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AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY



VOLUNTEER—Purple Informal Decorative—Winner of the Derrill W. Hart Memorial Gold Medal for average of three highest scores at A.D.S. Official Trial Gardens. (Story on page 9). Originator, H. L. Whittaker; Introducer, Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens.

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The November issue described all our 1951 Introductions with the pictures of each one except **LAVENDER PRINCE**, so now we show you this lovely dahlia.

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A. D. S. ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Pollak at 3:30 P.M., Saturday, January 20th, 1951 in Conference Room No. 2, Hotel Statler, New York City; 59 members attended.

President Pollak cordially greeted all members and advised that in the past year some of the members had been called to their reward, one of the outstanding being Mr. Harry L. Franzen, who for many years was a nationally known judge of dahlias and served on the Joint Classification Committee since its formation. A period of two minutes of silence was observed.

The President advised that as the minutes of the 1950 meeting were fully published in the February 1950 BULLETIN he would entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of said minutes and on motion made, 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 93 ballots, 2 being void as they were not signed, showed the election of the following officers for the year of 1951:

President—Leo L. Pollak, 502 Park Ave., New York City 22, N. Y.

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Scranton, Pa., George Swezy, Columbia, N. J., C. E. Wildon, East Lansing, Mich., E. J. Wind, Rocky River, Ohio.

Mr. Lloyd, a past president, assumed Chairmanship of the meeting, and informed the members that a motion was in order for the unanimous election of all of the officers listed above which motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved and Mr. Lloyd then escorted Mr. Pollak to the rostrum to continue to act as Chairman.

Mr. Henry A. Olsen, Treasurer, read and presented the Financial Statement as of December 31st, 1950 which on motion duly made and seconded was unanimously approved and ordered filed.

Mr. Mohr advised that our Auditor, Mr. Charles Schneider could not be present due to illness in his family and in his absence he read and presented Mr. Schneider's report which stated that he had examined the books and records for the calendar year of 1950 and found them to be correct. His written report was presented to the Secretary.

Mr. Mohr, Chairman of Finance Committee, read, presented and distributed to all members present, the financial statement for the calendar year of 1950, and compared it with the one for the previous year. He explained in detail the expense items and stressed those that had increased including Show expense. Income, he advised, from ads in the BULLETIN had decreased. The \$800.00 deposit in the Seaman's Savings Bank in New York City represents dues received from Life Memberships which according to our By-Laws, should be segregated and that it was the first time in many years it had been done. This earns interest at 2 per cent at present. In response to a question from the floor he compared the 1950 Show expense with the prior year. Mr. Waaser, Editor of the BULLETIN stated that its printing cost had not increased and called attention to the fact that none of the outstanding dues of members had been listed as an asset and that they amount to about \$500.00. He hopes that by stream-lining he may be able to reduce the BULLETIN costs in 1951.

The President praised Mr. Waaser for his untiring efforts in editing the best Dahlia Publication of the U. S. Mr. Mohr, he stated, while submitting only a page of figures, had worked many hours and assured him his efforts are deeply appreciated.

The President compared the cost of furnishing the four BULLETINS to each member yearly with the income from Branches & Affiliates. It is his intention to increase Sustaining Memberships which at present are only 5 as he feels that many members would transfer to this type after being advised of our Financial status. Our 1950 Show, Mr. Pollak further advised, was one of our best and that Mr. Richard Farnun of the Horticultural Society of New York was well pleased and all are looking forward with interest to the one to be held this year at the Essex House Hotel on Sept. 18th and 19th. He suggested that all out-of-town Vice-Presidents contact all Dahlia Clubs in their vicinity and endeavor to have them affiliate with us and persuade local commercial dahlia growers to advertise in the BULLETIN regularly.

Mr. Waaser, Editor, reported that he has in mind a possible change in advertising rates and informed the members that he publishes all items supplied but of course must exclude personal differences. He expressed his sincere thanks to Roy Webb, Drew Mulcahy and Henry Olsen for their splendid cooperation and due to their help the November issue was not delayed. The suggestion was made by Mr. C. Diffenderffer that we consider accepting small classified ads for the BULLETIN and Mr. Waaser advised him the matter would receive consideration but that it should be realized that it may result in some present advertisers reducing the space they generally use.

The report of the Trial Grounds Committee was read by Mr. Lloyd in the absence of Mr. Dudley. It included 5 of the 6 as Ault Parks had not been received by Mr. Dudley in time to be included. The President advised that he would appoint Mr. Lloyd chairman of this committee for 1951 as Mr. Dudley asked to be relieved due to his other duties. The report from Ault Park had been incorrectly addressed and it made its appearance at a later date.

Mr. Roy Webb, Derril Hart Medal Chairman, advised that at this evening's dinner there will be awarded two medals. The first one to Mr. H. L. Whittaker for his *The Volunteer*, a large, peony purple informal decorative dahlia and that in Class B there was not a winner but that *Hazel Harper*, a miniature straight cactus, pink with white center, originated by Mrs. Hazel Harper won in miniatures. *The Volunteer's* average Trial Ground score was 85.166 and *Hazel Harper* averaged 85.28.

In the absence of Dr. McDade, Chairman of Classification Committee, Mr. Maytrott reported for said committee and advised that the orange-red will be in the orange class which has been approved by the A.D.S. and will be presented to the Central States Dahlia Society and if they approve the Joint Classification will be changed accordingly.

Mr. Maytrott, Chairman Show Schedule Committee, advised that it is planned to send this year's schedule with the February BULLETIN. It will show that a B over 8 inches can be shown in the A class. It will also define the proper manner to measure the size of dahlias. This is done by multiplying the extreme diameter by the mean depth. This method was unanimously approved.

Mr. Leo Pollak, President, informed the members of the many hours of hard work which the members of the Classification Committee had spent and assured them their efforts are sincerely appreciated. The Joint Classification Committee were complimented by the President as their work has been accepted by all Dahlia fans throughout the country.

Mr. Waaser advised that he is considering again charging advertisers for cuts which would tend to increase our income. It was also suggested that regarding Branches we should allow credit to the Branch where one of their members is an active member. Such procedure may result in Branches being easier qualified.

Mr. Frey answered a question asked by Mr. L. Roberts regarding a bloom of a bi-color being only one color but entered as a bi-color. He was advised that naturally a judge would score it down as it is not a good specimen.

Mr. Frey, in absence of Mr. Dudley, Chairman of A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Committee read and pre-

sented the report prepared by Mr. Dudley. This report is published in detail in the February 1951 BULLETIN.

Mrs. Smith called attention to the fact that some novices are not familiar with the various classes of dahlias and she recommends that where an entry is disqualified the judges should make a written note giving the reason for the disqualification.

Mr. Pollak introduced Mr. A. Baier of the Kansas City Dahlia Society to those present. Mr. Baier thanked the President for being given the opportunity to invite one and all to the Mid-West Conference Show to be held at Kansas City on Sept. 22nd and 23rd. A tour of local dahlia gardens will be on the 21st, prior to cutting for the show. The plans they are making should be very interesting for visitors and this is one show none should miss. Headquarters will be the President Hotel. He advised it is only a 3½ hour flight from New York City, and to approximate the number they can expect from the East, he asked those that plan to attend to fill out a form which he furnished. Mr. Baier strongly feels that many more could be interested in the Dahlia through proper publicity which should include newspapers, radio and television.

Dr. Parker suggested that the Society prepare for distribution a brochure on the growing and culture of the Dahlia and advised that we distribute same to all new members and further that all Branch and Affiliated Societies should be able to purchase copies at a nominal cost for distribution. Mr. Maytrott informed the Society that he was preparing such a brochure for distribution to his customers and he would gladly submit it to the Committee and they could feel free to use it as they see fit.

Mr. Metzger, Chairman Membership Committee, advised that to double the Society's income can be solved simply by each member obtaining just one new member and advised of the number of Branches and Affiliates.

Mr. C. Frey, Chairman Judges Committee, thanked all those who assisted in any way at our show last September. He was well pleased and heard very few complaints.

The President advised that he had arranged to have Dr. Charles Connors address the members but last evening had received a telegram from the good Doctor that due to an attack of laryngitis he would not be able to attend today's meeting. He then planned on having a round table discussion but due to the lateness of the meeting it can not be held.

The Secretary, Drew Mulcahy, advised that one of the bell hops had delivered to him a package and following written directions he opened it and found it contained among other things, a baby nipple, diapers, a bib, can of evaporated milk and the last instruction was to send it all to "The Ribber." The Secretary advised that not knowing who is "the Ribber" he would forward it to him in care of the Editor of the DAHLIA.

There being no further business to be brought before the meeting it was adjourned at 5:30 P.M. after announcing that those attending the dinner this evening should obtain their tickets and complete table arrangements.

ANDREW J. MULCAHY, Secretary.

A. D. S Annual Dinner

Wish all of our members might have been with us! Our A.D.S. Annual Dinner proved most enjoyable.

Dewey Mohr took care of all arrangements for the affair which was held January 20th in the beautiful Sky Top of the Hotel Statler in New York. This was Dewey's twelfth Dinner Chairmanship and the evening progressed with velvet smoothness.

Following the singing of our national anthem, President Pollak called upon Gordon Waaser for the invocation.

The appetizing food was served without delay. Our pianist-accordionist did his bit, too.

Two blooms of *Golden Standard* (August in January), graced the speakers' table, thanks to skillful greenhouse technique and thoughtfulness of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fuller of Easton, Conn.

President Pollak's greetings were expressed with warm cordiality in his friendly, genial style. He introduced some of our past presidents, out-of-town guests and guests of honor. Then Mr. Pollak proceeded to take "Mr. Home Achievement," E. L. D. Seymour, editor of *American Home Magazine*, by complete surprise in awarding him the A.D.S. Gold Medal (of which the Society grants precious few!) for meritorious service to the Dahlia and to the A.D.S. Rated one of the country's best horticultural after-dinner speakers, E. L. D. contented himself for the moment with a nod of appreciation (and a great big tear that told the story of his pleasure).

Mr. Pollak was ready with another of the coveted medals for Prof. C. E. Wildon, who has done just about as much for the Dahlia as one person might accomplish. Superintendent of the Mid-West Trial Gardens at Michigan State College, East Lansing, for many years, Prof. Wildon is also one of the leading judges of the Mid-West. And he has used his powerful influence in the florists' groups to popularize the dahlia as a cut flower to a far greater extent than we have ever seen in the East.

Prof. Wilson accepted his medal graciously and addressed us in a conversational way. His closing remarks "glimpsed" dahlias fifty years hence. Larger and better dahlias may be looked for. Anemone types, nine inches in diameter and very narrow petalled dahlias such as are seen in Mums, and of course better and better keepers.

Mr. Seymour returned to the rostrum to award some of the American Home Achievement Medals won this past fall. He reviewed interesting highlights on statistics regarding the medal. Stanley Johnson was present to receive the medal as was also F. A. Alleva.

Up to the present time the record for any variety was nine Achievement Medals. Many thought we would never see that record broken. But this was "the" year.

Pirate Treasure won ten medals and Jim Marsh was here to receive all that gold! But let's have Mr. Seymour tell you the details in the poem he composed (and recited) for the occasion.

