Dr. W. R. Bedell.

BALL DAHLIAS, 3 BLOOMS

Orange or Red—Arthur Roberts, *Mabel Roberts*: Dr. Bruce B. Preas.

Pink or Lavender—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Superintendent Amhryn*: C. H. Jones, Naugatuck, Connecticut, *No. 14*.

SINGLE DAHLIAS, 5 BLOOMS

Any one variety or color—Dr. Bruce B. Preas: Fred P. Webber, *Snowprincess*.

More than one variety or color—Dr. Bruce B. Preas: Mrs. O. J. Aumuller, Valley Stream, N. Y.

COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

Any one variety or color—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Flame*: Mrs. O. J. Aumuller, *Scarlet Queen*.

More than one variety or color—Dr. Bruce B. Preas: Mrs. O. J. Aumuller.

ORCHID FLOWERING DAHLIAS

Any color or colors—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Everest*: R. W. Webb, *Seedling*.

Arrangement—Mrs. Lucy O'Neal, Indianapolis, Indiana: Dr. W. R. Bedell.

Most Outstanding Entry in Ball, Single, Collarette and Orchid Classes—Mrs. Lucy O'Neal.

SWEEPSTAKES in Ball, Single, Collarette and Orchid Classes—Dr. Bruce B. Preas.

GRAND SWEEPSTAKES for Miniature and other small classes—Dr. Bruce B. Preas.

SECTION D

Private Estates with a Gardener

- 100 SQUARE FEET DISPLAY—Louis B. Tim, Long Branch, N. J.
- BASKET MEDIUM DAHLIAS—not more than 25 blooms—Edward Isley, Devon, Pennsylvania.
- BASKET LARGE DAHLIAS, not more than 20 blooms—Edward Isley: Department of Parks of Poughkeepsie.
- CACTUS, 5 blooms—Valeria Home, *Golden Standard*: Edward Isley, *Devon Beauty*.
- SEMI-CACTUS, 5 blooms—Edward Isley, *Satan*: Valeria Home, *Miss Glory*.
- INFORMAL DECORATIVE, large, 5 blooms—M. L. Ogden, Tuxedo Park, N. Y., *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*: Reginald Auchincloss, Tuxedo Park, N. Y., *Carl Dahl*.
- FORMAL DECORATIVE, large, 5 blooms—Mrs. E. R. Adey, Tuxedo Park, N. Y., *Monmouth Champion*: Edward Isley, *Volcano*.
- LARGEST AND MOST PERFECT BLOOM—Reginald Auchincloss, *California Idol*.
- BALL, 5 blooms—Mrs. L. L. Ogden, *Superintendent Amhryn*: Mrs. E. R. Adey, *Superintendent Amhryn*.
- SINGLE, 12 blooms—Judge A. I. Elkus, Red Bank, N. J., *Plymouth*: Valeria Home, *Purity*.
- COLLARETTE, 7 blooms—J. A. Haskell, Red Bank, N. J., *Dodd's Pride*: Edward Isley, *Tribune*.
- ARRANGEMENT, ORCHID FLOWERING DAHLIAS—Edward Isley.
- WHITE, large, any type—Valeria Home, *Mrs. Knudsen*: Department of Parks of Poughkeepsie, *Ballego's Surprise*.
- YELLOW, large, any type, 5 blooms—Mrs. E. R. Adey, *Lord of Autumn*: Edward Isley, *Lord of Autumn*.
- ORANGE, large, any type, 5 blooms—Edward Isley, *Volcano*: Department of Parks of Poughkeepsie.
- RED, large, any type, 5 blooms—Reginald Auchincloss, *Monmouth Champion*: Edward Isley.
- PINK, large, any type, 5 blooms—Valeria Home, *Katie K*: Reginald Auchincloss, *Katie K*.
- LAVENDER, large, any type, 5 blooms, Edward Isley, *Buckeye Glory*.



Interesting Arrangement of "Flash", Bicolor Semi-cactus; winner of Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy. This introduction of Salem Dahlia Gardens also won Achievement Medal at Pittsburgh.

—Photo, Albert Humble

- PURPLE, large, any type, 5 blooms—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*: Edward Isley, *Phantom*.
- BICOLOR, large, any type, 5 blooms—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Cornell*: Edward Isley, *Phantom*.
- COLLECTION OF MINIATURES—Edward Isley: Mrs. J. A. Haskell.
- COLLECTION OF POMPONS—Edward Isley: Judge A. I. Elkus.
- SWEEPSTAKES for Section D—Edward Isley.

SECTION E

Commercial

- 100 SQUARE FEET—Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J.
- 80 SQUARE FEET—C. Louis Alling, 251 Court Street, West Haven, Connecticut: Albert Parrella, 3387 Ely Avenue, Bronx, N. Y.
- 50 SQUARE FEET—Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, 38 Vincent Street, Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y.
- 30 SQUARE FEET—Queens Dahlia Gardens, 43-55 Robinson Street, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.
- MOST OUTSTANDING COMMERCIAL ENTRY—Dahliadel Nurseries.

SECTION F

Undeseminated Dahlias

- Most Outstanding Entry, Derrill W. Hart Medal—S. Yohe Veile, Easton, Pennsylvania, *Manhattan*.
- Straight Cactus, Medium, 3 blooms—Macmillan Hoopes, *Flash*.
- Semi-Cactus, medium, 3 blooms—Etherington Dahlia Gardens.
- Informal Decorative, medium, 3 blooms—Louis Fiorette.
- Formal Decorative, medium, 3 blooms—Albert Parrella, *Scarlet Ann*.
- Miniature Cactus, 5 blooms—Fred P. Webber.
- Miniature Decorative, 5 blooms—Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania.
- Large Incurved Cactus, 3 blooms—Honorable Mention, Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens.
- Large Informal Decorative, 3 blooms—S. Yohe Veile, *Manhattan*.
- Large Formal Decorative, 3 blooms—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Victory*: Honorable Mention, Tudor Gardens, Zionsville, Indiana.
- Pompoms, 5 blooms—Jersey Dahlia Gardens, Ocean Grove, N. J.: Valeria Home.
- Orchid Flowering—Lucy O'Neal, *Pickaninny*: Dahliadel Nurseries.
- Single, 5 blooms—Jersey Dahlia Gardens: R. W. Webb.
- Any other type, 3 blooms—Charles H. Jones, *Pink Ball No. 14*.
- American Home Achievement Medal—S. Yohe Veile, *Manhattan*.
- Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy—Macmillan Hoopes, *Flash*.

SECTION G

Shipped by Air

- From 300 Miles, 6 blooms—W. H. Craft, Watseka, Illinois: Floyd Forbus, Flint, Michigan.
- From 750 Miles, 3 blooms—Floyd Forbus: W. H. Craft.

SECTION H

Open to All

- Most Outstanding Non-Commercial Entry—Louis B. Tim.
- Court of Honor—Dr. Bruce B. Preas, *Carl Dahl*.
- Smallest Individual Bloom—O. J. Aumuller, *Little Edith*.
- Governor's Cup—Edward Isley.
- House Beautiful Award—Stanley Johnson, Roulette.
- New Jersey Society Award—J. A. Kemp, Little Silver, N. J., *Radiant Beauty*.
- A. D. S. President's Award—Edward Isley, *Phantom*.
- Medal of National Society of England—Fred P. Webber.
- Paul Delabarre Award—Etherington Dahlia Gardens.
- Medal of Netherlands Dahlia Society—Louis B. Tim.
- Belgium Dahlia Society Award—Macmillan Hoopes.

GARDEN CLUB SECTION

1939 A. D. S. Show

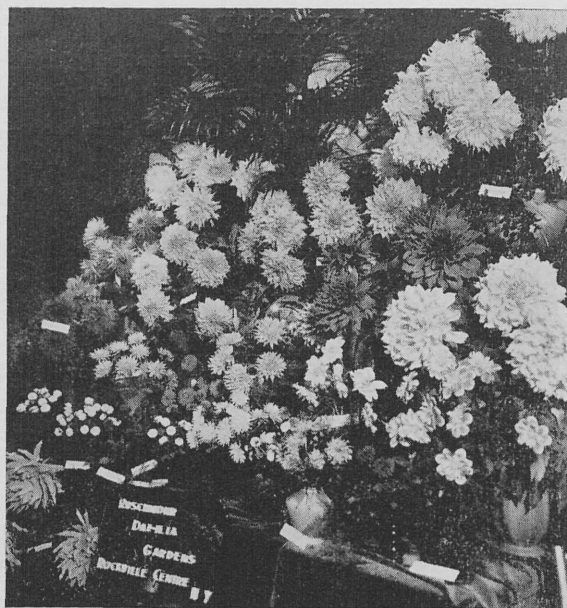
The Garden Club Section of the American Dahlia Society's Twenty-fifth Anniversary Show was staged on the mezzanine floor at the entrance of the Florentine Room in the Park Central Hotel, New York City. This overlooked the major section of the Show which displayed autumn's great gift of Dahlias in a brilliantly colored mass of rich blooms. The views there was so spectacular that visitors were led on to the balcony where they stood peering in awe and admiration at the flower gaiety before them. As soon as they turned to further their steps, they found that all about them the wealth of color and glorious blooms, was echoed in the Garden Club Section. This part of the Show was indeed a complement to the view which first met the spectators' eyes. A few exclamations overheard were: "Just look at this wonderful sight!", "What a gorgeous display!", "Never saw such richness of color at a single glance!", "Oh, to get a colored photograph of this mass of bloom!" And so the joy of expression and interest continued throughout the Show as many listed names of their choice for next season's garden, and discussed the individual arrangements that would lend harmoniously to their particular purpose in the home.

There were about two hundred exhibits compactly placed in the Garden Club Section, by forty-two exhibitors. Many more were brought than our space could accommodate, with the unfortunate result that some of the late comers, bearing down under the burden of exhibits, had to be refused entrance for all they would have liked to show.

In the Dahlia classes, the specimen blooms excelled any ever before shown in this section, for size and perfection of bloom. The tricolor for the best Dahlia exhibit was won by John R. Nichols, of the Community Garden Club of Bellerose, Bellerose, L. I., for superior blooms of *Sunrays*. Mr. Nichols also won with this variety in the class for five large flowered Dahlias. Competition was close and the judges deliberated considerably before making their decisions, especially in the classes for the smaller varieties. Some fine miniatures



Albert Parellas "Birthday Cake"—Commercial Exhibit featuring "Town Topic", Bicolor, in center of display.



Prize-Winning Display of Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens featuring their new introductions "Deep Purple", "Victory" and "Nancy Ann Mitchell".

—Photo, Jessie Tarbox Beals

were shown, but only those within the 3½ inch limit in size, received blue ribbons.

The tricolor for the most meritorious arrangement was won by Mrs. Jesse Perlman, Montrose, N. Y. This was a well balanced composition in a bamboo container placed to the right of the center on a bamboo rack. A pleasing grouping of Gretel Dahlias with Rhododendron foliage was outlined with a graceful spray of Holly, broken off a tree by the wind, in Mrs. Perlman's garden. The fiery red Dahlias against the waxy leaves of dark green, made this a most unusual and distinctive composition to be long remembered.

The bridal bouquet using Dahlias was made of *Bob White* pompons and clusters of Snowberries, the clever work of Mrs. William G. Wheeler of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Old-fashioned nosegays with Dahlias proved a popular class with many quaint bouquets. The winner was Mrs. Herbert L. Conover of Oradell, N. J. She had used *Atom* pompons with *Ageratum* and Sweet Alyssum, outlined with Rose Geranium leaves on a delicate paper frill.

Compositions using Dahlias in various color harmonies, brought some very beautiful and unusual arrangements. Mrs. George Green of Kensington, Connecticut, showed an extremely original use of red Dahlias in black, cleverly placing perfect blooms of *Dubonnet* miniatures in an attractive, narrow necked vase. This was a close approach to the tricolor.

It was interesting to note that in classes requiring particular colors and not designating the type of garden flowers, that Dahlias invariably outnumbered all other garden varieties. This has been hoped for during the past several years, but scarcely to the point where there would be an omission entirely of entries in the Zinnia

and Marigold classes, as was the case this year. However, Roses were popular. Many delightfully fragrant and perfect Rose exhibits attracted much attention, their beauty luring the visitors to smell and partake more closely of their charming delicacy.

One of the most original and distinctive exhibits was shown in the special class for any meritorious exhibit not indicated on the schedule. This was the representation of a piece of embroidery, carried out in real flowers. Stretched across an embroidery ring was a piece of gray material, used as a neutral background for the gay flower heads of coppery red and yellow Marigolds, whose stems went through the cloth to a container of water supporting the ring. Harmonizing threads of silk, small scissors and thimble completed the picture. Ladies, if you are seeking something clever for your flower Shows, try this in your exhibits. Mrs. Herbert Conover, the winner, may be glad to tell you more about it.

Mr. and Mrs. Conover were again this year, winners of the sweepstakes in the Garden Club Section. At 6:30 A. M., on the opening day of the Show, they had left thirteen exhibits to be staged by the committee. Most of these won awards and all were arrangements, so well placed in the containers that none were at all disturbed in the staging.

The committee appreciates the splendid efforts of all who assisted in the success of this Show, for the fine exhibits staged with much patience under cramping difficulties of space limitation.

Georgena Humble

GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Class 1-5, Large Flowered Dahlias, 1 or more varieties

First—John R. Nichols, Bellerose, L. I., N. Y. Second—Mrs. W. N. Carman, Summit, N. J. Third—Mrs. Warren L. Clarke, Merrick, L. I., N. Y.

Class 2-3, Decorative Dahlias, Formal or Informal, 1 or more varieties

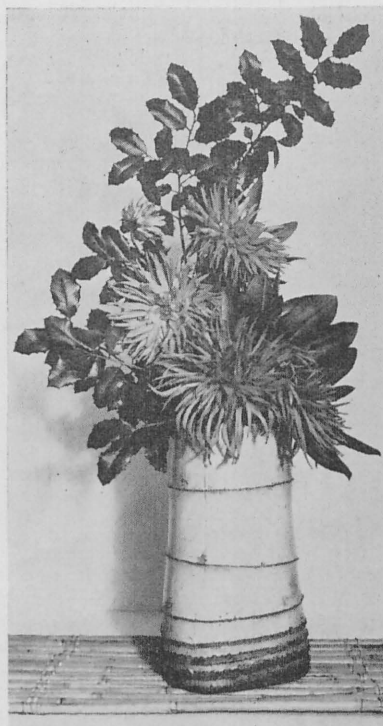
Warren L. Clark, Merrick, L. I., N. Y. Third—Mr. John R. First—Mrs. H. D. Swain, Peekskill, N. Y. Second—Mrs. Nichols, Bellerose, L. I., N. Y.

Class 3, Decorative Dahlia, Formal or Informal, 1 bloom, any color
First—Tricolor, Mr. John R. Nichols, Bellerose, L. I., N. Y.



Mr. Edward Isley's winning basket captures New Jersey Governor A. Harry Moore Cup.

Tri-color Winner—
Garden Club Section. Exhibited by
Mrs. Jesse Perlman,
Montrose-on-Hudson,
N. Y.



Second—Mrs. Wesley Hunter, Westwood, N. J. Third—Mrs. Warren L. Clark, Merrick, L. I., N. Y.

Class 4, 3 Cactus Dahlias, Straight or Incurred, 1 or more varieties

First—Mrs. H. D. Swain, Peekskill, N. Y. Second—Mrs. Warren L. Clark, Merrick, L. I., N. Y. Third—Mrs. W. N. Carman, Summit, N. J.

Class 5, 3 Semi-Cactus Dahlias, 1 or more varieties

First—Mrs. W. J. Owen, Peekskill, N. Y. Second—Mrs. Henry L. March, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y. Third—Mrs. H. D. Swain, Peekskill, N. Y.

Class 6, 6 Single or Collarette Dahlias, 1 or more varieties

First—Mr. A. J. Romeril, Bellerose, L. I., N. Y. Second—Mrs. Warren L. Clark, Merrick, L. I., N. Y.

Class 7, 12 Orchid Flowering Dahlias, 1 or more varieties

No award.

Class 8, 12 Pompons, 1 or more varieties

First—Mrs. Warren L. Clark, Merrick, L. I., N. Y. Second—Mrs. Charles Bahr, Verona, N. J. Third—Mrs. Ellen Bulluss, Meriden, Connecticut.

Class 9, 12 Miniatures, 1 or more varieties; blooms not to exceed 3½ inches in diameter

First—Mrs. Warren L. Clark, Merrick, L. I., N. Y. Second—Mrs. John A. Rapp, Purchase, N. Y. Third—Mrs. John Herrschoff, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

Class 10, Bridal Bouquet Using Dahlias—Other flowers and plant material may be used

First—Mrs. William G. Wheeler, Brooklyn, N. Y. Second—Mrs. W. J. Owen, Peekskill, N. Y.

Class 11, Old-fashioned Nougay On Paper Frill, not exceeding 10" in diameter—Small Dahlias to be included in bouquet

First—Mrs. Herbert L. Conover, Oradell, N. J. Second—Mrs. O. J. Aumuller, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y. Third—Mrs. George Thompson, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

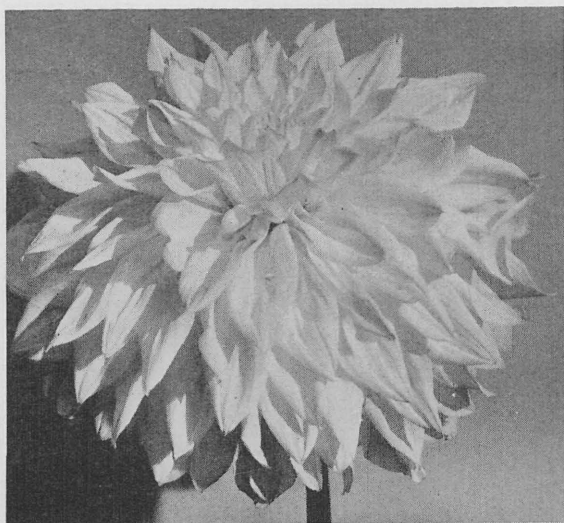
Class 12, Dahlias in Shades, Tints and Tones of One Color, Arranged in any suitable container

First—Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J. Second—Mrs. George Green, Kensington, Connecticut. Third—Mrs. John Herrschoff, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

Class 13, Dahlias, Any Red Colored Variety, Arranged in a black container

First—Mrs. George Green, Kensington, Connecticut. Second—Miss Genevieve Healey, New York City. Third—Mrs. William J. Owens, Peekskill, N. Y. Honorable Mention—Mrs. John Herrschoff, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

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"Mother's Day", Giant White Informal topped the winnings of Edward J. O'Keefe, Cold Spring, N. Y.
—Photo, Jessie Tarbox Beals

Garden Club Awards—Cont. from p. 13

Class 14, Dahlias, Large Flowering of One Color, Arranged With Any Autumn Colored Foliage

First—Mrs. Herbert Conover, Oradell, N. J. Second—Mrs. Ralph Dunlop, Peekskill, N. Y. Third—Mrs. George Lofland, Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y.

Class 15, Dahlias, Large Flowering, Arranged With Evergreen Material

First—Tricolor, Mrs. Jesse Perlman, Montrose, N. Y. Second—Mrs. Herbert Conover, Oradell, N. J. Third—Mrs. H. D. Swain, Peekskill, N. Y.

Class 16, Dahlias Arranged With Any Other Garden Flowers

First—Mrs. O. J. Aumuller, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y. Second—Mrs. Jesse Perlman, Montrose, N. Y. Third—Mrs. William Joy, Jamaica Estates, L. I., N. Y.

Class 17, Any Dahlias Suitably Arranged for a Buffet Supper Table

First—Mr. A. J. Romeril, Bellerose, L. I., N. Y.

Class 18, Pompon Dahlias Emphasizing the Use of Buds in the Composition

First—Mrs. D. B. Jones, Brooklyn, N. Y. Second—Mrs. George Green, Kensington, Conn. Third—Mrs. John Herschoft, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y. Honorable Mention—Mrs. Herbert Conover, Oradell, N. J.

Class 19, Miniature Dahlias Stressing the Value of Dahlia Foliage in the Composition

First—Mrs. Herbert Conover, Oradell, N. J. Second—Mrs. Wesley Hunter, Westwood, N. J. Third—Mrs. John Herschoft, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

Class 20, Dahlias in a Miniature or Small Arrangement, not to exceed 8" in any dimension

First—Mrs. Jesse Perlman, Montrose, N. Y. Second—Mrs. George Roberts, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y. Third—Mrs. William Joy, Jamaica, N. Y.

Class 21, White and Green Arrangement—Any Flowers or Plant Material

First—Mrs. William Joy, Jamaica, N. Y. Second—Mrs. George Thompson, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Third—Mrs. John G. Hinman, Rockville Centre, N. Y.; Mrs. Herbert Conover, Oradell, N. J.

Class 22, Orange and Blue Arrangement—Any Flowers or Plant Material

First—Mrs. John G. Hinman, Rockville Centre, N. Y. Second—Mrs. Herbert Conover, Oradell, N. J.

Class 23, Yellow and Violet Arrangement—Any Flower or Plant Material

First—Mrs. William Joy, Jamaica, N. Y. Second—Mrs. Herbert Conover, Oradell, N. J.

Class 24, Arrangement of Roses, With or Without Other Plant Material

First—Mrs. Otto Langhans, Jamaica, N. Y. Second—Mrs. George Thompson, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Class 25

No entries.

Class 26, Arrangement of Marigolds, Any Varieties

First—Mrs. George Lofland, Forest Hills, L. I. Second—Mrs. William Joy, Jamaica Estates, N. Y. Third—Mrs. Otto Langhans, Jamaica, N. Y.

Class 27

No entries.

Class 28, Zinnias, Large Flowering, Any Colors or Varieties, not more than 12 blooms

First—Mrs. George Thompson, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Class 29, Roses, Any Types or Varieties, 3-5 blooms

First—Mrs. A. V. Stout, Red Bank, N. J. Second—Mr. Henry Elspas, Lake Peekskill, N. Y. Third—Mrs. Henry N. March, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.

Class 30, (Special) Any Meritorious Exhibit Not Indicated on Schedule

First—Mrs. Herbert Conover, Oradell, N. J. Second—Robert L. Mitchell. Third—Mark A. Follmer.

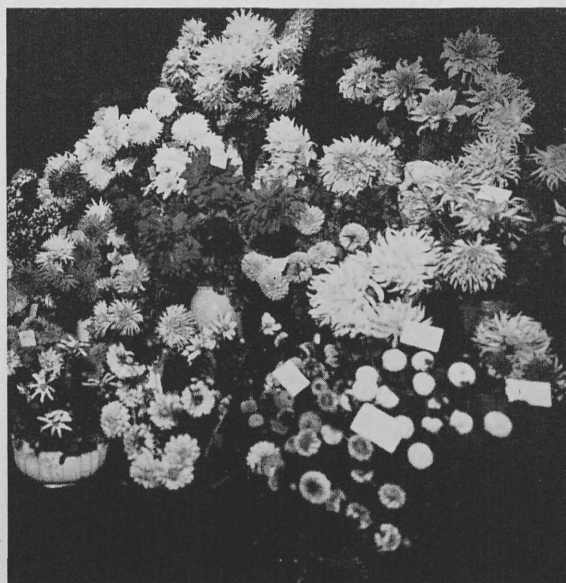
Sixth Mid West Dahlia Show

John Strasen

President, Mid West Dahlia Conference

The Sixth Mid West Dahlia Show was staged at Hotel Statler in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 23rd and 24th, under the auspices of the Dahlia Society of Ohio. One of the largest crowds in the history of the Society came to view the splendidly arranged exhibition which filled the Statler's main Ball Room, Lattice Room and Foyer. A steady stream of Dahlia admirers and enthusiasts flowed through the exhibition halls during the entire two days of the Show; many with pencils and notebooks.

The entire Ball Room was given over to the competitive classes, with the exception of one commercial display. The stage, opposite the entrance to the room, and flanked by full-length mirrors, was the "show piece" of



C. Louis Alling, West Haven, Conn. wins award for this fine commercial display featuring Blushing Bride, A. E. Heil and many other outstanding new ones.

—Photo, Jessie Tarbox Beals

this hall: for it contained the large-flowering basket classes of the entire Show grouped in its area. A beautiful sight! Long tables of competitive classes filled the main floor of the Ball Room, in the center of which a pyramid of shelving ten feet high was set, displaying the many cups, medals and premiums given out. Special classes, such as Foreign, Distance, Cloth House Exhibits, etc., were placed around the walls. Most of the visitors "took in" the Show from the vantage points along the second floor, balcony extending around three sides of the hall. Lovely scenery indeed!

All the small-flowering classes in the mid west were presented to view in the Lattice Room, adjoining the Ball Room. This room was perhaps one-fourth the size of the former, and filled with blooms ranging in size from the tiny pompons to the $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 inch size. An examination of these exhibits, with almost all the known small types represented, gave ample evidence of the return to popularity of the small-flowering Dahlia. The $3\frac{1}{2}$ -5 inch classes, inaugurated by the Ohio group in their '38 Show, were again in evidence. This size takes care of many true miniatures that can seldom be grown small enough to enter the regular miniature classes. The basket and bowl arrangements of poms and miniatures were particularly outstanding in this room.

The long foyer just outside the Ball Room was the location of the commercial section of the Show. Again the faithful growers of the host Society, together with downstate and out-of-state exhibitors, filled the wall of this long and narrow room with their colorful and well shown trade exhibits. Vieing with the Dahlia for the spotlight were gladiolus and roses, the latter lending to the atmosphere an odor unusual in a Dahlia Show. Winners in the commercial and table displays were: Harley Peck, Lebanon, Ohio, 100 square feet; Charles F. Lasch, South Euclid, Ohio, 50 square feet; E. V. Newton, Bedford, Ohio, 50 square feet small flowering; Baker Dahlia Gardens, Toronto, Ontario, foreign table and greatest distance.

In the novice division sweepstakes honors were divided between Hannah Corriveau of Hazel Park, Michigan, and C. B. Bradley, Cleveland, while the former took both largest and smallest most perfect bloom classes.

As has become their habit in the Ohio Shows, the amateurs again put on a real exhibition in this division of the Mid West Show. Their tables were filled with some of the choicest blooms in the entire Show and competition was extremely stiff. Both the sweepstakes award and the largest most perfect bloom award went to C. J. Addington of Detroit, who made many entries in this division.

John Zazo's 121 points captured the open-to-all sweepstakes trophy, with Mrs. MacDowell a good second. Gordon Nut of Detroit walked off with most of the awards in the private estates division, winning sweepstakes. Among the winners of specials are: President's trophy, J. Zazo, Akron, Ohio; *House Beautiful* Futurity, R. Walcher, Bedford, Ohio; Vice-President's cup, Rosemary Gardens, Martins Ferry, Ohio; Mid West trophy, Strasen Floral Gardens, Austinburg, Ohio; O. V. D. A. award, Zazo; basket bicolours, Walcher; collection foreigners, Zazo.

The undisseminated division was ruled by *Thunderbolt*, the winner of the *American Home* Achievement

medal. Lew Sarrett of Ravina, Illinois, the originator of this exceptional Dahlia had three perfect specimen entered in the achievement class. An immense incurved cactus almost as deep as it is wide, the bright red blooms are held in good position on long, stiff stems. Lew assured the writer that they grew in the field exactly as shown on the Show table here at Cleveland. The best undisseminated under 7 inches went to Charley Lasch, bringing him the A. D. S. medal. A formal miniature, buff with bronze center, it is a tall grower with good stems, a favorite with the florists. In the '39 seedling section the entry of W. F. Jarvis, Detroit, was judged the most outstanding.

