

# BULLETIN

of the

## AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

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MRS. E. J.—This beautiful true type straight cactus won the Derrill Hart Medal for medium-sized Dahlias. Color is bright Tyrian Pink, centers distinctly White and tips very lightly tipped White. Originator and Introducer: E. J. Wind, Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio.

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## *To Every A.D.S. Member!*

In the Spring, a man's fancy slowly turns to thoughts of DAHLIAS, but how many of us ever consider what we may do for the American Dahlia Society.

During the War, your officers did a magnificent job, and the holding of the Annual Show was quite an undertaking.

Now, however, the Show to be held this year will be the first peacetime Show, and your Show Committee is making definite arrangements, which you will find outlined in detail in the February BULLETIN. Note particularly the committees that will be active at Show time.

We, like all other organizations, must continue to grow, and new blood is the life of all societies.

The Membership Committee is endeavoring to at least double the American Dahlia Society membership by September 1, 1946, and is requesting each and every member to obtain one new member, but, of course, if you can obtain more than one application, do not stop after obtaining the first one. Applications for new members may be obtained from the Membership Committee who will deeply appreciate receiving your cooperation.

We trust that you will not fail us.

ANDREW J. MULCAHY, *Membership Chairman*,  
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# A.D.S. Show to Be Staged at New York City September 24 and 25

Just about the "hustlingest" group of committees imaginable are coordinating their efforts to make our forthcoming show an outstanding A.D.S. event.

We are indeed fortunate in obtaining again the beautiful Penn Top (formerly known as the Roof Garden) in the Pennsylvania Hotel in New York City. This beautiful exhibition hall is ideally suited for staging our show.

The schedule published in our last BULLETIN contains 360 classes.

There is a class or classes for you whether you grow few or many Dahlias—whether you are a novice or a seasoned professional.

## SPECIAL SERVICE FOR NOVICES

We have a splendid Exhibitor's Service Committee who will be on hand early to give our novices aid in locating containers, tips on setting up exhibits to win and assistance in placing your blooms in the proper classes. We plan to do such a fine job that we hope nobody will refrain from bringing blooms in because of inexperience or hesitancy in getting started in the exhibition game.

## "DISTANCE" EXHIBITS ENCOURAGED

We list below the classes for blooms that are shipped in from out of town. A special committee will be ready to accept the boxes and stage your blooms carefully—there will be no neglect. Ship by air express and mark your boxes boldly "Fresh Cut Flowers." The Florists' Associations have brought forcible attention to Air Express authorities with the view of eliminating entirely damage to cut flower shipments. Their fine efforts will greatly help our Dahlia growers to get their blooms to New York in A1 condition.

## Section K

### Entries Shipped By Common Carrier

This classification is being revived because of its popularity prior to the war and is expanded to include not only shipments by air express but any common carrier. From short distances from 150 miles to 200 miles regular railway express, when marked special, could serve. It is always best to consult carrier agent for particulars and rates. A competent committee will open, classify and stage exhibits. Write for entry blanks to A.D.S. Secretary, Ward H. Cook, 34 Puritan Avenue, Tuckahoe, New York and be sure to mail entries in advance of show so that entry cards may be prepared when shipment arrives.

Three airline distances are included to permit competition which is fair and equitable: 1st zone, 150 to 400 miles, to include: Rochester, Buffalo, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh, etc. 2nd zone 400 to 1,000 miles include: Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, etc. 3rd zone all points over 1,000 miles. All distances to be computed on airline basis shown by mile scale on any U. S. map.

## 1ST ZONE—150 TO 400 MILES

Class 323—Three blooms, large, Formal or Informal, Suitable Award.

Class 324—Six blooms, medium, long-keeping commercial type—Formal or Informal, one variety, to be judged at 6 P. M., 1st day of show. Suitable award.

Class 325—Twelve blooms, Miniature or pompon, one variety. Suitable award.

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Class 326—Three blooms, large Formal or Informal, Suitable award.

Class 327—Six blooms, medium, long-keeping commercial type—Formal or Informal, one variety to be judged at 6 P. M., first day of show. Suitable award.

Class 328—Twelve blooms, Miniature or pompon, one variety. Suitable award.

## 3RD ZONE—OVER 1,000 MILES

Class 329—Three blooms, large Formal or Informal, Suitable award.

Class 330—Six blooms, medium, long-keeping commercial type—Formal or Informal, one variety to be judged at 6 P. M., 1st day of show. Suitable award.

Class 331—Twelve blooms, Miniature or pompon, one variety. Suitable award.

## SPECIAL ENTRY—ENTERED FROM ANY ZONE

Class 332—Three blooms of any variety which won a certificate at any A.D.S. Trial Grounds, last season. For most outstanding entry. Suitable award.

## PRIZES

A large number of worthwhile prizes will be awarded to our winners—perhaps the most diversified and valuable in many years. It will be worth your while to capture any one of them.

Your committee would like every exhibitor to make as many entries as possible in the Pompon and Miniature classes throughout the show. This would be a great tribute to the memory of our late Vice President, Paul Doll, whose Poms and Mins captivated all lovers of Dahlias at each of our shows. Mrs. Doll will continue growing and showing even though the scale may be more limited than in the years when Paul worked together with her indulging their favorite hobby.

Show manager Henry Olsen started to plan this Show on the day of his reappointment and can be counted upon for every detail and its careful execution.

Plan to plant all the stock you can attend to properly. With a concerted effort we can make the 1946 Show memorable in A.D.S. history.

## VARIETY LABELS

No variety shall be judged unless it is marked plainly with its correct variety name or its number if an undisseeded variety. Uniform labels will be furnished by the Society. In the case of baskets, bowls, or arrangements, the variety names may be placed on the entry card. This will not detract from the artistic beauty of the exhibit.



## Dahlias in the Yukon

One of our enthusiastic members is Mrs. Jack Meloy, of Coffee Creek, Yukon Territory—that is just this side of—well—the last stop!

We are indebted to our Secretary, Dr. Ward H. Cook, for permission to publish the highly illuminating letter he received from Mrs. Meloy regarding Dahlia activities where the weather blows cold.

