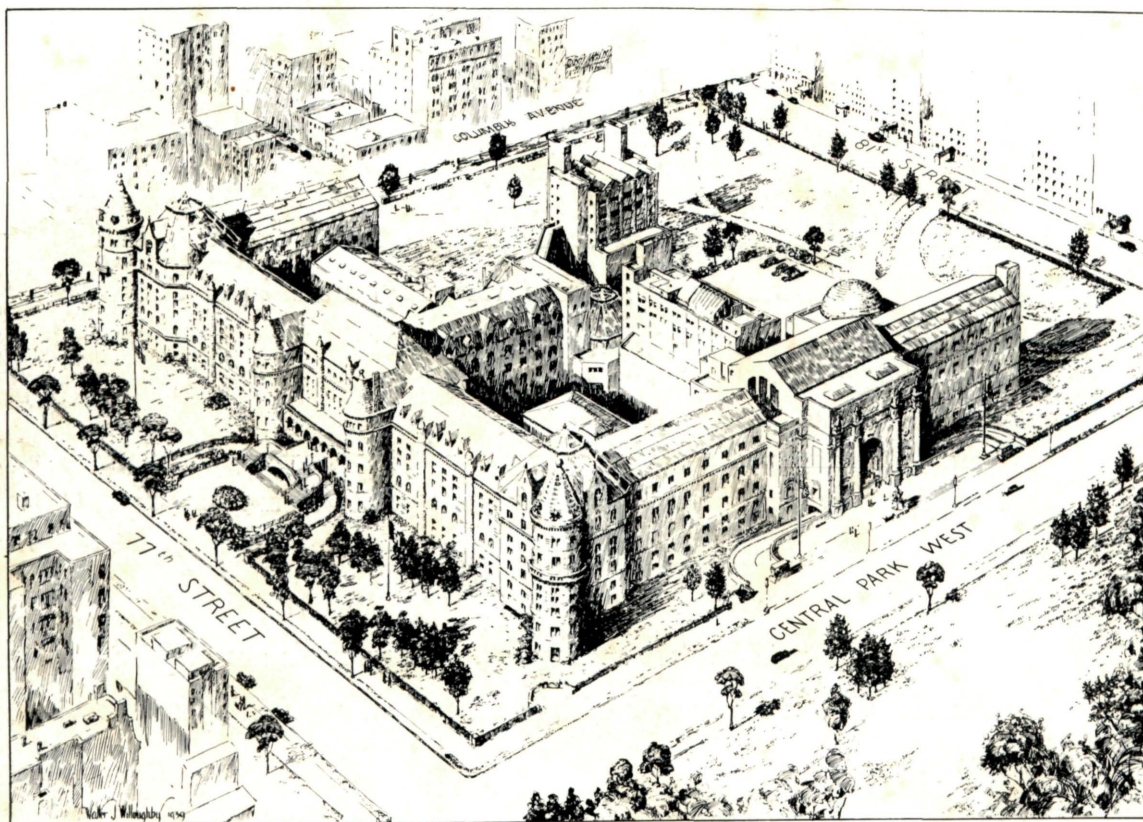


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## *ALL DAHLIA FANS*

Are urged to exhibit at and support their local and State Shows.  
Also plan to attend the two grand Dahlia feasts of the year:

A. D. S. Show—American Museum of Natural History, New York  
City, Wednesday and Thursday, September 24th and 25th

Mid West Show—Saturday and Sunday, September 20th-21st, Hotel  
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Schedules will be sent on request. Entry cards are required  
for the New York Show and will be sent upon application to the  
Secretary.

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# Plans for A. D. S. SHOW

## Sept. 24th-25th Nearing Completion

Committee work under the splendid leadership of Conrad Frey, President, and attention to gardens have kept pace, making the outlook for a great Show most promising.

It is hoped that every Dahlia grower, large and small, will be represented in the competitive classes. There will be lots of room! Space will not be a problem this year.

The site of the Exhibition, the American Museum of Natural History occupies four city blocks near the center of Manhattan in New York City—77th and 81st Streets, between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue. The Dahlia Show will occupy the Educational Hall or Maxwell Memorial Hall on the first floor.

Convenient for exhibitors are the ample parking spaces and the accessibility of the Museum's location using the West Side and Hudson Parkway—(from Holland and Midtown tunnels, Washington Bridge) utilizing the 79th Street exit.

Restaurant service is located in the building, while adequate hotel accommodations are to be had in the vicinity.

None will be more interested in the 27th Annual A. D. S. Show than those who had a part in the Society's first Show which was held at the same Museum—comparisons there will be—perhaps some contrasts too!

### PRIZES

Since there will be no admission charge for the general public inquiries have been received as to whether or not we will be able to offer as many or as valued prizes as heretofore. Yes, there will be prizes galore! A. D. S. members are asked to donate to this Prize Fund *more generously* than before due to the lack of admission fees. We recognize that U. S. O., relief and other important appeals are tugging at your purse strings. How essential in these difficult days that we stage a great Dahlia Show to afford the comfort and relaxation that flowers can bring even in the face of stress and strain of the emergency. Will you do your full part now. Send a check, large or small, to the Prize Committee Chairman, Albert E. Schuster, Alexine Avenue, East Rockaway, L. I., N. Y. Prize winners are asked to call for their prizes before the closing of the Show. The committee does not have facilities for packing and shipping prizes and cannot assume such responsibility.

### NO ENTRY FEE

Through misunderstanding our printed schedule mentions the usual cash entry fees for seedlings (undisseminated Dahlias). There will be no entry fees whatsoever and very large seedling classes are expected.

### NEW RULE FOR STAGING SEEDLINGS

Entries must be staged in undisseminated classes by 11:00 A. M. and will be judged at 3:00 P. M. Also as in all other classes in the Show, any means of support for the blooms—

sticks, wire or what nots—MUST be removed before entry is placed on Show table.

### COMMERCIAL DISPLAYS

Commercial growers who anticipate setting up displays should get in touch with Secretary Alling at once!

### A. D. S. AFFILIATED AND BRANCH SOCIETIES

We would like to see keen competition in the class for club displays. Get your members to team up—bring their blooms—set up a good display and invite your town's folk to this Show to see your representation. It will be an attractive portion of the Show and can stimulate your Society's work in your own community.

### NEW CARD SYSTEM

A system worked out by Chairman Warren Maytrott of a new type entry card should greatly facilitate this important phase of the Show. Read the details and send for your entry cards early! A new duplicate entry card will be used. To facilitate time which is so precious to those making entries in our Show, entry cards will be sent on request to exhibitors ahead of the Show. These cards can be made out at home either prior to or right after cutting Show blooms. We realize you are not sure of all your entries until you unpack your blooms in the Show room, but it is much easier to have a few extra cards made out when you have time to think and plan your exhibits than it was to try and get the old entry card on the right exhibit without variety name and type indicated.

In some cases, these cards can be attached to stems even before packing for the Show. In these cases placing the bloom in a container will be the only effort after arriving at the Show room.

The Judges will punch the award and the Secretary affix the award seal and tear off the bottom half for computing awards and Society records.

The card will give everyone a complete story—Section Class, Variety Name, Type, Exhibitor's Name and Address, and Award.

All exhibitors should secure enough entry cards by mail from our Secretary ahead of the Show. For those interested in Show management elsewhere, send for samples to our Secretary or our Editor.

Where there is more than one variety in an entry, individual name bands should be used on each bloom instead of writing a number of names on card.

Ribbons will not be attached to cards as heretofore, but an award seal will be attached and ribbons will be given to winners with other prizes.

### SHOW MANAGEMENT

It was said that our late President Calvin Coolidge never had to give thought to the Treasury Department with Andrew Mellon at the helm. He simply knew that year



after year the condition of the treasury would be better and better.