Among the most admired blooms in the Show were *Megan Callaghan*, a large white informal and a formal decorative, *Gillman's Beauty*, pink. These newcomers were shown by H. H. Robens of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and received special in their classes. Other outstanding exhibits were John Zazo's basket of *Lord of Autumn* winning the President's cup; *Golden Dream*, an autumn shade cactus shown by Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens; *Pride of Austinburg* by Strasen Floral Gardens, winning the Midwest Conference Trophy for best mid-west origination; *Mothers Day*, outstanding white and *Darcy Sainsbury*; *Scarlet Leader*, small straight cactus by Garfield Heights; *Elcee*, a four year seedling grown by an amateur, J. W. Cowie, and the largest most perfect bloom in the entire Show, a *Greater Glory* grown by Mr. Delbrugge. The only *Mayor Otis* in the show was brought by Robens. A $12\frac{1}{2}$ inch flower on a 42 inch stem, it was much better at the close of the Show than at the beginning.

The annual Midwest Show Banquet was held at 6:30 p. m. of the opening day with 100 in attendance, representing growers and exhibitors from all over the mid-west, the east and the west coast and Canada. Mr. H.

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Commercial Display of Lasch Floral Gardens. Winner of Mr. F. V. R. Veir's Gold Cup at Mid-West Show in Cleveland.

1939 Dahlia Tour

By GEORGE R. CURRIE

President-elect Dahlia Society of Wisconsin

While attending the A. D. S. Show at New York Editor Waaser asked me to write a report of my Dahlia travels for the BULLETIN and this article is the result. The task has not been an easy one because so many gardens were visited and such extensive notes made that it has been difficult to select the highlights for a condensed report of this nature.

The Dahlia Shows attended this year were those of the Wisconsin State Fair at Milwaukee August 19th (the amateur classes) and August 22nd (the open-to-all classes), the Racine County Dahlia Show at Racine on September 2nd, the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin Show on September 9th, the Central States Dahlia Show at Chicago on September 16th, the Mid West Show at Cleveland on September 23rd, and the A. D. S. Show at New York on September 26th and 27th. The last mentioned two Shows were attended as part of a family vacation trip to the east.

I will not attempt detailed descriptions of these Shows. The toughest judging assignment I ever encountered was experienced in judging the open-to-all classes at the Wisconsin State Fair on August 22nd because of the great number of entries in most of the classes and the high quality of the entries. The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin Show had by far the largest and best undisseminated classes of any of these Shows with the possible exception of the A. D. S. Show, many of the entries being the 1940 releases of some of the best known commercial growers of the country sent on trial to Wisconsin growers. The quality and size of the blooms exhibited at the A. D. S. New York Show exceeded my expectations and I take off my hat to such experts as Edward O'Keefe, Dr. Preas and Ernest Tooker, pastmasters in the art of growing them large. There is, however, one exhibitor in the middle west whom I would class as their equal and that is H. H. Robens of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, who is a loyal exhibitor at the Cleveland Show year after year.

Before commencing our vacation trip on September 20th I had an opportunity on weekends of visiting Mrs. W. A. Delaporte's Delwood Dahlia Gardens near Milwaukee, Mr. Ellis J. Asther's Northbrook Dahlia Gardens, Northbrook, Illinois, and the private gardens of Prof. Lew Sarett, Ravinia, Illinois, Theodore F. Schroeder, Mukwonago, Wisconsin, and John J. Brugman, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Mrs. Delaporte grows good Dahlias year after year but I think her Dahlias this year surpassed those of previous years. I was much impressed with two Australian Dahlias she was growing: *Woodland Wonder*, a smoky rose colored flower lighted slightly with gold, informal decorative in formation, with excellent formation and stem, which was outstanding at the Chicago Show; and *Meegan Callahan*, a very fine, large white formal decorative, but which as exhibited at Cleveland was semi-cactus in formation. Mrs. Delaporte also has a new introduction of her own to release for 1940, a large orange colored, full petaled cactus, *Governor Heil*, which won

several prizes in the undisseminated classes when exhibited this fall.

Varieties doing especially well at Northbrook Dahlia Gardens were *Kemp's Yellow Supreme*, *Croyden Glory*, *Cornell*, *Carl G. Dahl*, *Dr. Verhage*, *Golden Beauty*, and *Goodnight*. Mr. Asther's own originations, *Victory*, a pink formal decorative, and *Mrs. Howard C. Phillips*, cream colored informal decorative, both look very promising.

Thunderbolt, Prof. Sarett's sensational red cactus to be released in 1940, with its tall growing bushes and large flowers, monopolized the professor's garden, although he has some very good second and first year seedlings which will bear watching.

Mr. Schroeder's cloth house filled with well grown plants is always a joy to the true Dahlia fan as he grows many of the new ones. Particularly outstanding was *Norma Morton*, an Australian variety which Mr. Schroeder was growing on trial for Mad River Dahlia Gardens, Urbana, Ohio, which is an orange yellow informal decorative with a grand stem and fine growing habits. So far I have placed very few new Dahlias on my "must list" for next year but *Norma Morton* is one of such limited few.

At Mr. Brugman's one can always find many of the new ones to be released the following year growing on trial in his cloth house. C. W. Ballay's No. 1341, a large purplish red with a tall growing bush, which I also was privileged to see at Sparks Dahlia Gardens, Columbus, Indiana, in 1938, was particularly good.

On September 20th our family vacation tour commenced and en route to the Cleveland Show we visited the gardens of J. Louis Roberts in Chicago; and those of D. P. Wickersham (Mad River Dahlia Gardens), Urbana; F. V. R. Veirs, Canton; Ralph Walcher, Bedford; and Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens, Garfield Heights, all in Ohio.

At Mr. Roberts' we saw *Pink Giant* which will be introduced by Mad River Gardens which looks like one of the best 1940 introductions, and two good red informal decorative seedlings of Mr. Roberts' own.

Great credit is due Mr. Wickersham and the Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens for the great number of foreign Dahlias each imports year after year. This past season Mr. Wickersham imported 125 new Australian Dahlias and among those which have proved particularly outstanding were *Norma Morton*, *Copper Prince* (a very large orange red and copper colored informal decorative with a high center which "Wick" thinks is the best one he imported this year), *Croyden Vivid* (a large, light red informal decorative with excellent stems), and *Croyden Buttercup* (a very large informal decorative of approximately the same color as *California Idol* but of a different formation).

One of the very best new Dahlias which I saw anywhere this season, and which is on my "must list" is another Australian Dahlia, *Duke of Windsor*. Mr. W. E.

Kemen exhibited it at our Dahlia Society of Wisconsin Show. It is an informal decorative and its color is on the borderline between red and purple but the color, formation, and stem are outstanding. The flower exhibited by Mr. Kemen was approximately eleven inches in diameter. Knowing that the plant which had produced this flower came from Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens, I was particularly interested to see it growing in their field planting. Unfortunately the plants of *Duke of Windsor* were not in bloom but looked sturdy and vigorous. At Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens *Dominant* (an eight inch bright pink cactus), *Assumption* (a nine to ten inch clear white informal decorative), *Figaro* (a yellow semi-cactus with red strips), and *Zenith* (a five to seven inch purple cactus which looks like a sure winner in the purple cactus class calling for flowers under seven inches in diameter) were some of the good newer varieties noted.

It is the writer's firm conviction that no better stock of *Lord of Autumn* and *Robert Ripley* can be found than that of Val Veirs. Other varieties observed at Mr. Veirs' garden which were doing well were *Premier's Winsome*, *Glamour*, *Your Lucky Star*, and *Everybody's Favorite*.

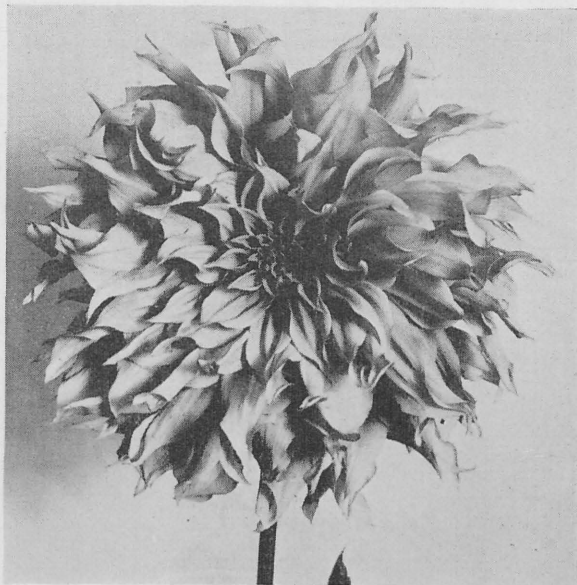
Most of the Ohio gardens visited were adversely affected by the severe drought experienced in that state this season. An exception, however, was the garden of Ralph Walcher whose garden was filled with blooms of good quality. Good Dahlias observed there were *Mrs. B. Amber*, *Croyden Wonder* and *Lord of Autumn*, and great quantities of *Lois Walcher*.

On the Saturday morning of the Cleveland Show Dr. Preas, Dewey Mohr, Henry Franzen, J. L. O'Brien, Charles Moell and myself visited the gardens of E. J. Wind (Rocky River Dahlia Gardens) at Rocky River and Mrs. McDowell, Fairview, Ohio. At Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, *Golden Beauty*, *Burch Foraker* and *Oakleigh Monarch* were fine, while at Mrs. McDowell's *Virginia Rute* and *Son of Satan* were excellent, as were also the pears we picked from the tree growing alongside the Dahlias.

On Sunday, September 24th, en route east from Cleveland we stopped at Walter Bissell's Hillside Dahlia Farm at Austintown, Ohio. Good performers there included *Eventide* to be released in 1940, *Brilliant Lady*, *Mad River Chief*, *Oakleigh Monarch*, *Kentucky Dawn* and *Bette Davis*.

Later this same day we stopped at Lawrence Wallace's Chautauqua Dahlia Gardens, situated on beautiful Chautauqua Lake near Chautauqua, N. Y. It was one of the most beautiful gardens visited this season and the afternoon we were there the garden was thronged with visitors. *Herbert E. Hardt*, a large purplish red informal decorative origination of Mr. Wallace released in 1939 looked particularly good. *Hillside Gold* also was performing splendidly. Mr. Wallace has several good new Dahlias he is planning on releasing for 1940, one of which named *Joseph A. McGuinnies* is a very dark red, almost black, informal decorative, and when one squeezes the petals of the flower between the fingers a color staining of the fingers results resembling a berry stain.

The Thursday following the New York Show, I accepted the invitation of Dr. Preas and Dewey Mohr



"Progress" — Rosy-Mauve Informal Decorative — Winner of Achievement Medal at Baltimore. Also Open-to-All Seedling at Peekskill. Introducer, Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J.

to spend the day in their company visiting some of the outstanding Dahlia gardens on Long Island. This pleasant day spent in company with these two genial gentlemen was a real treat never to be forgotten. The gardens visited were those of the Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Ernest Tooker, and Dr. Preas at or near Rockville Centre; Editor Gordon F. Waaser at Baldwin; Edgar Van Velsor, East Norwich; and Badetty Brothers at Huntington.

At Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens *Deep Purple* and *Victory* for release in 1940 were particularly fine. *Nancy Gene*, the beautiful new yellow informal decorative from Australia and *Virginia Rute* were other splendid performers here. Good poms observed there were *Doria*, *Nerissa*, *Melrose Baby*, *Sherry* and *Eileen*. *Little Othello*, a black red single with dark foliage was also very attractive. While at Ruschmohr Gardens, I had the pleasure of eating my first ripe figs picked off a small fig tree growing alongside the Dahlias.

No Dahlia enthusiast could visit the garden of Mr. Tooker and not be impressed with his skill as a Dahlia grower. There must be something about "spoon feeding" as practiced by him which makes Dahlia plants grow to twice the height they ordinarily attain for most of us. Here I was privileged to see eighty splendid plants of *Margaret E. Broomall*, many of which were in bloom. Mr. Tooker has a very large and attractive undisseeded yellow informal, *Tooker's Masterpiece*, which he is not prepared to release for 1940, and several promising miniature seedlings.

Dr. Preas' prowess was well demonstrated at this year's A. D. S. Show where he won the award for the largest and most perfect bloom with a *Director Carl G. Dahl*

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"Tooker's Masterpiece"—Clear bright Yellow Informal Decorative. Fourteen inch blooms won Achievement Medal at Rockville Centre. Also Stumpp & Walter Medal, Sweepstakes Seedling, and Blue Ribbon Open-to-All. E. E. Tooker, Originator.

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which measured 15 inches in diameter by 10 inches in depth. At the doctor's garden I found approximately 1,300 well cared for plants, this number including the small as well as the large flowering varieties. The doctor has a fine new collarette which he has named *Pyro* which is a deep red with light yellow edging and yellow collar. Here we also saw *Petit Prince*, a light red miniature with the formation and other good characteristics of *Baby Royal*. Dr. Preas has a large cloth house and grows both under cloth and outside.

At Editor Waaser's garden we found very fine plants of *Cherokee Brave*, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, *Your Lucky Star* and *Lord of Autumn*. *Eventide* and *Progress*, two new ones for 1940, were being grown on trial by Mr. Waaser and were performing splendidly. *Little Prince* in this garden was about the finest yellow pom I have seen.

At Mr. Van Velsor's we found a cloth house 120 feet long and 66 feet wide with 918 Dahlia plants growing in it. It was one of the best constructed cloth houses I have seen. Here I had the privilege of seeing 16 fine plants of *Director Plumcocoq*, many of them being in bloom. This was my first glimpse of good stock of that variety. *Virginia Rute* and *California Idol* also looked good here.

Badetty Brothers grow Dahlias chiefly for the cut flower market and most of the Dahlias in their large planting numbering between 60,000 and 70,000 hills are commercial varieties and miniatures. However, I also saw there good strong field grown plants of *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, *Milton J. Cross*, *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Ruby Taylor*, *Kentucky Midnight*, *California Idol* and *Midwest Champion*. There were approximately 900

plants of *Murphy's Masterpiece* all planted from roots. All the stock in the large plantings here looked clean, vigorous, and free from disease. Badetty Brothers have some new commercial varieties of their own origination which are entered at Storrs Trial Gardens this season that look very good.

Our itinerary for the day on Long Island also included a stop at the Lido Club where Dr. Preas' famous Long Island Dahlia Men's dinners have been held. Also, at a roadside fish market I was initiated into the art of eating raw clams fresh out of the shell, the doctor opening the shells for us, and they were delicious.

Saturday, September 30th, while on our way from New York City to New England we stopped at Albert Parrella's Dahlia Gardens in the Bronx and the first sight that greeted us was the most magnificent bloom of *Son of Satan* I ever saw. Other good performers in these gardens were *Cyril Verehaeve* (a beautiful red cactus), *Kilgore's King*, *Virginia Rute*, *Bordeaux* (a fine purple formal from Australia), *Mrs. G. W. Hutchinson*, *Vin Well Bittersweet* and *Duke of Windsor*.

That evening we spent the night at Willimantic, Connecticut, and Sunday morning we visited the garden of George W. Fraser. The drought had been severe here but nevertheless we saw some good Dahlias, particularly *Allan A*, *Charles G. Reed*, *Sunrays*, *Katie K* and a splendid red pom which Mr. Fraser introduced, *Melrose Baby*. *Katie K* seems to have enjoyed its best year in 1939 and I saw fine specimen blooms of it in practically every Show I attended this year. Later that morning I took a photograph with colored film of a grand bloom of *Katie K* growing in the feeding test garden at Storrs which measured twelve inches in diameter.

From Willimantic we went to Storrs where I was privileged to spend more than two hours in the company of Prof. Patch carefully going over the entries. Of the large flowering varieties there were five which I considered extra good, *Bandoeng*, *Ginger Rogers*, *Deep Purple*, a large yellow semi-cactus entered by Conrad Frey, and a large autumn informal decorative *Dahlia-mum* entered by Chemar Dahlia Garden. There were some fine specimen blooms in the feeding test garden. I was particularly impressed at Storrs Trial Garden with the fact that the Dahlias entered there were properly grown and well taken care of.

From Sunday to Friday, October 6th, our trip included visits to historical and scenic points of interest to the neglect of the Dahlias, undoubtedly to the relief of the other members of our party. We were very fortunate to see the trees on both the White and Adirondack Mountains exhibiting the most brilliant autumn coloring imaginable. Friday morning en route to Niagara Falls we stopped at the garden of that ardent Dahlia enthusiast, Prof. C. Merrill Brown, who resides at Williamsville, five miles east of Buffalo. His Dahlias are planted in beautifully landscaped beds. *Madam W. Bataille* (a large pink cactus), *Herb. E. Hardt* (the large purplish red introduced by Chautauqua Dahlia Gardens this year), *Pres. Edward Benes* and *Shirley Temple* were fine here.

That same afternoon we stopped at the garden of William Snell in London, Ontario, but found that a killing frost about a week previous had completely killed his Dahlias.

The next morning the gardens of George H. Burkart, Clarence Asman, and William Litz were visited. At Mr. Burkart's, *Progress*, the new 1940 release of Salem Dahlia Gardens, looked mighty good. At Mr. Asman's good blooms of *Greater Glory*, *War Admiral*, and *Robert Ripley* were in evidence. I was very glad of the opportunity to visit the Dahlia gardens of Mr. Litz and see his *Lucile L* which won the achievement medal at the Dahlia Society of Michigan Show at Detroit this year. It is light pink informal decorative with good stems, and the attractiveness of the color is increased by a frosty sheen which the petals exhibited. Unfortunately at the time of my visit Mr. Litz was confined to his bed by a serious illness. Mr. Burkart reported that the Port Huron Show staged this year by the Blue Water Dahlia Chapter was the best in the history of the Society.

Because a killing frost had visited Nick Koenig's gardens and the East Lansing Trial Gardens we proceeded to Grand Rapids where we found that Mr. Lloyd Hook's Oakleigh Dahlia Gardens and Mr. John J. Zant's Wildwood Dahlia Gardens had also been completely killed by frost. Mrs. Zant reported that the Dahlias in their garden enjoyed the best season of their history this year. However, at Mr. A. T. Edison's Springhill Dahlia Farm although the tops of many of the plants had been touched by frost many good blooms were still to be seen. We saw some marvelous blooms of Mr. Edison's new *Pink Amelia*, a large pink semi-cactus of extraordinary beauty, and the bloom of this variety which I photographed measured 11½ inches in diameter. A very fine pink informal with a white center named *Charles Kuhn* looked very good, apparently another case of a real good Dahlia receiving no publicity. Other good ones at Mr. Edison's were *Gladys Sanford*, *Bette Davis*, *Golden Beauty*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Alice May*, *Sumrays*, *Miss Glory*, *Ballego's Surprise* and *Croyden Glory*.

The last garden visited on our trip was that of Harry Franzen, Maywood, Illinois, where we stopped on Sunday, October 8th, and were rewarded by seeing a fine bloom of C. W. Ballay's undisminated orange semi-cactus, *Miss Evelyn Chandler*. If this one bloom is a fair sample of this Dahlia, it will rank with the finest of the new introductions.

I will close this far too lengthy epistle by setting forth brief notes on what appear to me to be the best new Dahlias for 1940 among those I viewed. None but Dahlias I actually saw growing are listed. They are as follows:

Eventide. This is a most beautiful purple informal decorative which grows normally from nine to ten inches in diameter and possesses ideal stems and dark insect proof foliage. I have seen this the past two seasons in the field of Walter Bissell, Austintown, Ohio, its originator, and this year I grew four plants of it on trial, and the centers and stems continued excellent right up to frost. It also grew well this season in the gardens of Editor Gordon F. Waaser and Mr. F. V. R. Veirs. It won as best informal decorative in the hotly contested undisminated classes at the 1939 Dahlia Society of Wisconsin Show, and last year as Seedling No. 113 scored 86 at East Lansing Trial Garden where it received a Certificate of Merit.

Victory. This appears as a sure winner in the pink formal decorative class. In 1938 it won as best formal decorative at the Central States Dahlia Society Show at Chicago, and in 1939 won the same honor at the Camden Show and also at the A. D. S. Show at New York where it was the runner-up for the Derrill Hart medal. I have seen it grow for the past two seasons in the garden of the originator, Mr. Ellis J. Asther, proprietor of Northbrook Dahlia Gardens, Northbrook, Illinois, and this year also saw it in the gardens of Dr. Preas and Ruschmohr Dahlia Gar-

dens. It gives every indication of being a topnotch performer. Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens is the lucky introducer of this very fine Dahlia.

Thunderbolt. This big red cactus grows 10 to 12 inches in diameter with good depth, and has very good well-proportioned stems possessing great length from the top leaf bracket to the bloom. It won the Achievement medal award this year at the Racine, Milwaukee, Chicago and Cleveland Shows. It was originated by Professor Lew Sarett of Ravenna, Illinois, and will be introduced by Mad River Gardens, Urbana, Ohio. I have only been privileged to see this grow in the garden of Professor Sarett, where it has performed splendidly, being a profuse bloomer. However, Professor Sarett is favored with such ideal growing conditions, his garden having trees as a windbreak on four sides, that the real test of this Dahlia will be its performance in 1940 in the gardens of the average Dahlia fan.

Progress. This is a very large lavender, informal decorative, with excellent stems and keeping qualities which won the Achievement Medal at the 1939 Baltimore Show. Mr. Joseph Heineman exhibited a fine bloom of it at our Dahlia Society of Wisconsin Show, entering it under its seedling number "N. 34", and I also saw it exhibited at the A. D. S. Show at New York and viewed it growing on trial in the gardens of Gordon F. Waaser and George H. Burkart. The originator, William Nuneviller, proprietor of Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, New Jersey, describes the color as rosy mauve.

Ginger Rogers. While I am not assured that this will be released in 1940, I cannot refrain from including this Dahlia because I considered it the best Dahlia I saw at Storrs Trial Garden the day I was there, where it received a Certificate of Merit. It is a large, beautifully formed, clear yellow informal decorative with the ends of the petals toothed and notched. I would like to see exhibition blooms of this grown by such experts as O'Keefe or Preas. The owner is Mrs. J. C. Burks, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Pink Giant. The name is a misnomer as it grows probably not to exceed ten inches in diameter, but this name was bestowed by the European originator. It is a beautiful clear pink with excellent stems and the formation is on the borderline between informal decorative and semi-cactus. It will be introduced by Mad River Gardens, Urbana, Ohio, where I saw it growing and also saw it growing on trial in the garden of J. Louis Roberts at Chicago. At the New York Show, Mr. E. J. O'Keefe told me that he also had it on trial this season and that he considered it extra good.

Deep Purple. This scored a Certificate of Merit at Storrs this season where it was entered by its originator, Stephenson's Dahlia Gardens, Santa Monica, California. It will be introduced by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens in whose gardens I saw it as well as at Storrs. It is a dark rhodamine purple with a sheen, produces flowers from ten to twelve inches in diameter, and is on the borderline between formal and informal in formation. Stems are long and strong. The healthy foliage of the plants is particularly outstanding and it is a good bloomer after coming into bloom but should be planted early because a slightly late bloomer.

Dahlia Society of New Jersey

The winter meeting of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey will be held on Saturday, January 13, 1940, at Christ Church Parish House, *Short Hills, N. J.*, instead of in Newark as heretofore. Provision for transportation from Newark of members without cars will be made by the Society if contact is made with any member of the Board. There will be a speaker on the subject of new Dahlias.

Portland Dahlia Society

Our society is picking up in interest and membership. We have meetings each alternate month and a board meeting in the month between. At the meeting we have one or two helpful talks and colored slides that were much enjoyed at three of our meetings.

Our 4 H groups show a steady increasing interest and some attend the meetings to get information on the culture of Dahlias or send their leader or parents. Portland Dahlia Society is far from dead and has a future when these live young people come in as members.

Lena B. Little.

It's Been a Grand Experience

By LYNN B. DUDLEY

At the beginning of our term of office as President of this Society, we made a pledge of coöperation with the other officers and members of the A. D. S.

That was at the beginning of 1937 and for three years we have done the very best we could to further the interests of the society, no matter how much the devotion to that pledge exacted from our private life.

We said at that time, too, that we believed that this society was fully alive to its opportunities to do a greater and more far reaching work for Dahlia enthusiasts everywhere. If we recall correctly, there were a few sectional feelings—not to say jealousies—cropping up here and there, and many thought that the members of the A. D. S. were somewhat smug and just a little too self-satisfied. Maybe we were.

It was in May of 1936 that a new constitution had been proposed to the executive committee. The changes in these by-laws included the broadening of our membership to create a Branch or Participating Group of societies which could become a part of the A. D. S. and have a vote in our affairs. This was planned so that any society so joining with us would retain all their own entity and identity. In other words, we did not intend nor desire to absorb these societies, but rather to invite them to take part in our society affairs.

These by-laws were adopted in 1937, and, as we announced in the last issue of the BULLETIN, we are most happy that fifteen state and regional societies have joined with us in solving, or at least demonstrated their willingness to help solve, some of the problems confronting this society.

We are also most happy to announce that the sincere purposes of the society and the many fine people in it have been demonstrated by the operation of the by-laws—also by visits of officers and members of the A. D. S. to other society meetings and Shows and by the return visits of their members with us. This has all resulted in a better understanding and the building of a mutual respect to the end that section feelings have become most cordial.

Please understand that your retiring president takes no major credit for these improved conditions. We have done our best as your president to show every Dahlia grower everywhere that it was our desire, through friendship and understanding, to make the service of the A. D. S. helpful to whatever extent was possible. But in this we have had the fullest coöperation of every officer and member of the society.

In these three years and during the four and a half years that we edited the BULLETIN before that, we have had the pleasure of seeing the society take on new stature as it went through the trying days of the double depression. We have seen many changes come to the Dahlia world. We have expanded the service of our official trial grounds. We have seen the color classes as originated by the A. D. S. spread to most other Shows. We have seen the adoption and quite general use of our revised score card. We have seen the elim-

ination of at least part of the unfair trade practices by commercial growers.

We can certainly point with pride to the high quality of editorial material as published in the A. D. S. BULLETIN under the editorship of Gordon Waaser. Centering in this publication is the greatest means of advancement in cultural knowledge and friendly coöperation which has always been characteristic of the people in the American Dahlia Society.

Editor Gordon Waaser is doing an excellent and important work for the society by giving of his time without remuneration to make your hobby or your business more interesting and resultful. Every A. D. S. member should be grateful to him and assist him whenever and wherever possible.

About the only thing that we can honestly say has not been definitely improved in these years is the financial condition of the society. Maybe we should be happy that these depression years have been weathered without any great losses. At least, we are one non-profit horticultural society which has paid its way and its debts. True, we have been late in paying some of them at times, but who hasn't in these past few years. Quite a few of our officers have paid out of their own pockets expenses incurred for the society. But so far, none of us has had to dig deep and shoulder expenses that the society couldn't possibly meet. It has been embarrassing at times that we could not pay our bills because some of our BULLETIN advertisers did not pay for their space. But we believe that these delinquents will pay some day, and when they do, the financial committee's worries will be lessened.

Shows continue to cost more than they bring in in gate receipts and revenue from trade space. Perhaps some who show Dahlias have been discommoded from lack of space or vases. Possibly some members who don't attend our ways and means committee meetings think that the society is entirely self sustaining and that it is all right to receive the BULLETIN for several issues and then not pay their dues. Please remember this, other members have to pay for everything you may do unthinkingly to cost the society money.

Aside from these little worries and a few we haven't mentioned, we have made a tremendous progress towards the promotion of better understanding of the true purposes of the society. Good fellowship is rife among all societies and among our participating groups.

During our term of office we have had the greatest coöperation from all our people. They have given unstintingly of their time. The spirit of "what is the greatest good for the greatest number" has helped to get us over many obstacles. To all who have thus given of their energies and of their money to make our task as leader easier, we give our most heartfelt thanks.