"Dear Dr. Cook:

In receipt of your letter in regard to dahlias up north here 139 longitude and 62 lat., where I live, and where the temperature drops to 70 below in the winter and frosts in the summer months. I wouldn't call this a dahlia climate, 45 below today at time of writing.

I saw only one small maroon colored dahlia in bloom in the States which is my home, before I came here that was a long time ago. But for this reason I don't feel I am a very reliable judge. However, people come along and pronounce our garden wonderful.

Mr. George Black, Member of Parliament of the Yukon has taken colored movies of our garden and says he hasn't seen any better dahlias anywhere. I don't know whether to believe this or not.

I have grown dahlias for about 15 years here and got some experience to say the least. One can count on 90 days of growing weather for sure, with some frosts in the summer, I watch the the thermometer in the summer evenings when frosts threaten and I cover my plants.

Here is the performance I go thru to raise my dahlias. I start dahlias about April 20 in the house. I later put plants started in the house in greenhouse—most are planted in heavy cardboard boxes.

When I transplant these in the garden I tear off box put in 2 fistfuls of fish meal in hole, work soil with fish meal thoroly, pour in some warm water, I use mostly warm water here, as heat is an important factor, slip dahlia plant in carefully. I do this about first of June.

Size is not the major interest with me so I don't prune heavy, altho I have raised some up to 15 inches across—Mrs. LeBoutillier for one. I do pull off the small sprouts

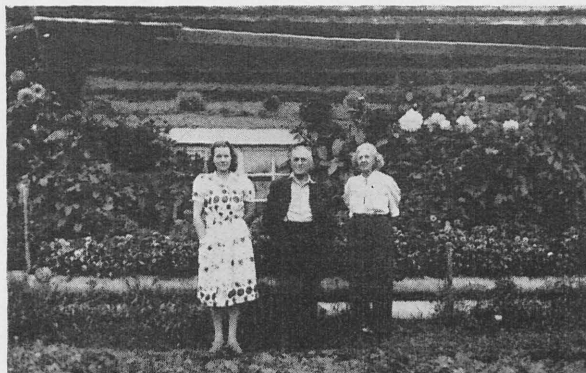
As to pests, ants and mice will cut the younger plants off at times. I haven't noticed anything else bothering dahlia plants to date.

I have read Mrs. Walter V. Petersen's letter stating her storage trouble—that sounds bad; I think I would try treating with semesan as directed, and if that didn't do the trick, now please don't laugh, I would try sulfathiazole on dahlias. No Lady, I wouldn't quit until I found the right remedy for virus trouble.

We keep a fine malamute dog team of 7, more some times—I saved a fine dog by administering 255 grains of sulfathiazole and doctored dog back to health. I believe there is surely a cure for all troubles,—Dogs and Dahlias are hobbies of mine quite a combination.

Now Dr. Cook! You asked what varieties I have, well many times the dahlias I send out for, and don't arrive here until about June, don't come true to description but here are some I am supposed to have:

Monmouth Champion orange, Thomas Edison purple, Entrup's Monarch plum, Mrs. G. LeBoutilliere red, Carl Dahl golden yellow, Mrs. A. B. Seal deep old rose, Royal velvet red, Day Break red and yellow, Marshall's Pink pink, Jersey Beauty pink, Satan scarlet, American purity



Group in front of the Dahlias includes Mrs. Jack Meloy on the left

white, D'Arcy Sainsbury white, and many others as I have some grand seedlings. For several years I have been buying dahlia seeds from Carl Salbach, Berkeley, Calif. The results have been wonderful, but my dream dahlia is a pure blood red decorative dahlia without shades of other colors.

So I thought I would try Ruschmohr seeds, I bought 20 seeds—these came in by dog team mail when the temperature was 55 below Zero, I have hard dahlia seed from Salbach stored out on the porch where the temperature went down to 68 below Zero by the way. I planted my dahlia seeds the middle of March the Ruschmohr seed all came up but the old Salbach seed germination was about 80 per cent. The seed came up after being planted 30 hours from then on until the 6th day all were up, that ever came up. The seedlings I planted in pots with fish meal in the bottom of the pot, of the Salbach plants produced several doubles, but one was really a very fine pale yellow semi cactus.

Of the nine that bloomed of the Ruschmohr seedlings one was a fine golden yellow semi cactus. But the grand champion of all was a dahlia in form and looks. Similar to Mr. Lew Sarett's pink Flamingo of which I have a picture in Flower Grower magazine of which I am a subscriber. However my grand seedling is a shell pink in center with outer petals tinged with a lavender tinge very much like some of the northern lights up here, this dahlia I have named Ruschmohr's Northern Light, of course I can't enter this grand dahlia for trials, but it might as well have a name. I live so far away and mail service up here in winter and spring when dahlias should be planted is too cold to send perishable things by mail.

Last spring when the ice went out in the Yukon River, we were flooded as ice jammed for 3 days causing 27 inches of cold icy water to raise and stand in our house also in greenhouse where our dahlias were. My husband hung 2 lighted lanterns in the greenhouse and saved the dahlias and after this icy bath they bloomed fine all summer. It often rains here in the fall, I always dry clumps well before storing sprinkle with sulphur and ashes.

I subscribed for your Dahlia Bulletin because I was  
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# Earth

## Sustainer of Life—Sculptor of the Beautiful

"The Good Earth" was the title of a novel by Pearl S. Buck, which told a moving story of the plain people of China. But that title could be the subject of many stories. For instance, Louis Pasteur could have written one back in 1857 and a fine one, too, when he discovered that all living matter goes through a cycle of life and death caused by microbes in nature.

The earth sustains all life, furnishes our food, and creates the dahlias and other colorful flowers which makes life more beautiful, then takes us to her bosom in death.

Another interesting and amazing story about the good earth could be written by Dr. Rene J. Dubos. He has proven that earth germs or bacteria can be harnessed to cure the diseases of life. The stories of his discoveries were recently told in an article in the *New York World-Telegram*.