Possibly because of his quiet demeanor our Show Chairman Edward B. Lloyd has never received the publicity due him. His work can be glimpsed by a remark passed by one of our mid west friends—himself one of the most important men in Dahliadom—that in his long experience in handling Shows and visiting Shows he had never seen the calm efficiency that Mr. Lloyd displays. Never ruffled—under the most difficult circumstances, his executive ability stamps him as second to none in the service to the A. D. S. Genial, friendly, he knows how to give a square deal to everybody and shuns the limelight. We know he will again turn in a masterly job of this Exhibition.

#### GARDEN CLUB SECTION

Mrs. Albert Humble has built this section of the Show to such proportions that at the World's Fair last year it was far and away the most acclaimed part of the Show. At times the crowds were so great there that folk stood four and five deep to longingly see what practical purposes the Dahlia serves. Herself one of the foremost arrangement authorities in this section of the country Mrs. Humble is interesting an ever increasing number of garden lovers to do more with Dahlias. Look for fine things at the Garden Club Section.

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#### A Few MUSTS at the A. D. S. Show

Exhibitors in all classes must fill out entry cards and attach to exhibits. Cards will be supplied in advance upon application to the Secretary. Variety names must be written on this card as per rule 14 of Show Schedule.

Supporting canes, wires or what nots MUST be removed BEFORE entry is placed on the Show table.

Entries in undisseminated classes must be staged by 11:00 A. M. and will be judged at 3:00 P. M.

No exceptions.

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#### Prize Winners at the New York Show

Please call for your awards and trophies before leaving the Show. The committee cannot assume the responsibility of safe keeping or shipping.

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#### CORRECTION

By inserting a capital "F" in Mr. Andreas Doermann's May issue story on Ball Dahlias we inadvertently created an opposite impression.

The text should have read: "If any class is a truly formal Dahlia the Ball Dahlia is."

Mr. Doermann's intention was to emphasize the fact that in his opinion there are too many Formals in the Ball section as it is without calling it a Formal section—meaning Formal Decorative. By capitalizing "formal" we made a proper noun of it and so named a type, the Formal Decorative.

### American Dahlia Society Field Day

University of Connecticut  
Storrs, Connecticut

September 13, 1941

Prof. Roland H. Patch reports the Gardens in fine shape and a record number of seedlings on trial. A splendid program has been prepared for Field Day. We hope a great many A. D. S. members will be in attendance.

#### Program

Forenoon. Informal get-together in Trial Gardens. Come any time that is convenient. The Dahlias will be the source of entertainment.

12:30 P. M. Lunch at the University Grill. Price of regular luncheon 55 cents to 65 cents with additional charge for extras.

#### Tent Near Dahlias

Master of Ceremonies. William B. Sweeney, Superintendent, Windham Community Memorial Hospital, Willimantic, Connecticut.

1:30 P. M. Welcome extended by E. G. Woodward, Dean and Director, College of Agriculture, and S. P. Hollister, Professor of Horticulture, University of Connecticut.

"Dahlias from an Editor's Point of View." Paul F. Frese, Editor, *The Flower Grower*, New York City, N. Y.

"Dahlia Arrangements from a Woman's Point of View." Mrs. Georgena Humble, Amateur, Douglaston, L. I., N. Y.

"Taking Good Colored Pictures." James T. Laidlaw, Assistant County Club Agent, Middletown, Connecticut.

Impromptu. Undoubtedly there will be officers and guests of the American Dahlia Society present that we will want to hear a few words from.

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### 8th Annual Mid West Dahlia Show

Are you rallying to support George R. Currie, President of the Mid West Dahlia Conference in his efforts to make this the finest of the Mid West Shows?

September 20th and 21st are the dates.

In conjunction with their 11th Annual Exhibition of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, the Show will be staged at the Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Show Chairman H. O. Hoppe announces 294 classes—prizes galore and quite a galaxy of celebrities as judges.

Write Secretary E. J. Heggstad, 4829 North Larkin Street, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, for the classification list.

## AN ALL-TIME HONOR ROLL?

Many proposals have been received in recent years but here is one perhaps a little more comprehensive—expressed by Andrew F. Doermann, North Trevor Avenue, Cheviot, Ohio.

This is about an Honor Roll. But this Honor Roll isn't anything like we have had—the closest to it is what Mr. Veirs wrote in February, 1940. It is an Honor Roll of ribbon winners. And that to me is more of a true Honor Roll than the guesses of one or two individuals.

Below is a report of the Cincinnati Show of last year and is an idea as to what I mean by an Honor Roll of winners of outstanding varieties:

### Report of Cincinnati Show 1940

#### CACTUS

##### OPEN TO ALL

	1st
White	Jersey Dainty
Yellow	Frau Mansfield
Orange	Golden Standard
Red	Cerise Beauty
Pink	Mascotte
Lavender	* <i>Mad. Jussiant</i>
Blend	*Greater Glory
Purple	Kard. Von Rossum
Bicolor	Showa

	2nd
White	Jersey Dainty
Yellow	*Hillside Gold
Orange	Cometeer
Red	Andres Superba
Pink	Mascotte
Lavender	Miss Ohio
Blend	Greater Glory
Purple	Ella May
Bicolor	Farncott

##### SMALL AMATEUR

	1st	2nd
White	Frau Bracht	Ballego's Surprise
Yellow	Hillside Gold	
Orange	Golden Standard	Golden Standard
Red	Miss Belgium	
Pink	May Robson	Julius Bunge
Lavender	Shirley Temple	Mad Jussiant
Blend	Greater Glory	Enhart Prima
Purple	Kard. Von Rossum	Tyrus
Bicolor	Farncott	

#### SEMI-CACTUS

White	American Purity
Yellow	*Frau Bracht
Orange	Rita Wells
Red	Son of Satan
Pink	Enhart Prima
Lavender	
Blend	J. Dragonette
Purple	*Kard. Von Rossum
Bicolor	

White	White Gate
Yellow	Frau Bracht
Orange	J. Dragonette
Red	Corallina
Pink	Pink Elegance
Lavender	
Blend	Enhart Prima
Purple	Grand Marshall
Bicolor	

White	American Purity	Mich. White
Yellow	Frau Bracht	Prachtkerl
Orange	Amelia Earhart	<i>Evelyn Chandler</i>
Red	Gretel	Red Jug
Pink	May Robson	
Lavender	Betty Davis	
Blend	*Enhart Prima	Enhart Prima
Purple	*Jean Trimbee	
Bicolor	Figaro	New Glory

#### FORMAL

White	Pride
Yellow	Ky Sun
Orange	Volcano
Red	*Oakleigh Monarch
Pink	Jersey Beauty
Lavender	Blue River
Blend	Carl Dahl
Purple	* <i>Gloria Bacher</i>
Bicolor	Lois Walcher

White	Megan Callaghan
Yellow	Ky Sun
Orange	La Rena
Red	Oakleigh Monarch
Pink	Victory
Lavender	Mrs. Warner
Blend	Volcano
Purple	The World
Bicolor	Pius XI

White	*Darcy Sainsbury	Darcy Sainsbury
Yellow	Ky Sun	Ky Sun
Orange	Volcano	Volcano
Red	Oakleigh Monarch	Oakleigh Monarch
Pink	*Marie	Marie
Lavender	Blue River	Mrs. Warner
Blend	J. Dragonette	
Purple	Purple Mist	Ruby Taylor

#### INFORMAL

White	Darcy Sainsbury
Yellow	Yellow Duchess
Orange	Golden Beauty
Red	King Alfred
Pink	Everybody's Fav.
Lavender	Corando
Blend	*Freda George
Purple	Discovery
Bicolor	

White	Peace
Yellow	American Legion
Orange	Milton Cross
Red	Royal Salute
Pink	Amy Ballego
Lavender	Hill. Cinderella
Blend	Freda George
Purple	Purple Mist

White	Alice May	*California Idol
Yellow	*Lord of Autumn	Carl Dahl
Orange	Watchung Giant	Mrs. Boutillier
Red	Discovery	Everybody's Fav.
Pink	Katherine Norris	Mid West Champ
Lavender	Robert Ripley	Margrace
Blend	Freda George	Glamour
Purple	*Glamour	Phantom
Bicolor	Ky Sportsman	

\*Outstanding varieties; italics new varieties worth trying.

