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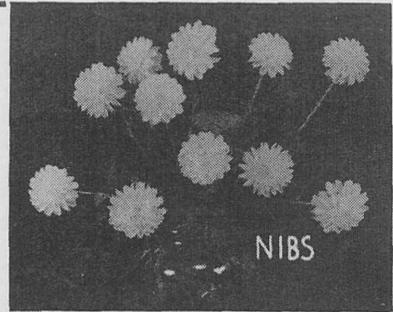
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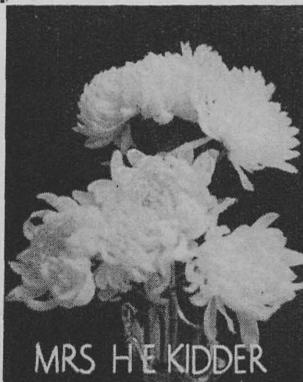
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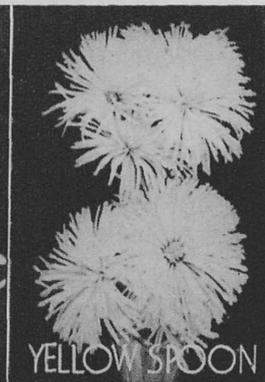
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# Many Changes Planned for A.D.S. Show

Our 36th Annual A.D.S. Show will be held Sept. 20 and 21 in cooperation with the New York Horticultural Society. It has been a long time since your Committee entertained so many changes for the traditionally great A.D.S. Show.

The features, to make this a greater show are sound and practical. Since a number of our Exhibitors have found it difficult to show at Penn Top, due to parking, elevator and limited "make-up" facilities, it has been decided to move the Show this year to Essex House at Central Park South.

The Exhibition Hall is on the ground floor and the facilities seem completely adequate. The Novice should experience no more difficulty in setting up his entries than he would at his local Show.

No effort will be spared to help those whose experience is limited in staging their exhibits. The Classification list takes the guess work out of selecting the proper classes for your favorite blooms . . . the committee will help you find the class locations on the Show tables.

Nor have the schedule makers overlooked our "dyed in the wool" advance amateur and Estate Superintendent exhibitors. "B" section has been eliminated . . . principally because the former leading exhibitors have moved up to "Open to All . . . 'C'" section.

## MANY ADDITIONAL PRIZES

In addition to the Tri-color award for various sweepstakes throughout the schedule, each will receive a suitable prize . . . a real reward for successful effort.

We expect the largest number of entries in Section "C" that we have ever had. Recognizing not only the great effort for these growers to bring their many blooms—but also the expense involved—the committee will offer substantial cash prizes for the various sweepstakes in this section: \$25.00 cash for Sweepstakes, "A" large; \$25.00 for Sweepstakes, "B" medium and \$25.00 cash for Sweepstakes, "Small". Also, a grand Sweepstakes for the section, \$50.00 cash.

And that is not all. Most exhibitors, after cutting for their class entry requirements still have many wonderful blooms on the bushes. How it would improve the Show to have these grand Dahlias also! But what incentive is there to bring them?

## \$100.00 CASH AWARD

Two of our officers have offered to contribute toward a prize of \$100 cash for a new class: 12 to 15 large (A) Dahlias in one basket or ornamental vase. Dahlias of any type or types; any color or colors. This is open to all, and should attract every exhibitor.

There should be a great fight for the "Court of Honor" class this year. Dr. Fred J. Knocke is going to defend his "two legs" on the beautiful East St. Louis Silver trophy—if he can win this time, the cup becomes his permanent possession. Many will try to capture the award this year to keep the trophy "in circulation" for at least another year.

The Garden Club Section, always one of the most interesting in an A.D.S. Show, should add a lot of competition. Mrs. G. Petersen, Secretary of the New York

Horticultural Society, promises to have many of the ladies who do such wonderful arrangements for many flower shows, bring their prowess to this A.D.S. Show. They will be welcomed indeed—and we will give full cooperation to their efforts.

The Show Schedule will be in the mails shortly in order that you may plan your garden early.

A new, easy accessible location—many fine prizes and a committee right on its toes—should have your full support. Help make this 1950 A.D.S. Show the greatest ever!

## A.D.S. ANNUAL MEETING

President Pollak called the meeting to order at 2:45 P.M., Saturday, January 21, 1950 in Conference Room No. 2, Hotel Statler, New York City. 58 members attended.

After cordially greeting all of the members a period of 2 minutes of silence was observed in memory of the late Elmer Sheppard and Howard Glutzback and all other members who have passed on.

The president advised that he would entertain a motion for the dispensing of the reading of the minutes of the 35th Annual Meeting, said minutes having been published in detail in February 1949 issue of the BULLETIN. The reading would consume a considerable period of time and on motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, it was decided to dispense with the reading of said Minutes.

The president requested the Committee of Tellers to report, and Mr. Lloyd, Chairman, advised that a count of the ballots showed the election of the following officers for the year of 1950:

President—Leo L. Pollak, New York City.

Secretary—Andrew J. Mulcahy, Floral Park, L. I., N. Y.

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Mr. Lloyd, one of our past presidents assumed chairmanship of the meeting, and on motion duly made and seconded the election of all of the aforesaid officers were unanimously approved and Mr. Pollak as the re-elected President again acted as Chairman.

Mr. Henry A. Olsen, Treasurer, read and presented the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st 1949 which on motion duly made and seconded, was unanimously approved and ordered filed.

Mr. Charles Schneider, Auditing Committee, reported that he had examined the books and records of the Society for the calendar year of 1949 and found them all in perfect order. His written report was presented to the Secretary.

Mr. Mohr, Chairman of the Financial Committee, compared the past years income and expense statement with the income and expense statement for the year 1948 and advised of the number of members that owe dues for more than one year and particularly stressed the fact that no member owes more than two (2) years dues and further advised that the 1949 statement does not reflect as receivables any outstanding dues.

The president informed the members that without the splendid assistance of his co-officers it would be impossible to report of the splendid financial condition of this Society.

Mr. Gordon Waaser, editor of the BULLETIN, advised that advertisers had not delayed the November issue of the BULLETIN, as they were awaiting reports from our Trial Grounds.

Mr. Pollak praised Mr. Waaser for his untiring efforts and assured him that the BULLETIN is the outstanding Dahlia magazine of this country.

The Chairman of the Show Committee, Mr. Henry Olsen reported that this year's show will be held on September 20th and 21st, at the Essex House and the ballroom is on the street floor and as there are better facilities for exhibitors, he is looking forward to a larger show than last year. Mr. Olsen thanked his committee and all other members for the assistance they rendered at our last show.

Mr. L. Dudley, Chairman of the Trial Grounds Committee advised that at present there are 6 official Trial Grounds. They are located at East Lansing, Michigan; Alt Palk, Cincinnati, Ohio; University of Maryland, Baltimore; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.; and

State Park, Atlanta, Georgia, and Long Island Cultural and Technical Institute, Farmingdale, L. I., and all of these are located East of the Mississippi. He is of the opinion that they may not be well allocated as none of them are in the Far West. There were approximately 225 entries in the 5 Trial Grounds in the past year and about 25 will receive certificates.

The Entry Fee of \$5.00 is universal and does not pay complete costs of operation and time spent on them, including fertilizers, culture, sprays, etc. He is of the opinion that improvements can be made and he welcomes suggestions. Mr. Dudley further advised that all plants or roots should be planted not later than June 1, in order that they may be judged not later than a date to be adopted, in order that the judges reports be made and filed in October, the exact date to be decided upon.

Mr. Roy Webb, Chairman of the Derril Hart Medal Committee advised that the following award would be made at the Annual Dinner this evening, all 3 having been won in the past year: A—Cosmopolitan, originator, Mr. E. R. Phillips which has an average score of 85.266. B—Sellwoods Glory, originator Mr. Beyerle, having an average score of 85.333. M—Nibs, originator F. A. Alleva, having an average score of 85.2.

Mr. Maytrott, in absence of Dr. McDade, reported for the Classification Committee, and advised that said committee was making slight changes in the definition of the "Ball" type of Dahlia and the size was being changed back to 4 inches. He also advised that a slight change is being made in the definition of other blends and that in the classification list for 1950 Mrs. Hester Pape will be classified as a "Red." There will be corrections made in last year's list and this year's list will include such changes and also some deletions and additions of new Dahlias.

Mr. L. Dudley, Chairman of A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake Committee (award) explained in detail why this award was suggested and that its first year of operation was successful. All branch and affiliated societies are eligible and last year 6 of them made application for this award and all scores must be sent to the Sweepstakes Committee, who arrange for the issuance of Certificates, etc. Mr. Dudley advised that the 1949 winner was Madonna, a pure white A—Dahlia, originated by Mr. Lew Sarrett. He further advised that as of today one application has been made for this award this year and he hoped that all branch and affiliated societies will apply for this award this year, for their shows. Scoring must be on bench score card (B.S.C.) which the A.D.S. supplies and certificates are issued to those entries scoring 85 or better and the A.D.S. Gold Medal being presented to the highest average score Dahlia and that the Dahlia must be introduced the following year, therefore, there must be sufficient stock available.

Professor Brown suggested that we publish a report of all Dahlias scoring 85 or more and many suggestions were made and Mr. Pollak proposed that the Executive Committee discuss and consider the matter at their next meeting and that rules and regulations regarding this award will be published in a future issue of the BULLETIN.

Mr. Conrad Frey, Chairman, of Judges Committee expressed his thanks to the Judges who assisted him at our last year's show and while it was not 100% perfect,

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there was an improvement over the prior years judging. In his opinion the Joint Classification list has simplified the work of judges at all shows.

