

# BULLETIN

of the

## AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

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The American Way—in Dahlias! Mrs. Fred Knocke, lovely wife of Dr. Knocke, who is now on active duty as a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, exhibits for him at the A. D. S. Show in New York. Her entries won many prizes.

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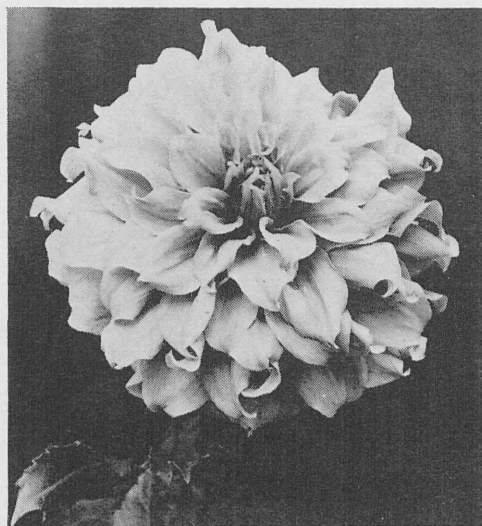
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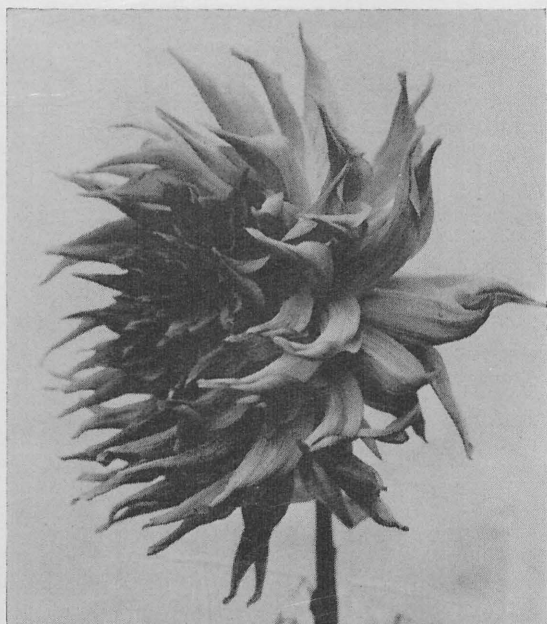
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# Twenty-Eighth Annual Exhibition of the American Dahlia Society Held at New York

Staged at Grand Central Palace, New York City, Sept. 21-22-23, 1942, in Connection With Victory Garden Show—It Benefits the Army and Navy Relief Funds \$6,600.00

Although many horticultural societies, both amateur and commercial, cooperated in this unique war time fall flower show, the Dahlias definitely dominated the exhibition halls. And dominating the great table at the head of the entrance stairway was a huge eye-filling vase of twelve gorgeously immaculate blooms of Edna Willkie, placed there by Ernest E. Tooker.

Among the various organizations participating in the exhibition, none was more active in the work of making it a success, than the New York Florists' Club. The officers of this club willingly assumed much of the responsibility with results completely justifying their selection, and these results were obtained by a great deal of long hours and work.

At the monthly meeting of the New York Florists' Club held on September 14th, 1942, the members of the Victory Garden Show Committee were guests and 8,000 tickets were sold to start the affair off with a bang. The American Dahlia Society and the Dahlia Society of New Jersey were invited to stage a miniature Dahlia show as a preview of the forthcoming exhibition. Albert Parrella, representing the American Dahlia Society, exhibited a collection of seedlings for which he was awarded the medal of the New York Florists' Show. Ray Smith, representing the Dahlia Society of New Jersey, was awarded the certificate of merit of the New York Florists' Club for a vase of five of the best "Volcanos" shown in many years.

Pre-occupation with the war, gasoline rationing and other difficulties with transportation, scarcity of help, restriction of cash and of other valuable premiums, unfavorable weather immediately preceding the show dates, combined to hold down the number of entries and the keen competition in many classes usually found in this show. The lush mass of color ordinarily furnished by near-by large estates was lacking, while too many of our regular exhibitors did not appear. Due, doubtless, to the same reasons, the public attendance was somewhat disappointing despite the strong charitable appeal on behalf of the emergency needs of the families of our armed forces which was the theme of the Victory Garden Show, so energetically sponsored by J. W. Johnston.

Notwithstanding these unfavorable factors, and perhaps because of the very fact that the tables were not too crowded, the show gave Dahlia fans a splendid opportunity to study the novelties; while there was sufficiently brisk competition in some classes to give zest to the occasion. Certain of these highlights warrant special mention.

Gordon Waaser's entry for the House Beautiful Futurity medal was a deserving winner in any competition. This was the incomparable Ivory Princess. Something

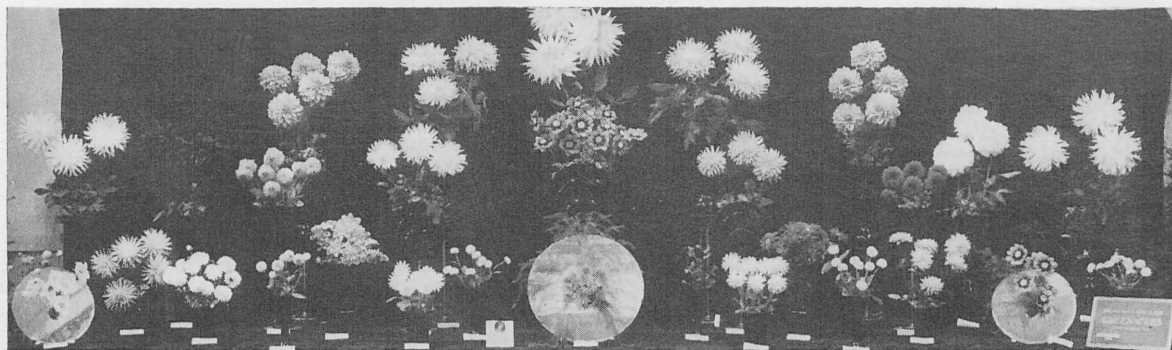
special should be said about this new variety. Its smooth, rich cream or old ivory color, its high solid center, its full petalage, its perfect semi-cactus form, its rigid but graceful stem, its delicacy and its perfection of balance, poise, foliage and general artistic appearance belie the huge size of the individual blooms. Flowers  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$  inches can be grown by any novice and are freely produced on a shapely bush. One hesitates to imagine what a little pushing might do to the size of this bloom. Although no entry was considered to be deserving of the American House Achievement medal, A. Swoboda's entry of the pale lemon, yellow and cream informal decorative Lidice stimulated considerable comment.

The Leonard Barron award in the medium-sized class went to an unnamed incurved cactus, a well-formed, red-tinged flower with yellow center which gives a somewhat orange effect. This was shown by Mrs. L. M. Ogden of Tuxedo Park, N. Y. It would seem to this commentator that some changes in the regulations governing the Leonard Barron award might properly be made to insure better competition and prompt dissemination of winning medium-sized varieties in which division there is still so much room for improvement upon existing sorts. An outstanding new medium-sized formal decorative was the rich, clear yellow Shangri-La exhibited by the Rainbow Gardens of Baldwin, N. Y. Orange Princess, the medium-sized clean reddish orange cactus, which attracted so much attention in the seedling classes last year, did extremely well in this year's competition. The Leonard Barron, medalist of last season, pure lavender semi-cactus Dorothy Schmidt, also showed up well despite its tendency to be a little soft. Another interesting addition to the new medium-sized Dahlias was the clean red and white informal decorative bi-color, Wanda Meade, offered by Paralla Dahlia Gardens. The Ranger (name changed from Commando), a Nuneviller seedling grown by O'Keefe, is a blend of purple on white to be reckoned with as a medium-sized cactus.

In the miniature and pompon classes were many fine entries and one of the most meritorious novelties was Genevieve G, a miniature semi-cactus, true pink with white center. This won a bronze medal certificate for Jane Healey, its originator.

Note should be taken of some of the new things in exhibition size varieties. Edward O'Keefe brought in several exquisitely finished blooms of Australian originations not previously seen in a New York show. His Dawson was a very fine massive blend of quiet orange effect, while his entry of Mrs. H. G. Hudson was outstanding. This huge cinnamon pink informal decorative is too evenly colored to belong among the blends and should be shown as a pink. Mention should also be





A. D. S. Gold Medal display of Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Tim, Long Branch, N. J. The very striking arrangements elicited enthusiastic commendation

made of his Axford's Triumphy, another informal decorative which will give strong competition in the orange class. O'Keefe also showed a very massive, rich dark red semi-cactus to informal, 10 inches x 6 inches, a Greer seedling. Mr. Greer, himself, brought blooms of this variety, his No. 299, some 600 miles from Geneva, Ohio, and they remained in excellent condition the second day of the show as did his No. 113, a large dark red semi-cactus of great substance, remarkably strong stem, and wonderful foliage. No. 299 has been named Col. A. G. Rudd, chief of Army Emergency Relief for 1st Army, 2nd Corps Area. No. 113 will be distributed under the name of Wings. Chappaqua Dahlia Gardens' No. 411, named Sun Tan, was a meritorious orange semi-cactus. Dixie Dahlia Gardens entered commendable exhibits, shipped over 800 miles by air express, in six seedling classes and won a bronze medal certificate for a red and white bi-color called Santa Claus.

Among the coming novelties noticed in the commercial exhibits should be noted such things as Sherwood's Peach, a large, well-built informal decorative, orangetoned, suffused pink; also Irene Dunne, straight to semi-cactus, lavender to pink, averaging about 8½ inches in diameter; and Augie V, large red formal decorative, about 8½ to 9 inches, its petals recurving to the stem. These were seen in the Rushmohr showing, while Rhythm, a pink blend semi-cactus with lacinated petals, was the focal point of Dahlia del's exhibit.

This being a three-day show, fresh competitive classes were staged on the third day, bringing out some very interesting entries. Among these should be particularly noted the new medium-sized cactus blend of J. B. Anderson, which won in the class for pink or lavender.

Attributable perhaps to the attention given to this objective by the Schedule Committee was the number of comparatively new exhibitors this year. Harvard W. Rivel of Irvington, N. J. and Fred Dole of White Plains, N. Y., distinguished themselves, especially. The latter's entries in the classes for miniatures and pompons were uniformly well grown and artistically staged. Ray Smith, President of the New Jersey Dahlia Society, is another young man who can grow them. He showed several excellent blooms, including a 13-inch Edith Willkie.

Henry Olsen, having served a successful apprentice-

ship under Eddie Lloyd, was Show Manager-in-Chief this year. He did a grand job and was seemingly everywhere at once. Not a detail escaped his watchful eye. Nonetheless he managed to place many fine blooms of his own growing in the competitive classes.

Mrs. Fred Knocke, young wife of Lt. Fred Knocke, U. S. A. M. C., for many years one of our most successful exhibitors was on hand setting up competitive arrangements and other entries using blooms from plants started by her husband before leaving for active military duty. The influence of the war on horticulturists was exemplified by the swing of the pendulum of Dr. Bruce Preas' interest from his Dahlia Garden to his Victory Vegetable Garden. Although as of yore he exhibited fine Dahlias, it was observed that he hovered with particular pride, like that of a setting hen, over his prize-winning egg-plants, garnished with blue ribbon parsley and string beans.

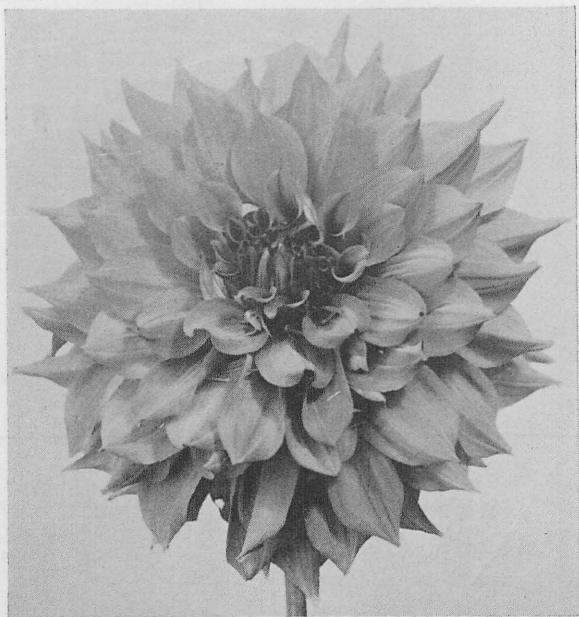
The relative scarcity of good material produced a fine demonstration of cooperation and goodwill by all concerned. Everyone was determined to make this a memorable show. Petty jealousy was forgotten in the effort to put over a worthwhile display. Even the occasional criticisms of the judging were made and met in a friendly and constructive spirit. "The show must go on!"

W. H. C.

## GARDEN CLUB SECTION

Attractive and interesting new uses for Dahlias demonstrated by exhibitors in the Garden Club Section of the American Dahlia Society, at the New York Victory Harvest Show, at Grand Central Palace, drew a constantly large group of visitors, whose laudable admiration justified the splendid efforts of the enthusiastic men and women who gave their flowers, time and efforts in making this show a grand success.

Horticultural classes had fewer exhibits than arrangement classes, but these were meritorious and demonstrated the superior quality of Dahlias being grown by amateurs. Mrs. Charles V. Smith of Far Hills, N. J., won most blue ribbon honors with fine specimens of Katie K, tri-color winner for the day, Link's Blue Tri-



COL. RUDD—*Carminé Mahogany*, Red Informal—one of the best winners at the New York Show. Introduced by Geneva Dahlia Gardens, Geneva, N. Y.

umph, Jeffersonian, Ivory Princess, Edith Willkie and Mrs. George LeBoutillier. Frau O'Bracht and Jersey Dainty, old favorites, captured the awards for varieties of cactus blooms. Miniatures and pompons were plentiful with varieties and colors extremely varied, thus indicating the trend toward small Dahlias by amateurs with limited garden space.

Original and striking combinations of Dahlias, other garden flowers, native flowers and any suitable foliage gave exceptional surprises and satisfaction to the curious spectators who appeared eagerly seeking new ideas for their own homes. In the red, white and blue arrangement, red Dahlias were combined with white gladiolus and blue salvia in white pottery. One of the newest creations was that of white Dahlias with gray-green foliage in a red container. Large mullein leaves served as the background for a perpendicular arrangement of Snowsprite in a bright red cylinder. Stachys leaves or Lamb's Ears were gracefully placed with white pompons in dull red pottery.

Exhibitors in all classes were permitted to use any kind of foliage to enhance the flowers. The need for this was cleverly and well demonstrated, particularly in the class for red Dahlias in a black container, where one used canna leaves, another rhubarb Swiss chard with its cerese stems, and another variegated dark red coleus. Any Dahlias in a green container drew most exhibitors of all classes and here was found the tri-color arrangement. Mrs. Tom Cummings of Brooklyn, the winner, used large blooms of dark Crimson Velvet Dahlias with partly opened and tight buds, artistically poised with canna leaves, in a Celadon vase on a brown teak stand.

Sizes, forms and colors of blooms were considerably varied, as here again exhibitors were not limited, but allowed wide range of choice of material to demonstrate in green. Dahlias with other garden flowers was also a popular class in which cockscomb, snapdragons, eupatorium, ageratum and lantanas were among the selected choice of garden blooms.

Corsages and old-fashioned nosegays with Dahlias, not only appealed to the visitors but displayed rather unusual colors and combinations ranging from delicate tints to deep autumn shades of blending tones.

Gladiolus from Vermont were at the peak of perfection. Roses, zinnias and marigolds were beautifully arranged in exquisite combinations with rosemary, canna leaves, brilliant rhubarb Swiss chard and sansevieria leaves.

On the third day of the show, arrangements displayed original ideas for combining Dahlias with native flowers and foliage, in pairs as well as individual arrangements. The tri-color for the day was won by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover of Oradell, N. J., with a charming pair of low white pottery containers in which delicate sprays of shrimp pink bamboo formed balanced crescents for harmonious deeper red, miniature Dahlias. Sprays of blackberry foliage gracefully dripping over the sides of a pair of ginger jars formed a pretty outline for pompons. Transparent green prune juice bottles are pleasing for Dahlias of any color, and especially as exhibited here with blackberry vines and other delicate foliage.

Many exhibits in the Garden Club Section came from long distances on the opening day of the show. Some were brought from Salisbury, North Carolina, Wilmington, Vermont, and far distant parts of New Jersey, Connecticut and New York State. A large number came from points on Long Island. There can be no doubt that again this year, a large number of people who admired these displays, were inspired with new ideas by the skillfully clever and exceptional combinations, together with a longing desire to grow more Dahlias because of their rich variety of color, size, form, abundance of blooms and their suitability with many types of foliage and containers.

GEORGENA HUMBLE,  
Chairman, Garden Club Section, A.D.S.

## LIST OF AWARDS

### SECTION A (Novice)

*Only disseminated named varieties can be entered in this section. For those other than professional gardeners who have never received an award at an A.D.S. Show, except in Garden Club Section, and grow 60 hills or less, exclusive of pompons, singles, seedlings and miniatures and do not issue lists of any kind offering stock for sale.*

Cactus—Incurved, straight or semi-cactus, 3 blooms, Medium, any color or colors—Avery F. Nesbitt, East Rockaway, L. I., *Miss Wahroonga*; Ives Samuels, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.  
Decorative—Formal or informal, 3 blooms, Medium, any color or colors—Ives Samuels, *Vin Well Paragon*; C. A. Schneider, Laurelton, L. I.  
Cactus—Incurved, straight or semi-cactus, 3 blooms, Large, any color or colors—A. F. Nesbitt, *Maffie*, Lynn Montaine and Mrs. Anna Kline; C. A. Schneider.  
Decorative—Formal or informal, 3 blooms, Large, any color or colors—C. A. Schneider, Mrs. G. LeBoutillier; Ives Samuels.



Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, any type—Ives Samuels  
*Katie K.*  
Ball Dahlias—3 blooms, any color or colors—Ives Samuels, *Marshall Kernochan*; John Herschoff, *Floral Park*, L. I.  
Miniatures—5 blooms, any color or colors—Miss Elizabeth M. Aible, *Flushing*, L. I., *Little Diamond*; Ives Samuels.  
Pompons—5 blooms, any color or colors—Miss E. M. Aible, *Little Edith*; John Herschoff.  
Any other type—5 blooms, any color or colors—A. F. Nesbitt, *Marshall Gloria*; Ives Samuels.  
Special—most outstanding entry—C. H. Schneider, *Mrs. G. Le-Boutillier*.  
Sweepstakes—Louis B. Tim Trophy—Ives Samuels.

## SECTION AA (Amateur)

For those who qualify for Section A, but have previously won one or more Blue Ribbons in Section A.

### CACTUS, SEMI-CACTUS OR DECORATIVE, 1 BLOOM, MEDIUM

White—Ray Smith, *Cedar Grove*, N. J., *Jersey Dainty*; H. W. Rivel, *Irrington*, N. J.  
Yellow—Dr. Ward Cook, *Yonkers*, N. Y., *Kentucky Sun*; C. A. Schneider.  
Orange—H. W. Rivel, *Hillside Beauty*.  
Red—H. W. Rivel, *Nancy Ann Mitchell*.  
Pink—Dr. Ward Cook, *Dorothy Geer*; H. W. Rivel.  
Lavender—Dr. Ward Cook, *Dorothy Schmidt*; Jane Healy, *Haskell N. Y.*  
Purple—C. A. Schneider, *Kemps Violet Wonder*; W. Warren, *Plainfield*, N. J.  
Blended—H. W. Rivel, *Riele*; Dr. Ward Cook.  
Bicolor—Dr. Ward Cook, *Dan'l Del Rio Albert*; W. Warren.  
Basket of 7 to 15 blooms—Medium—H. W. Rivel.  
Special—most outstanding entry—H. W. Rivel.

### CACTUS, SEMI-CACTUS OR DECORATIVE, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White—Dr. Ward Cook, *Edith Willkie*; H. W. Rivel.  
Yellow—Dr. Ward Cook, *Prachtlerl*; H. W. Rivel.  
Orange—Dr. Ward Cook, *Sunrays*; C. A. Schneider.  
Red—C. A. Schneider, *Margace*; Jane Healy.  
Pink—H. W. Rivel, *Mollie B.*  
Lavender—H. W. Rivel, *Links Blue Triumph*.  
Purple—H. W. Rivel, *Jim Burch*.  
Blended—H. W. Rivel, *Silver Lady*; Dr. Ward Cook.  
Bicolor—H. W. Rivel, *Kentucky Sportsman*.  
Special—most outstanding entry—Dr. Ward Cook.  
Ball Dahlias—3 blooms—H. W. Rivel, *Alice J.*; W. Warren.  
Miniatures—5 blooms—H. W. Rivel, *White Fawn*; W. Warren.  
Pompons—5 blooms—John C. Coates, *Brooklyn*, N. Y., *Little Edith*; Jane Healy.  
Any other types—5 blooms—H. W. Rivel, *Mia Kaisten*.  
Bowl, basket or other arrangement—H. W. Rivel.  
Special—most outstanding entry—H. W. Rivel.  
Sweepstakes—H. W. Rivel.

## SECTION B

For those other than professional gardeners who grow 250 hills or less.

### CACTUS—INCURVED, STRAIGHT OR SEMI-CACTUS, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

White—Henry A. Olsen, *Flushing*, L. I., *Snowball*; Frank Kurzenknebe.  
Orange—Dr. Ward Cook, *Orange Princess*; H. A. Olsen.  
Red—John Metzger, *Irrington*, N. J., *Nancy Ann Mitchell*.  
Pink—H. W. Rivel, *Julius Bunge*; H. A. Olsen.  
Arrangement 7 to 15 blooms, Dr. Fred Knocke, N. Y.  
Special—most outstanding entry—Dr. Fred Knocke, *Bronx*, N. Y., W. Warren.

### DECORATIVE—FORMAL OR INFORMAL, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

White or Yellow—Robert A. Vogel, *Peekskill*, N. Y.  
Orange or Red—Dr. Ward Cook, *Adele Henderson*.  
Pink or Lavender—H. A. Olsen, *Dorothy Geer*.  
Bicolor or Blended—H. A. Olsen, *Louis Walcher*.  
Basket of 10 to 18 blooms, Dr. Fred Knocke, N. Y.  
Special—most outstanding entry—R. A. Vogel.

### CACTUS—INCURVED, STRAIGHT OR SEMI-CACTUS, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White—Edward J. O'Keefe, *Cold Spring*, N. Y., *Edith Willkie*, H. A. Olsen.  
Yellow—Dr. Ward Cook.

Orange—R. A. Vogel, *Evelyn Chandler*; Ray Smith.  
Red—E. J. O'Keefe, *Yovva Matsuka*; Dr. Ward Cook.  
Pink—H. A. Olsen, *Crowning Glory*.  
Lavender—E. J. O'Keefe, *Bette Davis*.  
Blended—E. J. O'Keefe, *Stephen Foster*; H. A. Olsen.  
Special—most outstanding entry—E. J. O'Keefe.

### DECORATIVE—FORMAL, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

Yellow—E. J. O'Keefe, *Class*; H. A. Olsen.  
Red—Dr. Ward Cook, *Oakleigh Monarch*.  
Lavender—F. Kurzenknebe, *Croydon Acme*; E. J. O'Keefe.  
Blended—R. A. Vogel, *Rogetta*.  
Special—most outstanding entry—E. J. O'Keefe.

### DECORATIVE—INFORMAL, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White—E. J. O'Keefe, *Mothers Day*; Dr. Fred Knocke.  
Yellow—E. J. O'Keefe, *California Idol*; Dr. Fred Knocke.  
Orange—E. J. O'Keefe, *Oxford Triumph*; Dr. Ward Cook.  
Red—E. J. O'Keefe, *Murphys Masterpiece*; H. A. Olsen.  
Pink—H. A. Olsen, *Katie K.*; E. J. O'Keefe.  
Purple—Dr. Fred Knocke, *Royal Robe*.  
Blended—E. J. O'Keefe, *Mrs. H. G. Hudson*; Dr. E. McDade, E. E. Holmes, *Scranton*, Penn.  
Bicolor—H. A. Olsen, *Cornell*.  
5 to 10 blooms, large—Dr. Fred Knocke, H. A. Olsen.  
Special—most outstanding entry—E. J. O'Keefe.  
Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, any type—E. J. O'Keefe, *Mrs. H. G. Hudson*.  
Sweepstakes—Medal of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society—E. J. O'Keefe.

### MINIATURES, ANY TYPE, 5 BLOOMS

White—H. A. Olsen, *Geneva Crystal White*; Miss Florence Johns, *White Plains*.  
Yellow—Paul W. Doll, *White Plains*, *Tip*.  
Orange—P. W. Doll, *Peggy Lindley*; Dr. Fred Knocke.  
Red—P. W. Doll, *Glorious*; H. W. Rivel.  
Pink—E. J. O'Keefe, *Little Miss Prim*; P. W. Doll.  
Lavender—P. W. Doll, *Betsy T.*  
Purple—P. W. Doll, *Royaletta*.  
Blended—P. W. Doll, *Homeacres Sweetest*.  
Bicolor—P. W. Doll, *Kicky*.  
Bowl of miniatures—Dr. Fred Knocke, P. W. Doll.  
Special—most outstanding entry—Dr. Fred Knocke.

### POMPONS, 5 BLOOMS, BUDS ALLOWED

White—P. W. Doll, *Mrs. J. Telfer*; Mrs. Ellen S. Bulluss, *Meriden*, Conn.  
Yellow—P. W. Doll, *Little Prince*; Dr. Ward Cook.  
Orange—P. W. Doll, *Atom*; R. A. Vogel.  
Red—P. W. Doll, *Ida*; R. A. Vogel.  
Pink—P. W. Doll, *Mrs. French*; H. A. Olsen.  
Lavender—P. W. Doll, *Dee Dee*; Mrs. E. S. Bulluss.  
Purple—P. W. Doll, *Miss Majorie*; H. A. Olsen.  
Blended—P. W. Doll, *Little Edith*; H. W. Rivel.  
Bicolor—P. W. Doll, *Eileen*; R. A. Vogel.  
Bowl of pompons—P. W. Doll, Dr. Fred Knocke.  
Arrangement of pompons—P. W. Doll.  
Special—most outstanding entry—P. W. Doll.

### BALL DAHLIAS, 3 BLOOMS

Orange or Red—R. W. Webb, *Scranton*, Penn., *Charlotte Caldwell*.  
Pink or Lavender—H. A. Olsen, *Alice J.*  
Bicolor or Blended—R. W. Webb, *Rosy Dawn*.

### SINGLE DAHLIAS

5 blooms any one variety or color—H. A. Olsen, *Marshall's Gloria*.  
5 blooms more than one variety or color—P. W. Doll, *Pequot Yellow*; H. A. Olsen.

### COLLARETTE

5 blooms any color or colors—Henry Cory, *Baltimore*, Md., E. J. O'Keefe.

### ORCHID FLOWERING DAHLIAS

Arrangement of orchid flowering dahlias—Ellen Bulluss, *Dahliadel Twinkle*.  
Special—most outstanding entry—P. W. Doll.  
Sweepstakes—P. W. Doll.  
Grand Sweepstakes—Louis B. Tim Trophy, E. J. O'Keefe.

## SECTION C

Open to All. Undisseminated as well as named varieties entered in this section.

### CACTUS—INCURVED OR STRAIGHT, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

White—Louis Fioretti, *Tuxedo Park*, N. Y., *Jersey Dainty*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Tuxedo Park*, N. Y.

Orange—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Nagels Orange*; Gordon Waaser, Baldwin, L. I.  
 Red—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Gay Cabellero*; Dr. Bruce B. Preas, Rockville Centre, L. I.  
 Pink—Ray Smith, *Julius C. Bunge*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Lavender—Dr. B. B. Preas, *Mme. C. Jussiant*.  
 Blended—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Mary Taylor*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Bicolor—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, Louis Fioretti.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—Mrs. L. M. Ogden.