Starting out with three kitchen tumblers of earth, the story goes, scooped from what later became a kid's victory garden at York Avenue and 66th Street, New York, he proved clinically that the germs of the earth can be domesticated and made to combat other germs which attack human bodies. Experimenting with this earth Dr. Dubos isolated from the microbes of mid-Manhattan dirt a new drug, gramicidin. It turned out to be 1,000 to 100,000 times as potent as the strongest sulfa. That was in 1939. His discovery not only established a fundamental principle in the treatment of disease, one basic to the use of penicillin but by many in the medical world it is credited also with reviving the line of research from which the British discoverers produced at last, that atomic bomb of modern medicine itself.

For the authoritative history of penicillin issued by the Food and Drug administration puts it undramatically: "The American worker, Dubos, was the first to isolate in clinically usable form an anti-bacterial agent". It was nearly two years after the discovery of gramicidin from the "good earth" that Oxford University scientists reported the astounding, miraculous anti-bacterial properties of penicillin.

Dr. Dubos, in those three tumblers of earth, put human germs of pneumonia, streptococci and staphylococci. He found that earth germs killed the human disease germs. He further found that earth germs would save the lives of mice inoculated with these disease germs.

So he found the No. 3 wonder drug. So far it has been used only in veterinary medicine and for infections of human body cavities such as sinus, mastoid, bladder and chest as well as infections of the body surface. This is because it unfortunately poisons the blood cells as well as killing the disease germs. But it has so far blitzkrieged the entire field of bacteria known as gram-positive. But what this discovery holds for the future may be of far greater importance to human life.

One thing this discovery brings to gardeners is the realization that there is an eternal conflict going on in nature. Plant life flourishes and dies, the putrefaction of this living matter acted upon by the germs or bacteria in the soil, through the process of decay brings, by

chemical change, more plant food to sustain new plant life. Compost, decayed vegetable matter, thus becomes our best fertilizer for dahlias, and all other plants.

Certainly this is but a part of the process of nature to recreate. Lightening combines nitrogen with oxygen in the air. Water condensing from vapor in the clouds carries the nitrogen to the earth. Plants absorb the moisture and the legumes and other plants take the nitrogen from the air and combined with bacteria from the earth fix it on their roots. The bacteria in the earth adds oxygen to make the nitrogen usable to plants. They must enrich the soil to grow other plants, including dahlias.

Yet, the "good earth" can lose its fertility if we grow too greedy and take from it all the time and give nothing back. Farms have been abandoned wholesale because too much was expected of nature and not enough plant life elements put back, so that the earth bacteria could renew the fertility. If you want bigger dahlias than your neighbor, help the soil to help you grow them. Commercial fertilizers are becoming easier to obtain although nitrogen is still scarce, either nitrate of soda or calcium nitrate. And farmers need a lot of fertilizer to bring in heavy crops of grain and vegetables to help feed the world.

It's still patriotic to plant vegetables. Help yourself and others by helping grow more food. But there is room between the vegetables, we hope, for your dahlias. Its planting time and if you plan right, you can make your own compost. Add some commercial fertilizer to the good old earth of your garden, you'll still be able to compete at your favorite dahlia show next fall. Then you write your own version of the story "The Good Earth".

L. BISHOP.

## Experienced Dahlia Grower to Lecture

Curtis Redfern has been one of the principal dahlia show exhibitors in California during the past 25 years. He is now planning a trip through the East and Midwest this Fall. His interest in flower growing has included radio talks, lectures on flower shows and arrangements (he was a pupil of Gregory Conway, probably the leading authority on handling flowers); has judged at shows in New York, at Short Hills; in Portland, Oregon; Los Angeles, San Mateo and at Alameda. As a breeder he has introduced varieties that have made enviable records for themselves wherever dahlias are grown. Among them are:

*Barbara Redfern*, *Burgundy and Bagdad*, considered by the late Derrill Hart to be the most brilliant colored dahlia he had ever seen. *Angelo Rossi*, awarded Grand Challenge Cup in Holland as best foreign dahlia grown that year in Holland; *Ramona*, winner American Home Achievement Medal; *Mandalay*, *Shekinah*, *Polaris*, *El Rubio* and others.

Secretaries may contact Mr. Redfern for information, addressing him at 635 Thirty-third St., San Francisco 21, California.



## Postwar Dahlias in Australia . . . Peacetime Prospects

By L. FitzGerald

St. Brunswick N 10, Victoria Australia

Much water has flowed under the bridge since our last dahlia review appeared in this Bulletin.

First and foremost the great and terrible global war is over—the mighty atom bomb struck twice, and the Japs folded up. Australians hope that atomic energy will now be used for the preservation of mankind instead of for its destruction.

Secondly, Australia's greatest drought has ended—we still need rain, and we have lost millions of sheep and vast acreage of crops in the last few years. We hope the next few seasons will be good—for food crops and also for flowers.

The stage is all set for planting for the new season; and there will indeed be many spectacular new beauties for the first peace time flowering season. Australia being deprived of dahlia supplies from Europe, Asia and America has been forced to rely on its own resources, and with amazing results. Many superior new giants have been developed which will delight the hearts of American growers in the next few years. We note in the first place a few of the more remarkable varieties.

Number one on the list is *Pop Harris* which has had an extraordinary run of success. This one is already in America—if it acclimatizes it will be very popular. The colour is a clear dark red. It is a giant informal dec. which won many first prizes last year.

A perfect contrast in colour to *Pop Harris*, is the magnificent yellow decorative *Pamela M. Joyce*—a champion among champions.

"Nobody's Light" also shone as a prominent type for exhibition. It is a real winner that will shine in the years to come. Another champion is *Kelvin* . . . a huge salmon rose dec., which has won good prizes. *Lorna Doone* came to us from New South Wales . . . it is a good white cactus but a shy propagator.

It is interesting to note old ones like *Ballego's Surprise*, *Rita Betty*, *Brau O'Brecht* and *Clara Carder* in the prize lists. These are still first rate varieties although the new ones are gradually pushing them off the top shelf.