- 10 Achievement Medals
standing in a line . . .
Pirate Treasure went down South . . .
then there were 9
- 9 Achievement Medals
lined up nice and straight . . .
James E. Marsh came along . . .
then there were 8
- 8 Achievement Medals
and as I hope to go to Heaven . . .
That same team won at Central States . . .
then there were 7
- 7 Achievement Medals
there was no need for tricks . . .
Marsh showed down in Georgia . . .
then there were 6
- 6 Achievement Medals
tho the pirates aren't alive . . .
Their Treasure kept on winning . . .
then there were 5
- 5 Achievement Medals
who's that coming in the door . . .
It's Jim Marsh for another . . .
then there were 4
- 4 Achievement Medals
for you . . . and you . . . and me?
Not much! He marches up again . . .
then there were 3
- 3 Achievement Medals
and there's nothing else to do . . .
But score another one for Marsh . . .
then there were 2
- 2 Achievement Medals
and I'll be a Son of a Gun . . .
If he doesn't win at Tri-City . . .
then there was 1
- 1 Achievement Medal
where once there were many . . .
James E. M. took it! And now there aren't any!
- 10 Achievement Medals
Write the record on the wall—
Jim Marsh and *Pirate Treasure*;
they up and took them all!

Henry Olsen took over at his projector using the slides which were provided by members from various sections of the country, principally pictures of the new varieties. Some of the photography was poor (there had been no time to screen them), but Henry did a fine job with those which were good. His projector was always in sharp focus and the pictures were bright and clear. They were greatly appreciated.

. . . Dewey—what's the date of the 1952 dinner?

**A.D.S. Show Date: September 18 and 19, 1951 . . .
Essex House, Central Park South, New York City.**

President's Message

Once again I want to express my appreciation for the honor you have conferred upon me in again electing me to lead the destinies of your society for another year. All I can say is that I will endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability and hope that the society will continue to make progress and serve the many dahlia enthusiasts throughout the country in a satisfactory manner.

The year 1950 was a very satisfactory one from all angles. The shows that I visited in the eastern section of the country were very fine. The attendance was good and the blooms were fine. As for the A.D.S. who experimented last year by having a new location for their show, we can report that the results were very encouraging. We had a greater attendance than we have had in recent years on the Penn Roof and the facilities for displaying the blooms were excellent. We are again going to the Essex House for our 1951 Show and are hoping for even larger attendance than 1950. We are trying to influence some of our commercial people in the east to put on exhibits, not only of flowers, but of all allied products.

Regarding our finances, although our membership increased and our receipts also went ahead, still we found, when your finance committee made its report, that our net worth decreased. This came about because it was impossible to live within the budget that was adopted early in the year. Costs have gone up very materially. The Show set us back and the BULLETIN costs more. There were less advertisers but this is understandable since many of the growers found it necessary to retrench. We have not given up and we hope that with changes we are contemplating we will be able to again build up our treasury. Your society is not threatened with financial difficulties but we dislike to eat into our surplus.

We have, located in different parts of the country, a number of Vice Presidents and many interested members and we are requesting them to use their influences to get the many new dahlia societies or clubs that are continually springing up to join the A.D.S., either as individuals or as Branch or Affiliated Societies and get the benefits of their membership in the A.D.S.

We are also requesting, or better, suggesting, to our members that they cooperate by becoming sustaining members who enjoy all the privileges of regular members but pay an additional one dollar and fifty cents to help along. If each member that we have on our roster were to get one additional member during the year all our financial problems would disappear. Won't you please help?

The year 1950 was the first year that our new Seedling Competition was really in operation and from the results obtained the future of this competition seems secure. Many of our Branch and Affiliated Societies have participated and we feel certain that under the fine guidance of Lynn Dudley, the competition will thrive and become increasingly interesting.

Again I want to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation I have been receiving from the officers and members of the Society. I assure you that without their help your Society would be a "dud." I want particularly at this time to thank our Past President Lynn Dudley

who is retiring after many years of earnest effort as chairman of the Trial Ground Committee. He has done an outstanding job and we are very grateful that we have had so much of his time and effort. Fortunately we have an old standby who has consented to take over Lynn's work. I refer to our Past President, Ed. Lloyd. I know that under his care and supervision, all will go along well.

In closing I want to wish everybody well for 1951 and hope that our flowers will be better, our seedlings will be more interesting and that the good will which exists in the dahlia world will continue to grow and grow.

LEO POLLAK.

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Henry Olsen, left, and Ed O'Keeffe admire some of Ed's dahlias at American Dahlia Society Show which Henry's managed for past eight or nine years. He's been treasurer, too, for two years. Henry's in Con Edison Drafting and Records at Irving Place, has been with the company nearly thirty years. A dahlia specialist, he was top point scorer in the Con Edison flower show this year. This photo is published by courtesy of the monthly publication of Consolidated Edison Company of New York. Their November issue carried an article about the dahlia proclivities of our two A.D.S. officers.

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By LYNN B. DUDLEY

There is a competitive spirit among dahlia growers that seems to be more intense than it is among most other flower groups. This rivalry extends not only to show competition, but to backyard gardens also.

The result is an almost insatiable desire to obtain and grow new and better varieties than those shown by competitors or the neighbors down the street. A market is thus created every year for new introductions and certificate winners at the American Dahlia Society official trial gardens, Honor Roll selections of new varieties and the winners in the seedling classes at the fall shows.

It is estimated that there are between 100 and 150 new dahlia varieties listed in catalogs in the United States and introduced every year. There are probably an equal number of more of new introductions listed in foreign catalogs. And, while some of these new seedlings are more sought after than others, the total sale of roots or plants of new varieties is very sizable and is growing each year.

The American Dahlia Society has been a leader for more than 35 years in testing these new dahlias so that purchasers would have the unbiased judgment of competent judges as to the distinctiveness of the new ones and has published detailed descriptions of them in its quarterly bulletin every fall. Its official trial grounds, at present six in number, have been located in the east and mid-west so that as far as possible varying climatic conditions would aid in the evaluation tests. If a dahlia scores 85 points or over out of a possible 100 points at these trial gardens, it receives an A.D.S. Certificate of Merit.

As a further incentive to trial ground testing, the A.D.S. Derrill Hart medals are awarded each year to the three varieties, one in each size type, which receive the highest average score in at least three of the trial gardens over a period of not over two years.

Another series of awards which are watched closely by growers and keenly competed for are known as the American Home Achievement Medals. These are made to the one seedling at each show which in the opinion of the judges is the most outstanding new dahlia in each competition.

All of these methods of determining the best and most desirable of the new dahlias are effective. They help to guide the dahlia grower in selection of the new ones he or she believes will aid in winning more show awards or to outdo some garden rival.

But such is the demand by the growers that originators are growing new seedlings by the thousands to try to obtain the coveted awards or listings or mentions so that their new ones will receive popular acclaim. It is probably fortunate that only a small percentage of the many grown each year can win or become popular. Otherwise the market would be flooded.

Yet, even with all the above mentioned ways and means to arrive at the worthiness of a dahlia, many have thought that, particularly where only one seedling can get a top award in a show, a considerable number of good new dahlias never receive the recognition they deserve.

A committee of A.D.S. members was appointed by the executive committee to study the matter and try to evolve a method, or system of awards, which would more nearly enable all worthy seedlings to receive justifiable recognition.

In the fall of 1949, after the committee reported, a new plan was adopted by the A.D.S. for the further recognition of worthy seedlings. It was called the "A.D.S. Show Seedling Sweepstakes." It did not abrogate or change any current system of awards but was believed to be designed as to supplement and augment all the others, including the A.D.S. Trial Grounds Certificates of Merit.

Rewards were to be made at shows, not only at the New York Show of the A.D.S., but at the show conducted by any A.D.S. Branch or Affiliated Society which made application in writing and elected to abide by the rules and make the awards as provided in those rules.

One of the things necessary to the competition was a Bench Show Score Card. So the committee revised the Official Field Judging Score Card which had for many years served adequately in scoring new varieties at the trial grounds. One of the principal points of variation with the Field Judging Score Card was that in the Bench Score Card 10 points were considered maximum in show judging for "distinctiveness" instead of the 5 allowable in the field show card. This was to emphasize the importance of superiority of a new color, form, substance, proportion or other characteristic when apparent in a new variety. Another variation was the addition of from 1 to 5 points for good bloom position, viz: on side or at 45 degree angle, or 1 to 3 points were to be deducted for poor bloom position, viz: top or down facing. A copy of this new A.D.S. score card is shown in another column.

"The A.D.S. Show Seedling Sweepstakes are designed," according to the plan, "to facilitate the selection of worthy new dahlias which can be and should be introduced in a manner as fair as possible to all parties—the introducer and the prospective purchaser."

THE RULES

RULE 1

All seedlings to be eligible for these awards shall be scored on A.D.S. score cards for bench judging by a group of judges (not more than five). The judges shall have experience in use of A.D.S. score cards in bench or field judging.

(Note: A new addition to the above rule for 1951 will be: "Complete information as to introducer's name, address, number or name of variety, color, size, type and form must be written in by each judge and the judge's name signed to his score sheet, the score totaled and the score sheet of each judge returned to the Sweepstakes Committee as hereinafter provided.")

RULE 2

All seedling dahlias so scored, which receive an average score of 85 or over based on the average score of this judging group, shall receive an A.D.S. Show Seedling Medal Certificate.

RULE 3

Before any seedling dahlias may receive this award, it must be determined to the satisfaction of the judges that the seedling is at least three years old and that it will be introduced and offered for sale in the season subsequent to receiving the award. Varieties receiving these awards, if not already named, must be named immediately afterwards, and the names furnished to the Sweepstakes Committee.

AWARDS

For each of the three size categories, A-Large Dahlias, B-Medium and M-Small, an A.D.S. Show Seedling Medal Certificate will be awarded to as many varieties as are scored an average of 85 points or over on the A.D.S. Bench Score Card in each show. These are in addition to any other awards received by that variety in the Show.

A special A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes rosette ribbon is furnished also to be attached to winning varieties at each show.

A.D.S. SUPREME SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

In addition to the above A.D.S. Certificate Awards, if a variety is shown in at least three shows in this competition in one season, it is eligible to the Supreme Sweepstakes Awards. To the highest scoring variety in each size class shown in at least three shows in one season, an A.D.S. Gold Medal will be awarded. The three shows include the A.D.S. Show in New York and any A.D.S. Branch or Affiliated Societies which have qualified to make these awards. All judges' individual score sheets for any variety scoring an average of 85 points or over must be sent to the Sweepstakes Committee prior to October 20th or within 10 days of the end of the show.

EIGHT SOCIETIES QUALIFY IN 1949

Eight societies elected to operate the plan in their shows in 1949. These were Birmingham, Ala., Chicago, Ill., Atlanta, Philadelphia, Louisville, Southtown Society in Chicago, Cleveland and the A.D.S. Show in New York.

The winner of the A.D.S. Gold Medal that year in the A-Large size was *Madonna*, a Sarett-Ruschmohr introduction, white informal with an average of 85.8 points at three shows. *Whitchall*, another A-Large white, was runner-up with an average score of 85.6 points at three shows.

No gold medal was awarded in the B-Medium or M-Small sizes because no entry qualified. Seedling sweepstakes certificates, however, were awarded to the following varieties: *Kay Kay*, *Little Joan*, *Paoli Local*, *Barwell Queen*, *Snow White* and *Laura B*.

