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# Plans for the A.D.S. Annual Exhibition

A good growing season, pent-up enthusiasm and careful planning presage a great Show which will be staged at Hotel Pennsylvania, Penn Top in New York City, Sept. 24th and 25th.

Reports indicate splendid gardens as we go to press thanks to good growing weather with sufficient rainfall except in mid July . . . and to D.D.T. Your Editor has seen a number of gardens and they are uniformly good.

There are a few additions to our printed schedule. In the May issue of the Bulletin are listed the classes for shipments from distant points. With greatly improved Air shipping facilities for proper handling flowers, we expect a great many entries. A Committee selected especially for knowledge and appreciation of what prompt and extra careful attention means to blooms out of water so many hours will be 'Johnny on the job.' Edward B. Lloyd, Chairman, will be capably assisted by Henry Cory, Roy Webb and Charles Stoeckel. 'Nuff sed' . . . send along your blooms!

We have also added classes for Gladioli and outdoor grown Chrysanthemums schedule herewith:

## Section K

### Hardy Chrysanthemums—Open to All

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#### 3 SPRAYS POMPONS

Class 341—White.

Class 342—Yellow.

Class 343—Orange or Bronze.

Class 344—Red.

Class 345—Any Color or Colors.

\*Special—Most outstanding entry in class 334 to 345 (suitable prize).

Suitable prizes for the above Hardy Chrysanthemums Classes will be furnished by Dahliadel Nurseries.

## Section L

### Gladioli—Open to All

#### ONE SPIKE, ANY SIZE OR TYPE

Class 346—White, cream.

Class 347—Yellow, orange, buff.

Class 348—Pink, rose.

Class 349—Salmon shades.

Class 350—Scarlet, light red.

Class 351—Deep red, maroon.

Class 352—Purple.

Class 353—Lavender, violet.

Class 354—Smokies and any other color.

Special—Most outstanding entry in Classes 346 to 354, Tri-color ribbon award.

Arrangement classes (space 30 in. wide by 24 in. deep).

Class 355—Arrangement of Gladiolus, own or any other foliage.

Class 356—Arrangement of Gladiolus with Dahlias. First, second and third prize ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judges in all classes.

Please note a correction in the requirements for Class 322:

### RAY SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD

Class 322 offered by the Dahlia Society of New Jersey for the best Dahlia of New Jersey origin, any type or color. If undisseminated, variety must be at least three years old. Not less than 3 blooms to be exhibited on long stems. Silver Medal offered by Leo L. Pollak, Past President, the Dahlia Society of New Jersey.

The writer saw this beautiful medal . . . it is worth re-doubled effort to go after it.

Mrs. Georgena Humble is in charge of the Garden Club Section as heretofore and anticipates strong support there . . . this is always a very important and interesting section of any A.D.S. Show.

Publicity will have wide coverage under the capable direction of Dr. Fred J. Knocke and his wide awake Committee.

Costs in connection with the Show will be higher than ever (like everything else). Our members have always been very generous in support of our solicitation of funds for prizes and the general expenses of the Show and we urgently ask that all who are in a position so to do will send their checks as early as possible to Dr. Ward Cook, 34 Puritan Av., Tuckahoe, N. Y. . . . Acknowledgement will be made in the fall issue of the Bulletin. This paragraph has been inserted because some of our members did not receive the Committee's letter last year . . . this notice will augment the communication you will receive from Mrs. Stephen Van Hoesen's Committee.

Hotel Exhibition Halls in New York City are very costly as is every other item in connection with a great A.D.S. Show. The Society does not profit financially from the Show but we do like to hold the deficit to a minimum.

Judging will be in charge of Conrad Frey, Dr. Ward Cook and Henry Cory . . . they have held meetings resulting in very carefully prepared plans and we are sure this difficult assignment will be carried out faithfully and with desired results.

The Show will be open to the public on Tuesday, Sept. 24th at 4 P.M.

Schedules and entry blanks may be had from the Secretary or from Show Manager Henry Olsen, 189-23 44th Ave., Flushing, New York. Mr. Olsen has every detail ready as we go to press and we look for a very smooth running organization.

Bring your blooms and bring along your friends . . . make it your job to insure the success of the Show.

## To All Members of the American Dahlia Society

A plea to help to popularize the Dahlia.

Our goal—at least a few Dahlia plants in every garden.