The Society's future will be in good hands. To our new president, I pledge my support because I know that whoever is elected he or she will carry on the work of the A. D. S. in a manner to serve the best interests of you, its members. I feel sure that you will give my successor the same measure of coöperation that you have given me. I thank you, every one. It's been a grand experience.

Field Day at Storrs

20th ANNIVERSARY

The twentieth anniversary of the operation of the A. D. S. official trial grounds at the University of Connecticut at Storrs was celebrated September 9th.

Two programs were arranged by Professor Patch in honor of the occasion. The first took place at the University Dining Hall at lunch time. Professor Patch welcomed the visitors and acted as toastmaster and introduced Dr. R. B. Corbett, Director of Extension Service and Coordinator of Agriculture.

Dr. Corbett discussed "the value of a varietal test garden." In his remarks he stressed the need of checking the flora as produced by nature to determine its value to gardeners. He said that was the real purpose back of education as constituted at the experiment stations all over the country. "That any one test garden could be maintained for two decades, particularly for the testing of one flower, was remarkable," said Dr. Corbett. He concluded by stating that the University of Connecticut would continue to maintain the high standard of culture that had been set by Professor Patch and his predecessors, George Fraser and William



Miss Barbara Turney Everett, University of Connecticut graduate. Field Day's efficient Secretary.

Sweeny. He assured the Dahlia people present that he hoped they would continue to come to succeeding Field Days at Storrs.

Professor Patch then introduced George Fraser who reminisced about the early days of the trial garden. Said he thought the pioneers in the A. D. S. and at Storrs did not have any idea at the beginning that the garden would be conducted for so many years and render such a service as it has rendered to Dahlia growers everywhere.

Next on the program was Lynn B. Dudley who discussed the future of the "American Dahlia Society Trial Grounds." He said no small part of the task of maintaining the interest in the "first American garden flower" was due to the "Certificates of Merit" issued by the A. D. S. to the worthy new novelties scoring 85 points or over at Storrs Trial Grounds.

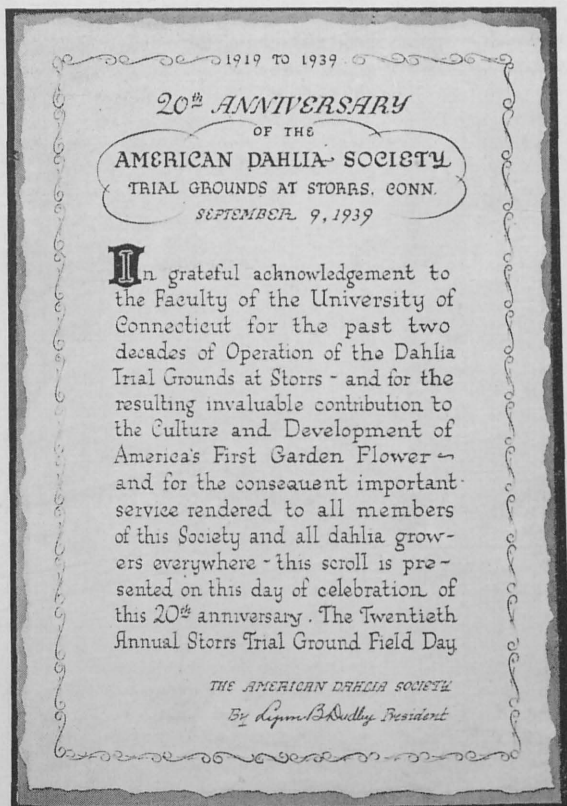
At the conclusion of his talk, he presented to Dr. Corbett a scroll epitomizing the great and far reaching value of the test garden to the society and to the Dahlia world at large. The scroll is illustrated herewith.

The second program followed immediately at the tent pitched at the trial grounds.

A. J. Brundage, State 4-H Club leader, University of Connecticut, gave a most amusing account of his experience in growing Dahlias. Many humorous episodes in his "Dahlia life" were revealed.

Dr. A. M. Porter, Assistant Professor of Vegetable Gardening, University of Connecticut, next gave a fine talk on successful efforts in coordinating work of agricultural tests in various states. He defined what the experimentors were really looking for in vegetables. The

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Scroll presented to University of Connecticut by A.D.S.
—Photo, Prof. J. A. Manter

Ohio Valley Show

The O. V. D. A. Show was a great success after much concern because of the unusual dry late summer and fall. From far points came entries along with the local growers thus building up a large entry making the Show comparable with the best. This was the first year for the past five that the O. V. D. A. Show was moved from the Hotel Netherland Plaza. The fine spacious ballroom, mezzanine and halls of the Masonic Temple proved very satisfactory.

Along with the usual Dahlia entries were the various Garden Club and Estates exhibits. This section of the Show was well patronized with many of the most beautiful specimens being found in its classes. Much credit can be given to those who made this part of the big O. V. D. A. Show a success.

The B. W. Lamson, Leonard Smith, C. W. Henry, Benjamin Tate, Dr. Julian Benjamin and several others were very prominent in the Estate division. The blooms as exhibited by these various estates proved among the best in the Show.

Fine creations by the various Garden Clubs whose members presented some very unusual arrangements just about topped the Show as the best. Special credit is given to the officers of the Federation headed by Mrs. Cary McCord, and the various Presidents of the contributing clubs.

It was noted this year the vast increase of entry in the small flowering varieties. In this section were to be found color, form and beauty hardly to be expected from only the larger sorts. As the march of time demands something different the Dahlia is keeping pace with the times. Among the varieties that won high honors in the small varieties were *Mrs. Telford*, *Little Edith*, *Betty Ann*, *Mrs. V. Brittain*, *Johnnie*, *Donnie*, *Honey*, *Mary Mums*, *Baby Royal*, *Market Jewell*, *Buckeye Baby*, and *Sylvia*.

To grow the older standard varieties well and not become overly anxious to have only the new originations was again borne out when such varieties as *Marie*, *Oakleigh Monarch*, *Queen City*, *Kentucky Sun*, *Grand Master*, *Blue River*, *Volcano*, *Lois Walcher*, *Peace*, *Cherokee Brave*, *California Idol*, *Lord of Autumn*, *Freda George*, *Golden Beauty*, *Miss Parkersburg*, *Robert Ripley*, *Discovery*, and *Kentucky Sportsman*. The best in the ball varieties were *Mary Helen*, *Charlotte Caldwell* and *Snow Queen*.

Cactus varieties are always a high light of any Dahlia Show and this year was no exception when such leaders as *Ballego's Surprise*, *Greater Glory*, *Saarlands Heimkehr*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Dulcinia*, *Son of Satan*, *Royal Purchase*, *Golden Standard* (this being the finest and most perfect flower in the Show), *Shirley Temple*, *Ella May* and *Kardinal Von Rossom*.

In most every Dahlia Show no matter how small or large the beautiful types and colors are found in the semi-cactus sorts. The leaders in this section were *American Purity*, *Corallina*, *Prachtkerl*, *Color Sargent* (really an old variety revived), and *Gene Trimbee*.

In the seedling class three varieties stood out most prominent. After much comparison and opinion the winner was *Begonia Rose* a commercial type not very large with extra good stems and a good marketable color. Closely following was *Cheer Leader* a most useful sort that had substance, fine rose pink color with fine stems and so constructed that it could stand rough handling. A coming favorite. The other entry that registered was a blended formal with pink and mauve shading that will capture the attention of many before long.

The O. V. D. A. Show in general was a success with the usual quality and quantity of blooms. Many traveling persons that have made it a habit to visit several of the leading Dahlia Shows each fall proclaimed that the O. V. D. A. exhibition was the best of the year.

G. A. Richardson.

New York World's Fair Dahlia Show

The Horticultural Building of Gardens on Parade was the setting for a successful Dahlia Exhibition, September 29th and 30th.

Several fine commercial displays transformed the Rotunda into a gaiety of color. Queens Dahlia Gardens of Flushing received a bronze medal for their display—the supreme award going to Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey, whose exhibit surpassed their display at New York a few days before.

The tables throughout the long hall were well filled with exhibits, some classes calling for close decisions of the judges.

Major prize winners were Albert Parrella, C. Louis Alling, Henry Olsen and Dr. Bruce B. Preas, whose *Murphy's Masterpiece* was awarded best and largest in the Show.

Judges included George Fraser, Lynn B. Dudley and Gordon F. Waaser of the American Dahlia Society and Estate superintendents, George Watts, G. Hendricks and B. Mecchi.

The Show attracted thousands of visitors and was received with enthusiasm.

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standardization of varieties to better serve the public is their first consideration. Next, he said, came the demand for quality and food value in vegetable.

At the conclusion of the program, Professor Patch gave a demonstration of the various classes of Dahlias. He pointed out what the judges were looking for in novelties which might be better than existing varieties. He mentioned the importance of resistance to pest, good foliage, size, color and form. A discussion followed which developed how great the interest of growers has become in "favorable" and "unfavorable" points which, in the end, determine the future worth of a Dahlia in commerce.

East Liverpool, Ohio, Dahlia Society

It is with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction we report our Fourteenth Annual Dahlia Show. Our Society is the oldest in the state of Ohio and we believe this to be our greatest Show both in quality and quantity of bloom. Having 9,020 blooms, 640 entries, 74 exhibitors and 120 classes.

A feature of our Show was the crowning of a Dahlia Queen, being the first time this was featured in this district; also the christening of a new seedling owned by Mr. H. H. Robbens of Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

We were also fortunate to secure the services of Mr. John Strasen, President of the Dahlia Society of Ohio to take charge of the crowning of the Queen which was conducted in an excellent manner. Miss Patty Lou Gallimore was the chosen Queen, dressed in a beautiful turquoise blue gown, with accessories to match. Miss Gallimore being a decided blonde made a most beautiful appearance.

We secured this year the following medals, the *American Home* Achievement medal, *House Beautiful* Futurity medal, the State of Georgia medal, the State of Ohio Dahlia medal, the American Dahlia Society medal.

Mr. Harold Gallimore is in a large way responsible for the success of our fine Show this year as he was Show Manager and quite capable in so doing.

The members of our Society also took part in staging another fine Show in a neighboring city of Wellsville, Ohio.

Our Society recently terminated a membership campaign which netted us over one hundred new members for which we are having a banquet in the near future.

Our next regular meeting will be November 2, 1939, at which time Mr. Oliver Shurtleff will be the principle speaker and will show moving pictures of his Dahlia Pageant.

Section 1. Growing Dish Gardens. Presidents Cup, Mrs. Inez Smith.

Section 2. *House Beautiful* Magazine Award. Medal for the best display for six blooms found on the Johnson Honor Roll for 1939. Mr. J. Thomas Watkins, 3 *Lois Walchers*, 1 *Hillest Sunset*, 2 *Everybody's Favorite*.

Section 3. Pompons, Class 3. Mr. H. H. Robbens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Award 5 pounds Vigoro.

Section 4. Miniature decorative, Class 8. Mrs. Carrie Wind, Rocky River, Ohio. Award 25 pounds Bonemeal, *Scarlet Pepperel*.

Section 5. Miniature cactus, Class 13. John Eccleston, *Seedling No. 1*. Award 25 pounds Bonemeal.

Section 6. Ball Dahlias, Class 16. John Eccleston. Award, pair silver bud vases. *Dainty Ball*.

Section 7. A. D. S., Class 19. Mr. H. H. Robbens. American Dahlia Society Medal. *American Purity*.

Sections 8 and 9. Formal decorative, Class 21. D. F. Reynolds, Wellsville, Ohio. Award, E. L. D. S. Cup. *Darcy Sainsbury*.

Sections 10 and 11. Informal decorative, Class 27. H. H. Robbens. Award E. L. D. S., silver cup. *American Legion*.

Section 12. Cactus Dahlia over 7 inches, Class 36. John Eccleston. Award, large vase. *Van Rossum*.

Section 13. Cactus Dahlia under 7 inches, Class 38. H. H. Robbens. Award, silver cup. *Wisser Hirsch*.

Sections 14 and 15. Semi-cactus, Class 47. Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens. Award, E. L. D. S. Cup. *Scarlet Leader*.

Section 16. Color classes, Class 51. Roy Smith. Award, Tank Sprayer. *California Idol*.

Section 17. Mixed varieties, Class 56. J. Thomas Watkins. Award, E. L. D. Silver Cup. *Carl Dahl*, *Robert Ripley*, *Everybody's Favorite*.

Section 18. Class 57, General display. Mrs. Harold Gallimore. Award, Silver Cup.

Section 19. Seedling Class, open to any one. Class 62. J. W. Cowie, Cleveland, Ohio. Award, large ribbon rosette.

Section 20. *American Home* Undisseminated Seedlings, Class 65. Mr. DelBrugge, Martins Ferry, Ohio. *American Home* Achievement Medal. 3 blooms of *Lucilla*.

Section 21. Non-member, Class 71. William Haugh, Wellsville, Ohio. *Robert Ripley*. Award, one year membership to the E. L. D. S.

Section 22. Gladiolus, Class 76. Nathan Mint, East Palestine, Ohio. Award, large basket. *Betty Nuthall*.

Section 23. Roses, Class 83. Mr. Benjamin L. Bennet. *Better Times*. Award, pair fiesta bud vases.

Section 24. Roses, Class 87. Mr. Benjamin L. Bennet. *Joanna Hill*. Award, pair of bulb candle holders.

Section 25. Class 89, miniature vase. Mrs. Harold Gallimore. Award, pair tripod candle holders.

Section 26. White arrangement, Class 90. W. M. Crawford, Wellsville, Ohio. Award, large fiesta vase.

Section 27. Centerpiece arrangement, Class 91. Mrs. Harold Gallimore. Award, table bouquet holder.

Section 28. Collarette, Class 92. Mrs. Harold Gallimore. Award, special ribbon.

Sections 29 and 30. Novice, Class 98. Mrs. Ada Mint, East Palestine, Ohio. Award, \$5.50 root value, for largest in class. Large fiesta vase, class sweepstakes, 25 pounds Bonemeal.

Section 31. Vase and basket, Class 107. John Zazo, Akron, Ohio. Class 108. W. M. Crawford, Wellsville, Ohio. Class 109. Bertha Linduff, New Cumberland, West Virginia. Class 110. George Schepp, East Liverpool, Ohio. Class 111. Mrs. Harold Gallimore, East Liverpool, Ohio. Class 112. John Eccleston, East Liverpool, Ohio. Class 114. Frank Richmond, Chester, West Virginia. Class 115. Frank Richmond, Chester, West Virginia. Class 116. Frank Richmond, Chester, West Virginia. Class 117. Raymond Beaver, East Liverpool, Ohio. Class 118. Mrs. Frank Shone, East Liverpool, Ohio. Class 119. John Eccleston, East Liverpool, Ohio. Award, for best in group, large vase. Award, each receiving first award in Section 31, one Tuberous Begonia: C. E. Lowe, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Section 32. Commercial Growers. Bertha Linduff, New Cumberland, West Virginia. Henry Retzer, East Bridgewater, Pennsylvania.

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Miss Patty Lou Gallimore, her blonde beauty enhanced by a lovely turquoise blue gown, christens Dahlia "Ceramic Queen". Originated by Mr. H. H. Robbens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Show

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

The First Annual Dahlia Show of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society (Branch of the American Dahlia Society) was held September 8th and 9th in the main auditorium of the Scranton Young Women's Christian Association. The Show was very ably managed by General Chairman Orrin F. Keen who was assisted by Dr. R. H. Armstrong, George Beck, Earl Holmes, Fred Hall, Milton Clemow, Z. W. Kosmela, Wade Taylor, H. E. Washer, J. C. Melville, J. D. English, E. A. Lewis, Herbert Lewis, E. M. Keck and R. W. Webb.

More than 1,000 entries of Dahlias, from the giant decoratives to the tiny pompons, were shown in the eight sections which provided classes to fit all types of exhibitors from the juniors and novices to the commercial growers. The entire auditorium well filled with Dahlias, and nothing but Dahlias were shown in competition. All types and colors being displayed in a gorgeous style. A grand Show in every respect, which exceeded all expectations.

The *House Beautiful* Dahlia Futurity Medal was won by Wade E. Taylor of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, with six blooms of the variety *Mrs. B. Ambers*.

Court of Honor class calling for the largest and most perfect bloom was won by Edward M. Keck of White Haven, Pennsylvania, with the variety *Katie K.*

Court of Honor class calling for the smallest and most perfect bloom was won by Roy W. Webb of Scranton, Pennsylvania, with the variety *Mrs. J. Telfer*.

Arrangement of two or more types of Dahlias under 3½" arranged for color harmony and effect was won by Roy W. Webb with an arrangement of pompons and miniatures which blended from white down through the various shades of pink into deep lavender. The medal of the Dahlia Society of Michigan was the award in this class.

Basket of B-medium dahlias arranged for color harmony and effect was won by Clarks Summit Dahlia Gardens of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania.

The Presidents Trophy was awarded for the best basket of A-large Dahlias arranged for color harmony and effect and was won by Roy W. Webb. Again the color combination was a blending of colors from white down through the shades of pink into the deep lavenders.

The Z. W. Kosmela Gold Cup was awarded to Edward M. Keck for the best large Dahlia in the Show, the winning entry being the splendid *Katie K.* which also won in the Court of Honor class.

The undisseminated classes were won as follows: miniature decorative Dahlias, Clarks Summit Dahlia Gardens. Orchid flowering Dahlias, Mrs. G. S. Sawyer of Dallas, Pennsylvania. Straight cactus A-large, Clarks Summit Dahlia Gardens. Semi-cactus A-large, Clarks Summit Dahlia Gardens. Informal decorative A-large Clarks Summit Dahlia Gardens.

Section A. Juniors, open only to boys and girls under 16 years of age, was well filled. Jack Keen of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, winning the sweepstakes prize of a silver cup. Marion Keck of White Haven, Pennsylvania, winning the special with *Sylvia*. Other blue ribbon winning varieties in this section were: *Riehl*, *Anthracite Perfection*, *Jersey's Beauty*, *Jersey's Beacon*, *Jean Parturet*, *Morning Mist*, *Minnie Mouse* and *Vesper*.

Section B. Novice, open only to amateurs who grow less than 25 hills of Dahlias produced many fine blooms, but unfortunately many blooms were not tagged with the variety names. Sweepstakes for the most points in this section was won by Milton Clemow of Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Thomas Gillman of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, won the special for the most outstanding entry in this section with *Frau Ida Mansfield*. Other blue ribbon winning varieties in this section were: *Bernice Geer*, *Beauty Supreme*, *Mrs. George LeBoutillier*, and *Monmouth Champion*.

Section C. Open only to amateurs who grow less than 75 hills of Dahlias. Many splendid blooms were shown in this section. *Lois Walcher*, exhibited by Dr. R. H. Armstrong of Peckville, Pennsylvania, winning the Special for B-medium blooms. *Golden Standard* exhibited by Dr. Armstrong winning the special for A-large blooms. *Whisper* as exhibited by Fred Boeth of Peck-

ville, Pennsylvania, won as the outstanding entry of 5 blooms of miniatures or pompons. Other blue ribbon winning varieties in this section were: *Miss Ohio* and *Bette Davis* exhibited by Fred Boeth. *Ballego's Surprise*, *Miss Glory*, *Adolph Mayer*, *Mrs. C. E. Wildon*, and *Cherokee Brave* exhibited by Dr. Armstrong. *Shirley Temple* and *Carl Dahl* exhibited by Earl Holmes of Scranton, Pennsylvania. *Discovery*, *Katie K.*, and *Jean Trimbee* exhibited by Z. W. Kosmela of Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Sam Kasson of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, won in the class classing for 5 collarettes with a splendid entry of *Tribune*.

Section D. Open only to amateurs who grow less than 100 hills of Dahlias showed many of the best blooms in the Show. The special for the most outstanding entry of 3 blooms of B-medium Dahlias was won by Edward Keck of White Haven, Pennsylvania, with *Miss Belgium*. Special for the most outstanding entry of one bloom A-large was won by Edward Keck with *Freda George*. Herbert Lewis and Son won in the class calling for the largest and most perfect bloom with a fine big *Carl Dahl*. Special for the best 5 blooms of miniatures was won by Herbert Lewis and Son with the variety *E. E. Holmes, Jr.*, a swell little red miniature. Special for the best 5 blooms of pompons was won by O. F. Keen with the variety *Edith Mueller*. Special for the most outstanding entry of Ball, Single, Collarlet or Orchid flowering Dahlias was won by Herbert Lewis & Son with an arrangement of orchid flowering Dahlias, using *Abington Brightspot*, a swell rose pink variety. Sweepstakes for the most points for B-medium and A-large Dahlias was won by Edward Keck. Sweepstakes for Miniatures and Pompons was won by Herbert Lewis and Son. Grand Sweepstakes for Section D was won by Edward Keck. Other blue ribbon winning varieties in this section were: *Marietta E.*, *Louise Bates*, *Jean Trimbee*, *Miss Oakland*, *Premiers Majestic*, *Baby Royal*, *Yellow Gem* and *Little Edith* exhibited by Herbert Lewis and Son. *Riehl*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Miss Glory*, *Geneva Giant*, *Kentucky Dawn*, *Great Eastern* and *Katie K.* exhibited by Edward Keck. *Lois Walcher*, *Jersey's Beauty*, *Mar-grace*, *Mrs. George LeBoutillier* and *Joe Fette* exhibited by Miss Mary Clark of Scranton, Pennsylvania. *Greater Glory* and *Unweary Dwarf Hybrids* exhibited by Fred Hall of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Section E. Open to all amateurs growing less than 300 hills of Dahlias brought out the most blooms and the hottest competition of any section of the Show. Special for the most outstanding entry of three blooms of B-medium Dahlias was won by R. W. Webb with *Marietta E.* Special for the most outstanding entry of one bloom A-large cactus or semi-cactus Dahlias was won by W. E. Taylor of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, with *Goodwill*. Special for the most outstanding entry of one bloom of A-large decorative was won by W. E. Taylor with *Darcy Sainsbury*, a truly wonderful bloom. Special for the most outstanding entry of three blooms of A-large was won by Stephen Dula of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, with three blended color Dahlias but we were unable to locate the variety tag showing the name. Largest and most perfect bloom class was won by R. W. Webb with a swell bloom of *Glamour*. Special for the most outstanding entry of blooms of miniatures was won by R. W. Webb with the variety *Petit Sonne*. Special for the most outstanding entry of five blooms of pompons was won by R. W. Webb with *Nerissa*. Special for the most outstanding entry of ball, single, collarlet or orchid flowering Dahlias was won by Stephen Dula with *Mary Helen* ball Dahlias. Special for an arrangement of miniatures or pompons was won by R. W. Webb with a basket of miniatures. Sweepstakes for B-medium Dahlias was won by R. W. Webb. Sweepstakes for A-large Dahlias was won by Stephen Dula. Sweepstakes for miniatures, pompons, balls, singles, collarettes and orchid flowering Dahlias was won by R. W. Webb. Grand Sweepstakes for the most points in Section E was won by R. W. Webb, the award being the Silver Medal of the American Dahlia Society. Other blue ribbon winning varieties in Section E were: *Nida Sneff*, *Ella May*, *Mary Baker*, *Rose Glory*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Golden Standard*, *Charles Zupp*, *Paul Pfitzer*, *Miss West Virginia*, *American Purity*, *Jessica Dragonette*, *Corolina*, *Greater Glory*, *Bette Davis*, *Tiger*, *Sultan of Hillcrest*, *Blue River*, *Andrea Ericson*, *California Idol*, *Miss Parkersburg*, *Mrs. George LeBoutillier*, *W. H. T.*, *Grace Moore*, *Discovery*, *Kentucky Sportsman*, *Jane Cox*, *Grand Master*, *Major Boaes*, *Sylvia*, *Peytie Conway*, *Blue Star*, *Rosalie*, *Grain-O-Gold*, *Little Edith*, *Belle of Springfield*, *Sherry*, *Edith Mueller* and *Coronne*.

Section F. Open to all. This section produced many grand blooms and more exhibitors than in any of the other sections of the Show. The exhibitors winning ribbons being: Clarks Summit Dahlia Gardens, Mrs. G. S. Sawyer, Edward M. Keck, W. E. Taylor, Herbert Lewis & Son, Z. W. Kosmela, Earl Holmes, R. W. Webb, Stephen Dula and Ernest Heinan.

We are sorry to have to report that so many of the entries failed to show variety names that it is impossible to report the winning varieties as we would like to report same. Why some

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Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc. Show

The Ninth Annual Dahlia Show of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc., was held at the Wisconsin Electric Power Company's auditorium in the City of Milwaukee on Saturday and Sunday, September 9th and 10th.

This year's Show was outstanding for its undisseminated class entries, there being seventeen entries competing in this class for the *American Home Achievement Medal*, and the quality was also noteworthy. It was by far the best undisseminated class in the history of the Wisconsin Show. The winners in this class were as follows:

Best formal decorative. *A. G. Goodacre* exhibited by Theodore F. Schroeder, Mukwonago, for the originator, Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan.

Best informal decorative. *Eventide* (Seedling No. 113) exhibited by George R. Currie, Sheboygan, for the originator, Walter Bissell, Austinburg, Ohio.

Best cactus. *Thunderbolt* exhibited by the originator, Professor Lew Sarett, Ravinia, Illinois.

Best semi-cactus. *Yellow Comet* exhibited by the originator, Mrs. Josephine Derse, Oconomowoc.

Best Wisconsin origination. *Governor Heil* exhibited by the originator, Mrs. W. A. Delaporte, Milwaukee.

A. G. Goodacre is a yellow formal decorative with white tips eight to nine inches in diameter. *Eventide* is a purple informal decorative, a seedling of *Thomas Edison*, nine to ten inches in diameter with excellent stems and foliage; and it won a Certificate of merit at the East Lansing Trial Garden in 1938 with a score of 86. *Thunderbolt* is an eleven inch red straight cactus with exceptionally long, strong stems. *Yellow Comet* is a ten inch yellow semi-cactus which scored a Certificate of Merit at East Lansing in 1937. *Governor Heil* is a large, full petaled, orange cactus measuring ten inches or more in diameter, which is slightly incurved in formation.

The judges awarded the *American Home Achievement medal* to *Thunderbolt*, an honor bestowed on it at the Racine, Wisconsin, show the week previous, and at the Central States Dahlia Society Show, Chicago, the week following the Wisconsin Show.

Two classes which are always outstanding features at Wisconsin Shows are the class for ten best blooms in the Open to All Section and the class of six best blooms in the Amateur Section. Mrs. W. A. Delaporte of Milwaukee was the winner in the ten bloom class, using the following varieties: *Katie K.*, *Andree Baysselance*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Gay Knight*, Mrs. C. J. Sowton, *Azura*, *Plue d'Or*, *Paul Bunyan's Charm*, *Mayor Frank Otis*, and *Gladys Sanford*. The best six in the Amateur Section was one by George R. Currie, Sheboygan, with *Alice May*, *Bette Davis*, *Greater Glory*, *Lord of Autumn*, *Robert L. Ripley*, and *Sunrays*.

The *House Beautiful Futurity medal* was won by George R. Currie, Sheboygan, with two *Your Lucky Star*, two *Glamour*, one *Everybody's Favorite*, and one *Rita Wells*. The judges also selected this entry of six blooms as the most meritorious display in the Show in awarding the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association medal. Also, a bloom of *Your Lucky Star* in this same entry was awarded the Dahlia Society of Michigan medal as being the most perfect bloom in the Show at five o'clock, p. m., on the second day of the Show.

Other winners in the Show were as follows:

Most perfect flower in Show over 8 inches, *Lord of Autumn*, George R. Currie, Sheboygan.