Outstanding new varieties not in competition: The Governor, Marvis Tierney and Yellow Glory.



## Composite of Several Shows

## CACTUS

## EXHIBITIONAL OR OVER 8"

Royal Purchase	Yellow Giant
Golden Standard	Gov. Heil
Yowa Matsuoka	Red Legion
Dominant	Sleepy Hollow
Miss West Virginia	Shirley Temple
Kard. Von Rossum	Mad. S. Castillon
Chautauqua Dawn	Ambassador
Showa	

## MEDIUM OR FROM 4-8"

Jersey Dainty	Miss Santa Monica
Marietta E.	Hillside Gold
Miss Belgium	Cometeer
Andries Superba	Nancy A. Mitchel
Mascotte	Julius C. Bunge
Mad. Jussiant	Miss Ohio
Zenith	Ella May
Reile	Sarland Heimkehr
Farncott	

## \*Current Introductions

Snow Crest  
Marjorie Jamison  
Dorothy Lamour  
Jessie King  
Crowning Glory

Mary Taylor

## SEMI-CACTUS

Ballego's Surprise	American Beauty
Miss Glory	Frau Bracht
Amelia Earhart	Rita Wells
Maffie	Model 999
May Robson	Con. Gen. Quist
Bette Davis	Stabat Mater
Jean Trimbee	Kard. Von Rossum
Greater Glory	Enhart Prima
Flash	Figaro

Mich. White
Kay Francis
Treasure Chest
Gretel
Josephine G.
Andre Csizik
The Bishop
Paul Pfitzer
New Glory

Betty Lindgren
Leiden's Orange
Dorcas Ann

Edith Wilkie  
Yellow Comet  
Hillside Joy  
May Lynn Dudley  
All American

Roulette
Laetare

Incendie

## FORMAL

Darcy Sainsbury	Mad. Albert Loix
The Governor	Yellow Supreme
Volcano	Wotana
Oakleigh Monarch	Red Solute
Marie	Victory
Blue River	Mrs. Warner
Gloria Bacher	Deep Purple
Rogetta	
A. G. Goodacre	Phantom

Miss Oakland
Ky Sun
Honor Bright
Fireball
Jersey Beauty

Thomas Edison
Grace
Lois Walcher

J. White Beauty
Wiley Post
Queen City
Begonia Rose

Modern Times
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Class  
Hiltonia Apricot  
DeMolay  
Claire Fleetwood  
Ruth Nichols  
Links Blue Triumph  
Purple King

## INFORMAL

Alice May	Mothers' Day
Lord of Autumn	California Idol
Carl Dahl	Jane Cowl
Cherokee Brave	Virginia Rute
Everybodys Fav.	P. Winsome
Robert Ripley	Cherokee Rose
Glamour	Discovery
Freda George	Silver Lady
Langeloth	Cornell

Mrs. H. Goetzger
Producer
James Kirby
Pink Grand

Poesia Moravy
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Ray Warner
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Links White Majestic  
Ginger Rogers

Trojan  
Marion Smith

Maid Marion

\*In this column secretaries' suggestions instead of current introductions as above.

The idea is for each Society to send me a report of their Show like I have of the Cincinnati Show and from it I would compile according to the ribbons won a list similar to what is on the other side. This list that I am sending you was compiled from our last few Shows, some reports from friends in the East, the A. D. S. Show at New York as reported in the BULLETIN and some guesses from catalogs where a class was weak. The last column instead of having current introductions would have recommendations from secretaries on newer varieties that are not yet widely distributed and so would not have a chance to win a place in the regular list yet seem to be outstanding.

This list could be published once a year in the BULLETIN and act as a supplement to the choices of Johnston, Dudley, Eddy & Roberts, etc. Now what do you think of the idea?

[Your Editor will be pleased to receive your reaction to this suggestion or perhaps you would write Mr. Doermann direct.]

# 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.

## Two Pittsburgh Friends

I introduce to you, in this number of Dahlia Personalities, two very fine and very attractive persons from Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hislop. To those who know them well, and they have an awful lot of friends, they are Lawrence and Elizabeth. Besides the senior members of the family there are three attractive children and—a lot of fine Dahlias!

I have known the Hislops for several years. The acquaintanceship began in the exhibition hall of a Dahlia Show; it has grown and developed because of a common interest in "our" flower.

Mr. and Mrs. Hislop are both interested in Dahlias. Here is one case where a member of a family is not known as a "Dahlia widow" or a "Dahlia widower." Wherever one sees the Hislops in a Dahlia Show he will see interested Show observers. Note taking—getting new names for the season to come—cultural points on Dahlias—just the points which one would expect intelligent Dahlia people to look for. The Hislops are intelligent Dahlia growers. They are members of the Western Pennsylvania Branch Society of the American Dahlia Society and both are active workers in the Society and both have done a lot of work for the success of the Annual Show which is held in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Hislop, for the past year, has been much in demand as a Dahlia lecturer before various garden clubs and Dahlia societies in western Pennsylvania. Her talks are interesting and informative.

But I must not write the Hislops and Dahlias alone. Let me do a brief paragraph just of Lawrence and Elizabeth!

It is good to be in their home because they are generous hosts: it is good to be in their company because they are interesting: it is a pleasure to know them because they are attractive.

I personally introduce to you Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hislop of Pittsburgh.

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## West Pennsylvania Branch of A. D. S.

The June 19th meeting of the Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society had an interesting "Give and Take," or "Question and Answer" period where members asked questions pertaining to the growing of Dahlias and those who felt they could give the answer did so. The discussion then swung to two other topics of great interest; our Display Garden at South Park and our Fall Show.

The Display Garden is well under way. Under the able direction of Mr. William Buresch, the chief gardener at South Park, three patches have been prepared with rich manure and fertilizer and planted. The County Commissioners and Director of Parks, Mr. Kelly, have cooperated splendidly, putting in a bridge and conspicuous signs to make access easy. Besides fine donations of stock from our own members, we are particularly grateful to commercial growers outside our territory for generous contributions. We have a total now of about 500 Dahlias planted and hope that they will produce a display, when in bloom, that will be a great factor in educating the general public on the subject of Dahlias.

Our other subject of consideration was our Fall Show. It is to be on September 20th and 21st. We are pleased to be able to announce that this year it is to be held in the Phipps Conservatory in Schenley Park. We are the second organization to hold a Show there, the Men's Garden Club of Pittsburgh being our forerunners. We have had a most cordial reception from the conservatory authorities.

Pittsburghers are justly proud of the Phipp's Conservatory. It was presented to the city by Mr. Henry Phipps in 1893. Many of the original acquisitions were obtained from the World's Fair of 1893. It is divided into thirteen rooms or gardens each with a different temperature and humidity. In addition, it has eight modern new propagating houses, four hundred sashes of hot beds and cold frames and an extensive work room and laboratory. About half a million people visit the Conservatory each year. It can accommodate 4,000 visitors at one time without crowding. There are 300,000 plant specimens representing about 3,000 species and varieties. The total value of the collection is well over one million dollars. Two courses in floriculture, taught in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh, are given. The Conservatory is open daily, free. Do you wonder we are proud that we are to have our Fall Dahlia Show there?

We feel that the background of green, the use of separate rooms and the system of walks leading from one to another, will result in this being one of the most beautiful Shows we have ever had. Hundreds of people—even thousands, have walked from room to room admiring the lovely Easter Show, Fall "Mum" Show or Christmas display held there every year; so we feel we shall have room for everyone and hope many Dahlia lovers will come to our biggest and best Show. Remember the dates: September 20th and 21st.