Let us open the way for others to know the thrill of a dahlia garden in full bloom, the beauty of a dahlia arrangement in the house, the splendor of a large exhibition bloom, the satisfaction of seeing healthy plants develop under their careful care.

How can we do this?

We can share our blooms—display them in churches, hospitals, banks, store windows, our business.

We can share our surplus stock with beginners.

We can send items of interest about dahlias to the garden editors of our newspapers. A few suggestions will appear in this and coming issues of the bulletin.

We can talk dahlias to all who will listen.

Let's share our wealth of dahlia pleasure, and by so doing multiply our own enjoyment of our hobby.

ADS PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

DR. F. J. KNOCKE, Chairman.

## Publicity Suggestions

Suggested items which might be of interest to garden editors. Pass these along with local items of interest to your newspaper.

August—This is the time for a final application of fertilizer. The feeder roots are approaching the surface, so rake it in lightly. One of the commercial fertilizers (5-10-5 or similar formula) will assure balanced growth and good roots. A mulch of well rotted manure, dried shredded manure, salt hay or grass clippings will preserve those tender feeders and eliminate the necessity for cultivation.

Keep the plants well tied to their stakes. Those fall storms are on the way.

The buds will be appearing now. For better quality bloom and longer stems for cutting the plants should be disbudded. There will be a center bud and one or more side buds. The side buds should be removed, leaving the center bud. Also remove the lateral branches as they appear between the top one or two pairs of true leaves. This will give long stems for the later blooms, and keep the plant low and bushy.

September—The plants are in full bloom now. Most of the work is done, but they still need a little care. Most important is plenty of water, to keep the plants growing and soft. One heavy soaking is worth many light sprinklings.

Now that the heavy blooms are appearing it is especially important that the plants be well supported.

Do you have a particularly fine plant for which you have great expectations? Give it that little extra care, and shade the bloom with a peach basket or other improvised shade. This extra work will repay you with better color, larger size, and cleaner bloom.

October—Soon frost will descend and the season will be over. Then the roots must be lifted and stored for next year.

To do this remove the stakes and cut the plants off just above the ground. Scrape off an inch or two of surface dirt, and, with two people digging, insert a spading fork about a foot from the stem on each side, and gently lift the clump out of the ground. Cut or saw the stem off again an inch and a half above the roots. Label the clump

immediately, either with a copper wired label tied around the neck of one of the roots, or by writing on the roots with an indelible pencil. Dust the cut stem and damaged root ends with sulfur and lime.

The clump is now ready for storage. This is best done in a cool cellar where there is no danger of frost. They may be packed in a variety of media, the simplest and most satisfactory of which is garden soil. Peat moss may also be used. The clumps are packed upright with the crowns barely showing. They may be packed in boxes or bushel baskets or a special bin may be constructed if a large number of clumps are to be stored.

## Membership Drive

You will shortly receive a letter from Chairman A. J. Mulcahy, which we hope you will give most earnest consideration.

It is absolutely necessary that we double our membership if we are to render the service you want and which we would like to give you.

Your Bulletin runs at a very big deficit . . . printing and mailing costs have mounted tremendously. We do want to maintain the high standard of the Bulletin . . . even improve it if we are in a position to do so.

Each member should get at least one new member if the drive is to succeed. Surely the joy of growing Dahlias and hob-nobbing with other Dahlia fans is worthy of a little extra effort. If you cannot approach someone for a membership, do what one of our Charter members has just done. At the first announcement of the drive he purchased a membership for a friend.

This matter is of great concern to your Executive Committee, each member of which serves on Mr. Mulcahy's Committee.

Please do your utmost.

## Mid-West Dahlia Show

The Thirteenth Annual Mid-West Dahlia Show will be held at St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 28 and 29.

A very fine Show is anticipated with wide participation of the various State Societies.

Plan to attend this fine Show which will be under the general Chairmanship of Raymond Grass of the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society.

## Jessie L. Seal, Famous Dahlia Grower

Funeral services were held July 8 for Mrs. Jessie L. Seal, who won international fame as a California horticulturist.

Mrs. Seal, who had long been a semi-invalid, retired in 1929 after many years of work in flowers, particularly dahlias and delphiniums both in the sandy soil of the Park-Presidio district and in Napa County. Her dahlias were annual features of the shows formerly held by the Park-Presidio Improvement Association.

She was one of the first children born in Oakland and was a daughter of the pioneer James Cobblestick family. She resided on Third Avenue for the past forty years.

