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Plans Completed for a Great A.D.S. Show in New York

Gardens Are Being Groomed For An Occasion to Celebrate Victory and Peace

On September 20th and 21st, we hold our 31st annual exhibition in the Roof Garden at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. As this BULLETIN goes to press, indications point to another exhibition than which we have had no greater. Forces of aggression, lead by "Von Swithin" during the past few weeks have been forced to beat a strategic withdrawal and everything would indicate that the situation is well in hand.

Your Show Manager, having recovered the missing leg which prevented his participation, except through remote control at least year's show, will be present on two good (not looking) legs to welcome you, your blooms and your assistance.

The exhibition hall will be open and ready to stage exhibits at 12:01 A. M. on September 20th. This happy condition of affairs is not arranged solely by wishful thinking—but by the help of many who later remain up all night to prepare their own blooms for exhibition. Your Show Manager will welcome the assistance of any who can be with him on the night of September 19th.

Your attention is called to a few of the points which call for complete cooperation by all exhibitors and the Show Management. First, send your entries in early to Dr. Cook. If in doubt, enter plenty of classes, sections, and blooms, and you have the privilege of making any necessary revision at the time of staging. Also, if possible, make out your variety name labels early to save valuable time before the judging commences—AND the judging will positively commence at the time specified in the schedule!

Metal containers are and will be provided in sufficient quantity for all. Every year we have a wail that containers are not available in numbers to provide each exhibitor, and especially the exhibitor who comes in at the last minute, with his or her requirements, but when judging commences and criticism and feelings get warm, we find quantities of containers in odd places where well meaning but thoughtless exhibitors had been "hoarding". If each of us will give slight thought to the other exhibitor's needs as well as his or her own, promptly releasing all not needed containers, everyone should and will be supplied. This does not apply to commercial displays in Section F, all of which MUST supply their own containers and equipment, and it is our purpose and intent this year to rigidly enforce this regulation.

Victory Gardeners are planning exhibits of vegetables and canned produce which have served so remarkably in the war effort. Dr. Preas again offers \$25 cash prize for sweepstakes.

Dr. Cook, in the May BULLETIN, has given a careful and detailed explanation of the 1945 Schedule, which we hope will meet with your approval. Please watch its working on the exhibition floor, and let us have your reactions—what you think of it, and what changes or additions you wish for 1946.

Your attention is further called to the correct time of opening the exhibition to the public on September 20th. The show schedule states that the exhibition will be open to the public at 2:00 P. M. This is an error, and you should be advised that the show WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 4:00 P. M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH. Please pass the word along.

HENRY A. OLSEN, Chairman,
Show Committee.

A.D.S. Prize Fund

An appeal has been sent out for donations to our prize fund. It is hoped that the response will be generous, especially in view of the fact that no appeal was made last year.

Already a number of donations have been received and it is here suggested that if you are in a position to do so that you mail your donation now. Our Secretary, Dr. Ward Cook will be pleased to accept your remittances—his address: 34 Puritan Ave., Tuckahoe, N. Y.

Such donations will be acknowledged in the columns of the BULLETIN in the next issue.

Attention: Exhibitors

The A.D.S. Show is a very big undertaking. Help is scarce—very difficult to obtain.

Won't you do your full share by mailing in your entry blanks a week in advance of the Show. If you find it necessary to add or detract at Show time, you will be granted the opportunity.

Send YOUR entry blank by September 15th to the Secretary: Dr. Ward Cook, 34 Puritan Ave., Tuckahoe, N. Y.

SHOW OPENS AT 4 P. M.

Visitors will please note a change in our opening time. Please disregard announcement in the schedule. Show will be opened at 4 P. M.

Here's How You Score Dahlias, Son

A Letter From Old Man Ature to His Offspring

You have a laudable ambition, boy, to want to learn to score dahlias. But before you start, I should warn you that, whether you become proficient or not, some people will call you a crook and say judging is a racket and a pay off for favors and a lot of other similar accusations.

There are a lot of respected judges, who have made reputations for fairness, expert knowledge and wise decisions. There are others who have not a sufficient memory for named varieties and still others who have favorite types and colors and let preferences sway their judgment.

But you can become a competent scorer of this first American flower, if you set your mind to it, study hard enough, train your memory and then work like a trojan in good or bad weather in shows or trial grounds—without any hope of reward, except the personal satisfaction you can gain from having helped to increase the love of gardeners for dahlias (not necessarily the love of them for you).

Well, here goes. I don't know if I can give it to you so you'll understand what little I know about it all in this one message—but I'll try.

There are, as you know, three general size classifications in the A.D.S. standard nomenclature. SMALL (M), MEDIUM (B) and LARGE (A). "Small" is under 4 inches; "Medium" is from 4 inches to 8 inches and "Large" is all others over 8 inches in diameter.

On the A.D.S. score card, which I understand has recently been revised slightly, there are three columns of points, one for each size. These columns have squares, in which there is a small figure (numerals). These numerals represent Maximum Perfection. There never has been perfection in dahlias, any more than in men, so the figure you put in each square, as you go down the column will be less than that maximum. These points you put down are based on the favorable characteristics in each category listed on the right of the columns. In these various category sections you will see some small type, the top line gives the favorable characteristics and the line below gives the unfavorable ones. In front of each of these words you will find plus or minus signs with numerals. Those are to help you learn to almost automatically, as you become accustomed to using the score sheet, add up a flower's good points and subtract its bad ones.

As you check these characteristics, which are the tell-tales of a really good nondescript or actually poor dahlia, keep looking at the flower, stem, plant, etc. These characteristics finally tell the story which you come to at the end. You will check: color, form, distinctiveness, stem, foliage and bush, substance of petals, floriferousness and the uniformity of blooms.

To start scoring credit the variety with as many points as favor it in each category. Then check the unfavorable factors. The result is, you arrive, after practice, at the value of say the color, and you put down the amount, less than perfection (the numeral in the color square. Of course your memory of other standard

varieties of near the same color comes into play here. If it is a color or blend, or a bicolor which you have never seen, it has added attraction and should get a high color score. If, on the other hand, there are dozens the same or better similar color, you have to score it down.