*Elizabeth F. Hislop, Chairman of Publicity.*



## Enter: The Judge

Dad's so proud, but did you know?  
 He's to be a judge at the Dahlia Show.  
 If you knew Dad you'd understand.  
 He loves his Dahlias, thinks them grand.  
 For years he's worked and sweat and toiled;  
 He learned to analyze the soil.  
 And early every Sunday morn  
 He's up and out at break of dawn.  
 Until the evening's setting sun  
 His garden work is never done!  
 And oft times I have heard him say,  
 And do believe it's true:  
 "These Dahlias, you belong to them,  
 Not really them to you!"  
 For when God gave away His gifts,  
 Of love upon this land,  
 The Dahlia was the flower He gave  
 That man would understand.  
 And men have learned to love them, too.  
 For they bring out the very best in you.  
 Dad's reading all the Dahlia books  
 He's getting that important look,  
 Asked to judge at the Dahlia Show,  
 That's really something, don't you know!  
 He threw away that battered hat,  
 And bought a new one, think of that!  
 His suit's all pressed and on my life,  
 His pants creased sharper than a knife!  
 Dad's pleased as punch and all aglow,  
 To be a judge at the Dahlia Show.

Jane Healey.

## Tips on Root Storage

Since the average Dahlia grower does not have the facilities of an old fashioned root cellar ways and means must be found to overcome our "warm" over dry cellars.

Loss is caused in two ways—first, by shrivelling or drying out—second, by decay caused by stem rot.

To prevent shrivelling we must use some sort of insulation that prevents the drying air from robbing the tubers of moisture.

Curing the clumps properly and storage in an atmosphere not too damp will minimize stem rot.

For those growing less than fifty hills there are two quite successful methods available.

Let's call the first the Tooker method (E. E. Tooker uses it with great success).

After digging the clumps bring them right into the cellar and place directly on top of the concrete floor—clumps packed in close to each other but not on top of one another. Then place moist earth all around the roots up to within an inch of the top of the stalk. Provide enough ventilation so mildew does not form but not enough air to dry out the soil too rapidly. Mr. Tooker uses a small room far away from the furnace—as cold as possible.

If you lack such a room—prepare your storage space by placing four inches of coal ashes on the floor in a corner of the cellar as far from heat as possible. Bring

in the clumps with about two inches of stalk (heavy clumps—hollow—had better be split open and dried a little). Filter sifted ashes among the roots covering the tubers but not the stalks. After a week or so add another half inch of ashes and repeat this weekly until the stalks are entirely covered.

One grower reports satisfaction packing his clumps (after curing!) in boxes of thoroughly dried sawdust or grain hulls.

Dr. William Howe wrote an article for the spring BULLETIN recommending three parts Paraffin to one part Beeswax melted to a temperature of 140 to 160 degrees. The roots are quickly dipped. If any portion is not thoroughly covered a "paint brush patch" will seal in the aperture.

It is well to split large clumps before coating with paraffin. Dipping bruises or cut portion of stalks in sulphur before waxing is advisable.

Again it is necessary to cure clumps properly before wax treatment otherwise there may be stem rot.

Dahlia roots are valuable and any extra time spent in putting them away carefully will pay rich dividends in spring.

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## "A DAHLIA TRAVELOGUE"

I got my magic carpet out one day,  
 I brushed its nap and shooed off every moth,  
 Then climbed aboard, all happy, light and gay,  
 As I started South and East and West and North.  
 My first stop was *Kentucky*, a fine old state;  
 I met that handsome *Sportsman*, my, oh my!  
 To bet on *Man O'War* I could hardly wait,  
 But I looked around—and there stood *Satan*, sly!  
 My magic carpet headed northern way,  
 The *Snowcrest* mountains met my wondering gaze,  
 'Twas *One Grand* sight and *My Delight*; I say  
 They'll be an *Inspiration* all my days.  
 'Twas a *Happy Choice* when next I journeyed east,  
 There, *Everybody's Favorite* I seemed to be;  
 The *Greeting* of the folks just never ceased,  
 I'd soon be in the *Limelight*, I could see.  
 Next, *California Rose* upon my vision,  
*Deep Purple* of the *Autumn Sunset* awed me;  
 The *Eventide* made me forget my mission,  
 As *Angelus* rang out so clear and free.  
 I'd like to bring *Bing Crosby* back to my land,  
 When *Blue Shadows* fall I'd like to hear him croon;  
 And fancy I was his *Jungle Queen* on *Treasure Island*,  
 As beneath the *Autumn Moon* we'd sit and spoon.  
 But *The Universe* is plunged deep into sadness  
 By the *Thunderbolt* of war across the sea;  
*American Triumph* will bring to all much gladness  
 When our *Cavalcade* of troops bring *Victory*.  
 And now, in days like these, with flags a-flying,  
 We'll pull for U. S. A. with all our powers;  
 We know that if we keep right on a-trying,  
 Much *Better Times* and *Crowning Glory* will be ours.  
 (Mrs.) *Ida Simpson, Dahlia Society of Alabama,*  
*Birmingham, Alabama.*

# 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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269 South Grand Avenue, Baldwin, New York

## EDITORIAL

The Dahlia is on the threshold of its greatest opportunity. Interest is more widespread, knowledge more general, hence more Dahlias of better quality are being grown and enjoyed.

Will the Dahlia advance or will the pitfall of criticism, petty jealousy and plain "high school boy" acting up mar this steady progress?

One Show Manager opines: "But we will have honest judges!" Well, what Dahlia Show will not? Glance over the lists of judges at our Shows and you will note in *every* case leaders in the business and civic affairs—men and women of character (which still requires a life time to accomplish). And yet there are always those who seek to impugn that character and reputation when there are opinion differences at the Show table.

One cannot stroll through his Dahlia patch without feeling a closeness to an all merciful God.

And yet some of us are willing to throw all the joy and power of our hobby overboard because we cannot take, as good sports, a defeat in competition.

It is high time that we wake up. Let's stop calling each other "crook" and if necessary weed right out of the fraternity of decent folk those habitual offenders of which fortunately the number is relatively small.

Let's win graciously but lose gloriously! Our judges are invited by us to do a difficult job. Let us thank them genuinely and stand behind their decisions.

Judging at the A. D. S. Show this year will be under the direction of Lynn B. Dudley. Look for and expect a good conscientious job. We are still talking about last year's success under J. W. Johnston, whom may we add has written several excellent Dahlia stories in his *New York Herald Tribune* column recently.

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## Show Dates 1941

Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society, Scranton, Y. M. C. A., September 5th-6th.

Minnesota Dahlia Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 9th-10th.

Peekskill Dahlia Society, Peekskill, N. Y., September 12th.

Old White Dahlia Show, Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, September 12th-13th.

West Virginia Dahlia Society, Fairmont, September 12th-13th.

A. D. S. Field Day, Storrs, Connecticut, September 13th.

South Plains Texas Dahlia Society, South Plains, September 13th-14th.

Central States Dahlia Society, Garfield Park, Chicago, September 13th-14th.

Englewood Dahlia Society, Englewood, N. J., September 13th-14th.

Indianapolis Dahlia Society, Brookside Park Community House, September 13th-14th.

Dahlia Society of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, September 13th-14th.

Dutchess County Horticultural Society, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., September 16th-17th.

Irvington Dahlia Show, Irvington, N. J., September 18th-19th.

Missouri Valley Dahlia Association, The Armory, Independence, Missouri, September 20th.

Western Pennsylvania Branch of The American Dahlia Society, Pittsburgh, September 20th-21st.

Haledon Floral Society, Haledon, N. J., September 20th-21st.

East Liverpool Dahlia Society and Dahlia Society of Ohio, East Liverpool, September 20th-21st.

Baltimore Dahlia Society, Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Maryland, September 21st-22nd.

Portland Dahlia Society, Portland, Oregon, September 22nd-23rd.