Among the very new ones must be mentioned a brilliant half dozen—these we list under the heading dahlia futurity because they show magnificent promise for the future. Australia will be soon re-organizing the flower shows in real earnest, so that all the good new ones will really have a chance to prove their quality.

The half dozen selected for special comment are: *Australia*, a giant cactus of delicate pink and lovely sheen; *Bofors*, a huge and perfect white cactus; *Lilian Boorma*, a superb coral pink and cream cactus of large size; *Lucky Bird*, a brilliant yellow cactus now a few seasons old; *Morocco*, a prolific rich old gold formal; *Remembrance*, a lilac rose and yellow decorative that comes right back to stem. These and many others are perfect types now grown in Australia.

### NEW YEAR GREETINGS

January, 1938, was the last year in which we could greet readers and really wish them a year of peace.

In some ways, 1946 may be like the uneasy years before the war, but let us trust that flower lovers will really enjoy their gardens for a long unbroken period of quiet peace.

To lovers of the Dahlia we can say that the new year will bring to light a group of amazing novelties; possibly the best lot of Australian dahlias ever to be produced. Australian raisers have to rely on their own resources during the war years and in view of the fact that no imports were allowed they have produced more and better dahlias than hitherto, when imported varieties were able to keep the continuity of novelties going.

The plain truth is that the Australian Dahlia is now the best in the world because Australian conditions are ideal for the production of new varieties. There is only one thing needed; a very high and ruthless standard which will kill all but the very best of new ones before they reach the market; only the top raters should be allowed to live. If this is done, the Dahlia hobby will enjoy a vast increase in popularity in the immediate post-war years when people realize even more than hitherto, that a plant which will bloom for six months with an endless variety of different types of flowers is indeed "king of the flowers". The Dahlia does and should dominate Autumn and Summer displays in all modern gardens of whatever size.

We have just had word from the following people in liberated Europe:

Nagels of Belgium; Dannys De Ruyter and Ballego of Holland. Unhappily we believe Mr. Riding of England is now deceased. A letter was returned to us with such an endorsement.

### Coming Attraction!!

A new feature which will acquaint us with the highlights in the news of Dahliadom, ten years ago—yes, twenty-five years ago—is being planned. The series will commence in a short time.

We would like to obtain copies of a few issues dating back more than a decade and will gladly pay for same. They are: October 1928; October 1930; November 1933 and any prior to October 1927.

Kindly communicate with H. Dewey Mohr, 38 Vincent Avenue, Rockville Centre, New York, if you can supply these wanted copies.

Mr. Mohr has some duplicates of old issues. If you are short some of these to complete your BULLETIN collection, write him and he may be able to help you, too.

### Dahlia Society of New Jersey

The Spring meeting of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey will be held at Trinity Parish House, Rector Street, Newark, N. J., on Saturday, April 6th, at 2:30 P. M. The new president, Mrs. C. V. Smith, Far Hills, N. J., will preside and plans will be made for the Fall flower show, after which there will be a discussion of dahlia problems.

An Executive Board meeting will be held at 2:00 P. M.

**Mid-West Show—Sept. 28 and 29—Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Mo.**

## Ohio News

By F. V. R. Viers, Associate Editor

At the last meeting of the Ohio Dahlia Society which I was fortunate enough to attend, Mr. Arnold Davis "Director of the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland" was the speaker of the evening. Mr. Davis is in charge of all garden center activities. His subject was insecticides. He not only knew his insecticides, but he knew how to tell about them. Not once did he use a word a grade school kid would not understand. He explained D.D.T. and other insecticides, interspersed with a few crackerbarrel jokes. We liked him very much and extend an invitation to him to talk to us anytime.

We have noticed comments on the absence of commercial displays at our last Midwest Show. I cannot explain why, except for the fact that commercial displays are expensive and take lots of work. Most of our commercial growers had good specimen blooms to exhibit but not enough good flowers to make a good commercial display. We do expect to have commercial displays at our fall show and also commercial displays of roses and other flowers. All commercial growers will be given free space. This will be an innovation but the Executive Board thought it would be good business and at the same time add to the show. This year we have the Sesquicentennial in Cleveland and all garden clubs are participating. The Sequi Queen will be an added attraction at our dahlia show. Thanks to Mr. Srail our past president, and his able assistants, our Treasury shows a balance of more than six hundred dollars.

Since D.D.T. is no longer in the experimental stage and the results have been seen, we expect to fill our show rooms. I will tell you briefly of my own experience with D.D.T. August the first my field dahlias were about dead or at least I thought they were going to die. Leaf hoppers were in droves. E. J. Wind let me have some D.D.T. and I used two pounds to 100 gallons of water. We used a 420-lb. pressure spray. In a week they looked as if they had had a dose of nitrogen. I sprayed them again in about two weeks. Before the frost came in early October the growth was so heavy you could not tell where the rows were. The bushes covered the whole space. I used four lbs. to 100 gallons in my show garden and it killed all the insects I had. However, I did not have red spider. The D.D.T. that I used was Dupont "Dee-nate"—25—W. In your show garden I would spray about every ten days. I am writing about D.D.T. because so many growers have asked me about it. Read Prof. Merrell Brown's article in the February issue of the A.D.S. Bulletin.

I want to congratulate Lynn Dudley on his "Old Man Ature" articles. They were great, inasmuch as they were not only interesting but contained a world of information. We are sorry they are discontinued.

Our fall show will be staged in the Masonic Auditorium, Euclid and East 36th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, September 14th and 15th.

James Cowie is our new president and he is every inch a gentleman, and has no superior as a grower of exhibition blooms. E. J. Wind is our show manager. The committees have not been selected but we know they will be capable. We invite all Dahlia lovers, for we really believe with the preparations under way, we should have a grand show.

## Portland Dahlia Society

The monthly meetings of the Portland Dahlia Society have been outstanding both for attendance and general interest. The meeting held March 4 was featured by a showing of colored slides of the newer dahlias loaned us by Mr. George Currie of the Central States Dahlia Society. A showing of Mr. Currie's slides is an event looked forward to by all our members.