#### SEMI-CACTUS, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

White—Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Yellow—L. Fioretti, Albert Parrella, 3380 Ely Ave., N. Y.  
 Orange or Red—A. Parrella, *Gretel*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Pink or Lavender—R. Smith, *May Robson*; A. Parrella.  
 Blended—L. Fioretti, *Baerne*.  
 Bicolor—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Flash*; L. Fioretti.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—Dr. B. B. Preas.

#### DECORATIVE, INFORMAL, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

White—Fred Calkins, Waterbury, Conn., *Elizabeth Calkins*.  
 Orange—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Thomas J. Watson*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Red—Reinhold Greinberg, Wayne, Pa., L. Fioretti.  
 Pink—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Shining One*.  
 Lavender—R. Greinberg, *Seedling*.  
 Purple—R. Greinberg, *Seedling*.  
 Blended—R. Greinberg, *Mary Low Frost*; A. Parrella.  
 Bicolor—A. Parrella, *Wanda Mead*; Queens Dahlia Gardens.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—A. Parrella.

#### DECORATIVE, FORMAL, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

White—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Miss Oakland*; R. Greinberg.  
 Yellow—Rainbow Gardens, Baldwin, L. I., *Shangri-la Gold*.  
 Orange—Reinhold Greinberg, *Mrs. Alvin A. Parker*.  
 Pink—L. Fioretti, *Jerseys Beauty*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Purple—A. Parrella, *Dr. Marshall A. Howe*.  
 Blended—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *King Peter*; L. Fioretti.  
 Bicolor—Gordon Waaser, *Lois Walcher*; L. Fioretti.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Sweepstakes—Mrs. L. M. Ogden.

#### CACTUS, INCURVED OR STRAIGHT, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White—E. J. O'Keefe, *Snowball*.  
 Yellow—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Golden Yellow*.  
 Orange—E. J. O'Keefe, *Orange Princess*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Red—O. B. Geer, *Judy G*; E. J. O'Keefe.  
 Pink—Dr. B. B. Preas, *Crowning Glory*.  
 Blended—E. J. O'Keefe, *Commando*; Dr. E. McDade and E. E. Holmes.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—O. B. Geer.

#### SEMI-CACTUS, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White—R. Smith, *Edith Willkie*; Gordon Waaser.  
 Yellow—Herman Rindfleisch, Mamaroneck, N. Y., Ray Smith.  
 Orange—E. J. O'Keefe, *Columbia*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Red—Ray Smith, *Lynn Fontaine*; E. J. O'Keefe.  
 Pink—Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Purple—H. Rindfleisch, *Seedling*.  
 Blended—E. J. O'Keefe, *Seedling*.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—E. J. O'Keefe.  
 Vase or Container, Semi-Cactus Dahlias—E. E. Tooker, *Edith Willkie*, Gordon Waaser.

#### DECORATIVE, INFORMAL, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White—E. J. O'Keefe, *Mothers Day*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Yellow—E. J. O'Keefe, *California Idol*; L. Fioretti.  
 Orange—E. J. O'Keefe, *Oxford's Triumph*; Ray Smith.  
 Red—E. J. O'Keefe, *Lt. Col. A. G. Rudd*; O. B. Geer.  
 Pink—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Premiers Winsom*; L. Fioretti.  
 Lavender—Dr. B. B. Preas, *Seedling*; Gordon Waaser.  
 Purple—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Glamour*.  
 Blended—E. J. O'Keefe, *Dawson*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Bicolor—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Powerhouse*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—E. J. O'Keefe.

#### DECORATIVE, FORMAL, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White—L. Fioretti, *Darcy Sainsbury*.  
 Yellow—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Class*; Gordon Waaser.  
 Orange—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Sultan of Hillcrest*; Ray Smith.  
 Red—H. Rindfleisch, Lynn Dudley.  
 Pink—O. B. Geer, *Dorothy Geer*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Lavender—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Blue Triumph*; Gordon Waaser.  
 Blended—E. J. O'Keefe, *Mrs. Guy*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Bicolor—L. Fioretti, *Seedling L. F. No. 3*.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—E. J. O'Keefe.  
 Vase or Container, Formal or Informal Dahlias—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Mothers Day*.  
 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom Semi-Cactus—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Maffie*.  
 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, Informal—Etherington Dahlia Garden, *Sydney*.  
 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, Formal—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Class*.

Sweepstakes—Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Grand Sweepstakes—Mrs. L. M. Ogden.

#### MINIATURES, ANY TYPE, 5 BLOOMS

White—Rainbow Gardens, *White Fawn*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Yellow—Dr. B. B. Preas, Gordon Waaser.  
 Orange—Rainbow Gardens, *Andreas Orange*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Red—Dr. B. B. Preas, *Mayers No. 175*; H. A. Olsen.  
 Pink—Rainbow Gardens, *Little Diamond*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Lavender—Rainbow Gardens, *Betsy T.*; John Allen.  
 Blended—J. Allen, *Lillian O'Connor*; L. Fioretti.  
 Bicolor—Rainbow Gardens, *Spirit*; R. W. Webb.  
 Bowl or basket of miniatures—P. W. Doll, Rainbow Gardens.  
 Cactus—Incurved, straight or semi-cactus—P. W. Doll, *Homeacre Sweetest*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Decorative—formal or informal—Etherington Dahlia Gardens, *Fairy*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Peony (open centered)—L. Fioretti, *Bishop of Llandaff*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—Rainbow Gardens.

#### POMPONS, 10 BLOOMS

White—Etherington Dahlia Gardens—Mrs. Telfer; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Yellow—Jane Healey, *Dotty Dimple*; Queens Dahlia Gardens.  
 Orange—Dr. B. B. Preas, *Little Edith*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Red—Etherington Dahlia Gardens, *Darkest of All*; L. Dudley.  
 Pink—Rainbow Gardens, *Betty Anne*; Etherington Dahlia Gardens.  
 Purple—Dr. B. B. Preas, *Miss Marjorie*; Etherington Dahlia Gardens.  
 Blended—John Allen, *Little Edith*; Etherington Dahlia Gardens.  
 Bicolor—Dr. B. B. Preas, *Eileen*; C. H. Stoeckel, Clark Summit, Pa.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—Rainbow Gardens.

#### BALL DAHLIAS, 3 BLOOMS

White or Yellow—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Snow Ball*.  
 Orange or Red—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Jay See Dec*; L. Fioretti.  
 Pink or Lavender—John Allen, *Supt. Amhryn*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Purple or Violet—R. W. Webb, *Nettie M.*  
 Bicolor or Blended—R. W. Webb, *Clara Clemens*.

#### SINGLE DAHLIAS

5 blooms, any one variety or color—Rainbow Gardens, *Marshall's Gloria*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 5 blooms, more than one variety or color, Jane Healey, *Seedling*.

#### COLLALETTE DAHLIAS

5 blooms, any one variety or color—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Tribune*.  
 5 blooms, more than one variety or color, Dr. B. B. Preas, *Pink Freakness and Wine*; Mrs. L. M. Ogden.

#### ORCHID FLOWERING DAHLIAS

5 blooms, any color or colors—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, H. W. Rivel.  
 Arrangement of Orchid Flowering Dahlias—Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Basket or arrangement of 2 or more types of Dahlias—C. H. Stoeckel, Rainbow Gardens.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—Jane Healey.  
 Sweepstakes—Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society Medal—Tie—Rainbow Dahlia Gardens and Mrs. L. M. Ogden.  
 Grand Sweepstakes—Louis B. Tim Trophy—Mrs. L. M. Ogden.

### SECTION D

#### Private Estates With a Gardener

Display of Dahlias—Louis B. Tim—A. D. S. Gold Medal Certificate.  
 Ball Dahlias—Mrs. L. M. Ogden, *Jayseedee*.

### SECTION E

#### Special Class for Florists

Basket Miniature Dahlias—Rainbow Gardens.

### SECTION F

#### Commercial Exhibits

Dahlia Trade Exhibit of 100 square feet—Dahliadel Nurseries.  
 Dahlia Trade Exhibit of under 100 square feet—Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens and Parrella Dahlia Gardens.

### SECTION G

#### Undisseminated Dahlias

Cactus, Incurved, Medium—E. J. O'Keefe, *The Ranger* (Bronze Certificate).  
 Cactus, Straight, Medium—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Seedling* (Bronze Certificate).



Semi-cactus, Medium—Queens Dahlia Garden, *Seedling* (Bronze Certificate).  
 Decorative, Informal, Medium—Dixie Dahlia Gardens, #1-17 (Bronze Certificate)—Albert Parrella, #100 (Bronze Certificate).  
 Decorative, Informal, Medium—Jane Healey, *Seedling* (Bronze Certificate).  
 Decorative, Informal, Large—A. Swoboda, *Lidice*; (Silver Certificate), J. B. Anderson, *Bess Smith* (Bronze Certificate).  
 Flower Grower Award—Mrs. L. M. Ogden (Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy).

## SECTION I

House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity—Gordon F. Waaser, *Ivory Princess* (House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity Gold Medal).  
 Best Basket Large or Medium Dahlias—Louis Fioretti (Lynn B. Dudley Silver Platter).

## SECTION J

### Wednesday Entries

*Open to all. Undisseminated as well as disseminated varieties.*

#### CACTUS, INCURVED, STRAIGHT OR SEMI-CACTUS, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

White or Yellow—Dr. B. B. Preas, *Snowcrest*; Derring Do Dahlia Gardens.  
 Orange or Red—Dr. Ward Cook, *Orange Princess*; Herbert D. Green, Westwood, N. J.  
 Pink or Lavender—J. B. Anderson, *Gail Keppel*; A. Parrella.  
 Bicolor or Blended—Vincent Sigismundi, #54, Shirley Meshire.  
 Arrangement of Cactus Dahlias—V. Sigismundi, #54; J. B. Anderson.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—Dr. Ward Cook.

#### DECORATIVE, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, 3 BLOOMS, MEDIUM

White or Yellow—Rainbow Gardens, *Shangri-La Gold*; A. Parrella.  
 Pink or Lavender—A. Raskin, *Seedling 1939*; Queens Dahlia Gardens.  
 Purple or Violet—A. Parrella, *Dr. Marshall Howe*; Queens Dahlia Gardens.  
 Bicolor or Blended—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *King Peter*; A. Parrella.  
 Basket of Decorative Dahlias, Medium—Lynn B. Dudley, *Lois Walcher*; C. Louis Ailing.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—Rainbow Gardens.  
 Sweepstakes—Medium types—Tie, Dr. Ward Cook and V. Sigismundi.

#### CACTUS, INCURVED OR STRAIGHT, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White or Yellow—H. D. Green, E. J. O'Keefe.  
 Orange or Red—H. D. Green, *Nancy Ann Mitchell*; E. J. O'Keefe.  
 Pink or Lavender—Dr. Ward Cook, *Crowning Glory*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Bicolor or Blended—E. J. O'Keefe, *Seedling #400*; H. D. Green.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—H. D. Green.

#### SEMI-CACTUS, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

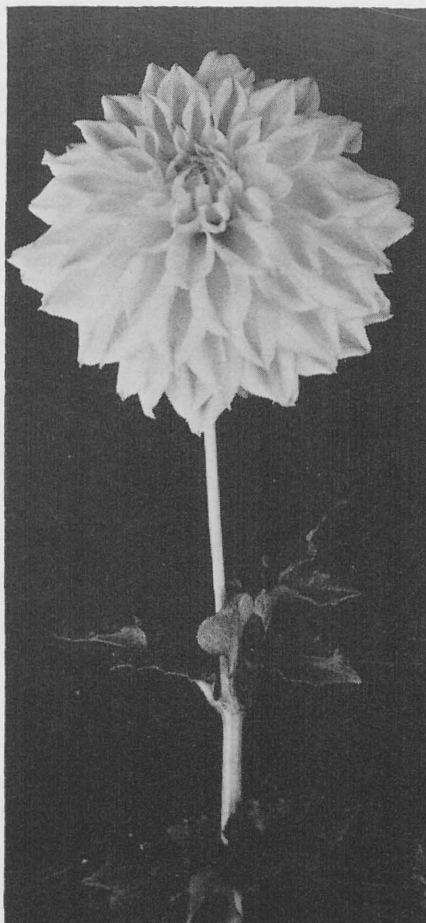
White or Yellow—E. J. O'Keefe, *Maude Howard*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Orange or Red—E. J. O'Keefe, *Wings*; Dr. Ward Cook.  
 Pink or Lavender—A. Parrella, #100C; H. W. Rivel.  
 Bicolor or Blended—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Clara E. Peth*; E. J. O'Keefe.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—E. J. O'Keefe.

#### DECORATIVE, FORMAL, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White or Yellow—C. A. Schneider, *The Real Glory*.  
 Pink or Lavender—Queens Dahlia Gardens, *Links Blue Triumph*; Derring Do Dahlia Gardens.  
 Purple or Violet—Dr. Ward Cook, *Deep Purple*.  
 Bicolor or Blended—Dr. B. B. Preas, *Jeanette*.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—Dr. B. B. Preas.

#### DECORATIVE, INFORMAL, 1 BLOOM, LARGE

White or Yellow—Dr. B. B. Preas, *Yellow Seedling*; Queens Dahlia Gardens.  
 Orange or Red—E. J. O'Keefe, *Lady Morton Smith*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Pink or Lavender—Dr. B. B. Preas, *Ruschmohr Seedling*; E. J. O'Keefe.  
 Purple or Violet—E. F. Heldig, *Purple Wonder*; C. A. Schneider.  
 Bicolor or Blended—E. J. O'Keefe, *Mrs. H. G. Hudson*.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Arrangement of Formal or Informal Dahlias—Derring Do Dahlias.



SHANGRI-LA—the florists' yellow — Blue Ribbon and Special winner at New York—this Dahlia should go places. Introducer, Rainbow Gardens (J. Burns), Baldwin, N. Y.

Largest and most perfect bloom—E. J. O'Keefe, *Dawson*.  
 Sweepstakes—Large types—E. J. O'Keefe.

#### MINIATURES, ANY TYPE, 5 BLOOMS

White or Yellow—P. W. Doll, *Tip*; E. F. Heldig.  
 Orange or Red—P. W. Doll, *Peggy Lindley*; Rainbow Gardens.  
 Pink or Lavender—Rainbow Gardens, *Betsy T*; Fred Dixon.  
 Purple or Violet—P. W. Doll, *Royallette*.  
 Bicolor or Blended—E. M. Aible, *Little Darling*; C. F. Heldig.  
 Arrangement of miniatures—C. Louis Ailing.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—P. W. Doll.

#### POMPONS, 5 BLOOMS

White or Yellow—P. W. Doll, *Mrs. J. Telfer*; Etherington Dahlia Gardens.  
 Orange or Red—P. W. Doll, *Ila*; Etherington Dahlia Gardens.  
 Pink or Lavender—Etherington Dahlia Gardens, *Betty Ann*; Rainbow Gardens.  
 Purple or Violet—P. W. Doll, *Miss Marjory*; C. F. Heldig.  
 Bicolor or Blended—Etherington Dahlia Gardens, *Honey*; Dr. B. B. Preas.  
 Arrangement of pompoms—P. W. Doll, Etherington Dahlia Gardens.  
 5 blooms any other type—Rainbow Gardens, *Union Jack*; C. F. Heldig.  
 Special—most outstanding entry—P. W. Doll.  
 Sweepstakes—Miniatures and Pompoms—P. W. Doll.



TRI-COLOR AWARD—Garden Club Section. Arrangement of Mrs. Tom Cummings, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## GARDEN CLUB SECTION

### Section K—Dahlias

Class 334—*Decorative*—Formal or informal—5 blooms, large, 8 inches or over, 1 or more varieties. First prize—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J.

Class 335—*Decorative*—Formal or informal—1 bloom—large, any color. First Prize—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J.

Class 336 (Tri-color)—*Semi-Cactus*—5 blooms, large or medium, 1 or more varieties. First Prize—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J.

Class 337—*Cactus*—Straight or incurved—3 blooms, large or medium—1 or more varieties. First Prize—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J.

Class 338—*Miniatures*—12 blooms—not over 4 inches, 1 or more varieties. First Prize—Elizabeth L. M. Astle, Flushing, N. Y. Second Prize—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J. Third Prize—Mr. John W. Herrschaft, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y. Honorable Mention—Mrs. Ellen Bulluss, Meriden, Conn.

Class 339—*Orchid Flowering*—12 blooms, 1 or more varieties.

Class 340—*Single*—6 blooms, 1 or more varieties.

Class 341—*Collarette*—6 blooms, 1 or more varieties. First Prize—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J.

Class 342—*Pompons*—12 blooms, 1 or more varieties. First Prize—Mrs. Ellen Bulluss, Meriden, Conn. Second Prize—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J. Third Prize—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J. Honorable Mention—Mrs. John W. Herrschaft, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

Class 343—Any type not listed above, as Ball, Peony, Black Foliage, 10 blooms, 1 or more varieties. First Prize—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J.

### Section L—Arrangement

Class 344—Red, white and blue combination, stressing distinctive use of any Dahlias and/or any flowers. Container to be one of these colors. First Prize—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J. Second Prize—Mrs. R. Guffy, Salisbury, N. C.

Class 345—White Dahlias with any gray green foliage in red container. First Prize—Mrs. William Joy, Jamaica Estates, L. I., N. Y. Second Prize—Mrs. G. A. Lofland, Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y.

Class 346—Red Dahlias in black container. First Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J. Second Prize—Mrs. Magnus Norstad, Valhalla, N. Y. Third Prize—Mrs. William Stickles, Malba, L. I., N. Y.

Class 347—Yellow Dahlias in black container. First Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J. Second Prize—Mrs. Ines Samuels, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Class 348 (Tri-color)—Any Dahlias in green container. First Prize—Mrs. Tom Cummings, Brooklyn, N. Y. Second Prize—Mrs. Magnus Norstad, Valhalla, N. Y. Third Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J. Honorable Mention—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J.

Class 349—Any Dahlias in yellow container. First Prize—Mrs. George Green, Kensington, Conn. Second Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J.

Class 350—Any Dahlias in white container. First Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J. Second Prize—Mrs. Frank C. Boes, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y. Third Prize—Mrs. Ines Samuels, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Class 351—Autumn colored Dahlias in blue container. First Prize—Mrs. Magnus Norstad, Valhalla, N. Y. Second Prize—Mrs. William Stickles, Malba, L. I., N. Y. Third Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J.

Class 352—Any Dahlias in copper container. First Prize—Mrs. George Green, Kensington, Conn. Second Prize—Miss June Humble, Douglaston, L. I., N. Y.

Class 353—Any Dahlias with other garden flowers. Any container. First Prize—Mrs. Magnus Norstad, Valhalla, N. Y. Second Prize—Mrs. William G. Wheeler, Brooklyn, N. Y. Third Prize—Miss June Humble, Douglaston, L. I., N. Y.

Class 354—Large arrangement of any Dahlias suitable for use on Church altar.

Class 355—Corsage using Dahlias. First Prize—Mrs. William Stickles, Malba, L. I., N. Y. Second Prize—Mrs. F. E. Falkenbury, Hartsdale, N. Y. Third Prize—Miss June Humble, Douglaston, L. I., N. Y.

Class 356—Old fashioned nosegay including Dahlias. First Prize—Mrs. Ellen Bulluss, Meriden, Conn. Second Prize—Mrs. F. E. Falkenbury, Hartsdale, N. Y. Third Prize—Mr. H. A. Imshaug, Flushing, L. I., N. Y.

Class 357—Any distinctive exhibit of plant material for educational value or appeal to public. First Prize—Mrs. Magnus Norstad, Valhalla, N. Y. Second Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J.

Class 358—Dahlias and/or other garden flowers, in basket. First Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J. Second Prize—Mrs. W. J. Purdue, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y. Third Prize—Mrs. Tom Cummings, Brooklyn, N. Y. Honorable Mention—Mrs. G. A. Lofland, Forest Hills, L. I., N. Y.

Class 359—*Gladiolus*. Any container. First Prize—Mr. Walter Nelson, Wilmington, Vt.

Class 360—*Roses*. Any container. First Prize—Mrs. Frank C. Boes, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

Class 361—*Zinnias*, one or more varieties, any container. First Prize—Mrs. Magnus Norstad, Valhalla, N. Y. Second Prize—Mrs. A. J. Arendell, McAlester, Okla. Third Prize—Mrs. Frank C. Boes, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y. Honorable Mention—Mrs. Robert A. Brooke, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Class 362—*Marigolds*, African—1 or more varieties of recent introduction. First Prize—Mrs. Willard Schneider, Peekskill, N. Y. Second Prize—Mrs. William Joy, Jamaica Estates, N. Y. Third Prize—Mrs. Robert Brooke, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Class 363—*Marigolds*, French, any container. First Prize—Mrs. William Stickles, Malba, L. I., N. Y. Second Prize—Mrs. Charles V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J. Third Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J.

### Section M—Arrangement

Class 364—Any Dahlias stressing use of their buds and foliage in composition. First Prize—Mrs. William Stickles, Malba, L. I., N. Y. Second Prize—Miss Elizabeth Astle, Flushing, N. Y. Honorable Mention—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J.; Mr. H. A. Imshaug, Flushing, N. Y.

Class 365—Dahlias arranged for bride's table. First Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J.

Class 366—Any Dahlia suitably arranged for dining table.

Class 367—Purple or lavender and yellow combination of Dahlias. First Prize—Mrs. William Stickles, Malba, L. I., N. Y.

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## Greetings from A.D.S. President, Edward B. Lloyd

It was our privilege this year to combine our 28th annual exhibition with the New York City Victory Garden Harvest Show. That it was our patriotic duty to cooperate in this effort to benefit our Armed Forces and their families, made it no less our privilege. We are pleased to report that approximately \$6,500.00 was realized from the gate receipts and donated to the Army and Navy Relief Societies.

With due modesty, we feel that our part in the Victory Garden Harvest Show was of some importance in its degree of success. Our contribution fell far short of our hopes and expectations, we must admit. However, in view of the adverse climatic conditions which we all suffered for a week preceding the opening of the exhibition, we can review our efforts with satisfaction in the realization that we did our best.

This attitude of doing our best—for the Society and for the Dahlia—was never better displayed than at this year's exhibition. Your officers, and the Show Committee in particular, under the capable direction of Henry Olson, Show Manager, can scarcely find words of appreciation to the members and friends of A.D.S., who in spite of gas rations, wind and rain, brought in their blooms regardless of exhibition perfection, in order to make a show and keep faith with our promises to the families of our Armed Forces. A society whose membership includes such individuals certainly is "going places", and there can be no question but that it will continue to do so.

The war has brought many changes to those of us elected to leadership in the Society, to the membership at large, and to the Society itself. However, we all

think of A.D.S. as a basic necessity in our lives, and our every effort is concentrated on meeting today's problems and conditions as they relate to our Society.

The chief problems for our attention at this time are the publication of the BULLETIN, and the necessity for an increase in our roster of members. When one is solved the other disappears! The publication of our quarterly BULLETIN is of vital importance to A.D.S. The BULLETIN can and will be continued. To publish a BULLETIN of value we must have revenue to defray costs of same, and this revenue must come from advertisers who, in turn, depend upon our members for support. It therefore follows that we need members now as never before in our 28 years, to increase the circulation of the BULLETIN, making it of greater value to both our commercial growers and to our members at large—and that means you! It's just as simple as that, so why the delay? 1943 will see more gardens planted than for years, and more gardens will have Dahlias! Will all these gardeners be members of A.D.S. or of one of our Branch Societies? It is for each and every one of us to see to it that these Dahlia growers *are* members!

Our Editor and Secretary is giving all his time to the questions of BULLETIN and membership, and has some valuable and practical ideas on the subjects which are disclosed within the pages of this BULLETIN. With a share of the support which you all have given your officers in the past, Gordon Waaser is prepared to give you a BULLETIN of real interest. He has the present membership behind him without doubt—it is up to us of that present membership to give him the necessary increase in numbers.

## Save the Root Crop

Conservation is the order of the day—waste is as unpopular as Nazi-ism! What are you doing about the "dividends from Dahlias" you have just harvested?

There are many important reasons why we should bend every effort to "save the root crop" now. None the least of these is that we may be able at the return of Peace to send our Dahlia loving friends in the devastated European countries a supply of roots to start them back to their dearly beloved Dahlia gardens.

Selfishly—the more successful we are in saving the varieties which have proved satisfactory, the more able we will be to add to our collections from the new introductions next spring. Your guarantee of the kind of a BULLETIN the A.D.S. can afford to publish is largely based upon your support of the advertisers in the BULLETIN. It is a round robin which can benefit all!

Your editor who annually stores several thousand clumps made a number of experiments last winter with the purpose of recommending a plan for the gardener who wants to save a dozen or a hundred clumps and who must work in a heated cellar.

By far the greatest success was the "Tooker plan."

If you have a small room located furthest away from your heating plant—or a modification if you do not have such a room.

Dig your clumps with as much soil left thereon as possible. Immediately place the clumps on the cellar floor in the far corner away from the heating plant. Store the clumps close together—one layer—not atop of one another. Filter garden soil in between the clumps covering all tubers, but leaving about an inch of stalk protruding over the top of the soil. In most cases no other care is required. If you cellar is excessively hot and dry, throw bagging over the clumps *two weeks after storing*.

Examine one or two clumps about December 15th—the tubers should be firm and the stalk sound and dry. If there is any tendency to shrivel, add heavy paper as an additional protective covering. Should there be any signs of decay, trim away such decayed portion, dust with flowers of sulphur, dry for a few hours and replace in soil.

Save the crop—and save your dimes and dollars to buy some new varieties, thereby encouraging commercial growers to plant many seedlings from which we will be sure to get "Better Dahlias."

# Cabbages and Kings in Dahliadom

*[Because of the increased interest and success in growing Australian introductions in the United States, we reprint excerpts from an article appearing in the April issue of "The Australian Garden Lover."]*

We have heard about varieties being launched into commerce with bands playing and banners flying, to shine for a year, then to go forth to join the 30,000 odd varieties that have gone before them and to be heard of no more. We have heard also about the few, the very few varieties that stay on deck, spreading happiness through the years, and improving as they go along. On the other hand we have heard about varieties that are failures under Australian conditions, yet which shine when grown overseas; and we have heard about varieties that have carried all before them in Australia, but have not been so successful when grown in another country.

Why should this be? You do not know? Neither do I. But there must be a reason for all this. May be, the cause of failure of a variety might be traced to over-propagation during the early period of its life: propagating more heavily than its constitution will stand: dislike of soil conditions in a certain locality or incorrect cultural methods.

That some varieties will not stand up to heavy propagation and that incorrect cultural methods can cause a variety to fail cannot be debated.

But let me give an illustration which may or may not throw some light on the subject. I have in mind a variety, the history of which is well known to me. This variety came from Jane Cowl x Mrs. F. V. Russell x Golden Vision. For the first four years of its life it was grown under the hardest possible conditions. In the fifth year certain tests were made to determine its propagating qualities and reaction to different cultural methods. The first test was made when two clumps of tubers of equal size were put on the propagating bench. From No. 1, twelve cuttings were taken with 100 per cent. strike: from No. 2 cuttings were taken until the clump showed signs of exhaustion.

The plants from clump one, and five early and five late plants from No. 2 were set aside for the test to determine their reaction to different cultural methods. Two plants from No. 1 and two early and two late plants from No. 2 were planted in a sand bed that had been specially prepared to produce show blooms: the rest were planted in medium heavy grey soil. Some of the plants were heavily pruned: some lightly pruned, others allowed to grow naturally. Some were heavily fed, some lightly fed and mulched with clean straw, others were mulched with farmyard manure, and received no other feeding. Results were as follows: Those from No. 1 and early plants from No. 2 grown in grey soil, gave excellent results: those from No. 1 and early plants from No. 2 grown in sand gave good blooms, save that the stems were hardly rigid; all late plants from No. 2 were failures, having weak stems and centers, although they grew as strongly as the others.