TWENTY-SIX SOCIETIES QUALIFY FOR 1950

The second year of the plan, after the favorable publicity it received in 1949, resulted in twenty-six societies qualifying to make the awards. Of these, twenty-one returned score sheets for thirty-three qualifications for seventeen varieties. The sixteen originators of these have been sent A.D.S. Show Certificates. The varieties which won certificates, the shows and the originators, are shown in the accompanying table.

Winners of the Supreme Seedling Gold Medal Awards for 1950 for varieties with the highest average score in at least three shows were *Whiz Kid*, A-informal decorative, peach pink, large, 11 inches by 8 inches or over, an Alleva-Dahliadel introduction. The B-Medium Gold Medal Winner was *Nay Aug*, B-semi-cactus, rose blended light yellow; size 7 by 4½ inches; a Lewis-Webb Rocky River introduction. No M-Small variety was awarded a gold medal as none was reported as scoring 85 points or over from three shows. One small variety, however, did win a Sweepstakes Award at one show. This was *Cheryl Anne*, a 3 by 2 inch primrose yellow formal miniature decorative, an All-Dahliadel introduction.

A.D.S. DAHLIA SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES FOR 1951

The success which this A.D.S. plan of seedling awards has achieved in two years of operation encourages the society to believe that even more of its 40 odd branch and affiliated societies will elect to offer these Seedling Awards in 1951.

The competitive spirit among dahlia growers creates and maintains a demand for new and better dahlias. And in turn it is this demand for new colors, better form, and longer keeping qualities which encourages originators to grow, exhibit and have tested their new seedlings. The A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes program already has demonstrated that this new method of evaluation is appreciated by originators, introducers and dahlia hobbyists.

It will be continued and made available to those branch and affiliated societies which make application in writing to the American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes Awards Committee in 1951. This committee, the original one which prepared the details of the Seedling Sweepstakes Competition, is composed of Dr. Fred Knocke, Conrad Frey and the writer.

(List of Winners on following page)

Derrill Hart Awards for 1950

The American Dahlia Society Supreme Award for new dahlias grown at the official trial grounds each year is the Derrill Hart Memorial Medal. This award is given in each of the three size groups recognized by the A.D.S. providing a dahlia qualifies in its size group and is determined by averaging the three highest scores of 85 or more over not more than two years, the current and the preceding year. Winners for the 1950 season were as follows:

A-Large flowering, *The Volunteer*, which received an average score of 85.166 from Rutgers, Atlanta and Farmingdale. Originator is Mr. H. L. Whittaker, Chattanooga, Tenn. Introduction by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens.

There was no winner in the group for B-Medium dahlias for the year.

M-Small dahlias, *Hazel Harper*, which received an average score of 85.28 from Rutgers, Atlanta, East Lansing, College Park and Ault Park. Originator is Mrs. Hazel Harper, San Diego, Cal. Introduction by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens.

ROY W. WEBB,

Chairman, Derrill Hart Awards.

WINNERS OF A.D.S. SEEDLING SWEETSTAKES 1950

VARIETY	ORIGINATOR	SHOW	AVG. SCORE	CERTIFICATE SENT TO:
Big Dan	F. A. Alleva	Washington	85.1	F. A. Alleva, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Big Dan	" " "	Philadelphia	85.5	
Whiz Kid	" " "	Washington	85.8	
Whiz Kid	" " "	Baltimore	86.1	
Whiz Kid	" " "	Philadelphia	87.3	
Whiz Kid	" " "	New York Show	86.1	
Georgie K.	Mildred Clark	Washington State	89.0	Mildred Clark, 1002 E. 54th, Tacoma, Wash.
Pirate Treasure	James Marsh	Central States	85.4	James Marsh 3404 North Ottawa St., Chicago, Illinois
Pirate Treasure	" " "	Minnesota Dahlia Society	85.5	
Pirate Treasure	" " "	Dahlia Society Wisconsin	85.7	
Pirate Treasure	" " "	Dahlia Society Alabama	85.5	
Pirate Treasure	" " "	Badger State Dahlia Society	85.6	
Pirate Treasure	" " "	Southtown Dahlia Society	86.2	
Pirate Treasure	" " "	Atlanta, Ga.	85.3	
So Big	J. Louis Roberts	Central States	85.1	J. Louis Roberts, 12147 Harvard Ave., Chicago, Illinois
Nay Aug	Lewis & Webb	Scranton	86.0	Roy Webb, 1322 Schlager Street, Scranton, Pa.
Nay Aug	" " "	Dahlia Society of Ohio	85.0	
Nay Aug	" " "	New York Show	85.6	
Lloyds Yellow	Edward Lloyd	New Jersey Show	85.2	Edw. Lloyd, 10 Crestwood Rd., Montclair, New Jersey
Cheryl Ann	Ferd H. Ahl	New York Show	85.1	Ferd H. Ahl, Jr., Canton, N. J.
Clara Dell	John Adlung	New York Show	85.3	John Adlung, 81 Vreeland Ave., Nutley, New Jersey
Clariam Royalty	William Wolbert	New Jersey Show	85.8	William Wolbert, 2109 Sunset Street, Springfield, Ohio
Clariam Royalty	" " "	New York Show	85.9	
Clariam Royalty	" " "	Baltimore	85.0	
Clariam Royalty	" " "	Scranton	86.6	
Linda Lou	C. L. Armentrout	Washington, D. C.	85.1	C. L. Armentrout, Wash., D. C.
Permanent Wave	Goetzey (R. Klein)	Washington, D. C.	85.2	R. R. Klein, 2011 Quincy St., N.W., Washington 18, D. C.
Southern Belle	Norman LaMotte	Alabama Dahlia Society	85.6	T. Norman LaMotte, Hopeville, Ga.
Southern Belle	" " "	Alabama Dahlia Society	85.3	
Carl W.	Carl Zimbritzki	Dahlia Society Kentucky	85.0	Carl Zimbritzki, 1215 Ashland Ave., Louisville, Ky.
Silvia Ann	Wyndal H. Carter	Southtown Dahlia Society	85.2	Wyndal H. Carter, P.O. Box 8, East Point Ga.
Darl V.	Harry Miller	Burholm Dahlia Society	85.0	H. W. Miller, M.R. 35, Greenhill Ave., Easton, Pa.
Hazel Harper	Hazel Harper	Long Island Dahlia Society	85.1	Hazel Harper, 4316 Hawk Ave., San Diego, Calif.
Gertrude of Kavan	B. W. Kavanagh	Long Island Dahlia Society	85.2	B. W. Kavanagh
Firegleam	Stanley Johnson	Greater Philadelphia	85.6	Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa.

At 21 Shows, 32 Awards, 17 Originators, 17 Varieties.

In Tune With the Times

By PHILIP G. CORLISS, M.D., Somerton, Arizona

One of the hit tunes from "Oklahoma" assures us that "Everything's up to date in Kansas City—they've gone about as far as they can go." But when we learn "they've got skyscrapers seven stories high," it becomes apparent that there is still something to be anticipated. Where are we going with dahlias?

Mrs. Pollak gave the answer in her excellent article in the BULLETIN for August, 1950—we're going to find dahlias suitable especially for flower arrangements. Before proceeding further with this little message, I urge readers to refer to Mrs. Pollak's story and to note that three of the four arrangements illustrated feature dahlias with open centers.

Mrs. Pollak appeals to wives of dahlia growers to join their husbands in their flower hobby. The dahlia, like the gladiolus, has been primarily a man's flower. The principal effect of this has been to emphasize large size. Now that women are becoming interested we may look for greater accent on beauty.

In my town, the Woman's Club has disbanded and been replaced by a Garden Club. In the years since the war, the next town has organized seven garden clubs, where there was only one. The same pattern may be seen all over the nation. Increasingly, garden clubs are becoming "flower arrangement societies." The National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., has organized judging schools which are enthusiastically attended.

What type of dahlia will be used in arrangements? Look at Mrs. Pollak's pictures again. The dahlias are small or medium in size and color is the most important characteristic. The goal of every arrangement is beauty; and the principal ingredient of a beautiful arrangement is color. Mammoth blooms are rarely useful. Very double flowers are not favored, for the modern arrangement is usually light, which calls for single or semi-double flowers. Such flowers inevitably have an open center; and this center is invariably yellow, adding an accent which is never out of harmony with the other colors. Flowers with closed centers are blind—forever in bud.

Pompom and miniature dahlias are useful but there is a great need for beautiful dahlias of medium size, large enough so that one, three, five, or seven of them may constitute the principal component of a modern arrangement. During the past three years I have taken many thousands of Kodachrome slides for my rental sets in gardens and flower shows all over the nation. The great need for dahlias suitable for arrangements has been apparent.

The accompanying illustrations show some 1951 dahlias which are being introduced especially to fill this need. In the arrangement with driftwood (from Driftins', Inc., Portland, Oregon) are three white dahlias. The largest



Arrangement peony type dahlia BETH EVA (Pape-Corliss 1951). Figurine is Chinese warrior. Color of dahlia: Amaranth Rose.

one (about six inches in diameter) is a rather full semi-double with petaloids which partly obscure the center. The middle flower has barely two rows of petals, while the top flower (*Oriental White*) has but one row of artistically twisted petals.

The second picture (with the Chinese warrior figurine) shows an arrangement using three flowers of the new *Beth Eva*, a sister of *Virginia B. Taggart*. This dahlia produces flowers up to ten inches, not disbudded. It is a charming pastel shade, close to Amaranth Rose.

With the use of these new medium-sized dahlias with open centers, arrangement of dahlias will not be limited to a vase of bedding types, or one large exhibition flower floating in a bowl. Alert flower arrangers have already claimed suitable flowers from their husbands' seedling beds, and I predict the peony and single classes will increase in popularity in the next few years.

The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Incorporated

At the recent annual meeting of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association, the following officers were elected for 1951:

President—L. M. White.
Vice-President—E. R. Heitzman.
Secretary—Alice Mattick.
Treasurer—Harry Story.

Our 1951 Show dates are Sept. 29 and Sept. 30, with Wilbur Anderson, Show Chairman.

Alice Mattick, Secretary.

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

The A.D.S. annual meeting, attended by many officers and members from the various sections of the country covered many phases of Dahlia interests.

Very informative was the 1949 and 1950 comparative balance sheets reported by Dewey Mohr, our finance chairman. Elsewhere in the BULLETIN in President Pollak's greetings and in the minutes of the meeting you will read some of the details.

We had built up a substantial balance several years ago but that balance has become quite whittled away due to rising costs. And so while we have a membership gain we actually have on hand depleted working capital.

It is surprising, that quite a number of members have not cleaned up 1950 dues. Won't you do this at once? In all probability the detail has been simply overlooked.

Most of our members could stand the \$1.50 additional cost of a sustaining membership. Many might take the suggestion of donating a small sum to the Society, as some of your officers are planning to do. And we do have some members who have become

very successful in their careers and professions who might be willing to donate a substantial sum.

Remember folks, no salaries are paid anybody for the thousands of hours work rendered in handling the Society's affairs and publication of the BULLETIN. In fact, some of your officers have never presented an expense account—paying from their own funds for stenographic help, postage, phone and telegraph expenses and what have you.

If each of us would do a little right now during the month of February, it would assure your Society's services expansion which is the aim of all of us.

A.D.S. Registrations

Fees having been received, the following varieties of Dahlias are duly registered:

For Dr. Philip G. Corliss, Arizona Mission Gardens, P. O. Box 68, Somerton, Arizona.