Mr. Andrew Mulcahy, Chairman of the Membership Committee advised that it is the goal of the Society to be able to double the membership this year, and if each and every member will obtain one new member the goal will be reached. At present he advised there are 37 branches and affiliated societies and that at the Executive Committee meeting held this morning, said committee approved application for 1 new branch society and one new affiliated society.

Mr. Gordon Waaser moved that a rising vote of thanks be given to the President, Secretary and Treasurer for their outstanding work during the past year, which motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Pollak, President, advised that we were most fortunate in having Mr. Barke of the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute accept our invitation to give a talk to our members on the subject of Insecticides and Fungicides. The President then introduced Mr. Barke to the membership and he rendered a most interesting educational lecture explaining in detail the feeding methods of insects that attack Dahlias and pointed out that the sucking type are killed by contact spray and the eating ones by stomach poison. Insects never have more than 6 legs, therefore, red spiders are not a part of the insect family. Mr. Barke advised that D.D.T. is not efficient in controlling all pests and in some cases pests have built a resistency to it. It is both a stomach and contact spray, but does not kill instantly, taking up to 48 hours and when used as a spray, its residue is effective up to 8 weeks, depending upon weather conditions.

Chlordane, he advised, is a newer product which he prefers in most cases to D.D.T. It is sold under trade name as Synklor "50 W," and is generally safer on human beings and plants and kills many more insects than D.D.T. does. It can be used as a spray, dust, or an emulsion, and definitely kills, aphids, ants, etc.

Benzene Hexa Chloride is another material used as an insecticide and it has an obnoxious odor. It is now marketed under the trade name Lindane, without the obnoxious odor and it has a great possibility for killing insects in soil.

Vapatone, he advised is another material excellent for the killing of leaf hoppers and certain types of mites.

Parathion Thiophos 3422, he explained, is very potent; it is easily applied, but the residue is dangerous. It has been used at Farmingdale and no records of injury to date, but at present he cannot recommend it, as it is reported to be very toxic. Commercial growers he informed us have been using it, but particularly pointed out that they have the necessary protective equipment, such as gas masks, gloves, etc.

A new product known as No. 118 Aldrin is chemically related to Chlordane and it should be available this year and is about the only new one that he can recommend at present.

There are fewer fungicides and he stressed that they do not kill, but arrest, examples, Bordeaux Mixture, Sulphur, etc., Some of the new ones are used for eradication and kill, such as, Fermate, "Karbon Black." He prefers the latter as it has a better wettable agent. Another

is Zerlate Parzate and "White Karbon," but none of these latter three should ever be used on roses, because of the zinc compound they contain.

Dithane 378, is in his opinion superior to the above three, it is a newer and more expensive product and is effective against most of the fungus. In his opinion he advised that Copper Bioquin is much better than Bordeaux Mixture, and he believes that it will be available this year. He explained in detail the damage caused by the usual garden pests on garden plants and blooms and the method that should be used for killing, and or controlling them and advised that the Red Spider Mite is very resistant to most chemicals and unfortunately has the ability to become immune very readily.

Soil pests, such as cut worms can be controlled by using protective collars or poisonous bait.

If Nematodes should infect Dahlia roots he strongly recommends that the entire plant and the tubers be destroyed immediately.

Mr. Barke invited questions from the floor which he freely answered and President Pollak thanked Mr. Barke for one of the most interesting lectures our members had ever heard.

Professor Brown advised that the product known as Aranite 88 R, he has found to be a good control for Red Spider.

There being no further business to be brought before the meeting, it was on motion adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

ANDREW J. MULCAHY, Secretary.

### A.D.S. ANNUAL DINNER

The annual meeting closed with one of those dinners than which nobody can do better than Dewey Mohr, and it was agreed that never had Dewey done a better job—for "job" it is.

Leo Pollak was in his usual form as one of the world's best toastmasters. After introducing our visitors from the South and Mid-West, it was his pleasure on behalf of the A.D.S. Executive Committee, to present our Gold Medals to two men who have decidedly merited recognition for services both to the Dahlia and to the American Dahlia Society. George Currie of Wisconsin, Editor of "The Dahlia" and one of the best growers of fine dahlias in the country, and a vice-president of our Society, was to our regret unable to be with us, but sent telegraphic greetings and his appreciation of the award. To Louis Roberts of Chicago, Honor Roll writer and grower, a former President of the Central States Dahlia Society, and one of our oldest—in terms of office ONLY—Vice-Presidents, went the other award. It was such a surprise to Lou that his response was even briefer than the speeches (?) of one of our past Presidents but we, knowing how much the honor was deserved, knew just what Louis had in his mind at the time.

Seldom has our annual dinner had two such wonderful addresses as those given us by President Pollak and by Paul Frese, Editor of "Popular Gardening". We regret that the talks cannot be reproduced in full in these columns for the benefit of those unable to attend the dinner.

The meeting closed with the usual and enjoyable showing of pictures of the new dahlias, with Lynn Dudley and Henry Olsen as announcers, and with the ever popular cartoons by Bruce Preas.

## Our President's Message

The year 1949 having passed into history, we can look back with some degree of satisfaction on the same, for by and large, the year was a fairly satisfactory one for the A.D.S. Quite an amount of constructive work was accomplished. The shows held throughout the country were well attended and the quality of the blooms was good in spite of the unseasonable weather conditions that prevailed in many parts of the country. The trial grounds had about two hundred and fifty new varieties under test and some very beautiful and interesting new specimens were scored. One of the gratifying happenings during the year was the publication of our new Classification List compiled in collaboration with the Central States Dahlia Society. This work has met with universal approval and filled a much needed want. The new color chart edited by our Past President Warren Maytrott has set the standard for all single named flower Societies to emulate, and made it possible for judges and trial ground supervisors to properly describe the color of the new varieties coming into commerce.

The relationship with the forty-three branch and affiliated societies has been very amicable and the close harmony existing between societies of the East, Central States, South and West was very gratifying. There has been much visiting back and forth, a large amount of interchange in ideas and with such publications as the BULLETIN of the A.D.S. and "Dahlia" of the Central States Dahlia Society all are kept informed of the latest happenings in the Dahlia world.

The writer and many of the officers of the American Dahlia Society were privileged to visit a number of shows in various parts of the country and the consensus of opinion was that interest in our favored flower was increasing by leaps and bounds. In Chicago at the Mid-West Conference we saw a show excellently staged, with a profusion of fine blooms, and that the general public was really interested is best demonstrated by the fact that upward of twenty-seven thousand people visited the Conservatory at Garfield Park for their two-day show.

One of the most pleasing happenings was the fact that the ladies are commencing to take a real interest in the dahlia as was shown by the large number of entries in the Dahlia Arrangement Classes. Without hesitation, we can say that most of the entries were interesting besides being beautiful and would compare favorably with arrangement classes in shows sponsored by Woman's Garden Clubs and Federated Garden Clubs held in different parts of the country.

Our visit to the Southern Conference Show at Atlanta was a most pleasant one and there was demonstrated that even though the growers in that part of the country are subjected to long periods of hot weather and continuous drought they still are able to produce blooms that compare very favorably with those from most any part of the country. This show was very well staged in the Fair Grounds: their slogan "A Mile of Dahlias" was fulfilled and the attendance was such that the large show room was crowded at all times.

As stated above, the trial grounds, which were under the supervision of our most efficient Past President Lynn

Dudley, gave a very good account of themselves during 1949. The geographic location of these grounds are now such that with the taking on of our latest location on the West Coast every part of the country is now covered. In the East we have N. J. Agricultural College at New Brunswick, N. J.; the Long Island Agricultural College at Farmingdale, L. I., and University of Maryland at College Park, Baltimore, Md. In the Middle States we have Mid-West Garden at East Lansing, Mich., and Ault Park, Cincinnati. In the South there is Atlanta and by the time this goes to press we will have signed up Santa Ana on the West Coast. This distribution will enable growers in all parts of the country to have their newer varieties tested under practically all growing conditions and should enable all prospective buyers of newer introductions get a line on how the plants should act in their particular location. There has recently been prepared a complete set of growing instructions so that uniform methods will be followed in all trial grounds and with uniform scoring on our recently improved score cards the results should really tell the whole story on the newer introductions.

As for 1950 in New York the annual show of the A.D.S. is going to be staged in a new location, in Essex House on Central Park South and it is anticipated that many of the difficulties which exhibitors experienced in the past in finding a place to park cars and get their blooms up to the roof of the Statler Hotel will be eliminated. The new location is the home of the Horticultural Society of New York and from indications the facilities there should be excellent. There have been added to our show schedule a number of new classes with worth-while cash prizes which should attract many new exhibitors, particularly the gardeners from private estates in the vicinity of New York. Henry Olsen will again be in charge and this assures us of fine working conditions and we are looking forward to a very good show.

It would not be fitting at this time if mention were not made of the many hardworking and zealous members who comprise the backbone of our society, for without their help and assistance, very little could be accomplished. Our genial and most efficient secretary, "Drew" Mulcahy is really the spark plug of our society and he is always ably assisted by our Treasurer and Show Manager Henry Olsen. Dr. McDade as Chairman of the Classification Committee has done an outstanding job. Lynn Dudley has been able to supervise the trial grounds in a very efficient manner and the results he obtained bespeak the efforts he has put forth. Gordon Waaser continues as the Editor of our publication THE BULLETIN and to get out publication after publication of a paper that is considered as the most outstanding of its kind is doing a real service for our society. Men like Dewey Mohr, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Dr. Connors, Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee, Conrad Frey, Chairman of Judges, Warren Maytrott, Dr. Knocke, Otto Aumuller, Ed Lloyd, John Metzger, Emil Berzau and Chas. Snyder are some of the stalwarts who are always doing something for the society and deserve our commendations

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# 1950 Mid-West Dahlia Show

## Minnesota Dahlia Society—Host

The Mid-West Dahlia Show will be held in the Northwestern National Bank Lobby, Minneapolis, Minnesota on Monday and Tuesday, September 11 and 12, 1950. The Radisson Hotel is designated as the Headquarters Hotel and reservations may be made by writing Chas. C. Reif, 319 W. 50th St., Minneapolis.