Virginia Dahlia Society, State Fair Grounds, Richmond, Virginia, September 23rd-26th.

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Hagerstown, Maryland, Dahlia Show, September 25th-26th.

Dahlia Society of New Jersey, Garfield School, Kearney, N. J., September 27th.



Elberon Horticultural Society, Convention Hall, Asbury Park, N. J., September 26th-27th-28th.

Camden Dahlia Society, Vocational School, Merchantville, N. J., September 26th-27th.

State of Delaware Dahlia Show, Y. M. C. A., Wilmington, Delaware, September 26th-27th.

Burholme Horticultural Society, Trinity Oxford Community House, Burholme, Pennsylvania, September 26th-27th.

Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Club, Beacon Memorial Gymnasium, Wellsville, Ohio, September 27th-28th.

National Capital Dahlia Society, Washington, D. C., September 27th-28th.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Association, Cincinnati, September 27th-28th.

Dahlia Society of Georgia, City Auditorium, Atlanta, October 3rd.

Kentucky Dahlia Society, Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, October 4th-5th.

Dahlia Society of Alabama, Birmingham, October 7th.

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## Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Association

May 15th was the date, 8:30 P. M. the time, and the Garden Center the place of a lively meeting attended by over eighty enthusiastic members.

Our main speaker of the evening was our "Will Rogers of Dahlias," Oliver Shurtleff. His talk on "Grooming Dahlias" was not only highly instructive as to what to do and what not to do when entering Dahlias in a Show but also contained a world of philosophy for life in general. He even brought up the subjects of hats—men's hats!

During his talk he told a story of a young stenographer who was refused a job by one employer because her plucked eyebrows made him think of a plucked pullet. Following the talk Mr. Shurtleff was kind enough to answer questions. After several pertaining to Dahlia classes for Shows etc. one of the members rose and said, very seriously:

"Mr. Shurtleff, there is one thing I would like to see," he paused, while everyone listened attentively expecting a suggestion for regulating Show entries or the like, . . . "I would like to see that plucked pullet." Whereupon everyone roared with laughter.

There was also a lively auction of plants and tubers, donated by members, the proceeds of which go to the club treasury. Mr. John Spillman did a fine job of conducting the auction.

Packets of tubers were exchanged by members—each having a number—and corresponding slips drawn from a hat. This is always great fun.

A social hour over coffee and sandwiches made a pleasant ending to a fine meeting.

## The South Plains Dahlia Society, Lubbock, Texas

Our most noteworthy achievement this year was our becoming affiliated with the A. D. S. This was a source of great pleasure to all our membership. We have been much pleased this year with our increase in membership and also the interest all our members have taken in all plans and hopes of our Society. Each year we have a Christmas party and this year our attendance at the party was good and everyone seemed to enjoy everything. The same was true of our birthday banquet which we hold annually in May.

We think that we are now the only Dahlia Society remaining in Texas and that it is up to us to keep Texas on the Dahlia map.

We are making great plans for our Annual Show, our third, to be held September 13th and 14th. We think that this will be our best Show as we have the use of a large automobile sales room which is air-conditioned in which to hold the Show. Then too we have had a very fine season with well above the normal amount of rain and the Dahlia plants have done well in spite of the fact that there has been some damage from hail.

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# Dahlia News From The Nation's Capital

I'll begin with the Maryland University Trial Garden, sponsored by the Baltimore Dahlia Society of which I am also a member.

Planting was delayed somewhat due to the very dry spring, but on May 29th the rains came and kept coming for the better part of a week. Planting finally got under way about June 7th and was completed by the 20th. Since the planting was completed rains have been regular and spaced nicely, so that all plants are in A-1 shape and promise a real display for this fall. There are about thirty seedlings in the trial patch. In the display garden there are over 1,000 hills of large types and about 300 hills of poms, miniatures and other types, quite a sizeable planting and one worth traveling to see. Dr. Ballard is in charge and is doing a good job even though a bit short of help.

Now to the National Capital Dahlia Society and the National Capital Show. In regard the National Capital Show we have been fortunate, as you shall learn.

The dates for our Show are Saturday and Sunday, September 27th and 28th.

The Show is being sponsored by the Government Printing Office Post No. 33 of the American Legion for the American Legion Home. An admission of 25 cents will be charged. It will be staged in Harding Hall of the Government Printing Office, North Capital and G Streets, just around the corner from Union Station and very convenient for visitors and exhibitors who come by train.

Of course parking facilities are available for those who come by car.

Harding Hall is larger than any hall we have had for past Shows and we will need many blooms to fill it. It is on the eighth floor but the many elevators in the Government Printing Office overcome that handicap. Conditions and facilities are ideal in respect to arranging flowers before placing on the Show tables as a very large room just off the hall will be devoted to that purpose. Also on the same floor is a large cafeteria where exhibitors can get a bite between entries. Generally on Show day our stomachs are neglected as eating places are not convenient or time will not permit going out to one. In the Government Printing Office that problem is solved by walking a few steps. The food is first rate, too. How do I know? Well, I work in the G. P. O. and have dinner there every night. Our Show chairman, "Wil" Shiner, is also an employee of the Printing Office and you can understand why we want this Show to be a success. We hope all Dahlia growers that can exhibit with us will do so and help out two brother fans. We'd like to show the 7,500 employees of the office what two of their number can do in regard to staging a real Dahlia Show, the likes of which many of them have never laid eyes on. So rally round us Dahlia fans and lend a hand.

I know our friends in the Baltimore and Suburban Societies will be on hand to do their bit.

In regard to trophies, we have some beauties. I always did think we had nicer ones than other Shows I attended, but this year we are even surpassing ourselves. Of course we'll have the *House Beautiful* Gold Futurity Medal, the *American Home* Achievement Medal, the A. D. S. Bronze Medal and the Doermann Plaque for Ball Dahlias. To win one of the above would tickle the heart of any Dahlia fan, to say nothing of the joy a sweepstakes trophy would bring. They are here to shoot at, fans, so do your stuff.

As to the judges we have C. Louis Alling, Warren Maytrott, Bill Stolz, a favorite of the members here. Bill's been down from Hazelton for the past several years. Continuing the list we find the introducer of *Bette Davis*, *Amelia Earhart*, etc., Dr. J. B. Eastman. From Richmond, Virginia, we have old friends in C. P. Miller, Superintendent of the Colonial Test Gardens and J. A. Millard, President of the Virginia Dahlia Society and the personality in Dean Shurtleff's article in the May BULLETIN. A new comer this year, but one with a real Dahlia background is John Peck of Golden Rule. And to end the list we have that peer of miniatures and poms, John Mencke of Baltimore.

Our schedule is ready and copies can be had by dropping a card to Show Chairman Willard Shiner, 311 Landover Road, Villa Heights, Hyattsville, Maryland.

That about covers the news from this neck of the woods. All reports from local growers say plants are looking fine and in much better shape than last year at this time. That holds promise for many nice blooms for our Show.

All members are up and anxious, so come on September and let's show you what we have.

Frank Goetzger.

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## Mid West Trial Grounds

There are ninety-one entries in the Mid-West Dahlia Trial Grounds at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, this year.

At this date all are in excellent condition with a minimum of "misses." Although we have had an exceptional period of hot, dry weather, the plants have come through in fine shape and the present cool weather should stimulate rapid growth and flowering.

A number of new judges are to be trained this year to augment our staff of expert judges. These include ten or fifteen from the Detroit area, Floyd Forbus of Flint, and Professor Hewitt of Jackson, Michigan. It is possible several others will take their apprenticeship in judging from other sections, including one or two from Toledo, Ohio.

On September 7th, the Detroit initiates will meet at the Trial Gardens and will be given instruction by Victor Steckle of Lansing.

The Trial Grounds committee for 1941 is as follows:

Louis Roberts, Chicago, Illinois  
Barton Elliott, Grand Haven, Michigan  
Lloyd Hook, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Nick Koenig, New Baltimore, Michigan  
G. C. Mundy, Coldwater, Michigan.