The annual spring auction of tubers was held at the April 8th meeting. The tubers are donated by members and include both standard and late introductions. In the neighborhood of \$100.00 was realized from the sale.

The committee appointed to publish a modern book on "Practical Dahlia Culture" completed their work by having a limited edition of 200 copies ready for distribution at this meeting. The price was set at 50 cents per copy and the supply was almost sold out. It is a 24-page booklet covering the various phases of dahlia culture and gives the latest data available on propagation, diseases and insect control, much of which has never been published for general distribution before. Both amateur and commercial growers collaborated in furnishing the copy while the reports of the various Experiment Stations and commercial growers who have conducted extensive field studies form the basis of much of the work on disease and pest recognition and control. It is expected that a larger edition will be ready for distribution in a short time.

The most notable things at our meetings are the number of new growers who are taking up dahlia culture and the interest being displayed by the commercial growers, the real desire to eliminate disease, and the tendency of our amateur growers to try out the new originations.

The Annual Dahlia Show for 1946 will be held Sept. 27-28.

## Future in the Past

Blackened as charred wood,  
That through the flame had past,  
Stood the frosted dahlias, against  
Their props of wire.

Shrivelled as an aged one would  
Be, upon whom stillness was cast,  
Crouched the frosted dahlias, against  
The earth, their pyre.

Among them a lone bud stood,  
Untouched by the withering blast,  
Quartering the promise of Spring, against  
Winter's somber empire!

ELIZABETH DUNN WILLIAMS,  
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## A.D.S. CLASSIFICATION LISTS

Copy of the 1946 supplement sheet will be mailed to each purchaser of the original classification list without additional charge.

There are still some original lists to be had—together with 1945 and 1946 Supplements. Write Dr. Ward H. Cook, 34 Puritan Ave., Tuckahoe, New York.



## Send Your Seedlings to the A.D.S. Official Trial Gardens

About May 15th send three (3) plants or roots of each variety to be entered to each of the gardens you have chosen. Mail the entry blank with check or money order for \$3.00 for each variety entered.

The five official gardens will soon be ready to receive your new varieties for listing. At each, there is a charge of \$3.00 per variety for testing. That does not nearly cover the actual cost of culture per variety, but it does help to defray some of the actual outlay for fertilizer, clerical and other help. This amount goes directly to the garden. None of it is retained or sent to the A.D.S.

Judging teams for all of the gardens are organized by the superintendent of the gardens in co-operation with the society where the garden is located. Before the war groups of A.D.S. Judges visited East Lansing and Ohio Valley trial grounds and it is probable that this custom will be resumed when travel is again normal.

At any rate, when you send your dahlias to these trial grounds, you may be certain that a group of competent, unbiased judges will score your dahlias as many times as their other affairs and travel conditions will permit. They pay their own expenses on these trips to judge your dahlias and help as much as they can, on their own time, to assist in the awarding of certificates to worthy introductions. At the end of the season, the scores are averaged and the certificate awards announced in the November issue of the BULLETIN.

The five gardens where you may send them is listed below. We urge you to send them to at least three gardens. If they score 85 points or over at three gardens, they are eligible to compete for the coveted Derrill Hart Medal, the highest award for a new introduction awarded by the A.D.S. Each year, the highest scoring new variety in each of the three size classes, small, medium and large receives this award. The announcement of the 1945 winners will be found in this issue.

Send your dahlias to the trial grounds. Write for entry blanks *now*.

### HOW TO SEND YOUR VARIETIES

Write the gardens selected and ask for entry blanks. Then about May 15 send three (3) plants or roots of each variety to be entered to each of the gardens you have chosen. Mail the entry blanks with check or money order for \$3.00 for each variety entered.

The five Official A.D.S. Trial Gardens are:

Eastern A.D.S. Dahlia Trial Grounds—University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. Attention Professor W. D. Holley.

Mid-West A.D.S. Dahlia Trial Grounds—Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich. Attention Prof. C. E. Wildon.

Mid-South A.D.S. Dahlia Trial Grounds—Fairmont College, Fairmont, W. Va. Attention Dean Oliver Shurtleff.

Ohio Valley A.D.S. Dahlia Trial Grounds—Ault Park, Heekin and Principer, Cincinnati, Ohio. Robert Seibel, Superintendent of Trial Grounds.

Mid-Atlantic A.D.S. Dahlia Trial Grounds—University of Maryland, College Park, Prof. Mahoney, Supt.

LYNN B. DUDLEY,  
Chairman, Trial Grounds Committee.

## Timely Hints

Do not plant entire clumps of Dahlia roots. When the eyes begin to show, split the clump in half right down the middle of the old stalk, being careful not to crack or break the necks of the tubers or sever any visible eyes. A moment's study before the cut is made will indicate the best place to split.

Then further divide the two halves. Planting stock should consist of a live eye attached to a piece of the old stalk or crown and having one or two good tubers to feed it (and unbroken necks).

Drive stakes into the ground solidly before setting the root or plant. Roots are best set lying flat four to six inches below the soil level. Green plants should be set so the top of the ball of earth is four inches below the soil level.

Water green plants well at planting time. Cover during hot sun or strong wind for the first few days with a peach basket.

Place name tag on stake at time of planting.

Start your spraying schedule at once. Keep the plants clean!

Feed small quantities of commercial fertilizer every five or six weeks.

Water once a week very copiously if there has been no rainfall.

About July 5th to 15th top back your plants and permit four shoots to grow for that time on. When buds set, pinch out the side buds and permit the center bud on each branch to blossom. Trim out the first two sets of lateral sprouts also, permitting the flower to be cut with a sturdy long stem.

Spray, feed, water and cultivate gently. Most of your plants will produce excellent results.

## Dahlia Pests Can Be Conquered!

Your editor suggests that after a perusal of this issue, you turn to page 8 of the February issue and re-read the splendid article prepared by Prof. C. Merrill Brown. Prof. Brown, A.D.S. Vice President, and in charge of chemistry at the University of Buffalo, is just about as well posted as any man in the country on this subject.