Surviving Mrs. Seal are a daughter, Isabelle Stovel, the violinist; a brother, James Cobblestick and four sisters, Mrs. A. Kempkey, Mrs. W. N. Jenkins, Mrs. Florence Chown and Mrs. James Plunkett.

## Root Storage

Our Committee on Education, Prof. C. Merrill Brown, Chairman; E. J. Wind, Geo. Fraser, Dr. Bruce Preas, Dr. C. H. Connors and Prof. C. E. Wildon feel that D.D.T. has so many possibilities in the realm of insect and disease control, that they are turning their attention for a while to the problem of successful root storage.

Too many folk become discouraged because of the very large loss of root stock. Successful methods of wintering must be found and the information widely disseminated.

Many fine varieties just go by the board because so much of the root stock is lost a year or two after introduction.

What to do about it!

If you have had success in root storage, please get in touch with a member of the Committee and relate the exact details of your procedure. We would like to sum up these reports in the November BULLETIN.

Your Editor will start the ball a rolling by telling how two of our Long Island friends carry their roots over.

Dewey Mohr has very few losses. I have seen his clumps when dug and when removed from storage. He digs green—before heavy frost—cuts the stalk back to an inch or two, washes the clumps and cures them on the greenhouse bench for about a week. They are then packed in large wooden cases heavily lined with newspapers. Two or three layers of clumps are packed down-side up. Heavy paper is placed on top and tucked in tight.

The cases are piled on top of one another in a small room far away from the heating plant. They are not disturbed until ready to be removed from storage.

### THE TOOKER METHOD

Mr. E. E. Tooker uses a method which will be found successful under varied conditions—even in a heated cellar.

His roots are dug green—before heavy frost—stalks are cut back to about three inches. Clumps are washed and immediately (no drying out in sun or wind) placed on the floor of the cellar as far from the heat as possible (he, too, has a small storage room). He then filters soil all through and around the tubers including the fine feeder roots and covers all roots leaving the stalks protrude over the soil. A week or so later, when the soil commences to dry out on the top, he adds more soil, so that finally there is a layer of two inches of soil over the tubers but the stalk always protrudes an inch or so, getting the benefit of air circulation.

I have used this method—also stored roots this way in cases and in flats. They winter with practically no loss. In spring the feeder roots are still green—there is no shrivelling of the tubers. Hence when the roots are planted, they sprout in a few days.

Now, fans, tell the Committee your story, but please do it right away. Many valuable clumps may be saved this winter.

### Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society is holding its Show, September 26 and 27, Municipal Market, Hagerstown, Md.

H. K. RAMSBURG, Secretary.

# PREMIER'S DEPENDABLE DAHLIAS

DOMESTIC  
*and*  
FOREIGN  
VARIETIES

Plants in field appear strong and healthy and we will therefore issue a Fall Clump List of the best of the 1946 Standard Varieties.

PREMIER DAHLIA GARDENS  
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New Jersey

## Derrill Hart Medals

You, who are entitled to these medals have been very patient.

They could not be procured during the war, of course, but we feel confident soon they will be in the hands of your Committee for distribution.

The A. D. S. is anxious to make these awards as soon as possible and has not been asleep at the switch. In the interim, we built up the funds to defray the cost. This is a separate fund and any who are interested may at any time send contributions to Dr. Ward Cook, Treasurer who will receive same thankfully.

## Patience, Please!

The A.D.S. is fortunate in having as our Secretary one of the most learned and experienced men in American Horticulture.

In addition to his background as a College Professor and practising Pathologist, Dr. Ward Cook has been identified with Iris and Paeony culture before he became so enthused about Dahlias. He is recognized in those realms of Floriculture as one of America's outstanding judges . . . today he is one of Dahliadom's best.

How on earth he could have been persuaded to accept the A.D.S. Secretaryship in addition to his many very arduous tasks, none of us who know him best can realize.

But he did it! And he put that office on a higher plane than ever in the history of the Society.

Due to the great volume of detail and the fact that he and his secretary are literally swamped with work down at the 'Lab' some of the A.D.S. correspondence has gotten behind.

We are now giving the Doctor a little help and will soon catch up in answering the letters you have written. Also our billing will be up to date shortly.

We appreciate your indulgence. The Society is not in a position to hire full time help (which we could readily utilize) and until such time as we are, we will endeavor to give you the best possible service under the very difficult circumstances.