All Dahlia enthusiasts are invited to visit our beautiful city located in the State of 10,000 Lakes and attend the 1950 Mid-West Dahlia Show. The Minnesota Dahlia Society extends an invitation to growers to enter their exhibits in their respective classes.

Minneapolis is easily accessible by rail, air or over beautiful scenic highways. This is your opportunity to visit the Mid-West's most northern show. Address correspondence to Thos. Z. Ennis, Cor. Secy., 7014 Logan Ave. So., Minneapolis 19, Minnesota.

The Minnesota Dahlia Society Show will be host of the Mid-West Dahlia Show this year. The Show will be held at The Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota on the 11th and 12th of September 1950.

HAROLD M. STEPHENS, Secretary.

The Minnesota Dahlia Society announces the election of new officers and directors at its January meeting. New officers are as follows:

Mr. Harold M. Stephens, 5057 Xerxes Avenue South, President.

Mr. Maurice Engen, 4015—25th Avenue South, Vice-President.

Mrs. H. M. Stephens, 5057 Xerxes Avenue South, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Thos. Z. Ennis, 7014 Logan Avenue South, Treasurer and Correspondence Secretary.

Directors elected for the current year are:

Messrs. H. R. Kaufman, L. E. Cristman, J. G. Micko, C. H. Rose, A. W. Koester, W. I. Larson, R. S. Bryant.

Following the election of officers, plans were announced for the holding of the Mid-West Dahlia Show and Convention September 11th and 12th, 1950. Representatives of the Mid-West Dahlia Conference will attend from Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Minnesota.

## The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association

The December 1949 meeting of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Society was held at the Y. W. C. A., Cincinnati. The meeting was preceded by a dinner and was attended by fifty-five members and guests. The tables were beautifully decorated with Christmas arrangements by Mrs. J. A. Scott. After the dinner there was a program of Christmas music, followed by carol singing by members of the society.

The following officers were elected for 1950:

Harry L. Dixon, President.

L. M. White, Vice President.

Edward Heepke, Second Vice-President.

Wm. Bertele, Third Vice-President.

E. R. Heitzman, Fourth Vice President.

Miss Alice Mattick, Secretary, 4223 Dane Ave., Cincinnati 23, Ohio.

Fred Lienesch, Treasurer.

Our 1950 Dahlia Show will be held in the lobby of the Paramount Theater, Cincinnati, on Saturday September 30th and Sunday, October 1st. Wilbur Anderson will be Show Chairman.

ALICE MATTICK, Secretary.

## San Fernando Valley Dahlia Society

Highlighting the November 17th meeting of the San Fernando Valley Dahlia and Garden Society was a colorful and instructive lecture on chrysanthemum culture by Mr. James Strother, past President of the Glendale Chrysanthemum Study Group. Mr. Strother had with him some very unusual color slides of America's most popular chrysanthemum varieties.

The usual social hour and refreshments followed the election of these new officers for 1950:

President—Mr. W. Allyn Gray, 1753 Hillcrest Ave., Glendale 2, California.

1st Vice President—Noel O. Scott, 1436 Stanley, Glendale 6, California.

Recording Secretary—Eleanor Turner, 9336 El Dorado, Sun Valley, California.

Corresponding Secretary—Velma Craig, 10535 Moorpark, North Hollywood, California.

Treasurer—Iona Fulton, 9646 Noble Street, San Fernando, California.

For its December meeting the Society will have as guest speaker Mr. Roy Thompson, past President of the Pacific Camellia Society, who will bring along blooms of camellia varieties currently blooming at that time. There will also be a Christmas party and exchange of gifts during the social hour.

The January, 1950 meeting will be devoted entirely to the dahlia; while the February meeting will be a discussion on roses by the young Rosarian, Mr. William Johnson, of the Destruxol Corp., Pasadena, California.

Mr. Russell H. Bush, past President of our Society has offered a root of our own choosing from his entire collection to the member bringing in the most new members between now and March 1st, 1950. From the buzz-buzz heard by this writer, this promises to be a slam-bang contest. Wonder what would happen if someone chose *Gold Coin*?

Plans are already in the making for our 1950 show; which our Society co-sponsors with the Los Angeles Garden Center, and is called the SOUTHERN MID-SUMMER FLOWER SHOW, INC. Mr. Gordon Baker Lloyd, young teacher, lecturer and gardening consultant, will again be our Show Manager.

NOEL O. SCOTT, Director of Publicity.

# MINNESOTA DAHLIA SOCIETY

## MID-WEST DAHLIA SHOW COMMITTEES

September 11th and 12th, 1950

CARROL H. ROSE, *General Chairman*

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## Dahlias That Win At Australian Shows

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Well, here we are in 1950, and it seems only yesterday since we were writing to such grand old-timers as William J. Rathgeber and Charles G. Reed and Lawrence Peacock. A score of years is a short span in retrospect and thanks to the work done by these and dozens of other dahlia wizards we can today enjoy the beauty of hundreds of really high class varieties. Many of these are rarely or never shown. Many of them would win prizes if shown and many would not. But in this brief paper we will not spend too much time in speculation. We will be severely practical and without further ado we present the table below which shows at a glance the names and types of some of the dahlias which won prizes this past season and the previous season at local Australian shows. Our comment follows on after the table itself.

### ANALYSIS OF 20 WINNING VARIETIES WHY THEY WON PRIZES

Firstly here is the analysis of some of the prizes won by 20 leading recent varieties, giving name, type, color and name of show or exhibition in that order:

*Wm. E. Buckley*—Medium Cactus; pink, lemon base. Victoria, best medium cactus; Murrumbena, best medium cactus; Box Hill, best medium cactus.

*Black Magic*—Medium Cactus; deep black red. Gardenvale, best medium cactus; Brunswick, best medium cactus; Eaglehawk, RSL, best medium cactus.

*White Queen*—Medium Cactus; purest white. Royal (1948), best medium cactus; Malvern (1949), best medium cactus, Preston, best medium cactus.

*Fairy Dell*—Small Cactus; pink. Eaglehawk, best small cactus; Northcote, best small cactus.

*Aldyth Joy*—Small Cactus; pink cream. Carnegie, best small cactus; Malvern, best small cactus.

*Seashore*—Cactus; primrose. First prize Cof. E. Show, Bathurst.

*White Gull*—Cactus; pure white. Wimmer Yass and Queanbeyan 1948; Best in its class, Cobden, 1949.

*Pam Joyce*—Giant Dec.; clear yellow. 1st Prize and champion, Bathurst; Multi winner Yass and Queanbeyan. In many prize entries RHS Melbourne.

*Beverley Glen*—Small Cactus; cherry red. Canterbury, best miniature cactus.

*Nancy Arnott*—Small Cactus; Tyrian rose. Award of merit (Victorian) trials.

*Julie Keech*—Giant Dec.; glowing mahogany. Multi-winner in N. S. W.

*Trader Horn*—Cactus; light orange. 1st Prize Bendigo.

*Brooklyn Coralie*—Cactus; old rose and cream. Dual champion at Adelaide.

*Capt. Silverman*—Cactus; lemon. Blue ribbons 1946 and 1947 and in best 3 at Dandenong 1949. Winner of many other prizes.

*Mountbatten*—Cactus; golden apricot. 1st at Bendigo; 1st at Bathurst C of E; Best cactus at Cobden and in prize entries at RHS Melbourne.

*Malvine Grivell*—Small Type; apricot. Adelaide, best small type.

*Gala Chief*—Cactus; sparkling vermilion. In winning 3 at Wangaratta 1949; 1st and champion CWA Gippsland 1948.

*King Canute*—Medium Cactus; pure gold. Blue ribbon 1949 Yarra Junction.

*Noel Coward*—Medium Dec.; deep mahogany red. Best med. dec. Cobden 1949.

*Lady's Fancy*—Small Cactus; pink lemon. Northcote, best small one 1948; Kingsville, best small one 1948.

Now we consider it interesting to note the names of winners; but surely it is even more interesting and useful to analyse the reasons why the winners beat the rest of the field. We have not listed such old timers as *Kelvin*, *Pop Harris* and *Nobby's Light* which still win prizes. Some of the above 20 are in fact so new that they have appeared at only a couple of shows. Others have been shown many times. But they all have one thing in common . . . outstanding quality.

For example, *Brooklyn Coralie* is of most exquisite form and has a captivating colour. It is not dissimilar from your *Pink Flamingo*, which by the way, will win prizes in Australia next season, if widely shown.

(It is not easy for even top rate dahlias to win in Australia because our classes are not subdivided into colour sections. Thus a medium size cactus competes against all other medium size cactus of all colour types.)

*Nancy Arnott* is another which won because it is all quality. The Tyrian rose shade gives it a grand start and it keeps for many days in water. The form is superb . . . a masterpiece in miniature.

The huge *Julie Keech* won in our Northern states because of rich colour and depth and beauty of form. It stands far above most of its rivals.