If you, for instance, don't seem able to keep down the color score at this point, you will get another chance when you come to distinctiveness. To be distinctive and score high it just has to be something new and different. You can use the distinctive figure to increase or decrease rating of dahlia from the standpoint of color, form or other quality.

Going back to "color" as an example of how to score. If the flower has a pleasing color tone, one or more if it is bright and attracts the eye instantly, then it rates up to near the maximum of 20 points. But if some petals or ends of them are faded deduct up to 3 points (see negative or minus numerals). If the colors are dull, deduct up to 2 points. If part of flower is burned by sun, wind or rain, deduct up to 3 points and so on.

The other characteristics down the score card are weighed in the same manner. In each square you place your judgment of that value which helps to make the dahlia desirable to buy and grow.

Of course some people like a medium incurved cactus more than the flatness or regularity of a formal decorative. But when that is the case, the scorer must, if possible, place himself in an objective mood and think what general interest each characteristic will add or detract from the public's interest in that dahlia. You can't reflect everybody's tastes in judging it. You just try to weigh each item as abstractly as possible, and remember—two bad points won't offset one good one, very often.

So son, I suggest you study the A.D.S. score card. It isn't perfect, but it's the best yard stick we have found so far to value a variety.

Then study all dahlias and retain a mental picture of their color, form, size, stem, foliage, substance, etc., particularly those which have won certificates at A.D.S. trial grounds and appeared on the various Honor Rolls. Then you're just making a start. But it's interesting, and I'm glad you want to study it and learn. We can never come to a point where we can't learn something. Remember that, boy.

YOUR LOVING OLD MAN, ATURE.



Mid-West Conference

The fall meeting of the Mid-West Dahlia Conference will be held in Cleveland, Ohio in connection with the Show of the Dahlia Society of Ohio, on September 22nd. All affiliated Societies please appoint your delegates to represent your Society and inform your Secretary as to who they are.

MRS. LOUISE KLEINJOHN, Secretary.

Fascinating Seedlings

Edith Willkie, Yellow Masterpiece, Frances Dewey, Jane Todd . . . four outstanding introductions . . . were produced in one man's garden in a few successive years! This speaks volumes for hybridizers, whose painstaking study has given to the Dahlia world such improved seeds as to render the chance of "getting a good one" far greater than in former years.

Several of us journeyed to the seedling patch of E. E. Tooker in Rockville Centre, where these introductions first saw light.

It was late July. Here was a patch to write home about. The plants (some thousand or more) were uniformly magnificent . . . healthy, vigorous . . . nary a sick one anywhere and no blank spaces! Plants were about 3½ feet high—many were in blossom. We saw several that looked mighty good. We counted 37 varieties that were full centered—formals, informals and cactus.

And so, we asked Mr. Tooker for some of his secrets. "None," said he. "First, I prefer seeds of known parentage for certain qualifications—foliage, stem and vigor. And so I use California seed from Comstock. You know, he is an A.D.S. advertiser and has always been a stickler for clean stock in his purchasing. I find these seeds plump and firm and they have a high percentage of germination. Seeds are planted in flats in the greenhouse March 15th and transplanted into the field May 15th. Seedlings are set 1 foot apart in rows which are 3 feet apart. Commercial fertilizer is broadcast at the time the soil is prepared. That is all!"

Mr. Tooker has several very promising two-year-olds and three-year-olds which we will be hearing about before long.



E. E. TOOKER, A.D.S. Vice-President, in his seedling patch, July 1945.

Dahlia Society of Kentucky News

The Thirteenth Annual Dahlia Show of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky will be held on September 29 and 30, 1945 at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, in the Ship Room. The banquet will be held on Saturday evening in the Colonel's Room. Even though transportation is still hard to get, I extend a hearty welcome to all who can come. We shall be glad to see you, and enjoy our southern hospitality.

MRS. LOUISE KLEINJOHN, Secretary.

South Central Wisconsin Dahlia Society, Inc.

The South Central Wisconsin Dahlia Society, Inc., will hold their annual show in the Madison Gas and Electric Co. building, on Sunday and Labor Day, September 2nd and 3rd.

MAX FREUDENBERG, Show Chairman.

Portland Dahlia Society

The eighteenth annual dahlia show of the Portland Dahlia Society will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29, in the auditorium of the Public Service Building.

MADGE B. KERSHISNIK, Asst. Secy.

WELCOME TO OHIO

Mid-West Dahlia Conference Show

Sponsored by

THE DAHLIA SOCIETY OF OHIO

September 22nd and 23rd

MASONIC AUDITORIUM, CLEVELAND, OHIO

A cordial invitation is extended to all to be with us on the above dates

Choice Morsels from A Letter

Ed. Note—These excerpts from a letter written by a real dahlia fan to Past President Lynn Dudley, is a treat we all should share.

My garden work is almost caught up at the moment. I am in the process of fertilizing all the named varieties. Always try to do this around the middle of July and again the latter part of August when I give them a good dose of potash as well. Have removed all the paper collars, tho cutworms are still at work as evidenced by trimming a nice cabbage plant of mine recently. Many of them have already had the first tie put on and there are a few flowers. Flash is in bloom and so is Wings. Pop Harris is half out and Clarabelle, a new Australian, is in bloom, a rather nice pink cactus, tho small. Many others are showing color so the season is definitely on with me. I don't try to hold them off for the shows but like to see the flowers. In another couple of weeks I should have enough of a bouquet for church. Poms are also nearly in bloom. They are the ones that go in the house.