## Cleveland Show

We hope all of the judges who visited the Midwest Show at Cleveland last year will visit us again September 14th and 15th to help judge the show. We have reason to believe the coming show will be the best ever staged in Cleveland.

We sincerely hope every dahlia fan, whether he be a novice or a professional, who can possibly arrange to do so, will come and bring his blooms.

(Signed) H. H. ROBBINS,  
F. V. R. VEIRS,  
Co-Chairmen,  
Judges Committee.

### SMALL DAHLIAS

MINIATURES AND POMPONS IN CLUMPS THIS  
FALL. SEND FOR LIST.

CHAPPAQUA GARDENS  
Chappaqua, N. Y.

## Northeastern Penna. Selects Show Date

Sept. 13th and 14th have been decided upon as dates for the annual show at Scranton, Pa. This show will carry a full pre-war schedule for seedlings and Achievement exhibits. Dr. McDade, local president, has appointed Charles Heusner, Show chairman, assisted by E. Holmes, R. Webb, Ernest Lewis, and C. McGlone.

Nay Aug Park has been planted as a memorial to the honored dead of World War II. We are ever grateful to the donors of this stock. Ernest Lewis is in charge of the Park planting. We hope to stage a field day and pay tribute to Colin Kelly, Ray Smith, and, other illustrious heroes, whose essential and supreme contributions have made all this possible.

## Thank You!

The Nay Aug Park Garden Committee of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Dahlia Society want to thank the twenty-four (24) donors from seven (7) states who so kindly donated stock for this fine project which we have kept up since the first year of the Society. Without the co-operation of these fine people it would be impossible for us to continue the garden.

The committee this year is headed by Ernest A. Lewis, but Aubrey is so modest that he wants to "hide his light under a bushel" something like he hides his wonderful dahlia inside a bushel basket before the Scranton and New York Shows each year. With the result that he does not want his name signed to this little story. It is no secret that Aubrey and his good wife do most of the work at the park gardens, even to lugging most of the stock from their home, something over a mile distance, in their arms. You see Aubrey sold his automobile right after he had ordered a new one, only to find that the Automobile Salesman failed to deliver the new car as quickly as expected. Aubrey can be found at the park every Saturday morning and many evenings glooming the dahlia beds with the same loving care and skill that he showers on his personal garden.

As this is written, June 24th, the planting is finished and the 429 plants are looking fine. There is a total of 252 different varieties making up this 429. There are 153 plants that were grown from seed donated by four friends of the Committee, these seedling plants are planted in two of the long beds and represent a new idea in the park planting which should be very interesting as well as educational in showing the public how new dahlias are born.

It is the sincere hope of the Committee that every one of the twenty-four Donors may visit the Nay Aug Park Gardens and see just how we are doing the job this year. However, it is a bit doubtful if our friends from California and Washington State will honor us. But, we do have hopes of seeing our friends from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Maryland who donated stock. These friends donated many of the best and newest varieties as well as the best of their seedlings.

We also invite and urge all dahlia lovers to take a day and inspect this Nay Aug Park Dahlia Garden. We are sure that it will be a day well spent. Again thanking all the fine people who so freely donated stock this year.

THE COMMITTEE.

# The American DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

ORGANIZED MAY 10, 1915



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

GORDON F. WAASER, *President-Editor*  
378 Pennsylvania Ave., Stearns Pk., Freeport, L.I., N.Y.

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34 Puritan Ave., Tuckahoe, N. Y.

## Editorial

This has been a very busy year for most of us in the A.D.S.

Our Executive Committee Meetings have been very well attended. Every member has an active part in the Organization set up last January.

The Committees are functioning very efficiently . . . and when we say this, we refer to each member of the Committees. The Chairmen have kept in close touch with their colleagues and much correspondence passes between them. It all adds up to smooth functioning.

Henry Olsen is doing a great job as Show Manager.

Special Committees of proven merit as hustlers will take care of help to the Novice at our Show . . . also service to those shipping their blooms from distant points. . . . Bob Vogel will again handle the entry desk . . . a top-notch judges Committee is alert . . . an experienced pre-war Publicity Committee.

Add to that the selection of Penn Top to stage the Show . . . one of the most beautiful Exhibition Halls in New York City . . . and you will see that the A.D.S. is right on the ball, doing its utmost.

So, bring your blooms . . . bring yourself and bring your friends . . . let's make it a gala event . . . the 1946 A.D.S. Show.