Most perfect flower in Show under 8 inches, *Julius Bunge*, Joe Stonek, Racine.

Largest flower in Show, *Carl G. Dahl*, Joe Stonek, Racine.

Most perfect flower in Open to All over 8 inches, *Alice May*, Thomas C. Christiansen, Racine.

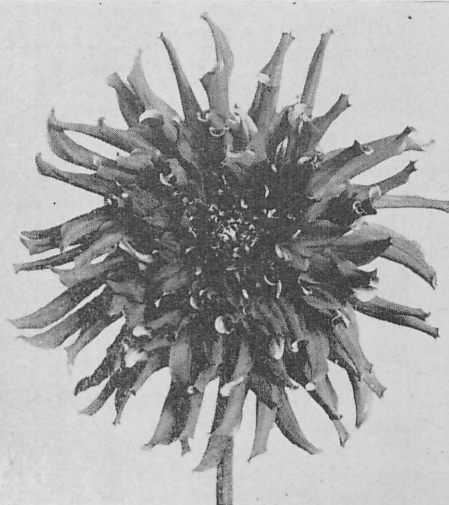
Most perfect flower in Open to All under 8 inches, *Julius Bunge*, Joe Stonek, Racine.

Largest flower in Open to All, *Carl G. Dahl*, Joe Stonek, Racine.

Most perfect flower in Amateur over 8 inches, *Lord of Autumn*, George R. Currie, Sheboygan.

Most perfect flower in Amateur under 8 inches, *Madam Georges Pezant*, Harry Ploog, Madison.

Largest flower in Amateur, *Lord of Autumn*, George R. Currie, Sheboygan.



"Thunderbolt"—brilliant Scarlet Cactus of huge size. Won Achievement Medals at Racine, Milwaukee and Cleveland. Also Best Seedling at Lake Forest. Originator, Prof. Lew Sarett. Introducer, Mad River Gardens, Urbana, Ohio.

Most perfect flower in Novice, *Ballego's Surprise*, Arthur T. Zastrow, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Largest Flower in Novice, *Discovery*, A. G. Gettelman, Milwaukee.

Most perfect flower in Non-member, *Cherokee Brave*, Frank Barriere, Racine.

Largest Flower in Non-member, *Robert L. Ripley*, Theodore Simon, Racine.

Most perfect flower in Small Flowering Varieties, *Jamboree*, T. F. Schroeder, Mukwonago.

The winners of sweepstakes were as follows:

Open to All, Joe Stonek, Racine.

Amateur, Harry Ploog, Madison.

Novice, Thelma Ochenschlager, Sullivan.

Non-member, Theodore Simon, Racine.

Small flowering, T. F. Schroeder, Mukwonago.

Shadow box displays on three sides of the Show Room, together with the placing of the undisseminated entries on a specially constructed stand built in the shape of a pyramid and located in the center of the room, added much to the attractive appearance of the Show.

Out-of-state judges who officiated were J. Louis Roberts of Chicago, Prof. Lew Sarett of Ravinia, Illinois, and Harry Franzen of Maywood, Illinois.

The annual banquet of our Society was held on the first evening of the Show, the outstanding feature of which was an inspirational talk by Prof. Lew Sarett which warmed the hearts of all Dahlia fans present. The attendance at the banquet was the largest we have ever had. At the business meeting which followed the banquet, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

President, George R. Currie, Sheboygan. Vice-president, W. E. Kemen, Wauwatosa. Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Kemen, Wauwatosa. Treasurer, Dr. H. O. Hoppe, Milwaukee. Regional Vice-presidents: Joseph Heineman, Milwaukee; T. F. Schroeder, Mukwonago; Thomas C. Christiansen, Racine; and Harry Ploog, Madison.

Mrs. W. E. Kemen, Secretary.

Dahlia Personals—and Personalities

By Oliver Shurtleff

Secretary, West Virginia Dahlia Society
Vice-President, American Dahlia Society

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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.

"From Out of the West"

He isn't entirely unknown to Dahlia people and to Dahlia fame. However, a great number of Dahlia people have not met him personally. And that is their loss. Dahlia people should know him.

To me, he is a recently acquired Dahlia friend. I met him just "tother" day at the 1939 Mid West Dahlia Show in Cleveland while we were working together as judges. I immediately claimed him as my own new Dahlia friend. I liked him from the very beginning!

He came to us from England, the land of intense flower lovers. For nineteen years he has lived on our continent and in our country. During these nineteen years he has gone from our most eastern shores to our most western boundaries until now we find him living happily and constructively in sunny California.

As I talked with my new Dahlia friend and as I listened to him as he talked I was possessed with a feeling that here was a man who knew and understood flowers—that he companioned with them and they with him. I felt that his knowledge of flowers was not of the superficial type but that it was a deeper and more significant knowledge—the kind which gave him a "speech of authority" and not as "of the scribes."

And now, I give my new Dahlia friend to you. An intelligent florist, a fine citizen, and a worthwhile friend. I trust that many will learn to know him. He is "Lodge of Rockleigh Gardens."

Being British formerly, he says that he is related to Sir Oliver Lodge, but unlike the great Sir Oliver, "I have nothing spooky about myself."

The Dahlia Study Club Cleveland, Ohio

The Dahlia Study Club of Cleveland, Ohio, gave an exhibition of Dahlias at the Garden Center Building in Wade Park, Sunday, October 1st.

One hundred and fifty entries, with approximately five hundred blooms, made a fine showing.

One young lady was heard to remark: "It is just like a fairyland."

The attendance being eight hundred and twenty-two was very gratifying.

R. E. Devney was the chairman; E. A. Papish, co-chairman; Mrs. W. F. Biermann, chairman of exhibits; and Katherine C. Freeman, secretary.

Katherine C. Freeman, Secretary.

1939 West Virginia Dahlia Show and Flower Pageant

Our Show was just a little bit better than our usual Show and much larger. It was also our best arranged Show. The success on arrangements is due entirely to Mr. C. M. Roberts who had charge of staging the Show. Our thanks are due Mr. Roberts. Incidentally, it might be said, Mr. Roberts has already blue-printed the Show rooms for the 1940 Show. With the Show growing in size from year to year, room becomes a matter of real planning. This planning has been done. Next year's plans will allow for several extra large exhibits and with less crowding. Exhibitors will be assured of plenty of room for the 1940 Show.

Dates for the 1940 Show will probably be Friday and Saturday, September 13th and 14th. These dates will be confirmed at our mid-winter meeting. The 1940 Show plans also call for the flower pageant, "THE COURT OF FLOWERS." More anon concerning 1940!

Outstanding winners at the Show were Rose-Mary Dahlia Gardens, Martins Ferry, Ohio; V. H. Eberts, Winfield; S. E. Taylor, Morgantown; Wilson's Gardens, Philippi; W. E. Smith, Parkersburg; Strassen Floral Gardens, Austinburg, Ohio; Forest View Gardens, Fairmont; Mrs. George L. Kerr, Fairmont; Mrs. H. C. Miller, Grafton; Mrs. E. O. Hall, Fairmont; Claude Linger, Fairmont; Harold Weimer, Worthington; Henry Niezgoda, Rachel. Non-competitive exhibits were shown by Colliers Corporation, Jesse Lynch, Glen Hawkins and College Park Dahlia Patch, all of Fairmont.

Prominent flowers in the winning classes were *Robert Ripley*, Mrs. C. J. Sowton, *Pride of Austinburg*, *Kardinal Von Rossum*, *Mary Taylor*, *Rosalie*, *Bob White*, *Katie K.*, *Lois Walcher*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Oakley Monarch*, *Miss Parkersburg*, *Pride of Austinburg*, *Cherokee Brave*, *American Purity*, *Glamour*, *Mad River Chief*, *Lord of Autumn*, *Freda George*, *Greater Glory*, *Paul Bunyan's Charm*, and a world of pompons and miniatures. These little flowers are rapidly assuming a very prominent place in many Dahlia Shows. There is still room for more of them.

Oliver Shurtleff, Secretary.

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Annual Dahlia Show

Camden Dahlia & Horticultural Society

The Annual Dahlia Show of the Camden Dahlia & Horticultural Society was held September 29th and 30th at the Camden County Vocational School. The gym and adjoining rooms were attractively decorated and formed a delightful background for the thousands of beautiful blooms displayed.

In the sixty-five Dahlia classes there were many entries in each class. And notwithstanding the prolonged drought the quality of the blooms was excellent. The attendance as usual was very satisfactory and we were favored with good weather.

Again we had many of our friends from neighboring states with us—Stanley Johnson of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, won the *American Home* Achievement Medal for the most worthy undisminated Dahlia with *Champ*. Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Rockville Centre, N. Y., won the Camden Dahlia Society Bronze Medal for formal decorative. Roy Stock of Penn Argyll, Pennsylvania, won the A. D. S. Bronze Medal with *Scarlet Ann*. Stanley Johnson also won the C. D. S. Bronze Medal for miniature closed centers. Henry Corey, Maryland, with *Virginia Shipley* won the *House Beautiful* Dahlia Futurity Medal. John C. Menck, Jr., of Baltimore, with seventeen firsts and several seconds was one of the consistent winners from a neighboring state.

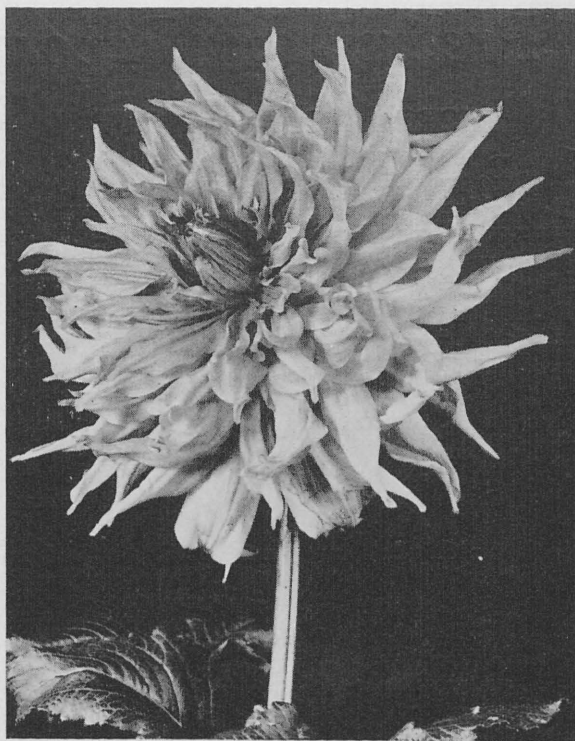
Perhaps a description of Mr. Johnson's *Champ* would not be amiss at this point, but as it will undoubtedly be fully described in the Dahlia Futurity list we will not attempt to do it.

Our judges—Dr. C. H. Connors, Conrad Frey, Stanley Johnson, Bennett K. Matlack, Joseph Nuneviller and Dr. Bruce Preas are to be congratulated for their very creditable work, as is the Show Manager, Mr. H. O. Alexander, for staging and bringing to a successful conclusion one of the best Shows we have ever had.

The old favorites go right on winning. *California Idol*, *American Purity*, *Jersey's Beauty* and *Lilac Glory* are just a few that seem to win right along wherever exhibited. And while Camden is noted for its seedling classes we feel that in spite of the fact that each year seems to bring us such exceptional Dahlias as *Virginia Shipley*, *Marietta E.*, *Champ*, etc., the old favorites hold most of our attention.

Some of the winners are: Charles Allen, Jr., with *Ballego's Surprise*, *Margrace*, *California Idol*, *American Purity*, *Freda George*; D. B. Truit with *Your Lucky Star*; Lester Hilyard with *Mrs. Lester Hilyard*; H. O. Alexander with a white cactus seedling as yet unnamed; C. S. Charnan with *Good Night*; J. B. Davis with *Mary Helen* (it still seems to win in the ball class); John C. Mencke with *Mother Maytrott*, *Jack Frost*, *Son of Satan*, *Robert Ripley*, *Kathleen Norris*, *California Idol*, *Milton Cross*, *Discovery*, *Amelia Earhart*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Mrs. Herbert O'Connor*, *Dulcenia*, *Jeannette McDonald* and *Jersey's Beauty*.

All in all the arrangements in the various classes were good and have caused much favorable comment. The garden classes of which there were about sixty, were well filled and some of the arrangements very well done.



"Maffie"—huge intense Red Semi-Cactus won Achievement Medal at Camden for Stanley Johnston, Cheltenham, Pa.

Thus terminates another of Camden's Dahlia Shows and like its predecessors it was just a bit better than the last one.

Charles H. Allen, Jr.

DR. HERMAN TROSSBACH

On October 1, 1939, a great man passed from our midst, a man so great in human kindness that words to do him justice would sound hollow and meaningless.

And today, while hundreds of his friends paid their last tribute and while many, many of his patients who owe him so much in health and happiness filed past his bier, there stood in his garden in the drizzling rain his beloved Dahlias and from the bent heads of heavy, beautiful blooms, fell steady drops like tears of mourning for a friend they had forever lost.

And in the flower laden room a vase of immense blooms looked down for the last time upon a still and kindly face, upon eyes now closed forever, upon hands now at rest that had watched and worked over such blooms with loving care year after year from early Spring till killing frost. A great flower lover, a keen judge of quality blooms, a man who gave freely from his vast store of knowledge to all who come to him for advice, the Dahlia world has lost much.

How much can but be appreciated by one who had the privilege of being called his friend.

A. Swoboda.

Preliminary Reports of Trial Grounds

STORRS, CONNECTICUT

Dahlias Scoring 85 or Better

32-65. Mrs. R. D. McAuliffe, 486 32nd Avenue, San Francisco, California. 85C. Formal decorative.

Bandoeng. J. G. Ballego & Sons, Bloemhove, Leiden, Holland. 85E. Informal decorative.

Yellow Giant. J. G. Ballego & Sons, Bloemhove, Leiden, Holland. 86C, 85E. Incurved cactus.

2-36. John Young, 221 Asilomar Boulevard, Pacific Grove, California. 85S. Miniature formal decorative.

Brass Button. Bertha Linduff, R. R. No. 1, New Cumberland, West Virginia. 85S. Pompon.

Mrs. James Albin. Badetty Brothers, Huntington Dahlia Gardens, Huntington, N. Y. 85C. Formal decorative.

10-35. Badetty Brothers, Huntington Dahlia Gardens, Huntington, N. Y. 85S. Miniature formal decorative.

55-35. Badetty Brothers, Huntington Dahlia Gardens, Huntington, N. Y. 85S. Miniature formal decorative.

Ginger Rogers. Mrs. J. C. Burks, 10 Quinlan Street, Lynchburg, Virginia. 85E. Informal decorative.

119-M7, *Red Robin*. Warren W. Maytrott, Dahlia del Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. 85S. Miniature formal decorative.

34-20. Stephenson's Dahlia Garden, 2318 Hill Street, Santa Monica, California. 85E. Informal decorative.

Red Single, Seedling. Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y. 85S. Single.

105. Conrad Frey, 245 High Street, Nutley, N. J. 85E. Semi-cactus.

9-8. J. Louis Roberts, 12147 Harvard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. 85E. Semi-cactus.

Chemar's Dahliamum. James Marsh, 192 School Street, Oyster Bay, N. Y. 86E. Informal decorative.

Grain-O-Gold. E. E. Tooker, 100 Windsor Avenue, Rockville Centre, N. Y. 85S. Pompon.

Purp. Lynn B. Dudley, 18 Interlaken Drive, Tuckahoe, N. Y. 85S. Miniature formal decorative.

Little Snow White. William A. Finger, Jr., Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y. 85S. Miniature ball.

Dahlias Scoring from 80 to 84

Canary Queen. 80S. Miniature formal decorative.
Kilgore's America Lee. 81E. Informal decorative.
Kilgore's Lucifer. 83E. Semi-cactus.
G. I. Mendel. 81C. Straight cactus.
Leiden's Miniature. 80S. Miniature peony.
No. III. 80E. Informal decorative.
Sun Proof. 83S. Pompon.
Mrs. Fred L. Tennant. 80E. Informal decorative.
Barbara. 80S. Miniature formal decorative.
Yellow Comet. 81E. Semi-cactus.
Emogene Malone. 81S. Miniature ball.
Funniface. 80S. Miniature formal decorative to miniature informal decorative.
Twin Towers. 83E. Informal decorative.
Golden Dacen. 80E. Informal decorative.
Ace High. 82E. Semi-Cactus to informal decorative.
 13-35. 80S. Miniature formal decorative.
 15-37. 80S. Miniature formal decorative.
Miss Pittsburgh. 83C. Straight cactus.

Autumn Beauty. 80C. 78E. Informal decorative.
 D-15-38. 81C. Straight Cactus.
Massasoit. 83E. Informal decorative.
 S35-14. 80E. Informal decorative.
Catonsville. 81E. Semi-cactus.
 S36-33. 83E. Semi-cactus.
Becky Thatcher. 80C. Formal decorative.
Gloria Bacher. 80E. Formal Decorative.
Dianne. 80S. Semi-cactus.
Dahlia del Wonder. 80C. Single.
 M I. 80E. Informal decorative.
 F 5. 80C. Formal decorative.
 G 7. 82E. Informal decorative.
 5-36-5. *Westwood Emperor*. 80E. Formal decorative.
Flame Collarette Seedling. 80S. Collarette.
 No. 50. 82E. Informal decorative.
 No. 52. 80E. Semi-cactus.
Mrs. C. L. Giffin. 82E. Informal decorative to semi-cactus.
Hillcrest Hobo. 82E. Informal decorative.
Mary Lynn Dudley. 83E. Semi-cactus.
 139. 83E. Informal decorative.
Premier's Winsome. 83E. Informal decorative.
Permanent Wave. 83E. Semi-cactus.
 B 44. 80E. Incurved cactus.
Sultan of Chemar. 82E. Informal decorative.
Wedding Bells. 82C. Formal decorative.

Mid West Trial Gardens Certificate Winners

Thirty-one Certificates of Merit were awarded out of a total of 92 varieties entered.

List of varieties scoring 85 or more and awarded Certificates of Merit.

Aracoma, Informal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by J. D. Engle, Huntington, West Virginia.

Lady Alice, Ball. Score 85C. Entered by Charles H. Jones, Naugatuck, Connecticut.

Mabel Roberts, Ball. Score 85S. Entered by Arthur Roberts, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Autumn King, Semi-cactus to informal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by Benjamin W. Hertel, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Seedling No. 10-35, Miniature formal decorative. Score 85S. Entered by Badetty Brothers, Huntington, N. Y.

Marion Brandis, Semi-cactus to cactus. Score 85C. Entered by Walter S. Brandis, Evansville, Indiana.

Red Cloud, Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Score 85.5E. Entered by A. H. Emmons, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Mary Taylor, Incurved cactus. Score 85C, 85E. Entered by S. E. Taylor, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Chas. F. Hoser, Formal decorative. Score 85C, 80E. Entered by Pioneer City Dahlia Gardens, Marietta, Ohio.

A. G. Goodacre, Formal decorative. Score 85.5E. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Originator C. H. Goodacre, Pomona, California.

Fred Payne, Cactus. Score 85E. Entered by Harry B. Melott, Buckeye Dahlia Gardens, Toledo, Ohio.

Penn Star, Formal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by Marion Brezler, Penn, Pennsylvania.

Seedling 36-33, Informal decorative becoming cactus. Score 85E. Entered by Chautauqua Dahlia Gardens, Mayville, N. Y.

Eva Mae, Formal decorative. Score 85C. Entered by

F. C. Wolfe, Athens, Michigan. Originator L. R. Shepherd, Norfolk, Virginia.

M.2, Informal decorative. Score 86E. Entered by H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Nancy Sue Mitchell, Incurved cactus. Score 86E, 85C. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y.

Stephenson's 34/20, Formal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by Stephenson Dahlia Gardens, Santa Monica, California.

Dorothy Mae Hertel, Formal decorative. Score 87E. Entered by Benjamin W. Hertel, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Doctor Wong, Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Score 85E. Entered by J. Louis Roberts, Chicago, Illinois.

Boy Scout, Formal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by Dr. Herbert L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland.

1-A, Informal decorative. Score 85.3E. Entered by O. W. Slocum, Ionia, Michigan.

10-A, Formal decorative. Score 85E, 82C. Entered by O. W. Slocum, Ionia, Michigan.

Pride of Norfolk, Informal decorative to formal decorative. 87E. Entered by O. W. Slocum, Ionia, Michigan. Originator C. B. Ambrose, Norfolk, Virginia.

Red Ruffles, Informal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by Forest View Gardens, Fairmont, West Virginia.

Hampton Roads, Informal decorative. Score 85E, 81.5C. Entered by Forest View Gardens, Fairmont, West Virginia.

D-15-38, Incurved cactus. Score 85.8C. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio.

Autumn Beauty, Informal decorative. Score 85C. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Originator F. C. Wolfe, Athens, Michigan.

Pink Amelia, Lacinated to semi-cactus to cactus. Score 85.2E. Entered by A. T. Edison, Springhill Dahlia Farm, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

B-44, Lacinated cactus to semi-cactus. Score 85C. Entered by F. V. R. Veirs & Sons, Canton, Ohio.

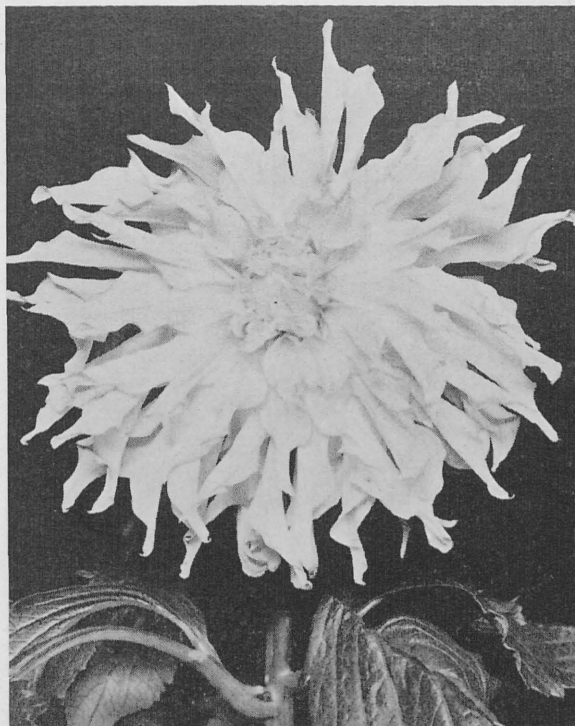
No. 6 S 7, Semi-cactus to informal decorative. Score 85E. Entered by Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Originator Dr. H. W. Silvernale, Santa Monica, California.

Little Black Sambo. Score 85C. Entered by Havalook Gardens, Fowlerville, Michigan. Originator Chester Kuhn, Detroit, Michigan.

C. E. Wildon, Superintendent
Mid West Trial Gardens.

Report of West Virginia Trial Garden

The West Virginia Trial Garden was made a branch garden of the American Dahlia Society last spring and straightway had its most disastrous season! What with no rain, not enough rain and too much rain, the season's average was poor. Recommendations for new trials in 1940 are practically the "order of the day." Unless otherwise notified a new trial will be the policy of the West Virginia branch garden.



"Yellow Glory"—immense Semi-Cactus, clear lemon yellow, scored 85 at Storrs under No. 105. Also won Achievement Medal at New Jersey Dahlia Society Show. Originator, Conrad Frey. Introducer, Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J.

Two certificates of merit were awarded, both to the same grower. These two varieties did exceptionally well and fully deserved the award. The details of certain entries follow:

Entry 110-39X. Informal decorative to formal. A borderline flower. Blooms 9 inches by 4½ inches. Bush, six feet. Color, a snappy crimson with a faint ivory reverse. A very promising new Dahlia. Score 85. Dahliadel Nurseries.

Entry 119 M 7. Miniature. Blooms consistently within miniature measurements. Bush 3 feet tall. Color, a vivid scarlet. Much admired by garden visitors. A very good miniature. Score, 85. Dahliadel Nurseries.

Entry *Betty Thatcher*. Formal decorative. Blooms 6½ inches by 3 inches. Bush, 4½ feet. Color, bluish pink with cream tips with cream reverse. A very pretty light colored Dahlia. Score, 82. Ward Horticultural Company.

Entry *Seyfert's Pink*. Miniature. Blooms 5 inches by 2 inches. Bush 3½ feet. Color, rose pink with ivory center. Bloomed late. Score for present season, 80. Should be retried. Dahliadel Nurseries.

Entry *Judith Ann*. Cactus. Blooms 8 inches by 3 inches. Bush 5½ feet. Color, pink and ivory. Some stems weak in hot weather. Score 80. W. E. Hall.

All other entries scored eighty or less and no detailed report will be published.

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Trial Grounds Reports—Cont. from p. 29

In making this report I wish to announce that, for a while at least, this will be my final report. Due to increased school duties I find that it is impossible to give as much time to the trial garden as it demands. As much as possible my services to the trial garden will be continued through membership on the trial garden committee.

I have asked my colleague, Oliver Shurtleff, to take over the superintendency of the West Virginia Trial Garden until I can again take charge and give it adequate attention. This, Mr. Shurtleff has consented to do. He will be your new trial garden superintendent. I ask for him the same hearty coöperation which has been extended to me in my years as garden superintendent. I am sure that he will have it.

C. M. Roberts, *Superintendent,
Trial Gardens, West Virginia Dahlia Society,
Fairmont, West Virginia.*

The Ohio Valley Dahlia Trial Grounds

Sponsored by The Ohio Valley Dahlia
Association, Cincinnati, Ohio

Certificate Winners Year 1939

During the past season the Ohio Valley Trial Grounds had the pleasure of growing and testing twenty-four varieties sent in by fourteen growers representing five states and one foreign country.

The Trial Grounds Committee at Cincinnati have long felt that the scoring of new introductions should be very carefully rated and that the scoring should be in all respects in accordance with the standard score cards.

The judging at our trial grounds was well spread over the growing season, beginning during the last week of August and completed during the second week in October. Judges were carefully instructed to judge the Dahlias as they found them growing, without consideration of what may have been accomplished in other places.

The real purpose behind this decision is to rate new introductions so that they can be recommended with confidence to the buying public.

The following are the certificate winners:

Stake No. 162. Name, *Begonia Rose*. Formal decorative (85 C score). Entered by the Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio.

Stake No. 164. Name, *Mrs. H. C. Phillips*. Informal decorative (85 E score). Entered by Ellis J. Asther, Northbrook Dahlia Gardens, Northbrook, Illinois.

The Miniature Grows Up

While the Dahlia is progressing and new varieties are being produced changes in both nomenclature rules and size ratings sometimes become necessary. These changes should be made with the cardinal idea of simplifying the work of exhibiting, staging and judging Shows as

well as make a more concrete scoring system at Trial Grounds and elsewhere.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the A. D. S. held on November 16, 1939, the size of miniature Dahlias was changed from 3½ to 4 inches in diameter, and as a natural sequence the medium size or cut flower type was raised from 7 to 8 inches. This naturally, would make the exhibition Dahlia 8 inches in diameter or more. By eliminating oversize under penalty, oversize therefore in the miniature or cut flower sizes will mean disqualification.

A rather unique idea was suggested and adopted by the committee to assist in determining size beyond any question of doubt. It is the idea to have sets of rings made measuring 4 inches in diameter and 8 inches in diameter inside measurements. Thus a flower passing through a 4 inch ring without touching, will qualify as a miniature, and a Dahlia 4 inches or over which will pass through an 8 inch ring without touching, will, beyond any doubt, be a medium size Dahlia. We use the term "without any doubt" as everyone is fully aware how poor an instrument a ruler is for measuring Dahlias, and two judges rarely agree on size by this method. It naturally follows that Dahlias failing to pass through an 8 inch ring shall be regarded as exhibition blooms. It should be thoroughly understood that any miniature bloom touching the 4 inch ring should be absolutely disqualified, and any medium size Dahlia touching the 8 inch ring should likewise be disqualified.