That year the variety gained grand champion award at the Croydon, Victoria, show where the quality of the exhibits is exceptionally high.

This show was the only one at which the raiser ex-

hibited that year and no further blooms of this particular variety were exhibited, for I learned that it was the raiser's policy not to compete with customers after his varieties were introduced. In this particular year the stock of the variety was sent to one of the leading firms, if not the leading firm handling foreign Dahlias in the U. S. A.

The following year the variety was entered for trial at Burnley Trial Ground, Victoria, and was awarded a F.C.C., scoring 88 per cent of the possible points. The year after this, the Dahlia was offered to Australian growers, but in the meantime a heavy demand came from U. S. A. for stock, and so heavy was the demand that only five tubers were released in Australia, and the variety was withdrawn from the Australian trade.

The next year reports concerning the variety's behavior in U. S. A. arrived, leading growers spoke highly of its qualities in articles in the "House Beautiful" for January, 1941, and the American Dahlia Society's Magazine, November, 1940, and it secured a place on the House Beautiful Prize Dahlia Futurity for 1941.

In passing I might mention that in the list selected for the 1941 House Beautiful Futurity the variety's country of origin was stated to be France which, of course, was incorrect, and the name of the sponsors: the Garfield Heights Garden, Garfield Heights, Ohio, which was correct.

That the variety still continues to give good results where it has been most extensively grown is indicated in a letter received recently from Richard T. Eddy—a writer known to "Garden Lover" readers—in which he says that J. Louis Roberts, his co-compiler of the Dahlia Honor Roll, considers the variety to be one of the very best Australian introductions he has grown. The variety referred to in these notes is a giant yellow informal decorative "Crinkles," raised by R. P. Menzies, Croydon, Victoria.

This brief outline of this Dahlia's history covers a period of eight years, and while it might prove nothing regarding the causes of the failure or success of a variety, it might be of some interest to my readers who might pause for a moment to review their treatment of a particular variety which failed with them, and cause them to realize that, after all, the variety have not deserved the harsh words said about it, for the conditions under which it was grown might have prevented it giving of its best.

## Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria Autumn Show

The Annual Show of the above Society was held at the original home of the Royal Horticultural Society at the Burnley School of Horticulture on April 4th and 5th. It proved to be the best show held for many years—the exhibits being of a very high standard. About 300 entries received in Dahlias, Gladioli, Roses, cut flowers arranged bowls and pot plants, etc., and were inspected by about 2,000 visitors.

Competent judges considered the Dahlia display as the best ever shown in Victoria.



Sir Frank Clarke, K.B.E., introduced Lady Dugan who in a very charming speech referred to the work of the Society and also to the value of flower and vegetable growing as a national asset. Mr. Mullett, Director of Agriculture, referred to their value in keeping up the morale of the public and providing relaxation which was such an asset to health. A basket of "Lady Dugan" Dahlias was made by Miss Mullett and presented to Lady Dugan. These lovely autumn colored flowers were made up by Mrs. McKenzie and were very favorably commented on by Her Excellency.

The next speaker was Mrs. McArthur, the wife of the famous American General. A lovely bouquet of "General MacArthur" Roses was presented to her by Miss Joan Comeadow.

A tour of the show and grounds was made where Lady Dugan was introduced to the Burnley girls and the executive of the Land Army, whose members had been working on some of the vegetable plots.

The highlight of the Show was the flawless display of Dahlias by Messrs. H. McKenzie & Son of Blackburn, Vic., who won the 66 guinea Challenge Gold Cup of England. All varieties of this flower were staged in the display even to a lovely bowl of the Orchid Dahlia.

Mr. R. P. Menzies staged a wonderful display of 24 giant decorative—any one worth a champion prize at any show. The judges considered this the best selection of its kind ever put up for competition.

A magnificent white seedling which secured first prize was named after Sir Frank Clarke and presented to him by Lady Dugan.

Mr. Toogood staged a bowl of Miniature Dahlias in autumn tints. This won first prize and was placed on the table for Her Excellency.

In the Amateur Dahlia display Mr. George Burns staged a large basket containing about 24 outstanding varieties.

### Croydon

The 21st Autumn Show of the Croydon and District A. & H. Society was opened by Mrs. R. G. Menzies on March 28th. The flowers and vegetables were of high quality. Other indoor exhibits included jams, preserves and specimens of domestic art. Large crowds enjoyed the horse and ring events in the arena.

Among the flowers Dahlias predominated. Mr. T. W. Cowley won the Eastern District Championship for Giant S.S. Dahlias, the varieties including: Daily Mail, Clara Carder, Croydon Delight, Rita Betty, Marion Smith, Xantine, Axford Triumph, Enkharts Prima and others. Mr. G. W. Burns was second, the varieties including: Golden Standard, Kathleen Norris, Pink Daily Mail, Dawson, Don Sowton, etc. Mr. V. C. Bennett won the Eastern District Championship for miniatures and charms.

Achievement Certificates were awarded as follows: Ponpone "Rhonda" (J. Quin); G.S.S. Dec., "Duke of Windsor" (H. Toennies); G.S.S. Garden Cactus, "Consul General Quist" (R. P. Menzies). Medium Garden Cactus, "Kalorama" (McKenzie & Son). Miniature Dec., "Helly Boudewijn" (H. McKenzie & Son). Vase 5 blooms, G.G.C. "Enkart's Prima" (R. P. Menzies). Miniature Garden Cactus "Myall Classic," Charm Dec. "June" (V. C. Bennett).

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### Let's Have a Show Class for Variegated Dahlias

A 7-inch bloom of Louis Walcher, perfect in every respect, and a 12-inch bloom of Freckles, also in splendid condition, were competing in a bi-color class in the Midwest Show at Milwaukee.

In trying to judge these it seemed unfair to have to score down the Lois Walcher on the size alone to a point where it had no chance to win. But there it was, and the Freckles won.

It wasn't the first time that this situation had confronted us and others have told us they had the same problem on many occasions.

In very few classes on the show table do we today have medium type flowers competing with large types. It is our opinion and that of every other judge with whom we have discussed it, that we should correct this matter once and for all.

It is quite simple of solution, too. It so happens that many of our best bi-colors are of the medium type. And most of the informals with flecks and stripes of another color or tone are large exhibition types.

The solution is to create a new class called VARIEGATED. The description of such flowers for nomenclature purposes could be something like this: "Variegated Dahlias: Flowers with one ground tone or blend of tones on face of petals on which is overlaid in splashes, dots or lines, deeper tones of face color or other colors, forming distinct separation of colors on face of bloom, and giving a speckled effect. Examples: Haslerova, Freckles, Figaaro."

Because of the writer's avowed interest in bi-color for the past fifteen years, he has steadily promoted them in show schedules and for basket and table arrangements. Of course there has been a lot of good-natured ribbing over this at various intervals, including the charge by one of his best friends that he has bi-colored blood himself. But because most of the color classes in large, medium and small types in most shows now include bi-color, it would seem that there are hosts of growers who like the bi-colors, as well as yours truly.

We honestly believe that the best interests of all these friends of bi-colors, both amateur and commercial, in fact all those who grow and exhibit these types will be better served by separating Bi-colors and Variegated Dahlias on the show table and in A.D.S. nomenclature. Certainly the problems of the judges of these two types would be greatly simplified by this change.

We, therefore, make this recommendation to the American Dahlia Society and all other societies, and particularly to their schedule committees. If any special action is necessary in this connection, through the A.D.S. Nomenclature Committee, we believe that its chairman, Dr. Charles Connors, with whom we have discussed the matter, will be glad to institute the change. In fact, we have discussed this suggestion with many growers, including originators of both bi-colors and variegated Dahlias and without exception all agreed the move a wise one.

If you have any ideas, pro or con on the subject, we will be very glad to include your recommendations with ours to the A.D.S. Nomenclature Committee and other groups. Just write.

LYNN B. DUDLEY.

# Mid-West Dahlia Show

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 26th and 27th, 1942

Reported by J. Louis Roberts

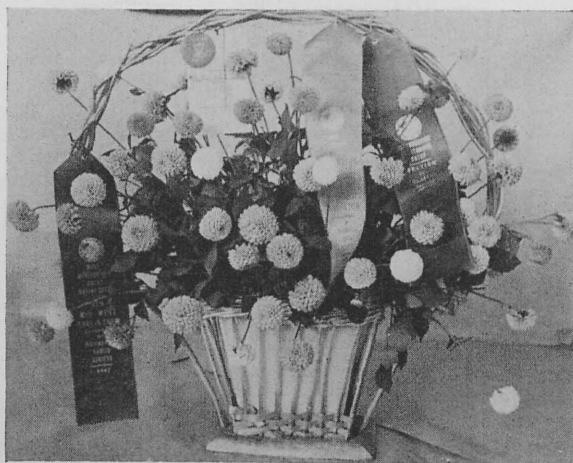
Just how much can a Dahlia grower take and come back smiling? We who attended the Mid-West Dahlia Show saw how much Mr. and Mrs. Swartz could "take it" and still give you a friendly smile.

First they asked the Indianapolis Dahlia Society to change their prearranged show date of long standing (September 19th and 20th) and join in the Victory Garden Harvest Show. Sure they were patriotic and would help out. Who wouldn't? This resulted in an upset of reservations at the Claypool Hotel, as the hotel had their own contracts to fulfill for September 26th and 27th. This upset the banquet arrangement and at a last minute suggestion the banquet was held at a well known eating house on the outskirts of the city. The food was good, but the accommodations were not such that the entire crowd could be seated in the same hall. The Mid-West birthday cake was an upside down one.

The Dahlias froze the night before, in fact the Wisconsin crowd drove home in a snow storm. In Chicago the trees were a glorious sight the night before, being covered with snow. And the show was the next day. Did they have any blooms? Yes, and very good ones at that.

Some of the winning varieties were Darcy Sainsbury, Margaret E. (formal decorative seedling), Fireball, Cheer Leader, Marie, Leah Pearl, Lord of Autumn, Rita Wells, Dean Shurtleff, Cherokee Brave, Eventide, Marion Smith, Maid Marion, Edith Willkie, Yellow Comet, Red Jug, Virginia Rute, Jean Trimbee, Bette Davis, Pink Amelia, Enkarts Prima, Koki, Jerseys Dainty, Yellow Giant, Hillside Gold, Nancy Ann Mitchell, Thunderbolt, Son of Satan, Zenith, Miss Ohio, Andreas Selecta, Mary Taylor and Flash.

**BETTY ANN**—Basket of Pompons was judged the most meritorious entry. Exhibited by Mr. O. E. Oler, Dublin, Indiana



The Department of Conservation had a very interesting exhibit and also Purdue University. They had live quail and pheasant netted in a natural setting. Florists had good displays, but the display of vegetables was rather small for such a show.

Section 1—Novice. Most meritorious entry and sweepstakes to Joseph Schell, 19 East Pearl Street, Miamisburg, Ohio, while the most perfect large bloom was awarded to Mrs. Harold Clark, of Camby, Indiana.

Section 2—Open to all. Intersectional awards went to Mr. E. M. Demlow, Indianapolis; Mr. Willard Johns, Beech Grove and Mr. W. B. Dietz, Louisville, Ky. Most perfect large bloom and most meritorious entry in the entire section to Mr. W. B. Dietz for a bloom of Lord of Autumn. The most perfect medium bloom, an almost perfect specimen of Mrs. C. D. Anderson and the section sweepstakes were awarded to Mr. Willard Johns.

Section 3—Open to all three bloom classes. Intersectional Awards went to Mr. Elmer Shepard, Canton, Ohio; Mr. Dietz of Louisville; Mr. Robert Thompson, 6001 Kingsley Drive, Indianapolis and Mr. Demlow. The most meritorious entry in the section and the sweepstakes were awarded to Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson's entry of three blooms of Glamour was particularly outstanding; one of the blooms in the entry being awarded the coveted award as the show's most perfect large bloom, defeating by a slim margin the bloom of Lord of Autumn exhibited by Mr. Dietz.

Section 4—Open to all pompon and miniature Dahlias. Intersectional awards were divided between Mr. O. E. Oler, Dublin, Indiana and Mr. George Currie of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, while the most meritorious entry and sweepstakes for the section were captured by Mr. Oler. Mr. Oler's entry of a basket of pompons was regarded by the judges as one of the most beautiful they had seen in their many years of experience.

Section 5—Open to all specials of five blooms. Twelve blooms—recent introductions and novelties—while being one of the lightly entered sections of the show, had its competition, the honors of which in the intersectional awards were divided between Mr. Shepard of Canton, Ohio and Mr. William Cuffel and Dr. A. E. White of Indianapolis. Dr. White won the most meritorious entry for the section with a vase of twelve blooms, while Mr. Cuffel nosed him out for the section sweepstakes.

Section 6—Seedlings and undisseeded Dahlias always the interesting section in any Dahlia show, had some interesting specimens. The intersectional awards went to the Golden Rule Dahlia Gardens of Lebanon, Ohio and Mr. R. H. Ayers of Indianapolis, while the most meritorious entry was awarded to the Golden Rule Dahlia Farm. In the most important class of the section, that contending for the American Home Achievement Medal, awarded annually by the American Home Magazine, the honor went to Northbrook Dahlia Gardens, Northbrook, Ill., with a lavender and white blended informal decorative Commando (renamed The Ranger). Competing were a vivid, deep lavender formal and King

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## Dahlias for Usefulness

I think Bruce Collins' article in the BULLETIN for August should be thoroughly digested by most of our professional growers. Your correspondent has hit the nail on the head. I have for several years bought some of these highly touted Dahlias and except in an odd case or two have discarded them. Our commercial growers, in their eagerness to grow the big ones, have overlooked the cut flower market, and this is essential if we want to keep our favorite in the foreground. We frequently hear the remark, "Yes, they are wonderful, but too big and clumsy to use for decoration." I know several amateurs who have paid these high prices for their roots and have tried their best to grow them to the size advertised and have thrown their hands up in disgust. Another thing that I have noticed is the fact that most of the Dahlias that appear on the Honor Rolls have been sent to them by the originators.

You will admit that this is casting some reflection on the trial gardens set up by the A.D.S. These are in different parts of the country and should be a fair test as they are judged by well known judges at different times thus providing an honest to goodness test for any Dahlia. I know that I am treading on dangerous ground but there is an old saying, "Fools break in where Angels fear to Tread." But I do think Mr. Collins' article is well timed. We must, if we want to keep our favorite, bring in the varieties that appeal to the cut flower grower.

Let us have more classes for them at our annual shows, and as well as giving a special prize for the largest bloom; let us give one of equal value for the best bloom for commercial purposes. This will help and encourage many of the so-called backyard growers to grow them—we cannot get away from the fact that the prizes offered for the largest bloom have brought the big blooms into prominence. I myself grow Dahlias because I like them.

CHARLES GARRITY.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The medium sized Dahlias are receiving increased attention at many of our best shows. At the official A.D.S. show in New York one of the most coveted prizes is the Flower Grower Award for the best undisseminated Dahlia from 4 to 8 inches. When all statistics are in, perhaps one of the biggest winners this year is the 1942 introduction—*Orange Princess*—a cactus gem under 8 inches. Let us continue to encourage the spectacular giants, also the medium sized Dahlias, and don't forget the gorgeous Miniatures and Poms.]

## Col. Eddy Returns to Uncle Sam's Service

Col. Richard T. Eddy, famed for writing the Pacific Coast Honor Roll Story for the "Flower Grower", has been called back into Army service.

Col. Eddy is now stationed at Fort Francis, Warren, Wyoming, near Cheyenne.

One of the country's leading transportation and traffic experts, his knowledge will hasten the day when our gallant young Service men will return to our homes.

We of the A.D.S. wish our friend Eddy, godspeed in all his undertakings.



*"Commando"*  
The Achievement Medal winner at the Mid-West Show. This magnificent Lavender Dahlia will be introduced by Golden Rule Dahlia Farm, Lebanon, Ohio

## A.D.S. Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on January 16th, 1943 at the Hotel Shelton, Lexington Avenue, New York City at 2:30 P. M. All members in good standing are urged to be present.

This will be followed by a social hour after which will be held the annual dinner.

## Be Seeing You at the Dinner!

All who missed that great speech of Prof. Lew Sarett at last year's A.D.S. party will surely want to join the crowd of regulars who will celebrate this year.

January 16th is the date—Hotel Shelton, Lexington Avenue, New City—the place.

And the piece-de-resistance will be a great talk by our Vice-President, Oliver Shurtleff of Fairmont, West Virginia. Prof. Shurtleff is a gifted speaker.

There will be good food and good entertainment. The committee will again be one man—Dewey Mohr. Dewey knows how to get the finest accommodations at the hotel and will surely put on a great party. Don't know just what the tickets will cost you yet, but surely the evening will be well worth such cost. Plan now to come and bring your friends. Just heard—\$2.00.

# Preliminary Reports of the A.D.S. Trial Grounds

## A.D.S. Trial Grounds Official Scores

Storrs, Conn.

The following entries scored 85 or better. Complete report will be published in the February issue.

9. RED VELVET. Stake Nos. 25, 26 and 27. Informal Dec., entered by Germain Seed & Plant Co., 747 Terminal Street, Los Angeles, Calif. (85E). Center rows oxblood red shaded with Victoria lake. Outer rows carmine shaded with oxblood red. Flowering habit good; stem 3-8½ in., heavy to medium, stiff, flowers face side; a good stem; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6½-8 in., depth 2¼-4½ in. Height 6 ft. 7 in.

23. LIGHT OF HOPE. Stake Nos. 67, 68 and 69. Semi-cactus to Informal Dec., entered by J. Ferretto, 31 Ellison Street, Paterson, New Jersey. (85E). Shades from bittersweet orange through grenadine to capucine buff at ends of some petals. Flowering habit prolific; stem 6-15 in., heavy to medium, flowers facing the side; a good stem; not improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 6¾-9 in., depth 2½-3½ in. Height 6 ft. 3 in.

26. NO. 67. Stake Nos. 76, 77. Informal Dec., entered by Arthur Baker, R. D. 1, S.R.E., Ashtabula, Ohio. (85.8E). Light greenish yellow to pale greenish yellow to sulphur yellow in outer rows. Flowering habit good; stem 6½-12 in., heavy, flower facing side, improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7½-10½ in., depth 3¼-5¼ in. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

30. RHYTHM. Stake Nos. 88, 89 and 90. Semi-cactus, entered by Warren W. Maytrott, Dahlidel Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. (85E). Pale rosolane purple shading to rosolane pink at some edges. Some picric yellow in middle rows. Tips of closed center amaranth purple. Flowering habit prolific; stem 8½-13 in., medium to heavy, a good stem, flowers on end facing the side; both flower and stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 7¾-9¾ in., depth 3-5 in. Height 6 ft.

49. NO. 55. Stake Nos. 145, 146 and 147. Semi-cactus, entered by C. J. Straight, 311 View Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia. (86E). General appearance is apricot yellow shaded and streaked with scarlet-red. Very center ends of petals are lemon yellow and closed. Center petals have the scarlet predominating. Flowering habit good; stem 8¼-13½ in., medium to heavy, flowers on end facing side. Size of flowers 8¼-11½ in., depth 3½-6¾ in. Height 5 ft. 10 in.

50. NO. 1, "STALIN". Stake Nos. 148, 149 and 150. Incurved cactus, entered by John Zazo Nurseries, 1873 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio. (86E). Spectrum red with center rows shading from carmine to oxblood red. Flowering habit good; stem 3¼-9½ in., medium to heavy, flowers facing side for the most part, both flower and stem improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 5½-8½ in., depth 1¾-4½ in. Height 4 ft. 7 in.

51. "TERRY" NO. 2. Stake Nos. 151, 152 and 153. Semi-cactus, entered by John Zazo Nurseries, 1873 East Avenue, Akron, Ohio. (85E). Light mallow purple. Flowering habit fair; stem 4-9 in., medium, flowers on end facing side and some the heavens; improved by dis-

budding. Size of flowers 6-10½ in., depth 2¼-4¾ in. Height 3 ft. 7 in.

54. NO. 114. Stake Nos. 160, 161 and 162. Informal Dec., entered by Herman Reindfleisch, Palmer Avenue, Mamaroneck, New York. (85E). White, closed center petals sulphur yellow. Flowering habit late; stem 8½-13½ in., medium to heavy, flower facing side. Size of flowers 7-8½ in., depth 2-4 in. Height 5 ft. 2 in.

59. 38-2. Stake Nos. 175, 176 and 177. Ball, entered by Andrew F. Doermann, North Trevor Avenue, Cheviot, Cincinnati, Ohio. (85M). Between Bordeaux and amaranth purple with the center of the latter color. Flowering habit prolific; stem 5¼-8 in., medium, wiry, flowers facing side; improved by disbudding. Size of flowers 2¾-4 in., depth 2-4½ in. Height 3 ft. 3 in.

## Certificate Winners, East Lansing— Season 1942

*Rhythm*. Stake No. 21. Incurved cactus. Score 85E. Entered by Dahlidel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. Originator Dr. H. L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland. Yellow tinted mallow-pink.

*Seedling 39-10*. Stake No. 23. Ball. Score 85S. Entered by Chautauqua Dahlia Fields, Mayville, New York. Light greenish-yellow.

*Thelma*. Small ball. Score 85S. Entered by Mrs. Cortis Ray, R.2, Greensburg, Indiana. Amaranth purple.

*Co-Incident*. Collarette. Stake No. 38. Score 85.4S. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, 14592 Dixie Highway, Clio, Mich. Greenish yellow suffused blood-red.

*Seedling 38-2*. Stake No. 54. Score 85S. Ball. Entered by Andrew F. Doermann, N. Trevor Ave., Cheviot, Ohio. Amaranth red.

*Buddy*. Stake No. 66. Miniature formal decorative. Score 86S. Entered by Lakeside Dahlia Gardens, New Baltimore, Michigan. Spectrum red.

*General Wavell*. Stake No. 70. Informal decorative. Score 85.8E. Entered by Omar Coles, Sr., Magnolia, N. J. Scarlet red.

## West Virginia Branch American Dahlia Society

By Oliver Shurtleff, Superintendent

It is seasons like the one just closing which make a trial garden superintendent wish he knew something about Dahlias! At least enough to explain some of the vagaries of this much loved flower. He would like to explain why certain early planted entries refused to grow and bloom while later ones "went right to it." He would like to know why one plant made a tremendous growth when, right by it and with the same treatment, another plant absolutely refused to "budge an inch." This superintendent doesn't know. But here is the report.



## CERTIFICATED DAHIAS

ENTRY No. 10. Pittman's No. 153. Entered by W. W. Maytrott. Entry material, plants. Bush grew five and one-half feet to six feet with natural growth; pinched back, five feet. Disbudded flowers 10x5 inches; natural, 9½x4. Semi-cactus. Color, neutral red with somewhat of a silver reverse. The twist of the petal-tips gave a silvery effect to the face of the flower. Flower faces. Free from insects and foliage blights. Healthy grower. Somewhat late in blooming. Has fine physical qualities. Certificated as large. Score 85¼.

ENTRY No. 11. Rhythm. Entered by W. W. Maytrott. Plants. Bush height natural 5½ feet; pinched back 5 feet. Flowers disbudded, 8x5 inches; natural 8x4½ inches. Incurved cactus. Color a delicate "old fashioned" pink with a silver reverse. A beautiful flower and a profuse bloomer. One plant had seventeen flowers on the first day of judging. Free from insects. One plant did not do well. This was destroyed by the trial garden committee. Flower almost faces—just a suggestion of an angle. A highly recommendable Dahlia. Bloomed early and throughout the season. Certificated as medium. Score 86¼.

ENTRY No. 16. Montbello. Entered by Ruschmoor. Plants. Bush height natural 5 feet; pinched back 4½ feet. Flowers, disbudded, 10x5 inches; natural, same. Informal to formal decorative. Color, velet red with ivory reverse. Very attractive in the garden. Assumed a small amount of "fade" at the close of the season. Free from insects and foliage blights. Flowers almost facing. Bloomed somewhat late. This Dahlia was well liked by garden visitors. It will be well received. Certificated as large. Score 85¼.

ENTRY No. 20. "SW-6." Entered by Ralph Wells. Plants. Bush height natural 6 feet; pinched back 5½ feet. Flowers, disbudded, 9x4 inches, natural, 8½x4 inches. Incurved cactus. Color, rose pink with a somewhat lighter center with a silver lined reverse. Flowers face. Free from insects and foliage blights. A free bloomer. A good flower. Certificated as large. Score 85.

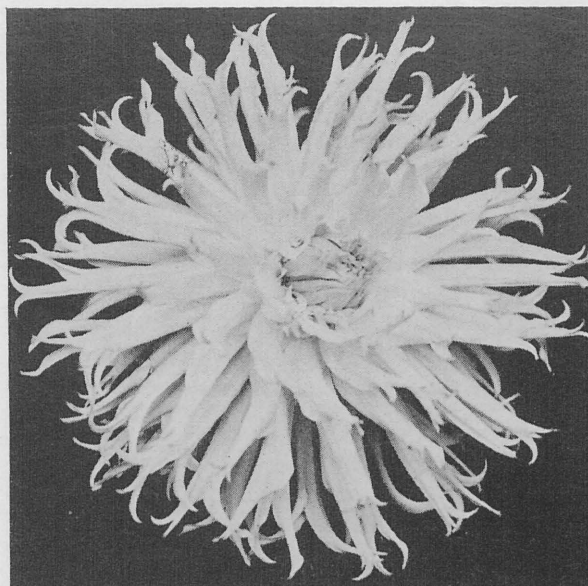
ENTRY No. 25. Entered by C. J. Straight. Plants. Bush height, natural, 6 feet; pinched back 5½ feet. Flowers, disbudded, 11x5½ inches; natural, 11x5 inches. Semi-cactus. Color, "fire and flame" with crimson with gold lined reverse. A flower to make one look. Free from insects and foliage blights. Free bloomer with the best of stems. Certificated as large. Score 86½. (Highest score awarded, 1942.)

## NON-CERTIFICATED DAHLIAS

ENTRY No. 1. Entered by C. L. Shurtleff. Roots. Bush height, natural, 5 feet; pinched back, 4½ feet. Flowers, disbudded, 5x3 inches; natural, same. Color, orchid pink (red). Incurved cactus. Fine physical qualities and good stem. Good commercial, "tough" and can stand a lot of "banging" around. Free from insects and foliage blights. Scores as medium. Score 83¼.

ENTRY No. 2. Entered by D. Varner, formerly of Fairmont, now Corporal Varner, United States Army. Roots. Bush height, natural, 4½ feet; pinched back, 4 feet. Semi-cactus. Color, lemon yellow with some flowers having white-tipped petals. Free bloomer and attractive. Free from insects and foliage blights. Scored as medium. Score 83½.

ENTRY No. 3. "No. 1." Entered by Ruschmoor for Preas. Plants. Not scored. Did not bloom. (One bloom after frost. Large. Recommended for re-trial.)



RHYTHM—Certified at Storrs, East Lansing and West Virginia. Dr. H. Dozier, originator. Dahliadel, Vine-land, N. J., introducer.

ENTRY No. 4. 40-09. Entered by A. H. Rich. Roots. No score. Did not bloom. (See report on ENTRY No. 7 ff.)

ENTRY No. 5. P. & W. C. Entered by A. H. Rich. Roots. No score. Did not bloom.

ENTRY No. 6. 8-R. Entered by A. H. Rich. Roots. Bush height, normal, 6 feet; pinched back, 5½ feet. Flowers, disbudded, 9x4 inches; natural, 8½x3½ inches. Color, magenta with a lighter reverse. Subjected to some burning and fading. Tendency to hard centers. Free from insects and foliage blights. Scored as large. Score 77½.