Field Day this year is scheduled for September 18th. While the date is late, it had to be set at this time so as not to interfere with the Shows. The program will

include latest information on insect control by Professor E. I. McDaniel, "What's New in Disease," by Dr. Ray Nelson, for the morning session beginning at 10:00 o'clock, and a lecture and demonstration of vase arrangements with Dahlias by Professor C. E. Wildon, assisted by Paul R. Krone and Evan Roberts. Instruction in judging will be given for the remainder of the time for those who want it.

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## To the Members of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey

Kindly coöperate with your committee in making the Society's TABLE DISPLAY, consisting of "A combination of baskets and arrangement or any effect the Society may select" under Class 295, outstanding.

Arrangement of the Society's TABLE DISPLAY will be under the direct supervision of Mrs. Frieda Fisher.

If you cannot conveniently get your blooms to New York Wednesday A. M. September 24th, advise the member of this committee who is located nearest to you to attend to the delivery.

Committee members: George H. Swezey, 63 Mertz Avenue, Hillside, Chairman; Mrs. Frieda H. Fisher, 121 Abernethy Drive, Trenton; E. G. Davenport, 172 Valley Brook Avenue, Arlington; Ray Smith, 14 Eastwood Place, Cedar Grove.

# ALLING'S

Yes, we will be at the big New York Show in the Museum of Natural History as we were at the first A. D. S. Show in 1915.

We will be happy to see all our old friends as well as new ones who are interested in Dahlias. See our new varieties in both the large and small types.

Our 1942 advance list will be available or we will gladly mail a copy on request.

**C. LOUIS ALLING**

**251 B, Court Street**

**West Haven, Conn.**

# DAHLIAS

## Portland Dahlia Society

### Portland, Oregon

The Portland Dahlia Society under the leadership of the President, P. F. Kershnik, has about completed the necessary arrangements for the Fall Show which will be held September 22nd and 23rd.

The Society, in conjunction with some of the other leading flower groups, have accepted Commissioner Kenneth Cooper's offer of the use of the Municipal Auditorium Basement for a Show room. This affords about one-half block of floor space with adjoining rooms with facilities suitable for the setting up of all entries excepting Professional. Floor and table committees will handle all exhibits from this room and place them in the Show room thus avoiding the usual confusion made when work tables are set up on the exhibition floor. The professionals can drive into the building thus enabling them to get their Dahlias to their allotted space with the least possible handling.

For years the Portland Dahlia Society has been crowded for space and a suitable location in which to hold its Shows. Now we hope, with the coöperation of all the flower societies, and garden clubs, and the city, that we will soon be able to have that longed for Horticultural Hall. We believe holding our Flower Shows in the Municipal Auditorium is a step in achieving this desire.

The Society has held bimonthly open meetings featuring special problems and interesting facts pertaining to Dahlia culture, with speakers with practical experience as leaders. The July meeting will consist of class work in judging Dahlia blooms with competent growers instructing, also the subject of how to cut and carry blooms to the Show room, and how to arrange flowers will be discussed and demonstrated.

On alternate months the Board meets and the officers of the Society with the regular board members are working diligently to put on the best Show Portland has ever had. The professionals are backing the amateurs by promising to put large exhibits and we have reason to believe there will be a larger list of entries than ever before.

The Dahlias are coming along nicely this season. Having had plenty of rain before and during planting and with

good growing weather up to date we may expect good blooms and plenty of them. With more and more garden clubs becoming interested in Dahlias, and with the publicity the Metropolitan Garden Society has given to each class of flowers as a medium for garden decoration, Dahlia culture is becoming a popular hobby in Portland.

Lena B. Little, the Secretary-Treasurer for eight years, has gone out of town and her post is taken over by the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. P. F. Kershnik with the aid of Mrs. Rollin Heater, appointed by the Board of Directors.

Our senior member, Mrs. C. L. Mastick, has not been able to carry on her Dahlia business since her return from San Francisco and her activities in connection with the Hall of Flowers, while at the World's Fair, last fall. It is with regret we announce she is closing her Dahlia business. The Mastick Dahlias have been Portland's pride and joy for many years. Mrs. Mastick holds a life's honorary membership on the Board of Directors. She was able to attend the last meeting and seemed quite her old time self again.

President Kershnik has been keeping Dahlias before the public in an efficient manner by attending the Metropolitan Garden Contest meetings and taking an active part in the Men's Garden Club as well as speaking on Dahlias at various Garden Clubs and sending Dahlia representatives to speak at other Garden Clubs in the city and near-by towns.

The Society is looking forward to visiting the Scrutton Dahlia Gardens where are grown a fine collection of Foreign Dahlias of all types. Of especial interest to the group will be his plantings of small type Dahlias, foreign, and the best of the domestic varieties as well. Each year there has been a competitive table of foreign Dahlias on exhibit and this year we have added a new feature, a non competitive table of Dahlias never before exhibited in Portland. We hope to see a number of last year's top notch winners entered.

The Dahlia Society will picnic at the Julia Compton Dahlia Gardens, where acres of wonderful blooms will be on parade. Particular attention will be given to types and to Dahlia culture during class instructions while exploring the fields.

Just before planting time the ways and means committee added considerably to the Show funds by holding a bulb sale at one of the meetings. Bulbs were donated by growers and members of the Society. Auctioning of popular bulbs and sale of boxes of better type Dahlias proved a satisfactory means to this end, besides affording a pleasurable evening.

We are glad to note the membership is growing and at least two new professional growers are added to our list.

*Mrs. R. M. McClary.*

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## Seedling Growers Attention

The Virginia Dahlia Society offers this year a prize of \$25 cash for the seedling sent in to their Show, by any grower in North America, which is selected by nationally known judges, as the best.

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the usual fee of one dollar, which is required of all exhibitors in the Show, unless they are members.

This special prize is offered in order to increase interest in the propagation of Dahlias as well as add to our Eighteenth Annual Exhibition. Our membership increased more than 50% last year and during the past five years the number of exhibitors has increased more than 250%.

These entries will be judged by three nationally known growers and only one bloom is required; however we suggest sending several, if you have them, allowing that which holds up best, to be selected for the table.

If you are interested write to the Secretary, E. Guy Williams, 3238 Woodrow Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, for further information and shipping directions.

Our Eighteenth Annual Show, September 23-26, 1941.

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## West Virginia Dahlia Society News

*By Oliver Shurtleff, Secretary*

The West Virginia Dahlia Society announces its Fifteenth Annual State Dahlia Show which will be held in the city of Fairmont on Friday and Saturday, September 12th and 13th. The Show schedule, which may be had upon request from the secretary, will offer practically twice as many classes as have been previously offered. Plans have gone forward for the best Show in the history of the Society.

The slogan for the 1941 West Virginia Dahlia Show is as follows:

"MORE FLOWERS: MORE PEOPLE: A BETTER SHOW."

The members and committees of the Society are working hard to bring the slogan into a reality.

The West Virginia branch of the American Dahlia Society trial garden has been planted and cultivated for the third time. At the time these notes were written each entry was in good condition. At the proper time the final report on the garden will be published in this BULLETIN.

Several new varieties have been planted locally this year by many members of the Society. This means a fine future for the Dahlia.

The secretary knows of several new West Virginia Dahlias which will make their debut within a few seasons. Fanciers are asked to be on the look-out for these new originations from the "Mountain State." They are reasonably sure to be good!

Come to West Virginia. Come any time. Be sure to come September 12th and 13th.

You are invited!

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## Dahlia Society of Georgia

The activity of the Dahlia Society of Georgia has been on a larger scale than in previous years, and this activity has created considerable interest in Dahlias—recruiting new members and getting many old Dahlia fans back in harness.