We realize that diminutiveness is a virtue in miniatures as well as in pompons, and recommend some classes in Dahlia Shows whereby the smallest and most perfect flower can be shown and judged. We feel that such entries should be appraised as follows—50% for size and 50% for perfection of blooms. Thus the small miniature is given a chance to win due recognition.

The increase to 8 inches in the case of the medium or cut flower Dahlia will open the way for a number of excellent practical Dahlias to come into their own. Too often efforts were made to try and hold down a normal size of nearly eight inches to seven. This was done in various ways notably growing them rather poorly or doing absolutely no disbudding until the flower was cut for the Show. Thus medium size Dahlias failed to gain in popularity through no fault of their own, and in several flower Shows the classes which should have been theirs were cut out entirely. Certainly no real Dahlia lover can gainsay the fact that some of the real beauties of the Dahlia would rightly come under this new classification of 8 inches in diameter or under.

In all we feel that these much needed changes will make it easier for both the exhibitor and the judge, and there should be very little question in the future as to whether a Dahlia qualifies for a certain class, or should be disqualified.

These rings should be available for the exhibitors to use in staging and given to the judges for judging. One or two sets of these rings will be furnished for any Dahlia Show free on request by mentioning the name of the Society and sending the request to the writer of this article.

Warren W. Maytrott,
Chairman Schedule Committee.

Annual Flower Show

Washburn Street Presbyterian Church

Surpassing all previous records in the point of quality of bloom the Ninth Annual Flower Show of the Washburn Street Presbyterian Church of Scranton, Pennsylvania, was held September 14th and 15th with an all time record for attendance and interest being reached.

While the Show was a general flower Show with a multitude of flowers of all sorts common to the season filling the 597 scheduled classes we shall report only the Dahlia sections. Five sections with 303 classes devoted to Dahlias.

Splendid commercial displays were staged by C. H. Stoeckel of the Clarks Summit Dahlia Gardens, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, and Warren Maytrott of Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Mr. Stoeckel unveiled a new Dahlia which was christened *Scranton Times*, a straight cactus of a very deep maroon color, growing six to seven inches when field grown, a beautiful Dahlia in every respect. We have watched this Dahlia for three full years and it has always been a swell variety. Mr. Maytrott featured small Dahlias in his display, showing several of his recent introductions as well as some new ones for 1940. Both Mr. Stoeckel and Mr. Maytrott helped with the Dahlia judging, these gentlemen along with eight other judges spent most of the afternoon judging the many splendid specimen blooms and Dahlia arrangements shown.

The *American Home* Achievement Medal was won by Edward M. Keck of White Haven, Pennsylvania, with the variety *American Victory*, a dark red formal decorative. We understand that this variety was grown by Mr. Keck for the American Dahlia Farms.

The Court of Honor class calling for the largest and most perfect bloom was won by R. W. Webb of Scranton, Pennsylvania, with the variety *Glamour* which measured a total of 85 inches, diameter x depth.

Smallest and most perfect pompon in the Court of Honor was *Little Edith* shown by Herbert Lewis and Son of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Basket of Dahlias under 3½ inches, two or more varieties, arranged for color harmony and effect which won the blue ribbon was exhibited by R. W. Webb.

Blue ribbon winners in the amateur classes were: Charles Heisner of Scranton, Pennsylvania; Mrs. J. S. Wintermute of Wimmers, Pennsylvania; Albert Barber of Moosic, Pennsylvania; Jack Keen of Dunmore, Pennsylvania; George M. Thompson of Scranton; Mary Clark of Scranton; Mrs. Alton Chase of Scranton; Mrs. A. Vishnesky of Austin Heights, Pennsylvania; Dr. R. H. Armstrong of Peckville, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Gleason of Scranton; Herbert Lewis & Son of Scranton; Miss A. Stevens of Glen Summit, Pennsylvania; Edward J. Evans of Scranton; W. C. Wintermute of Scranton; E. M. Keck of White Haven, Pennsylvania; Miss Emma Yeagle of Mountain Top, Pennsylvania; Willard Phillips of Scranton; J. R. Steele of Shamokin, Pennsylvania; Gus Spindler of Scranton; C. DiGerlando, Scranton; and R. W. Webb of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Winners of special awards were as follows: Jack Keene, Fred Hall, Dr. Armstrong, Herbert Lewis & Son, W. C. Wintermute, E. M. Keck, J. R. Steele and R. W. Webb.

Blue ribbon winning varieties were: *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Premier's Winsome*, *Premier's Majestic*, *Lois Walcher*, *Cherokee Brave*, *Jean Trimbee*, *Letare*, *Geneva Giant*, *Kentucky Sun*, *Kentucky Dawn*, *Grand Master*, *Beauty Supreme*, *Mrs. William Knudsen*, *Lord of Autumn*, *Jimmy Fox*, *Margrace*, *Brilliant Lady*, *Freckles*, *Freda George*, *Alice May*, *Jane Cowl*, *Josephine G.*, *Louise Bates*, *Betsy*, *Miss Oakland*, *Jersey's Beacon*, *Katie K.*, *Mrs. George LeBoutillier*, *Thomas A. Edison*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Peace*, *Jim Moore*, *Vivian's Bridesmaid*, *Du Roi Albert*, *Jessica Dragonette*, *Mary Baker*, *Kathleen Norris*, *California Idol*, *Gretel*, *Miss Belgium*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Marietta E.*, *Jersey's Dainty*, *Golden Standard*, *Louise Anduin*, *Saarland's Heimkehr*, *Miss Ohio*, *Kimikoge*, *Mme. George Pezant*, *Edith Mueller*, *Bob White*, *Mrs. J. Telfer*, *Little Snowball*, *Sherry*, *Rosalie*, *Little Edith*, *Nerissa*, *Grain O'Gold*, *Betty Malone*, *Baby Royal*, *Sylvia*, *Glow of Dawn*, *Dubonnet*, *Baby Snooks*, *Andries Orange*, *Blue*



"Glamour"—winner Court of Honor, Largest and Best Bloom, at Scranton. Exhibited by Roy W. Webb.

Star, *Royalette*, *Petit Sonnet*, *Swallow*, *Abington*, *Brightspot*, *Doc*, *Folkskanzler*, *Fire Fly*, *Snow Princess*, *Patricia Armstrong* and *Clara Clemens*.

Following varieties were winners of special awards: *Lois Walcher*, *Mrs. William Knudsen*, *Freda George*, *Jersey's Beacon*, *Katie K.*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Peace*, *Ballego's Surprise*, *Saarland's Heimkehr*, *Mrs. J. Telfer*, *Little Snowball*, *Blue Star*, *Dubonette* and *Fire Fly*.

A. D. S. Annual Meeting and Dinner

The A. D. S. Dinner will be held in connection with our Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 20th, at the Hotel Shelton in New York City. The annual meeting will be at 2:30, followed by an early evening dinner.

Folks are still talking about the fine get together last year touched off with the inspiring address of Max Schling, America's florist number one.

We do not have complete details regarding entertainment for the forthcoming dinner but it will be top notch, to be sure.

Arrangements are in charge of a veteran committee headed by H. Dewey Mohr, assisted by Al Schuster.

They turned in a great job last year and will surely give us a rousing good time on January 20th.

The tax is \$2.00 and reservations must be made in advance. Write Albert Schuster, 47 Alexine Avenue, East Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.

The American DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

ORGANIZED MAY 10, 1915



"The Society is formed for the purpose of stimulating interest in and promoting the culture and development of the Dahlia; to establish a standard nomenclature; to test out new varieties and give them such recognition as they deserve; to study the diseases of the dahlia and find remedies for same, and to disseminate information relating to this flower; to secure uniformity in awarding prizes at flower shows, and to give exhibitions when deemed advisable."

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Editorial

This issue marks the last quarter of the third successive year of Mr. Dudley's presidency.

Following the splendid regime of his predecessor, George W. Fraser, Lynn Dudley took office with a deep rooted zeal to knit more closely nationwide Dahlia interests.

Those of us who have worked together with him were always impressed by the complete unselfishness of the task. Every section received full consideration and co-operation. Today there are sixteen Participating or Branch Societies with voting power in our greatly enlarged organization. Additional Trial Gardens facilities have been made available.

Interest in Dahlias is spreading far and wide.

The A. D. S. has been very fortunate in having a group of workers, progressing without friction under a leader whose foresight has proven the spearhead for our endeavors.

This organization is ready to back our 1940 President with the same wholeheartedness and function smoothly without personal ambition for the best interest of the Dahlia.

Election Ballots Enclosed with this Issue

Enclosed with this number will be found a ballot for the election of officers to serve the society for the year 1940. All members in good standing are urged to cast their ballot. Returns will be compiled on the following basis—all ballots cast by regular members will count two votes. Members of participating societies are also entitled to vote and all such votes will count one point.

Please return your ballot to the secretary's office so as it will be received not later than January 2nd, 1940. The election board is Henry Olsen and Albert Schuster who will compile the votes and bring in the report at the annual meeting.

And now eyes ahead! New and better ones for 1940. Patronize legitimate growers who advertise in the BULLETIN and avoid disappointments. They ship good stock, true to name and stand behind it. Pay the legitimate price and be far ahead of the game!

Are you getting something worthwhile from reading the BULLETIN? I do appreciate your letters, but frankly your sending in the name of a new member to Secretary Alling would be the best means of expressing your feelings.

Remember the oft told yarn? Widow Jones got along nicely through the sale of milk from her cow. It was a good cow—but it died!

Gathered at the village store were several old farmers lamenting the widows's plight. One fellow put his hand in his pocket and exclaimed: "I am sorry five dollars; how sorry are YOU?"

That was a concrete demonstration of his feelings. NOW—send in that member . . . or get a better Editor!

Be it resolved, at a regular meeting of The Dahlia Society of Texas, Incorporated, held in Houston, Texas, on the 24th day of October, 1939, that there be inscribed in the minutes of the Society in memory of B. L. Palmer the following:

Our second President, B. L. Palmer, 68 years of age, died on the morning of August 31, 1939. He was untiring in his efforts to further interest in the Society and in the growing of Dahlias. His work and enthusiasm in the culture of Dahlias and other flowers was an inspiration to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was at all times unselfish and generous in his advice and help to others. He was active in the organization of the Society and was one of its charter members. His wide interest in Dahlias and his acquaintance with Dahlia growers in this vicinity was of great value to the Society, and his passing is a loss that a host of flower lovers and friends deeply regret.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be subscribed by the President of the Society and forwarded to Mrs. B. L. Palmer and family as an expression of sympathy of the Dahlia Society of Texas and that Mrs. B. L. Palmer be given a life membership in the Society.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the secretary to the American Dahlia Society to be published in next issue of their bulletin.

G. Frank Lipper, *President.*
Mrs. Rose Hughes, *Secretary.*

Dahlia Oddities

By HERBERT L. DOZIER

Southern Dahlia Gardens, Cambridge, Maryland

The average Dahlia fan is always seeking something new and different. Many of these are therefore turning to the growing of seedlings as they are sure to get thrills galore mixed in with the disappointments. Some will be rewarded by finding something entirely different from the ordinary run of Dahlias in their patch. These oddities should be brought to the attention of the Dahlia world, if only as a matter of record.

On November 28, 1938, the writer noted a "Siamese twin" or double seed among the seeds from a pod of the old pink peony Dahlia, *Rosalie Styles*. This unusual seed measured 13 mm. in length by 4 mm. in width against a width of 3.5 mm. for the normal seed of this variety. The accompanying photograph shows these seeds enlarged approximately twice in size. Both of the embryos of this twin sprouted and started to grow nicely but, unfortunately, were lost through an accident.

While visiting the field of seedlings of Mr. Norman Swift, of Marshallton, Delaware, on October 16, 1938, the attention of the writer was called to a most unusual characteristic occurring in his new pinkish-lavender seedling which he has named *Lucky*. Nearly every petal of the back rows of this Dahlia had aquilegia—or teat-like projections, some as long as an inch in length. It took rather close observation to note these remarkable projections as they occurred on the under or ventral side of the petals and in no way marred beauty of the variety. According to Mr. Swift, his *Lucky* is a 1938 seedling of the pink semi-cactus *Cordelia* (Salem 1937) which also threw him another seedling with a few of these projections. The seed parent shows none of these projections but it must be inherent in the mother for Mr. William Nunenviller, who originated *Cordelia*, states that he recalls something similar to this in a few seedlings of *Cordelia* but that he has no idea where such a characteristic could have been inherited.

Mr. George H. Swezey of the Premier Dahlia Gardens, Hillside, N. J., informs the writer that a root of *Louisiana Rumba* this year sent up numerous shoots all over the entire tuber, was taken off the bench and potted, and shown at several Dahlia Society meetings where it aroused considerable interest and comment. The writer recalls also having a root of the same variety perform for him in a similar manner while in Louisiana. Certainly few such cases are known to have ever occurred or else they have remained unrecorded to date.

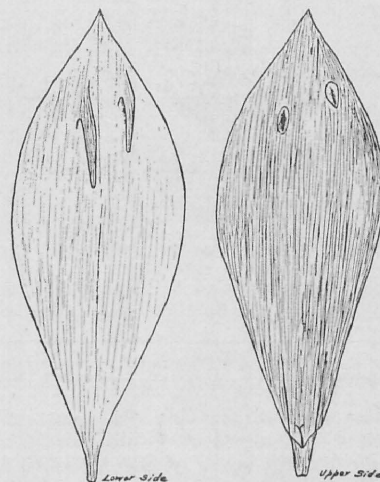


Fig. 2. Petals of "Lucky" showing the columbine of aquilegia-like projections.

N. E. Penn. Dahlia Show—Cont. from p. 24

exhibitors can't or don't show the variety names of the Dahlias they show is more than we can understand, when this information is of so great an interest to the public who pays to see a Dahlia Show. It looks like the only way to cure this evil is to disqualify all entries not plainly marked with the variety names.

Special for the most outstanding entry of three blooms of B-medium cactus Dahlias was won by Edward Keck with *Miss Belgium*. Special for the most outstanding entry of three blooms B-medium semi-cactus Dahlias was won by Mr. Keck with *Michigan White*. Special for the most outstanding entry of three blooms of A-large semi-cactus Dahlias was won by Mr. Keck with *Ballego's Surprise*. Special for the most outstanding entry of three blooms of A-large informal decorative Dahlias was won by Herbert Lewis and Son with three fine yellow Dahlias which failed to show variety name. Special for the most outstanding entry of three blooms A-large formal decorative Dahlias was won by Clarks Summit Dahlia Gardens with three wonderful blooms of *Kemp's Golden Giant*. Largest and most perfect bloom class was won by R. W. Webb with *Mrs. George LeBoutillier*. Special for the most outstanding entry of miniature Dahlias was won by Clarks Summit Dahlia Gardens with a bowl arrangement. Special for the most outstanding entry of pompon Dahlias was won by Stephen Dula. Sweepstakes for B-medium Dahlias was won by Edward Keck. Sweepstakes for A-large cactus and semi-cactus Dahlias was won by Edward Keck. Grand Sweepstakes for Section F. was won by Clarks Summit Dahlia Gardens, the award being the Silver Medal of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association.

Other blue ribbon winning varieties were: *Marietta E.*, *Franz Berger*, *Rapture*, *Jean Trimbée*, *Purple Wonder*, *Du Roi Albert*, *Golden Standard*, *Andrea Ericson*, *Queen City*, *Beauty Supreme*, *Purple Mist*, *Tiger*, *Dulcinea*, *Miss Ohio*, *Haslerova*, *Red Salute*, *Yowu-Matsuoka*, *American Purity*, *Greater Glory*, *Mrs. C. J. Sowton*, *Yellow Gem*, *Little David*, *Nerissa*, *Little Edith* and *Aimee*.

Splendid complimentary displays were placed by the following: Mr. C. S. Woolworth, Robert Stobo Gardener, Miss A. L. Besancon, Anton Schultheis and E. J. Hoffman. These displays added much to the beauty of the Show and were enjoyed by many.

Judging was done by D. L. Davis, C. H. Stoeckel, Dr. R. H. Armstrong, George Beck, Fred Boeth, Z. W. Kosmela, W. E. Taylor, Harold Washer and R. W. Webb. Secretaries to the judges were Mrs. O. F. Keen, Mrs. R. W. Webb, Mrs. C. H. Stoeckel, Mrs. Earl Holmes, Fred Hall and Herbert Lewis.

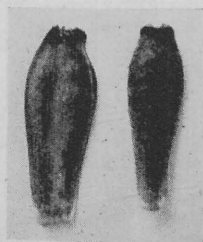


Fig. 1. "Siamese twin" and normal seeds of "Rosalie Styles", enlarged approximately twice.



Display of 100 Blooms by Raymond C. Grass, who also won A.D.S. Medal for Best Vase or Basket of Ten at St. Louis.

Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society Show

The first display by the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society was staged on September 30th and October 1st in the display house of the Missouri Botanical Gardens, and proved beautiful and successful—the turnstiles showing over 10,000 admissions. Trophy winners were as follows: F. W. Beckmann for largest bloom (*Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, measuring 14"), H. R. Fleshman for best staged mass display by amateurs, Robert McKee for best basket of five (*D. W. Morrows*), H. E. Ward for the most outstanding bloom, a large *Carl Dahl*. Mr. Ray C. Grass for best vase of ten (*Rudolph's Giants*), E. H. Johanning for best basket of miniatures, and Edward F. Nolte for a white undisseminated seedling.

Outstanding in perfection, size and quantity were the following varieties: *Joyce Louise*, *Rudolph's Giant*, *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, *Milton Cross*, *Lord of Autumn*, *Katie K.*, *Golden Beauty*, *Monarch of the East*, *Watching Giant* and *Amigo*; though many other new varieties were represented.

As in many other sections of the country, St. Louis fared rather badly in its weather for the month preceding, during which time no rain was had, except on the day before the Show, when strong winds and rain caught many unwary exhibitors, by destroying many blooms.

Our Society is not quite a year old, but we expect to go to town next year because of a remarkable amount of enthusiasm in the membership. The enclosed is of the display of a hundred blooms by Raymond C. Grass, only one of twelve mass displays staged by large amateur and commercial growers.

Perry Wilson, Secretary.

Dahlia Doings—

Official Bulletin of Virginia Dahlia Society is just off the press. Featuring a well written article on "August Feeding of Dahlias", also "The Quest for the Blue Dahlia," Dahlia Doings lives up to its reputation for authentic, informative copy.

Donors to the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Dahlia Show Prize Fund of the A. D. S.

Held September 26th and 27th, 1939, at the Park Central Hotel, New York City

Grateful appreciation is acknowledged by the A. D. S. through its prize chairman, Albert E. Schuster, to those who so generously supported our prize fund. These friends include:

A. Anderson, *American Home Magazine*, O. J. Aumuller, C. Louis Alling, W. A. Aurswald, Dr. Walter R. Bedell, James Brocklebank, John W. Brunner, W. Atlee Burpee Co., Belgium Dahlia Society, Henry F. Cory, Mrs. William W. Carman, Dr. Philip G. Cole, Lynn B. Dudley, Whitman Danielson, Joseph B. Daily, Wilfred D. Deane, W. D. Darnell, Anna M. Durst, James Duthie, Mrs. A. I. Elkus, W. L. Elkins, Mrs. M. W. Fairoute, Louis Fioretti, George Fraser, L. F. Fox, Mrs. Bruce Ford, J. H. Foster, Arthur J. Fogel, C. Frey, R. Gould, F. W. Gowell, Malcolm M. Graham, H. G. Hudson, Elmer H. Heisey, Jay V. Hare, Macmillan Hoopes, Edward Hand, G. Hickman, Dr. William G. Howe, Mrs. Henry Haynish, Edward Ilsley, Stanley Johnson, Mrs. W. Kindilien, Dr. F. J. Knocke, Edward B. Lloyd, A. A. Messier, Miss Edith A. Murphy, Frank D. Marker, Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society, Mrs. W. J. Neal, New Jersey Dahlia Society, F. W. Nichols, Edward J. O'Keefe, Henry A. Olsen, Ohio Valley Dahlia Society, A. Olivari, Albert Parrella, Dr. Bruce Preas, Ralph H. Philo, Charles Petty, J. J. Ryan, Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Salem Dahlia Gardens, George H. Swezey, Mrs. Charles H. Stout, Mrs. C. V. Smith, Miss Virginia Stout, A. Swoboda, Carl Salbach, Otto Schwen, Louis B. Tim, Fred P. Webber, Miss Maude Wilson, Mrs. John B. Wood, James J. Whitehurst, Gordon Waaser, R. W. Webb.

Albert Schuster,
Chairman Prize Committee, A. D. S.

MID WEST SHOW, LOUISVILLE, SEPT. 21-22

Coöperating Dahlia Societies are requested to commence plans to participate in the 1940 Mid West Show, to be held at Louisville, Kentucky, September 21st and 22nd.

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.

PICKANINNY. Orchid flowering. Maroon. By Mrs. Lucy O'Neal, Indianapolis, Indiana.

LITTLE OLD LADY. Miniature semi-cactus. Salmon and yellow. By E. E. Tooker, Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y.

VICTORY. Formal decorative. Pink. By Northbrook Gardens, Mr. Ellis Asther, Northbrook, Illinois.

DEEP PURPLE. Formal to informal decorative. THE REAL GLORY. Informal decorative. By Stephenson Dahlia Gardens, Santa Monica, California.

Dahlia Society of Michigan 1939 Show

Michigan weather was not very considerate of Dahlias during the season of 1939. With a fairly good spring, with just enough rain to get things nicely started, most sections received their last rainfall on July 4th, and no more was forthcoming until September 4th and that was not enough. In spite of the drouth, the Dahlias came along fairly well.

Just as the Michigan Dahlias fans were grooming their choice blooms for the State Show on September 16th and 17th, we were unfortunate enough to have four days preceding the Show which were the highest temperatures of the year, with the thermometer going well above 100 degree, and no rain. We were fearful that we would not have enough blooms to make a Show, and both the Secretary and your scribe had the worst case of "Jitters" they have ever experienced.

"Came the dawn," or the morning of the Show, and we were still fearful of having no blooms, but our hearts were soon gladdened with our good old friends and supporters coming in with very fine bloom, and apparently plenty of it. Before noon, we had a mighty fine Show staged, much to our surprise. While we did not have as many blooms, or as good quality as in 1938, generally speaking, it was so much better than was expected, due to the hot weather that we felt extremely happy about it.

It was our third year of showing under the sponsorship of the General Motors Corporation, in the General Motors Building huge auditorium, which has a floor space of over 10,000 square feet, with a very large stage, and beautifully decorated, and air-conditioned. It is the perfect Show room for Dahlias, as will be voted by any exhibitor who has shown with us.

Our good old standbys, who never fail us, always make the Detroit Show. What would a Michigan State Show be without Nick Koenig, Lakeside Gardens, who can stage a whole Show himself, and Dr. and Mrs. Del Marr, from Ridgetown, Ontario, who can always be depended upon to drive nearly 100 miles, and bring in top-notch blooms. Then there was Floyd Forbus from Flint, and many others who we can always depend upon.

Our attendance was excellent, and for General Motors part in the Show, their photographic department staged a beautiful showing of pictures, in a Salon, which attracted many camera fans, and interested everyone. As a special feature, the photographic department arranged to give away thousands of envelopes, which contained a print, and three cold water decalcomanias in color, which when properly placed on the print, brought out a most beautiful and unique colored picture of Dahlias. At their booth a gorgeous young lady demonstrated the method of putting these decals together, and you can rest assured that this booth was jammed at all times.

The *American Home* Achievement Medal winner was *Lucille L.*, a very beautiful semi-cactus pink, good sized flower, and very fine, shown and won by William Litz, Port Huron, Michigan.

The *House Beautiful* Futurity winners were: *Model 999, Hill-side Sunset* and *Rita Wells*, all shown by Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan.

O. V. D. A. Meritorious Award—For best collection of large flowered Dahlia blooms, in one container, in entire Show—basket

of *Cherokee Brave*—won by Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan.

Open Sweepstakes Award—President's Trophy—won by Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan.

Small Amateurs Sweepstakes Award—President's Trophy—won by Dr. Del Marr, Ridgetown, Ontario.

Large Amateur Sweepstakes Award—President's Trophy—won by Floyd Forbus, Flint, Michigan.

Largest bloom in the Show—won by Floyd Forbus, Flint, Michigan, with *Rita Wells*.

Largest bloom grown by member of Wolverine Men's Dahlia Club—won by Dr. Del Marr, Ridgetown, Ontario, with *Katie K* (Colchicine treated).

Most perfect bloom—won by Dr. Del Marr, Ridgetown, Ontario, with *Sunrays*.

In the first year seedling class, a beautiful exhibition type informal decorative, red with yellow reverse, shown by George Burkart, B & B Gardens, Port Huron, Michigan, was the winner.

In the undissected seedlings, the winner in the large flowered class was a beautiful informal decorative white, shown by G. M. Bachofen, Detroit, Michigan, for E. F. Nolte, Webster Grove, Missouri.

In the medium flowered class a beautiful formal decorative pink shown by Gordon Nutt, Port Huron, Michigan, was the winner. Both very fine, and well shown.

Best amateur display, 50 square feet—won by John W. L. Hicks, our genial Vice-President, Detroit, Michigan.

Commercial display, 100 square feet, winning the A. D. S. Silver Medal, was Bauman's Dahlia Gardens, Birmingham, Michigan, one of the oldest growers in the State.

Commercial display, 50 square feet, winning the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin Silver Medal, was Lone Pine Dahlia Gardens, Royal Oak, Michigan.

The most outstanding commercial display, and winning the Dahlia Society of Michigan Gold Medal, was Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. This display, as always, was the huge centerpiece of our Show. Filling the entire stage of this huge auditorium, which is about eighty feet wide, and forty feet deep, it was built around a fifteen foot revolving turn-table, which was beautifully decorated with all type of Dahlias. The entire exhibit was arranged by the firm of V. De Petris, florists of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, well known for their artistry in making such exhibits. It was a complete Show in itself, and drew crowds from the opening of the Show to the last minute.

For the first time in many years we had some very new and outstanding table arrangements. Tables arranged by Mr. Sam Anker and Mr. George Tolbert, of Highland Park, Michigan, were given duplicate awards, both being equally meritorious, and excellent. These boys are friendly competitors, and it is very hard to judge the better of the two.

Two of our judges were men in their eighties, both well known the Dahlia field for many years. Dad Balcombe of Toledo, with his dry wit, and clever facial expressions, who swears he is eighty-six but don't look it, and Jake Bauman, Sr., who has been growing Dahlias for over fifty years, and is not only a landmark in the history of Detroit, but perhaps one of the best known men in the Dahlia world. He was growing Dahlias before most of the folks who read this were born.

The annual election was held on the 17th, and for the following two years Bruce Collins was elected President, and Tom Place who has been just about the most efficient Secretary we have ever known, was again re-elected Secretary.

Yours for larger and better Dahlias, and better Shows in 1940.

Bruce Collins.

Eighth 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 Chicago filled Horticulture Hall, the Show Room and a good portion of the Palm House at Garfield Park Conservatory with thousands of blooms at the Eighth Annual Show, held September 16th and 17th.

The Central States Dahlia Show is an annual event at Garfield Park and this year's attendance exceeded that of any previous year. The 1940 or Ninth Annual Show of the Society will be at Garfield Park Conservatory on September 14th and 15th.