But the pride and joy of the garden is still the seedlings. They look fine and many of them are budded. I have one out now of the new ones. Fully double and mostly red with a little tuft of white spread through the bloom here and there. The second crop should be more indicative of what it will be like another year. As to the number of worthwhile plants one gets out of the seedlings, I think it makes a lot of difference as to the source of the seed. I have found some seed growers much more reliable than others. My Kirsten Flagstad came from seed I got from California and I have another which is just setting a bud which came from this seed. This latter is a red FD about as deep as it is wide and last year came on extra fine stems. It is not large but should go in the under 8in. class. Have four plants of it and all doing nicely. Most of my seeds come from California and I have some each year which look good enough to carry on for further trials. It also makes a difference as to the seed parent. Most of my seeds have one parent named, though I have had some pretty good ones from mixtures he has made up. I do think that the chances of getting good ones is much greater than it was in the past. I never got much of any value from the seeds sent me from Jersey. I may be able to give you a better answer at the end of the season after the 800 I have planted have shown what they can do.

Had an interesting letter from Lew Sarett in which he commented on the article I had written for THE DAHLIA on "Evaluating a Seedling." He puts foliage and stem as prime prerequisites. If a variety doesn't have those specifications right from the start he has no further use for it. Must admit that his Pink Flamingo answers these points nicely. It is such a fast grower I use it for late replacements along with my own seedling which also happens to be a fast mover. And I'm still setting in replacements. Noticed last night that a couple more have wilted down for some unknown reason. Will prob-

ably find out why when I take them out.

We are expecting our youngest daughter home from Philadelphia this week-end. She is a student at the Academy of Vocal Arts and is training for an operatic career. It is all on scholarship and hers has been renewed for the coming year, so it must be that they can see some hopes for her reaching her objective. It makes us feel very good but its kind of tough on the ones who don't get their scholarships renewed. One of her best friends failed to make the grade, so she will have to look for another buddy in the fall. We haven't seen this girl since Christmas and that is a long stretch for all of us. It will be very nice to have her home once more. Now you see where the Kirsten Flagstad comes in.

Bugs have been very bad this season and there has been plenty of water. I dusted for awhile but the rains took it off so quickly I have started in on the use of FlyDed again. This is very effective against leaf hoppers, but the trick is to let the mist drift through the plant and not to get the juice itself on the foliage. If you do, its done. But I sprayed about 1600 dahlias last night in less than an hour and used about a quart and a half of the stuff at a cost of approximately 60 cents. This isn't bad. I'd rather use nicotine sulfate or Red Arrow but can't get a boy to carry the tank and do the pumping. Its all I can do to get one to cut the grass. Was in hopes I could tackle the thrip this summer but unless my present spraying program gets them along with the leaf hoppers, I imagine that some of my early flowers won't be so attractive. Saw Wallace at Chautauqua last week and he told me about the use of sabadilla dust compounded with hydrated lime and sulfur which the University of Wisconsin has developed. I am trying to get some made up in town and if possible will give it a trial. Its supposed to be good for leaf hoppers, grass hoppers tarnish plant bug, mildew and almost all the other ailments of the dahlia. Sounds too good to be true. Just hope that the fellow can make me up 100 pounds so I can give it a good try out. And then I hope it works. What a joy that would be. To know that one has something which can be applied easily and which will be effective in combatting the pests which assail the plants. You should see two once promising plants of Crowning Glory. The bugs sure got that one on me. It almost looks as if I will have to give up trying to grow the ones which have fine leaves. Here we come back to that foliage idea of Sarett's again.

Well, if you should happen this way in the fall, or anytime from now on, please give me a ring. I have gas to meet any trains or hotels and would be only too happy to take you out to my place (5 miles from the city line or 10 miles from downtown Buffalo) and show you the layout.

Hope that your season is progressing nicely for you. Surely we don't lack for want of water this year. I think all of us up here would appreciate it greatly if it stopped for a while and gave the plants of all sorts a chance to dry out for a change.

A.D.S. Show, New York, September 20—4 P. M.

The Long Island Dahlia Society

The Long Island Dahlia Society, recently formed, will hold its first show in Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y., on Saturday, October 4th.

The hall that has been engaged is ideally located; street level, water readily accessible and a parking space in the rear of the hall that accommodate approximately 100 cars, so there is little to fear from the traffic officer.

The show will be devoted exclusively to the DAHLIA, and prominent men in the Dahlia field have accepted the honor of serving as judges.

At the regular meeting of the Society to be held on July 26th, colored slides, that have been so magnanimously loaned by that ever-obliging dahlia lover, the ex-President of The American Dahlia Society, Lynn B. Dudley, will be shown. The object of showing these slides being to educate the beginner so that he can readily distinguish the various varieties of dahlias.

The meetings of the Society are held in a building that bring the members back to their own environments. There are ever present the aromatic whiffs of manures, divers kinds of commercial fertilizers and tankage that no grower will ever own up to that he uses same to get those monster 15-inch blooms.

For further information regarding the Society and the Show the following can be contacted as they will be at your disposal:

President, B. E. Pitt, 9730 123rd St., Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y.

Dahlia Society of New Jersey

The Dahlia Society of New Jersey will soon place schedules in the mail for its Fall Show to be held at Regional High School, Springfield, N. J., on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15th and 16th. Mr. Otto F. Heinz, Springfield, is chairman, and Mr. Rengelbeck, also of Springfield, show manager. Mrs. I. Parkhurst, Hillside, has charge of entries; Mr. Harvard Revel, Irvington, staging; and Mrs. H. D. Thomas, Patterson, publicity. Mrs. S. G. VanHoesen, Fanwood, is president of the Society.

A meeting of the society will be held at Springfield on August 18th at 3 P. M., preceded by a Board meeting at 2 P. M. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend; also to make entries for the show in September. Information may be had from Mr. Otto F. Heinz, Springfield, N. J.

Vice-President in charge of Exhibitions and Shows, George Yaeger, 115-12 124th St., So. Ozone Park, L. I., N. Y.

Vice-President in charge of Membership, Thos. Kuzenka, 114-01 127th St., So. Ozone Park, L. I., N. Y.

Secretary and Treasurer, O. J. Aumuller, 50 E. Lincoln Ave., Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.

Memorial Parks—not mounted guns and tanks—to honor our war heroes. Do your part in your community.

Honor Roll and Certificate of Merit Dahlias

We are testing some very promising seedlings and will announce soon our Introductions for 1946.

Visit our gardens and see these beauties in bloom.