ENTRY No. 7. 40-09. Entered by A. H. Rich. Roots. Bush height, natural, 3½ feet; pinched back, 2 feet. Had a tendency to grow with a "sprawl." Flowers, disbudded, 4x2½ inches; natural, same. Color, cadmium red medium. Miniature incurved cactus. Free from insects and foliage blights. A very pretty flower. Stems weak, due, perhaps, to season. Re-trial recommended. Score as small. Score 82 1/3. (This entry was a duplicate of Entry No. 4. Superintendent was not notified until after the roots had been planted.)

ENTRY No. 8. Huguenot 1939. Entered by James F. Minor. Roots. Bush height, natural, 6½ feet; pinched back, 5½ feet. Flowers, disbudded, 9x4 inches, natural, 8½x4 inches. Informal decorative. Color, peach and apricot with orchid mixture. Light orchid and silver reverse. Informal decorative. Attacked by aphids and mealy bugs. Scored as large. Score 73½.

ENTRY No. 9. 9-39s. Entered by James F. Minor. Roots. No score. Did not bloom.

ENTRY No. 12. Bochan's No. 146. Entered by W. W. Maytrott. Plants. Bush height, natural, 5 feet; pinched back, 4½ feet. Flowers, disbudded, 9x4 inches; natural, 8½x3 inches. Informal decorative. Color, dusty red velvet (seemingly a color with another color drawn over it). Reverse, same color. Free from insects but one plant showed some yellow. This plant was destroyed by garden committee. Some flowers less formal than others. Scored as large. Score 77.

ENTRY No. 13. S. J. Entered by Stanley Johnston. Plants. Bush height, natural, 3½ feet; pinched back, 3 feet. (Evidently not a good growth.) Flowers, disbudded, 8x4 inches; natural, same. Informal decorative. Color, autumn yellow with orange mixture. Flowers on one plant of this entry produced flowers almost pink with orange. This one plant could have been an odd plant sent by mistake or a "sport." Free from insects but showed some "yellow" early in the season. Scored as medium. Score 77¼.

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ENTRY No. 14. Bobby K. Entered by Gorden Waaser. Plants. No score. Just beginning to bloom at close of season. Miniature cactus. Color, cadmium red, deep. Recommended for re-trial.

ENTRY No. 15. Entered by H. E. Straight. Plants. No score. Did not bloom.

ENTRY No. 17. NYE. Entered by C. L. Shurtleff. Plants. Bush height, natural, 6 feet; pinched back, 5½ feet. Flowers, disbudded, 10x5 inches; natural, 9½x4 inches. Straight cactus. Color, pink with center of orange mixture and light orchid reverse. Centers somewhat elongated. Free from insects and foliage blights. Scored as large. Score 76½.

ENTRY No. 18. Entered by W. E. Hall. Plants. Bush height, natural, 5½ feet; pinched back, 5 feet. Flowers, disbudded, 9x4 inches; natural, 8x4 inches. Informal decorative to semi-cactus. Color, coral red with gold tips with yellow lined reverse. Free from insects and foliage blights. Scored as large. Score 77½.

ENTRY No. 19. Entered by W. E. Hall. Plants. Not scored. Just beginning to bloom at close of season. Cactus. Color, cremnitz white. Recommended for re-trial.

ENTRY No. 21. Entered by Ralph Wells. Plants. Informal decorative. Bush height, natural, 5 feet; pinched back, 4 feet. Size of flower, disbudded, 10x5 inches, natural, 9x5 inches. Color, scarlet with deeper center. Lots of snap in color scheme. Flowers almost facing. Should be re-tried. Score 81½.

ENTRY No. 22. Entered by Berle Hawkins. Plants. Cactus. Bush height, natural, 4½ feet; pinched back, 4 feet. Size of flower, disbudded, 10½x4½; natural, 10x4. Color, very deep orchid with light reverse. A very pretty large cactus. Many stems pendant. Score 80½.

ENTRY No. 23. Entered by W. E. Hall. Plants. Cactus. Just beginning to show color at frost time. Pink with a light cream center. Not scored. Recommended for re-trial.

ENTRY No. 24. Entered by C. J. Straight. Plants. Cactus. Just in color at close of season. Cadmium red pale, with ivory reverse. Petals flame-tipped. Not scored. Recommended for re-trial.

ENTRY No. 26. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farms. Plants. Did not bloom. Recommended for re-trial.

ENTRY No. 27. Entered by Golden Rule Dahlia Farms. Plants. Did not bloom. Recommended for re-trial.

ENTRY No. 28. Entered by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens. Plants. Did not bloom. Recommended for re-trial.

ENTRY No. 29. Entered by Oakleigh Gardens. Roots. This flower threw just one flower, a terminal bud. Color, cadmium red, medium with silver reverse. The petals were long and wavy. Lots of snap. While this one bloom was somewhat thin we were intrigued by the flower. It should be re-tried. Was not scored.

This is our report. We are sorry that it has so many "holes" in it. However, when we agreed to be the garden superintendent we did not agree to control weather conditions. The local season was practically three weeks shorter than usual, due to an extra early frost. Some flowers struggled into color after this frost but our committee felt that it would be unfair to score Dahlias under these conditions. We tried to be liberal to the owners of the varieties; we also wanted to be fair with the Dahlias.

The color descriptions were furnished by Ernest Freed of the Art Department of Fairmont State College, on whose campus the trial garden is located.

—Fairmont, W. Va.

## Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Trial Grounds—Season 1942

There were 28 entries on trial at Cincinnati the past season. The weather conditions for the most part were

ideal, with plenty of rain and only a short period of hot weather late in August. Some varieties did not bloom until late and could not be judged enough, some of these the committee felt were worthy of re-trial.

A full report on the trial grounds will appear in the February issue of the BULLETIN.

Stake No. 274—*Pink Pal*. Entered by Dayton's Dahlia Gardens, 647 N. Main Street, Akron, Ohio. Score 85E. Formal Decorative.

Stake No. 276—*1-127*. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan, 14592 Dixie Highway. Score 85M. Informal Decorative.

Stake No. 279—*1-3*. Entered by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan, 14592 Dixie Highway. Score 85E. Informal Decorative.

Stake No. 281—*Bochau No. 146*. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, New Jersey. Score 86E. Informal Decorative.

Stake No. 293—*Dusky*. Entered by Andrew Doermann, North Trevor Ave., Cheviot, Ohio. Score 84.2B. Ball.

ROBERT SEIBEL, *Supt.*

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# My Experience With a Trial Garden

Having been appointed by the Baltimore Dahlia Society to the Trial Garden Committee at College Park, Maryland, I had the pleasure of working with three very capable men, Professor Ballard, Professor Mahoney and Mr. Frank Goetzer.

Under the supervision of Professor Ballard, the grounds were well prepared, the rows well laid off and manured. The planting was done by Professor Ballard, Professor Mahoney and Mr. Frank Goetzer—not by me.

Next, Mr. Goetzer drove the stakes, which were evenly spaced and lined up straight. The sprinkler system was installed, but only used once, due to a  $7\frac{1}{2}$ -inch rainfall within 24 hours and a continuing rain over a period of two weeks. The grounds are almost level, rising a little to the south, so most of the garden was under water and many of the entries did not survive, including my own.

One of the three men mentioned, or perhaps all three, dug small ditches at the low end trying to save as much of the stock as possible. Yet it took quite a time for some of the entries to recover.

On September 20 we had quite a lot of Dahlias in bloom, most of them not at their best, however, due to the various locations. In order to catch all the entries at their best, it became necessary to visit the grounds every few days. This had to be done in fairness to those who had placed their plants and their confidence in us.

Two weeks passed and all except three entries had been caught in full bloom. These were Nos. 12, 16-17-18 and 43-44-45. Three days later two beautiful Dahlias, Nos. 12 and 16-17-18 bloomed and finally Nos. 43-44-45 showed up in all its glory!

On the 18th of October, Professor Mahoney, Professor Ballard and I spent three hours together going over each entry. Nos. 43-44-45 had 33 blooms, all perfect. It was a beautiful dark ball with perfect centers, well quilled flowers rolling all the way back to the stem. This turned out to be the property of Mr. Doerman. Nos. 16-17-18 had 7 blooms, one measuring  $10\frac{1}{2}$  in. x

5 in., a truly beautiful flower—Mr. Pitman's No. 153. No. 12, which had been showing a lot of lovely blooms, had 4 blooms and a number of buds on it at this late date. The originator of this Dahlia is Dr. Dozier and the flower has been named "Rhythm." I thought so much of it that I immediately bought a tuber from Mr. Maytrott. The other good entries I leave to Professor Ballard and our Secretary Mr. Aburn to write about.

The point I wish to bring out is about the three Dahlias that might easily have been left out. The two first judges missed them because they were not present when the blooms were at their best.

Nearly everyone who sends a Dahlia to the trial gardens knows, or thinks, he has a good thing. What would Dr. Dozier, Mr. Pitman and Mr. Doerman have thought if their Dahlias had failed? These men knew they had good Dahlias.

I know a good many of the judges that do the scoring at some of the trial gardens. They are all men of sterling quality whose honesty cannot be questioned. The trouble lies in their failure to be at the garden when some of the best Dahlias are at their best—it is not the failure of the Dahlia. For this reason it is possible that the best entry does not get the highest score.

I personally feel that the right men to do the judging are the professors at our trial gardens. They are capable men—much more so than they pretend to be. You all have them at your trial gardens. We have three of them at ours. They take pride in their work and spend a great deal of time in the garden. It is all right to have others judge at various times, but the score should never be less than that of the judges on the ground.

Many of you perhaps will not agree with me, but there may be others who will.

I believe in the trial garden, but feel that in order to make it a real benefit to Dahlia lovers, a change in our system of judging is necessary.

HENRY F. CORY.

## CABBAGES AND KINGS

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Among new varieties of Giant Dec. Dahlias exhibited were: Pop Harris (dark red), Dawson, Axford Triumph, Marion Smith, Ruth Nichols, Lady Jane.

Miniatures—Margie, Dorset Hallmark, Dorset Snow-drift, Dorset Sunkist, Myall Classic, Pink Helly.

Giant Cactus—White Ace, Marie Lou, Powder Puff, Moyua, Irene, Gunyah Glory.

## Champion Dahlia Presented

Champion seedling of the Royal Horticultural Show at Burnley—a magnificent giant Dahlia named after Sir Frank Clarke—was presented to him by Lady Dugan. The £66 challenge gold cup of England was won by Messrs. H. McKenzie and Sons, Blackburn, with an almost flawless display of Dahlias. Twenty-four giant decorative Dahlias, perhaps the best ever seen at the show, gained first prize for R. P. Menzies, of Croydon.

## Michigan Show

The Dahlia Society of Michigan had about decided to give up the idea of a state show this year. However, the New Baltimore Civic Association Clubs banded together and decided that they would have a Dahlia show regardless and it so happened that we had one of the largest and best shows ever staged.

The show was held in connection with the Annual Field Day at Lakeside Gardens and we had an attendance on the two days of approximately 50,000 people. The seedling and undisminated classes were the heaviest we have ever had in Michigan and the competition was very keen. The Dahlia world will be hearing from a lot of these seedlings in the near future.

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## EDITORIAL

Secretary C. Louis Alling has found it necessary to resign his post in the A.D.S., because he will enter Uncle Sam's Industrial Army.

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Unless you are willing to do all this you are not doing your full share. Who will send in the first new member and who the hundred and first?

## The Membership Dahlia Show of the Peekskill Dahlia Society

Sept. 15, 1942

Due to the fact of gas rationing, the Peekskill Dahlia Society was unable to hold the Annual Dahlia Show in a large place, but we had a show despite conditions.

In a unique setting of kitchen cabinets and dining room furniture, the blooms were shown in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kunzhals, Washington St., Peekskill, N. Y. There were a goodly number of Dahlias shown, and the judges were hard put to make decisions, as the flowers were of exceptional quality. Ribbons were awarded to all entrants.

With the hope that in the next year coming, peace and goodwill will prevail once more and that the bells of freedom will toll again, then our members and Dahlia growers will once more be at peace and bring out bigger and better Dahlias than ever before.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Peekskill was well represented at the A.D.S. New York Show. E. O'Keefe, with the help of his family, carried large flower boxes on the long train ride. His exhibits were outstanding and his pockets bulged with blue ribbon certificates. Bob Vogel and other Peekskill growers did their share in the New York Show success.]

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# Central States Show

By H. L. Franzen

The Eleventh Annual Show of the Central States Dahlia Society was held on September 12th and 13th at Garfield Park Conservatory, Chicago, Illinois, which is an annual event at the Conservatory, and each year's show attendance exceeds that of the previous year, as Chicago-land awaits this show with the same keen interest as the other great shows held annually at the Conservatory.

A rather good growing season this year was somewhat curtailed by the very adverse weather just prior to the show, which seemed only to provide the Dahlia fan with a greater than ever determination to make our Annual Show a success, and the result was our usual fine show.

This was the fifth year for the Central State Dahlia Classification, and to those of us who exhibited Dahlias prior to its inception wonder how it was possible, and its use seems to be prevalent wherever Dahlias are exhibited.

The winners of the major awards in this year's show were as follows: The Robert J. Dunham, donated to the Central States Dahlia Society by Robert J. Dunham, President, Chicago Park Board, was awarded in Section "K" (Amateur Division) to George R. Currie, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, as his entry was awarded First in the Six Most Perfect Bloom Class. The winner-up in this section was Leo Garis.

The winner in Section "K" (Commercial Division) was Joe Heineman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was awarded the medal of The Wisconsin Dahlia Society. The runner-up in this section was Thos. R. Dobbin.

The August Koch trophy was won in Section "F" by Alfred Engling for winning sweepstakes in his section with the greatest number of points.

The House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity Award in Section "L" was won by Dr. H. O. Hoppe (President of the Wisconsin Dahlia Society) with an exhibit of two blooms each of Columbia and Tops, and one bloom each of Indian Summer and Molly B.

The Rose Schampel Memorial Trophy was awarded to Mrs. H. J. Bluhm for sweepstakes in Section "R". The most outstanding entry in this section was awarded the Wellsville-Glad-Dahlia Society Medal and was also won by Mrs. H. J. Bluhm.

The C. R. Moell Trophy was awarded to Thos. R. Dobbin as winner in Section "G".

The winner of the largest bloom of the show was George R. Currie, with a bloom of Lynn Fontaine and was awarded the medal of The Northeastern Penn. Dahlia Society.

The winner of the most perfect bloom of the show was E. G. Heggstad, with a bloom of Lord of Autumn, and was awarded the medal of the Men's Garden Club of Villa Park, Illinois.

The coveted medal of The American Home Magazine, known as, The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded in Section "Q" to three gorgeous blooms of a new and different Bi-Color. They were informal to formal and were a creamy white with splashes of wine color and are named Dixies Wine Dot

and were exhibited and grown by Dixie Dahlia Gardens of Cleo, Michigan.

Mr. G. L. Pierce won the Central States Dahlia Society award for the best entry in the 2-year old seedling class.

The American Dahlia Society Bronze Certificate was awarded to Mr. G. L. Pierce for its outstanding amateur display.

The winners of Central State Dahlia Society awards for sweepstakes in their respective sections were:

- Section A.—C. L. Hildebrandt.
- Section B.—E. Stone.
- Section C.—Geo. B. Merchant.
- Section D.—F. C. Gossweiler.
- Section E.—H. L. Cummings.
- Section F.—Alfred Engling.
- Section G.—Thos. R. Dobbin.
- Section J.—Joe Heineman.
- Section K (Amateur).—Geo. Currie.
- Section K (Commercial).—Joe Heineman.
- Section L.—Dr. H. O. Hoppe.
- Section M.—Geo. Schroeder.
- Section N.—Fitchett Dahlia Gardens.
- Section P.—G. L. Pierce.
- Section Q.—Dixie Dahlia Gardens.
- Section R.—Mrs. H. J. Bluhm.
- Section S.—Fitchett Dahlia Gardens.
- Section T.—Northbrook Dahlia Gardens.

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

- C. L. Hildebrandt, Section A, *Murphy's Masterpiece*.
- E. Stone, Section B, *Glamour*.
- Geo. Currie, Section C, *Lynn Fontaine*.
- W. P. Dietz, Section D, *Rita Wells*.
- H. L. Cummings, Section E, *Carl Dahl*.
- Alfred Engling, Section F, *Trojan*.
- Joe Heineman, Section J, *Indian Summer*.

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

- C. L. Hildebrandt, Section A, *Michigan White*.
- E. Stone, Section B, *Prachtkerl*.
- Geo. Carmichael, Section B, *Pink Giant*.
- E. J. Heggstad, Section D, *Lord of Autumn*.
- H. L. Cummings, Section E, *Pink Giant*.
- Dr. H. O. Hoppe, Section F, *Pride of Garfield*.
- Joe Heineman, Section J, *Marietta E*.

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



## Election Ballots Enclosed With This Issue

Ballots for the election of officers to serve the Society for 1943 are enclosed with this issue. Don't neglect to mail your ballot and return it not later than January 1st.

# Dahlia Personals and Personalities

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.

**By Oliver Shurtleff**

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

Ralph Wells of Fairmont, West Virginia, is my neighbor. And he is a good one, too.

Mr. Wells is a valued employee of the Colliers Corporation Company and gives that institution the major part of his time. But in between times—and that brings me up to the main part of my “sermon.”

In between times Mr. Wells runs a green house, a garden and messes with Dahlias. He grows quite a number of Dahlias at his home and, at the same time, furnishes quite a number of roots and cuttings to his fellow employees. He has been a real Dahlia missionary among the men of his company.

The subject of this short sketch is not entirely unknown among the fans of the Dahlia world. He has helped with the bringing out of several of the modern well known varieties. He has collaborated largely with another good Dahlia neighbor, C. J. Straight.

Mr. Wells is married and is the father of five children. While he goes to several Dahlia shows during the show season, he is preeminently a family person. I want more Dahlia people to know Ralph Wells, even if Mrs. Wells does do most of the garden work!

The writer spends a lot of his loafing time down at the Wells greenhouses. He is always welcomed on these visits and he enjoys his time while he is there.

We salute the Wells family.

## WEST VIRGINIA DAHLIA SOCIETY

**By Oliver Shurtleff, Secretary**

The West Virginia Dahlia Society omitted its 1942 Dahlia show as a war measure. This step was highly commended by the State Commissioner of Agriculture. The officers of the society did not do this just because! It was really accepted as the best thing to do. This does not mean that the West Virginia Dahlia Society is going out of business. It is not. It does plan to continue as an active, working functioning society.

Several very promising seedlings were produced in these parts during the 1942 season. We are hoping that these Dahlia “infants” will keep through the winter and, later, take their places with the elite of the Dahlia world. And some very fine introductions have come out of these parts.

The season locally, was just so-so. An awful lot of rain at certain periods and then, a frost about two or three weeks earlier than usual. But with all that we West Virginians are still strong in the faith. We are still good Dahliaists.

We recommend that reports of all trial gardens be carefully studied in the light of next year's plantings. Every Dahlia garden should have one or two of the newer varieties added each year. These new varieties, while not always world beaters, do add zest and variety and interest to the garden. Buy carefully; plan for 1943 and look forward.

That's the Dahlia advice of your philosophizing secretary!

## Kitsap County Dahlia Society Bremerton, Washington

In spite of the feverish war effort here, our Navy Yard workers have grown some lovely blooms and at our recent show there was the usual color, and keen show enthusiasm. Mr. T. Forhan, an employee in the Puget Sound Navy Yard in the Supply Department, attained his heart's desire by winning sweepstakes and the American Home Achievement medal with his own creation the “Mary Ellen Forhan,” a deep cerise-colored recurved cactus bloom. This bloom is indeed handsome with a chin-up carriage, good form, splendid cutting qualities and in every way has good promise.

Mr. R. P. Turnquist, an employee of the Ammunition Depot, has won the honors for three years running with his salmon-colored recurved cactus creation, the “Martha Churchill”, was the runner-up this season.

Our Mr. Carl Chilson, of Olympia, exhibited some fine material and was winner of the A.D.S. medal. This bloom is a recurved cactus type of gold color with flicks of red in it. Of the thirty prizes offered, Mr. Chilson took home nine of them with any number of ribbons.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. McKamey, who are growers of fine Dahlias, added to their record of ribbons and next in seven of the prizes.

Mrs. Thomas Forhan did her part in the show by taking home five prizes with exhibits of artistic baskets and table arrangements.

Mr. A. L. Pond, show manager for the Seattle Puget Sound Dahlia Society, entered our show as a novice and was awarded for the outstanding entries in the novice class.

We are very proud of the efforts of our society for a fine show and made entirely by amateurs.

Our president, Pliny Allen, is the father of John Allen of Rockville Centre, Long Island, who has made a fine record for himself growing Dahlias. Mr. Pliny Allen grows fine Dahlias, too.

We earnestly hope that our show may be held and that more records may be achieved.

Mrs. LaRoy E. Cunningham, Secretary.



## Dahlias—and Victory Gardens, Too

By George R. Currie,

President Wisconsin Dahlia Society

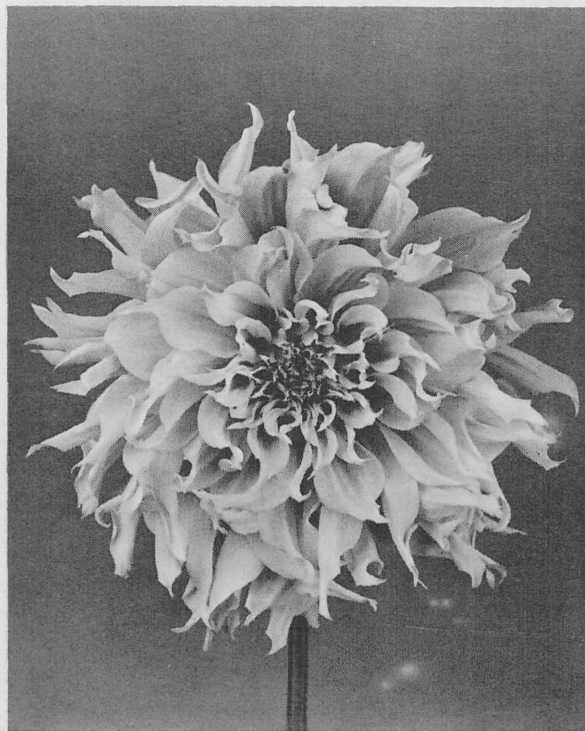
Long prior to Dahlia planting time last spring a nation-wide campaign for Victory Gardens was in progress and while it was accompanied by warnings that it was not desired to convert established lawns and flower gardens into vegetable gardens many a Dahlia enthusiast considered it his or her patriotic duty to assist in this program. In 1942 there was no anticipated food shortage and the urgency for more and larger family vegetable gardens was not nearly as great as it will be in 1943 when a shortage of certain foods, including many kinds of canned vegetables, is already being predicted as a certainty.

It had been ten years or more since the writer had grown any vegetables but he resolved to attempt it, not by displacing the Dahlias, but by growing the two together, and the results exceeded my expectations and have encouraged me to expand the experiment further next season. We have a deep lot and most of the Dahlias are grown as a border along the north side of our lot to the rear of our home. This border consists of three rows of Dahlias, the stakes for the outer two rows being parallel north and south as well as east and west while the stakes in the center row, while spaced the same distance apart as those in the other two rows, are staggered with respect to the latter. The stakes were spaced 41 inches apart east and west in each of the three rows, and the rows were 30 inches apart.

Head-lettuce plants were set out between the Dahlia plants in the inner two rows, the variety being Oak Leaf which is of a loose formation, and we had the finest lettuce we have ever eaten and so much of it our family of four couldn't use it all. We also, as an experiment, planted six plants of the new vegetable "Celtuce" in like manner and they also did exceptionally well. String beans were planted in between the Dahlia hills in the outer or north row, and produced so well that there was a surplus beyond those required for our use on the table—which Mrs. Currie canned. In the small space to the north of the outer row of Dahlias I planted several dozen onion plants in a row parallel to the Dahlias and completed the row by planting carrots. While the onions were planted mainly for winter use we used some during the growing season and pulled the remainder about October 1st, the harvest consisting of nearly a bushel of the finest onions one could wish to see, some of them being 5 inches in diameter. The carrots purposely were planted thick and thinned out after they reached a size when those pulled out were big enough to be eaten and we have had meal after meal of them, and although it is October we haven't harvested the rest because they are still growing.

Mrs. Currie planted a couple dozen tomato plants in her flower beds, and those planted where there was not too much shade gave good results.

The head lettuce, string beans, and celtuce were through producing by September 1st, so that there was no interference with the Dahlias. Next season I plan to plant early cabbage in between the Dahlia hills as well as the head lettuce and beans, for that also can be harvested



COLIN KELLY, JR.—Huge bright pink, Informal decorative will be introduced by Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, N. J.

before the Dahlias reach their full growth in early September. I found it necessary to spray the lettuce and beans whenever I sprayed the Dahlias because they are good host plants for leaf-hoppers.

A number of Dahlia societies co-operated with the Victory Garden program by holding their annual show as part of a Victory Garden Harvest Show. The Indianapolis Dahlia Society, with the consent and approval of the Mid-West Dahlia Conference, changed the dates of the Mid-West Show so as to make it a part of a large Victory Garden Harvest Show held at the Coliseum on the Indiana State Fair Grounds on September 26th and 27th, which it was my privilege to attend. It was pleasing to note that at the end of the extremely large and attractive exhibition hall which was devoted to the Dahlia show more people congregated there than at any other spot in the hall.

It would not be at all surprising if more Dahlia shows will be combined with Victory Garden Harvest Shows in 1943 as there is much to recommend so doing. The attendance of the general public is larger than at a show confined to Dahlias alone, so that the appeal of growing Dahlias reaches people that would not otherwise be attained. The expenses of such a show to the Dahlia society participating is materially less than if the Dahlia exhibition were staged as a separate show. Lastly, there is the satisfaction to the members of the society

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## DAHLIAS AND VICTORY GARDENS

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in knowing that they are participating in a venture which is keyed into the war effort.

It is gratifying to note that very few Dahlia organizations abandoned their annual exhibition this year. The annual show is the nucleus around which most of our Dahlia societies are built, and any society which abandons its show stands in grave danger of disintegrating entirely before the war is over, thus losing the benefit of many years of faithful work of those who started and built up the organization. Because some members cannot exhibit because of working six and seven days a week in defense work is all the more reason why the remaining members should carry on.

Other Dahlia shows attended by the writer in addition to the Mid-West at Indianapolis were those of the Wisconsin State Fair at Milwaukee, the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin at Wauwatosa, and the Central States Dahlia Society at Chicago, all three of which were excellent and very reassuring to those who had any misgivings about the possible adverse effect of the war on Dahlia growing and Dahlia interest.

Three undissemated Dahlias which doubtless will be introduced this coming season impressed me very favorably: *Wine-Dot*, *Colin Kelly, Jr.*, and *Moon Goddess*.

*Wine-Dot* was the winner of the American Home Achievement medal at Chicago, and it also won the same honor at the New Baltimore, Michigan, and Toledo, Ohio shows. The blooms at the Chicago show measured 10½ inches in diameter with good depth, and the centers and stems were excellent. The color is a pure white background with a striping of wine red, and it is informal decorative in formation. The exhibitor and owner is Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan.

*Colin Kelly, Jr.*, gives every indication of being a worthy addition to the many good Dahlias originated by Salem Dahlia Gardens, Salem, New Jersey. It is a huge bright pink informal decorative, the bloom I measured having a diameter of 11½ inches, although a larger bloom than that was exhibited at our Wisconsin show, and the distance from the bloom to the top leaf bracket was 14 inches. The bush is tall growing and vigorous, and the stem strong and straight.

*Moon Goddess* is a formal decorative yellow producing 11-inch blooms with ease on good stems. The color is a light shade of yellow very similar to the old Queen of the Garden Beautiful. Bushes are about 4 feet in height and it is a vigorous grower. Dr. H. L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland, is the originator and won the Achievement medal at Washington, D. C., with it. A few blooms have a tendency to come informal.