*King Canute* is a wizard in the medium cactus class and will win many prizes if widely shown.

*Black Magic* is breathtakingly lovely with its richest of deep velvety black red colour.

*Captain Silverman* and *Seashore* have won prizes in the U. S. A. where they have recently been shown. Thus their Australian form was a good pointer to overseas successes!

And so we could go on. Each of the winners was successful because it possesses some outstanding winning quality.

To sum up . . . it pays to study the winning lists; but in addition one ought to go to the shows and visit gardens to see many other stars. Some that come readily to mind include *Peggy Ray*, *Croydon Radiance*, *Canticles*, *Persia*, and *Brasil*. All of these are real beauties, but most of them have been rarely shown as yet.

Well, so much for the new dahlias as seen through the eyes of an Australian. There are many others and we firmly believe, from careful observation, that we are on the threshold of the greatest era of dahlia development in Australian history. And that means something in a country which originated *Rita Betty*, *Darcy Sainsbury*, *Kelvin*, *Pop Harris*, *Nobby's Light* and hosts of other world winners.

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### Derrill Hart Awards for 1949

The supreme award that The American Dahlia Society offers for new dahlias of outstanding merit each year is the Derrill Hart Medal. These medals are awarded for the highest scoring dahlia in each of the three size groups each year. To qualify a dahlia must receive a score of 85 or more at each of three or more of the Official Trial Grounds, during the current and/or preceding year. For the season just past the winners were:

"A" Large flowering, *Cosmopolitan*, scored 85.6 at East Lansing in 1948. 85.2 at Atlanta in 1949 and 85 at College Park in 1949, average score of 85.266. Originated by Mr. E. R. Phillips, Silver Springs, Maryland.

"B" Medium, *Sellwood Glory*, scored 85.666 at Rutgers in 1948. 85 at East Lansing in 1949 and 85.4 at Atlanta in 1949, average score 85.333. Originated by Mr. J. Richard Beyerle, Portland, Oregon. Introduction by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens.

"M" Miniature, *Nibs*, scored 85.333 at Rutgers in 1948, 85.1 at Atlanta in 1949 and 85.167 at College Park in 1949, average score 85.2. Originated by Mr. F. A. Alleva, Malvern, Pa. Introduction by Dahliadel Nurseries.

ROY W. WEBB,  
Chairman Derrill Hart Awards.

### OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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and thanks. There is also a group of men situated away from New York, particularly our Vice Presidents, who cannot too frequently attend meetings of your executive committee, who nevertheless are doing a fine job for the dahlia and to them we say "many thanks" also.

As for myself, it was indeed an honor to be selected to serve you for a third term and to say it was appreciated would be putting it very mildly, but having been chosen I will endeavor to carry on, with the aid I know I will receive, and hope that the dahlia will continue to grow in popularity and that our society will reach heights never before attained.

LEO L. POLLOCK.

### DAHLIAS THAT WIN AT AUSTRALIAN SHOWS

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And before we close this brief review, we want to ask a question. Seeing that the half century has been reached, will someone please write an article entitled "Fifty Years of Dahlia Progress—1900 to 1950"?

With all due modesty we intend to write a short article on "Fifty Years of Dahlia Growing in Australia." Whilst it is proposed to send such an article to the ADS Editor in the course of the next few months we would like to see someone write a booklet or a serial story in the ADS covering at least America and perhaps Europe and Asia as well. It would mean a lot of research but it would be a grand job if done well. What memories it would bring back . . . and what discussions and opinions . . .

Cheerio for now . . . wait till they get short wave Video. Maybe we'll be able to look in on your big shows!

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### Dahlia and Plant Specialists of Greater Cleveland

"Dahlia and Plant Specialists of Greater Cleveland" will hold its Show at the Garden Center, East Blvd. & Euclid Ave., Cleveland 6, Ohio, on Sept. 9th and 10th.

The officers of this new club are as follows:

President—J. W. Cowie.

Secretary & Treasurer—Elsie Lasch.

Corresponding Secretary—Loretta C. Lackamp, 543 E. 109th Street, Cleveland 8, Ohio.

Trustees—H. H. Robens, Chas. F. Lasch.

JAMES W. COWIE.

### F. VAL R. VEIRS

The Dahlia fraternity has lost one of its sterling members. Val, as he was known to his host of friends, was a leading grower in the Cleveland section for over twenty-five years. He held office in several societies. For the past ten years he was associate editor of the American Dahlia Society BULLETIN, he having been a Vice President of the Society before that.

In the days when relations between the various sections of the country were not as cordial as today, Val worked unceasingly for better understanding. He was a great friend of the A.D.S. and his passing will leave a void; just impossible to fill.

He knew how to grow dahlias to perfection, was a competent and impartial judge. He helped manage some of the fine shows in Ohio. In recent years he introduced several good seedlings of his originations.

The American Dahlia Society joins with Dahliasts everywhere in extending our sympathy to Mrs. Veirs and the family.

# The American DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

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"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

This issue was held over due to serious illness of important contributors.

Without their reports and stories, the February BULLETIN would have been much less interesting.

We realize it is difficult for some of our members to understand why an issue is held weeks beyond the normal time of issue. This particular BULLETIN was all set up many weeks ago, in the main.

## Popular Gardening

The first issue of Popular Gardening, America's new, all-garden magazine, will be on the newsstands about February 25. With cover and frontispiece in full color and other color throughout, it is 8¼ by 11 inches in size, and carries 100 pages. Paul F. Frese edits its timely, practical columns designed for both beginning and experienced gardeners in all parts of the country.

Every phase of gardening is covered. Feature articles include popular plants, with special attention to the leading hobby flowers and home garden design. Authorities give the latest and best information. Men and women who make a hobby or profession of specific plants recount their personal experiences and methods.

Each issue stresses "how to do it." Readers meet interesting people through interviews, go garden visiting in various sections of the country, keep up with new varieties, new equipment, coming garden events. Everything from general landscaping to a question box has been included—lawns, vegetables, fruits house and greenhouse plants, flower arrangements, trees and shrubs, special gardens, book reviews and nature elore.

Popular Gardening is bi-monthly in 1950. Charles M. Winchester, Jr., is publisher and Frank A. Hodges, Jr., advertising manager. Executive and subscription offices are at 90 State St., Albany, N. Y., and editorial offices at 141 East 44th St., N. Y. C. 17. Subscriptions are \$2.50 for 12 issues, \$4.00 for 24 issues in the United States; \$3.00 for 12 issues in Canada, Mexico and U. S. Territories.

## Baltimore Dahlia Society

The annual meeting of the Baltimore Dahlia Society was held Friday, January 13th and the following officers were elected for the year 1950:

President—Louis Gill.

1st Vice President—Chas. M. Diffenderfer.

2nd Vice President—George Mumma.

Secretary—Herbert O. Aburn.

Financial Secretary—N. A. Scheel.

Treasurer—John C. Mencke, Jr.

Board of Governors—Arnold Hens, chairman; N. A. Gossmann, Vincent Hush, George Schirmer, Edw. L. Schaun, Wm. Lampkin, Otto Weber, Conrad Brieger, W. T. Sermon.

Show dates were again set for September 17th and 18th, the show to be held in the Sears Community Building, North & Harford Aves., Baltimore, Md., and with Wm. Lampkin as Show Manager. This being our 25th birthday great plans are being made for our Silver Anniversary and special committees appointed to let nothing stand in the way of a highly successful year. Our membership is steadily growing and it is surely gratifying to see the unusual interest being shown this year.

HERBERT O. AUBURN, Secretary.

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## Send Seedlings to Trial Grounds

This is the 34th consecutive year in which the A.D.S. has sponsored trial grounds where new seedlings may be tested and scored by competent judges.

There are now six official A.D.S. Trial Gardens where new varieties may be sent. Each garden is under close supervision of experienced horticulturists, either of the staff of the school or park and or the local society where the garden is located.

Slight changes in the procedure for sending stock to the gardens have been made. It is hoped that these will simplify the work of the superintendents of the gardens and expedite the judging and reporting of results to the BULLETIN.

These are the changes. All stock either plants or roots are to be mailed or express, prepaid, to the gardens *not later than* June 1. Except that in the case of East Lansing, this year only, all stock should arrive there between June 1 and June 10. This arrangement is requested by C. E. Wildon for the reason that he will be absent from East Lansing until June 1st and he wishes to personally supervise the planting.

Another change is that all scoring must be finished at each garden by October 1st and all reports made by superintendent or trial garden committee of local society by October 15 and mailed to the editor of the A.D.S. BULLETIN for publication in the November issue. If preferred, reports for the varieties scoring between 80 and 85 points may be mailed Oct. 15 and those scoring under 85 may be mailed before Nov. 15 for publication in the following issue.

Another request is that where it can possibly be done plant material should be forwarded so as not to be in transit over week ends. If sent by mail, it should be marked "OUTSIDE MAIL." The reasons for this are obvious. Much material, particularly in the case of plants, are received at the gardens in a dried out or broken condition and if packed in mail bags, they are often crushed.

Blanks will be provided garden superintendents by the A.D.S. which will be forwarded to originators, for information needed by garden at end of season. If a variety is scored 85 points for instance, it is necessary to know the name, when variety will be introduced, and by whom.

Each entry of a variety must be accompanied by a fee of \$5.00. This is a token fee and in most instances, where all cultural and clerical time is figured, does not pay the cost of the operation.

All time and considerable traveling expense of local committees and judges are contributed personally by them. They must like to see growers get deserved recognition for worthy new seedlings or they would not spend their time and money on this altruistic endeavor. Incidentally, the A.D.S. receives no part of the entry fee. It does invest money and time in helping to provide printed forms and suggestions for a better and more complete testing operation.