We plan a fine Exhibit at the A.D.S. Show in New York on September 20 and 21. We hope you will be there.

Advance Price List Now Ready.

RUSCHMOHR DAHLIA GARDENS

38 Vincent Street

Rockville Centre, N. Y.

Quiz Corner

By J. LOUIS ROBERTS

A.D.S. Vice President

Dr. Ward H. Cook, our secretary, received a letter dated January 30, 1945 from Mrs. Walter V. Petersen of Waterloo, Iowa. It reads as follows:

"My husband has been raising dahlias for the past ten years and this last year had a very nice collection of colors and they were also from good stock. This fall he dug them about ten days after our first killing frost and stored them in sawdust after having dusted them with sulphur. Just recently he looked at them and found that all his tubers have rotted; his entire collection is gone. Our soil is heavy black soil and in good fertile condition. During the summer months he frequently watered them with liquid manure.

"From these facts we wonder if you could tell us what is wrong and what we can do to correct our mistake if we have made any. I'm enclosing a self-addressed envelope and would appreciate reply. We belong to the Dahlia Society."

Dr. Cook replied as follows:

"Dear Mr. Petersen:

"Your letter of January 30th is before me and I fully sympathize with the distress which you and Mr. Petersen feel, confronted with a heavy loss from storage rots. For I have had a similar experience. The matter is of such importance that the American Dahlia Society is conducting experiments with a view to determining the cause and practical methods of prevention.

"So far we can tell you only this much: Under identical conditions of temperature and moisture in the storage room, clumps from plants which showed evidence of infection with virus diseases were more apt to develop crown rot than clumps from plants which did not show any evidence of virus diseases. No method so far employed of treating clumps before storage, as by application of fungicide dusts or solutions, gave promising results. The most serious form of storage rot is a blackening and softening process which usually spreads downward from the stump of the stem in the cambium layer between the wood and the bark to destroy the eyes and necks of the tuberous roots. This spreads into the center of the crown as well as gradually into the heart of the tubers.

"I cannot tell you definitely that cultural practices or soil conditions affect this destructive process, either favorably or unfavorably. However, it does appear to be hastened by too much heat and moisture in storage. Until we have more definite knowledge to guide us I suggest the following precautions:

"1. Cut your stems back to sound, green wood before packing.

"2. Split the heaviest crowns before storage.

"3. Pack the clumps in single layers covered by fairly dry insulating material such as peat moss, sifted coal ashes, soil, sand, etc., with the ends of the trimmed stems sticking out into the air. I have had no personal experience with sawdust.

"4. Try to keep your storage quarters between 40 and 50 deg. F., and in a slightly humid condition free from drafts.

"5. Examine all clumps about 2 to 3 weeks after packing, say December 10 to 15. If any show the beginning of this black rot, carefully trim back to clean tissue and dust with a mixture of lime and sulphur before repacking. If the packing material appears too dry lay moistened newspapers, or burlap over it for a few days—repeating as necessary.

"Do not get discouraged. Rather, start again with proved healthy stock. Follow these suggestions. Watch for evidence of disease in your plants. Report your experiences so that we may all share them. It is a disease which we must learn to control. Because our children used to die of diphtheria we didn't stop having babies. We learned about diphtheria, how to cure it, and how to prevent it, until today it is almost a rare disease."

Supplementing Dr. Cook's answer I wish to say, if you have a successful method of storing your dahlia roots, don't change. Next, although I don't recommend it, I have been storing my roots in sawdust for years. It is a very trick method, but after you have learned to use it, it is the best method for the quantity of roots that I have to pack away. I use new sawdust every year. I find that it is best to use metal cans with covers as wood or cardboard containers allow the tubers to dry up. For the first month I leave the covers off of my cans in order that the excess moisture may dry off. Roots go through a sweating process the first month and if the cans are covered the roots are apt to rot. I have found in the case of the few which have rotted that there is present a mite. This can only be seen with a magnifying glass. I usually divide my clumps before packing. I cut out all of the green hearts present in the stalk. Variety name is written on the root with a soft indelible pencil.

If you want to try dividing your clumps in the fall try this method: First cut the clump in half, then divide into one of two roots, always with a piece of the neck attached, for the reason that the sprouts are only present on the stalk portion of the division. Now wrap each division in a page of your daily newspaper. Then wrap several divisions in about 4 layers of newspapers. These packages of roots can then be put away in fiber board boxes and covered. In spring some of the sprouts will be found growing right through the paper.

The easiest way to pack roots is to dig with as much dirt on the clump as it is possible. Then pack the clumps in wood boxes upside down. Add dirt to level off the top.

Some people dig their clumps and pack away by putting them on the floor very close together. They then fill in with dirt, leaving the necks sticking out of the dirt. This is a single layer packing.

There are several other methods of packing as mentioned by Dr. Cook.

Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The dates of the Hagerstown Dahlia Show are Thursday and Friday, September 27 and 28, at the auction sales room of the City Market.

H. K. RAMSBURG, Secretary.

Northeastern Penna. Dahlia Society

At this time preparations for the annual show at Scranton, Pa., are under way, and a well-balanced show is anticipated. Meetings well planned; programs well timed; and discussions on various phases of "The Dahlia" have held the spotlight up to this time. At our earlier meetings we discussed the A.D.S. Classification Lists, with special emphasis on the problems of Multiple classifications. This was a spirited meeting. The discussion was guided by a fine and lengthy letter from National Secretary Dr. Ward Cook, who explained in detail the intricacies of dahlia classification. Let it be understood that this branch is in full accord with the national committee on classification and that our show schedule will follow it to the letter. Discussion of these complex questions among the members results in fewer disqualifications on the show table.

The question of propagation and diseases of the propagation bench was divided into two meetings. Propagation kodachrome slides were shown which were taken at Dahliadel, Gordon Waaser's and Ruschmohr.

Honor roll slides from the mid-west were sent on by George Currie, and E. J. Wind. The Eastern Honor Rolls were demonstrated with the aid of kodachromes from the collections of Lynn Dudley, Henry Olsen, and those of local growers.