Among the new Australians, *Bill's Gold*, *Croydon Gold*, and *Dawson* have been outstanding this past season. All three are autumn colored, *Bill's Gold* and *Dawson* being on the borderline between formal and informal, while *Croydon Gold* is clearly informal. *Bill's Gold* is a deep burnished gold in color while *Croydon Gold* is a lighter, brighter shade of gold, and *Dawson* is a light tan. The stems on all three are strong and straight, and all can be grown 11 inches in diameter. *Bill's Gold* has the slight fault of having the top leaf bracket close to the bloom which *Croydon Gold* and

*Dawson* do not have. *Dawson* won as best bloom at the Wisconsin State Fair.

As to the 1942 introductions the following gave good results in the writer's own garden or in the other gardens and show-rooms visited: *Tops*, *Stephen Foster*, *Dean Shurtleff*, *Velvet King*, *Top-Flight*, *Clara Peth*, *First Lady*, and *Mollie B*.

Excellent blooms of Lord of Autumn were in evidence at the shows and it won as best large flower in the Chicago show, and a magnificent bloom of it exhibited by Mr. Walter Dietz of Louisville won three special ribbons at the Mid-West Show at Indianapolis. *Ginger Rogers* also was very fine this season.

Among the reds *Virginia Rute* and *Lynn Fontanne* were exceptionally good, and what size!

In the pink classes, which were very strong this year, it was nip and tuck between *Katie K* and *Marion Smith*, with the latter having slightly the better of it.

*Bette Davis* and *Magic Prince* were the competitors in the lavender and mauve semi-cactus classes, while *Croydon Acme* seemed to have it pretty much its own way in the formal lavender classes.

Many good *Glamours* and a few good *Hunt's Velvet Wonders* were exhibited in the purple informals. Robert E. Thompson, an exhibitor in the Novice Section at the Indianapolis Mid-West show exhibited three blooms of *Glamour* which were the finest specimens of that variety I have ever seen, and one of these three won the award as the most perfect large bloom in the entire Mid-West show.

In the whites *The Real Glory* proved itself a worthy competitor of *Darcy Sainsbury* and in the writer's own garden it is a much finer grower than *Darcy*, while *Exquisite* is a real find in the white informals, the slight blush of lavender at the center of the bloom enhancing its beauty.

The first Dahlia season following the entry of this nation in World War II draws to a close. While a considerable percentage of growers have not had the time to devote to their Dahlias that they have in the past because of dislocations occasioned in the war effort, nevertheless the good business which commercial growers enjoyed last spring, and the success of the many Dahlia shows held this season, are most reassuring. There is no doubt that the war, and the realization on the part of all that everything else must be subordinated to an all out effort to win this perilous life and death struggle, has prevented us from getting the same degree of enjoyment from our Dahlias we once did in the happier days that lie behind us. This sobering thought, however, should be a renewed inspiration to us to do our part to keep interest in Dahlias alive so that when the war ends we will still have our Dahlia societies with their annual shows, our trial grounds, our Dahlia publications, our commercial growers, and above all our Dahlia friends.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, we will publish the A. D. S. Show Schedule for 1943 Show in the next issue. That will give you time to plan your plantings. We seek the largest number of Exhibitors and entries we have ever had.



## Ohio State Dahlia Societies and Other Dahlia Shows

Reported by F. V. R. Veirs, Associate Editor

The state show was staged in the Hotel Statler in Cleveland on the 12th and 13th of September under the able leadership of the president, Mrs. MacDowell. C. W. Cowie was show superintendent. The setting was all that could be desired and the show room was filled with a lot of perfect blooms, although the average bloom was not so large as usually is seen in Cleveland. There were more blooms in the small amateur and novice classes than ever before. Future exhibitors at Cleveland seemed to be assured.

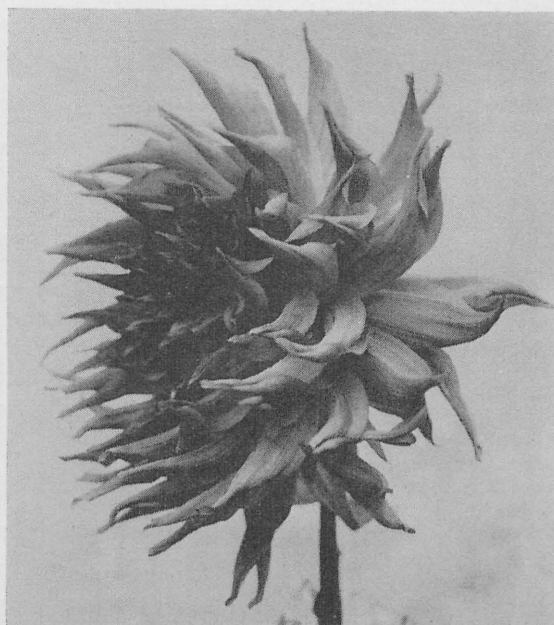
The largest Dahlia, Southern Thoroughbred, was exhibited by H. H. Robens. It was originated by Dr. Dozier of Cambridge, Maryland. Three blooms of this large lavender-pink semi-cactus Dahlia won the American Home Achievement medal at Wellsville. Carl Dahl, exhibited by Harold Gallimore, president of the East Liverpool society, was the most perfect large Dahlia. The American Home Achievement medal went to a large pink cactus, named Terry, originated and exhibited by John Zazo of Akron, Ohio. It is a medium high grower. The stem is long and the foliage is excellent. Each petal is split three ways which gives it a feathery appearance. It is very distinctive and a real novelty. Mr. Zazo has grown as many winning blooms as anyone in these parts. He named this Dahlia Terry after his grandson. He thinks it is good or it would never bear the name it does. Terry won first in single and three bloom open to all classes in competition with some real Dahlias at Cleveland. After all, "the open to all" is the real test.

John Strassen of Austinburg, Ohio, was the winner of the sweepstakes in the "open to all." In the small amateur division James Walton won best bloom with Katie K. The principal winners in the "open to all" were John Strassen, John Zazo, H. H. Robens, Mrs. Hensley, Charley Lasch, Mrs. Chris Wind, Hal Hart, and J. Hinkel.

The winners in the large amateur division were John Schroeder, Toledo, Ohio; William Haugh, Wellsville, Ohio; Mrs. J. Roberts. The sweepstakes went to H. H. Howels of Cleveland, Ohio. E. J. Wind won first in the large commercial. It was a wonderful exhibit and the blooms all field grown.

The sectional winning Dahlias were: Snowcrest, W. H. T., Pink Giant, Snow Ball, Evelyn Chandler, R. A. Broomfield, Jane Cowl, Michigan White, Janet Baird, Weiser Hirsch, Terry, Delta, Josephine Klimpt, Punctual, Lyn Fontaine, Cherokee Brave, Sylvia, Mavis Tierney, California Idol, Moonbia, Rosy Dawn, Stephen Foster, Queen City, Scarlet Leader, Kangaroo, Granduro (an Australian exhibited by O. B. Geer), Mrs. I. D. Ver Warner, Latere and Deep Purple.

Mr. Geer of Geneva, Ohio, exhibited several seedlings that looked good to me—Col. A. G. Rudd, a carmine mahogany informal that has size and a good stem; Wings, a blood red S. C., also has size and stem. But the one Mr. Geer liked best is named Judy G. after his granddaughter. The color is scarlet lined yellow and yellow at the base of the petals. It is a long stem cactus and is really good. The outstanding exhibit was a perfect bloom of Josephine Klimpt, exhibited by H. H.



**SOUTHERN THOROUGHbred**—Giant mauve lavender, semi-cactus, won the Achievement Medal at Wellsville. Originator, Dr. H. L. Dozier, Cambridge, Maryland

Robens, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio. The judges were Harold Gallimore, chairman; John Eccleston, Thomas Watkins, George Shepp, Mrs. Wilmot, John Strassen, H. B. Mellott, Hal Hart, Mrs. Hal Hart, Harold Shannabrook, Mr. and Mrs. William McKinley Crawford, H. P. Patterson, D. T. Morgan, Dorothy Bailey, B. Myers, Ralph Meeks, Jessie Lynch and F. V. R. Veirs.

### *EAST LIVERPOOL*

East Liverpool had a grand show as usual with 15,000 Dahlia blooms of all types and a large number of glads and fall flowers. William Craine of Smith's Ferry was Sweepstakes winner and the prize was a 95-piece dinner set. The second prize went to Mrs. George White and the prize was a 22-piece breakfast set. Columbia, exhibited by the originator, D. T. Morgan, was the most perfect large bloom in the open to all and the show. Columbia was also the winner of the coveted House Beautiful medal. Maffie, exhibited by J. T. Eccleston, beat Columbia for size. The American Home Achievement Medal went to Mr. Zazo's Terry. Mr. Eccleston won steepstakes in the large amateur division. One of the most perfect specimen blooms was Dominant, exhibited by Mrs. MacDowell. Owing to the tire situation, very few visitors from a distance were present, but we were fortunate in having Mrs. Florence Baker from Toronto, Canada, and Louis Roberts of Chicago. Both helped judge the show. Mr. Roberts writes the Honor Roll from the central states. I hope both of them visited Mr. Gallimore's garden. I saw more good blooms in his garden than in any garden I have seen in a long time. The fogs in "Them Thar" hills along the Ohio River certainly do things to Dahlias.

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## Dear Elmer:—A Travelogue of a Group From the Dahlia Society of New Jersey

October 20, 1942.

Dear Elmer:

This Dahlia growing business gets to be a full time job early in September, even for us amateurs, what with showing and judging and visiting our friends' gardens it's good for several days a week. I don't know how the commercial growers ever find days enough in a week to do all the shows they have to.

I took the family up to Columbia, New Jersey, the Sunday before Labor Day, to see Mr. and Mrs. George Swezey. They moved from Hillside to Columbia a year ago, you know. They were both well and were living in their new home.

Frank Weingarth, his daughter and her husband, Howard Rivel, Bill Vooz and a nephew and niece of George's whom I had never met, were there.

George told me that "*Dean Shurtleff*" had been very outstanding in his garden. We saw some nice Edith Willkies and Maffies. They had already had a light frost up there.

Several of us New Jersey fellows who belong to the A.D.S. decided to go up to Storrs, Connecticut, to help judge the new Dahlias at the Trial Grounds on Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13. There were Connie Frey, Warren Maytrott, Ed Lloyd, Ray Smith and myself. Ed picked up all of us but Warren about five o'clock Friday afternoon and we went up to Lynn Dudleys in Tuckahoe. There we met the New York fellows, Doc Cook, Henry Olson and Al Parrella.

We had a quick look at Lynn's planting next door and adjourned to the Dudley dining room for some swell hamburgers, apple pie and coffee. You should have seen that Ray Smith "put it away." I'll bet he didn't have any lunch. Well, anyway, after supper we got Warren Maytrott fixed up on a "Cossack" in the back of Ed's coupe; he had to fold up like a jack knife to get in there but he said he was comfortable, and started out. The Jersey fellows in Ed's car and the rest with Doc Cook. We went over to Herm. Reinfeisch's garden in Mamaronck and picked him up.

Ed had to see Louis Alling who was showing at the Danbury Fair that day, so we headed for there. It rained almost all the way there and the Fair had closed for the evening on account of it, so we didn't find Louis anyway.

We got to the hotel in Willamantic about twelve o'clock. The others had beaten us by about an hour but Al Parrella was waiting up for us with what they had left of half a gallon of Italian Red.

The next morning Dudley called us all on the house phone about 7:30 and told us their crowd was ready to go. Would we get up and get going? When we got down we found he was only clowning because we beat most of their crowd to breakfast.

We got started about nine o'clock. Stopped out at Geo. Frazer's to see him but missed him. (Dudley should have called us earlier.)

Reached Storrs about 9:30. It had started to mist pretty heavily and it didn't look as though we were going to get much work done but we split up into teams and went to work. I was teamed up with Warren Maytrott and Ray Smith. It was my first time at judging

with an A.D.S. scoring card. Ray hadn't done it before either, so Warren had to get us both started.

If I remember correctly Dr. Patch told us there were sixty-seven varieties there to be scored. It was fascinating work and after a few tries we could score reasonably close to what Warren was giving them. There were some good flowers among them, too. One medium sized dark red incurved cactus that was hard to score under 90. I forget the name but you will see it in the report of the Trial Ground. Dahliadel's 1943 sensation "Rhythm" was there.

At noon we had lunch with Dr. Patch and Miss Corrine Wadhams, his pretty assistant, in the college cafeteria. Doc told us Bert Egan had been up the week before while on his vacation. The rain kept us out of the garden for half an hour in the afternoon, but we were able to finish the scoring. Henry Olson and Lynn got some of the pictures they wanted. They planned to get the rest the next day.

Several of us had so much to do at home on our own gardens that we decided to start back that night even though we had planned to stay till Sunday. So Ed, Connie, Al Parrella, Ray Smith and I left on the return trip about 4:30. We hadn't gotten further than Middletown before Al began to complain that his temperature was falling for lack of food. It didn't trouble him too much at first but by the time we had reached Bridgeport he reported that it had fallen to 38 degrees and he was in bad condition. We finally found a little seafood place in Devon and decided to try it. Connie, Ed and Al had sizzling steaks (a la bullhide) and Ray and I had lobster. The lobsters were Okay, but I could see that Connie's steak was giving him a rough time and Ed wasn't used to quite such hard work either. Well that experience cost us about two dollars apiece and an hour's time, all of which might have been better spent. Connie had to top it off with a shot of Bisodol, but Al's temperature had gone back to normal, so about 8:20 we got back on our way.

It was about 10:30 by the time we reached Al's place and we had to have a look at his garden with flashlights. He had some fine looking plants of Virginia Rute and a big planting of his little red and white bicolored seedling.

About 11:00 o'clock we got under way again. We landed Connie in Nutley a little before twelve and Ray in Cedar Grove a few minutes later. Ed must have been glad the trip was over, too. He had done all the driving both ways.

I heard afterward that Ray went out in his backyard to look at his Dahlias, and his wife, who was at a neighbor's, was afraid to go home when she saw lights moving around their garden at about 12:30. There had been a prowler in the neighborhood a week before, so she called the police and they surprised Ray, who was looting the icebox, when they arrived.

The trip was a lot of fun and we all enjoyed it. I'm looking forward to going again. Why don't you go next year, too?

The next Saturday Geo. Swezey, Ray and I judged the Jersey City Garden Club show. It was a nice little show. Bill Vooz had an interesting seedling there.

On Friday, the 25th, Miss Hornfeck, Frank Marker and Ray judged at the Victory Garden Harvest Show at the Park Avenue High School in Paterson. Dick



Vanderheide had several blooms of Van's Yellow that was new to me. Also a tricolor seedling that was very different. Dick is another one of those amateurs who grows several thousand seedlings each year. We have a number of them in The Dahlia Society of New Jersey.

Frank Marker grows three to four thousands and last year produced over five thousand seed. He has some fine new ones that we will hear of one of these days.

For years Connie Frey has grown several thousand seedlings and not until Yellow Glory came along did he consent to introduce one. He has several more now.

We held our show this year on October 3 at the Garfield School in Kearney. You know a show actually starts the night before the day set. Did you ever stop to think that somebody has to set up all those tables and cover them and see that the containers for the flowers are on hand, to say nothing of providing a place for the show to be held. The same few regulars, about whom we usually never hear, always come out to do the work of setting up and taking down the show. George Dolan, Elmer Davenport, Ed Lloyd, Leo Pollak and John Metzger have been doing that part of it so long they must be tired of it but they'll be there next year the night before to do it again, I'll bet. Everything considered, it was a fair show. Our greatest mistake was in setting such a late date. We will set the day for next year's show at our next meeting and let the other shows dodge our date for a change.

The wet weather had softened up most of the plants and several growers had been frosted but we still had some darn good flowers. Lynn Dudley, Dr. Cook, Henry Olson and Ernest Link judged the Dahlia classes while Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shanks, and Mrs. E. V. Romaine judged the arrangements. Either Lynn or Dr. Cook must have been a little under the weather because for the first time since I've known them they had no serious disagreements about their work.

"Dad" Kemp had a display of his new "Zulu" bedding Dahlias. A. Swoboda took the American Home Achievement medal with "White Champion", a white semi-cactus seedling of Mr. Kemp's. He showed another seedling, "East Orange", that I think would have beaten "White Champion" if the blooms had been as uniform. Beside this he piled up an imposing number of points for the Grand sweepstakes right through the show till he hit the open to all sections.

Then James Hopper of Closter caught up and passed him to win Grand Sweepstakes with 47 points against Swoboda's 44. Jim brought in a lot of flowers and he and his son and daughter worked hard right up to the last minute to get them set up. I like to see a couple of youngsters as interested in flowers as those two are. If there are enough others like them somewhere, the New Jersey Society will be able to keep its head above water for a long while to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Helbig of Elberon, New Jersey, had some fine flowers in the open to all sections. They have never shown with us before but they won 26 points in the one section. Only Swoboda and Jim Hopper had any more. Hope they come again. We need exhibitors like them.

I missed my good friend Mrs. Dennis of the Kearney Arlington Garden Club. She usually attends the show all day to do whatever she can to help. She showed up during the evening though, and told me she had fallen

down stairs the night before, but came to the show in spite of her bruises.

Two of the best flowers there didn't get in in time for the judging. They were a Columbia and a Golden Standard of Bert Egan's. Bert was working and couldn't come over with them. They were both perfect blooms just right, almost to the hour. Connie Frey said the Golden Standard was the best he had ever seen. The Columbia was a vision of beauty. Perhaps you have seen a bloom at some time that was just in prime condition, foliage clean and smooth, flower beautifully poised on just the right length of stem, every petal firm, glistening, perfect. It was not merely alive with sheer loveliness that I looked and looked and it almost seemed to say, "See how exquisitely beautiful I am. Look at me. I can only glow like this for him who understands and loves and tends me carefully, for it was his love and care of me that brought into being this beauty that is only God's to give." I wonder if I'll ever experience that again? I'll never forget the flower.

Well, Elmer, I guess I've told you about all the news of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey that I know, except that we are having our twentieth anniversary dinner at Essex House in Newark on Nov. 14 at 7:00 P. M. We would be glad to have any of the members of the A.D.S. or others who would like to come. The tickets are \$2.00. Just let us know in advance.

Yours,

HARRY.

Other winners at Twentieth Annual Flower Show of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey:

- Class 6—Best 5 medium flowers—John Metzger.
- Class 7—No award.
- Class 8—3 cactus—incurved or straight—A. Swoboda.
- Class 9—3 semi-cactus—Phillip Le Boutillier.
- Class 10—9 semi-cactus B medium—A. Swoboda.
- Class 11—3 blooms—Informal Dec.—B medium—No award.
- Class 12—1 bloom—cactus, incurved or straight—a large, any color—A. Swoboda.
- Class 13—1 bloom—semi-cactus—a large—Ray Smith.
- Class 14—1 bloom—formal Dec.—a large—Chas. Searles.
- Class 15—1 bloom—informal Dec.—a large—Chas. Searles.

Sweepstakes—Classes 8-14—A. Swoboda.

Class 16—Largest and most perfect bloom—diameter by depth—A. Swoboda.

Class 17—5 blooms—miniatures, any type, any color, 1 or more varieties—John Metzger.

Class 18—5 blooms—miniatures, any color, 1 variety—Herbert Green.

Class 19—3 blooms—ball Dahlias, any color, 1 or more varieties—John Metzger.

Class 20—No entry.

Sweepstakes—Classes 16-20—John Metzger.

Class 21—Arrangement asters, any container—James Hopper.

Class 22—Arrangement of marigolds—yellow supreme—in any container—J. Hopper.

Class 23—Arrangement of marigolds—Guinea gold—in any container—J. Metzger.

Class 24—Arrangement of marigolds—French—in any container—J. Hopper.

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Class 25—Arrangement of petunias—large flowered—in any container—no entry.

Class 26—No entry.

Class 27—Arrangement in any container of any flower plant, material not otherwise specified in this schedule—J. Metzger.

Class 28—No entry.

Class 29—Arrangement of Pompon Dahlias, 1 or more varieties in any container with any kind of foliage—J. Metzger.

Class 30—No entry.

Class 31—Arrangement of Miniature Dahlias, excluding pompons, mignon or bedding type Dahlias, in any container, with any kind of foliage—Miss Cooper.

Class 32—Arrangement of large Dahlias A—large, over 8 inches, not less than 12 blooms in large basket or other suitable container—Chas. Searles.

Class 33—Arrangement of large Dahlias in any container, using buff and autumn shades, with any kind of foliage—H. Green.

Class 34—Arrangement of large flowering Dahlias of pink tones, cameo salmon and rose, in any container, with any kind of foliage—H. Green.

Class 35—Arrangement of Dahlias approximately 15 inches high, suitable for a luncheon table—Mrs. H. D. Thomas.

Class 36—No entry.

Sweepstakes—Classes 21-36—J. Hopper.

Class 37—Cactus: incurved or straight, 1 bloom, large, over 8 inches, any color—H. Green.

Class 38—Semi-cactus: 1 bloom, large, over 8 inches, any color—A. Swoboda.

Class 39—Decorative: formal, 1 bloom large, over 8 inches, any color—J. Hopper.

Class 40—Decorative: informal, 1 bloom, large, over 8 inches, any color—Chas. Searles.

Class 41—Semi-cactus: 3 blooms, large, over 8 inches, any color—A. Swoboda.

Class 42—Cactus: 3 blooms, large, over 8 inches, any color—Helbig.

Class 43—Decorative: formal, 3 blooms, large, over 8 inches, any color—Swoboda.

Class 44—Decorative: informal, 3 blooms, larger, over 8 inches—Helbig.

Class 45—Largest and most perfect blooms, any type, diameter by depth—Ed. Lloyd.

Class 46—Miniatures: any type, 5 blooms, any colors, 1 or more varieties—J. Hopper.

Class 47—Bowl of Miniatures: any number of blooms—Le Boutillier.

Class 48—Pompons: 5 blooms, any color, 1 variety—Helbig.

Class 49—Bowl of Pompons: any number of blooms—J. Hopper.

Class 50—Ball Dahlias: 3 blooms, any color, 1 or more varieties—J. Hopper.

Class 51—Single Dahlias: 5 blooms, any one variety or color—Helbig.

Class 52—Single Dahlias: 5 blooms, more than one variety or color—no entry.

Class 53—Bowl or container of Orchid-flowering Dahlias; one or more varieties—Mrs. Thomas.

Sweepstakes—Classes 37-53—J. Hopper.

Grand Sweepstakes for the entire show:

First—James Hopper. Second—A. Swoboda.

## OHIO VALLEY DAHLIA SHOW

After Pearl Harbor the holding of a show became an issue for much discussion but the decision to have a show was unanimous even if it had to be held in a tent. Show schedules were printed and a hall was contracted for. Prospects for a fine show seemed good when we heard that the Victory Garden Harvest Show was to be on the same dates as our show. Two events of the same kind could not be, so arrangements were made whereby the O.V.D.A. took over the last two days of the Victory display with a Dahlia show.

Hurriedly, new and abbreviated schedules were printed and plans for the show were put into action, but we had no part in our plans for a visit from Jack Frost. This unwelcome guest paid his respects to our gardens two nights before the show with the result that many blooms that were being prepared for the show never got there and many others that did arrive showed his unwelcome touch. So Saturday morning of September 26th dawned brisk and cloudy with Dahlia growers congregating beside the beautiful fountain on the esplanade in the heart of downtown Cincinnati, to prepare beneath two tents a display of their favorite flower. Yes, in tents. Little did we think when that remark was made that it would become true and that our King of Autumn should be doing his bit for our boys in typical army style.

About noon six judges—Bob Seibel, L. M. White, Harry Poundsford, Jack Tierney, Carl Lillich and yours truly—with seven pretty young ladies as helpers, started out to do their worst. It seemed like the Elements sensed that, for then the rains came—and, boy, did it rain—but who cares about a little rain when you are around such beauties—I mean the Dahlias, of course. Anyway we didn't need any expensive cooling system to keep the blooms. The damp tent and wet floor—oh, yes, the water came under the tent—made an ideal atmosphere to stage a Dahlia show.

Entering the tent from the fountain side one viewed the specimen blooms. Here the most outstanding bloom in my opinion was a bloom of Glamour, exhibited by Carl Lillich. All of the Virginia Rutes were outstanding. A maroon cactus, Night Fall, appealed enough to me to go on my want list. It looks like a worthy addition to the maroon class. Koki, Croydon Acme, Crowning Glory, and Pink Josephine, also attracted attention. Other good blooms were Victory, Greater Glory, Golden Standard, Dominant, Mad. Jussiant, Norma Morton, Dahliaumum, Mildred Pote, Cornell, Maid Marion, Saracen and Yowa Matsuoka. Though small in size you could not pass Saarland Heimkehr without stopping to admire it. Other large ones to win firsts were Jersey Dainty, Beaute, Renate Mueller, Flash, Hillside Gold, Stephen Foster, Honor Bright, The Governor, Oakleigh Monarch, Cheer Leader, Lord of Autumn, Geneva, Carl Dahl, Darcy Sainsbury and Sunrays.

In the Ball section Orchid Ball and Rosy Dawn were the best with Jean Kerr, Clara Clemens and Supt. Amrhyn also getting firsts. The Miniature and Pom sections were well filled. Andries Orange, Little Diamond, and Little Jennie were the most outstanding. Other blue ribbon winners were Snow Sprite, Tip, Market Jewel, Little Colonel, Mrs. Telfer, Bronze Button,



Donnie, Doria, Betty Ann, Mrs. French, Miss Marjorie and Charma.

Two basket arrangements attracted my attention. One of Poms by George Richardson and another of miniature cactus by Raymond Moffett. Other arrangement winners were John Merkhofer, A. H. Ignatius and Frank Hammitt, who won with a nice arrangement of Orchid Flowering type.

These arrangements were along the north side of the second tent while Bob Seibel had a wonderful arrangement of baskets for the Park Board on the south side. I want to digress here a moment to say that Ault Park, under Bob Seibel, had an outstanding display of Dahlias in six long beds, part of one being used for our trial grounds.

In the center of the tent was a very interesting display of miscellaneous flowers—chrysanthemums, gladioli, roses, cacti, with the most attractive being pots of orchids. This was staged by the Cincinnati Flower Growers. Two other interesting displays were the American flag made with tomatoes, onions, and plums and the V for victory formed from apples.

While speaking of apples they were on sale at a nickel each and mighty good, too. Later, potatoes, cucumbers, onions and Dahlias went on sale—what a combination, but that did not matter as the receipts were for the boys in uniform, so who cared what was sold. The exhibition was free but donations were solicited by pretty girls at the entrance who put the pressure on your purse if not also on the pulse.

Sunday morning found the boys down again with more blooms. Some of these I have listed among the outstanding in the show, though they were too late for awards.

We missed John Tierney's big, sunny smile when the show was set up, but Sunday morning found him down to do his bit with a display for the Men's Garden Club of Price Hill. He said he cut that part of the town bare to make the display. Frost had been extremely severe there on Friday morning or else he would have been in with a display when the show opened. But John does not need to apologize for any of his displays, and though Dahlias were badly nipped, the display, with the help of the other flowers, was very attractive—yes, even a cotton plant with cotton on it was there. Take note, Dixie.

We missed a number of our members who, making use of what may be the last Dahlia trip for the duration, had gone to the Mid-West show at Indianapolis, which unfortunately had to be postponed to our date. We hope you had a good show, Indianapolis.

Now after the smoke had cleared away and before the pavement had time to dry, the score was tallied with Al Weller emerging the biggest winner. Second place was hotly contested by Carl Lillich, Judson Moffett and Charles Earhart with Jud getting a couple more ribbons and a few more points than his rivals. Al and Charlie brought their blooms down to our show early and then headed for Indianapolis. Ray Moffett and George Richardson did the same. Two shows in two different states in one day—some steppers.