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**Visit the A.D.S. Show—Sept. 24-25**

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## The Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society

Our May meeting is always a lively one and always well attended, for it is then that we hold our annual auction. It was held on May 16th at the Garden Center in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh. Due to the poor growing season last year some were apprehensive about our having enough donations to make the auction as large as usual—but as the clan began to gather those fears disappeared. Everyone was more than generous and the pile grew rapidly.

To spur enthusiasm we were fortunate to have Mr. Lynn B. Dudley's superfine kodachrome pictures of the newest introductions and some of the 1945 introductions that are still new to many. With these beautiful images fresh in our minds the bidding went along at a merry clip as we good naturedly vied with one another to win the bid. Some special contributions from loyal members—other than dahlias—helped the sum total along so that we announce with justifiable pride that over \$90 was added to the treasury. Business was cut to a minimum and after we adjourned everyone sat about "far into the night" enjoying our refreshments and visiting with the rest of the dahlia gang. East or West, North or South, there isn't a better gang to be found than the dahlia hounds!

Our Ninth Annual Dahlia Show will be held at the Phipps Conservatory in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pa., Saturday, September 21st and Sunday, September 22nd. Given a decent growing year this ought to be the greatest show we've ever held. Don't miss it.

ELIZABETH F. HISLOP, Secretary.

## Baltimore Dahlia Society

The big event of the year—our 21st Annual Fall Flower Show—will be held September 22nd and 23rd (Sunday & Monday) in the Sears Community Building, Harford & North Aves., Baltimore, Md. Mr. Vincent Hush has been appointed Show Manager and he and his committee are working hard to complete the details for our usual high class exhibition. Besides the various sections for all types of dahlias there is also the Hardy Garden Section which covers all types of garden flowers. Cash prizes will be awarded in each class as well as sweepstakes in each section as well as special trophies. We are again privileged to offer the American Home Achievement Medal and from advance notices there should be some keen competition. The show will be open to the public from 2:30 P. M. to 10 P. M. on Sunday, September 22nd and from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M., Monday, September 23rd, there being no charge for admission. Information as to entry blanks, etc., can be secured from Secretary Herbert O. Aburn, 610 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore 1, Md.

Fine reports are coming in from the Mid-Atlantic Trial Garden at the University of Maryland, College Park, Md., which is under the sponsorship of the Baltimore Dahlia Society. Chairman Henry Cory and his committee have worked untiringly to make this a success. Arrangements are now being completed for a Field Day with appropriate exercises; these to be announced later.

President Conrad Brieger is making plans for the officers and members to visit the various shows, particularly the American Dahlia Society.

H. O. ABURN, Secretary.

... *New Dahlias* ...

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### Alabama Dahlia News

"There is a job for every one and a job with real compensations—the satisfaction that comes from playing on an all-Southern Dahlia team; the satisfaction of doing a job well and the fun which comes from working together with others who have kindred interests." These are the words spoken by Mr. H. K. Ritchie, president of the Dahlia Society of Alabama to members as the society began its eleventh year. It is in this spirit that the society goes forward. Many new members have been enlisted and a renewed spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation is felt through the society.

The "Cutworm," the bulletin of the society is again being edited by Norman Lefkovits who has done a swell job ever since it has been published. This bulletin contains not only notices of meetings and items of interest but valuable information on growing better dahlias. New members and beginners in growing dahlias find these most helpful.

Show plans are rapidly getting into shape. A number of new ideas will be developed in this year's show. The Dahlia Derby will be held for the 6th consecutive year. The show will be held on Thursday, October 3rd in the beautiful Terrace Room of the Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham. Norman Lefkovits as chairman and Tom Floyd as co-chairman will again manage this important event.

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**National Capital Dahlia Society, U. S. Show**  
**SEPTEMBER 28-29**  
**Botanical Gardens, Washington, D. C.**

### Burholme Dahlia Society

The Burholme Horticultural Society will hold its Twenty-Sixth Annual Exhibition on September 20th and 21st in the Trinity Oxford Church Community House, Rising Sun and Disston Streets, Burholme, Philadelphia, Penna. This Society after having had twenty-five consecutive years of show experience without any deficiency certainly deserves some recognition.

William O. Hird, show manager, and his enthusiastic committee have arranged a very comprehensive catalog comprising 110 classes, 60 devoted to Dahlias and the balance to Garden Flowers, Vegetables, Novelties and Arrangements.