At our May meeting we indorsed President Ed. Lloyds national membership drive and started one of our own. Mr. Lloyds slogan: "For each member to get at least ONE, NEW, ACTIVE member", is good enough for us. We hope to present him with a list of new members.

Plans to create and find new dahlia fans have been laid to cover a period of four months.

In the demise of Robert Stobo we mourn the loss of a true friend.

Nay Aug Park will again contain donated prize dahlias from all sections of the country, and will be under the supervision of this branch society.

Our annual show will be held at the YWCA Auditorium on September 7 and 8, 1945. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. Edward F. McDade; vice-presidents, Earl Holmes, Paul Doll, E. A. Lewis, R. Talbot, P. J. Malloy; treasurer, Clarence McGlone; and secretary, Charles Heusner. Additions to the executive committee includes R. Webb, W. Stolz, C. Good, Mrs. L. Carey and A. Davies.

The Dahlia Society of Georgia

Mr. B. E. Phillips, a veteran of many years growing dahlias, has been elected as President of the Dahlia Society of Georgia with the following officers who will serve with him:

1st Vice-President—J. W. Blackwell.

2nd Vice-President—C. E. Jarvis.

Secretary-Treasurer—Miss May Hudson.

Under such able leadership, the dahlia growers in this section will get the necessary stimulus to go forward and a real dahlia season will no doubt be witnessed here in Georgia.

The Dahlia Show date has been set for October 5th and 6th in Atlanta, and our past experience indicates that a two-day show pays dividends. Dahlia growers

and dahlia lovers usually return the second day to study types, colors and arrangements. A two-day show also benefits the rural population, as records show, for many out-of-town visitors register for show on second day.

A moving picture is being made in color by the Men's Garden Club of Atlanta of outstanding gardens, and the picture will include different Dahlia Gardens. This should create interest in dahlia culture. There are many people looking for a hobby, and the moving picture is being made to attract future gardeners looking for a hobby.

Due to the shortage of help last year, we were all looking for anything that would save time and labor. The writer mulched his dahlia garden with a generous mulch of pine straw. The results were very good, a greater yield of flowers, better root crops, and although we had a dry fall no water was used. Pine straw or any other good mulch will certainly pay dividends, not only to the dahlia but to other plants and victory gardens.

Another use for pine straw was found, storing dahlia roots. Last fall, due to shortage of peat moss, a substitute had to be found and this was pine straw. Tubers were stored in a cool place and results were good.

I have read several articles on "How to Ship Dahlia for Show". Some advise to wrap dahlia stem in moist cotton, others dip stem in hot water, but a practical method that is used here in this section is when flowers are to be entered in show, cut stem off under cool water. In placing flower in container cut stem off under cool water, and if flower is in a droopy condition, this method will revive the dahlia. Also flower cut off under water will keep fresh for duration of show.

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Editorial

With the blessed news of Peace, more Dahliaists will be able to give attention to Dahlias and the coming Shows.

From the gleanings which have reached your Editor's desk, we anticipate better Exhibitions in the coming weeks than ever before. Growing conditions have not been ideal, but that just means that Dahlias will be better. What other flower revels in oodles of rain . . . heat, draughts . . . hurricanes and what not!

Won't all of us try to help our over-taxed secretarial staffs, and Show Managers by cooperating more closely in the details of running the Shows? By sending our entries a few days before the Show, setting up our Exhibits as early as possible and in every way carefully adhere to the rules.

Visitors to the A.D.S. Show in New York please note the change in the opening hour—4 P. M. instead of the earlier scheduled time. The Show will be ready for you at 4 P. M.

HELP YOUR SHOW COMMITTEE

Send entry blanks in advance—set up your Exhibit early. Attach name cards to each entry—accept the decision of the judges. They are responding to your INVITATION!

Alabama Dahlia News

The Dahlia Society of Alabama is making interesting plans for its 10th Annual Show, October 11th, at the Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama. Show chairman will be Mr. Norman Lefkovits and co-chairman, Mr. T. M. Floyd.

The society feels itself most fortunate in having the beautiful ballroom of the hotel to stage this year's show. Visions of gorgeous blooms filling this spacious room are spurring the growers to greater efforts than ever before. It is most encouraging to see the renewed interest and increased plantings.

The cream of the 1945 introductions will be found in large numbers in a special section, the best three of these will be entered in an interesting event called the "Dahlia Derby."

More of the small flowering varieties are being grown this year. One has only to see the very lovely garden of Mrs. H. C. Rike to be inspired to grow these for themselves.

A special effort is being made to interest Garden Clubs in growing and exhibiting dahlias this year. It appears that the section for artistic arrangements will be bigger and better than ever before. Everything points to the 1945 Show being the best yet.

Mr. Harold Freeman, president, announces the annual picnic in August and all are eagerly looking forward to the good eats, fun and fellowship this event always brings.

If by chance, it is possible to be in or near Birmingham on October 11th, a cordial invitation is yours to visit Alabama's Dahlia Show.

MAUDE GOODWIN, Reporter.

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Greater St. Louis Increases Its Membership

We thought the readers of the American Dahlia Society would be interested in an experience of our society as a means of interesting more people to grow dahlias and at the same time as a thought during various societies' membership drives.

We here in St. Louis during the six years of our society, have designated the first four months of each year as Membership Drive Months. As an incentive to secure new members, we have offered plants as prizes. In many cases they were recent introductions. Our members had only the description that they read in the catalogs to inspire them and in our drives we usually added 20 to 30 new members.

However, at our last show we were privileged to see a recent introduction shown, which took us almost off of our feet. I am referring to the beautiful floating bowl arrangement of Saretts Pink Flamingo displayed by one of our past presidents. A complete description of this was covered in the last issue of the A.D.S. BULLETIN. Too much cannot be said about this particular arrangement. It attracted so much attention that all who saw it then and there wanted to grow it.

Our membership chairman, John Ollinger, could see great possibilities in securing new members if Flamingo could be used as prizes. This is what finally happened. The phone rang in Ray Grass' home one night during the first part of December, last year. This was a week or two after he finished digging his clumps. The voice on the other end of the line was that of John Ollinger. The following conversation took place.