Seedlings for trial may be sent to the following Official A.D.S. Trial Grounds before June 1, excepting East Lansing, and to that garden after June 1 and before June 10.

Midwest—Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan. Professor C. E. Wildon.

Eastern—New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick, N. J. Dr. Charles H. Connors.

Mid-Atlantic—University of Maryland, Silver Spring, Md. Wm. H. Wood or write Prof. Conrad H. Link.

Ohio Valley—Ault Park, Cincinnati, Ohio. Robert Seibel, Supt. (or write O. W. Mills, 3628 Kroger Ave., Cincinnati).

South Atlantic—Atlanta City Park. C. E. Faust, 3532 Piedmont Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. Nelson Crist, Superintendent.

Long Island—N. Y. State Institute of Applied Agriculture, Farmingdale, L. I. For information write Otto J. Aumuller, 50 East Lincoln Ave., Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.

Remember that no stock will be returned at end of season. All diseased plants will be immediately destroyed. Send only the clean, virus free stock.

If your varieties are to be entered in the Derrill Hart Medal competition, they must score 85 points or more in three of the above gardens. This scoring may be in any two consecutive years, and the variety must be introduced commercially after its first 85 point score, if it is to be eligible for the Derrill Hart Award.

Plan now to send your varieties to the trial grounds and may the best dahlias win.

LYNN B. DUDLEY, Chairman,  
A.D.S. Trial Grounds Committee.

### A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake Awards For 1950

We reported in the August, 1949 BULLETIN that the A.D.S. Show Seedling Sweepstakes had been accepted by six branch societies. Score cards were printed and sent to each, for use in scoring the varieties entered and judged for this award. Later two more societies applied.

In the November, 1949 BULLETIN we reported that only six of the societies asking to participate made reports. Since then one complaint has been received that although the dahlias were judged for the award at another Middle West Show, no reports were forwarded. On this point we can only say that if reports, with the judges scores are not sent in, we cannot include the varieties judged there in our calculations.

Applications for 1950 participation in the awards are being received. We hope all A.D.S. branch and affiliated societies intending to qualify for these awards will get their applications in as early as possible.

The rules for the competition were published in the February, 1949 BULLETIN. You may refer to them, to discuss the plan for your exhibition. The A.D.S. will

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## A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake Awards For 1950

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soon have a complete outline of the plan with the rules on a mailing place and will mail same to any society wishing to participate, if you will ask for it from the Sweepstake Committee.

All applications for participation should be made to the A.D.S. by an officer of the branch or affiliated society, with the statement that such society agrees to abide by the rules.

Score cards for use by the judges will be forwarded in time for use at the shows.

For any other information, or for making application for participation, write:

Lynn B. Dudley, Chairman  
A.D.S. Show Sweepstakes Awards Committee  
25 Irving Place, New Rochelle, N. Y.

## Trial Garden, College Park, Md.

Send your entries to Prof. C. Link, Horticultural Building, care of Univ. of M., College Park, Maryland.

## Long Island Trial Gardens

The committee for the Trial Gardens at the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute can report that the first official year of the garden was quite a successful one. Twenty-six entries were made of which three scored; eighty-five or better.

Anticipating a larger number of entries this year we endeavor to give the best. Plans are made for perfect soil preparation according to specifications by the institute's Soil Testing Laboratory. As the trial garden will be a part of the beautiful large garden of the institute, it will receive the constant attention of Mr. Rissmeyer, the superintendent, and his students. Water is in abundance. Adjacent will be a large planting of the topnotch present varieties, to enhance the distinction and worthiness of new varieties. Constant scoring will be done at blooming time by a group of experts who by their long experience with seedlings, can be called the finest in the country. So trying for the best, we hope all originators will take advantage of it.

Planting material should be sent between May 15 and June 1.

Please ship your plants in the beginning of the week so they arrive before the weekend and do not lay for three days in the express office.

The address is:

The Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute  
c/o Mr. Chris Rissmeyer  
Farmingdale, N. Y.

(Ed. Note: Our ADS Vice President, Emil Berzau is chairman of this fine garden. I know Emil very well and can assure growers that this garden will receive regular, proper attention.)

## South Atlantic Trial Grounds

The Dahlia Society of Georgia, which sponsors the South Atlantic Trial Grounds, is making plans to enlarge the trial grounds so that more plants can be handled for trial.

Those desiring application blanks for the trial grounds should write to Mr. C. E. Faust, 3532 Piedmont Rd., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

Roots or plants to be entered in the trial grounds should be forwarded to Mr. Nelson Crist, Care of H. G. Hasting Company, 93 Forsyth St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

If you have some good seedlings, send them to the South Atlantic Trial Grounds for trial. Planting time in this section runs from about May 15th to June 15th.

C. R. PERRY, Correspondent.

## Inglewood Dahlia Society

At our January meeting, the following officers were elected: President, Harry L. Marshall; Vice President, Roman G. Schmit; Secretary-Treasurer, Louise White; Corresponding Secretary, Murray Minhart. The dates set for our 19th Annual Show are August 26th and 27th, with Mr. Marshall for show manager, and Mr. Minehart, secretary of the show.

MURRAY MINEHART, Corresponding Secretary.

## Dahlia Society of Ohio

At a meeting of the Dahlia Society of Ohio, held on Friday evening, December 10, 1949, the following officers were elected for the year 1950:

President—J. Ralph Berry.

Treasurer—John Burt.

Recording Secretary: Bernard Henke.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Edw. Hubble, 1645 Woodhurst Avenue, Mayfield Heights 24, Ohio.

1st Vice President—E. A. Papesh.

2nd Vice President—Al. Srail.

3rd Vice-President—Edw. Kaniecki.

4th Vice President—E. J. Wind.

These officers will be installed at a banquet on January 14, 1950 to be held at Clark's Colonial Restaurant in Cleveland, Ohio. Our good friend Prof. C. Merrill Brown will act as Master of Ceremonies. The professor will also show kodachrome slides of his collection of new and foreign dahlias. We have been advised that he has one of the most complete and beautiful collections in the country. Some correspondents on the West Coast and in the deep South have also favored us with a few slides from their shows. Many out of town guests will be present, and we know this will be a fine beginning for the interesting year which the Dahlia Society of Ohio has planned.

RUTH BERRY, A.D.S. Correspondent.

Our annual Dahlia and Flower Show will be held in Higbee's auditorium, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 18-19.

# New Plan For Dahlia Testing

(As it will appear in April Flower Grower)

The Dahlia Honor Roll, which has appeared in the December issues of the FLOWER GROWER for more than a decade and a half, has become most valuable to amateur and commercial dahlia growers.

The Honor Roll, for the past eleven years, has been written in the East by Lynn B. Dudley; in the Mid-West by J. Louis Roberts; and in the West by Col. R. T. Eddy. Last year, for the first time, C. E. Faust of Atlanta joined the group and reported on the new dahlia varieties from the Southwest. These men are all experienced horticulturists and expert dahlia judges. They have the respect of dahlia growers everywhere for their competence and fairness in selecting the new dahlias which they believe are most likely to succeed in gaining public favor.

The writing of the Honor Roll is not, as some people believe, just a simple matter of looking over the season's seedlings and then writing a description of the ones the testers like the best.

On the contrary, the work involves growing all the new ones which are sent to them each season. They must be planted and given good care all through the season. This garden work includes ground preparation, planting, cultivation, fertilizing, watering, spraying, staking, tying, labeling, disbudding, debranching, scoring and many other operations. In addition, the testers often travel long distances to attend fall exhibitions to double check the varieties they are growing.

Not all of those tested can score high enough to be included. If they do, and the grower has enough stock to disseminate them, they immediately prepare to advertise them and have them included in their own and other's catalogues.

The number of varieties sent to the original three Honor Roll testers has been increasing each year. Consequently, the amount of hours necessary to do the cultural work, checking and scoring has doubled and trebled. Indeed, it has become a steady six months job from the first of May to the first of November.

Each of them has business affairs or a job to look after, so this dahlia testing has come to be such a burden, principally in time, but also in actual cost that they seriously considered resigning from the work after the end of the 1949 season.

The editors of the FLOWER GROWER are glad to report that they have decided to continue it, at least for one more season. However, they have requested certain revisions in the program to which the FLOWER GROWER subscribes and to which we hope all the originators and introducers will agree and lend their full cooperation. These revisions are included in the following:

## HONOR ROLL RULES FOR 1950

1. Growers are to send roots or plants by or before May 25. (NOTE: All shipments should be marked "OUTSIDE MAIL" to avoid crushing inside mail sacks. Shipments in transit over weekends should be avoided.)

2. Originators shall not send a total of over five (5) varieties in any one year. And only three (3) of the 5 may be "A" large or "B" medium types. The other two (2) can be small types, miniatures or pompons. But whether any small ones are included the limit remains not more than 3 large or medium varieties.

2. (b) Commercial introducers may not send the above number of varieties from more than three (3) individual originators, including their own introductions as one source, in any one year.

3. Full details and descriptions of plant types, color, size of bloom and height of plant must be furnished to testers at time of shipment of stock.

4. An entry fee of \$2.00 per variety, regardless of type, will be made to each tester. This \$2.00 per variety to be remitted by check or money order at time of shipment.

Notices that testers are ready to receive dahlia plant material will be mailed to introducers and originators who are known to the tester. Other notices, that varieties have been selected for the Honor Roll and asking for necessary information on a return blank, will be sent at end of season.