Therefore, being affiliated with the American Dahlia Society we extend a hearty invitation to all its members and friends to visit our show. You can be assured that all the latest American and Foreign Creations will be on display.

We are again making a special effort to stimulate our undisseminated seedling class by inviting all hybridizers to participate. For a vase of three blooms, one variety and type, the American Achievement Medal is offered as a trophy for this class through the kind co-operation of the American Home Magazine. We have also annexed four

classes (open to all) private gardeners, institutions, commercial growers, etc. Cash prizes are offered to the winners.

In addition to the above you have the privilege to enter into other Dahlia Classes for competition. Awards submitted in these classes are interesting enough to make it worth while.

Our catalog will be ready for distribution early in September and anyone desiring a copy kindly write to—Charles Trout, Corresponding Secretary, 631 Central Avenue, Cheltenham, Penna.

Insert the Burholme show date in your diary and either be present or send your flowers.

### Portland Dahlia Society

A survey of dahlia planting in this section shows them, as a whole, farther advanced than usual at this time. May was drier than usual permitting earlier working of the ground while the unexpected warm rains of June caused early growth. Planting generally is heavier than the past few years and was only limited by the scarcity of stock. Another point worthy of note is the heavier planting of varieties of late introduction.

The annual auction of roots at the April meeting proved so popular, possibly partly due to scarcity of stock, that a second auction was held at the May meeting. All members are looking forward to the July meeting which will be held on Sunday, July 14, at the home of G. A. Westgate at Fishers Landing, Vancouver, Washington on the banks of the Columbia River.

The annual show will be held September 27 and 28 at the Portland Art Museum. Richard McCarter, recently back from the service and now actively engaged in dahlia growing, will act as Show Chairman with Mrs. J. J. Rae as Co-chairman and P. F. Kershishnik in charge of staging the show. It is expected this show will vie with, if not exceed the prewar shows. With the resumption of trade with European countries many new varieties have been imported and we hope to see many of them on display here for the first time.

The booklet, really a small book, issued by the society on Practical Dahlia Culture was so well received that the first imprint is almost sold out and another printing will be necessary to meet the demand. Covering as it does the latest developments in dahlia culture and research it supplies the information all progressive growers have wanted but could not readily obtain.

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Schedule and entry blanks may be had from Sec. Otto J. Aumuller, 50 East Lincoln Av., Valley Stream, L. I.

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We are a little later than most Shows in the New York area and we solicit the co-operation of Dahlia exhibitors everywhere.

**A.D.S. Show—September 24 and 25, New York City.**

**DAHLIAS**

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**Meeting of Minnesota Dahlia Society**

May 16, 1946

A meeting of the Minnesota Dahlia Society was held at the Hasty Tasty Cafe on May 16, 1946. The attendance was 66. The meeting was called to order by President Holmberg. Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved. The Secretary reported that 70 members had paid 1946 dues and that 22 members had paid dues as Participating Members in the American Dahlia Society.

President Holmberg announced that he had ordered the die for our new Minnesota Dahlia Society Medal and that he had received an anonymous contribution of \$30.00 from one of our members toward the cost of the die. He called attention to the change in our Premium List whereby separate classes are created for "Bi-Color" and "Variegated" blooms and cautioned the members to be sure that these blooms were entered properly at show time. President Holmberg then read a letter from the Badger Dahlia Society of Madison, Wisc., inviting us to exchange medals with them in connection with their first annual Dahlia Show. This exchange was authorized. He also read a letter from the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society extending to our members an invitation to attend the Thirteenth Annual Mid-West Dahlia Show which will be held in St. Louis on Sept. 2 and 29. In accordance with a suggestion made by President Holmberg which met with general approval the Secretary was instructed to prepare a membership list for distributions to members. It was reported that member Charles Schroll was ill in Eitel Hospital and the Secretary was instructed to send some flowers together with an expression of our regret at his illness. The matter of a Dahlia tour before Show Time was discussed and the entire membership seemed to be in favor of a tour.

President Holmberg introduced member Harold E. Nelson who gave a talk on Dusts and Sprays with particular reference to the use of Deenote 25-W and Dow Spray—17 which can be combined to control corn borers, leaf hoppers, tarnish bugs, red spider and thrip and by the further addition of Black Leaf—40 the control may be extended to aphids. Mr. Nelson provided the members with a mimeographed copy of his talk.

The meeting adjourned.