"Say, Ray, I have an idea. Will you sell me a clump of Flamingo?"

Ray's reply was, "In the first place, I am not in the dahlia business for profit and, therefore, do not sell dahlias."

"How can I get one of your clumps?" John asked.

Ray told him that while all of them looked good when he was putting them away, he did not feel like making any commitments until after they had been in storage for a month or so, and told John to get in touch with him again in 30 days. Exactly 30 days later John again called but with no assurance that he would get a clump.

However, this prompted Ray to examine the box containing the 15 clumps of Flamingo and found them in perfect condition.

Up to that time, John did not reveal his idea he had in mind. In fact, he did not do so until in open meeting before the members of our society. This was in January. At this meeting, John was asked to accept the chairmanship for new members. This he gladly did and mentioned that he would personally make a special effort to secure five new members by the February meeting, provided that he was able to receive one of these divisions of Pink Flamingo. This challenge was accepted. Ray not only mentioned that he would be glad to give him a clump, but went still further, that if four other members would do likewise, they, too, would receive a division.

I am happy to report that 36 members were added during the first month of our drive and seven divisions were gladly passed out to the winners.

Wait, that's only the beginning! Inasmuch as the time limit was so short, several members secured two

and three new members, but they could not share in the prizes as it was understood that it required five new members. This gave John another thought. "Why couldn't we give plants of Flamingo at planting time to all who brought in three members?" So away he went again on a Flamingo hunt.

At the close of the drive which terminated at the May meeting, I am again happy to say that the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society now has 100 more members than they had four months ago, due to an aggressive chairman who had vision and who knows good dahlias when he sees them and the cooperation of Ray Grass, who made it possible to follow through the thought of John Ollinger.

Several of our members are growing last year's outstanding varieties and if any of these should be as appealing to the public at our next show as Flamingo was last year, we can look forward to using that variety in our 1946 drive.

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Western Pennsylvania Branch American Dahlia Society Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The March meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society was held March 22nd at the Garden Center in Schenley Park.

An instructive motion picture of "The Year Cycle of the Dahlia", obtained from the Department of Visual Instruction of the University of Wisconsin, was shown, together with some colored pictures of dahlias.

A lively auction of dahlia tubers donated by two of our loyal members, Mr. Cameron of Beaver, Pa., and Mr. Retzer of West Bridgewater, was held and a raffle of hard to get foodstuffs, with the result that a total of \$60.40 was added to our treasury. Not so bad!

After due discussion we voted on some changes in our by-laws that we feel will make the running of the society easier—enthusiasm about the coming year's dahlia patch was running high and refreshments were served after our adjournment.

ELIZABETH F. HISLOP, Secretary.

Baltimore Dahlia Society

The Baltimore Dahlia Society plans to hold its 20th Annual Fall Flower Show, September 23rd and 24th in the Sears Community Building, North and Harford Avenues, Baltimore, Md.

President Guckert, who is also the Show Manager, has his committees working and from the present outlook we will again stage a really fine display. There seems to be an unusual amount of interest, particularly in the Small Garden classes, some of this due to the large group of new members.

We will again feature the Governor Herbert R. O'Connor Class as well as the Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin Class, both of which have trophies as awards. The American Home Achievement Medal will also be offered and we are looking forward to seeing some very fine new seedlings displayed. Entries will be received until 12:00 noon, September 23rd, after which the judging will start and the Show will be open to the public at 3:00 P. M.

Besides the dahlia classes there will also be featured the Hardy Garden flower classes which will be in charge of Mrs. Pauline Graff, and Victory Garden classes for vegetables, handled by Talbot McAfee and George Mumma.

Information as to entries, etc., may be secured by writing to our secretary, Herbert O. Aburn, 610 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore 1, Md.

Eighth Annual Dahlia Show of the Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society

The big event in many of our young—or old—lives, is the annual dahlia show. This will be our eighth. Following our practice of last year, we are fortunate to be

able to announce that it will be held in the Phipps conservatory, in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, September 15th from 4 P. M. to 10 P. M. and on Sunday, September 16th, from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. Entries will be accepted as early as 9:30 A. M., Saturday, but must be in by 1 P. M.

There will, of course, be classes for all types, sizes and varieties of dahlias, with an amateur section for those who grow 100 hills or less, not counting pompons or miniatures, for single blooms, 3 blooms, 5 blooms, arrangements, large and small, seedlings, undisseminated and for over-sized miniatures. There is to be a special class for 1946 introductions consisting of blooms from plants given—on each—to the members, at the May meeting, by Henry Retzer of West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania. We plan to have some worthwhile prizes this year in addition to the regular ribbons sweepstakes and Home Achievement Medal certificate. This year we are eligible for the Silver Certificate Award of the American Dahlia Society.

The glories of having a show in the Phipps Conservatory, with its high glass domes and beautiful green background, not to mention the beneficial humidity, have been set forth before, for we think it is an ideal setting for the many thousands of gorgeous blooms our exhibitors bring in. It is almost like having a show in a big garden—better, in fact, for we don't have to worry about the weather.

We sincerely hope that many out of town or out of

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A LETTER FROM JOHN!

Dear Mary:

This letter brings to you the best news you have heard in a long time. Beginning with the first week in September, I will be home on my furlough for nearly a month. During this time, we want to go places and do things and make up for some of the lost time.

But above all, I'll take you to your favorite spot, to that famous dahlia garden in the Bronx. I believe the name is Parrella. You remember before I joined Uncle Sam's Air Force how we used to visit that garden regularly . . . and I used to buy you one of those famous bouquets that you enjoyed so much. At the same time we can visit the Botanical garden and the great A.D.S. dahlia show.

Now dear, until I see you, I'll say Au Revoir.

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Not only John and Mary are welcome at the Parrella Dahlia Gardens, but all of you, my dahlia loving friends. Our garden looks very promising right now and if nothing unusual happens, our display will be gorgeous.