The addresses of the testers, to whom stock and entries should be sent before May 25, are:

Lynn B. Dudley, 25 Irving Place, New Rochelle, N. Y.  
 J. Louis Roberts, 12147 Harvard Ave., Chicago 28, Ill.  
 Col. Richard T. Eddy, Box B 9, Encinitas, Calif.  
 C. E. Faust, 3532 Piedmont Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

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## The East Liverpool Dahlia & Flower Society

Silver Jubilee—1950. The following officers were elected:

President—Frank N. Richmond.

1st Vice-Pres.—Frank Shone.

2nd Vice Pres.—Mrs. Marie White.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Clarence Green.

Corresponding Secretary—Wm. C. Craine, Box 284, Midland, Pa.

Financial Secretary—Mrs. Frank Shone.

Treasurer—Edwin Kountz.

Publicity and Attendance Director—Leo Lawrence.

Membership Chairman—Mrs. Ruth Wolf.

Show Chairman—George Schepp.

Board of Advisers for 2 Years—Richard Heidel, J. T. Eccleston, George Wilmont.

Board of Advisers for 1 Year—Harry Johnson, L. T. Smurthwaite.

## The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

The first meeting of 1950 was held Thursday, February 9th in the offices of the F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co., Bala-Cynwyd, Pa., and about 25 members were present.

The meeting was conducted by the President—Mr. John McMenamin.

Due to the death of Mr. Thomas McKay who was nominated without opposition at the previous meeting, for President of year 1950, it was decided to forego our annual banquet and hold instead our regular meeting. All the members were shocked by their learning of the passing of our friend and enthusiastic dahlia grower. His obituary will appear later.

The officers elected for the year of 1950 are:

President—Mr. Frank Deichler.

Vice President—Mr. Charles G. Friedel.

Treasurer—Mr. Charles Becker, Jr.

Secretary—Mr. Clarence Davis, Box 449 Haverford, Pa.

Society Editor—Mr. Stanley Johnson.

Our new president, Mr. Frank Deichler showed his latest Kodachromes which covered the outstanding dahlias of his 1949 garden. Mr. Fil Alleva and Mr. Walter Strobel also presented their best slides giving all a good idea just why these two men were big winners last Fall. There was much discussion about the 1950 show and our genial Show Superintendent Mr. Fred Moore outlined his tentative plan. While nothing definite has as yet been decided, the show date may be September 23 and 24. The exact dates and location will be announced later. The theme may well be, "Look to Greater Philadelphia for the best in Dahlia Shows."

STANLEY JOHNSON, Society Editor.

## THOMAS MCKAY

By STANLEY JOHNSON

Thomas McKay, head gardener the past four years for John T. Dorrance, Jr., Gladwyne, Pa., died after a brief illness on January 30th, 1950. He was 61 years old.

A native of Ireland, Mr. McKay served his apprenticeship on the estate of Lord McNaughton. He came to America in 1911 and prior to present position was the head gardener, 21 years for Dr. H. B. Master.

Mr. McKay was a friend of the dahlia. He grew all varieties to perfection. Each year he devoted much time to the growing of many dahlias. His winning displays could be seen at many of the Fall shows in the vicinity of Philadelphia and he was a consistent exhibitor at the A.D.S. show in New York City. He was nominated without opposition to serve as President for 1950 of "The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society." Certainly he will be remembered for his dahlia originations of "McKay's Purity" and "Chips."

His knowledge also of greenhouse culture made him a top winner at the chrysanthemum shows. His famous collection of begonias won a first prize—group display—for past three years at the large Philadelphia Spring Flower Show. He was also a good grower of orchids.

Having such practical knowledge, Mr. McKay was always in demand for judging at shows and lecturing to horticultural groups.

Surviving are his wife and three sons.

## Guests and Speakers at Joint Meeting of Southern California Societies at Santa Ana, California—Sunday, February 12, 1950



Rear row, left to right—Laurence Archibald, Herb Churchman, Adrian P. Taylor, Dr. L. N. Sherrard, Roy Partain, Russel Bush. Front row, left to right—Haywood Allen, Paul Comstock, Marthella Gibson, Charles Pape, Noel O. Scott, Hobart Jordan, Larry Treadwell, Harry Marshall.

# Southern California Dahlia Society Meet to Form Joint Organization

Sunday, February 12, 1950, was the day an enthusiastic group of Southern California Dahlia Growers met at the Woman's Clubhouse in Santa Ana, with the Orange County Dahlia Society serving as host. The meeting, called as a conference between the members of the various societies in Southern California, was a huge success. 125 persons from the four societies taking part gathered at 1 P.M. After the usual exchange of greetings, they were called together by Lawrence Archibald, President of the Orange County Dahlia Society who welcomed the visitors to the meeting, and then introduced the Master of Ceremonies, Noel O. Scott of Glendale, California.

Alberta King, concert pianist and teacher, of Hollywood, presented several musical numbers, and then accompanied the gathered guests in a community sing, led by the guest speaker of the day, Gordon Baker Lloyd, Radio and Television gardener, of Los Angeles. The group took part in a number of old fashioned songs.

Noel O. Scott then presented the presidents of the four participating societies: Lawrence Archibald of the host society, Orange County Dahlia Society; Mr. Harry Marshall, President of the Inglewood Dahlia and Floral Society; Mr. W. Allyn Gray, President of the San Fernando Valley Dahlia and Garden Society; Mr. Roy Partain, substituting for the president of the San Diego Dahlia Society; and Mr. Adrian P. Taylor, Vice President, American Dahlia Society. He also introduced the distinguished guests present, Charles and Hester Pape, of Carpinteria; Paul Comstock of San Diego; Roy and Thelma Partain, San Diego; Marthella Gibson, Gardena; Alberta King, Hollywood; Larry Treadwell, El Cajon; and Gordon and Eleanor Lloyd, Los Angeles.

Gordon Baker Lloyd then took over as guest speaker, presenting as his topic: "My Garden Today." He described gardening as a continued adventure and each little experience as a new adventure in which the gardener is able to learn something new. He told of the many angles in gardening, including small portable glass houses, sprays, fertilizers, plants and shrubs. He demonstrated various types of pruning and care of shrubs and trees. He also described some of the new and improved types of flowers and shrubs coming on the market. This talk was very interesting, due to his method of presentation, having a large number of plants, shrubs and garden equipment on display on the stage with him.

Following a short intermission, Kodachrome 35 mm. slides from the collection of Dr. C. Merrill Brown, of the University of Buffalo, were shown. Many seedlings and new varieties were shown, as well as many of the old standbys. These slides were made available through the courtesy of Dr. Brown and J. Ralph and Ruth Berry of the Dahlia Society of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, who were instrumental in arranging an exchange of slides with the growers in Southern California. William Riley, of Inglewood, Roy Partain of San Diego, Charles Pape of Carpinteria, and Noel O. Scott of San Francisco having exchanged slides with the Ohio Society. These were also shown to the group.

At 5:30 p.m. a bounteous pot-luck dinner was served. After partaking of this fine repast, the group settled down to listen to talks by the various guest speakers. Charles Pape, "The grand old man of the Dahlia world" spoke on the subject, "To what do you owe your success as a dahlia seed grower?" Paul Comstock's subject was, "When to plant to meet a show date." Adrian P. Taylor spoke on, "Where do we go from here?" In concluding his remarks, Mr. Taylor spoke highly of the idea behind the meeting and recommended its continuation on at least an annual basis as leading to a better cooperation and mutual understanding between the participating societies. Later it was voted to form an organization, headed by the executive board, composed of the presidents of each of the four member societies.

The business of the evening having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned. However, the members lingered on, talking dahlia growing in their own sections of the southland, and renewing old friendships.

ELDEN MCNEIL, Corresponding Sec'y,  
Orange County Dahlia Society.

## Orange County, California, Dahlia Society

The members of the Orange County Dahlia Society have been busy this winter. The 1949 Dahlia Show is gone into the past, but has not been forgotten. Plans for the next show were being formulated soon after the close of the 1949 show. Monthly meetings have been held, and election of officers has taken place as follows: Lawrence Archibald, President; Haywood Allen, 1st Vice-President; E. A. B. Smith, 2nd Vice-President; Dr. L. N. Sherrard, 3rd Vice-President; Wanda Rose, Secretary; and Frank Cannon, Treasurer. The show manager for the 1950 show has also been appointed. Haywood Allen is to serve in this capacity. He appointed the committee members to help him ready the plans for the show.

Plans are also in formation to start a trial garden here at Santa Ana. Through the cooperation of the local Board of Education, a trial garden is to be started on the grounds of the Junior College. The agriculture division of the College is to do the work, with the supervision of the head of the department. After a years experimental work, it is hoped that it may become a permanent West Coast Trial Garden.

The annual show, has been set for July 28th and 29th, Friday and Saturday.

The society sponsored a joint meeting of all of the Southern California Dahlia Societies, held in Santa Ana, February 12th. 125 growers from all over attended and all had a good time. An article on the meeting will be found in another part of the BULLETIN.

ELDEN MCNEIL, Corresponding Sec'y,  
Orange County Dahlia Society.

## Southtown Dahlia Club

The Southtown Dahlia Club held their twelfth annual dahlia show, at the Hamilton Park Field House, in Chicago, on September 24th and 25th, 1949. Our show has increased in size each year, so that this year it was held in the large auditorium and with the show tables, crowded as they were, it looks as though another year, we will have to use both the down and upstairs auditoriums.

This year 86 registered exhibitors, made 2971 entries, and exhibited 3131 large size blooms and 1465 poms and miniatures, making a total of 4596 blooms exhibited in show.