The many days of extreme heat and drought just prior to this year's Show, made it very difficult for the exhibitor, however, the real Dahlia growers brought to the Show their usual number of blooms. This was the Society's second year with the Dahlia Classification, which classification has become quite popular throughout the Dahlia World, and many other Societies have adopted our Society's Classification. The confusion and abuses that usually exist at a Dahlia Show are overcome and the exhibitors are able to make out their entry tags at home prior to bringing their blooms to the Show. The classification, in addition to informing the exhibitors just where to place their exhibit, also provides that all of a particular variety compete with themselves.

In addition to the many sections provided in previous years, our Society again added a Six Most Perfect Bloom Class. The winner (George Rudat, Racine, Wisconsin) was awarded the Robert J. Dunham Trophy (a beautiful trophy donated to our Society by Mr. Robert J. Dunham, President of the Chicago Park Board).

The August Koch's trophy was won by James E. Marsh of Chicago for winning sweepstakes in his respective section with the greatest number of points. This trophy was in honor of August Koch's fifty years in horticulture.

The *House Beautiful* Medal was awarded to Leo Garis, Park Ridge, Illinois. The North Shore Dahlia Society's Medal was awarded to Fitchett Dahlia Gardens, Janesville, Wisconsin. The Ohio Valley Medal to A. Anderson. The Racine County Dahlia Society Medal to John Wallner, Wheaton, Illinois. The American Dahlia Society's Medal to Omar Nurseries, Prairie View, Illinois. The North Eastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society's Medal to Mrs. H. J. Bluhm, Western Springs, Illinois. The Wisconsin Dahlia Society's Medal to Dr. C. J. Goebel, River Forest, Illinois. The coveted medal of the *American Home Magazine*—The *American Home Achievement* Medal—was awarded to Professor Lew Sarett of Ravinia, Illinois, for an entry of 3 beautiful blooms of *Thunderbolt* (a large red cactus).

The winners of the coveted Central States Dahlia Society Sweepstake Cups were:

Mrs. Amelia Zaininger, Section B; James E. Marsh, Section C; Frank Clifford, Section D; James L. O'Brien, Section E; George Rudat, Section F; Northbrook Dahlia Gardens, Section H; Joe Heineman, Section J; Elof Clauson, Section M; Mrs. Leo Garis, Section R.

The winners of the largest blooms in their respective classes were:

E. Stone, Section B, *Glamour*; E. M. Larsen, Section C, *Glamour*; G. L. Pierce, Section D, *Margrace*; B. B. Melgaard, Section E, *Milton J. Cross*; W. H. Craft, Section F, *America's Sweetheart*; Northbrook Dahlia Gardens, Section H, *Sunrays*; Joe Heineman, Section J, *California Idol*.

The winners of the most perfect blooms in their respective classes were:

W. H. Susanke, Section B, *Ballego Surprise*; James E. Marsh, Section C, *Agnes Foster*; H. L. Cummings, Section D, *My Delight*; James L. O'Brien, Section E, *Golden Dream*; W. E. Kemen, Section F, *Greater Glory*; Otto Martinek, Section H, *Volcano*; Joe Heineman, Section J, *Consul General Quist*.

A Show of such magnitude would have been difficult to stage without the unflinching support of Mr. August Koch, Chief Horticulturist of the Chicago Park System, and his assistants at Garfield Park Conservatory, who not only provided plenty of help to assist the Show Committee, but also took a personal interest in the arrangements, and by their constant care, maintained quality blooms throughout the Show.

The American Dahlia Society, and its individual members, sustained a severe loss when Ernest L. Gould died in Verona, N. J., on October 28th. Mr. Gould was an active and efficient member of the Show Committee for several years, and one whose loyalty, effort and friendship the American Dahlia Society will find most difficult, if not impossible, to replace.

Mr. Gould was an advertising solicitor with offices in New York City and whose hobby was Dahlias. For twenty years his Dahlia garden in Verona was one of the show places of Essex County, N. J., where he and Mrs. Gould held a constant reception to their Dahlia friends during the blooming period. He was Vice President of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey and of the Verona Garden Club, and a charter member of the Verona Masonic Lodge No. 198, A. & F. M.

Mr. Gould is survived by his wife, Ida B. Gould, and mother, Margaret L. Gould, to whom the American Dahlia Society extends its deepest sympathy in the mutual loss.

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Washington

Mid West Show—Cont. from p. 15

Lodge of La Mesa, California, held the distinction of coming the greatest distance. The President called on the many representatives of the Conference societies to rise and introduce themselves. The banquet was honored by the presence of the Mayor of Cleveland, Harold H. Burton and Mrs. Burton. The Mayor presented the fine welcoming address while Mrs. Burton spoke briefly for the ladies. The main speaker was J. Louis Roberts of Chicago who needs no introduction anywhere in the Dahlia world. Mr. Roberts' subject, "The Future of the Dahlia" was expertly delivered to the interested audience. Following the banquet, the President called to order the Delegate Meeting of the Midwest Conference where the 1940 Midwest Show was awarded unanimously to the Kentucky Dahlia Society at Louisville.

Back again in the Show rooms where the winner of the seedling naming contest, E. V. Newton, our hard working treasurer, described his new Dahlia, *Eleanor J* to the assemblage. It is a fine cut flower type, lavender on long stems, a heavy bloomer. Next, the Coronation ceremonis, at which Miss Midwest, winner of an air trip to the New York Fair was introduced to the audience. So ended a most strenuous opening day of the Sixth Annual Midwest Show.

The following judges gave of their time and energies besides traveling a great many miles, for which our sincere thanks. They were Messrs. Lodge, Gallimore, Shurtleff, Burkhart, Elliot, Richardson, Sarrett, Preas, Schlagheck, Brown, Mellott, Bluhm, Franzen, Hoppe, O'Brien, Delbrugge, White, Currie, Mohr, Roberts, with Mrs. Dorothy Bailey, Mrs. William Dealporte, Mrs. H. Bluhm and Mrs. Hoppe.

The Dahlia at the 1939 San Francisco World's Fair

Gorgeous Dahlias were very much in evidence in the beautiful Hall of Flowers in San Francisco's Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island.

They were exhibited from June 12th until the closing day of the Fair, October 29th. All types from the small pompons and miniatures to gigantic blooms 16 inches in diameter.

Visitors stood ten deep around some of the Dahlia exhibits and the "Ohs" and "Ahs" warmed one's heart if one was the exhibitor.

Thousands of color movies were taken and we had reports from many who took them how beautifully the Dahlias showed up in them.

Some of the outstanding varieties were floated on the lily pool and made a lovely picture. Many Dahlias were sent by air from distant parts and arrived in fine condition. It was such a pleasure to meet so many of the Dahlia growers from all over the United States and foreign countries, and they were from all over the United States and foreign countries, and they were all such enthusiasts.

The first display of Dahlias was on June 12th and we had a continuous display until the close of the Exposit-

tion, October 29th. Visitors marveled at the glorious colors and size, particularly the pink and harmonizing shades, saying they had never seen such lovely pink shades.

We met Dahlia growers from Chicago who were present when the giant *Kaweab* arrived by air at the Chicago World's Fair in 1933.

There were Dahlia plantings in the beautiful grounds of the Exposition and they made a wonderful showing.

Should the Fair reopen next year, we will look forward to meeting many more Dahlia growers. It would be a great pity if so beautiful an Exposition should be for only such a short time, so we all sincerely hope it will reopen.

Alice Meussdorffer.



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Akron Ohio Show

The Akron Dahlia Society Show held at the Firestone Clubhouse in Akron, in connection with the Show of the Firestone Employees Flower Club on September 9th-10th, was in the opinion of the writer neither the best, nor by far the worst Dahlia Show I ever saw. We had some terrible weather for Dahlias, topped off by one of the hottest days of the summer with a hot scorching wind on Thursday and many of the blooms were ruined. But even so we had a mighty fine Show and one that was a credit to the officers and the members of our Society.

We have in the Akron area the problem (we presume it exists most everywhere) of having several of the large growers who refuse to either display their bloom or aid the Society in the work of putting on the Show. Yet they depend on the Society to stage the yearly Show in order to hold the interest of the public so that they may sell their stock. We are thankful that most of our growers are not of this type. We have others who do not display many blooms, but they are always much in evidence when there is work to do; these are an asset to the Society even if they do not show many bloom. We are glad to report that this year a good many new growers (amateurs) made a fine showing in our Show.

We also sponsored a nice Show in Barberton, a few miles from Akron, on September 15th-16th. This Show had about the same number of entries as the Akron Show, and produced some mighty fine bloom. It is the hope of the Barberton growers either to hold the Akron

Show in Barberton next year or to hold a much larger Show than this year. More about that later. The real disappointments of the Shows was the absence of any real good seedlings and the absence of the wonderful bloom usually displayed by the Shanabrooks; Harold and his uncle Warren. In each case the weather prevented them from "Hitting the Show date."

The sectional winners in the Akron Show were:

Best bloom, any type, amateur section. *Golden Standard*, by Emil Maglione.

Best formal decorative. *Oakleigh Monarch*, Warren Shanabrook.

Best informal decorative. No award; no bloom up to size requirements.

Best semi-cactus. *Greater Glory*, John Zazo.

Best cactus. *Ballego's Surprise*, John Zazo.

Best bloom in Show. *Golden Standard*, Emil Maglione.

Most points in amateur section, Emil Maglione.

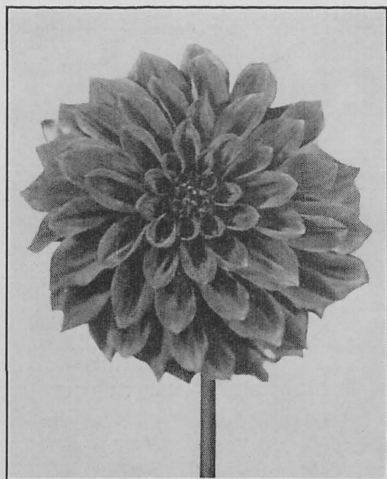
Most points in open to all, John Zazo.

L. R. Davis, Secretary.

Washington Dahlia Society

Tacoma, Washington

On September 2nd, 3rd and 4th we held our Fall Show in the Floral Hall, Point Defiance, which proved a very effective setting. The weather was not at its best, as



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OUR 1940 INTRODUCTIONS

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we had several rainy days the week of the Show, but in spite of that there were hundreds of blooms in very fine condition, ranging all the way in size from "my lady's hat," to a half inch button, with every color in the spectrum, with the elusion there must have been some new colors added. We had a record breaking attendance and Mr. Francis Glanfield our Show manager once again lived up to his reputation of being one of the best managers on the coast, by putting on a very well arranged Show.

One expression of kindly thoughtfulness of the Society drew much interest and comment. It was a beautiful memorial basket for the late Fred Robson, second vice-president 1938. The basket was presented by Mrs. J. W. Lee, who hybridized the lovely Dahlia of autumn shades, and artistically arranged the blooms. The judges did a splendid job, although they met many difficult problems, the first one being the class for the American Home Achievement Medal. Two beautiful blooms, *Martha Churchill*, entered by R. P. Turnquist of Bremerton, and *Alice McLean*, entered by the Franklin Dahlia Gardens, Tacoma, it was decided by points Mr. Turnquist's Dahlia being the winner. In view of the fact that the Dahlia, *Alice McLean* had won the sweepstake and was awarded the *Sunset Magazine* medal, at the Capitol Club at Olympia, it was an interesting contest. The commercial growers members of our Society who won honors at the Western Washington Fair should be given a big hand. Three of our growers were winner for arrangement of display, a new commercial Mr. C. Julin of the Pacific Dahlia Gardens won in classes for bouquet, and Mrs. E. R. Campbell of the Capitol Club, an affiliation of Washington Dahlia Society won amateur sweepstake. All are records of which we are very proud.

At our last meeting the question came up, should there be separate classes for Dahlias grown under cloth. It looks as if we shall be debating it until time for the next Show. As this seems to be an amateur problem, perhaps someone can give us a worthwhile suggestion on the subject. "Out where the west begins" our Society will soon be ending another year, but just before, we will eat turkey, and which day we eat it will not matter, we are thankful for the wonderful Dahlias we can grow, and a successful year.

Florence L. Robson, Secretary.

The South Plains Dahlia Society Lubbock, Texas

The South Plains Dahlia Society of Lubbock, Texas, held their first Show September 16, 1939. We think we had a wonderful Show. We know it might not line up with other Shows I have seen but there are many things to consider the northern and eastern Dahlia fans never have had to contend with. The South Plains country was nearly forgotten by the weatherman and his sprinkling can. We had only about one inch of rain since the first of May. We have to irrigate nearly all the time. The water on the plains (3,200 above sea level) is very hard. Then there is always the uncertainty of the varieties we order from north and east liking our cli-

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mate. The sun is very busy here nearly all the time. When we mix the heat and wind (that blows most of the time) like it was the last of August and first two weeks of September, it is a wonder we have any blooms at all. Some covered their blooms to keep from burning and keep the color somewhere near true.

We are all amateurs even if we have a few members that grow from 200 to 500 plants. Many do not have room for so many.

The chairman of our Show committee, Miss Erma Stokes, took color movies of her garden last year. Miss Stokes took her camera with her on her vacation trip, including Louisiana, southern Alabama and Central America. Then back to Oregon and Washington, up to International Park and its wonderful garden. Her home garden pictures Dahlias, shrubs, even fish pond, were as good as she found anywhere.

We are very proud of our Dahlia Show. Plans are well along now for our next year's Show. Come see what we can do in our wide open spaces. Dr. J. E. Porter is our president and is responsible for a good part of our pep.

B. B. Pallen.

[Editor's Note—A little bird whispered that Mr. Pallen who had been a charter member of the Canadian Dahlia Society contributed much from his experience in organizing this fine Texas group a year ago. The A. D. S. congratulates all the workers in this Lone Star Society.]

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We report another successful Show, held in the New York State Armory, Peekskill, N. Y., on September 15, 1939. Entries, attendance and quality of blooms exceeded our expectations.

Undoubtedly the readers of the BULLETIN, as a whole, are more interested in the varieties of Dahlias that captured the blue ribbons rather than who were the winners. However, we will touch on the high lights of the Show as follows:

Open to all—Sweepstakes, won by Valeria Home Inc., Oscawanna, N. Y.

Amateur—Sweepstakes, won by Edward J. O'Keefe, Cold Spring, N. Y.

A. D. S. Medal—Best Bloom, *Lord of Autumn*, Robert Miller, Oscawanna, N. Y.

Home Achievement Medal, *Manhattan*, S. Yohe Veile, Easton, Pennsylvania.

Futurity Medal, *Rita Wells*, R. A. Vogel, Peekskill, N. Y.

Open to all—Seedling, *Progress*, E. J. O'Keefe, Cold Spring, N. Y.

Bronze Medal—Commercial Exhibit—Springside Dahlia Gardens, New Hamburg, N. Y.

Blue Ribbons were won with varieties, *D'arcy Sainsbury*, *Carl Dahl*, *Mrs. C. J. Wildon*, *Golden Standard*, *Katie K.*, *Lois Walcher*, *Greater Glory*, *Miss Elsie Jane*, *Bette Davis*, *Beaute*, *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Miss Oakland*, *Miss Glory*, *Jersey Dainty*, *Lolette*, *Mrs. William Knudson*, *American Legion*, *Rita Wells*, *Hillside Sunset*, *Glamour*, *Langeloth*, *Robert L. Ripley* and *Lord of Autumn*, which had keen competition as the entries far exceeded our previous shows.

The judges and show manager deserve much credit for the able manner in which their duties were conducted which greatly helped the success of the exhibition. The Society is fortunate in procuring the best talent for this purpose and extends its appreciation.

A novel addition to our classes at the Peekskill Show is a seedling class, won this year by Albert Thomas of Peekskill, with a Dahlia grown from a seedling plant sold by the Society at twenty-five cents. Forty-three plants were sold to compete in this class, the proceeds from such sales was used as rewards for the winners.

With this report, we feel that we have concluded another successful Dahlia season, under the leadership of President R. W. Moe, and are looking toward the 1940 season with enthusiasm.

Robert A. Vogel, Secretary-Treasurer.

Hagerstown Dahlia Society's Fine Show

The Eleventh Annual Exhibition of the Hagerstown Dahlia Society was held in the State Armory on North Potomac Street, September 28th and 29th.

In spite of the adverse weather conditions having only one rain from August 1st to September 20th the Armory was filled with many fine blooms on display from the tiny pompon and miniatures to the large varieties of Dahlias. There were many exhibits of the finest specimens of roses, gladiolus, asters, marigolds, zinnias and other flower, and a number of attractive displays.

There is a growing interest in the Dahlia and the attendance was the best in the history of the Society. Thousands of persons who visited it were loud in their praises of the quality of the blooms exhibited and the beauty of the Show as a whole.

Mr. Floyd W. Doyle, Boonsboro, Maryland, exhibited *Carl Dahl*, the largest Dahlia in the Show, 14 inches in diameter and 10½ inches in depth. Pleasant View Gardens exhibited the smallest

Dahlia $\frac{7}{8}$ inches in diameter. Grover Dahlia Gardens had the best purple Dahlia, Mr. R. D. Pyne best red, Powells Dahlia Gardens best bi-color and Mr. N. A. Gossman best white, pink and yellow Dahlia in the Show.

Mrs. F. C. White was awarded first prize for the best large display of Dahlias, Mr. R. D. Pyne second prize and Mr. Walter S. Gibney third prize, Mr. N. A. Gossman won sweepstakes for the most points on Dahlias.

For the best 1939 introductions Mr. N. A. Gossman won first and Grover Dahlia Gardens second in the formal and informal classes. Mr. N. A. Gossman first and second in the cactus classes. In the Gladiolus classes the specimens were unusually fine and Miss Mamie Long led with the most first prizes.

Judges of the Show: Prof. J. B. S. Norton from the University of Maryland; Mr. Henry J. Betz of Stemmers Run, Maryland; Mr. N. A. Gossman of Baltimore, Maryland; Miss Mary Bester, Miss Mary Chrissinger and Mrs. Harry R. Rudy of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Mr. Walter S. Gibney was the Show Superintendent.

The Show Committee did a great job. Our minds are now turned towards the 1940 Show with increased interest. Can we count on you being in our 1940 Show and help to make it the best yet.

H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary.

San Leandro Dahlia Society Show

San Leandro Dahlia Society, August 26, 27, 1939, Show was held in the Veterans Memorial Building, San Leandro. It was the general opinion of those present that this was a better Show than any in the bay area.

Prior to the Show a preview was given on Treasure Island in the Alameda Contra-Costa building, where a splendid Show was put on by the Society in order to advertise the Annual Show, which was very well received and patronized by the general public.

The Annual Show was fine and visited by 10,000 people. Amongst the visitors was Mrs. Mastick from Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. MacDonald of Los Angeles, both prominent Dahlia growers. Both said that the Show was one of the best.

Prominent amongst the winners were the following: Novice class, Mrs. Forbes, Fred Gorms, Isaac Cockrell. Amateur section, Frank Zell, Stanley Allan, Mrs. Parle, Al. Mugglestone. In the advanced section A. O. Hanson, L. Statler, T. J. Sjöberg, Mrs. G. Gorms, while the open for all classes were won by A. O. Hanson, T. J. Sjöberg, L. Statler, Mrs. Dannehim and Dr. Luther Michael. The *American Home Achievement Medal* was won by Patricia Dahlia Gardens with Lucy S. with a score of 86. The same exhibition also won the *Sunset Achievement Medal* with twelve blooms of *Betty Simmons* and the *House Beautiful Futurity Medal* with *Don Sowton* and *Vinwell Empress*.

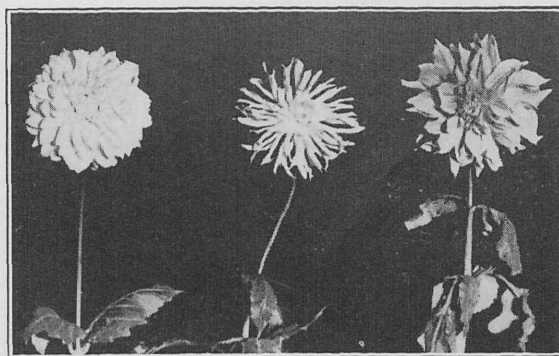
Programme of the Show is absolutely free. The merchants and businessmen of San Leandro kindly donate the majority of the prizes as you will see, while the City Fathers and the supervisors of Alameda County help to finance the same.

The Society holds a series of whist parties during the winter months and the money divided and placed in the general fund.

The officers are a hard working bunch and the result is an exhibition to be proud of.

The best flower in the Show was exhibited by A. O. Hanson, *Darcy Sainsbury*, A. D. S. Medal. The best basket was *Christine Janssen*. Best flower in amateur classes, *Christine Janssen*, won by William Swift.

OUR 1940 INTRODUCTIONS



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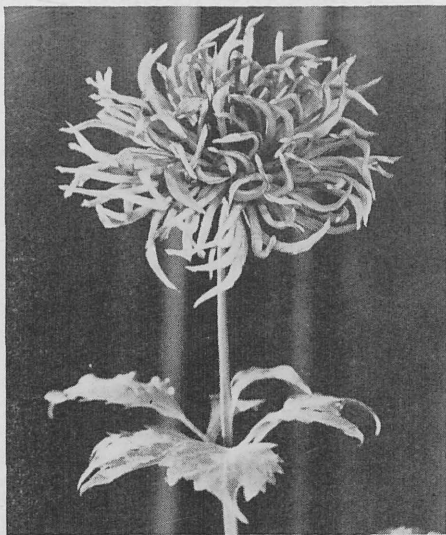
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Missouri Valley Dahlia Association

On September 30th and October 1st the Missouri Valley Dahlia Association held its Seventh Annual Dahlia Show in the Chamber of Commerce Building in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The weather man had been most disappointing in providing favorable Dahlia weather. No rain for a month before the Show. Temperature around the one hundred degree mark for most of that month. Three days of gale intensity that cooked apples on the trees and whipped Dahlia plants to pieces. Then a light frost the night before the Show. Could there possibly be a Show? Well—there was! Not the quantity and far from the quality of blooms, but—a Show. Our morale was not broken! Our spirits were not crushed! We are not whipped!

The judges viewed the blooms and general display and asked "Is it possible in this climate?" We do not have anything to brag about, except possibly our stubbornness in fighting the weather and carrying through our Show program.

I give you a resumé of the Show results and want to say this—the blooms that won can take it and you can depend on them in any weather conditions.

First we call attention to the winners in section six, the sweepstake section.

I. Best four Dahlias, one of each, formal, informal, semi-cactus and cactus, any color. Won by Mr. E. M. Summers of St. Joseph with *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*, *Thomas A. Edison*, *Gretal Satan*.

II. Best large flowering Dahlia in the Show. Won by Judge Allen C. Southern of Independence, Missouri, with *Mrs. George LeBoutillier*, second *California Peach* and third *Son of Satan*.

III. Best miniature Dahlia in the Show. Won by Mr. Henry Kertz with *Carla*.

IV. Best ball Dahlia in the Show. Won by Mr. Harry Kertz with *Mary Helen*.

V. Best pompon Dahlias in the Show. Won by Mr. Fred Stock with *Taka's Purple*.

VI. Any other type of Dahlia not contested.

VII. Best basket of Dahlias arranged for artistic effect. Won by Mr. Fred Batcher, Jr., with a basket containing *Kemp's White Wonder*, *Ruby Taylor*, *Elisa Landi*, *Jimmie Fox*, *Milton J. Cross*, *Golden Standard*, *Miss Ohio*, beautifully and artistically arranged.

The seedling section proved unworthy of awards except for an especially interesting miniature entered by Mr. Kertz and named for his son *Billy K*. This miniature has not been through the trial grounds. Imagine *Paddy* in intense coloring, same formation, flowering early, continuously, and profusely until frost. It looks good.

In section one a few awards deserve special mention. This section finds the stiffest competition in the large flowering Dahlias.

May we mention a few Dahlias that won their spurs under fire: *American Purity*, *Golden Standard*, *Adorable*, *Queen City*, *Ohio Glory*, *Leiden Elegance*, *Kentucky Red* and *Mildred Hare*.

The outstanding bloom in this section was a new comer to most of us. *Red Pilot* shown by Mr. E. J. Wright of Camden Point, Missouri. A beautiful informal decorative red originated by Mr. Kemp.

Old timers such as *Lord of Autumn*, *California Idol*, *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Jean Trimbee*, *Milton J. Cross*, *Jersey's Beacon*, *Ruby Taylor*, *Golden Goblin*, *Clara Carder*, *Bette Davis* et al continued to win. These can take it.

The chief winners of awards were:

Most points sweepstakes winner, Mr. Harry Kertz. The Kearney Cup.

Best four Dahlias, Mr. E. M. Summers. The Kansas City Cup.

Best bloom in Show, Judge Allen C. Southern. *American Home Achievement Medal*.

Best basket of Dahlias for artistic effect, Mr. Fred Batcher, Jr. A. D. S. Medal.

The membership especially enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk informally with Mr. Harry Franzen of

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Portland Dahlia Society Picnic

By Mrs. R. M. McClary

The Julia Compton Dahlia Gardens, twenty miles east of Portland on the famous Mt. Hood Loop highway, was the setting for the Portland Dahlia Society's pre-Show picnic, September 17th. This sixty-acre farm, with its grand view of Mt. Hood and groupings of shade trees, family orchard and native firs makes a charming picture in itself, but when plot upon plot of blooming Dahlias are added it is hard to describe its beauty.

The ideal autumn day and cordial welcome by the Compton family started the picnic off just right. Tables had been erected under two spreading black walnut trees and were soon laden with picnic lunches besides hot baked beans, baked ham, fresh berry pies, coffee, cream and fruit donated by the Comptons, making this a repast hard to duplicate.

The party was well attended by Dahlia growers and garden club members who were permitted to walk through the gardens and view the thousands of blooms. Pompons in a section by themselves and miniatures in another setting, older favorites keeping up their fine blooming records in a field across a side street, while in a large area near the residence was planted some of the finest Dahlias one could hope to see. While the party was being conducted through this garden moving pictures and color pictures were made.

Mrs. Compton cuts flowers daily for her retail shop in Portland and for the wholesale trade, yet there was such an abundance of flowers it was hard to realize any had been cut.

The Comptons have installed an overhead water system driven by an electric pump from a well supply 240 feet deep. The pipes are revolved automatically by a Skinner oscillator. One setting can be made to cover approximately one acre, putting on better than an inch of rain in ten hours.

After the picnic lunch Mrs. Compton again gave generously of her time describing types and characteristics of each. She and other professional growers instructed the visitors in cutting and preparing blooms for the Showroom and gave information gleaned through their years of actual experience in answering questions of the interested guests, who departed with the feeling they had learned much about Dahlia culture while enjoying a day of full pleasure.

Portland Dahlia Society Show

By Mrs. R. M. McClary

The Portland Dahlia Society held its Twelfth Annual Show September 28th and 29th in the auditorium of the Meier and Frank Store. The necessity of changing the date, almost at the eleventh hour, from the 26th and 27th caused some confusion with out of town entrants and the Society regrets it was not able to inform these exhibitors of the unavoidable change.

The floor place of the Show was well planned. The professionals grouped their exhibits along three walls of the auditorium using their allotted space to the best advantage. The tables for all other entries were arranged

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through the center of the hall allowing as much space for traffic as possible, even then additional space had to be made for the unusual number of entries and special features.

Pausing on entering the auditorium the panorama of beautiful Dahlias in all their gorgeous colors was a heart thrilling sight—a grand climax to the year's galaxy of blooms.