Arizona Rose, (Pape-Corliss) incurved cactus "B" size, tendency to open center Bicolor: rose and white.

Beth Eva, Pape-Corliss, peony (10 inches), lavender (amaranth rose).

Gold Stripe, Pape-Corliss, peony (6 inches), yellow and white bicolor, alternate rays or on the same ray.

Target, Pape-Corliss, peony (5 inches), bicolor, center chinese yellow, outer orient red, often single.

Bloody Mary, Pape-Corliss, single, blood red.

Oriental White, Pape-Corliss, single (6 inches) white, narrow twisted rays.

Rose Flame, Pape-Corliss, peony (7 inches), often comes single, variegated China rose with touches of yellow and orange.

Artiste, Pape-Corliss, peony (6 inches) blend, pastel, pink and peach.

Cocopal, Pape-Corliss, peony (6 inches) bicolor Chinese yellow center, signal red at ends. Rays twisted and incurved.

PROF. CHARLES H. CONNORS,
Ch. Nomenclature.

Burholme Horticultural Society

The Burholme Horticultural Society is now entering its 31st year. The year 1950 was a successful one, we had more members interested in growing dahlias. The classes for novice and amateurs proved this by the many entries. We are very glad that people who exhibited for the first time were winners. The society is looking forward to a bigger and better year in 1951. We wish to extend to all members of A.D.S. the best wishes for 1951 and hope all can be winners.

The election of officers for the new year resulted in the following:

President—William R. Turner.

Vice-Presidents—Mary Fite, George Sivel.

Recording Secretary—E. Kosty.

Corresponding and Show Secretary—Mrs. D. S. Chambers.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. Higginson.

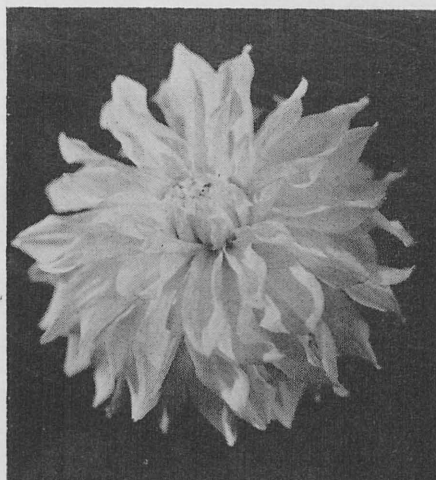
Show Superintendent—William Hirdo.

SELENA J. CHAMBERS (Mrs. D. S. Chambers),
Corresponding Secretary.

The National Dahlia Honor Roll for 1951

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Name of Dahlia	East	South	Mid- West	West Coast
Agnes E. James	*			
Arthur Godfrey	*	*	*	
Bi-Mammoth	*			
Braith Davis		*		
Capital City		*		*
Carolina Moon	*		*	
Cherry Glow	*			*
Cheryl Anne	*			
Clara Dell	*			
Clariam Royalty	*	*		*
Connie Cassey		*		
Cosmopolitan		*	*	
Dr. Paul Morgan	*			*
Esquire		*	*	*
Firegleam	*	*		
Hazel Harper	*	*		
Jermars Ideal	*	*		
Lavender Prince	*	*		
Linda Lou	*			
Mark Twain	*			
Nay Aug	*	*	*	
Nellie Retzer				*
Otalie Zourek	*			
Pink Opal		*		
Pirate Treasure	*	*	*	*
Postmaster Albert Goldman	*			
Princess Diane	*	*		*
Purplex	*	*	*	
Real Dawn	*	*		
Red Cactus	*			
Red Chief	*			
Roy's Yellow	*			
So Big		*		
Southern Belle		*		*
Special Award	*	*		*
Sylvia Ann		*	*	
Symphony	*			
Tenderly	*			
The Volunteer	*	*	*	*
Token				*
Val's Yellow				*
Whiz Kid	*		*	
War Paint		*		
Winner		*		



Parrella

OTALIE ZOUREK, white informal decorative.



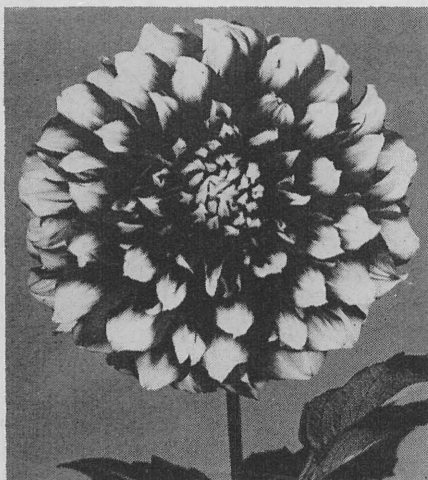
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SYMPHONY, white formal decorative.

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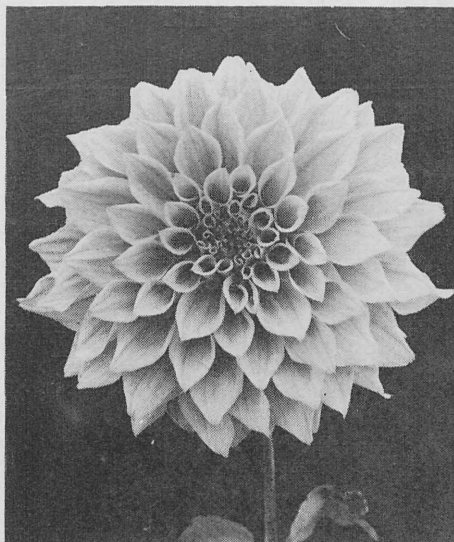
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Golden Rule
BI-MAMMOTH, purple informal decorative.



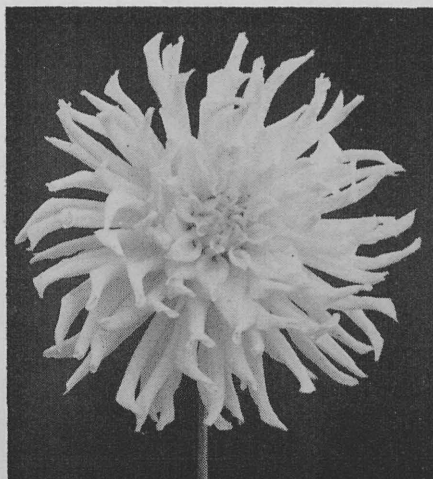
Rocky River
NAY AUG, a medium-sized semicactus of rose blended with light yellow, was awarded the FLOWER GROWER Leonard Barron Memorial trophy at the New York show this year.



Dahliadel
ARTHUR GODFREY, large formal decorative blooms that are red blended with yellow.



Rocky River
CLARIAM ROYALTY, large purple cactus, won many seedling awards this year.



Dahliadel
SYLVIA ANN is a medium-sized, yellow, cactus sometimes tipped with lavender.



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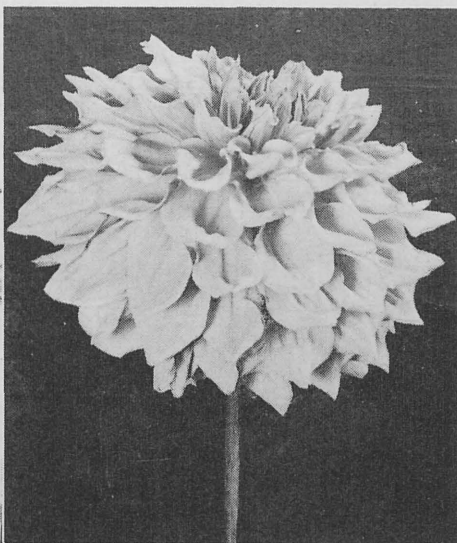


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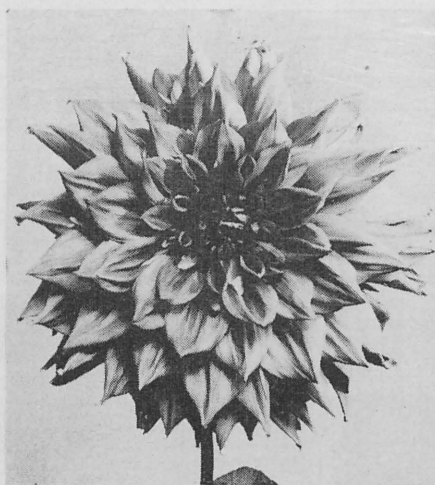
Carolyn Carter

TEER, a country-wide winner
flowers of Tyrian purple.



Marsh

PIRATE TREASURE has large flowers of
scarlet blended with shades of yellow.



Rocky River

ESQUIRE, large cyclamen purple in-
formal to formal decorative flowers.



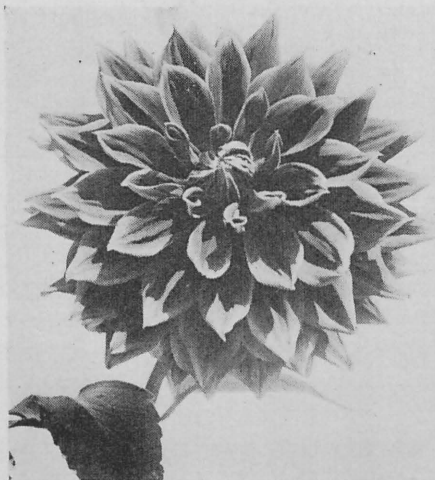
Pennypack

an orange and yellow semi-
cactus, is of medium size.



Carolyn Carter

SOUTHERN BELLE, a medium-sized in-
formal decorative shaded red and pink.



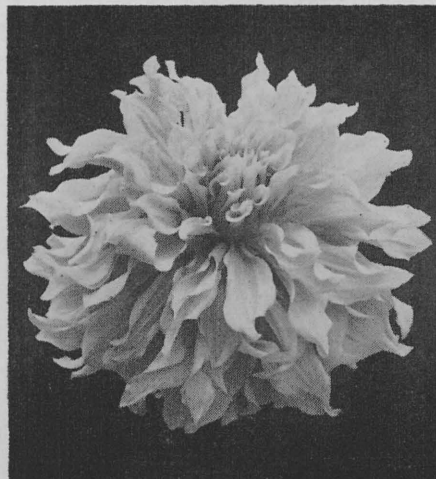
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PURPLEX, medium to large orchid pur-
ple flowers on 8- to 10-inch stems.



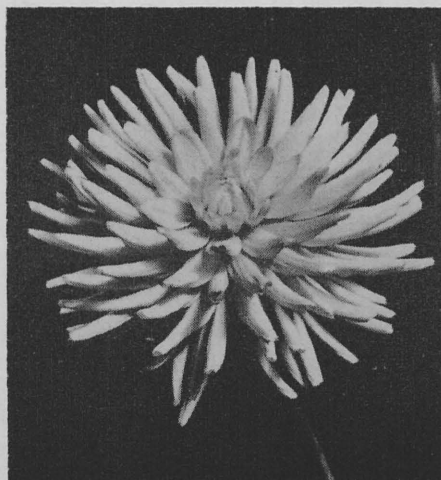
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ANE, with large dark red
petals notched at the end.



Dahliadel

WHIZ KID, a large informal decorative
that is generally a peach pink color.



Rocky River

HAZEL HARPER, miniature pink cactus.