The most perfect bloom in show was *Yellow Special*, exhibited by Glenn L. Pierce of Villa Park, Illinois. He was awarded the Central States Dahlia Society Medal as an award.

The largest bloom in the Show, was J. Louis Roberts Seedling, No. 53407, now known as *So Big*, size 13 in. by 11½ in. For this bloom, Louis was awarded the American Dahlia Society Bronze Medal.

Prof. Lew Sarett won the American Home Achievement Medal for his own entry of *Madonna*. *Madonna* also won an ADS Gold Medal Certificate.

*Doreen E*, exhibited by James Marsh, also won an ADS Gold Medal Certificate. Jack Eccleston is the originator of *Doreen E*. Mr. Marsh also received the Schaaf-Tysl Medal at our show for this entry, as runner-up in the American Home Achievement Class.

A basket of *Jane Cowl* dahlias, won for R. J. Lillis, Chicago, the J. Louis Roberts Medal, for the most outstanding entry in the section.

Mrs. Spencer J. Fairhead, of Chicago, was awarded Ondrick Flower Arrangement Stands, for her outstanding arrangement in the Artistic Arrangement Class. Mrs. Fairhead, used pink cactus dahlias with other foliage, in an antique wine jug for her arrangement.

The most outstanding flower picture in a niche 30 x 28 x 18 inches, was exhibited by Mrs. Stanley G. Swanson. Mrs. Swanson used a gray background, the container, being copper with a pewter wash. In this she used branches of the *Euonymus radicans* vegetus, pink miniature cactus dahlias, *M. Pierre Lundin*, bronze peony foliage, and the seed pods of *datura*. A large tray of the same metal as the container, was used as an accessory in back of the arrangement.

Mr. Ellis Asther of Northbrook Dahlia Gardens, won a cup for the best commercial display. His exhibit covered the large stage at one end of the auditorium.

Kindlein Flower Farm also won a cup for their commercial display at the opposite end of the hall. Both displays were outstanding.

Sweepstake Winners in the Sections A to N were as follows:

- Section A—Michael E. Wodek, Chicago.
- Section B—E. Pernsot, Brookfield, Illinois.
- Section C—Edwin Schampel, Glenview, Illinois.
- Section D—James Neill, Chicago.
- Section E—J. Louis Roberts, Chicago.
- Section F—J. Louis Roberts, Chicago.
- Section G—Stanley G. Swanson, Chicago.
- Section N—Mrs. Harold L. Cummings, La Grange Park, Illinois.

Jesse L. Strauss, Glencoe, Illinois, won the Ten Most Perfect Cactus and Semi-Cactus Bloom Class with the following flowers: *White Cliffe*, *Sophie Hein*, *Aumonier Chandelon*, *Bedford Beauty*, *Rodivan Lima*, *Helena*, *Rev. C. A. Mulhern*, *Mme. Elizabeth Sawyer*, *Mrs. E. J. and Wepeze*.

The Six Most Perfect Blooms Class was won by Glenn L. Pierce, Villa Park, Ill., with *Frances Hanna*, *Monica Hardy*, *Lavender Perfection*, *Flamingo*, *John Adam Ker-nochan* and *Nancy Roberts*.

Fred L. Trauth, Chicago, won an award for the best first one year seedling, from seed donated to our members by Col. Eddy.

Dahlias judged the most perfect in each section were as follows:

Section A—*Michigan White*, by Paul Grohall, Waukegan, Ill.

Section B—*Michigan White*, by E. Ladendorf, Chicago.

Section C—*Marilyn Dale*, by George Tysl, Chicago.

Section D—*Bedford Beauty*, O. Martinke, LaGrange, Illinois.

Section E—*Crowning Glory*, by Jesse L. Strauss, Glencoe, Illinois.

Section F—*Yellow Special*, by Glenn L. Pierce, Villa Park, Illinois.

Dahlias judged the largest in the same classes were:

Section A—*Yellow Glory*, W. H. Wickham, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Section B—*Ann Tooker*, Otto C. Wahler, Park Ridge, Illinois.

Section D—*Gen. J. J. Pershing*, Glenview, Illinois.

Section D—*New Look*, John Schramenl, Chicago, Ill.

Section E—*So Big*, J. Louis Roberts, Chicago.

There were 18 classes in the Artistic Arrangement Class, including Luncheon Table Setting for one, with centerpiece, accessories permitted. Mrs. Ira Seifert, Chicago was the winner in this class. The popular classes in the arrangement class were: Arrangements in a flat container, Arrangement in white container, using white dahlias, and arrangement in a natural container, such as shell, burl, driftwood, etc.

## Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society elects officers for the year. They are as follows:

President, H. C. Kuhn; 1st Vice President, Lewis Ditto; 2nd Vice President, J. Keller; Secretary, H. K. Rainsburg, 57 Wayside Avenue; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Wilbur H. Lewis; Treasurer, Charles W. Zahn. Executive Committee: M. B. Keener, Chairman; Roy Polsgrove, Oscar R. Moser, H. W. Wilhide, D. A. Gossard, Wm. L. Everly and Homer C. Grove.

The 1950 Dahlia Show will be in September. Dates will be given in the next issue. Tentative plans are under way to make this the largest Dahlia Show ever staged by the Society. The December meeting was climaxed with a Christmas Party, of which Mr. Lewis Ditto was chairman. One hundred and forty persons attended the party. Gifts were exchanged; a fine program was rendered, and refreshments were served in keeping with the Christmas Spirit.

H. K. RAMSBURG, Secretary.

## Northeast Pennsylvania Show

In the Court of Honor, Frank Marker's basket won a coveted special for the six bloom award. He selected perfect blooms of *Black Monarch*, *Lavender Perfection*, *Five Star General*, *Oxford Triumph* and *Real Glory*. There were two blooms of *Five Star General* and one of these was selected as the Tricolor Bloom of the Court of Honor. Henry Olsen's *Little Edith* was the smallest in the show. The Anthracite award was not allowed, since none of the entries had sufficient qualities as a cut flower. The American Home Achievement was won by Lew Sarett's *Madonna*, which were grown by Earl Procter, of Rockville Centre, L. I. The blooms were massive, of good depth, and white in color. The blooms were of informal type at the show and grew informally in gardens in this part of the country. Stanley Johnson's *Whitchall* was runner up. This fine white semi-cactus of true semi-cactus formation received the Honorary Certificate of this Society for its perfection and keeping qualities.

Once again we scheduled the Ball Dahlias by themselves, and, were rewarded by another increase in the total exhibit. We saw blue ribbons placed on *Snowwhite*, *Mary Helen*, *General Haig*, *Black Diamond*, *Pondkop*, *Clara Clemens*, *Snow Queen*, *Charlotte Caldwell*, *Alice J.*, *Purple Supreme*, *Mac Mac*, *Rosy Dawn*, *Mazie* and *Wolverine Gem*. Roy Webb won the sweepstakes award, and special prizes for his exhibits of *Mazie* and *Red Bird*.

Our miniature section was also separated not only to type but also to the full color range of the new classification. Henry Olsen won specials with *Peggy Lindley*, *Little Sheik*, and *Margaret Williams*. He captured the Sweepstakes prize for the section and exhibited a wide variety of carefully selected mins, most noteworthy of which were *Dearie*, *Nellie Shee*, *Mickey*, *Animato*, *Fuscina Gem*, *Mrs. J. Telfer*, *Little Jackie*, *Mrs. French*, *Miss Marjorie*, *Margaret Williams*, and *Gold Dust*. Other specials in this section were won by Dr. E. McDade with *Red Robin*, *La Cierva*, and *Little Shiek*; Roy Webb with *Margaret Williams*; and Emil Berzau with *Hot Jazz*. In the Large Amateur Section Charles Heusner put in an exhibit which singularly enough won sweepstakes, grand sweepstakes and a tri-color ribbon. Charley waited a long time for this honor and it couldn't go to a better guy. It is further proof that the biggest exhibit doesn't always win. From his 150 hill garden he won specials with *Miss San Diego*, *Maffie*, *Goulbourne*, *Kirsten Flagstad*, *Cherokee Brave*, and *Vin Well Crinkles*, and, displayed exceptional blooms of *Alcazar*, *Dean Shurtleff*, *Mme. C. Juisant*, *Lois Walcher*, *Wosal* and *Snowball*.

In the Open to All, Charles Diffenderffer nosed out Frank Marker for sweepstakes. He won specials with *Zenith*, *Windlassie*, and a Large Yellow informal seedling, which is an origination of Dr. Bruce Preas of Rockville Centre, L. I. This yellow seedling became the tricolor bloom of the section and went on to win The President's Trophy. Mr. Marker's display was centered around fine blooms of *Five Star General*, *Muriel J.*, and *Silver Tips*. Other specials were won by Emil Berzau with *Bill Jack*; Stanley Johnson with a new Australian variety, *Snotop*; and Roy Webb with two new and interesting seedlings, *Doreen E* and *Selwood's Glory*.

Special mention goes to Merrill Brown and his friends

## National Capital Dahlia Society

We are starting the New Year with about 50 new members and a fine slate of officers, namely, Mr. L. M. Clarke, President; Mr. C. L. Armentrout, Vice-President; Mrs. John L. Bishop, Treasurer; Mrs. S. O. Hatfield, Recording Secretary; Mrs. G. E. Dodrill, Corresponding Secretary, and Messrs. A. S. Mason and N. A. Shearon, Managers.

Our annual banquet was held Jan. 9 at the Dodge Hotel which seems to have become our unofficial headquarters. A fine dinner at \$2.50 per plate was served—no wonder 87 attended. An interesting talk was given by Warren W. Maytrott of Dahliadel Nurseries which covered such subjects as new varieties, virus diseases, judging, etc.