Procure your spray material early and follow his suggested schedule. Yes, it is possible now to have a fine, clean garden of Dahlias as the result of comparatively little effort—and it will be indeed worth while.

## Send Plants, Standard Varieties, to A.D.S. Trial Grounds

Superintendents of several A.D.S. trial grounds have requested that A.D.S. members with surplus of plants or roots of high winning, certificate winner, honor roll varieties of last three years for special plantings for use in checking against new candidates for certificates, send them mail or express with a listing of varieties sent in separate letter. Be sure your name is on package. You will greatly aid in improving the judging of new varieties if you will thus help provide comparisons of the better old varieties and the new ones on the spot.

# The American DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

ORGANIZED MAY 10, 1915



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

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## Editorial

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Chairman A. J. Mulcahy the membership drive in the A.D.S. gets under way.

An article appears in this issue and a letter will be mailed to each of our members—it outlines the necessity of forging ahead now to double the present membership. If each member will secure just one new one, the goal will be accomplished—it's as easy as that.

Surely all who are interested in dahlias will see the advisability of joining the National Society with its privileges and prestige, and subscription to the Quarterly Bulletin as an added attraction.

Mr. Mulcahy and his committee are doing a great deal of work. They ask you to do your part in bringing in at least one member.

A larger Society will help build a bigger and better Bulletin too. This will benefit all.

Stop and think! Will you do your part?

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A.D.S. Show Date, Sept. 24 and 25, 1946  
at New York City

## Dahlia Society of Georgia

The Dahlia Society of Georgia has survived the crisis and has inaugurated quite an ambitious program for the ensuing year. During the war years, the struggle for survival was hard and at times seemed hopeless; but, through the determined effort of a small number of the "old faithful" who simply would not concede defeat, the Society was kept functioning. Although activities were at times at the minimum, a show, although small but of good quality, was staged each year. Prospects for the year 1946 might be termed very bright in that the Dahlia Society of Georgia, in cooperation with the Junior Atlanta Flower Show Association, has planned a show which might be termed colossal, stupendous, magnificent, etc., as compared to any of its kind staged in the South to date, and will favorably compare with any in the nation. This show will be held in the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium which is centrally located and fronted by beautiful Hurt Memorial Park in which a memorial planting of dahlias will be made, timed to bloom during the show week; date of show being set for Tuesday, September 24 and Wednesday, September 25. These dates are approximately two weeks in advance of the usual first week-end in October, but dates had to be made to conform to availability of space at the location chosen. It is planned that this show will occupy the entire 9350 square feet of the main arena, and the spacious stage of the auditorium, and will probably overflow into one or more of the memorial halls. The schedule and awards list will be designed to include approximately fourteen sections and six hundred classes, affording ample provisions for entries by the novice, amateur, professional, garden clubs, and commercial grower, and will also provide space for florist and trade exhibits. An attractive array of awards will be provided, including several medals of State Dahlia Societies, the American Dahlia Society Bronze Certificate, the American Home Achievement Medal, and other worthwhile awards. A cordial invitation is extended to all dahlia enthusiasts, particularly those of the southern states, to plan exhibits for this show. A copy of the Schedule and Awards List will be furnished upon application to the writer to all out-of-town exhibitors. Plans are under way to secure the services of some of the foremost dahlia authorities of the nation as judges. The net proceeds of the show will go toward a fund for the completion and maintenance of a memorial garden to the servicemen and women World War II. After the show, the flowers will be distributed to the various hospitals and charitable institutions throughout the city.

The Trial Garden at the Georgia Experiment Station of the University System of Georgia, sponsored by the Dahlia Society of Georgia, has been temporarily closed during the war due to lack of sufficient help to properly care for the four to five hundred hills of dahlias formerly planted there for test. This Trial Garden has been patronized by practically every reliable commercial grower in the nation, and it has been conceded by the station management to attract more attention than any other project at the station and its Award of Honor has been widely publicized by the recipient commercial growers. It is planned to reoperate this Trial Garden at an early date, formal notice and exact date to be published in the BULLETIN.

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# Dahlia Personality

By Prof. Oliver Shurtleff, A.D.S. Vice-President

My "Dahlia Personality" for this number of The Bulletin will be less dahlia but more personality. I am giving you some phases of interest from the life and work of Mrs. Leo Pollak who is a charming and gracious and efficient woman. To be sure, dahlias are a part of her interesting career but, this time, something else.

Mrs. Pollak, whose home is in Montclair, New Jersey, is a sculptress of way beyond the ability of the average person who works in that field of art. Results of her labors have been exhibited in many of the art galleries of the country. Visitors, in times past, have seen her pieces in the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and in the Corcoran Gallery in Washington. That her work is meritorious is proved by the fact that she has been awarded the Florence K. Sloane prize and the Elsie Stegman prize. Mrs. Pollak also designed the prize winning Henry A. Wise Memorial in Norfolk, Virginia. Then, too, her model of the Virginia state shield can be found on all road markers in the state of Virginia. These accomplishments would mark any artist as a successful one. But there is something else to be mentioned in this brief article. That "something else" is Mrs. Pollak's very fine and constructive patriotic work in aiding the re-habilitation of wounded veterans.

Because she knew human anatomy so well as an art student Mrs. Pollak was a "natural" for her new assignment. For want of a better term we call this new

assignment "plastic surgery." But it is more than that.

Using a brand new plastic, which she herself helped to bring to perfection, Mrs. Pollak, along with the doctors and surgeons with whom she worked, it was possible to create a new type of mask that would give an exact duplicate of the damaged parts of the human body. Treatment and restoration was, therefore, much easier and much more sure. Treatment, with this new plastic mask, was also less troublesome and less irritating to the veteran who might come into the hands of Mrs. Pollak for treatment.

As a result of her skill and patience, of her knowledge and art and of her willingness to be of service, many a fine young man who had been wounded during the years of war, now goes about with new limbs almost as "good as new."

Besides the skill and art that went from the mind and hand of Mrs. Pollak as she worked with and treated her patients, I like to think there was still another element that went along with the skill and art.