The weather has been inconsistent this year. The first part of the Dahlia season was hot and dry and planting was delayed. The latter part of June and first part of July we experienced a rainy season, and the last fifteen days in July were hot and dry. From all reports, however, the majority of Dahlia growers state their Dahlias are growing satisfactorily.

We are planning a real Show this year and all indications point in this direction. We have secured the City Auditorium for our Show, having three times the floor space of any previous year. The past two years the small Dahlia has made many new friends, and this year, with added floor space, our Show will be able to display them in their full glory.

We are supporting our President, Nelson Crest, and all committees, and we are confident that our Show this year will surpass all other Shows.

Show date: October 3, 1941. Place: City Auditorium, Atlanta, Georgia. Make your plans to be with us on that date.

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## Peekskill Dahlia and Gladiolus Society, Inc.

Growing conditions in this part of the country have been ideal; a good combination of rain and sunshine with moderate temperatures. A continuance of such weather will assure a fine Show for Peekskill, which will be held in the auditorium of the Cortlandt Hook & Ladder Co., Main Street, Peekskill, N. Y., on Friday, September 12, 1941, being open to the public between the hours of 3:00 P. M. and 10:00 P. M.

Now folks, keep this date in mind, or rather, jot it down where it will be a continuous reminder to you, as I am quite sure that you will not want to miss a real Dahlia Show in "this neck of the woods" this year.

Our committee has left no stone unturned to give you more than your money's worth if you arrange to attend. By the way, the admission charge is only 25 cents, barely enough to meet expenses. If you want to exhibit, which we sincerely hope you will, ask the secretary for a schedule in which you will find a generous prize list to induce your entries. A post card will bring you a schedule. R. A. Voel, Secretary, R. D. No. 3, Locust Avenue, Peekskill, N. Y.

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## PRIZE COMMITTEE APPEAL

Admission to the Show this year will be free. Consequently we are depending on our members and good friends of the Dahlia to help support it. Contributions to the prize fund will be most welcome and will aid in increasing the popularity of the Dahlia. Our old friend Al Schuster is chairman of the Prize Committee, as in the past. Just make your check payable to Albert Schuster and send to 47 Alexine Avenue, East Rockaway, L. I., N. Y.

## Dahlia Society of Toledo

Plans for the Sixth Annual Dahlia Show of the Dahlia Society of Toledo, Ohio, which is to be held in the White Auditorium at Tenth and Adams Streets, are rapidly being worked out by a committee headed by Mrs. Hazel Hart, Chairman, and being ably assisted by H. E. Winey, Carl Sattler, John Schroeder, L. Henkle, Mrs. Florence Thomas.

It is expected that this year's Show on September 13th and 14th, 1941, will be well attended, but not as large as our State Show last year, as Cleveland and Detroit are holding their Shows on this date as well, and we have always had a number of Exhibitors from these two cities, especially Cleveland where some of the largest blooms have come from, and they in turn have captured some of our best Premiums as well as Sweepstakes and Trophies. It is to be regretted that they changed their dates this year, as Toledo Society was also well represented as Judges, and Exhibitors, at Dahlia Society of Ohio. We will miss you.

Mr. Hal Hart, our President, and General Chairman of all Committees, is working very hard and deserves a world of credit for the way the Show will be handled. Also Mr. C. H. Smith and A. J. Schlagheck, past Show Chairmen, who have obtained Sweepstakes Cups for the Novice, Small Amateur, Large Amateur, Open to All, as well as the Largest and most Perfect Bloom in the Show.

Premiums are offered for largest and most perfect bloom over eight inches and four to eight inches in all four Sections as well as the smallest and most perfect pom. Arrangements, Baskets, three and six bloom classes. *House Beautiful* Futurity Award, Home Achievement Medal for three year seedlings, and best in two years or over seedling class.

1941 Seedling Class, Blue Ribbon Award only. Special Section this year for Gladiolus in Vases or Baskets in the Special Ribbon Awards and Open to All. A. D. S. Classification will be used in all Dahlia sections.

There will be the usual first, second, and third awards with Ribbons as premiums and Special Ribbon Prize carries extra points towards the sweepstakes as well Vase, Medal, or Cup.

Schedule will carry well over two hundred classes and will be mailed to any one interested if application is made to the secretary, Mrs. Carl Sattler, 3815 Homewood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Dahlia lovers, whether you are a member of any Society or not to

attend and exhibit with us this Sixth Annual Show, in Toledo, Ohio. Admission to Show will be free and an entry fee of ten cents shall be charged for each and every exhibit or entry up to \$1.00, with all entry free above \$1.00, except where otherwise specified, and any amount of entries may be made in each class.

*Mrs. Hazel Hart, Chairman.*

## Ohio State Dahlia Show

The Eleventh Annual Exhibition will be held in coöperation with the East Liverpool Dahlia Society's Sixteenth Annual Dahlia and Flower Show at the High School Gymnasium, East Fourth Street and Broadway, East Liverpool, on September 20th and 21st.

Every member from Mayor O. Earl Greenawalt and President George H. Schepp down is on his or her toes to live up to the tradition of these quality Shows.

The schedule listing several hundred classes may be obtained from Secretary H. J. Gallimore, 1309 Smithfield Street, East Liverpool.

A fine group of judges under that Chagrin Falls Dahlia specialist H. H. Robens will be ready to do a comprehensive job in finding the "winnahs"!

From far and near we will welcome your blooms and your presence—your part, in making the committee's dreams come true.

## Burholme Horticultural Society

Friday evening, September 26th, Saturday afternoon and evening, September 27th has been selected as the dates for the 21st Annual Flower Show of the Burholme Horticultural Society; this event will take place in the Trinity Oxford Community House, Rising Sun Avenue and Disston Streets, Burholme, Philadelphia.

All Dahlia growers and enthusiasts are urged to enter their blooms and we particularly wish to draw your attention to the undisseeded seedling classes which have been created for the Miniature and Pompon varieties.

In addition to Dahlias there will be a wide selection of Annuals, Perennials shown and a section for Novelties.

Our catalogue will be available about the middle of August and a copy can be secured by contacting the Secretary Lewis G. Dietz, 7512 Tabor Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mark Burholme down among the list of Flower Shows you plan to attend.

### DAHLIA CLUMPS AT DIGGING TIME

Owing to bad health and the labor situation, we have decided to sell our entire stock of Dahlias with the exception of our own seedlings. All stock that has not done well for us this year will be destroyed before digging time. Many clumps will be from 1941 introductions. Others are very recent introductions and we believe all of them will win in the Show room. Price list ready by the first of October.

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## The State of Delaware Dahlia Society

The Annual Show of the State of Delaware Dahlia Society will be held Friday and Saturday, September 26th and 27th in the Auditorium of the Y. M. C. A.

We have staged some very fine Shows and are making plans for another one this year. The seedling class is always interesting and last year saw some keen competition. This class is always exciting so if you have a good seedling here is an opportunity to show it. Three blooms, one variety, any type. The American Home Achievement Medal will be the trophy here. From early reports we should have a very fine amateur section, as our membership in this group has grown since last year.

If you are interested in a good Show come out and pay us a visit. We are sure you will enjoy it. For any further information write to Frederick G. Smith, Secretary, 10 Brighton Avenue, Elsmere, Delaware.

*F. G. Smith, Secretary.*

## Western Pennsylvania Branch American Dahlia Society

The Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society will hold its annual Show on the 16th and 17th of August, 1941, at the Phipps Conservatory, Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

From plans and arrangements now under way, this year's exhibit will show signs of great improvement over any Show this Society held in the past.

The Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society will appreciate any donation that you see proper to give for a Show of this kind.

*J. G. Barry.*

## Dahlia Society of Alabama Will Have 1941 Show at Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham

The 1941 Show of the Dahlia Society of Alabama will be staged at the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, Alabama, Tuesday, October 7th. It is going to take a lot of blooms to fill that space but what a Show it will be.

A great deal of enthusiasm is being shown and a lot of work being done toward what we have planned to be our biggest and best Show.