No medals or prizes were given, only victory seals. This was a ruling of the Victory committee society. Futurity and American Home medals were not presented.

It seems like Old Man Weather thought the closing of the show on Fountain Square was his cue to close

the season, also for when we awoke Monday (September 27) he had done his work well. The Dahlias were black. This is the earliest killing frost on record for this locality and we were not prepared. The gardens were full of buds—but—we'll be seeing all of you again next year. Yes, we'll find a way to have a show next year for the O.V.D.A. says, "There'll always be a show in Cincinnati."

ANDREW F. DOERMANN.

## OHIO SHOWS

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### WELLSVILLE

The show at Wellsville was really a grand show. The flowers were in abundance and most of the blooms were real specimen blooms. Mr. Crawford, the president at Wellsville, is certainly a genial host but they tell me Mrs. Crawford grows the Dahlias. Harold Gallimore's wife is no slouch either. Man and wife combinations are hard to beat. Harold Gallimore's Carl Dahl was the largest bloom but Smith's Dahlia Gardens of Parkersburg, West Virginia, had the most perfect large bloom. This bloom was about as nice a bloom as I ever saw and the Carl Dahl did not have much on it for size. It was a lavender semi-cactus. The stem and foliage were perfect. The name is Ethel Smith; watch out for this one. The American Home Achievement medal winner was a very large lavender pink semi-cactus, on a good stem, originated by Dr. Dozier of Cambridge, Maryland, and exhibited by H. H. Robens of Chagrin Falls. It is a huge Dahlia and will be a good addition to the large Dahlia classes. Mr. Robens says it is the best seedling he has ever grown. The name is Southern Thoroughbred.

The Dahlias in my show garden were planted too late. Very few had bloomed when the early frost killed them. I had a Dahlia from the Chautauqua Dahlia Gardens that I liked very much. It is a lavender formal in the 8-inch class. The stem is just right and the foliage is very thick and insect resistant. It reminds me somewhat of Wenoka, but is a great improvement over that great Dahlia.

Summing up the Dahlias in the shows and the show gardens I have seen, I would say the best of the 1942 Dahlias are Columbia, Stephen Foster, Snow Ball, Delta, Josephine Klimpt, Sydney, and Edith Willkie. The best in my garden, of the older varieties, were Dahliamum, Maffie, and Pink Giant.

## Registrations

Application has been made with the usual fee for registration of the following names. If there is no objection within a reasonable length of time they will be considered registered.

*Waves*, I. D., bright violet . . . *Sunglo*, S. C., peach red and golden yellow . . . *Commando*, I. C., purple, striped white . . . *Purple Triumph*, I. D., reddish purple, striped phlox pink . . . *The Ranger*, I. C., purple and white . . . *Lilac Giant*, I. D., deep lilac. By Salem Dahlia Gardens, 236 Grant St., Salem, N. J.

# Rockville Centre Victory Garden Dahlia-Flower Show

Weather does make a difference. The annual A.D.S. show staged in New York City only a few days after an equinoctial storm, suffered acutely from its effects. A week of ideal Dahlia growing weather followed, however, so that many of the same exhibitors were able to bring very choice blooms into the Rockville Centre show on Sept. 26. Here was real "class."

But of them all, the eye-filling, knock-out entry of the gorgeous, brilliant, scarlet-red semi-cactus *Frances Dewey*, originated and shown by E. E. Tooker, was the focal point. This milestone in Dahliadom was the worthy winner of the American Home Achievement medal and the tricolor award as the most meritorious exhibit in the Dahlia sections.

The House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity award went to Henry Olsen for his exhibit of six blooms of *Mrs. Thomas Edison*. Three more blooms of this variety, remarkably well grown by J. P. Nichols, with long, strong stems, excellent foliage and fine color, also won as the best informal decorative. His entry of *Pygmalion* was the winning semi-cactus, while his *Marion Smith* was adjudged the best individual bloom in the Open to All, judged as to formation, perfection of bloom, stem and size. In the Amateur Section for those growing not more than 100 hills, the *Crowning Glory* was the winner in the corresponding class.

Sweepstakes in the Dahlia classes went to Henry Olsen. Henry Olsen's entries of Pompons were uniformly fine. Other outstanding entries deserving special mention were the following:

*Mrs. F. Downer*, by H. L. Stewart. This is a medium sized straight cactus of brilliant amaranth pink, blending to white at the tips of the petals and in the center.

*Marjory Ann*, a seedling, by Mollineaux. This is a medium sized or slightly larger incurved cactus, bright coral pink with narrow "spidery" petals and well balanced stem and foliage.

*Shangri-La*, of Rainbow Gardens, was another high class medium sized Dahlia, a formal decorative of excellent form and rich yellow color.

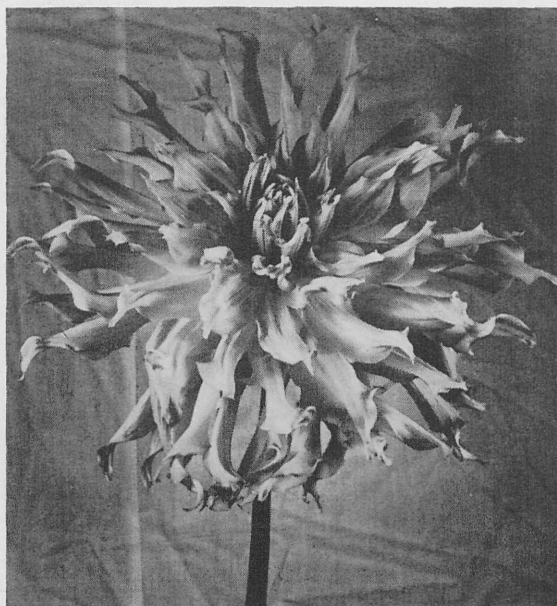
*Augie V*, shown by Dewey Mohr, is going to be much sought after because it is a good sized clear, red, true formal, decorative, which completes to the stem in good condition.

*Irene Dunne*, also shown by Dewey Mohr, is a fairly large, rosy lavender, straight cactus to semi-cactus, that attracted much attention and won in the cactus seedling class.

*Edna L*, by Dewey Mohr, was the winning miniature seedling. This is also a straight cactus to semi-cactus, rosy orchid in color.

*Ruth Nichols*, shown by H. L. Stewart, was very fine.

In the winning exhibit of five blooms, any classification or color of large size, by Dewey Mohr, *Montebello*, a crimson purple informal decorative and *Rita Betty*, an informal decorative, autumn shade blending orange, gold, and rose were notable.



FRANCES DEWEY—Immense, brilliant Scarlet semi-cactus, which stopped the Rockville Centre Show. It looks as though Mr. Tooker has pulled another "Edith Willkie" success out of his seedling bag. Introduced by Anne Tooker

*Orange Princess*, shown by Avery F. Nesbit, on account of perfection of bloom, stem and foliage, was an easy winner against larger varieties in the class calling for buff, orange or autumn shades.

Fine Ball Dahlias shown included *Alice J*, entered by Henry Olsen and *Zelda*, by J. P. Nichols.

## GARDEN CLUB SECTION

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Class 368—Small Dahlias arranged in two containers as a pair. First Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J.

Class 369 (Tri-color)—Any Dahlias combined with other garden flowers arranged in two containers as a pair. First Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J.

Class 370—An arrangement to show distinctive use of one Dahlia bloom. First Prize—Miss Olivia J. Norris, Douglaston, L. I., N. Y. Second Prize—Miss Elizabeth Astles, Flushing, N. Y. Third Prize—Mrs. William Stickles, Malba, L. I., N. Y. Honorable Mention—Miss Ruby Demoret, 141-20 73rd Ave.

Class 371—Any combination of Dahlias and native flowers. First Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J.

Class 372—My favorite arrangement. First Prize—Mrs. William Stickles, Malba, L. I., N. Y. Second Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J. Third Prize—Miss Isabella Stewart, Bronx, N. Y. City. Honorable Mention—Miss Janet H. Johnston, Bronx, N. Y. City.

Class 373—Dahlias in a prune juice bottle. First Prize—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conover, Oradell, N. J. Second Prize—Mrs. William Stickles, Malba, L. I., N. Y. Third Prize—Mrs. F. E. Falkenbury, Hartsdale, N. Y.



## Minnesota Dahlia Society Show

The Fourteenth Annual Show of the Minnesota Dahlia Society was held in the spacious lobby of the Northwestern National Bank & Trust Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 15th and 16th. The weather a few days previous to our show ran true to form but in spite of all the rain and wind the bank lobby, which is a city block long, was filled with blooms of excellent quality and the competition in most classes was keen. The attendance at this show was unusually large and much interest was shown in the various types of Dahlias.

The Court of Honor was again the center of interest in the show. First prize winners in all classes of single blooms were automatically entered in the Court of Honor and from these blooms were chosen the Grand Champion of the show and the most outstanding blooms of the various color and type classes. This year's Grand Champion was a magnificent bloom of "*Wosal*", exhibited by Mr. Wm. Holmberg of Minneapolis, Minn. Among the winners in the Court which were runners-up for the Grand Champion were *San Francisco*, *Deep Purple*, and *Angelus*, exhibited by Mr. R. S. Bryant, Hopkins, Minn.; *Croydon Superb*, *Alice May* and *Mrs. C. J. Soveton*, exhibited by Wm. Holmberg, Minneapolis; *Kentucky Sportsman*, exhibited by S. D. Peterson, Minneapolis, and *Crowning Glory*, exhibited by H. E. Nelson, Minneapolis.

Mr. R. S. Bryant, Hopkins, won the Grand Champion of the Cactus Court of Honor with his entry of *Angelus*. Other blooms winning in this Court were *Jersey Dainty*, *Frau O'Bracht*, exhibited by R. S. Bryant, *Crowning Glory*, exhibited by H. E. Nelson and *All American*, exhibited by W. S. Block, Minneapolis.

Mr. Wm. Holmberg was the winner of the sweepstakes in the Amateur Class, the second winner in this class being Mr. W. H. Lauer of Minneapolis. Mr. F. A. Upshur Smith of St. Paul was the winner of the sweepstakes in the Novice Class and Mr. W. S. Block, Minneapolis, winning second place in this class.

The American Home Achievement medal was won by Mr. Wilfred I. Larson, Minneapolis, with his entry of a beautiful scarlet cactus seedling, *Lucille*. Mr. Larson also won the House Beautiful's Futurity medal with his entries of *Stephen Foster*, *First Lady* and *Velvet King*. Runners-up in this class were *Orange Princess*, exhibited by R. S. Bryant and *Susan R*, exhibited by H. E. Nelson.

In the class for seedlings not more than three years old, first premium was won by R. S. Bryant on his entry of a scarlet semi-cactus bloom, No. A.C.-3; second place was won by S. D. Peterson on an Incurved Cactus Bloom, purple with white tips.

In the class calling for best displays, the first prize winner was R. S. Bryant, Hopkins and second place was won by Wilfred I. Larson, Minneapolis. These displays were outstanding in the large number of flowers displayed, the quality and size of bloom and in arrangement. Other displays entered for non-competition were those of the Winston Estate; Mr. R. W. Becker, Excelsior; the Bennett Estate; Mr. Horace Barnes, Wayzata and Mr. E. O. Lyders, Minneapolis, all outstanding in quality and quantity of bloom. Mr. Norman A. Borgan of Excelsior, Minn., had a very fine display

of miniatures and poms again this year which attracted much attention.

The judges of the show were: Mr. Chas. Schrrall, Ferndale, Wazata, Minn.; Mr. Horace Barnes, Deephaven, Wayzata, Minn.; Mr. E. W. Becker, Excelsior, Minn. and Mr. Louis Fischer, Croix Farms, Hastings, Minn.

MRS. A. R. OWEN,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## Virginia Dahlia Society

For several years the Virginia Dahlia Society has held its annual exhibition in connection with the State Fair. This has been a great help to us and we have watched our shows expand year after year, with much satisfaction. Imagine our reaction then, to the announcement that Uncle Sam was taking over the grounds which had been the scene of the annual fair, for many years.

The president appointed a committee of three, who were given authority to secure a place where the show could be staged. Within a couple of days all was arranged and the show was held on Sept. 29-30 in the Mayo Memorial Building opposite the Jefferson Hotel here in Richmond.

Heavy rains and wind on Sunday afternoon preceding the date of the show, spoiled many fine blooms, while most growers complained that their plants were late, for some reason. However, in spite of every handicap, we had a good show. There has been an excess of rain here in Virginia this summer and fall.

At the show, the American Home Achievement medal was won by Dr. H. L. Dozier, Cambridge, Md., with a white formal, which he named "Winter Carnival." There were a number of seedlings shown.

The Court of Honor for best bloom went to "Class", the new yellow formal. This was the most satisfactory Dahlia growing in the writer's garden this year. It is hard to beat.

Dr. Dozier also won in the Court of Honor. He showed a number of blooms of "Baby Vamp", a new red semi-cactus miniature, which shows great promise as a good keeper. A number of the blooms were taken by the writer and kept for more than a week after the show closed.

Our annual meeting, will be held on Nov. 19th. Supper and several entertainment features will precede the election of officers for 1943.

Already digging has started and soon all the clumps will be in storage, awaiting the spring of 1943 and more beauties.

J. A. MILLARD.

## Judges at the New York Show

The A.D.S. is appreciative of the splendid services rendered by the group of judges at the N. Y. show at Grand Central Palace.

The judges included:

F. Berry, E. O'Keefe, E. E. Tooker, D. Mohr, Dr. Preas, Dr. C. H. Connors, Geo. Fraser, Dr. Cook, O. B. Geer, J. L. Roberts, G. Waaser, H. Cory, C. Diefenderfer, E. Warden, R. Webb, E. Link, W. Noonan, L. Dudley, W. Maytrott and Conrad Frey, chairman.

## North Eastern, Penna., D. S. Show

When your pen starts to scribe the accomplishments of Dahlia exhibitors, care must be exercised lest exaggerations might creep in. Like the fisherman who tells of his catch, or the huntsman who shoots around corners to get his bird, the Dahlia enthusiast is sometimes prone to fancy tales. Not so, however, up here in the Blue Ridges of North Eastern, Penna. We have a group of Dahlia guys who stick to the truth—the bare facts about their blooms. We never grow anything over 16 inches, nor smaller than a bee's perch on a tiny pom.

To tell the story of our show we must deal in anticlimaxes. In our sixty hill sections we see the mighty Doll, the King of the Mins, putting in a bid for specials in the big classes, arranging Julius Bunge and Gretel, as cleverly as a bowl of Tip, or Mia Karsten, and we see C. D. Fortnam, the gladiolus wiz, demonstrating his innate ability with flowers, by growing to consummate finality, perfect blooms of D. Sainsbury, and Pink Giant, and taking sweepstakes, which makes him a Dahlia grower for life.

Our show schedule takes care of the intermediate grower, and once again the 150 hillers put on their interesting exhibitions. Charles "Angelus" Heurner, was on R. T. Talbot's heels for the entire session. Fred Hall furnished plenty of fireworks. But after Messrs. Swezey & Davis had their say, congrats were in order, for R. T. Talbot had won himself a sweepstakes.

Section D was our large amateur sections and here we saw both beauty and artistry. This section was packed with blooms (ask Charley Stoeckle, who paced the judging). Doc "Special" Armstrong added more fame to his glory, by growing all the Glories in the book. He demonstrated The Real Glory in all its glory, and made Greater Glory still greater by having it judged the largest and most perfect bloom in the entire show, and, then, to make sure, added still more glory to himself by taking sweepstakes. That's as it should be, 'cause he's the president, y'know. But, Aubrey Lewis bobbed up here with some beautiful blooms and won specials with Glendons Comet and Mme. J. Juissant. Roy Webb was a heavy exhibitor in this section and displayed exceptional blooms of Stephen Foster, Columbia, Iselberg, Class, and East Row. John Steele of Shamokin came a long way to complete the history in this section. Two blooms, especially Alice May and California Idol, reflected the talents of their grower. A.D.S. President Ed. Lloyd, and Ernest Link saw some good competitors in the Open. Bill Stolz went to town on sweepstakes and Holmes McDade rode in with them. These three guys had a lot of fun in this section. They brought in a variety of blooms which represents the latest in Dahliadom. Here we saw some nice Ginger Rogers, Lynn Fontanne, Iselberg, Showa, Vinwell, Paragon, Columbia, Dean Shurtleff and Mollie B. Here we make note of A. Lewis' Snowball. He bobbed up again with a front page bloom of Snowball, a beautiful white cactus which was later judged to be the most beautiful cactus in the entire show and the winner of the President's Trophy. Here we also got a glimpse of some of the new seedlings as exhibited by Holmes McDade.

We saw L4 Salems, an interesting longitudinally purplish and silver striped incurved cactus blend; and O43 by Salem, a new red and white bi-color, large informal, and Doziers Southern Thoroughbred, an interesting large lavender semi-cactus, and Margaret Gossman, a pink and white bi-color from Bill Stolz's patch.

Henry Olsen, Charles Streckle, Dr. Armstrong and Earl Holmes judged the Court of Honor. The A.D.S. medal for the largest and most perfect bloom was placed on Columbia, grown by Holmes McDade. Miss Marjorie was the smallest and most perfect bloom and was exhibited by Roy Webb. The American Home Achievement medal was won by Rushmohr Dahlia Gardens, with a pink straight cactus with white center, now known as Irene Dunn, who was present in person, selling War Bonds for the Lackawanna County Committee. The bloom was so christened and presented to the screen star by Senator Edw. Coleman. The House Beautiful award was won by Wm. Stolz. Roy Webb won the special 12 bloom bi-color award. Charles Stoeckle won the Geer award. Wm. Stolz won the Show Manager's award for the best yellow informal with five blooms of Lord of Autumn.

And, now, we come to the dear little ones. Paul Doll came back to his specialty and ran into plenty of trouble. Here's where A. Lewis bobbed up again—he's the greatest bobber-upper. Doll won sweepstakes in a photo finish. He showed blue ribbon blooms of Glorious, Peggy Liby, Tip, Royalette, Home Acres Sweetest, Rickey, Atom, Little Prima, Mrs. J. Telfer, Miss Marjorie, Eileen, and Dee Dee. The ball Dahlia section was interesting and the largest ever exhibited in Scranton. The competition was close and more than seven classes were entered (a requisite for the Doerman plaque) as follows:

White—First: Holmes McDade—White Caps. Second: Z. Kozmella—White Caps.

Yellow—First: Holmes McDade—Mary Helen. Second: A. Lewis—Mary Helen.

Orange—First: Holmes McDade—C. Caldwell. Second: R. Webb—Ch. Caldwell.

Red—First: Paul Doll—Black Diamond. Second: R. Webb—M. Kernochan.

Pink—First: A. Lewis—Alice Jane. Second: R. Webb—Alice Jane.

Lavender—First: W. Stolz—Supt. Amerhyn. Second: R. Webb—Supt. Amerhyn.

Purple—First: R. Webb—Nellie M. Second: R. Webb—Nellie M.

Blend—First: Holmes McDade—Rosy Dawn. Second: Z. Kozmella—Rosy Dawn.

Bi-color—First: J. Steele—Clara Clemens. Second: R. Webb—Clara Clemens.

Special—Most perfect bloom in ball section: Holmes McDade—Mary Helen.

Sweepstakes—Roy Webb.

Sweepstakes in the arrangement section was won by Wm. Stolz. Sweepstakes in the undisseminated section was won by Geo. Swezey.

Judging was done by Edw. Lloyd, Henry Olsen, Geo. Swezey, Ernest Link, Mr. Davis, Mr. Blatchford, C. Stoeckle, R. Webb, G. D. Fortnam, Florence Johns,



Earl Holmes and Dr. Armstrong. Dr. Edw. F. McDade was show manager. Grand sweepstakes winner was Wm. Stolz, Hazleton, Pa., whose blooms decorated almost every corner of the ornate auditorium of the Masonic Temple.

Vaudeville was contributed by The Comerford Amusement Co., and Prof. Gounod Evans led a large mixed chorus, who sang for county and community gratuitously and wholeheartedly.

The proceeds of the show will be invested in War Bonds. Such is the chronicle of 1942 in Scranton. We thank our judges, our patrons and our friends. The show committee is, as in former years, thankful to the members for their support.

EDW. F. MCDADE, M.D.,  
Show Chairman.

## THE DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA Ninth Annual Dahlia Show

The Ninth Annual Dahlia Show of the Dahlia Society of Georgia was held in Atlanta, October 2 and 3 at the H. G. Hastings Show Room.

This year the show was open to the public, free, and this feature attracted many visitors from the rural section as well as the cities in and around this section.

This year has been a good year for Dahlias and other plants due to plenty of rain and lack of insects. Dahlia plants in this section were also free from mildew.

With this ideal condition for Dahlias, our Ninth Annual Show had quality blooms, although quantity of blooms was somewhat curtailed due to the war.

Winners in the show:

### SECTION A

Large Flowers—Sweepstakes was won by C. E. Faust. Most Perfect Bloom was won by C. E. Faust on bloom, Carl Dahl. Three bloom was won by B. E. Philips on bloom, California Idol.

### SECTION B

Medium Flowers—Sweepstakes was won by C. E. Faust. Most Perfect Bloom was won by C. E. Faust on bloom, Cardinal Von Rosser. Three bloom was won by Robert L. Johnson on bloom, Democracy.

### SECTION C

Miniatures—Sweepstakes was won by B. L. Kennedy. Award for best entry miniatures was won by Mrs. A. C. Caraway. Award for best entry Pompons was won by C. R. Perry. Award for best entry Balls was won by B. L. Kennedy. Award for best entry, single, was won by Nelson Crist.

### SECTION D

Seedlings—Award for best entry, Classes 109-117, was won by C. R. Perry. Award for best entry, Classes 118-126, was won by C. R. Perry.

### SECTION E

Award for best entry, Classes 128-134, was won by Mrs. C. R. Perry. Award for best entry, Classes 136-140, was won by Forsythia Garden Club.

### SPECIAL AWARDS

American Home Achievement Medal was won by Mrs. W. D. Ricks. Variety—Cherokee Flame.

The American Dahlia Society Certificate was won by C. E. Faust. Variety—Carl Dahl.

Trophy—for the smallest and most perfect bloom was won by C. R. Perry. Variety—Johnny.

Our show committee is indeed thankful to The H. G. Hastings Company, who contributed much to the success of the show, and to the different committees and friends who donated freely of their time, and to the contributors who donated prizes for the show.

C. E. FAUST.



Left to right—Miss Irene Dunne, Senator E. J. Coleman and Lieut. B. A. Passanante, who lost his right leg while serving in the Philippines

## Irene Dunne Names Ruschmohr's New Introduction

Senator Edw. J. Coleman, of Pennsylvania,  
Addresses Northeastern, Pa., Dahlia  
Show Gathering

In the last ten years I have spoken at a reasonably wide variety of functions but none of them have given me quite as much pleasure as has my assignment here tonight. Somewhere in the fertile soil of Long Island there was grown a flower so rare and so beautiful that lovers of them everywhere agree with the philosopher that "Flowers are the greatest things that God ever created and forgot to put a soul into."

What a pity flowers can utter no sound. A singing Rose, a whispering Violet, a murmuring Dahlia, what a miracle these things would be. I am sure if this flower had the power of expression it would bemoan the fact that it developed at a time when the world was torn asunder by war and people have temporarily overlooked the handiwork of nature as expressed in flowers.

It is not my intention to attempt to describe its beauty. To analyze the charm of flowers is like dissecting music. There are some things you ought to enjoy without attempting fully to understand it.

The instinctive and universal taste of mankind selects flowers as a means of expressing its finest sentiment, because their beauty serves as a fitting symbol of those sentiments for which language seems entirely inadequate. And so tonight it is my great privilege to present to Miss Dunne, on behalf of the Dahlia Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, this flower so appropriately called the Irene Dunne Dahlia, because it reflects her graciousness, charm and personality.

## Field Day at Scranton, Pa.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society had its annual field day on September 6th. This day was the delight of hundreds of Dahlia fans who were turned loose among 600 hills of the finest of blooms. The stock in the park represents the donations of our own local members and that of commercial growers all over the country. A steady stream of citizens from near and far visited the park from noon till setting sun, demonstrating the innate desire of the human to get one more, and yet another glimpse of the cosmos. When nature tried its hand at painting a landscape, it lingered long in the species of Dahlias. It cut out patterns of diverse intricacies, tiny slits and curves on the one occasion, and larger and bolder creations on the next. She stole some of the colors from a rainbow and deftly touched some of the petals as if with magic, and blended the glories of sunrise with the autumn shades of a sunset. This might seem the ultimate in expression. It may seem that your cub reporter is off in the heavens, but the weather was fine; the sun was warm, and the bushes were all dressed up with their best of holiday blooms.

The park was sectioned by letter. The first section was devoted to the care of undissemated specimens of the larger type. In this section we had a preview of the newer creations of nationally known hybridizers. Here we saw for the first time Parellas A-40, a striking bi-color, and Denton's seedling which is somewhat like "Grace Curling" in color, but of better formation, with narrow petals of the 10-inch variety. Salems large O-44

grew informally. Its color shades to pink with a white center. It grows to large size on a low bush, and gets better as the season progresses. Salem also sent a large blend, A-5. This is something a little different in this type of flower. Yellow and pink blends with rich shades of gold to give a pleasing result. Colin P. Kelly is an interesting pink informal which grows easily on a medium disease resistant bush. Dahliadel sent us a seedling—a large red informal known as Pittman's seedling. This red shade did not fade. The flower faces on a 5-foot bush on long, straight, sturdy stems. Alling sent in an interesting medium sized pink cactus, with lavender shadings. This flower also has a tendency to go semi-cactus. It is a prolific bloomer. Stanley Johnson's seedlings are always interesting. His new, large, pink semi-cactus, and his new orange cactus were greatly admired. His seedling No. 2 was the topic of much discussion. Its three colors are arranged in longitudinal distribution, and are definite enough to distinguish. The writer would have to see more of this flower to attempt classification. Doziers Rhythm was beautiful. Warren Maytrott sent this stock. The flower falls into the cactus class. The formation is different. The petals are narrow and plentiful with blends of yellow and lavender, and lanced at the end. Premier Dahlia Gardens sent in a new huge pink informal and a big informal of the autumn shades. These bushes were judged to be among the best in the park.

Fioretti seedling turned out to be a medium sized pink and white bi-color. Andrew Doermann sent in a half hundred roots of sixteen different varieties of ball Dahlias. That this type of Dahlia is becoming more popular was very evident on this field day.

The rest of the park was planted with roots from our friends in the commercial world, and that of our members. The large ones numbered about 400, and the smaller ones about 200. In this part of the park we saw The Real Glory outshine both the new and the old. On Field Day it was just right and attracted the constant attention of the crowds. The Shining One with its odd shade of pink, had plenty of visitors. Dorothy Lamour wasn't lonesome; nor were Nancy A, Mitchell Iselberg, S. Heimkehr, Sunrays, Crowning Glory, and Mary Taylor. We planted a bi-color bed of Flash, Cornell, K. Sportsman, A. G. Goodacre, and Lois Walcher, which proved to be one of the most popular spots in the park. Amateur photographers visited this bed on many occasions during the season.

The social session started at 1:00 P. M. The pavilion was turned into a display room of cut blooms, which were transported by some of our members. Charles Stoeckle and Dr. Armstrong outdid themselves by transporting specimen blooms of the later releases in Dahlia-dom. These were enjoyed by our members and visitors. A. E. Nichols was the chairman of the event. Mr. Nichols worked hard on this committee all year. He had the cooperation of the city employees at Nay Aug Park. Mr. Nichols estimated that the city set aside approximately 3,000 sq. ft. of planting space for our society.