At our February meeting Profs. R. P. Thomas and Conrad B. Link, both of the University of Maryland, gave talks on "Soil Testing and Gardening." This started a project in which members will submit samples of their garden soils for analysis and will receive expert advice upon how improvement may be obtained. Another project involves teaching members how to propagate.

The Society has purchased tubers of *Whitehall*, *Doreen E.*, *Debut* and *Little Joanne*. These will be propagated by the members and the plants sold at our annual sales in May and June. At these sales plants and tubers donated by the members are sold at a considerable profit to the Society.

The Society is staging an educational exhibit at the National Flower and Garden Show, to be held at the Armory in Washington, March 23 to 29. An automatic slide projector will show slides of dahlias. Charts will be exhibited showing the different types of dahlias and how to grow them. The cutting of clumps and propagating methods will also be demonstrated.

Our show this year will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and Sept. 24 at the U. S. Botanic Garden. This will be one of the largest in the country. Make this show a must!

HENRY C. PARKER, Publicity Chairman.

## Southern States Dahlia Association

### 1950 Show

Plans are already in the making for the Southern States Dahlia Association Show at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama, Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st, 1950. This will be the Fourth Annual Show for the Southern State Dahlia Association and their second to be held in Birmingham. A very cordial invitation is extended to all dahlia lovers to visit the 1950 show.

M. M. GOODWIN.

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from Buffalo who are listed among the judges, and to our older friends who show up each year at show time.

EDW. F. McDADE, President.

## I Have Cooked and Eaten Three Dahlia Tubers!

Now, tell me, can anyone top that? It all came about because I read, during the war that the starved peoples of Europe were grinding up tulip bulbs to make a substitute for coffee and also that they were eating dahlia tubers and that there was supposed to be a fair bit of sugar in them. From the day I read that I was very curious to know what a dahlia tasted like. The idea kept coming to my mind till at last I decided to find out.

We dug one clump of a dahlia which had been a disappointment in its bloom. Just because we had decided not to keep it, it had made a very nice clump. I set aside and took it to the house where, due to other things that had to be done, it sat, forgotten a couple of days and dried up a little bit. However, the time finally came when I was ready to cook it. I wondered vaguely whether you took mustard or white of egg, in case it poisoned you, and was going to call the doctor to ask, but decided he'd tell me not to eat it, so took a chance.

One of the tubers was about four inches long and the other two smaller. I put them on to boil after scrubbing them as you would a potato, and put a pinch of salt in the water. At intervals I poked, curiously at them with a fork. The small ones cooked tender in about 45 minutes but the large one took an hour and a half.

The outer brown skin came off just as a potato skin does, and the tuber looked like a parsnip, after it has been cooked. A shade darker than when you cut a "raw" one. I sliced the small ones but in the center of the larger one there was a stringy part that refused to be sliced even with my sharpest and largest butcher knife.

Now, you will want to know what it tasted like. Feeling a bit like the Greek philosopher who drank the cup of hemlock, I put butter, salt and pepper on the slices and ATE them. Much to my surprise they tasted very good. I doubt that if they were served at the table, that the average person could tell them from parsnips. They were the same consistency and practically the same taste. Of course, I happen to like parsnips. If you do not, you would not like dahlias.

I ate them about 1:30 p. m., after I had finished the rest of my lunch. I had planned to eat them with my lunch, but the big one took so long to cook I ate the rest of my food first, then the dahlias. I went about my housework the rest of the afternoon with one eye on the clock and more than half my mind on my tummy, one the alert for the faintest sign of disturbance. When my daughter came home from school I asked her, just to check on my own idea, how long it took the ordinary rooty vegetable to digest. The answer was, about two to three hours, so, glancing at the clock, I heaved a big sigh of relief and announced that I guessed I was all right.

I had saved a bit of the cooked dahlia and offered it at dinner time to reheat it so that my husband and daughter could share in the distinction of having eaten a dahlia, but they flatly refused to have, literally, any part of it.

Now you know what to do with the dahlias you don't like that never fail to make beautiful clumps—eat them!

ELIZABETH F. HISLOP,  
Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society.

## The Long Island Dahlia Society

The newly elected officers of The Long Island Dahlia Society are O. J. Aumuller, President; Emil Berzau, Vice President in Charge of Exhibitions and Shows; Francis O'Keefe, Vice President in Charge of Publicity; Wm. P. Ernst, Vice President in Charge of Membership; Miss Josephine Bazewick, Secretary and Jos. E. Sommer, Treasurer.

The Society has changed its meeting place to the Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant in Franklin Square, Long Island and feel that by making this move the membership will be materially increased. The All Dahlia Show will be held at this place on Saturday, September 23rd.

The Committee in charge of the Queens Botanical Gardens which are located on the site of the former World's Fair, has invited the Society to participate in their activities and will set aside a conspicuous plot for the growing of dahlias. George F. Yaeger, ex-president, will be the Chairman of the Society's Committee, in charge of this undertaking.

Emil Berzau was appointed Committee Chairman of the Farmingdale, L. I., Trial Gardens which will assure closer observation as to timing the blooms for timely judging.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 11th at the Valley Stream Park Inn. If the 1949 dinner is a criterion, all those attending will be well sated with fine food and will be entertained by a promised fine floor show and dancing to their heart's content. Already it has promises of being a huge success, as over 100 have made their reservations.

Thomas F. Kuzenka presented George F. Yaeger, the retiring president, in behalf of the members, with a beautiful pair of solid gold cuff links for his untiring work during his regime. Mr. Yaeger is one of the charter members of this Society.

O. J. AUMULLER, President.

## A Report of the East Liverpool Show

The twenty-fourth annual Dahlia and Flower Show of the East Liverpool (Ohio) Dahlia Society was held September 17-18, 1949 in the Memorial Auditorium in this city and as usual went over with a bang and was acclaimed the largest and most outstanding show of

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**REPORT OF THE EAST LIVERPOOL SHOW**

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dahlias and flowers of every class that has been held in East Liverpool for years.

The feature bloom of the entire show was the seedling *Times Leader*, originated by E. M. Delbrugge of Martins Ferry, Ohio. This seedling is a cherry red with strong straight stems, cactus type and three blooms of this flower won the Ceramic Center of the World, a section devoted or set aside for seedlings 4 to 8 inches, and took for its owner a 50-piece dinner set.

This creation of Mr. Delbrugge's also won the American Home Achievement Medal, as the most worthy undisminated dahlia, three or more years old, while *Real Dawn* was judged the best variety of medium size undisminated dahlia measuring 4 to 8 inches.

Mr. Delbrugge's dahlia garden entries collected 315 points to 302 for William S. Haugh of Wellsville, Ohio, to win the W. C. Wells Memorial award for the sweepstakes of the Show.

A near-capacity crowd filled the auditorium to witness the crowning of Miss Virgian McIntosh as Miss Composite Dahlia, Saturday night during the "Pageant of Beauties", presented by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and members of her court represented various types of dahlias. The dahlia queen was chosen Miss Tri-State at the community picnic in August.

Third place in the sweepstakes went to Mrs. Etta McDowell of Cleveland, Ohio, while J. F. Eccleston of East Liverpool was fourth, and S. F. Johnston of Winona, Ohio, fifth.

Mrs. Harold J. Gallimore of East Liverpool, won the award for the most outstanding exhibit in the entire show. It was a beautiful arrangement of white dahlias and white gladiolus with a *Madonna*.

Mr. Leo Lawrence won the prize for the largest and most perfect dahlia bloom, while Richard Seiden of East Liverpool had the largest dahlia. F. V. R. Veirs of Canton, Ohio, was presented an award for the best vase of three dahlia blooms, while Mr. Eccleston was adjudged as having the most perfect "B" dahlia in the show.

The largest and most perfect ball dahlia was exhibited by Mrs. McDowell, while the smallest and most perfect pompon was shown by Frank Shone of East Liverpool.

Mr. Delbrugge, of Rosemary Dahlia Gardens, also won the sweepstakes of the open division, while Harry Johnson, of East Liverpool, won the award for the sweepstakes of the amateur division and Don Pithtel of East Liverpool swept the novice class.

Mrs. Henry Patterson of Wellsville, Ohio, won the sweepstakes of the open arrangement classification with Frank Richmond of Chester, W. Va., winning the amateur arrangement sweepstakes.

Mr. Johnston of Winona, Ohio, also captured the sweepstakes of the rose division and the award of the best rose on the second day of the show.

George McCollough of East Liverpool, won the award for the largest and most perfect rose.

Preparations are being made for our Silver Jubilee Anniversary in 1950, and all societies who wish to pay us a visit or participate, we will welcome you with open arms. Be seeing you.

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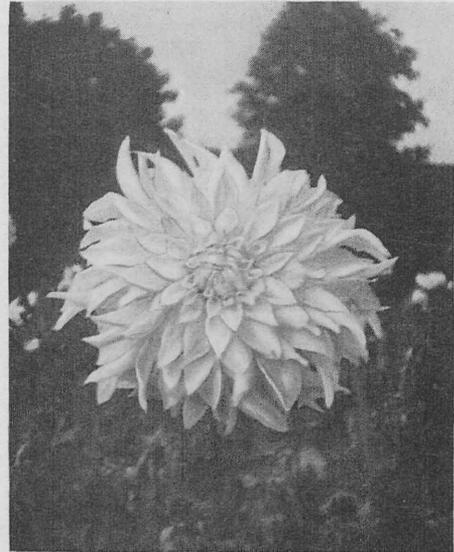
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