That other element was her whole-souled humanity and her love for every veteran who came within the scope of her activities. Her own son was a service man.

After a while, when the scars of war are more nearly healed and this old world becomes a brighter, better, sweeter place in which to live, we all hope for Mrs. Pollak that once again she may be allowed to do sculpturing in the fields of peace. We hope, also, that she will have time to go to the garden to give a loving touch to a dahlia.

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### OF INTEREST TO DAHLIA SOCIETIES . . .

Curtis Redfern, for eight years president of the Dahlia Society of California and three times vice president of The American Dahlia Society, this year plans an illustrated lecture tour of the Midwestern and Eastern States.

He will illustrate his talk with technicolor natural color film and will feature new prize-winning California varieties. Have your secretaries contact Mr. Redfern for information about the lecture. Dates available in September and October. His address is 635 Thirty-third Avenue, San Francisco 21, California.

## Quiz Corner

By J. LOUIS ROBERTS

A.D.S. Vice-President

*Question:* Is it good practice to cut off a part of the dahlia root when planting?

*Answer:* Some growers follow the practice of cutting off the end of all tubers before planting. The amount cut off depends upon the size of the tuber. Large ones have fully one-half cut off. In my experience I find that such cut tubers attract various beetles and worms which are in the ground, and your plants suffer from a lack of food which mother nature put there to give the plant its initial start. I do not advise the practice. Those who use this practice say that cutting off the end of the root forces the plant to send out feeding roots early. Use of the root growing compounds will give the same results. Why not try both ways and see which you like best?

*Question:* Does the continued use of commercial fertilizers poison the ground for dahlias?

*Answer:* This is bringing the argument of the organic versus chemical fertilizers to the dahlia patch. As a rule there is too much commercial fertilizer used in our dahlia patches. I use commercial fertilizers. I have been growing dahlias in the same patch for 30 years. Last year I brought into my section of the Central States Dahlia Show a bloom which was judged the largest in the section. You answer the question.

*Question:* What has been done with respect to dahlia

mutations by use of X-rays, Colchicine, high temperatures, etc.?

*Answer:* I don't know of anything that has helped. I have tried X-rays, Colchicine and other drugs but have been unable to get anything good. This is natural for the reason that mutations are apparently quite random in their occurrences. Some of them have a bad effect upon the organism. An upset of the organism by the use of X-ray, high temperature, etc., should impair the efficiency of the mechanism of the seedling. Therefore any mutations from these sources should be negative. I found them so. Have any of our readers anything to offer?

*Question:* Will we be able to get fertilizers and insecticides this year?

*Answer:* Yes, some, but everything that the dahlia growers use will be scarce, such as clay pots and lumber including dahlia stakes. Aster Cloth for cloth houses is off the market. So if you need anything and can get it, do so now.

Here is the fertilizer situation:

**SULPHATE OF AMMONIA:** Shipments to fertilizer manufacturers have been cut on account of the steel strike and now the coal strike. Ceiling prices may be raised. It is thought that the steel strike will be responsible for a loss of 120,000 tons this year.

**NITRATE OF SODA:** Deliveries from Chile were delayed on account of a stevedore strike. The demand is much greater than can be supplied now.

**PHOSPHATE ROCK:** The demand is well ahead of the supply. Due to labor difficulties there are practically no inventories.

**SUPERPHOSPHATE:** Production has materially increased but still cannot quite keep pace with the demand.

**POTASH:** The demand is ahead of the supply. Members of the Potash Producers Industry Advisory Committee have recommended to the Civilian Production Administration that potash salts be put back under allocation until such time as the present abnormal demand decreases.

**ORGANIC MATERIALS:** Such items as Dried Blood, Bone Meal, Tankage, etc., are going to the feeding trade. There is no supply of these organics available for the fertilizer trade.

**GARDEN TOOLS:** Still very scarce. Strikes and ceiling prices have cut down on deliveries of these items to the trade.

**INSECTICIDES:** D.D.T. will be plentiful. Don't expect everything of it. Its good but not that good. Prof. Brown gave a wonderful report on it in our last bulletin. By the way D.D.T. is covered by British patents. D.D.T. would be better for dahlia growers if it were combined with Pyrethrum and or Rotenone, both of which are still very scarce.

"The Blue Dahlia" is the name of a new movie mystery. In the play The Blue Dahlia is the name of a night club. The owner of the club uses artificial blue dahlias to advertise. The dahlias shown on the screen are long stemmed, open centered, shallow in depth. They are informal and semi-cactus. The movie not being in colors makes the dahlias appear black.

Plan now to send your worthwhile seedlings to the five official A.D.S. Trial Gardens—see page 9.

## DAHLIAS

In the past we emphasized our large type dahlia roots, as well as plants. This time we would like to call the attention of our dahlia friends that miniatures and pompons should not be overlooked. These little darlings are very useful for table decorations, bouquets and arrangements, and have longer lasting quality after cutting. They will take less space in your garden and will produce an immense quantity of blooms from early in the season until frost.

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### Tennessee Dahlia Society

The Tennessee Dahlia Society held its April meeting at the Hotel Patton, on April 16, 1946.

The meeting was well attended. The main discussion of the evening was, again, the proposed Dahlia Show that we have scheduled for October 4, 1946. The Show will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Patton.

Mrs. Oscar Mitchell, Show Chairman, appointed various Committee Chairmen and these Chairmen were instructed to start their planning as soon as possible. The Chairmen of these Committees are already on the job.

We are losing one of our steadiest members, Mrs. W. A. Heldreich, who is leaving within the next few days for England. Mrs. Heldreich has been one of our staunchest supporters and we trust that she will resume her active interest in Dahlias when she reaches that country.

Our local Society invites correspondence from members of the American Dahlia Society, or with any other interested Dahlia Grower, either through the Secretary, Mr. Volney Cox, 3610 Redding Road, Chattanooga, Tenn., or the writer whose address is given above.