THE FLOWER GROWER HONOR ROLL

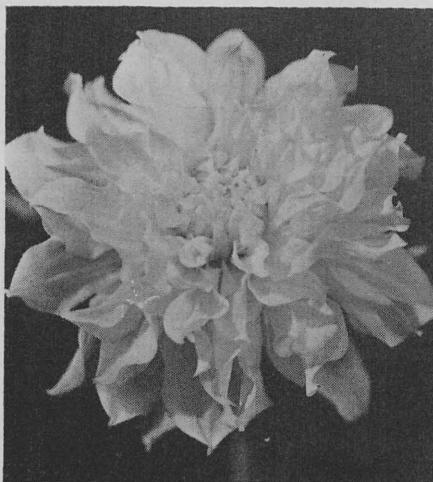
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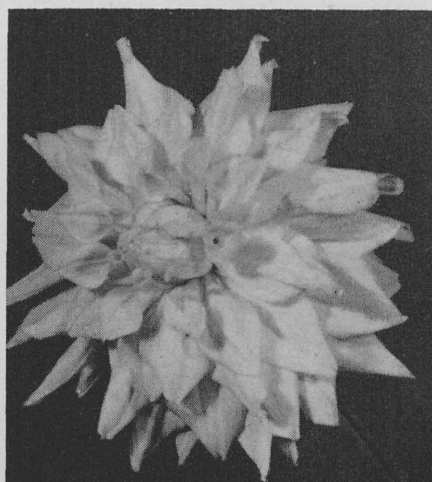
Dixie
DR. PAUL MORGAN, lavender, semicactus.



Ballay
MARK TWAIN, bicolor informal decorative.



Parrella
POSTMASTER ALBERT GOLDMAN, yellow.



Golden Rule
CAROLINA MOON, yellow formal decorative.

Orange County Dahlia Society

Show time has come and gone for the Orange County Dahlia Society, and a very successful time it was. Held in the main gym of the Santa Ana Y.M.C.A., July 28th and 29th, the show drew a crowd of close to 2,000 visitors in the two days time. There were 46 exhibitors, with 573 individual entries in the show, competing for the numerous trophies to be awarded. The show schedule was divided into five divisions, as follows:

Division A—Novice and 4H entries.

Division B—Amateur, less than 100 clumps.

Division C—Advanced Amateur, more than 100 clumps.

Division D—Open to all classification.

Winners were as follows:

Division A—Mary Coates, La Mesa, Cal.—*Jane Cowl*.

Division B—Section A—Individual bloom—Mrs. Arthur, Huntington Beach—*Oakleigh Monarch*, Trophy cup.

Section B—Collection of 3 blooms—1 variety—J. J. Osborn, Garden Grove—*Aristos*, Trophy cup.

Division C—Section A—Individual bloom—Eldon McNeil, Santa Ana—*Burnett*, Trophy, Badger State Dahlia Society Bronze Medal.

Section B—Collection of 3 blooms, 1 variety—R. H. McColla, Long Beach—*Oakleigh Monarch*, Trophy cup.

Section C—Collection of 7 or more blooms, 1 or more varieties—L. O. Archbald, Orange—*Marilyn Dale*, Trophy cup.

Division D—Section A—Arrangements—Mrs. Arthur, Huntington Beach—Sunset Magazine Medal awarded for most outstanding entry.

Section B—Mass display—H. O. Allen, Westminster—*Miss San Diego*, Trophy figurine.

Section C—1950 Seedling, 1 bloom—C. C. Carlson, Santa Ana—*Yellow Cactus*, Kiwanis cup.

Section D—2nd year seedlings only—Dr. L. N. Sherrard, Santa Ana—*Yellow Informal*, Excelsior Creamery cup.

Section E (1)—American Dahlia Society Medal—Dr. L. N. Sherrard won this with the same *Yellow Informal* as above, judged the best individual bloom in show.

(2)—American Home Achievement Medal—awarded to R. H. McCalla for a beautiful *Yellow Cactus* seedling.

(3)—Largest dahlia in show—*Autumn Blaze*, 14 in.—L. O. Archbald, Orange, Trophy figurine.

(4)—Smallest dahlia in show—*Tom Thumb*—Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Churchman, Costa Mesa, Trophy cup.

(5)—Most artistic display—Dr. L. N. Sherrard, Trophy cup.

(6)—Most outstanding commercial display of dahlias—H. O. Allen, Trophy cup.

(7)—Most outstanding entry in entire show—Mrs. Arthur. Same arrangement which won the Sunset Magazine Medal. Orange County Bronze Medal awarded.

(8)—Sweepstakes—Eldon McNeil—highest point winner in the show, Trophy cup.

Section F—Individual bloom—H. O. Allen—*Beau Lois*, Trophy cup.

Section G—Collection of 3 blooms, 1 variety—Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Churchman—*White Superior*, Trophy cup.

Section H—Collection of 7 blooms, 1 or more varieties—H. O. Allen—*Kelvin*, Trophy cup.

The show was managed by T. O. Allen, and he deserves a good vote of thanks for his fine job, also to his many helpers. All worked hard and a good show was the result.

The Orange County Fair was held at Santa Ana August 17th through the 20th. A large number of the Dahlia Society members showed dahlias in the Floriculture Exhibit, winning many prizes.

August 26th and 27th, the Inglewood Show was held, with many of our members exhibiting. A large share of the awards were taken home by them.

During the summer and fall, a number of Garden Tours were taken. The first was a local tour of Orange County Gardens. Visiting a large number of gardens, the 35 members participating broke the trip at noon to enjoy a pot luck dinner at the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Emmet Raitl at Costa Mesa. The second tour was to the garden of our president, L. O. Archbald at Orange. A steak-bake was enjoyed and the flowers inspected. A visit to a nearby Indian Museum was enjoyed later in the evening. The third tour was to the large Yukon Dahlia Gardens of Gardena on Sept. 3rd. An exhibition dahlia show was put on by Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and was enjoyed by all. A pot-luck dinner was served at noon. A number of other gardens were visited on this trip also. The last tour was to the south part of the state. Stops were made in Laguna Beach, Oceanside, Carlsbad, and then to Col. Eddy's Trial Garden at Encinitas. This was very interesting, and many of the new dahlias soon to be introduced, as well as many of the standard varieties were inspected. After saying good-bye to Col. Eddy, we travelled on to Solano Beach where Paul Cornstock was holding open house at his large garden. After a pot-luck dinner here, we inspected Paul's beautiful flowers and saw his many new seedlings. From Solano Beach we drove on to San Diego, where Roy Partain was waiting for us. After showing us his own gardens, he guided us to three other San Diego Gardens. The Caravan broke up here and the six cars loaded with tired but happy dahlia growers headed for home.

Officers were elected at the September meeting of our society. The following were elected for the coming year: L. O. Archibald, Pres.; Dr. G. Emmet Raitl, 1st Vice-Pres.; Elden McNeil, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Dr. L. N. Sherrard, 3rd Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Harriet Raitl, Sec. and Frank Cannon, Treasurer. A busy winter is ahead of us, and plans are being laid for a more successful than ever. An experimental garden was put into operation at the local College this year, with the head of the Dept. of Agriculture of the College in charge. It is hoped that this will eventually develop into a full fledged trial garden in the near future. More on this later.

ELDEN MCNEIL, Corresponding Sec.
Orange Co. Dahlia Society

What Makes A Dahlia Click?

By NOEL O. SCOTT

Glendale 6, Calif.

Why do some varieties of the dahlia enjoy long periods of popularity, while others are "duds" which go unnoticed down the stream of dahliadoms great and near-great?

It is not always due to some undesirable trait of plant habit, weak necks, poor root producing ability—or what have you. In fact we have seen many with no such faults get the "go-by" on the show tables and in the patch.

Why should a red dahlia "click" in 1887 or a white one in 1912? Why did grandmother admire a formal bloom, while her grandchildren of today "can't see it for the smoke?" Let's just admit a basic fact and look around us for proof.

Are not dahlia "styles" changing much the same as milady's hem-line or neck-line? I would say they are—only much slower. Did you ever stop to count the new white varieties introduced in 1950? Why?

I'm sure we are all aware of today's trend toward the small-flowering sorts for the home garden; and of the gal at last year's show with her flare for a dahlia with a bare center. She needed a "point of interest" for her arrangement. She did not want a "blind flower" with a full center. Who would have accepted anything other than a formal type bloom ten years ago?

Now, let's see what has taken the judge's eye the past year and compare it with the others he might have chosen three years ago. We will list them by variety name, to be sure, but let's note closely their formation too!

Of the first eleven listed below, only one is of true formal structure; while most of them are semi-cactus or cactus.

In the third group—none of which are too new—there are no real formal blooms. Yet they are still showing a gain in their ability to win at the shows. Gosh, what if grandma knew?!

BEST BLOOMS SHOWN IN 1950

(In order listed)

Large A-Size Dahlias (8 in. and over)

- 1—*Mrs. Hester A. Pape*, ID, Red.
- 2—*Sarett's Pink Flamingo*, C, Pink.
- 3—*Five Star General*, FD, Light Blends.
- 4—*Great Lakes*, ID, White.
- 5—*Prairie Sun*, FD, Yellow.
- 6—*Jean Trimbee*, SC, Purple.

Medium B-Size Dahlias (4 in., but under 8)

- 1—*Mme. Elizabeth Sawyer*, C, Pink.
- 2—*Aumonier Chandelon*, C, Light Blends.
- 3—*Bedford Beauty*, C, Lavender.
- 4—*Michigan White*, SC, White.
- 5—*Broeder Justinus*, SC, Light Blends.

GAIN IN WINNING ABILITY

(Over Past Three Years)

A-Dahlias in order listed

- 1—*Great Lakes* (1947), ID, White.
- 2—*Sarett's Pink Flamingo* (1944), C, Pink.
- 3—*The Cardinal* (1949), SC, Red.
- 4—*Allegresse*, C, Yellow.
- 5—*Oakleigh Champion*, C, Autumn Shades.

- 6—*Marilyn Dale*, SC, Lavender.
- 7—*Cornell*, ID, Bi-Color.
- 8—*King Size*, C, Red.
- 9—*Axford Triumph*, ID, Autumn Shades.
- 10—*Blue Horizon*, ID, Lavender.

B-Dahlias in order listed

(Over Past Three Years)

- 1—*Aumonier Chandelon*, C, Light Blends.
- 2—*Mme. Elizabeth Sawyer*, C, Pink.
- 3—*Deep Velvet*, (no gain or loss), FD, Dark Red.
- 4—*Broeder Justinus*, SC, Light Blends.
- 5—*D-Day*, FD, Pink.
- 6—*Windlassie*, ID, White.
- 7—*Bataan*, SC, Other Blends.
- 8—*Gerrie Hoek*, FD, Pink.
- 9—*Student Prince*, SC, Yellow.

LOSS IN WINNING ABILITY

(Over Past Three Years)

A-Dahlias in order listed

- 1—*Prairie Sun*, FD, Yellow.
- 2—*Five Star General*, FD, Light Blend.
- 3—*Jane Lausche*, SC, Bi-Color.
- 4—*Mrs. Hester Pape*, ID, Red.
- 5—*Black Monarch*, SC, Dark Red.
- 6—*Dixie's Wine Dot*, ID, Variegated
- 7—*Jean Trimbee*, SC, Purple.
- 8—*Kirsten Flagstad*, FD, Autumn Shades.
- 9—*Ronnie Lee*, SC, Autumn Shades.