Won't you come to see it?

*Mrs. J. F. Hull, Chairman Publicity Committee.*

## Irvington Dahlia Show

The Irvington Dahlia Show will be held September 18th and 19th. There are 111 classes. Ten miniature classes for types and colors and five for pompons are included to meet the increasing number of entries in the small flowered classes. Eighteen judges include prominent personalities in the Dahlia World.

The Irvington Show is one of the largest in the East. Schedules and prize lists are available from Flower Show Committee, Town Hall, Irvington, N. J.

*Philip LeBoutillier.*

## 17th Annual Show — Baltimore Dahlia Society

Elaborate plans are being made for the outstanding flower event of the year—the 17th Annual Flower Show of the Baltimore Dahlia Society which is to be held September 21st and 22nd in the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Maryland.

Our Society is most fortunate in having George Shirmer as Show Manager for his ability as well as experience in handling a large Show such as ours cannot be surpassed. Considering the fact that we have over three hundred and fifty classes for Dahlias ranging from Novices, as well as small gardens of up to 25 plants to the Open to All classes besides the Sections for Hardy Gardens blooms and Arrangements, Show Manager Shirmer and his fine Committee will have their hands full.

From all indications this should be one of the very finest Shows ever held in our City for the check up with the members both in our City and nearby points bear out the fact that the plants never looked better. The Publicity Committee under the chairmanship of President George Shaffer has made all plans to keep the public well informed through the medium of the press as well as radio.

Very fine trophies are being awarded for sweepstake prizes in the various sections along with individual class prizes, besides the special classes in honor of Governor Herbert R. O'Connor, Mayor Howard W. Jackson. There will also be offered the Achievement Medal of the *American Home*, *House Beautiful* Dahlia Futurity Medal, American Dahlia Society Medal as well as cash prizes for exhibits.

As a special feature classes have been set up for School Children through the coöperation of our Board of Education and include all types of flowers as well as Dahlias. It is hoped that this may be the means of starting many children as well as their parents to grow Dahlias.

The Show is free to the public there being no admission charged and we invite everyone to attend. Under the present arrangements it is hoped to have a greater part of the exhibition judged by 3:00 p. m. on the opening

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day. If you grow Dahlias and would like to exhibit with us write, Herbert O. Aburn, 610 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland, for a copy of our Show schedule. You will find our members always ready to welcome you whether a novice or grower in the open to all classes.

Remember the dates—September 21st and 22nd, place Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Maryland. Entries received from 8:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M., September 21st. Show open to the public from 3:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M. Sunday, September 21st and from 10:00 A. M. to 10:00 P. M. on Monday, September 22nd.

## Field Days at the University of Maryland Trial Gardens

October 4th and 5th have been decided upon as the dates for the annual Field Days at the University of Maryland Trial Gardens located on the Campus at College Park, Maryland. Elaborate plans have been made by Dr. W. R. Ballard for the opening exercises on Saturday, October 4th, the program including talks by leading men in horticulture and it is hoped to have a group from the American Dahlia Society present that they may see just the fine type of work that is being done to promote the Dahlia.

The exercises will start promptly at 2:00 P. M. and everyone is invited to attend. Harry J. Quick, chairman of the Baltimore Dahlia Society Trial Ground Committee along with George T. Mumma, N. A. Gossmann and John C. Mencke, Jr., with the members at College Park hope to have a grand group of seedlings as well as named varieties in full blooms on these dates.

The University of Maryland Trial Gardens which are under the sponsorship of the Baltimore Dahlia Society are located on the Campus of the University at College Park, Maryland, which is directly on the Baltimore-Washington Boulevard. For further details write Dr. W. R. Ballard, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

## Don'ts For Show Exhibitors

Don't fail to exhibit regardless of the condition of your blooms. The other fellow has had just the same sort of weather which may have beaten your blooms.

Don't hesitate to exhibit because your neighbor's blooms look better than yours. They may not be better, and there are always plenty of classes and blue ribbons.

Don't come around during the Show and tell how much better blooms you have in your garden than are on the Show table. Bring them in and prove that your new seedling is a world beater.

Don't cut your blooms while the sun is on them. The best time to cut is late in the afternoon just as the sun has left them. They are then parched and will drink up a lot of water which will make them easier to handle and reach the Show table in good condition.

Don't leave your cut blooms where either the sun or wind will touch them. Nothing will ruin them quicker.

Store in the cellar or some cool place the night before the Show.

Don't come into the Show at the last minute and expect to find containers and table space. Get there on time, make your entries early, and give the Show Committee a break.

Don't stand around and tell everyone that will listen that two or three people are running the Show. Chances are that these two or three are doing all the work, making personal sacrifices to do it, and there would be no Show if it were not for them.

## Greetings

The Dahlia Society of Ohio extends a cordial welcome to all and invites you to exhibit your flowers at our Eleventh Annual Show to be held September 13th and 14th in the Rainbow Room of the Carter Hotel, Prospect Avenue and East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. We expect this Show to bring out some of the best blooms in the country as there will be 341 classes to pick from.

Schedules may be had by writing to Mr. Philip J. Peters, 21890 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

## Southwestern Dahlia Society

The latest addition whom we are pleased to welcome to our participating groups is the Southwestern Dahlia Society of Canyon, Texas. This society has been but very recently organized but already boasts of nearly one hundred members. A campaign is planned to approach all Dahlia fans in that section of the country and it is expected that in the near future the organization will number several hundred members.

Mr. Levi Cole has been selected to serve as the first president. Mr. G. W. Cox is Vice-President and Mr. R. E. Harter is the Secretary-Treasurer. Members of the Trial Garden Committee are Dr. A. M. Meyers, Chairman, Mrs. W. M. Jones, Mr. A. L. Tarlton and Mrs. J. M. Walker.

The society is planning a trial garden on the campus and co-sponsored by the West Texas State College. It is felt that there is need for a trial garden there to serve as a testing place for the Plains area. The site selected for the gardens is in front of the administration building and only a short distance from highways 60 and 87. The elevation is 3,500 feet and the climate similar to that of the Dahlia's native mountains of Old Mexico. Under these conditions high quality blooms may be expected.

The city is adjacent to the city of Amarillo, which is the metropolis of the Texas Plains and the home of the Tri-State Fair held in the latter part of September each year. Full coöperation has been assured from the city of Amarillo in building the society and it is expected that some really fine Dahlia Shows will be held in connection with the fairs.

The A. D. S. extends to the officers and members of the Southwestern Dahlia Society our sincere good wishes for a long, successful career and a large and outstanding trial garden.



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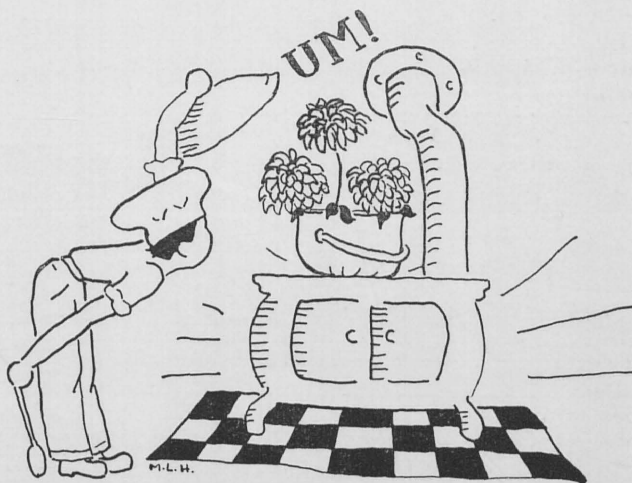
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We are growing practically all the newer worthwhile introductions of the Dahlia World, and expect our Displays to bring you something enlightening and interesting.

Will certainly be glad to greet you personally at the above named Shows or in Asheville, N. C., September 5 and 6, Peekskill, N. Y. September 12, or Field Day at Storrs, September 13.



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