The admirers of our great fall flower crowded the aisles the first day and some of the same and many others came to view the Dahlias the second day. Perhaps the farthest distance guests were Mrs. J. E. Prescott and party from Manchester, New Hampshire, who stopped in Portland en route to the San Francisco Fair. The size of our blooms amazed them, and the many varieties. They had never seen such an exhibit any place from their home to Florida. They also visited some Dahlia gardens and expressed great admiration and praise for our flowers and our community. Among other guests we met were Mrs. O. E. Plumb, a veteran Dahlia grower from Bellingham, Washington, also an amateur, Mr. G. Smethurst, Victoria, B. C., who had won numerous prizes with his Dahlias, and Mr. and Mrs. McCloud of Seattle, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lee of Tacoma, Washington, well known Dahlia growers and Mrs. George Crites of Newberg who gave us that old favorite Champoege.

The judges were: Mrs. F. S. Pomeroy of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Tryon, Mrs. Menighel, Mrs. J. W. Lee, all of Tacoma, Mr. Lloyd Moss of Puyallup, Washington, Mrs. Mueller of North Bend, Washington, Mr. George O.

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Latimer and Mr. George Westgate of Portland. The judging was a long and difficult task for which the Society is deeply indebted and grateful to these people for their helpful services.

Special Awards

The lovely pink cactus, *Shirley Temple*, was judged the best Dahlia in the Show, an entry grown and exhibited by the President, Robert Sanders.

The largest Dahlia was a 12¼x6 in. *California Idol* entered by an amateur, Robert Strang.

The honor for the smallest perfect bloom, *Tom Thumb*, fell to H. C. Bateham.

The *American Home* achievement medal was awarded to Mrs. J. W. Lee of Tacoma, for her white cactus seedling, *White Lace*.

Also this cactus seedling, *White Lace*, won for Mrs. J. W. Lee the sunset magazine medal.

Mr. Walter Scrutton of Estacada won first and second on miniature seedlings.

Professional Exhibits

The Estacada Gardens, importers and growers of foreign Dahlias, made a noteworthy display of these splendid flowers. A basket of *Little Sunbeam*, a Holland cactus, carried off first honors in miniatures. A basket of the F. D. Helly *Boudewin* and a bowl of the Australian pom *Dorea* attracted much attention as did the ball type, *Aida*, almost black, and *Wien*, deep pink with creamy base, and the Holland semi-cactus *Ormoesd*, with its curly violet petals to a silvery center. Many baskets of miniatures, poms, and large type, and interesting arrangements in pottery added much to this display. Their informal decorative seedling, a copy bronze over salmon with distinct mahogany stripes won first in miniature seedling class. Award for best collection of Foreign Dahlias was won by the Estacada Gardens.

The Portland Dahlia Gardens exhibit was awarded first prize on best general display.

A large basket of poms made up of their origination, *Rose Gray*, *Mary Mums*, *Baby*, *Libby Rohr* won as best basket of pompons.

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The National Capital Dahlia Society

The fourth regional Dahlia Show of The National Capital Dahlia Society, according to all reports reaching the members, was perhaps the most beautiful of the eastern Dahlia Shows. So many compliments have been received on the general arrangement of this Show that a short description might be of interest.

The Show was held in an auditorium having a stage opposite the entrance. The trophies were placed on a table close to the entrance. Back of this table the small-flowering Dahlias were arranged. Tables bearing the single-bloom classes were positioned on both sides of the smaller Dahlias, then came the three bloom classes and, along the side walls, the five bloom classes were arranged. Commercial exhibits were placed in the corners of the room and the basket and vase arrangements were placed on the stage in tiers.

The general impression of the arrangement, upon a visitor entering the display room, was that of a sea of varied color banked on both sides and, in the distance, rising tier on tier. In singling out the varied attractions, the eye of the visitor would probably first note the silver and glass of the trophies set off by scarlet panne velvet, and then the masses of Dahlia blooms arranged in color classes, eventually coming to rest upon the basket and vase arrangements on the stage, set off by back-drops of purple velvet. Many visitors, upon entering the display, were seen to stand for some time near the entrance admiring the spectacle.

Our Show this year was larger than last; so large in fact that it was necessary to place the artistic arrangements and other flowers in the hall rather than in the main auditorium. More out-of-town exhibitors were welcomed this year and these accounted for most of the excellent trophies which were presented.

Our list of patronesses was headed by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mrs. Henry A. Wallace, Mrs. Herbert R. O'Connor, Mrs. James H. Price and Mrs. Harry Byrd. The judges were Mr. Warren W. Maytrott, Major J. B. Eastman, Mr. Niels J. Hansen, Mr. J. W. Johnston, Mr. Earl P. Loller, Mr. John C. Mencke, Jr., Dr. J. B. S. Norton, Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Mr. William J. Stolz and Mr. E. Guy Williams. Sweepstakes winners in the various sections were Mrs. Pauline Graf (2), Henry C. Parker, Charles M. Diffenderfer (2), H. K. Rosenberger, N. A. Gossman, Marvin Shipley and Mrs. Willard A. Shiner. Mr. R. C. Ferguson of Wilmington won the award for the best Dahlia in the Show with a beautiful specimen of *Glamour* and also the award for the best exhibit of foreign Dahlias. Mr. John C. Mencke, Jr., won the award for the best commercial exhibit. The *House Beautiful* Dahlia Futurity Gold Medal was won by Mr. Henry F. Cory with a basket of *Virginia Shipley* of excellent substance and form, in a class totalling nine entries. The *American Home* Achievement Medal was won by 17 year old David Quick with three excellent blooms of a red semi-cactus named *Osa Helen*. Mr. F. H. Goetzger won the A. D. S. medal for the best two year old seedling.

Dahlias were classified both as to color and type in the various sections, making a total of 32 classes. It might be of interest to name the Dahlias winning in these various classes in Section C, for amateur growers of not

over 100 Dahlias, which section was the one most highly competitive. The color classes were (1) red, maroon or crimson, (2) pink, (3) mauve or lavender, (4) white or cream, (5) yellow, (6) buff, orange or autumn shades, (7) bi-color or variegated and (8) any other color. The winners of the formal decorative type, in these respective color classes were, *Oakleigh Monarch*, *Severin's Triumph*, *Blue River*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Kentucky Sun*, *Monarch of the East*, *Haslerova* and *Saracen*. The informal decorative winners were *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *Katie-K*, *Glamour*, *Alice May*, *Lord of Autumn*, *Carl G. Dahl*, *Freckles* and *Hunt's Velvet Wonder*. In the semi-cactus classes, the winners were *Son of Satan*, *Greater Glory*, *Bette Davis*, *American Purity*, *Miss Glory*, *Amelia Earhart*, *New Glory* and *Jean Trimbee*. And the winners in the cactus classes were *Kemp's Red Legion*, *Mrs. Herbert O'Connor*, *Miss West Virginia*, *Jersey's Dainty*, *Royal Purchase*, *Golden Standard*, *Renate Muller* and *Ella May*. The Dahlias adjudged best in the various sections included *Carl G. Dahl*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Balego's Surprise*, *California Idol* and in the section for Dahlias from four to seven inches *Mascotte*.

Henry C. Parker, Secretary.

Baltimore Dahlia Society

The Baltimore Dahlia Society staged its Fifteenth Annual Show at the 5th Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Maryland, September 17th and 18th. True to form this was again from all reports one of the outstanding Shows staged in the east.

The Show featured native Mexican Dahlia blooms and which were most interesting to the public for it gave them the opportunity to see just what rapid strides had been made in the advancement of the Dahlia.

Show Manager John Nolte and his committee deserve the praise of every member for their very fine work in staging and handling the Show.

The winners in the various sections were as follows: sweepstakes: novice, Mrs. A. Seifert; Section A, George Shaffer; Section B, Mr. Parker; Section C, C. M. Diffenderfer; Section D, N. A. Gossman; C. and D. color classes, John Rosenberger; ball classes, R. DeLauder; pompons, George Mumma; miniatures, Mrs. Pauline Graf; hardy gardens, Mrs. George Shaffer. The *American Home* Achievement Medal and \$25 cash was awarded to the Glenden Dahlia Gardens for three very fine blooms of *Progress*. The *House Beautiful* medal was awarded to Mr. James Desmond for six *Everybody's Favorite*. The Governor O'Connor trophy, won by Maryland Dahlia Gardens; Mayor Jackson trophy, won by N. A. Gossman. Best bloom in the Show went to *Katy K*, exhibited by C. M. Diffenderfer. Display awards: first, John C. Mencke, Jr.; second, Berwick Dahlia Gardens and third, Maryland Dahlia Gardens.

The Society wishes to extend thanks to all who helped to make the Show a success and particularly the donors of the various premiums.

We hope to have our twenty-five or more members together by the November meeting so that our Society may become a Branch Society instead of being affiliated as at the present.

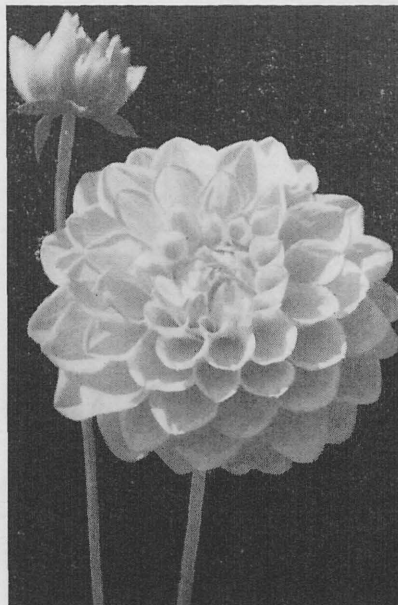
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The central motif of this exhibit was a large basket of *Linda Vista* which won a blue for best informal decorative basket. A bowl of pomps, *Bantam*, *Tiptop*, *Peggy Ann* and *Yellow Gem*, also won a blue. The deep mahogany red anemone type *Alpha* was an outstanding entry, as was a basket of singles, *Fairy*, *White Swan*, and *Salome*. A large basket of *Jersey's Dainty*, and the many arrangements of miniature types and pompons, in which they specialize, helped to win for them their best general display.

Veteran Growers

Gills Dahlia Gardens, made an entry of Dahlias without irrigation. The blooms were large and of good substance and this exhibit was an interesting one throughout the two days Show. They had an outstanding basket of pompons made up of *Edith Mueller*, *Bantam*, *Yellow Gem*, and *Rosa Wilmouth*.

A large basket of *LaEstrella* and *Dwight Morrow*, centered their exhibit. Another basket of the red and white bi-color, *Sparkles*, and informal decorative red *Seaside Beauty* was well contrasted with the basket made of *Salbach's White* and *White Knight*. Two ball Dahlias were an attraction, *Anna Rechoost*, almost a black maroon and *Supt. Amhryn*. Many large types in baskets and vases complimented this display.

The Julia Compton Gardens highlighted their display with a large basket of *Miss Glory* which won first award as best basket of semi-cactus in Show.

This display won sweepstakes for the highest number of points in Professional class. Many of these awards were won on single entries of best quality and size. A basket of single *Volks Kanzler* won first in small types and attracted much attention as did also a basket of miniatures *Robin* and *Coronne*. *Clara Carder* was an outstanding entry and a large basket of *Balego's Glory* held the eye.

American Triumph was grown perfectly in this garden and I've never seen as many or such perfect *Marie Dresslers* as this garden offered.

Angelo Rossi and *Wenoka* were splendid additions to this display and the many baskets of small types and pompons.

The Mastick Gardens made a grand display of their creation *Charles L. Mastick* which won first honors as best basket in the Show and as best basket of formal decoratives. This Dahlia is such a wonderful show Dahlia it wins when ever placed in com-

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petition. In sharp contrast to *Charles L. Mastick* were the several entries of tiny Dahlias, *Schwaetters Baby*, *Hollandia*, and *Teeny Weeny* that attracted all the public. Many baskets of Foreign Dahlias were noteworthy entries in this display, *Nagel's Superb* being outstanding as was also a basket of the lovely white miniature *Helly Bondewyn* and the water lily type *Goldina*. A basket of the dainty pink cactus, *Olivia Robertson* won a blue, honors were won on their imported novelties in large and small types in basket and vase arrangements.

The Portland Dahlia Society medal was awarded in the following divisions to sweepstakes winner of the highest number of points.

Novice Class

Mr. Rollin Heater first with Mrs. Thomas W. Blakeney of Beaverton a close runner up. Each year this class attracts entrants who show an unusually fine lot of Dahlias.

4 H Club Members

First year members elementary schools Class A—Donna Arlene Ross, a tiny nine year old won first honors. Class B. All other elementary schools Edwin Parker winner Class C. High school, Walter Wette winner. Best Dahlia in 4 H division, a grand *Jane Cowl* entered by Shireen Hall, won the Little Trophy.

Amateur Section

Many entrants and a fine display of blooms made competition keen in this department. Mr. P. F. Kershnik was sweepstakes winner and was awarded the Portland Dahlia Society Medal. In Section G table decorations and baskets Mr. Kershnik made a complete sweep of the blue ribbons.

Advanced Amateur Section

Mrs. Martin Brouwer sweepstakes winner was awarded the Portland Dahlia Society Medal.

Table decorations and baskets. Best bowl small type Mrs. M. Brouwer. Best bowl pompons Mrs. R. M. McClary, best basket large type, *Nagel's Superb*, Mrs. M. Brouwer. Best basket miniatures, *Glorious*, Mrs. R. M. McClary, best basket pompons, *Gertrude*, Mrs. R. M. McClary. Best basket bi-colors Mrs. M. Brouwer. Mr. Grant Heter and George O. Latimer made numerous winning entries in advanced amateur section.

Stamford Horticultural Society Holds Monthly Meeting and Annual Dahlia Show

Tuesday night, October 3rd, Stamford, Connecticut, Horticultural Society held its monthly meeting and annual Dahlia Show and had as guests members from the Westport Horticultural Society. There were a great number of exhibits. The judges were members of the Westport Society: John Nichol, E. Barion, A. T. Longeran, James Finnie, Louis Gordon and J. Fraser. The winners of the various classes were:

Mackey Class

First, John Benton.

Dahlia Medal

First, Tom Little who received the Dahlia Society medal; second, A. Smarth; third, Tom Little; fourth, D. McBeth.

Monthly Class

1. Eric Von Spaeth, 3 plates of Apples, 80 points.
2. A. Smart, Gladiolas, 78 points.
3. S. Golding, Dahlias, 76 points.
4. A. Scalres, Dahlias, 72 points.
5. A. Petrie, basket of Dahlias, 70 points.
6. A. Scales, Dahlias, 68 points.
7. A. Smart, Celery, 66 points.
8. T. J. Bulpitt, vase of *Phyostegia*, 64 points.
9. Tom Little, vase of Dahlias, 62 points.
10. D. McBeth, Zinnias, 60 points.
11. J. Matthews, Dahlias, 58 points.
12. Charles Willman, Dahlias, 56 points.

Stump & Walter Class

1. John Matthews, Lima Beans, 78 points.
2. Tom Bulpitt, vase of *Liatris scariosa alba*, 70 points.
3. Charles Willman, Tomatoes, 65 points.
4. Tom Bulpitt, Gladiolas, 64 points.
5. Charles Willman, vase of Jap. Anemones, 60 points.
6. Charles Willman, vase of Pompon Dahlias, 50 points.
7. Charles Willman, Scabiosa, 48 points.

William J. Rice Class

1. John Matthews, Lima Beans, 78 points.
2. Tom Bulpitt, *Liatris scariosa alba*, 70 points.
3. Charles Willman, Tomatoes, 65 points.
4. Tom Bulpitt, Gladiolas, 64 points.
5. Charles Willman, Jap. Anemones, 60 points.
6. Charles Willman, Pompon Dahlias, 50 points.
7. Charles Willman, vase of Scabiosa, 48 points.

Mr. Robert A. Mackey, Flower Show Secretary gave a report on the Flower Show as it stands to date and this report was accepted by the Society. The members voted to hold their annual dinner this year at Rich's on the Post Road, on November 16th if that date is available. After the business meeting an informal social hour was held and hot dogs and suitable refreshments were served.

Robert A. Mackey, Corresponding Secretary.

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Section 33. *Jane Cowl*. Mr. Roy Smith. Award, large fiesta vase.

Section 34. Shadow boxes. Mrs. Incz Smith. Award, floor lamp.

Sweepstakes of the entire Show. John Eccleston, East Liverpool, Ohio. Award, State of Georgia Dahlia Society Medal of Honor.

Second in sweepstakes. H. H. Robens. Award, large fiesta vase.

Dahlias over 7 inches—sweepstakes. H. H. Robens. Award, State of Ohio Dahlia Society Silver Medal.

Largest Dahlia in Show. H. H. Robens. Award, large fiesta vase. *American Legion*.

Best in Show over 10 inches. H. H. Robens. *American Legion*. Award, large fiesta vase.

Best over 5 inches and under 10 inches. H. H. Robens. *American Purity*. W. N. Jobes Perpetual Trophy.

Smallest Dahlia in Show. William Kaiser. *Belle of Springfield*. Award, one pair of fiesta bud vases.

Miss Patty Lou Gallimore christened the new Dahlia *Ceramic Queen*. This name was submitted by Joseph O'Hanlon, St. Clair Avenue, East Liverpool, Ohio. A special ribbon was given to Mr. Thomas Martin for *Mayor Frank Otis Bloom* which was of unusual diameter.

Miss Roxie McElroy, Secretary.
Mrs. J. T. Watkins, Press Report.

Alabama Dahlia News

Autumn with all its glorious color seemed to have moved indoors when the Dahlia Society of Alabama opened their Fourth Annual Show at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham, October 10th. Beautiful Dahlias, large and small, of great variety, color and type were on display. The display was by far the largest yet and was well arranged due to the efficient work of the Show committee with Dr. H. C. Rike, chairman. The untiring efforts of the president, Norman Lefkovits, and the fine coöperation of the members made this the Society's most successful Show. Crowds of eager Birmingham flower lovers, groups of visitors from over the state and neighboring states thronged the rooms from the opening hour until the closing late in the evening. One entire room was devoted to miniatures, poms and balls showing the increasing interest in this type of Dahlia. Thousands of blooms throughout the other rooms caused much admiration and interesting comment from all who saw them. As members gazed with pride and joy on the product of their labors, forgotten were the long hours of hard toil 'neath a hot Alabama sun, forgotten too, were aching muscles which so faithfully had kept the spray gun going to put the pests on the run. This was the moment all had looked forward to and worked for. Victory had now been achieved and all felt repaid as they gazed at ribbons, medals and trophies won. A kindly feeling, holding no trace of envy for a more successful member, pervaded, making this indeed a happy as well as a beautiful occasion.

Of special importance to the beginner and of interest to all was the section for the novice. The Dahlias found here were good and a credit to the growers. No ribbons or medals in the entire Show brought greater satisfaction or aroused more enthusiasm than did these. It seems certain that next season will find these Dahlia growers working harder than ever to grow more and better blooms.

No spot in the entire Show was more admired than the special display of miniatures, poms and balls grown and displayed by Mrs. H. C. Rike. More than 1,500 blooms of more than sixty varieties were artistically arranged in containers best suited to each. Of special interest in this display were two seedlings, a white, *Wisp of Cotton*, and a scarlet pink which could well be called *Baby Queen City*. Pencils and notebooks never failed to appear and lists were made by visitors of varieties which they wished to remember and try.

Sweepstakes in Section AA (novice) were won by Monroe Smiddie; Section A, by Mrs. R. E. Towers; Section B, by Mrs. Hazel Varner; Section C, by Graham McKinley; Section D, by Dr. H. C. Rike. The best entry of twelve, T. M. Floyd; best entry of twenty-five, T. M. Floyd. Best seedling (1939 seed), Norman Lefkovits. Sweepstakes, entire Show, Dr. H. G. Simpson; most perfect bloom, entire Show, Mrs. Hazel Varner; best cactus bloom, entire Show, Mrs. Hazel Varner; best semi-cactus bloom, entire Show, Dr. H. C. Rike; best informal decorative bloom, entire Show, Harold Freeman; best formal decorative bloom, entire Show, Dr. H. C. Rike; President's cup, best three blooms, entire Show, Frank Floyd.

Late in the evening at the close of the Show, an

efficient committee with John Self, chairman, carefully lifted the blooms from their containers and carried them to all local hospitals, the Crippled Children's Clinic and the Tuberculosis Sanitarium. In this way the Dahlia Society of Alabama shared the beauty of their Show with those shut in, thus bringing to a close the Society's largest and most successful Show.

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RETA BALLIN—I. D. Color lemon yellow. Large and deep about 10 inches or more by 7 inches. Petals curl slightly at tips. Center is high and closed even late in season. Cane like stems. Petals are long and broad, and curl at tips. Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00

SCARLET ANNE—I. D. (Stock). Medium size. Color light scarlet. Averages 6 to 7 inches. Flower held on side, foliage healthy. Petals of fine substance. Blooms all season, early and late. Won in the commercial class at the New York and Camden Shows. Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00

CONVENTION CITY—I. D. (Lee). A distinctly different type of informal decorative, with petals partly fluted and partly quilled. Color hammered copper. The high crown center is always full and the stiff stems hold it up well.

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Dahlia Society of Georgia Show

The Dahlia Society of Georgia staged its Sixth Annual Dahlia Show at the City Auditorium, Atlanta, Georgia, Friday, September 29th—was one of the most widely attended and altogether successful affair.

It is gratifying to all to see the progress the Dahlia is making in this section of the country of the ever increasing number of those who are devoting their spare time to the cultivation and improvement of the Dahlia, for we know of no other hobby more likely to bring peace and contentment to the mind and improvement to the health of any man or woman who puts his or her heart and soul into the care and attention that even a small bed of Dahlias should have in order that they may be brought to the full heights of their glorious perfection.

We use the masculine pronoun more often in referring to Dahlia growers because, probably, we know more men than women who are Dahlia enthusiasts. The Dahlia is so essentially a man's flower and why it should be so is rather hard to explain. Perhaps because of the time, work and patience necessary to bring a perfect blossom to the heights of its full glory at just the proper time does not appeal to as many women. Perhaps because the women have exhausted their enthusiasm and energy on the earlier and more fragile spring and summer flowers, and are quite willing to let friend husband and his favorite have their day in the sun when autumn comes.

We who grow Dahlias like to share our joy with others who do not grow and there are thousands of flower lovers who must depend on local florists for their supply of this crowning glory of autumn. In Dahlia time, many gardens are open to the flower loving public for their enjoyment.

The Dahlia Society of Georgia in coöperation with the Georgia Experiment Station, has been far reaching in promoting Dahlia culture. This is a trial garden where for the past several years, the cultivation of new varieties are grown and this Dahlia trial garden saves Dahlia growers much time, effort and expense to have outstanding plants thoroughly tested for Georgia cultivation.

This year, Dahlia Field Day was held October 15th, and thousands of garden club members, flower enthusiasts, horticulturists and commercial growers witnessed the successful Field Day. This year approximately five hundred plants were grown and contributed by prominent growers from all sections of the country for the purpose of determining what can be done with new varieties as well as many standard varieties already on the market for southern gardens.

The gardens presented a splendid and colorful panorama for the throng of visitors who viewed the beautiful blossoms and brought to a close what experts term the most successful and interesting season Georgia has yet experienced in this profitable and fascinating undertaking.

From the smallest pompon to the giant formal with a goodly representation of informal, semi-cactus and cactus types, with all color and color combinations vying for a place on the list of those to be pronounced "worthy" of a Georgia grower's time and attention, the awarding of the Honor Certificates will prove intensely interesting to all growers.

C. E. Faust, President.

Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society

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The Second Annual Show was held in the Hotel Schenley on Saturday, September 16th, and Sunday, September 17, 1939.

The spacious mirrored ballroom and lounges having been newly painted and decorated with red plush draperies and fully carpeted, were in themselves, a beautiful sight, but still more beautiful after Messrs. Rapp and Clark, the Show Managers, in conjunction with Carl Hogsett, the Show Chairman, had arranged the four exhibition tables which were six feet wide and eighty feet long, covered by white linen, with eight foot aisles between the rows. Mr. Rapp's personal display in the stage of the ballroom, consisting of seventy-five gorgeous blooms exhibited in a pedestal vase, with its black velvet background and four other baskets containing twelve Dahlias of one variety, artistically arranged with palms, ferns, and the prizes donated by the Society, was an aristocratic setting for any Show.

Upon entering the Show rooms from the Fifth Avenue entrance, the four thousand visitors entered the first lounge in which the arrangement classes were exhibited, and comfortable lounging facilities were provided for the weary. The visitors next passed through the arch to the main ballroom in which over three thousand blooms were exhibited by sixty-three exhibitors, then through the second arch to the Forbes Street lounge where the commercial displays of Beaver Gardens, H. Retzer's Gardens, H. Frank Freed Gardens, Tobin and Frazee Gardens, J. J. Englert Gardens, A. E. Heil Gardens and Jack Ripper's Gardens, who exhibited more than two thousand large and small Dahlias.

The Special Ribbon winners in Class "A" for Members Only, were *Scarlet Leader*, *Anna Benedict*, *Jimmy Fox*, *Amelia Earhart*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Lord of Autumn* and *Sleepy Hollow* and *Golden Standard*. In Class "B", open to all, were, *Buckeye Star*, *Arelida Lloyd*, *Ballegos Surprise*, *Greater Glory*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *American Legion*, *Rosey Morn* and *Prince of Persia*. In Class "C", open to all, were *Baby Royal*, *Paddy*, *Rounds Red*, *Supt. Amhryn*, and *Newport Triumph*.

The following exhibitors, Flecks Dahlia Gardens, A. G. Banks, C. W. Luebke, H. H. Knoblock, A. Seigh, H. W. Leyh, W. B. Rath, F. R. Bellows, William Neleigh, Mrs. H. W. Leyh, J. Schott, Rev. A. J. Stewart, E. F. Dunmire, R. J. Christay, N. Frazee and J. A. Greubel, won a pair of Fiesta Vases donated by the Society and Red Arrow Spray donated by McCormick Sales Company, in the above classes.

The commercial class was won by Beaver Dahlia Gardens; the *American Home Achievement* Medal by William Nuneviller, with his *Flash* exhibited by Henry Retzer; the *House Beautiful* Dahlia Futurity Medal by Mrs. Blanche Stamm, with six blooms of *Lois Walcher*; 1938 introduction with \$10.00 cash award, donated by Henry Retzer, was won by E. F. Dunmire with *Carl Dahl*; largest bloom award, 1940 introduction, donated by Joseph Nuneviller, was won by E. F. Dunmire, with *Glamour*; the North-eastern Dahlia Society Medal was won by C. Buresch with *Newport Triumph*; best 1939 seedling award of \$5.00 cash, donated by C. P. Hock, was won by Fred Luffy; the American Dahlia Society Medal for best exhibit in Section "A" was won by E. F. Dunmire, with *Darcy Sainsbury*, and the grand sweepstakes award, the Allegheny County Commissioners' Cup, was won by C. W. Luebke with twenty-seven firsts, twenty-three seconds and nine thirds.

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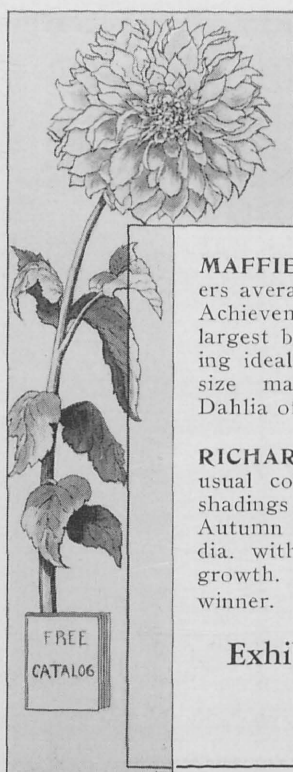
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The Dahlia Society of Kentucky

The Dahlia Society of Kentucky's Eighth Annual Show, under the direction of President W. H. Swift, was held at the Kentucky Hotel on October 7-8, 1939, and proved a great success in every way. A beautiful display of blooms, despite the dry weather for the past six or eight weeks, and a good attendance.