B-Dahlias in order listed

- 1—*Zenith*, C, Purple.
- 2—*Michigan White*, SC, White.
- 3—*Bedford Beauty*, C, Lavender.
- 4—*Barbarossa*, FD, Red.

ANALYSIS OF THE ABOVE LISTS

To sum up briefly the meaning of the above lists, let us put it this way:

While the "Court of Honor" of the 1950 shows contained many formal and informal blooms in all sizes; it is safe to say that the semi-cactus—and especially the cactus type bloom is gradually invading the winners realm on all fronts, year after year.

Therefore we must admit here in the United States, as in Australia and in the Old World, the cactus formations have become the most popular type of the genus Dahlia.

The advance of the cactus' popularity is traceable to several clear-cut reasons. First of these is the change from formality to in-formality in the landscaping of new homes and the home gardens. The cactus blooms of the dahlia seem to fit more easily into the scheme of naturalized plantings.

Secondly, on the show tables the cactus formations are found to be more artistic and less demanding when employed in arrangements.

As specimen blooms at the show, we find a much wider range of variation possible, without having to worry about its proper classification on the entry blank.

We have noted too, their superior longevity and their stiff, rod-like stems.

In the garden they endow their spot in the sun with a perky, wide-awake feeling; long sought after and hard to attain.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Association Trial Garden Report

Stake No. 1—7-1—Dixie Dahlia Gardens, Clio, Michigan. Score 85.E. Light pink blended yellow to center. 5 to 7 inches.

Stake No. 8—*Southern Belle*—Rocky River Gardens. Score 85.E. Min. S.C. Blend of old rose and white.

Stake No. 9—PG 109—Rocky River Gardens. Score 85.1E. Cactus, Gold overlaid bronze.

Stake No. 10—427—Rocky River Gardens. Score 85.M. Cactus, Pink, cream center.

Stake No. 11—S-47-2—Rocky River Gardens. Score 85.E. Formal, light lavender, blended white to center.

Stake No. 14—*Min. F.D.*—Jermars Dahlia Gardens, Springfield, Ohio. Score 85. Lavender blended white to center.

Stake No. 16—M2—Jermars Dahlia Gardens, Springfield, Ohio. Score 85.M. Formal, gold, very long stems.

Stake No. 21—*Buckeye Coral*—Golden Rule Farm. Score 85.E. Deep pink shaded yellow to center.

Stake No. 23—*Caroline Moon*—Golden Rule Farm. Score 85.E. Formal, Gold.

Stake No. 24—*Carolina Coed*—Golden Rule Farm. Score 85.M. Semi-Cactus, Lavender pink blended gold to center.

Stake No. 28—1-1946-8—Forest View Gardens, Fairmont, West Virginia. Score 85.E. Cactus, Blend of rose pink and yellow.

Stake No. 29—*White Cactus*—L. M. White, Cincinnati, Ohio. Score 85.C.

All O.V.D.A. Trial Ground entries should be sent by Railway Express to Robert Seibel, Principio and Heekin, Cincinnati 26, Ohio.

Baltimore Dahlia Society

The Baltimore Dahlia Society held its annual meeting, January 12th at which time the following officers and committees were elected and appointed: President, Louis Gill; 1st Vice President, W. T. Sermons; 2nd Vice President, Wm. P. Lampkin; Treasurer, John C. Mencke, Jr.; Financial Secretary, N. A. Scheel; Secretary, Herbert O. Aburn. Executive Committee: Chas. M. Ditterderfer, chairman; N. A. Gossman, Mrs. Margaret Gossman, Mrs. Louis Gill, Arnold Hens, Vincent Hush, George Mumma, Rev. C. E. Seymour and Otto Weber. Chairman of Trial Grounds, Henry Cory.

Looking back over 1950 in which our Society celebrated its 25th successful year we find everything working along smoothly. The membership increased and with it we found the dahlia being grown and publicized more than ever. The Treasurer showed a very healthy report and with all of the members working in harmony this certainly points to success. Plans are now being worked up for the 26th Show and Mr. N. A. Gossman has been appointed Show Manager and Mrs. Margaret Gossman Chairman of the Hardy Garden Section and we can look for a display that will rank with the best. Our monthly meetings have been most interesting and President Gill has worked out a full schedule to hold the attention of the members and make it inviting for new ones to join.

Our show will be held Sept. 16 and 17 in the Sears Community Building, North and Harford Aves.

Southtown Dahlia Club

Our 13th Annual Dahlia Show was held on September 23 and 24, at the Hamilton Park Field House, 72nd Street and Normal Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Principal winners were:

The most perfect A size bloom in the show was *Betta Bracht* exhibited by John Schramel.

Most perfect B size dahlia was *Purple Knight* exhibited by Larry Pelc.

Largest bloom in show was *Magnificent*, 12 $\frac{5}{8}$ x 9 $\frac{1}{8}$, exhibited by John Schramel who was awarded the American Dahlia Society Medal.

Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal was *Pirate Treasure*, exhibited by the originator, James Marsh of Chicago.

Larry Pelc was the winner in both the Ten Bloom and Six Most Perfect Bloom classes.

Most Outstanding Arrangement was won by Grace Swanson.

Northbrook Dahlia Gardens had the Best Commercial Display.

Sweepstake Winners were: W. H. Wickham, Edward Ladendorf, George Tysl, G. Reed Thomson, Jesse L. Strauss, Stanley G. Swanson, N. P. Brunswick, and Mrs. Fred L. Trauth.

The Largest Blooms in the Sections were: *Mrs. Hester Pape*, 11 x 8; *Edna D.*, 12 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$; *Valley Queen*, 12 x 8; *Mrs. Hester Pape*, 11 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$; *Magnificent*, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$; *Black Monarch*, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 3/16.

Most Perfect A Size Blooms in Sections: *Flamingo*, *Marilyn Dale*, *King Size*, *Clariam Kelton*, *Ami Louis Blin*, and *Crowning Glory*.

Most Perfect B Size Blooms in Sections were *Mad. Elizabeth Sawyer*, in two sections and *Judy G.*

Williamsburg Dahlia Society

The Williamsburg Dahlia Society held its Sixth Annual Show in Bruton Parish House on Sept. 26 and 27 with exhibitors from Norfolk, Hampton, Newport News, Gloucester County, Richmond and the local members. A lady from England visiting the show said that while they specialized in dahlias, she had never seen as beautiful an exhibit there. The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to *Common Glory*, a large white cactus introduced by Sunny Dell Dahlia Garden. *Jane Lausche* was the most perfect bloom in show.

Officers elected for 1950-51 are as follows: Mrs. R. Lacy Fraser, president; Mrs. Claude Slauson, first vice-president; Mr. C. B. Ambrose, second vice-president; Mrs. C. L. Fisher, secretary; Mrs. Agnes Reinecke, treasurer.

Indianapolis Dahlia Society

The Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Dahlia Society elected the following officers for 1951:

President, Walter M. Saffell; Vice-President, Raoul M. Ayers; Secretary, Miss Hazel Walther; Treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Saffell; Show Manager, C. Wm. Paine; Assistant Show Manager, Mrs. Ray Thorne; Propagator, Charles Vohland; Publicity, E. M. Demlow.

The date for the Fall Show has been set at September 15th and 16th. A sincere welcome is extended to all growers.

1950 Show—Virginian Dahlia Society Richmond, Va.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Show of the Virginia Dahlia Society was held in Richmond in the beautiful, modern Old Dominion Room of Miller & Rhoads, the "Shopping Center" of the South.

For the first time in the history of the society the show lasted for six full days, beginning on Monday, October 2, 1950, and running through Saturday, October 9. It has been the general practice to have the show for four days which for more than twenty years was held in cooperation with, and in the fair grounds of the Atlantic Rural Exposition and the Virginia State Fair.

Fifty-seven members placed on exhibit thousands of blooms from sixteen or more sections of Virginia and adjoining states. The show was divided into two major divisions; namely, Horticulture and Artistic Arrangements. In the latter division the competition was very keen with twenty-two classes, some of which were Baskets of "A", "B", Pompons, Miniatures, Ball, Dark Foliage Dahlias, Arrangements for Dinner Table, Living Room, Coffee Table, Altar Corsages, Twin Vases for Mantel, Brass and Novel Containers, and many others, including "Arrangement by a Man." This is an outstanding classic which we feel is second to none in the field of dahlia shows. In this section the sweepstakes winner was Mrs. R. E. Bryant, the president of the society, and the tri-color was won by Herman A. Williams, for his distinctive "Arrangement by a Man."

H. Ernest Ford, secretary-treasurer of the society, won the blue ribbon for the best basket of "A" dahlias, six perfectly formed *Mrs. Hester Papes*; Miss Bess Dennis of Williamsburg, Virginia, for the best basket of "B" dahlias, and Mrs. Laura Johnston of Williamsburg, Virginia, for the best basket of pompons.

In the Horticulture division, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith of Richmond won the "grand sweepstakes prize," while Mrs. Vincent McManus of Williamsburg was runner-up.

The "Grand Champion" prize for the most perfect "A" type dahlia was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Williams for their entry of *The Cardinal*. This entry also won the tri-color in Section "B"—exhibitor who grows not more than 50 hills of "A" type dahlias.

In the Novice class Mr. R. E. Roach won sweepstakes and tri-color.

Mr. E. C. Belcher of Chester, Virginia, won tri-color in Section "C", exhibitor growing more than 100 hills of "A" type dahlias, on two very lovely blooms of Kelvin. Mrs. Vincent McManus won both tri-color and sweepstakes for Section "D", grower of over 100 hills of "A" type dahlias, for her exhibit of three beautiful blooms of *Colonel Little*, the dahlia originated by C. B. Ambrose, of Norfolk, Virginia. The award for the best disseminated dahlia of Virginia origin was won by Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Williams on their entry of *Colonel Little*. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were also sweepstakes winner in pompons and other varieties classes.

Sweepstakes winner for the exhibitor growing not more than 75 hills of "B" dahlias was the team of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Mattern of Laurel, Virginia, for their exhibit of *Mme. C. Jussiant*, while the tri-color for this section was won by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lindsay of Williamsburg, Va.

For the grower of more than 75 hills of "B" type dahlias sweepstakes and tri-color were won by A. S. Mason of Arlington, Virginia.

The American Home Achievement Medal was won by C. L. Armentrout of Washington, D. C., on his entry of three outstanding blooms of his seedling *Linda Lou*.

Rosy Dawn, a Ball dahlia, won the tri-color in that class for Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Brinkley of Richmond.

Blue ribbons for new seedlings were won by A. G. Chamberlayne of Laurel and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith of Richmond.

The smallest and most perfect pompon *Bob White*, won the blue ribbon for Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Isbell of Richmond.

The 1951 show will be held in the Old Dominion Room of Miller & Rhoads Department Store in Richmond, Virginia.

HERMAN A. WILLIAMS,
Chairman, Show Committee.

The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association

The 1950 Ohio Valley Dahlia Show was one of the most successful shows ever staged by the O.V.D.A., and this year the members decided to make the show awards to the winners at a dinner on Nov. 9. This took place in one of the banquet rooms of the Alms Hotel and was attended by members and guests. The dinner committee, E. R. Heitzman, chairman; Mrs. Howard Ray, Mrs. Wilbur Anderson, and Jack Wilsey, made the arrangements for the dinner, beautifully decorated the tables with dahlias and chysanthemums and planned the program following the dinner.