You will have the pleasure of seeing the famous Ogden Reid, Hilda Fioretti, Joan Phillips, Jr., and hundreds of other varieties, including five new seedlings that already have received a certificate at the Trial Grounds.

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Report of the May Meeting of the Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society

The regular May meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society was held a little earlier than usual, so we met on Thursday evening, May 10th, at the Garden Center in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

This meeting is usually one of the high spots of the year, in that we have our annual auction at that time. The clumps, divisions or plants are all donated by loyal members; and don't think we bring in our castoffs. They are, instead, dahlias we have tried and liked and we want others to share our satisfaction and enjoyment. The members know their dahlias so the rare ones go like hot cakes with the bidding running high. It gets very exciting at times and is no end of fun for everyone. The number of donors was too great to list. One member brought a large pot of assorted flowering plants—suitable for a Mother's Day gift—which was auctioned off. Another donated some exceptionally fine gladiolas. Adding up the pot of assorted plants, the gladiolas and the dahlias, all together the auction netted us \$65.10. Besides that 10 lbs. of potash, a clever hand-made clothes reel, some very attractive pot holders and last but not least, one pound of butter, were raffled off, bringing in an additional \$13.20. Grand total, \$78.30. Do you wonder we felt rather pleased with ourselves?

One very important thing we did was to amend Article I, Section 1, of our by-laws, changing our name from "The Western Pennsylvania Branch of the American Dahlia Society" to "The Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society." That "Western Pennsylvania" was rather a vague phrase to many people and we felt that "Greater Pittsburgh" would have a more definite meaning. We shall still continue to be a loyal branch of the American Dahlia Society—the change in no way alters that affiliation, nor does it limit the vast territory we cover—as far as 80 and 100 miles, in some instances. So from now on you'll hear from us as "The Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society", but we're the same group of dahlia enthusiasts we've always been.

This year we plan to share our dahlia pleasure with some of our service men by staging a show of dahlias, and other flowers, at the Deshon Hospital, which is located near Pittsburgh. The exact date for that has not been set but it will probably be some time in September.

The last Saturday in July—the 28th—we are combining forces, and appetites, with the Men's Garden Club of Pittsburgh and The National Association of Gardeners, to have a grand big joint picnic at the Watson Home for Children in Leetsdale, Pennsylvania. We are proud of the fact that two of our five members are president of these organizations. Mr. R. D. Motznik is President of The Men's Garden Club of Pittsburgh and Mr. Karl Kaesmeier is President of The National Association of Gardeners. We plan to bring basket lunches, adding plenty of home grown corn, lots of fun and good fellowship, so it looks like a big time. Incidentally we plan to have our show schedules ready for distribution at that time.

ELIZABETH F. HISLOP, Secretary.

Irvington Show

Just a reminder that the largest and best show in New Jersey is being held in the Second Reformed Church, Irvington, N. J., Thursday and Friday, September 13th and 14th.

We expect to have the largest show ever this year and invite all dahlia growers and lovers to exhibit in our show. There are plenty of classes for the amateur and professional gardeners. We also offer the American Home Achievement Medal for the best and most worthy undisseeded dahlia. This class is open both for the amateur as well as the professional and we would like to see some of the professional growers exhibit some of their new and big ones with us. By the time you get your new A.D.S. BULLETIN I believe congratulations will be in order for our worthy member and one of the vice-presidents of the A.D.S., will take unto himself a wife. Congratulations, Rivel.

For any information regarding show, please get in touch with the Town Hall, Irvington, or Howard W. Rivel, 1275 Miriam Place, Hillside, N. J.

Burholme, Penna. Horticultural Society

Our Silver Jubilee Show will be held September 21 and 22 at the Trinity Oxford Community House, Rising Sun Avenue and Disston Streets.

Plans are well under way to have an outstanding Dahlia and Garden Flower Show. It is anticipated this Silver Jubilee Show will even be greater than any of the twenty-four preceding shows under the direction of William D. Hird, show superintendent. Dahlias will be at their best and as usual competition will be keen for the American Home Achievement Medal. There will be many classes for amateur growers and one section open to all. Prizes will be given to the first and second winning entries of each class. As an added feature there will be a section for private estates with a gardener. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

We cordially invite growers of dahlias and garden flowers to celebrate with us by showing their blooms at this Silver Jubilee Show.

Schedules and prize list may be obtained by contacting Lewis G. Dietz, 7512 Tabor Road, Philadelphia 11, Pennsylvania.

If you are not able to show flowers, be with us to enjoy our outstanding show and friendship.

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Portland Dahlia Society

Although everyone seems to be engaged in some form of war activity interest in dahlia culture is increasing each year. All members are taking an active part in planning for disease and pest control and each meeting sees round table discussions on these topics as well as talks by those who are making an intensive study of this phase of dahlia culture.

The monthly meeting held on April 13 was featured by the annual sale of surplus roots donated by members. Over \$100 was realized from the sale this year. Owing to the heavy demand on his time by other garden societies in which he takes an active part Mr. C. M. Ferris resigned the office of Treasurer and Mrs. Frances McCarter was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

The May meeting held on the 4th was well attended and featured a talk by Mr. Compton of the Compton Dahlia Gardens on disease and pest control. Mr. Compton recommends weekly spraying as the best method of disease control, as our worst diseases are all carried by insects and he feels that semi-monthly spraying is not efficient. The Committee on Revision of By-Laws read the new by-laws and they were adopted at this meeting. Owing to the increasing scope of the work of the society and newer interpretations placed on our laws it was felt that our old by-laws were not comprehensive enough in their wording and the committee was appointed to revise them and bring them up to date.

Plans are already under way for the annual fall dahlia show and the date has been set for Sept. 28 and 29. It will be held in the Auditorium of the Public Service Building and is expected to equal any show ever held by the Society.

The monthly meetings will be held hereafter on the second Monday of each month in the Men's Lounge of the Public Service Building.

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state dahlia growers and lovers will come to our show, and we extend a most cordial invitation to one and all. Non-members may enter in the show by payment of an entry fee of one dollar (\$1.00) and schedules and entry blanks may be obtained by writing Mrs. L. D. Hislop, 455 Clokey Avenue, Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

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National Capital Show Plans

Except for an exhibition hall, our show committee has about completed plans for our show, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30. Several suitable places are being looked into and one will be selected at our July meeting when the committee makes its full report.