Once again we are indebted to friends for their assistance and support in this endeavor. This work helps to keep the interest in the Dahlia alive. It gives our membership an opportunity to see and study the charac-

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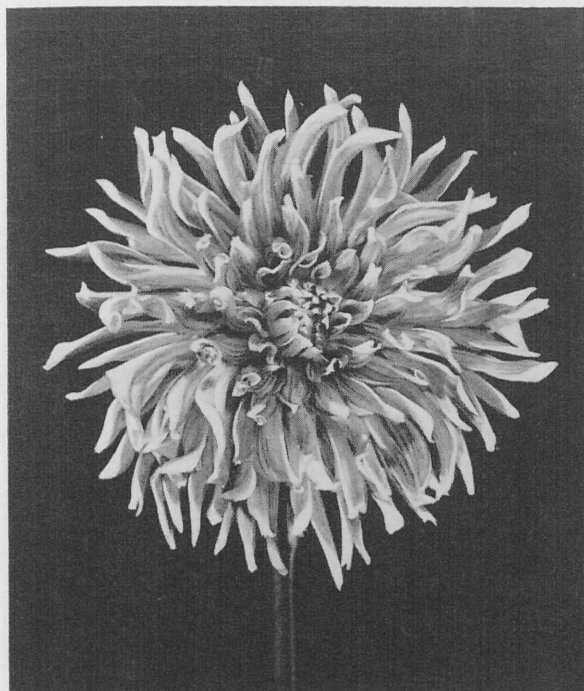
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teristics of the newer specimens. Our reports will aid introducers in arriving at some conclusion on the performance of their blooms in other climates. And now, like Phil Baker on the air, I'll say bye, bye, buy BONDS.

EDW. F. MCDADE, M. D.,  
Co-Chairman.

### Inglewood, Calif., Dahlia Show

Flowers, with Dahlias featured, were the lure for 5,072 persons who passed through the doors of the Inglewood high school gymnasium August 22nd and 23rd to view the blossom wonderland of the eleventh annual show of the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society.

Flower-lovers hailed the spectacle as one of the most successful exhibits ever arranged by the Inglewood Club.

Dr. G. Emmett Rait, president of the Santa Ana Dahlia Club, won the Inglewood award for the largest and most perfect Dahlia in the show. Walter Lundquist of Temple City won first and Edward Harbers of Hawthorne took second in the best formal decorative Dahlia competition.

The American Dahlia Society achievement medal went to W. B. Neff of Los Angeles for his Hiawatha seedling.

Captain Carl Ammenheuser of Los Angeles took first award for the best general display in the floral section. H. G. Vose won second.

Other winners in the show were:

Division 2-B, Dahlias—Best general display, Dr. H.

E. Cannon, with a special award to G. Emmett Rait; most artistic display, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jefferson.

Division 2-C, Dahlias—Most artistic, Robert Lundblad; best general display, Robert Lundblad.

Division 3, begonias—Sweepstakes award, Mrs. Clarisso Harris; certificate of award, H. G. Vose, Ernest Badsturner and Mrs. Clarissa Harris; best specimen fibrous, Harry L. Marshall, first; Mrs. Cantrell, second; best specimen of Rex begonias, Clarissa Harris, first; Ernest Badsturner, second; M. G. Vose, third; best collection of Rex begonias, H. G. Vose, first; Clarissa Harris, second, and Ernest Badsturner, third.

Division 5, flower arrangements—Best general display, Leah P. Cella; most artistic, Mr. Benton Geiger; special awards, Lola Schram of Los Angeles Garden Club and Dorothy Tompkins of Inglewood.

The Centinela Garden Club received a special award for an outstanding non-competitive exhibit, entered as a courtesy to the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society, according to President A. E. Slatter, who was in charge of the show.

Special awards were given to the following:

Roman Schmidt, Los Angeles; A. R. Tombs, Fullerton; Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego; A. C. Delking, Arcadia; H. A. Robinson, Montebello; James Wood, Santa Monica; Otto Lundin, Los Angeles; Bertha Keiper, Los Angeles; S. J. Plane, Los Angeles; Mrs. McKenzie, Los Angeles; Hardin Hart, Inglewood; the San Gabriel Valley Dahlia Society, and A. E. Slatter, for his non-competitive exhibit.

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## Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The Fourteenth Annual Show of the Hagerstown Dahlia Society was held in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association on North Potomac Street, September 24th and 25th.

The exhibition was opened to the flower-loving public at 4 P. M., September 24th, with one of the most gorgeous displays ever made in the history of the Society. All classes were well filled, having a 10 per cent increase in entries over the year of 1941. The Society was pleasantly surprised at the success of the year's showing, considering that the recent heat wave followed by an abrupt cold snap, had had a decidedly detrimental effect on the calibre of the bloom displayed.

In addition to the array of Dahlias there were many exhibits of the finest specimens of roses. Gladiolas, asters, marigold, zinnias and other flowers in season. A number of large displays were very attractively arranged in order to show the flowers off to the best advantage.

The largest Dahlia in the show was exhibited by Mr. H. H. Muck. Best Dahlia in the show by Groves Dahlia Gardens; smallest Dahlia in the show by Mrs. Edith Trumpower.

Mr. A. H. Sherman had the best white and the best yellow blooms in the show. Mr. Oscar R. Moser best pink; Groves Dahlia Gardens best red; Mrs. H. C. Kuhn best purple and Mr. N. A. Gossman the best bi-color bloom in the show.

Sweepstakes were won by Mr. Oscar R. Moses. Mr. N. A. Gossman had the most entries in the show; Oscar R. Moser second and Polsgroves Dahlia Gardens third;

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Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kuhn won first and second of the best displays, 10 feet or more, and Mr. A. H. Sherman third prize. In the 1942 introductions, best formal and informal, Groves Dahlia Gardens won first; Mr. N. A. Gossman, second and Mrs. H. K. Ramsburg third prize. Cactus class: Mr. N. A. Gossman won first prize; Polsgroves Dahlia Gardens second; and Mrs. H. K. Ramsburg third prize. Best Dahlia in the smaller variety classes: Grover Dahlia Gardens won first prize and Polsgroves Dahlia Gardens second and third prizes.

In the Gladiolus class, very fine specimens were exhibited. The winners in this class were: Miss Mamie Long, Mr. Oscar R. Moser and Groves Dahlia Gardens.

Judges of the show: Prof. J. B. S. Norton, Dr. W. R. Ballard from the University of Maryland; Mr. Wm. A. Bochau, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Mary Bester, Miss Mary Harter and Mrs. Harry R. Rudy, Hagerstown, Md.; Mr. Homer C. Grove, Mrs. Roy Polsgrove and Mr. I. Keller Shank, were show superintendents.

As the curtain goes down on the Dahlia culture for 1942, may we all continue to work together as in the past for the betterment of the most beautiful of all flowers, namely, the Dahlia.

H. K. RAMSBURG, Secretary.

Secretaries—Please send your news and notes to the Sec.-Editor before December 27th for the next issue. Address: Gordon F. Waaser, 269 So. Grand Ave., Baldwin, L. I., N. Y.





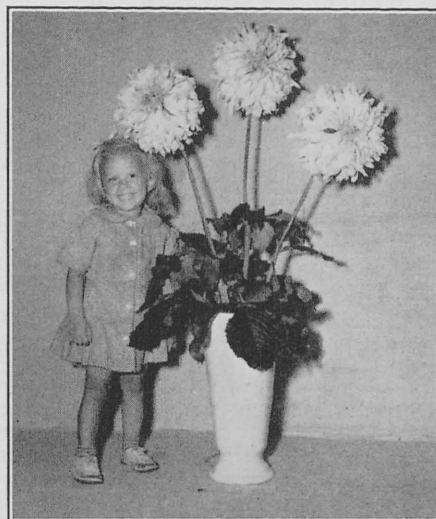
## FEATURING BI-COLORS FOR '43

**PEARL HARBOR (Left, photo taken at Storrs Trial Grounds): I. D.** An 8 in. to 10 in. flower that rolls back to the stem. A rosy lavender, flecked and splashed dark purple, which appears blood red. Named in memory of the tragedy at Pearl Harbor—American's rosy spot, which was spattered with blood on December 7.

A seedling of Mrs. Wm. S. Knudsen crossed with Audrey Schmidt. An early bloomer and good grower. Storrs report a 6 ft. bush where it received a certificate in 1941. On Eastern, Mid-western and Western Honor Rolls.

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**DIXIE'S WINE DOT (Right): I. D.** A clear white flecked and splashed with wine red. Similar to Haslerova, except that it is more informal and larger. Blooms average 10 in. to 12 in. and larger. Stems are long and stiff on a 5 to 7 foot bush, with glossy insect resistant foliage. Same parentage as Pearl Harbor. Received Certificate of Merit at Ohio Trial Grounds. Also good scores at Storrs and East Lansing. Won American Home Achievement Medals at Chicago; Toledo, Ohio; and New Baltimore, Mich. On Eastern and Mid-western Honor Rolls.

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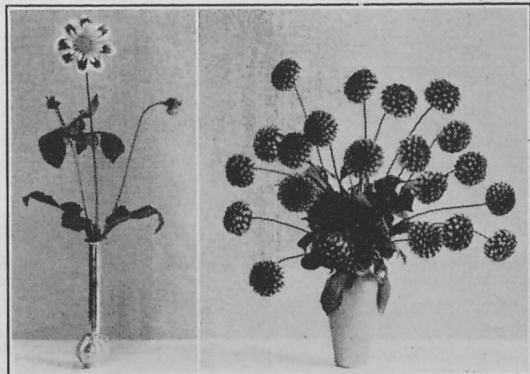
**COINCIDENT (Below): Col.** Four-inch bloom. Scarlet, heavily bordered, chrome yellow, without any blending. The cream collar makes it a tri-color. Many prizes as a seedling. Certificate of Merit at East Lansing. On Western Honor Roll.

Roots \$5—Plants \$1.50

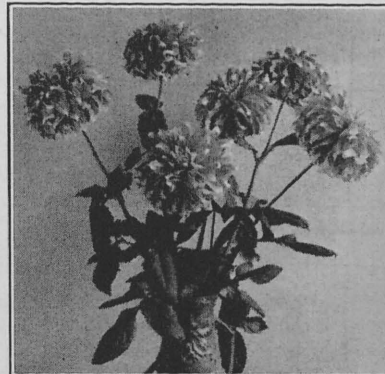
**SANTA CLAUS (Below): I. D.** Flag red, tipped white. Blooms 7 in. x 5 in. Very aristocratic in formation. A seedling of Michigan White, which accounts for its being a free bloomer. A medal winner at A.D.S. Show in commercial undisseeded class. Also won same classes at New Baltimore, Mich., and Toledo, Ohio, shows.

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**BRIGHT IDEA (Left): Min. F. D.** Crimson tipped white. Blooms 3 in. x 2 in. An abundant bloomer with good stems on low compact bush. Won first for three consecutive years in undisseeded miniature class at Toledo. Also first in same class in Cleveland in 1942. Certificate of Merit in Ohio Trial Grounds. On Eastern and Western Honor Rolls. Roots \$5—Plants \$1.50.



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## Twelfth Annual Show of Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc.

The twelfth annual show of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc., was held at the Recreational Building in the city of Wauwatosa on September 5th and 6th, 1942. This building is administered by the park board of the city and is an ideal location for a flower show as the main hall is not marred by pillars or other supports, the floor space is adequate to permit wide aisles between the tables, and it has a high ceiling so that the flowers keep well even though the outside temperature is warm. The Wisconsin Federation of Garden Clubs has used this building for their annual show for several seasons. Best of all the exhibition hall is on the ground floor and there is practically unlimited parking facilities for automobiles in close proximity to the building.

The hall was beautifully decorated with the national colors. At one end of the hall were the shadow boxes and table settings of the Artistic Arrangements Section, while at the opposite end was a cloth house built to actual size with a dirt floor in which were set potted Dahlia plants in bloom of fairly good height, and there were trees on either side of the cloth house which added a very realistic touch. On either side of the hall were commercial displays and the electrically illuminated shadow boxes in which were placed the winners of the classes of ten and six blooms. In the center portion of the hall were elevated stands decorated in black with the shelves at different levels, one for the undisseminated class and the other as a Court of Honor on which were placed the winners of the awards as the most perfect blooms and the largest blooms in the various sections, and also the grand champions of the entire show. The remainder of the floor space was occupied by tables on which were displayed the entries in the various competitive classes.

The show itself was generally acclaimed the best arranged and most beautiful show ever staged by our society. While we have had shows with more total entries, we have never had one where there were as many entries in the miniature and pompon sections (not even last year's Mid West Show), nor one in which there was better quality or more keen competition in the Novice Section, which is a healthy sign. At our August meeting it was voted to adopt the program of the Victory Garden shows of donating eighty-five percent of the net profits of the show to Army and Navy Relief.

An exquisite bloom of Freda George exhibited by our secretary, E. J. Heggstad, of Whitefish Bay, won the Dahlia Society of Ohio cup as the most perfect bloom in the show over eight inches, while this same exhibitor was awarded the Dahlia Society of Michigan medal for the most perfect flower under eight inches with Michigan White.

The largest bloom in the show was a magnificent bloom of Lynn Fontanne, exhibited by George R. Currie of Sheboygan, which measured 13½ inches in diameter by 9 inches in depth, the award being the president's cup. The two runners up were another bloom of Lynn Fontanne and one of Virginia Rute, both also belonging to Mr. Currie, and the three blooms were so close to being of equal size that the judges were required to measure

and remeasure them several times before reaching their decision as to which was the largest.

While there was a large undisseminated class in which were entered entries of several of our nationally known commercial growers, the judges decided none were worthy of the American Home Achievement medal. This is the first time in quite a number of years that this award has been withheld at our state show.

Mrs. Laura Delaporte of West Allis, proprietor of Delwood Dahlia Gardens, was awarded the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin silver medal for the best commercial display, and the judges also awarded the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association medal to this same display as the most meritorious exhibit in the show.

The Dahlia Society of Georgia gold medal awarded to the winner in the class of ten (this class is always a feature attraction in our shows), went to George R. Currie, the varieties in his entry being All American, Bill's Gold, Crowning Glory, Exquisite, Hunt's Velvet Wonder, Lynn Fontanne, Mandalay, The Real Glory, Tops, and Virginia Rute.

The A. D. S. medal for the six most perfect blooms in the Large Amateur Section was awarded to Dr. H. H. Vollendorf of Manitowac, on one bloom each of Burch Foraker, Figaro, Katie K, Mary Lynn Dudley, Norma Morton, and Prexy.

Joseph Heineman of Milwaukee was the winner of the House Beautiful Award in the Futurity class with two blooms of Tops, two of Columbia, one of Stephen Foster, and one of Top-Flight.

Our good member, Carl Herrmann, who is a jeweler by profession, donated a gold belt buckle ornamented with a silver Dahlia bloom, to be awarded to the best bloom in the show of his favorite Dahlia, Darcy Sainsbury, and this was won by Thos. Nooyen of Appleton.

The sectional winners in the various sections were as follows:

### *Novice Section*

Best bloom—Jersey's Dainty, Robert Schmitz, Milwaukee.

Largest bloom—Marion Thorne, Harry Bachman, Milwaukee.

Sweepstakes—Harry Bachman, Milwaukee.

### *Small Amateur Section*

Best bloom over 8 inches—Dorothy Lamour, Peter Schurrer, Sheboygan Falls.

Best bloom under 8 inches—Lady in Red, J. S. Jones, West Allis.

Sweepstakes—J. S. Jones and J. Raatz tied for this honor.

### *Large Amateur Section*

Best bloom over 8 inches—Freda George, E. J. Heggstad, Whitefish Bay.

Best bloom under 8 inches—Michigan White, E. J. Heggstad.

Largest bloom—All American, E. J. Heggstad.

Sweepstakes—E. J. Heggstad.

### *Open to All Section*

Best blooms over 8 inches—Consul General Quist, Ben Machowski, Milwaukee.



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Best bloom under 8 inches—Nancy Ann Mitchell, Emil Mauer, Milwaukee.

Largest bloom—Lynn Fontanne, George R. Currie, Sheboygan.

Sweepstakes—Emil Mauer, Milwaukee.

### *Small Flowering Section*

Smallest and most perfect miniature—Baby Sunset, Emil Mauer.

Smallest and most perfect pompon—Miss Marjorie, George R. Currie.

Sweepstakes—Theodore F. Schroeder, Mukwonago.

### *Artistic Arrangements*

Sweepstakes—Mrs. Wm. Poepp, R.F.D., Milwaukee.

Besides the medals previously mentioned, the following were also awarded: Dahlia Society of Alabama, Dahlia Society of East Liverpool, Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society, and Minnesota Dahlia Society.

Out-of-the-state judges who officiated were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Southick, Grand Rapids, Michigan; and the following from Illinois: Leo D. Garis, Park Ridge; Prof. Lew Sarett, Ravinia; H. L. Franzen, Maywood, and J. Louis Roberts, Stanley Swanson, and James Marsh, of Chicago.

DR. H. O. HOPPE, President.

### **Suburban Dahlia Society**

The annual Fall Show of the Suburban Dahlia Society was held September 22nd and 23rd. Due to present

conditions exhibits were much limited as was attendance. This seems to be the trend of all flower shows this year. The writer visited ten shows and found this same condition applicable.

Flowers seem forgotten in the desire to feed the maws of Mars, when nations become insane and the ensuing bath of gore deluges the better things of life. A review of the winners:

Largest in the show—"Edith Willkie," by Len Warner.

Smallest bloom in the show—"Honey," by Irv Bodenburg.

A display of poms by George Mumma that compared with any I have ever seen. In the under 75 class—J. W. Moore, with a perfect bloom of "Amigo." Generous winnings by Tom Combs and Bill Cates. Best seedling, a peony, flowered bi-color by Florence Nolte.

Two fine ball Dahlia winners in different classes by Fred Reynolds and Mrs. Lauer. Mrs. Lauer is an example of true and died in the wool love of Dahlias. This lady has no car and comes from a long distance—yet shows all the flowers she can carry—and wins her share of ribbons. As usual she showed and won with "Massachusetts"—a ball of long ago, but really fine.

The Schwanebecks were on hand with several winners, but a drought in their section limited their entries. The show was ribbon awards only, but three prizes were awarded to Mrs. Lauer and Messrs. Schwanebeck and Warner by an unnamed donor for loyalty to the club and their many entries. Judging was handled by Ed and Will Schaun and Roy Tracey, and was of the usual high character and complete fairness. Due credit must be given to our genial President "Pop" Walsh.

## SAN LEANDRO SHOW

The San Leandro Dahlia Society held their annual show Saturday and Sunday, August 29th and 30th. Owing to the Army taking over the Veterans' Memorial Building, we had to find new quarters, and for a time it looked as if there would be no show, but the Rev. Sherman Potter of the Presbyterian Church came to the rescue and said we could have the gymnasium connected with aforesaid church. This is a grand hall for the occasion and we put on a grand exhibition. What we lacked in numbers in exhibitors was made up in quality.

Some of our members are engaged in war work, so were unable to be present—still we filled the gymnasium and most of our visitors said it was a wonderful show.

The main winners in the Novice Section were Chas. Perry, Ambrose Arbina, A. LeCacker and Will Eadie. The latter secured best flower in Novice Section with a beautiful bloom of Jane Cowl. Perry won largest in Novice Section with Azura.

In the Amateur Section, Stanley Allen was much in evidence, securing best general display, best flower with Ray Glassley and largest flower with Ella Worthen. This was the largest flower in the show. Mr. Allen and his better half received lots of praise from visitors on the excellence of their whole exhibit, which was very outstanding. Mrs. Parle and Mr. Fred Garms gave him good competition in some of the individual classes. But in the general exhibit he did himself swell, or I perhaps should say they, as I believe Mrs. Allen did most of the arranging of the blooms. Stan was just her stooge.

We had five or six classes for tuberoses, begonias,

and Stanley and Mr. Arbina fought it out between shows, and I think Arbina came out on top. He took first in twelve blooms, six blooms and three plants in pots; Allen winning the hanging begonia class, but they both told each other what they would do next year, all being well. Allen also won the artistic display thus taking the Fridon Liberty trophy. This was in the Open for All. Other winners in the Open for All were: T. J. Sjoburg, Jim Groves, Chas. Perry and Chas. Garrity. Sjoburg won the 1941 and 1942 seedling class. Jim Groves won the best of blooms commercial with Grace Gulliver. The Sunset Magazine medal was won by Garrity after a tough struggle with Sjoburg's Vine Pink.

The American Home Achievement medal went to Garrity's Mrs. Miniver, a large lavender cactus with lighter center. Best flower in show went to Garrity's Chautauqua Dawn, after a tight fight with Allen's Ray Glassley.

In the advanced amateur T. J. Sjoburg took the leading honors. Ted had to work himself, so his better half had to do the arranging. He said he could have done better himself, but I have my doubts. Be that as it may he carried off most of the prizes. Jim Garms gave him a good run, but Jim is getting on in years and says his time for exhibiting is past. Still we are all glad to see him come back each season, as he was one of the founders of the Society. Dr. Luther Michael, another founder, is in the hospital and we missed him very much. Ted came back at Jim in the Open for All, but I think honors were even.

CHAS. GARRITY, Secretary.

## MID-WEST SHOW

(Continued from page 16)

Kong, a huge purple informal, exhibited by the Golden Rule Dahlia Farms and they were outstanding.

Wine Dot was received from the Dixie Dahlia Gardens of Clio, Michigan, at noon on Sunday, just twenty-four hours too late to be entered in the show. The variety has been awarded several prizes in this American Home class in other shows in the country and would have been a contender of no mean ability had it arrived on time.

The grand awards of the show were as follows: Most Meritorious Entry for the entire show: Mr. Oler, Dublin. Grand Large Bloom for the entire show, Mr. Thompson; while Grand Medium Bloom and Sweepstakes for the entire show went to Mr. Johns.

A large number of exhibitors and judges from out of the city were in attendance throughout Saturday and the greater part of Sunday. Outstanding Dahlia enthusiasts beside the award winners were: Mr. J. Louis Roberts, contributor of the Mid-West Honor Roll for the Flower Grower; Dr. H. O. Hoppe, Mr. E. J. Heggstad and Mr. Ted Schroeder of Milwaukee, Wis.; Mr. E. M. Larson of Madison, Wis.; E. J. Wind, Rocky River, Ohio; Mr. C. R. Heitzman, Mr. Charles Erhardt, Mr. George Richardson and Mr. R. H. Moffet, all of Cincinnati; Mr. W. D. Kleinjohn, Secretary of the Mid-west Conference; and Mr. Kleinjohn, Mr. Walter Kruse, Mr. and Mrs. Arrington, all of Louisville; Mr. R. C. Grass, Mrs. C. Williams and Mr. L. C. Bennett of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. David Radke, and Mr. Leo Garis of Chicago.

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## Burholme Dahlia and Flower Show

Saturday night, September 19th, brought to a close the 22nd Annual Flower Show of the Burholme Horticultural Society, held September 18th and 19th at Trinity Oxford Community House, Burholme. While present war conditions of gas and rubber rationing were responsible for the decrease in entries and persons exhibiting, only 8 of the 116 classes were not entered; however, in the opinion of the judges the quality of our Dahlias and garden flowers surpassed those of any show at which they had officiated so far this year. A total of 452 entries were made by 75 exhibitors.

In Section "A" Dahlias, "Open to All", the sweepstake prize was awarded to Stanley Johnson, Pennypack Gardens, Cheltenham, for a total of 71 points.

In Section "B" Dahlias, "Amateurs Only," the sweepstake prize was awarded to James Comito, Huntingdon Valley, Pa., for a total of 73 points.

In Section "B Special," "Growers of only 50 hills of Dahlias," the sweepstakes prize was awarded to D. J. Thomas, Willow Grove, Pa., for a total of 23 points; Mrs. Florence Hagerman, Burholme, was next highest with 8 points.

In Section "C" Dahlias open to Members of the Society, the sweepstake prize was awarded to James Desmond, Elkins Park, for a total of 43 points; Chas. Friedel, Lawndale, was next highest with 42 points.

The Most Meritorious Exhibit in Sections A, B and C was a beautiful basket of 25 Dahlia blooms entered in Section "A" by James Comito. For this exhibition

Mr. Comito will receive the Michell Medal donated by Henry F. Michell Co., Philadelphia.

In Garden Flowers, Novelties and Arrangements, Sections D and E, the sweepstake prize of a Pink Dogwood tree donated by DeKalb Nurseries, Norristown, Pa., was won by H. B. Dietrich, Rockledge, with a total of 22 points; Mrs. A. Hermann, also of Rockledge, was next highest with 20 points.

A vase of Snapdragons entered by Mrs. Mabel C. Dietz, Burholme, was considered most meritorious in Sections D and E and awarded the "Floyd Bradley Horticultural Achievement Medal" donated by the Temple Bradley Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Florence Hagerman entered 31 exhibits in Sections D and E; Mrs. A. Herman was next highest with 23.

Miss Dorothy Desmond of Elkins Park was awarded the Bronze Medal of the National Garden Bureau, Chicago, Ill., for her splendid Basket of Vegetables in the Victory Garden Section.

In Section "F" for Junior Members, Robert Duckett was awarded sweepstake prize for a total of 15 points; Beatrice Plank was next highest with 10 points.

The show was judged by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Glad- ing, Wenonah, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Curtice White, Johnsville, Pa.; Mr. Harry Woods, Swarthmore, Pa.; Mr. George Masson, Ewing, N. J.; Mr. Chas. K. Hall- well, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.; Mr. Louis G. Manger, Philadelphia and Mr. John M. Root, Collingswood, N. J.

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The Missouri Valley Dahlia Association held its annual show September 26th and 27th at the Masonic Temple in St. Joseph, Mo. It was a grand show and the blooms were of fine quality notwithstanding the frost we had two nights before the show. After seeing all the blooms we wondered where all the blooms of Dahlias would have been put if there had not been a frost. The entire proceeds of the show was turned over to the U. S. O.

Enclosed is a list of blue ribbon winners in size from 14 inches to 1 inch.

PAUL V. LAWNICK, Secretary.

## SECTION A—LARGE FLOWERING DAHLIAS

Formal—white, *Jean Kerr*, Mrs. Boosinger.  
 Formal—yellow, *The Governor*, R. A. Farris.  
 Formal—autumn, *Sultan of Hillcrest*, R. A. Farris.  
 Formal—pink or rose, *Jersey Beauty*, J. O. Hinde.  
 Formal—orange or flame, *Volcano*, Ralph Simmons.  
 Formal—red or crimson, *Astec Chief*, Lester Davis.  
 Formal—maroon or dark maroon, *Mad River Chief*, Lester Davis.  
 Formal—lavender or mauve, *Croyden Acme*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Formal—purple or violet, *Saracen*, Ralph Simmons.  
 Informal—white, *Mothers Day*, Lester Davis.  
 Informal—yellow, *Lord of Autumn*, R. A. Farris.  
 Informal—autumn, *Carl Dahl*, Fred Stock.  
 Informal—blended, *Kilgoes King*, A. L. Childers.  
 Informal—pink or rose, *Premier Winsome*, R. A. Farris.  
 Informal—orange or flame, *Margrace*, R. A. Farris.  
 Informal—red or crimson, *Red Cloud*, Paul V. Lawnick.  
 Informal—maroon, *Cherokee Brave*, R. A. Farris.  
 Informal—lavender or mauve, *Garden Delight*, Ralph Simmons.  
 Informal—purple or violet, *Glamour*, Fred Stock.  
 Informal—bicolor, *Cornell*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Semi-Cactus—yellow, *Kay Francis*, R. A. Farris.  
 Semi-Cactus—blended, *Jersey's Melody*, Paul V. Lawnick.  
 Semi-Cactus—pink or rose, *Pink Fantasy*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Semi-Cactus—orange or flame, *Confusus*, Lester Davis.  
 Semi-Cactus—red or crimson, *Maffie*, John Meidinger.  
 Semi-Cactus—maroon, *Adolph Mayer*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Semi-Cactus—purple or violet, *Jean Trimbee*, N. R. Simms.  
 Semi-Cactus—bicolor, *Peppermint Candy*, N. R. Simms.  
 Cactus—white, *Ballegos Surprise*, Paul V. Lawnick.  
 Cactus—yellow, *Jean Parturel*, Fred Batchner.  
 Cactus—autumn, *Gov. Heil*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Cactus—blended, *Your Lucky Star*, Fred Batchner.  
 Cactus—pink or rose, *Mrs. H. O'Connor*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Cactus—orange or flame, *Gretel*, E. M. Summers.  
 Cactus—red or crimson, *Thunderbolt*, John A. Meidinger.  
 Cactus—lavender or mauve, *Miss Ohio*, E. M. Summers.  
 Three Formal Decorative—*Jersey Beauty*, J. O. Hinde.  
 Three Informal Decorative—*Dahliaum*, R. A. Simmons.  
 \*Largest and most nearly perfect bloom—*Glamour*, Fred Stock.  
 The A. D. S. Bronze Certificate was awarded for this bloom.