After the awards were made, R. G. Huey showed Kodachrome slides of Charles Pape's garden in California, and colored movies were shown of dahlia gardens around Cincinnati.

At the Annual meeting in December, the following officers were elected for 1951:

President—L. M. White; Vice-President—E. R. Heitzman; Secretary—Miss Alice Mattick, 4223 Dane St., Cincinnati 23, Ohio; Treasurer—Harry Story.

The members of the O.V.D.A. have chosen Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 as their Show dates. Wilbur Anderson is 1951 Show Chairman.

ALICE MATTICK, Secretary.

Badger State Dahlia Society, Inc. Madison, Wisconsin

The officers for the Badger State Dahlia Society, Inc. for 1951 are as follows:

President—Mr. Earl B. Frusher, 906 Midland St., Madison.

Vice-President—Mr. Everett Loder, R.R. 3, Madison.

Treasurer, Walter B. Senty, 2730 Mason St., Madison.

Secretary—I. S. Fuller, 424 Virginia Terrace, Madison.

Show Chairman for the 1951 Show will be Mr. Senty. The show will be held in the Madison Community Center at 16 East Doty Street, Madison, Wis., on the second and third day of September.

I. S. FULLER, Secretary.

Alabama Dahlia News

"FORWARD" is the key word in the Dahlia Society of Alabama for 1951. It is to be—FORWARD in growing more and better dahlias—FORWARD in membership—FORWARD with better programs—FORWARD in fellowship.

New officers for 1951 are: President, T. R. Carlisle (affectionately known as "Pop"); 1st Vice-President, A. H. West; 2nd Vice-President, H. H. Pendleton; 3rd Vice-President, H. Stanley Whiten; 4th Vice-President, O. A. Robert; 5th Vice-President, H. M. Morton; Recording Secretary, W. W. Lawless; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Rike; Treasurer, J. J. Pare. The following have been appointed committee chairmen: Membership, Dr. H. C. Rike, serving with him as group chairmen are L. E. Elwell, Henry McLane, B. S. Jones, Fred Culley and C. T. Walthour; Show, Walter Thompson, co-chairman, Mrs. Walter Thompson; Programs, C. G. Goodwin, co-chairman, W. Harlan Howard; Plant Sale, F. M. House; Technical Advisor, C. M. Bloomfield and Reporter, Maude M. Goodwin. Goals for 1951 have been set and all officers and chairmen have their sleeves rolled up and are hard at work to make each goal a reality.

The 1951 Show date has been set for September 15th and 16th at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham.

In planning the year's programs the new growers have been especially kept in mind. Informative and interesting programs have been outlined for the year. The January program features the showing of colored slides of old, recent and new introductions, including many foreign varieties. These were made by Dr. H. C. Rike at 1950 Shows and in various gardens visited.

The December meeting was a most enjoyable Christmas Party at the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Rike. Games planned and directed by Mrs. Walter Thompson made it an evening of fun long to be remembered. Quite a number of new members were present and every one had such a good time that each vowed never to miss another Dahlia Society party.

The entire society has been saddened by the recent death of one of its faithful and loyal members, Mr. J. C. Fleck. He was an excellent dahlia grower and the fine cooperation he gave through the years has meant much to the success of the society. He was well liked and he will be missed in many ways.

M. M. GOODWIN, Reporter.

San Diego County Dahlia Society

The annual election of officers for the San Diego County Dahlia Society was held at our last meeting.

The officers elected were:

President—Carol Anderson, 4730 Soria Dr., San Diego.
Vice-President—C. R. Page, 4894 34th St., San Diego.
Secretary—G. C. Kern, 4742 Lenore Dr., San Diego.
Treasurer—Charles L. Roberson, 4800 La Cruz Dr., La Mesa, Calif.

The 1951 Show will be held August, 4th and 5th. The place and premium list will be decided later.

G. C. KERN, Secretary.

Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

The Executive Committee held its meeting on Jan. 11, 1951 and our President, Mr. Frank Diechler, discussed the 1950 show and formulated plans for improvements of the 1951 show. The theme will be "See dahlias at their best in Philadelphia." Final plans will be completed at the next regular meeting on Feb. 15th. Complete information will be given in the next A.D.S. BULLETIN. Look for our show date, location, and cash prize awards. Our officers are convinced that our award list equals that of any other Dahlia Show.

The annual banquet will be held on Feb. 21st. Mr. Fred Moore, Chairman of the Banquet Committee has about completed all details so our members are assured of a fine dinner and an enjoyable evening.

Mr. Harold Graham, Chairman of the Nominating Committee announced the following candidates for officers for 1951:

President—Mr. Fred Moore, Marple and Darby Rds., Haverford, Pa.; Vice-President—Mr. George M. Boyles, 106 S. Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne, Pa.; Treasurer—Mr. Charles Becker, Jr., 112 Buck Lane, Haverford, Pa.; Secretary—Mr. Robert Tice, Conestoga Rd., Berwyn, Pa.

Representatives to A.D.S. Executive Board:

Mr. Charles G. Friedel, 317 Fanshawe St., Phila. 11, Pa.; Mr. Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa.

A.D.S. BULLETIN Editor—Mr. Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa.

The election will take place at our February meeting.

Another word about the coming show; enthusiasm among our membership is high and with a good or bad growing season you will have the opportunity of seeing modern exhibition dahlias in their glory at the Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Show.

STANLEY JOHNSON, Branch Editor.

Hagerstown Dahlia Society

Hagerstown Dahlia Society elected officers for 1951: President—H. E. Kuhn; First Vice President—I. Keller Shank; Second Vice President—M. B. Keener; Secretary—H. K. Ramsburg; Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Wilbur H. Lewis; Treasurer—Charles W. Zahn. Executive Committee: Chairman—Oscar R. Moser, H. W. Wilhide, Homer C. Grove, D. A. Gossard, Roy Polsgrove, Mrs. H. E. Kuhn, Mrs. Oscar R. Moser.

The 1951 dahlia show to be staged in September is in its planning and we promise to eclipse anything we have ever held yet.

The annual Christmas Party with gift exchange, was held at its December meeting in the auditorium of the Y.M.C.A., with 150 members and guests attending.

During the evening the 16-piece orchestra from the St. Paul's Evangelical United Brethren Church School furnished music—presenting a special arrangement of Christmas numbers during the entertainment part of the program. The old Christmas carols were sung by the entire audience.

Dainty refreshments were served in keeping with the holiday season. Mrs. Preston Shade was chairman of the party.

H. K. RAMSBURG, Secretary.

Introducing **MILLIE**



Miniature, white, cactus type. Bloom 3-4 x 2 inches, 5-6 x 3 inches if disbudded and grown as a cut flower type.

This dahlia is an amazingly prolific bloomer with stems long and strong. The plants will support as many laterals as you want, with clean and very insect resistant foliage.

Our dahlia has never been offered for sale before, all stock being used for cut flowers, supplying all we could grow to local florists. Its long stem 24-30 inches and diameter 5-6 inches by disbudding making it valuable and very much sought after as a cut flower. The flower does not burn or water spot and keeps better than most dahlias without burning the stems. **MILLIE** was disseminated in 1941 and has always been a winner of Blue Ribbons in its class.

Professor Wildon at the Mid-West Trial Gardens in awarding **MILLIE** a Certificate of Merit in 1948 writes, "Height of plant 5 ft. 5 in., spread 4 ft. 6 in., 100 flowers on one plant Oct. 4th." Mr. Barton Elliott, a judge at Mid-West in placing his order writes, "I think it is one of the most profuse bloomers ever to be on the Trial Grounds at East Lansing."

Our stock is grown with the intention that we will grow it the next year. Consequently the plants are carefully grown and the tubers well matured, which will assure you, the buyer, a strong healthy tuber, which if in turn is properly grown, will give you all you should expect of this dahlia.

Because of our large stock of tubers we are able to offer you **MILLIE** at this exceptionally low price.

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MIDWEST DAHLIA SHOW

Correction

The Midwest Dahlia Show will be held at Kansas City Saturday, Sunday, September 22 and 23, 1951.

AL. J. BAIER,
Official Host and Publicity,
Greater K. C. Dahlia Society.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Show

Versatility, seemingly endless variety, and great masses of vivid color—this is the dahlia. These fine qualities were ably exhibited at the Ohio Valley Dahlia Assn's annual show at the Paramount Theatre in Cincinnati. The arrays of formals, informals, cactus, semi-cactus and poms gave the impression that the dahlia ranks second to none in its adaptability to a variety of arrangements.

Beginning our tour of the show we were deeply impressed by the beauty and maze of color in the dahlia from the giant size blooms on down to the small button-hole poms.

All around us were outstanding blooms of all types entered in the Amateur and Open To All sections.

The rear lobby was just as breathtaking with exhibits of seedlings, commercial displays and artistic arrangements.

The outstanding of all artistic arrangements was presented by Mrs. Howard Ray of Cincinnati. It was a lovely display in a low bowl with pink dahlias and a lacy decorative shrub.

Clariam Royalty, a large purple semi-cactus was unanimously chosen for the American Home Achievement Medal winner not only for its beauty, but its ability to hold up. On this Mr. Wm. Wolbert of Clariam Gardens, Springfield, Ohio scored a winner. It was also the largest bloom in the show.

In the seedling corner, yes it's Wm. Wolbert again on a 1st year seedling in pink cactus. On this beauty Mr. Wilbert won the A.D.S. ribbon. Artie Boram of Beaver, Ohio also had a very fine 1st year seedling.

The Commercial Displays were arranged by the Golden Rule Dahlia Farm. *General Eisenhower*, a red cactus made a bright spot in the show.

The massive display by Bob Siebel for the Cincinnati Park Board was a selection of several outstanding varieties.

Our own Ed, Heepke, a Cincinnati grower came in with the "A" size bloom on the very lovely dahlia *Kelvin*. Wm. Wolbert took "B" size on *Mlle Sawyer*.

The sweepstakes winners in small amateurs class were: Miss Alice Mattick with Mr. Harry Story, runner-up: In the artistic arrangement section Mrs. Howard Ray won. In the Open to All, Mr. Ed. Heitzman won the sweepstakes with Mr. Wm. Bertele, runner-up.

The queen of the dahlias chosen by popular ballot as the most beautiful bloom in the show, which also received the Lahman Trophy was Ed. Reepke's *David's Flame*, a flame-colored decorative informal.

An unusual exhibit which caused a lot of comment was a royal blue dahlia entered by Andrew Doerman. Andy's not saying how it turned blue, but it's anybody's guess.

MARY L. RETTIG, Show Secretary.

Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society

The 41st Annual Show of the Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society was held August 26-27 in Floral Hall, Forest Park, Everett, Washington, and was a huge success. Thirty-two exhibitors exhibited well over 2,000 blooms filling the showrooms to overflowing.

Mrs. Adolph Orup's bloom of *Oakleigh Champion* won for her the S.C.R. & D. Society Trophy and the A.D.S. Bronze Medal as the Best Dahlia in the Show. Mr. Tony DeRooy with 35 blue ribbons won the Sweepstakes Trophy in the Amateur Section; and Mr. Jess Cavendar won the Novice Sweepstakes with 13 blue ribbons. The largest dahlia in the show was a bloom of *Mother's Day* exhibited by Mr. Johnny Johnson; the smallest dahlia was *Hilda Puppe* exhibited by Mr. Tony DeRooy. The best "B" size dahlia was *Sheik* exhibited by Mrs. Adolph Orup. The longest stemmed dahlia was a bloom of *Black Monarch* exhibited by Mr. Tony DeRooy. A beautiful bloom of *Miss San Diego* won the Best Dahlia in the Novice Section for Mr. Jess Cavendar.