Our members are all talking Dahlias, growing Dahlias, living Dahlias and at the present time separating Dahlias. We have a few members who are available for talks on Dahlias before Garden Clubs, or related organizations in this area. Our last year's President, Mr. Arnold Burnett is home from an Atlanta hospital after an operation and we are looking forward to his activities in the field before long. Very truly yours,

CLARENCE R. KALLQUIST, President.

### Mid-West Show

The 1946 Mid-West Show will be sponsored by the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society—it will be staged in St. Louis Sept. 28 and 29.

A great gathering of Dahlia folk from all sections is anticipated. Plan now to be with us.

### New Madison, Wisconsin Society

The officers of the newly organized Badger Dahlia Society, Madison, Wisconsin, are as follows:

Mr. E. L. Kriel, President.

Mr. Ira S. Fuller, 1st Vice-President.

Mr. Herman Haugen, 2nd Vice President.

Mr. Harry J. Ploog, Treasurer.

Mr. Max E. Freudenberg, Secretary, Lake Kegonsa, McFarland, Wis.

### YUKON (Continued from page 5)

looking for information about hybridizing and I was interested in trying to learn the pedigree of some of the dahlias I am growing. I have read everything pertaining to dahlias that I have come in possession of but there is a lot of things I would like to know. Is there such a thing as to much hybridizing? Some seedlings seemed to have such distorted curled and twisted petals, one had only 3 petals.

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- August 28th-29th**—Dahlia Society of California, Rotunda of City Hall, San Francisco, California.
- September 1st-2nd**—Badger Dahlia Society, Madison Gas and Electric Co. Display Rooms, Madison, Wisconsin.
- September 7th-8th**—Northwestern Dahlia Society at Scranton, Pa.
- September 7th-8th**—North Shore Dahlia Society, Lake Forest, Illinois.
- September 7th-8th**—Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Gas Light Company Bldg., 626 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- September 9th-10th**—Minnesota Dahlia Society, Northwestern National Bank Lobby, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- September 14th-15th**—Central States Dahlia Society, Garfield Park Conservatory, Chicago, Illinois.
- September 14th-15th**—Dahlia Society of Ohio, Masonic Hall, 36th St. at Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.
- September 14th-21st**—Puyallup Fair, Flower Pavilion on Fair Grounds, Puyallup, Washington.
- September 21st-22nd**—Dahlia Society of Toledo (This is the 1946 Ohio State Show), Jim White Chevrolet Display Rooms, Monroe and 13th Street, Toledo, Ohio.
- September 21st-22nd**—Indianapolis Dahlia Society,

Brookside Community House, Indianapolis, Indiana.

- September 21st-22nd**—Southdown Dahlia Club, Hamilton Park Field House, W. 72nd St. and S. Normal Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.
- September 21st-22nd**—Tri-City Dahlia Society, Recreation Rooms, Moline Swimming Pool, Riverside Park, Moline, Illinois.
- September 24th-25th**—American Dahlia Society, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City, New York.
- September 24th-25th**—Dahlia Society of Georgia, Atlanta Municipal Auditorium, Atlanta, Ga.
- September 27th-28th**—National Capital Dahlia Society at Silver Springs, Md.
- September 27th-28th**—Portland Dahlia Society at Portland, Ore.
- September 27th-28th**—Camden Dahlia & Horticultural Society, Camden County Vocational School, Merchantville, N. J.
- September 28th-29th**—1946 Mid West Show, under auspices of Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Mo.
- September 28th-29th**—Ohio Valley Dahlia Association, Westwood Town Hall, Montana and Harrison Avenues, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- October 4th**—Tennessee Dahlia Society at Chattanooga, Tenn.
- October 5th**—Long Island Dahlia Society at Jamaica Halls, Jamaica, L. I.
- October 5th-6th**—Dahlia Society of Kentucky, Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Ky.

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## GEORGIA

(Continued from page 10)

Officers of Dahlia Society of Georgia for 1946:

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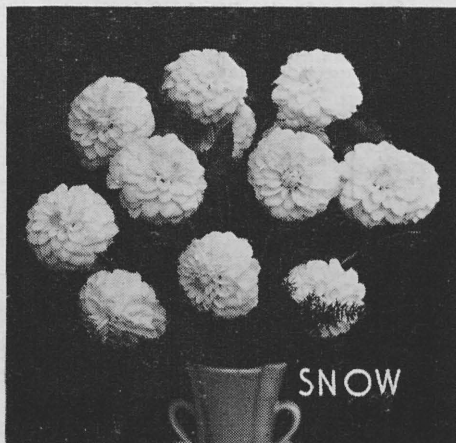
by DAHLIADEL

Yes, we are still in the *Dahlia business*, just literally swamped with orders, and burning plenty of midnight oil trying to get the orders out on time.

However we do have considerable stock yet on some varieties, although we are sold out on many. Be sure to give second choice when ordering.

Novelties are always interesting, so if you contemplate any of the new varieties in plants be sure you have our *catalog*. You will find our 1946 Introduction AGLOW and 23 of the 1946 Introductions of other Growers. We do appreciate all the comments on our splendid packing of plants, and wish you all a most successful season.

*Grow Dahlias of Quality  
and Distinction*



## DAHLIADEL 1946 INTRODUCTIONS

**MY LASSIE** (Dahliadel 85M), O, Bloom 5, Bush 3 ft. Color a beautiful soft rose pink with cream and lighter shadings toward the center. Almost identical in coloring to Pink Lassie, hence its name. There is no other pink Orchid Flowering dahlia that we know of. Stems are long and hold flowers as shown in the picture. Early, profuse, and easy to grow.

Root, \$5.00 NET; Plant, \$2.50

**SNOW** (Dahliadel 85M), M FD, Bloom 3 x 2, Bush 3½ ft. The most artistic Formal white miniature we have ever grown with the petals cupped back like a gardenia. There is, however, especially in the early season, a light lavender edge on each petal which only makes it more beautiful. It is extremely early and needs no pampering as it does best with just ordinary culture and plenty of sunshine. Fine for cutting or florists use. Certified at O.V.D.A. scoring 85M in 1945.

Root, \$5.00 NET; Pot Root, \$3.75 NET;  
Plant, \$2.50

*Catalog on request*

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