## SECTION B—MEDIUM SIZED DAHLIAS 5" to 8"

Specimen—Formal—*Jersey's Beauty*, A. L. Childers.  
 Specimen—Informal—*Cherokee Brave*, Lester Davis.  
 Specimen—Semi-Cactus—*Adolph Mayer*, John Meidinger.  
 Specimen—Cactus—*Captain Cedearquist*, Lester Davis.  
 \*Best bloom in this section—*Captain Cedearquist*, Lester Davis.  
 The Townsend, Wyatt & Wall Trophy vase was awarded for this bloom.

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## SECTION C—BALL DAHLIAS

White—*Jean Kerr*, Mrs. Wm. Boosinger.  
 Red—*Big Ben*, Byron Conley.  
 Pink or rose—*Pink Ball*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Yellow—*Mary Helen*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Lavender or mauve—*Supt. Amrhyn*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Purple or violet—*Mrs. C. O. Anderson*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Orange or flame—*Firefly*, Paul V. Lawnick.  
 Blended—*Maude Adams*, Paul V. Lawnick.  
 Maroon—*Velvet Ball*, Fred Stock.  
 Autumn—*Charlotte Caldwell*, J. O. Hinde.  
 Specimen—3 Balls—*Charlotte Caldwell*, J. O. Hinde.  
 Basket of balls arranged for artistic effect—C. H. Moon.  
 Vase of balls—*A. D. Livon*, John A. Meidinger.  
 \*Best ball in this section—*Pink Ball*, Harry Kurtz.  
 The Kansas City Cup was awarded for this bloom.

## SECTION D—MINIATURE

Any Formation—white, *McKay's Purity*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Any Formation—yellow, *Tip*, Fred Stock.  
 Any Formation—autumn or flame, *Andries Orange*, John A. Meidinger.  
 Any Formation—red or crimson, *Sylvia*, Fred Stock.  
 Any Formation—pink or rose, *Little Diamond*, Ralph Simmons.  
 Any Formation—bicolor or blend, *Little Jennie*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Best Miniature in this section—*Andries Orange*, John A. Meidinger.

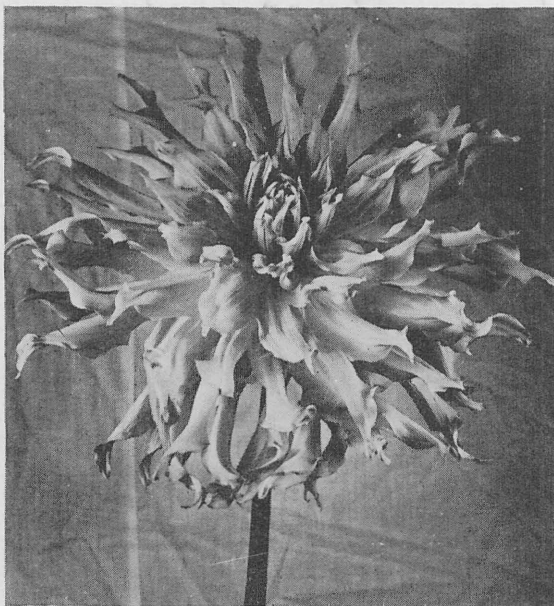
The President's Cup was awarded for this bloom.

## SECTION E—POM PON

Three Specimen—white, *Snowclad*, Paul V. Lawnick.  
 Three Specimen—yellow, *Chita*, Fred Stock.  
 Three Specimen—red or maroon, *Ila*, Harry Kurtz.  
 Three Specimen—pink or rose, *Mrs. V. Brittain*, Fred Batchner.  
 Three Specimen—lavender or purple, *Sherry*, Fred Batchner.  
 Three Specimen—autumn, blended or flame, *Amber Queen*, Paul V. Lawnick.  
 Vase of Pom Pons—*Amber Queen*, Elbert Daucan.  
 Best Pom Pon in this section—*Ila*, Harry Kurtz.  
 A Glass Basket, given by J. A. Meidinger was awarded for this bloom.

## SECTION F

Dahlia Futurity—*Velvet King*, Fred Batchner.  
 Best Commercial Exhibit—J. O. Hinde.  
 Best basket of Dahlias in show—the Central States Plaque, was awarded to Paul V. Lawnick.  
 Sweepstakes—Most Points—The Kearny Cup was awarded to Harry Kurtz.



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## Another Seedling Dahlia Show

By S. T. Taylor, R.F.D., Box 174,  
Carlsbad, California

A year ago the BULLETIN published a report of the first annual seedling Dahlia show, held under the auspices of the California South Coast Dahlia Society of Carlsbad, California. This year, this society surmounted war time restrictions and limitations and has just held its second and most successful seedling show at the Carlsbad Hotel on October 4th, 1942.

The manager of this great health resort hotel was so pleased with our first show that this year he set aside the best lighted and most prominent place in the hotel and the result was as beautiful an exhibition of Dahlias as you would care to see. The space was so arranged that it was impossible to take it all in with any camera lense available.

The fact that no Honor Roll or Futurity or prize-winning named varieties were admitted to competition would, at first thought, condemn any Dahlia show to mediocrity, but on the other hand such a show permits the amateur to put his best foot forward and the show of last year encouraged so many back yard gardeners to plant good Dahlia seeds with the result that it is doubtful if any visitor missed the big names in the Dahlia world as we had size, beauty, variety in color and form and immense enthusiasm. Several hundred really good Dahlias were shown, among them a 15½-inch white, and a smaller cactus which Mr. H. Lodge (unanimously

chosen to judge our second year's show) selected as an illustration, in a brief talk to interested visitors "of a perfect Cactus Dahlia form in beautiful color."

Our membership is going strong for good form of flower, on long straight stems. The poor centers and drooping or bashful ones, no matter how beautiful, are OUT. We are also trying to find out why it is that about two-thirds of the highly advertised prize winners we bring into our gardens from other parts of the country usually fade out of the picture within two or three years. One could write an article on THAT subject with data now in hand, but we are still searching for the real answer. If anyone has the final answer we would appreciate an article in the BULLETIN telling what it is.

The officers and members of the California South Coast Dahlia Society are completely sold on the idea of a Dahlia show, limited strictly to seedlings, and we hope that the idea may spread to other communities. Indeed, Mr. Lodge, who judged our show last year, was so well pleased with this new idea that he not only wrote an article for the BULLETIN but he also went back to his home town and helped promote a seedling Dahlia show there this summer. It may stimulate thinking and possible action on the part of others if a brief summary is here given of some of the advantages of such a show:

1. It is especially well adapted to smaller towns or groups of towns (here we have three towns close together—Oceanside, Vista and Carlsbad).

2. It is, therefore, easy to advertise and set up and



is very inexpensive. Most important, in war time, it saves time and rubber and conserves gas and oil.

3. It greatly stimulates interest in growing Dahlias from seed and makes possible help to beginners. We published a bulletin for beginners on "How to Grow Dahlias from Seed." Arranged for illustrated Kodachrome talks on the subject and furnished free seeds to members and friends. Also we freely exchange ideas on which are the best seed parents and one of our members is accumulating much valuable data on that subject from a world-wide correspondence. We hope to make this data available to the public from time to time, as we become more certain of our results through check plots planted by our members.

4. It encourages small plantings in backyards and it also stimulates the larger plantings which are so essential for satisfactory tests. The success of our fine show this year was assured by the fact that several members had from a few hundred up to over four thousand seedlings in bloom.

5. It becomes an asset to the community. Guests at the Carlsbad Hotel, who come from all over the world, were charmed this summer by a lovely seedling Dahlia garden on the hotel grounds, inspired by our last year's show. The spacious grounds of the nearby Military Academy were beautified by two large plantings of seedling Dahlias, visible from the main highway from Los Angeles to San Diego. Several of the finer homes in the restricted residential district were proud possessors of beautiful double Dahlias grown from our seeds. The Mexican quarters is adding seedling Dahlias to its geraniums and old-fashioned flowers and many small ranches will invite you in to see new flowers they have originated. When the President of the United States recently came to dedicate the world's largest training base nearby, the historic old Santa Margarita Ranch House had what the press released from Washington described as an "attractive arrangement of gorgeous flowers." These were seedling Dahlias contributed for the occasion by our members, and the President insisted on being taken from room to room to see the wonderful display. The Commanding General, Major General Joseph C. Fegan, and his wife, visited the recent show and is now arranging for generous plantings of Dahlias in and around the historic center.

6. Best of all it brings to the individual grower a

moral and spiritual uplift that is greatly needed in war time. By all means let us give our "all out" best to winning the war. But every military man knows that high and sustained morale requires periods of relaxation and entertainment and exercise. At our recent show a visitor said, "Did you create this wonderful flower?" The answer was "No, I did not create it. Only God can create a flower or a tree. But I did select and plant the seed and I protected it and watered it and on the morning when I saw this new flower in bloom I knew in my heart that in a very real sense I had been a laborer together with God." If this idea spreads to a thousand communities, as well it may, it may easily hasten the day when there will be a "Dahlia in every backyard", and it will certainly bring to thousands of tired men and women the great joy of producing flowers, new to the horticultural world, which may be named after a loved one or friend.

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## Victory Dahlia Show

New Baltimore, Mich., September 13 and 14, 1942

Small Amateur Sweepstakes—Won by Edward Grieger of Detroit with Harold Gummoe and Walter F. Jarvis of Detroit and F. A. Fendler of New Baltimore runners-up with equal scores.

Large Amateur Sweepstakes—Won by C. J. Addington of Detroit with 39 points, with Dr. Del Marr of Ridgetown, Ont., and Leland Rivard of New Baltimore runners-up with 38 and 37 points.

Open Sweepstakes—Won by Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens of Garfield Heights, Ohio, with Dr. Edward C. Mosier of Otisville, Mich., a second-year amateur, as runner-up.

Largest Bloom in the Show—"Maffie," shown by Dr. Del Marr of Ridgetown, Ont.

Most Perfect Bloom in Show—"Edith Willkie," shown by Garfield Heights Dahlia Gardens, Garfield Heights, Ohio.

Smallest and Most Perfect Bloom—"Little Edith," shown by Katherine Koenig, New Baltimore, Mich.

Best Bloom of 1941-1942 Introduction—"Television," shown by Dr. Del Marr, Ridgetown, Ont.

Best Bloom Michigan Introduction—"Katie K.," shown by Harold Gummoe, Detroit, Mich.

Michigan Horticultural Friendship Award—Awarded to "Little Buddy," a Formal Miniature, deep yellow in color and formerly called "Yellow Sylvia," shown by Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore, Mich.

American Home Achievement Medal—Awarded to "Dixie's Wine Dot", originated and shown by Dixie Dahlia Gardens, R. F. D. No. 2, Clio, Mich., an exhibition informal decorative bi-color with a white base and distinct flecking of wine red.

Arrangement Classes — The Open Arrangements Classes were very well filled with many large and medium sized baskets. All three classes were won by arrangements entered by Lakeside Gardens of New Baltimore, Mich.

The amateur arrangement classes were judged by Horticultural Score Card and included many outstanding entries. Mrs. Dorothea Kuhn, San Souci, Mich., Mrs. Walter Fenton, Mt. Clemens, Mich., Mrs. D. J. McMillan, New Baltimore, Mich. and Mrs. Norman and Mrs. Church of Utica, Mich., were among the outstanding exhibitors.

Amateur Display—Was won, as usual, with a 50-ft. display by John W. L. Hicks of Detroit.

The large stage of the Auditorium was filled with a complimentary display staged by Paul Murphy for the Lakeside Gardens, New Baltimore. A large part of this display was made up of undisseminated varieties originated by the Lakeside Gardens. Particularly noteworthy were "Ike", a small sized informal decorative, dark maroon color, with serrated petals; "Michigan Orange", a bright orange colored Michigan White; "Buddy", a much improved Sylvia and darker red color; "Mother Koenig", a large informal decorative of autumn blends with a lavender cast.

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## Western Pennsylvania Show

Because of the war situation, the Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society combined forces with the Men's Garden Club of Pittsburgh to produce one of the finest shows we have ever had.

In the natural green setting of Phipps Conservatory, on September 19th and 20th, with soft music broadcast by amplifiers, the thousands of lovely blooms showed off to splendid advantage, and in the two days that the show was open, several thousand spectators wended their way through the paths in the houses of the conservatory, admiring the beautiful flowers.

The Men's Garden Club had classes for flower ar-

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rangements and vegetables besides their regular flower classes, in which our members were free to enter.

The award for the largest bloom was won by Mr. H. W. Leyh of Jeannette, Pa., with "Columbia," and for the smallest bloom by Mr. Arthur G. Banks of Pittsburgh, with "Clover." The American Home Achievement award was won by M. A. E. Heil, of Pittsburgh, with "Nation's Pride," and the House Beautiful Dahlia Futurity award by Chartain's Dahlia Gardens of East Springfield, Ohio, with "Columbia." Trade exhibit ribbons were awarded to Mr. Henry Retzer, Mr. Jack Ripper and Our Display Garden exhibit (located at South Park and under the direction of Mr. William Buresch.) The sweepstakes award was won by Mr. F. E. Kording with Mr. Walter Tuffy running a close second.

At the annual meeting, held October 22nd, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Mr. Arthur G. Banks, president.

Mr. Henry Retzer, 1st vice-president.

Mr. R. D. Molznick, treasurer.

Mrs. L. D. Hislop, secretary.

Directors: Mrs. C. E. Stoner, Mr. J. G. Barry, Mr. F. E. Kording and Mr. C. R. Isherwood.

Our faithful secretary, Mr. I. T. Fleck, has re-joined the Navy. One and all we wish him "Godspeed."

MRS. L. D. HISLOP, Publicity Chairman.

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## San Diego Dahlia Society

The San Diego Dahlia Society held its 4th Annual Show August 15th and 16th. We had planned to make our Show a Red Cross Benefit, but found that the military had taken over every available place in San Diego. We decided then to accept the invitation of our neighboring city, La Mesa, to join them in their Festa de las Flores. "Victory" was our theme, and war stamps the awards. Quite a few of our members put up fine displays. The rest entered the arrangement and single entry classes. Hundreds of excellent blooms were exhibited, proving that even in war there is time and place for beauty.

We also held a specimen bloom show and picnic dinner on August 2nd, and a seedling bloom show August 30th. All three shows were happy, successful events, and we look forward to next year with undiminished enthusiasm.

HAZEL PLIMLEY, Secretary.

## A.D.S. 1943 Show Dates

Plans are already under way for a great A.D.S. show at New York City next year.

We will return to the Museum of Natural History. The show will be staged September 23rd and 24th. These dates should bring forth the largest response from our exhibitors we have ever had. Plan now for a bigger and better Dahlia garden—and in your plans do not neglect our advertisers. Keep up the "round robin" for a better BULLETIN!



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### Baltimore Dahlia Society

The Baltimore Dahlia Society can point with just pride to the very fine cooperation displayed in conjunction with the Victory Garden Harvest Show which was held September 20, 21, 22 and 23 in the Fifth Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Md.

No effort was spared to make this show one of the outstanding, particularly when such a fine cause was to benefit. The Armory was beautifully decorated and this combined with the fine display of flowers, fruits, vegetables, canned goods besides the commercial displays was a sight long to remember. The Dahlias as well as hardy garden flower sections were under the supervision of the Baltimore Dahlia Society and the flowers were superbly staged by Show Manager George Schirmer and his committee. The hardy garden flowers were under the supervision of Mrs. Pauline Graf and her committee of ladies.

There were 199 classes in the Dahlia sections and every class was filled. Sweepstakes awards of War Savings Stamps were made by our Society the winner of these were: Novice Class—Mr. Thos. Combs, Section A for growers up to 75 plants; George Shaffer, 75 to 150 plants; Jos. Fisher, 150 to 250 plants; W. L. Tracy and open to all—N. A. Gossmann; pompons—George Mumma; miniatures—Mrs. J. E. W. Lindquist.

The Achievement medal was won by Mr. Norman Swift of Wilmington, Del., with a very fine vase of "Sondra Lee Morgan." The House Beautiful medal was won by Mr. N. A. Gossmann; Governor Herbert R. O'Connor trophy was awarded to Dr. H. F. Dozier of

Cambridge, Md. The Mayor Howard W. Jackson award went to Frank Goetzger of Mt. Ranier, Md.

The judging was superbly handled by the committee consisting of: Louis Roberts, John Vincent, W. R. Andrews, W. A. Bochau, Henry Cory, C. M. Diffenderfer, Maj. J. B. Eastman, R. C. Ferguson, Frank Gotezger, N. A. Gossmann, Stanley Johnson, E. P. Loller, John C. Mencke, Jr., H. J. Quick, N. A. Scheel, George Shaffer and W. L. Tracy.

Much credit for the success of the Victory Garden Harvest Show is due to the fine cooperation given by the Florists Club of Baltimore, National Association of Gardeners, Nurserymen's Assn., Federated Garden Clubs and many others. Besides this the University of Maryland through Dr. Symons and Dr. Shoemaker and outstanding educational exhibit with demonstrations of canning, beetle control and other features including a honey exhibit from the bees in the hives to the processed honey. Due credit should also be given the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Florists' Club, who handled the sale of corsages, candy and other desirable articles.

Our guests of honor included our Governor, Herbert R. O'Connor, Mayor Howard W. Jackson, Rear Admiral and Mrs. John R. Beardall of the U. S. Naval Academy, U. S. Senator George Radcliffe, Major Gen. Milton A. Reckord, Brig. Gen. Dwight H. Mohr and his staff, Col. Fred C. Reynolds, Lieut. Col. Richard H. O'Connell, First Asst. Secy. of Agriculture Grover B. Hill.

It is doubtful if any other Victory Garden Harvest Show presented such an outstanding program in conjunction with an excellent display of flowers, etc. The show was opened on Sunday afternoon with a concert by the U. S. Coast Guard Band under the direction of Ronald H. Best. On Monday the Army Band under the direction of Warrant Officer Hollaway and at which time Brig. Gen. Dwight H. Mohr and his staff welcomed Major Gen. Milton A. Reckford and his staff of the Third Corp.

Tuesday evening we had the U. S. Naval Academy Band under the direction of Lieut. W. R. Sina and on Wednesday it was our extreme pleasure to have the Baltimore Symphony orchestra of 80 pieces conducted by Robert Lula with Elwood Gary and Mary Lyda Bowen as soloists in a Victor Herbert program. Any one of these was worth double the admission besides the beautiful displays of flowers.

The Victory Garden Harvest Show Committee, consisting of: John W. Sherwood, chairman; Herbert O. Aburn, secretary; Jacob France, treasurer; Robert W. Johnston, managing director and George S. Robertson, assistant director, deserve all the praise and in particular Mr. John W. Sherwood and Mr. Robert W. Johnston, who worked day and night for the success of the show.

The Baltimore Dahlia Society feel they have contributed in a small way to a cause which should have the support of every person in the U. S. A., and we expect that when the final figure is given a goodly sum will have been turned over to the committee for the benefit of our armed forces and the emergency needs of their families.

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## East Liverpool Dahlia Show

The 17th Annual Dahlia and Flower Show of the East Liverpool Dahlia Society was held in the High School "gym" on September 19th and 20th. Approximately 13,000 blooms of various types of Dahlias and fall flowers were on display. The 15,000 visitors were amazed and awed by the gorgeous variety of sizes, types and colors exhibited.

The highlight of the entire show was the "Parade of Dahlias" which took place on the first night of the show. George Schepp, past president of the society and program chairman, was originator of this pageant. Eleven beautiful young girls of various ages carried Dahlias of various types from the smallest of pompons made up into an old-fashioned nosegay to the larger sprays made up according to the type of Dahlia each girl represented. As the girls made their entrance upon the stage each took her place on an elevated platform and formed a perfect V in the center of which was the queen's throne. It was truly an inspiring sight.

President Harold Gallimore then placed the crown upon the head of Miss Dolly Sager, queen of the 1942 Dahlia show. Miss Sager's attendants were: Misses Von Gail Cooleage, Pauline Smiley, Dorothy Johnson, Bonnie Morgan, Jean and Vivian Pethel, of East Liverpool; Ruby Meade, Wellsville; Carrol Lindsay, Clinton; Christina Sager, Chester; and Doris Eckleberry, Newell.

Those serving as judges in choosing the queen were: Mrs. Charles Lash, Mrs. Geo. Papish, of Cleveland; Mrs. E. MacDowell, Mrs. Wind, of Rocky River; Mrs. Florence Baker of Canada, and Mrs. H. H. Robens of Chagrin Falls.

This year's show was very successful in every sense of the word. There were classes to take care of Novice, Amateur, and Open Divisions for the more experienced growers. Every division was well filled.

In the Novice Division John Sager of Chester, W. Va., captured all three prizes, including the American Dahlia Certificate as Sweepstakes of the Division with Harry Mobley of Wellsville taking second prize.

Winners of the Amateur Division were: Mrs. George H. White taking first sweepstakes of the entire Division; William Crain of Smithferry, Ohio, winning second. Other exhibitors who won awards in Division were Paul Meade and Henry Patterson of Wellsville. Thomas Watkins of East Liverpool.

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The large array of blooms shown in the Open Division made judging in this section quite difficult, but when the judges' votes were in the First Sweepstakes went to John Eccleston, while Mr. H. H. Robens of Chagrin Falls, carried Second Sweepstakes. So many classes in the Division were so crowded with entries that it caused one of our judges to say that this show held more exhibition blooms than he had had the pleasure of seeing in any one show this year, and he had attended several.

The House Beautiful futurity award was won by Mr. D. L. Morgan of Cuyhoga Falls, on "Columbia", a Golden Color S. C., along with two other awards, the Victory Trophy for the largest and most perfect W. XD. in entire show. The Lions Trophy for the largest and most perfect bloom in the Open Division.

In the Seedling Division the Best Exhibit owned by Paul Goddard of Salinesville, Ohio, of first year seedling, won the Grand Champion Rosette Ribbon.

The Best Exhibit of Undisseminated seedlings was a vase, containing three beautiful cactus blooms of a blend of rose pink with tips of white, won by John Eccleston.

American Home Achievement medal was won by John ZaZo of Akron, Ohio, on his seedling named "Terry".

The largest and most perfect ball Dahlia in entire show was won by Em. Delbrugge of Martins Ferry. "Maffie", exhibited by John Eccleston, won by being the largest Dahlia of the entire show. Smallest and most perfect miniature award went to Paul Meade.

While the Grand Prize Sweepstakes of the entire show went to Mr. William Crain and Mrs. George H. White.

MARIE A. WHITE, Secretary.

## New Dahlias for 1943

While only one of these Dahlias, *The Ranger*, has been shown this Fall, all are on equal par or even better than our originations of the past. Prominent mathematicians tell us the show records prove that we have originated more outstanding Dahlias in the past few years than any other four originators combined. If you desire good Dahlias, try these:

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#### Dahlia Society of New Jersey

At the Fall meeting of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey, held at Newark Saturday, October 31st, it was announced that the 20th anniversary dinner will be held at Essex House, Newark, Saturday, November 14th, at 7 P. M., and reservations will be received by Mr. Frank Marker, Upper Montclair, until November 7th. Many of the charter members plan to be present, a very interesting program has been prepared, and with buses passing the door and ample parking space adjoining, a large attendance is expected.

The 1943 flower show will be held September 18th, at Kearney, with Mr. A. Swoboda of Ridgefield Park as show chairman. It was voted to buy another \$100 war bond and to dispense with refreshments after meetings "for the duration" in view of the shortage of sugar, coffee and other foods.

Mr. Conrad Frey, chairman, Dr. C. H. Connors and Mr. Leo Pollak were appointed nominating committee for slate to be presented to January meeting, and Mr. John Metzger, Irvington, chairman of membership in place of Miss Virginia Stout, resigned.

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#### Delaware Dahlia Show

The State of Delaware Dahlia Society Show, in conjunction with the Victory Garden Show, was held in the New Century Club on September 25th and 26th, with a wonderful display of Dahlias and vegetables. All classes were well filled with wonderful blooms and sure was a credit to Delaware.

Sweepstakes—amateur class—won by Russell Clements of Chester, his first show sweepstakes.

Open to all—Mr. Leonard Talley.

Sweepstakes pompons and miniatures—Mr. Frederick Smith.

Best basket of Poms—Mr. Warren Hank.

House Beautiful Award—McMillan Hoopes.

American Home Achievement Award—Mr. Norman Swift, R.D. No. 1, Wilmington, Del., with three blooms 13 inches across, of a beautiful Salmon Pink Informal, a wonderful keeper. Also winner at Baltimore show, named Sondra Lee Morgan.

Largest bloom of show (Carl Dahl) McMillan Hoopes.

Smallest bloom in show to Mrs. Aug Yerkes (Mike).

Mr. Frederick Smith won a large silver bowl for the most points of the entire show.

At the close of the show all Dahlias, fruit and vegetables were sold to the highest bidder. Quite a large amount was raised for Army and Navy relief. So, until next year.

AUG. YERKES, Secretary.

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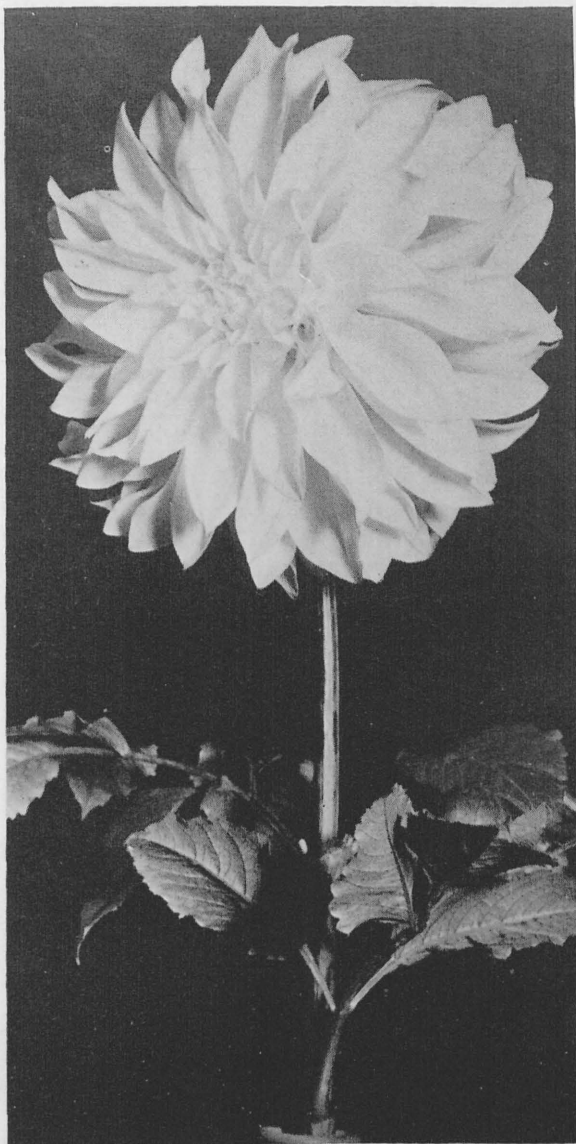
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