**Dahlia Society of Toledo**

We are hosts to the Ohio State Dahlia Show this year, and want to take this opportunity of announcing to the Dahlia world, that it will be held on September 21 and 22nd, in the Jim White Show Rooms, 13th and Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. George Towslee, 1508 Hagley Road, is President, and Mr. Carl P. Slattler, 3815 Homewood ave., Toledo, Ohio, is Show Chairman. Anyone interested in receiving a Schedule may write to Mr. Slattler, 3815 Homewood Ave., Toledo 12, Ohio.

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### Orange County Dahlia Society

The Orange County Dahlia Society, Santa Ana, Calif., has decided to come out from under its basket and let its light shine far and wide. Founded six years ago under the leadership of our able president, Dr. G. Emmet Raibt, the membership has grown from fifteen or twenty to well over one hundred members at the present time. Meeting monthly, the interest in Dahlia Culture has grown by leaps and bounds.

This year the Society has undertaken a very ambitious program. We have sponsored an exhibition garden on a plot of city-owned ground at the intersection of two of the main entrances to the city of Santa Ana, Calif. The leading growers the country over were invited to place fan roots or green plants of their own choice in the garden. The clumps to be returned or destroyed at the end of the season. A large number of the growers so contacted sent tubers or green plants of their new or late introductions. Our own numbers were allowed to place four of their own choice varieties in the garden also.

The public is invited to visit the garden and enjoy the blooms. Every plant is labeled with the correct name of the variety, and the name and address of the grower. Thus the general public will be able to learn about the new dahlias and where it is possible to purchase them. The work in connection with the exhibition garden has been done thru the co-operation of our members, plus a little hired help in preparing the ground. The Garden has created much interest and seems well on the way to be a great success.

The Society sponsors garden tours each fall, during which we visit the gardens of our numerous members. We also visit the gardens of several of the leading Southern California growers. A visit to the Pacific Coast Honor Roll Trial Garden of Col. Eddy is the highlight of our trips. Col. Eddy visited our July meeting, and after enjoying a hearty pot-luck supper, gave us a very interesting talk on some of his experiences in Dahlia Culture. A miniature show was held after Col. Eddy's talk, and methods of judging dahlias demonstrated. This was to help the members by showing the correct way to present their blooms in our annual show.

The major project of the Society for the year is the presentation of our 5th Annual Dahlia Show. This is to be held in the spacious gym of the Santa Ana YMCA on Friday and Saturday, the 6th and 7th of September. Last year well over 350 separate entries were shown and we expect a much greater number this year. In addition to the A.D.S. medal for the best individual dahlia in the show, the American Home Achievement Medal will be offered for award to the originator of the most worthy undisseminated dahlia entered. The show is being conducted in accordance with the official A.D.S. classification and will be judged accordingly. We are fortunate in having Mr. Adrian P. Taylor, of 921 Garfield, Santa Ana, Cal., as our show manager this year. Assistant manager last year, he gained the experience necessary to put on a good show.

We hope all who might be in this vicinity during the show will attend, and will find the welcome mat out for all dahlia lovers.

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### Camden Dahlia and Horticultural Society

Plans are nearing completion for the Twenty-second Annual Exhibition of the Camden Dahlia and Horticultural Society to be held at the Camden County Vocational School, Browning Road, Merchantville, N. J., September 27 & 28. Schedules will be ready for distribution about August 20, and can be obtained by addressing the Secretary of the society, Myra Conover, 53 No. Childs Street, Woodbury, N. J.

### Dahlia Society of San Leandro

Our officers for 1946 are as follows: President, Paul W. Brannon, 1st Vice President Charles Perry, 2nd Vice President Mrs. J. Parle, Directors Ambrose Arbini, H. Champion, W. Danner, Jim Groves, J. Pettit, T. J. Sjoberg, Secretary-Treasurer Charles Garrity. Since then Mr. Brannon has had to resign owing to pressure of business and Mr. Chas. Perry took the presidency and Mr. Danner was appointed 1st Vice President. Our show dates are Saturday and Sunday, August 24th and 25th. We have held our show every year during the war, as San Leandro is known as The City of Sunshine and Flowers and dahlias are the city's flowers.

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# The Shows Are On...

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It is our hope that with the increasing popularity of Hardy Chrysanthemums some of our amateur growers will be able to grow "Mums" with the aid of black cloth, and have them in bloom in time for our Dahlia Shows, so we can have combined Shows in the future.

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