Blooms were displayed from various parts of the country, namely, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky.

The largest bloom in the entire Show was grown and shown by W. B. Dietz, an *Amelia Earhart*, and was awarded a Silver Cup.

The winners of the Sweepstakes Cups were as follows:

Section 1, Novice Class Sweepstakes Cup was won by Ralph L. Kennedy, Jr.

Section 2, Small Amateur Class Sweepstakes Cup was won by C. W. Simbritzki.

Section 3, Amateur Class Sweepstakes Cup was won by George E. Gill.

Section 4, 300 hills or over Sweepstakes Cup was won by Charles Fieldhouse.

The Grandsweepstakes of the Show, the A. D. S. Medal, was won by Charles Fieldhouse.

The Presidents Cup was won by Dr. A. E. White of Indianapolis, Indiana, on the best entry of twelve blooms, *Miss Indiana*.

The Show Committee's Cup was won by C. H. Durnil, on the best entry of six blooms, *Mascot*.

Sparks Dahlia Gardens won the Louisville Pottery vase on the best 6 Ball Dahlias.

The Dahlia Society of Kentucky's Silver Medals were won by George Gill, Large Amateur, best entry of threes; Sparks Dahlia Gardens, 300 hills or over, best entry of threes; Charles Fieldhouse, Open to all, 25 pompons; B. W. Lamson, Open to all, 25 miniatures; Sparks Dahlia Gardens, Open to all, 12 ball Dahlias.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society's Medal was won by C. W. Simbritzki, on the best entry of threes in the small amateur section, *Golden Beauty*.

The *House Beautiful* Futurity Medal was won by the Sparks Dahlia Gardens, Columbus, Indiana, on an entry of *Hillside Gold*.

The *American Home* Achievement Medal was won by W. B. Dietz, on the meritorious bloom of the entire show, *Amelia Earhart*.

The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Medal was won by B. W. Lamson, Maderia, Ohio, on the best entry of twenty-five blooms.

Special *Courier-Journal* award ribbons for the largest and most perfect bloom in sections were won by John Happell, Novice Class, C. W. Simbritzki, Small Amateur Class, George E. Gill, Large Amateur Class, Charles Fieldhouse, 300 hills or over and B. W. Lamson of Maderia, Ohio, Commercial and Estate growers.

Sparks Dahlia Gardens was awarded the growers' special prize of \$5.00 for the best entry of 15 blooms.

Special *Courier-Journal* award ribbons were also won by Mrs. H. Baerveldt, for the best entry of 12 foreign varieties, W. B. Dietz, for the best 1938 and 1939 introductions, *Dir. Carl Dahl*, and Sparks Dahlia Gardens, Columbus, Indiana, for the best entry outside of Jefferson County.

The Dahlia Society of Kentucky wishes to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all who helped to make this Show a great success and to the Societies of Ohio and Indiana, who so kindly furnished us with judges and helped in many ways. Our Society has increased in membership and has had a very successful year.

The MID WEST DAHLIA SHOW will be sponsored by the Dahlia Society of Kentucky on the 21st and 22nd of September, 1940, and we are looking forward to this great occasion with interest and hope we will have the coöperation of all the Societies in this great Show.

We hope that all who gave us their support and coöperation this year will be back again with us next year 100% strong.

Mrs. W. F. Kleinjohn, Secretary.

Show of the New Jersey Dahlia Society

The Seventeenth Fall Show of the New Jersey Dahlia Society, held at Garfield School, Kearny, N. J., on September 30th, was notable for the beauty of its two hundred exhibits. Dahlias predominated, of course, but there were some very lovely arrangements of asters, marigolds, petunias and other garden flowers, blooming at the same time as Dahlias. One of the latter, a mass arrangement of zinnias ranging in color from deep bronze to light yellow, entered by Robert Shanks, of Arlington, won a special award of a large pottery vase as the outstanding arrangement in the Show, in addition to the blue ribbon in its class.

The *American Home* achievement medal was awarded to Conrad Frey, Nutley, for three blooms of an undissemated variety, which was a beautiful sulphur yellow cactus, not yet named.

For six blooms of a variety mentioned in December, 1938, issue of *House Beautiful*, annual article on new Dahlias by J. W. Johnston, the *House Beautiful* silver Dahlia Futurity medal was given to A. Swoboda, Ridgefield Park, N. J., for fine specimens of *Lois Walcher*, a garnet decorative with white tips.

The medal offered by Mrs. Charles H. Stout, honorary president, for three blooms of the best Dahlia of New Jersey origin never before exhibited at a Show of the New Jersey Dahlia Society or American Dahlia Society, was won by Charles Whan, West Norwood, N. J., with *Thomas J. Watson*.

The cup offered by President Leo L. Pollak, for three finest large flowering Dahlias, was also won by Mr. A. Swoboda with two blooms of *Son of Satan* and one of *Milton Cross*, and to Mr. Swoboda went the gold medal of Dahlia Society of California for three Dahlias of California origin, two *Amelia Earhart* and one *California Idol*.

The medal of Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society was awarded for the best vase of five blooms of medium flowers, three and a half to seven inches, to W. Etherington, Westwood, N. J., for *Etherington Purity*, a beautiful pure white cactus.

Sweepstakes prize in Dahlia classes went to Mr. Swoboda, with three firsts and two seconds; Miss Frances Hornfeck, Verona, was a close runner-up with three firsts and one second. In arrangement classes, Mrs. A. Bial, Cedar Grove, won sweepstakes with five firsts, Mrs. Charles H. Stout being runner-up with three firsts and two seconds.

During the afternoon an informal meeting of the Dahlia Society was held. The feature of this meeting was the presentation by Mrs. Freida Fisher, on behalf of the Society, of a handsome Lenox China sandwich plate to President and Mrs. Pollak as a wedding gift. In the absence of his wife, Mr. Pollack gracefully accepted the gift and the good wishes accompanying it, although he said he was so surprised he was at a loss for words to express himself. After routine business was disposed of, the meeting adjourned for further inspection of the Show. The Board of Directors will hold their annual fall meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Stout, honorary president, at Short Hills, the latter part of October, always looked forward to as a delightful occasion with two gracious hostesses, Mrs. Stout and Miss Virginia Stout.

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Indianapolis Dahlia Society Show

Dr. A. E. White, Indianapolis, won the most meritorious entry award in the entire Indianapolis Dahlia Show and Fall Flower Festival held yesterday and Saturday in the Brookside Community House.

Winners in the various classes are as follows: Dahlia division, junior: Richard Kennedy, Indianapolis, both the meritorious entry and sweepstakes. Novice, Mrs. Paul R. Pike, meritorious entry and sweepstakes. Amateur, C. S. White, O. W. Kennedy and Dr. W. E. Kennedy, Indianapolis, and Frank Kyles, Carmel, with Dr. Kennedy winning the most meritorious entry for the entire section and Mr. White sweepstakes. Open-to-all, Delight-U Garden, Dr. A. E. White, R. H. Ayres and Mrs. Lucy O'Neal, Indianapolis, with the most meritorious entry going to Dr. White. Sweepstakes went to Delight-U Gardens. Willard Johns, Beech Grove, was awarded the largest and most perfect bloom. The *American Home* Achievement Medal was awarded to Tudor Gardens, Zionsville.

In the garden flower division, junior section, Harriet Burns, Indianapolis, won the most meritorious entry award, while winners in the open-to-all section were Mrs. Carl Gakstetter, Mrs. Paul R. Pike and Mrs. Ralph Peckham, Indianapolis. Mrs. Peckham won the most meritorious award for the entire garden flower division. Sweepstakes in the division were awarded Mrs. B. F. Orr.

The garden section was very efficiently managed by Mrs. B. F. Orr, assisted by Mrs. J. G. McFarland. One of the very interesting and attractive features of this

section was a group arrangement of shadow boxes just filling the front of the stage of the auditorium, in each one of which boxes was a display by an Indianapolis Garden Club.

Mr. Ralph C. Swartz was manager of the Dahlia section, assisted by Mr. Charles S. White, and to Mr. Swartz goes the credit for having worked out a tiered or stepped up arrangement of tables and benches, covered neatly with black paper, for the display of the Dahlias, which arrangement added very materially to the appearance of the Show room, as well as providing plenty of space for showing each individual bloom to best advantage.

The Park Board decorated the Community House liberally with evergreens which made a very attractive background for the flowers.

Mr. Ralph C. Burns is President of the Society and Mr. Leo Matthews is director of publicity for the Show.

The bronze medal of the American Dahlia Society was awarded to Delight-U Gardens (Mr. Ralph C. Swartz), Indianapolis, Indiana, for sweepstakes in the entire Show.

Judges in the garden section were Mrs. Clarence Hughel and Mrs. Lucy O'Neal, Indianapolis, and Mrs. John Downing, Mooresville, Indiana.

The judges in the Dahlia section were Mr. Charles Durnil and Mr. George Gill, Louisville, Kentucky, and Mr. Fred T. McCurdy, of Kokomo, Indiana.

Mrs. A. E. White, Secretary.

The State of Delaware Dahlia Society

Under the able leadership of our genial Show Manager, Mr. J. W. Johnson, the State of Delaware Dahlia Society staged the most successful Show of its career.

The Show was held in the Gold Ball Room of the Dupont Hotel in Wilmington. 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.

May we take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated, regardless of what capacity you served, to help make this Show the "Show of Shows" for Delaware.

We are proud of our beginners class. "We have always contended; keep this class big and your professional class will take care of itself."

The entries in this class were the largest in our history. Mr. O. L. From of Roselle, Delaware, won the sweepstakes in this section, but he was pressed hard to win, and only won by a small margin. Mr. From says he intends to rent a farm next year and show us how to grow Dahlias. Here's hoping.

In the open-to-all class Mr. Leonard C. Talley, President of the Delaware Society, won the sweepstake by two points. Again may we call attention to the keen competition in this section. It was anybody's race all the way down the home stretch, and we almost had to take a photo-finish to decide the winner.

The largest and best Dahlia was won by the Glenden Dahlia Gardens with an almost perfect *America's Sweetheart*, as one man said, the best *America's Sweetheart* I ever saw. And again we must repeat this bloom had no walk away. One judge said, it required one-half hour in this class to decide the winner.

The undisseminated seedling class was won by Mr. Veile of Easton, Pennsylvania, with a grand new variety named *Manhattan*. This entry won Mr. Veile \$50 in cash and a gold medal.

We were also well represented with small Dahlias. Mr. William Clay won sweepstakes in this section.

A good way to judge the quality of the Show is to quote the public. Mr. S. of Louisville said: "I read an advertisement of your Show in the paper in Louisville, it sounded so good I made up my mind I had to see it, I don't begrudge one dollar I spent to come up." This visitor made the longest trip to see our Show. Mr. M. of Baltimore, Maryland: "You have the most beautiful setting for a Dahlia Show I ever have seen. You are fortunate to have a room like this." We realize we were very fortunate in having at our disposal such a beautiful Gold Room. Again, Mr. H. of Washington. "You must have loyal members, I understand you have only a few members in your Society. This sure is a lot of flowers from a few members." Our slogan this year was: "United we stand, divided we fall." The Show said, "United we stand." Mr. E. of Delaware stated: "This is the first time it has been my good fortune to see something like this. A credit to Delaware."

Several Garden Clubs of Wilmington and vicinity participated. No Dahlia Show is complete without these entries. Artistic arrangement was the keynote in this section.

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Central States Dahlia Society fame. We especially regretted Mr. Knight's (of Ames, Iowa) inability to keep his engagement as judge. Mrs. E. C. Reese of Savannah, Missouri, officiated as the other judge.

We vote in favor of the Central States Dahlia Society move in definitely placing a Dahlia's place to show. This eliminates many arguments and double showing of blooms. Maybe they were not in the right place but, at least *Jane Cowl* did not show both as formal and informal in both the yellow and autumn classes. It showed only as informal autumn and was beaten by *Kemp's Great Eastern*, *Milton J. Cross*, *Director Carl G. Dahl* in the order named. This shows the new replace the old—Dahlias on Parade.

The year 1939 has been a big disappointment to Dahlia growers in this section from a weather viewpoint, but as a proving ground it is interesting to note the outstanding performance of some and the folding up of others.

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Ask for my 36 page book listing over 40 pompons 40 miniatures and 350 of the larger types including the best of the new introductions and foreign varieties. Roots or plants of the best Michigan grown stock. A postal card will bring you my 1940 book out early in January.

SPRINGHILL DAHLIA FARM

A. T. Edison

R. F. D. 2—Box A

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

than Lord of Autumn. It will produce **more huge Blooms** than any Dahlia grown and with absolutely no feeding, care or attention. It has such superb vitality not even the borers can stop it.

Certificate at Storrs and a constant winner in 1938. This year (1939)—already have reports from two different customers who grew it **15 inches** without any forcing.

Another won "First" on it in **three** different Shows.

Grown naturally it will produce **huge** blooms from 10 to 14 inches with **no disbudding**. A beautiful color of coppery gold with red suffusion on lower half of many petals. Stems like a cane hold mammoth blooms erect always, and (plant 4 to 5 ft.) so sturdy it need not be staked. **Everybody** should grow this Giant Dahlia so have placed the price at rock bottom.

Large Clumps \$2.00 Giant Clumps \$3.00

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The **Giant of Giants**. Bush 9 to 10 feet. Blooms 14 by 7 inches in San Francisco, 13 by 8 inches in Alameda and even in the heat of Georgia up to 12 inches and **very** deep, carried **above** the bush on stems up to four feet or more.

No Clumps For divisions see list below

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Leland Stanford	3.00	Son of Satan	2.00
Mad River Chief	3.00	Straight's White (New)	3.00
Mad. Geo. Pezant	2.00	Sunlight (New)	3.00
Marvellous	3.00	Tom Workman	1.50
Miss Parkersburg	2.00	Tower's Empire	1.00
Mrs. Geo. LeBoutillier	1.00	Virginia Pelicano	3.00
Mrs. Wm. S. Knudsen	2.50	(New, Grand White)	
Murphy's Masterpiece	2.00	Watchung Giant	1.00

wintering them. We cannot replace stock which fails to keep in storage. Most clumps will cut three to five divisions. **No clump orders accepted after January 1st.**

ALMY'S SUPREME DAHLIAS

BOX D

TIVERTON, R. I.

Greetings to A. D. S. by Adolf Kruhm

Observations of Noted Horticultural Journalist

If the readers of the A. D. S. BULLETIN would be interested in these observations from a horticulturist and an old friend of the A. D. S., by all means use it in your Society's magazine. If ever there was a flower that begets and fosters the garden hobby, it is the Dahlia. Hence the Dahlia will continue to play an important part in the job of making ours a greater land of better gardens. With all the energy put forth by professionals and amateurs alike, Dahlias will, no doubt, contribute further to stimulate this nation's interest in flowers.

For those of you who grow Dahlias to sell, I have a twofold message. Part one is optimism as to the future of your market. Part two I'd like to put in the form of a warning, coupled with an expression of hope.

First of all, as to my optimism about the future of the Dahlia and the market which this country affords. Some months ago, as part of the service which the Crowell Publishing Company renders the horticultural industry,

the Editorial Department of the *Woman's Home Companion* sent out a questionnaire to the reader-editors of the magazine. The subject was leisure activities, and one page was devoted to gardening as a hobby. Of a total of 1,400 reader-editors covered by this questionnaire, 77% replied. This in itself is a remarkable demonstration of the hold which the garden idea is taking in America.

Among other things we asked about the buying habits of these reader-editors. We wanted to know where they bought their seeds, whether they bought nationally advertised brands, whether they patronized specialists or bought at local stores. The outcome was most gratifying from your standpoint as well.

These reader-editors of ours do not mind talking about their hobby and they are proud that they do part or all of their garden work. They are not even reluctant to

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Our New Originations for 1940

FLASH, a striking bi-color cactus has an unusual formation and color effect. Petals red tipped white are lacinated to form "chicken feet" divisions, two tips pointing in one direction, the third in the opposite direction. It is an early, continuous and prolific bloomer of medium sized blooms, and a wonderful keeper. Flash won the American Home Achievement Medal at Pittsburgh, the Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy at New York and award of merit at the Georgia Trials.

Root \$15.00

Plant \$7.50

PROGRESS, I. D. An exhibition bloom of immense size and excellent quality, being carried on unusually long and very stiff stems, 12 to 15 inches above the first set of leaves. In color, it is rosy-mauve. The outer petals fall well back to the stem, giving the bloom great depth. It is an excellent keeper for such a large variety. The bush is clean growing with leathery foliage, is a good bloomer and never stunts, even in the hottest weather. American Home Achievement Medal Winner at Baltimore.

Root \$15.00

Plant \$7.50

Stock can also be purchased from Glenden Dahlia Gardens, 230 N. Clayton Street, Wilmington, Delaware, and B & B Gardens, Port Huron, Michigan.

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SALEM, NEW JERSEY

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NEW INTRODUCTIONS OF THE FAMOUS "SOUTHERN STRAIN", EACH WORTHY OF YOUR CONSIDERATION

May Marion Dozier, I. D. A huge 11-14" clear yellow on fine, long stems. Comes almost semi-cactus early and very broad petaled later. Certificate of Merit at Storrs, Conn., and East Lansing, Mich. Honor roll.

Roots only, \$10.00

Producer, I. D. 7-9 inch blooms but can be grown much larger. A glowing honey-dew orange that attracts immediate attention. Won as best three-year old seedling at Baltimore and Washington and was runner-up for Achievement Medal at the latter. Won open to all Informal Decorative class at Wilmington. Large baskets at Baltimore and Washington were runner-ups for the Governor's trophy. Award of Honor at Georgia Trials. On Johnston's Dahlia Futurity.

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Peggy D., I. D. Large bicolor of most unusual orange-yellow edged with garnet on long stems. Something entirely different. Honor roll.

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Aviatrix, I. D. 9-11 inch blooms of golden color with the center and tips varied with tinges of reddish-violet.

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MR. DAHLIA FAN - - - MEET

THE GOVERNOR

AN ORIGATION FROM THE
BERWICK DAHLIA GARDENS
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Mr. Bochau says: "It isn't often that Dahlia enthusiasts are privileged to have a Dahlia presented which is bound to dominate its class as soon as it becomes disseminated. This 'The Governor' will do. It's a Formal Yellow of most unusual form, rolling its petals back toward the stem in an intriguing manner. It has size—it is a rugged grower. Insects shy away from it. Anyone can grow it. It has personality without being temperamental. In color it is bright sulphur yellow. Not another flash in the pan but a Dahlia which will last for years."

During the season just past it has won 14 blue ribbons for us in the leading Shows of the East. It will be disseminated and introduced exclusively during the 1940 season by

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Greetings from Adolph Kruhm—Cont. from p. 55

state their ages, something that cannot be claimed for many daughters of Eve.

As already stated, 76% make gardening their hobby and 14% call it their favorite recreation. What is still more amazing is that gardening is a hobby for 83% of women 41 years of age and older; 77% of women gardeners range between 31 and 40 years, and 68% are 30 or younger. Thus it would seem that the garden hobby grows on women. And since this no doubt, holds good with men as well, the Dahlia being a man's flower, the future of your business is assured.

When it comes to the size of the gardens, we were interested to discover that 21% of them have a quarter of an acre or more; 36% cultivate between 1,000 and 10,000 square feet. The balance have smaller garden patches. But the thing that will be of special interest to you Dahlia growers, is that 88% of these women grow spring-flowering bulbs, and almost half of these, or 41%, also specialize in some kind of flower, Dahlias and gladioli among them. And 59% of these women state that they buy their bulbs from specialists, while 75% prefer to buy their plants locally.

Herein lies a lesson for you Dahlia growers. Those of you who are developing or have already established a mail order business, stand just about twice as many chances to sell roots by mail as to sell plants. Whether this would apply to high priced novelties, where a root is offered for \$5, while a plant can be bought for \$2, is a question that you can answer better than I can. But it is an interesting factor to bear in mind: the average person does not associate plants with the mail order business, but is perfectly agreeable to go to specialists for bulbs.

We feel that these reader-editor reports give a true cross section of woman activity throughout the country. These women are located in the most important census areas, and we believe that this group of 1,400 reader-editors is representative of the total of three million readers of the *Woman's Home Companion*. Therein, I believe lies the greatest hope for the Dahlia specialists who go after mail order business. It is just a matter of cultivating these women and educating them on the subject of Dahlias. We endeavor to do our share, and last year we showed a full page illustration of *Bishop of Llandaff* in our April issue.

Taking America as a whole, the last twenty-five years have seen the country make greater progress in the development of the home garden idea than any preceding period of similar duration. The Garden Club idea especially, has been spreading rampantly during the last fifteen years, a period corresponding with the rise to power of the Federated Garden Clubs of America, who now have a membership of over 100,000. I feel that the enthusiasm of the commercial Dahlia growers themselves, not only acts as a stimulus to make the Dahlia a more popular garden flower, but helps to get home gardeners generally, more interested in gardening. That, to my mind is one of the missions of the Dahlia. Because it is easy to grow, most people are bound to succeed with it. The trite saying: "Nothing succeeds like success," in this instance means, that if a man is successful with the Dahlia he will be inclined to experiment with other flowers as

well, and thus ultimately become a real garden hobbyist.

Now as to the warning and the hope which I promised to express as part two: Many peculiar problems confront you as specialists. Boosting just one flower, no matter how wide a choice it offers because of its many forms, leads to the temptation to offer every variety anybody ever originated or found worthy of special praise. In addition there is the usual crop of personal pets. Before the grower knows it, he has a list of hundreds of varieties in the principal classes.

All this is very confusing to a general public that can hardly be expected to be familiar with the fourteen different classes now ruling among Dahlias. Take cactus Dahlias, for instance. We not only have three major divisions in the incurved, straight and semi-cactus, but in each of these major divisions, we find two subdivisions embracing large and medium sized varieties. Please do not think that I am a pessimist when I say that to the vast majority of approximately ten million home gardeners in the United States, the Dahlia is still just a Dahlia. It is the exception, especially west of the Alleghenies, to find a home gardener who is familiar with the difference between a pompon and a miniature, or a formal decorative and a peony-flowered Dahlia. I have studied Dahlias (to be sure in a superficial way) ever since I graduated from the Erfurt establishment of Lorenz, where we had a grand collection of 60 varieties. That goes back to 1900, and I have to smile at those modest beginnings in what used to be Central Europe's great horticultural center, when I look at present lists of Dahlias from the many grower catalogues.

But to come back to my warning. Personally I feel that a downward revision in number of varieties is in order for every Dahlia catalog published today. And after that has been attended to, perhaps there will be time to give some thought to the matter of prices asked for the Dahlias you grow. I frankly believe that today you are not getting a fair price for your merchandise. You will say that it is necessary to compete with cut-rate horticultural stores and 5 and 10 cents stores, and others where merchandise of negative quality can be picked up at bargain prices.

I believe the specialist cannot stress too often the fact that he is just that, and that his merchandise should not be compared with old and antiquated varieties turned out in wholesale quantities. Muddling through the price situation in the entire horticultural field, is largely responsible for the complaints that lack of profits run rampant in every branch of the industry. It is time for you Dahlia growers to get together and enter a gentlemen's agreement about minimum prices. When that has been done you will also be able to build up some cash reserves, which, in turn, will enable you to enlarge your business through the only lasting and economical method, namely, through advertising.

Unfortunately, profits on Dahlias (and on all garden merchandise for that matter) have been shrinking to the point where few of you have any reserve funds for the purpose of advertising. Perhaps a united effort on the part of the A. D. S. to advertise Dahlias would be in order. Individual efforts at the present time are too limited to be effective. Thank you for the opportunity to present this parting thought to this meeting.

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To the following list of real Dahlia enthusiasts we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation: Samuel Travis, E. E. Tooker, A. J. Strobel, Dr. C. H. Connors, F. M. Berry, Dr. Bruce B. Preas, J. W. Johnston, Eugene Warden, George R. Currie, Mrs. F. H. Fisher, Mrs. Francis Falkenbury, Mrs. Henry Abele, Tom M. Place, Joseph Nunniviller, E. J. O'Keefe, James Kennedy, Dr. Del Marr, George Swezey, Joseph Tansey, H. Lodge.

There was a noticeable increase in air mail entries. A. D. S. medals were won by W. H. Craft, Watseka, Illinois; Lloyd Forbes, Flint, Michigan; and Miss Lucy O'Neal who brought her flowers by plane from Indianapolis, Indiana. Miss O'Neal won with *Pickaniny*, an ox-blood orchid type seedling miniature.

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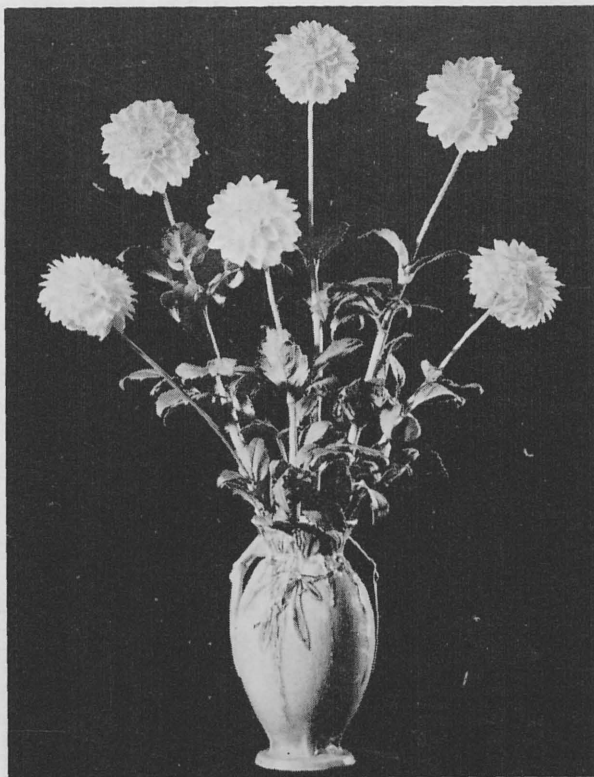
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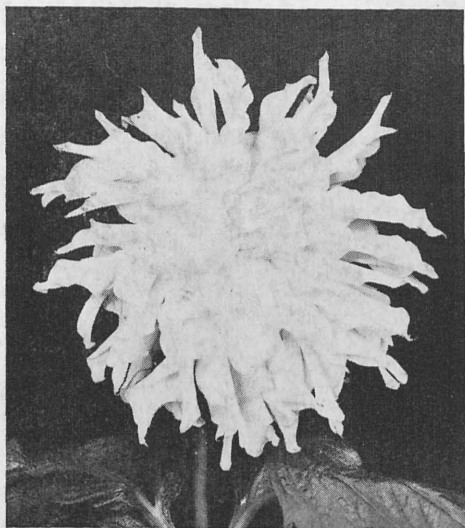
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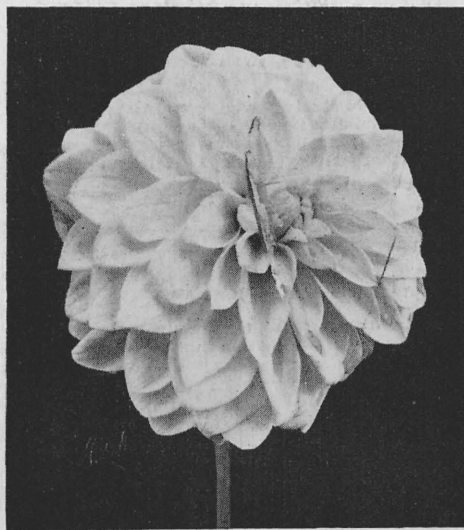
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The Governor

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