Schedules will be mailed all exhibitors and visitors requesting same by dropping a postal card to our secretary, Dr. H. C. Parker, National Press Building, Washington 4, D. C.

Awards include the American Home Achievement Medal, several trophies, and War Savings stamps. The total of the latter are expected to exceed by far the \$125 in stamps awarded last year. Really something worthwhile to shoot at. Keep Washington and our show dates in mind and if you have some of those "knock-out" blooms at show time bring 'em in and see what you can take home with you.

New Baltimore, Mich. Society Elects

The officers of The New Baltimore Dahlia Society are as follows:

Douglas E. Briggs, president.

Nick Koenig, vice-president.

Catherine Helwig, secretary.

Frank Smith, treasurer.

WARD H. COOK, M.D., Secretary,
The American Dahlia Society.

Dahlia Society of Toledo

Due to the very long rainy season we were unable to get our dahlias planted until about the second week in June, and have postponed our show a week. The dates are September 15 and 16. This will conflict with East Liverpool Show, but our committee felt our flowers would be so later in blooming we just wouldn't have the blooms to put on a show any earlier.

George Towslee was elected Chairman of the Show Committee this year, and the following members will work with him: Herman Bunde, Alex Lonergan, John Schroeder, John Saalfeld, Fred Gray H. L. Kidney, Eldon Meyers, Frank Winker, Al Schlagheck, Fred Wiland, Howard Grabow and C. B. Warner, Carl Sattler.

The show is again being sponsored by The Jim White Chevrolet Co., 1301 Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio.

Minnesota Dahlia Society

September 10th and 11th are the dates chosen by the Minnesota Dahlia Society for their Seventeenth Annual Show to be held at the Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Minn. Enclosed herewith is our premium list covering same. MRS. A. R. OWEN, Secretary.

Dahlia Show Dates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name of Society</i>	<i>Location</i>
Aug.	Orange County Dahlia Society	Santa Anna, Calif.
" 24-25	The Calgary Dahlia Society	Glencoe Club, Calgary Alta, Can.
Sept. 1-2	Inglewood Dahlia & Horticultural Society	Inglewood High School, Inglewood, Calif.
" 2-3	South Central Wisconsin Dahlia Society	Madison Gas & Elec. Co., Madison, Wis.
" 7-8	Northeastern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society	Y.W.C.A., Scranton, Pa.
" 10-11	Minnesota Dahlia Society	Northwestern Nat. Bk., Minneapolis, Minn.
" 13-14	Irvington Dahlia Club	2nd Reformed Church, Irvington, N. J.
" 15-16	Dahlia Society of New Jersey	Regional High School, Springfield, N. J.
" 15-16	Dahlia Society of Toledo	Jim White Chevrolet Co., Toledo, Ohio
" 15-16	Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society	Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pa.
" 20-21	AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY	Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City
" 21-22	Burholme Horticultural Society	Trinity Oxford Community House, Philadelphia, Pa.
" 22-23	Dahlia Society of Ohio and Mid-West Dahlia Conference	Masonic Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio
" 23-24	Baltimore Dahlia Society	Sears Community Bldg., Baltimore, Md.
" 27-28	Hagerstown Dahlia Society	Auction Sales Room, City Market, Hagerstown, Md.
" 28-29	Portland Dahlia Society	Public Service Bldg., Portland, Oregon
" 29-30	Ohio Valley Dahlia Society	Westwood Town Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio
" 29-30	National Capital Society	Washington, D. C.
" 29-30	Dahlia Society of Kentucky	Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Ky.
Oct. 4	Long Island Dahlia Society	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.
" 5-6	Dahlia Society of Georgia	Atlanta, Ga.
" 11	Dahlia Society of Alabama	Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Ala.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Society

The Ohio Valley Dahlia Society will hold its annual Dahlia Show on Saturday and Sunday, September 29th and 30th, at the Westwood Town Hall, located at Harrison and Montana Avenues, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Under the able leadership of our President, Mr. M. Y. Thomas, and our Show Chairman, Mr. Robert Seibel, we are going to have the best show in years, and with the addition of quite a few new members, and the extra classes added to the schedule our society is brimming over with enthusiasm.

Our society also can report a very satisfactory growth of the Trial Grounds at Ault Park this year, a greater increase in the number of entries, and Robert Seibel, our Trial Grounds Supt. is bringing them along in fine shape despite the lack of help, and will have them at the peak of perfection when the time comes to judge them, and this policy is appreciated by introducers of new varieties, so next year when you are getting ready to send that world beater of yours to a Trial Ground to find out how good it is, keep the O. V. D. A. Trial Grounds in mind.

ELMER SHEPARD, Associate Secretary.

Inglewood Dahlia & Floral Society

Plans are well under way for the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society's 14th annual show, combined with a Victory Garden Section, to be held in the Inglewood High School study hall, September 1 and 2.

President A. J. Slatter is again show manager and will be assisted by Vice-President Dr. H. E. Cannon and Mr. George McDowell, who will supervise the Victory Garden Section.

Schedules to be mailed well in advance of show time will contain rules and regulations and list seven divisions, including ten classes and 173 entries. A place for every exhibitor interested in flowers and a like schedule for vegetable growers. New exhibitors will be assisted and a floor plan showing each exhibitor's space will be on hand for their convenience.

Since climatic conditions around the Inglewood area seem to be the most perfect in the West for Dahlia raising, we intend to uphold our reputation by endeavoring to make this our finest show to date.

J. FRED DAVIDSON, Secretary.



The Shows Are On

Now that the War is over we can spend more time with our Dahlias and we know that the A.D.S. Show Sept. 20 and 21st will be enjoyed more than ever.

Victory Gardens will again revert to Flower Gardens with the lessening of wartime activities, and we will all enjoy again the fullest of pleasure from producing that which is beautiful.

More power to the *Shows* and the people who support them, and make them possible.

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