Winners of trophies in the Basket Section were: Formal Decorative, *Darcy Sainsbury*, which won the First National Bank Trophy for Mr. John Lindstrom; Informal Decorative, *Pilchuck Chief*, which won the Pioneer United Dairies Trophy for Mrs. Adolph Orup; Straight Cactus, *Miss San Diego*, exhibited by Mr. John Lindstrom won for him the Chamber of Commerce Trophy; "B" Formal Decorative, *Selwood's Glory*, won for Mr. Andy DeRooy the Tony Dyer Trophy; "B" Informal Decorative, *Washington Colonel*, by Mr. Peter Husby; "B" Straight Cactus, *Miss San Diego*, by Mrs. Adolph Orup; "B" Semi-Cactus, by Mrs. Orup on *Othello*; "B" Incurved Cactus, *Mme. Jussiant*, by Mr. Johnny Johnson; *Ball-Clara Clemens* won for Mr. Dee Barnhardt the Frolich and Hurd Trophy; Miniature Decorative, *Baby Fountain*, by Mr. Tony DeRooy; Miniature Cactus, *Market Jewel*, by Mr. Tony DeRooy won for him the Mrs. A. E. Kick Trophy; Collarette, *Arnoildri*, by Mr. Peter Husby; Orchid Flowering, *Seedling 902*, by Mr. Peter Husby, winning for him the J & P Food Store Trophy; Peony, an exhibit of *Dawn*, by Mr. H. S. Records; Single, a basket of *Hazel*, shown by Mr. John Lindstrom; Pompon, *Betty Ann*, exhibited by Mr. John Lindstrom won for him the Burnett Bros. Jewelers Trophy.

Mr. Orrin Hale, prominent Northwest garden authority and publisher, presented the trophies and awards at a special program Sunday afternoon with a record audience present. A.D.S. accredited judges were: Mr. R. P. Turnquist, Bremerton, Washington; Mr. Thomas Forham, Bremerton, Washington; Mr. N. S. McKamey, Oyster Bay, Washington; Mr. Herbert Stiles of Everett, judged the novice section and Mrs. Jesse F. Cohoon of Arlington, Washington, the arrangement section.

Mr. H. S. Records was Society president of the Show

year 1949-50; Mr. Dee Barnhart, vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Wolfe, sec.-treasurer; Mr. W. L. Wolfe was general show chairman.

Dahlia Society of Ohio Dinner

On Saturday evening, January 13th, the Dahlia Society of Ohio held their annual dinner and installation of officers. A greeting was given by the retiring president, followed by our good friend and fellow-member, E. J. Wind, who introduced a dozen out-of-town guests. These were all members of neighboring societies, who brought a message and greetings from their own societies.

The following new officers for 1951 were installed:

President—Leonard F. Fuerst.

1st Vice President—Norman Cook.

2nd Vice President—Paul Zimmerman.

3rd Vice President—Mrs. Joseph Mark.

4th Vice President—Jerome Goldsmith.

Recording Secretary—Bernard Henke.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Bernice Hubble.

Treasurer—Howard Skorepa.

Chairmen of all outstanding committees were also appointed and took office. Mr. E. J. Wind has consented to act as chairman for our 1951 Dahlia Show, with his son Bob and Frank Parenica Jr., as Co-Chairmen.

A "Good Fellowship Half-Hour" followed, in which old acquaintances were renewed and new friends made. This part of our program was greatly enjoyed, for many members had not had an opportunity to swap dahlia lore since show time last fall.

We were indeed honored to have as our speaker of the evening, Prof. C. Merrill Brown, of the University of Buffalo. His talk was descriptive of dahlia activity for the twelve months of the year—what a dahlia fanciest really does each of these months. It was perhaps the finest talk he has ever given (and off the record, would make fascinating reading for your subscribers who were not privileged to hear it). This was followed until long after midnight, with kodachrome slides of specimen blooms which included every new introduction for 1951 which Prof. Brown had grown or which he had taken in the introducers garden; all of the 1950 introductions which were all of his own growing (and how he does it is still a mystery, for we all give them the "E for Effort" that he recommends as the best type of culture!). He showed many of the new foreign varieties from Australia, Holland, England, India and Italy. Also shown were a few kodachromes of his garden, the Schutte gardens, various shows, etc.

All in all, it was a most stimulating evening. No one gives with so much enthusiasm—nor creates the urge to grow newer and *better* dahlias than the professor. Our new officers expect to leave no stone unturned to make 1951 a memorable dahlia year and, if our first meeting of the year is an indication of the attendance and co-operation they will receive, our show in September is assured of success!

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Mr. Andrew J. Mulcahy,
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Gentleman:

I am a grower and raiser of dahlias in Japan. In our country Dahlia is grown for the purpose of garden, cut flower and exhibition uses. Among them the cut flower use is the highest percent. The grower carries and sells to the flower market.

In the recent year remarkable novelties have been raised. Especially on the section of largest and small types. On 5, 6, 7, and 8 October in 1950, at Niko, Shinziku, Tokyo, the Autumn Dahlia Show was held by the Nippon Dahlia Kai (The Japanese Dahlia Society). The largest flowers gaining first class were as follows: *Mrs. Le Boutillier*, *D. Corona*, *Murphy's Masterpiece*, *D. Okan*, *Lord of Autumn*, *Velvet Wonder*, *S. C. Ginsui*, *Monarch of the East*. *Corona*, *Okan*, *Ginsui* are our Japanese novelties. The Cut Flower Section gaining first class were as follows: *Odoriko*, *Hikan*, *Cartwright*, *Hope*, *Hagen Kreutz*, *Ginban*, *Ballego's Glory*, *Morocco*, *Hika*, *Benisuzume*. Among them *Ginban* (D.) is the largest type with ideal long, strong stem. The flower, open side way; color, pure white suffused purple, very lightly at the tips of each petal. Very delicate and attractive.

The medium sized and small flower of cactus and decorative section — *Yakushin* (F.S.D.), bright red; *Yubai* (F.S.D.), vermillion; *Kyakuko* (F.S.D.), yellow tipped white; *Otomegokoro* (F.S.D.), scarlet red; *Tsuyu* (F.S.D.), pink; *Hatsukoi* (First Love), (F.S.D.), pink; *Hoshi*, (S.C. Small), yellow; *Eikan* (F.S.D.), vermillion scarlet; *Nizi*, (F.S.D.), tricolor show type; *Tennynomai*, *Tenshi* (F.S.D.), red and white; *Odoriko*, (I.F.S.D.), wide petal scarlet. Each are profuse bloomers with erect stems. As the largest incurved cactus we recommend *Tenbu*, *Manetsu*, both deep scarlet red. The monster straight cactus are *Fuji* and *Ginsui*, the pure white color.

I am a member of J.D.S. and was a member of your society. I had known and been taught through your bulletins about your American and European Dahliadom. Since the war it has been cut. Some days ago I found your honourable name and address in Messrs. Albert Parrela Dahlia Gardens catalogue of 1950. I will report you one of our Japanese Dahliadom. On the other day I will send you the particular report with some photos if it is possible. And would you kindly send me as a sample your November Number 1950.

I remain,

Yours very truly,
HIROSHI G. ENDOW.

Minnesota Dahlia Society

The Minnesota Dahlia Society is once more ready to begin another season of dahlia growing now that we have held our annual election of officers as per the attached sheet.

The feeling is always good when you realize that the time is fast approaching when our dahlia gardens will be giving us the satisfying means of forgetting the pressures we all are experiencing in our daily work.

Following our business meeting, the program was given over to the discussion of our roots. Here, our highly esteemed member, Mr. Horace Barnes, handled a welcome roundtable discussion on the ways and means of storing and inspection of roots as well as means of preparing them for the garden.

This program was aided by the use of a tub of roots which one of the members brought to the meeting. They were spread out on the table and novice members were given firsthand study of storage troubles. How to properly divide roots was also explained and actually done for them.

There appears to be a definite need for such visual aid to the novice member and we are hopeful of being able to adequately continue this project.

Our Society will furnish a column for publication in the Minnesota Horticultural Society publication *The Horticulturist* which is issued nine times a year and has some 18,000 copies to circulate to its members.

The Minnesota Dahlia Society announces the election of officers and directors at its January meeting.

Officers for 1951 are as follows:

Mr. Harold M. Stephens, 5057 Xerxes S., President.
Mr. Maurice Engen, 4015 25th Ave. S., Vice-President.
Mr. Thos. Z. Ennis, 7014 Logan S., Treas. and Cor. Secy.
Mrs. H. M. Stephens, 5057 Xerxes S., Recording Secy.

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Mr. Carl Erickson, 6605 Lynnwood Blvd., Richfield.
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Mr. Harry Gustafson, 3608 26th Ave. S.

THOS. Z. ENNIS,
Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer.

Greater Kansas City Dahlia Society

The Greater Kansas City Dahlia Society announces Sept. 22 and 23 as the dates of the 1951 Mid-West Show to be held in Kansas City. Our officers are: John E. Willett, president; Mike Swisher, vice-president; W. E. Booth, vice-president; Robert Greene, treasurer; Mrs. C. J. Hubbard, corresponding secretary; Miss Kolb, recording secretary. The directors are: Lynval Davidson, E. L. Curtright, C. J. Hubbard, Mrs. Carl Wartman and George Chandler.

The following: W. C. Kolb, Al. Baier, Charles Leick and E. L. Curtright will serve as show-chairman with Herman Mohr in advisory capacity.

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At the annual meeting of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky held at the Kentucky Hotel on October 17, 1950, the following officers were elected for 1951:

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Vice-President—Roy Schooler.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn.

Directors—A. W. Adams, C. W. Simbritzki, Frank Gohman, W. H. Swift, W. F. Kleinjohn, Geo. Kopp.

The 19th Annual Show of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky, Inc. will be held on September 15-16, 1951, at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Ky.

MRS. LOUISE KLEINJOHN, Secretary.

Tour of New York City Gardens

The City Gardens Club will hold its annual Showing of Gardens and Penthouse Terraces on the afternoons of Tuesday, May 8th and Tuesday, May 15th, between two-thirty and six o'clock. The charge will be \$3.00 for each day's showing and \$1.50 for a single garden admission.

The fund raised helps support the children's gardens of the City Gardens Club located in congested areas of Manhattan, and to buy materials for the gay Christmas ornaments the Club makes every year for the Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital.

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Garden Tour Chairman.

Burholme Horticultural Society

Our show dates for 1951 will be Friday, September 14th - Saturday, September 15th. Complete details will be announced in the May issue as to location, classes, premiums.

Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Club

WORTH CONSIDERING

It was a laughable situation to me (but an embarrassing moment to those involved) when I overheard two dahlia lovers comparing notes at a show. First man asked the other if he had a certain foreign introduction, naming it. The second man answered that he did not have it and asked the color of the variety. After he was told the color, he said he had a very fine new variety of that color and he named the very same variety. But the pronunciation was entirely different. They each took out his notebook to record the recommended variety and discovered they had been talking about the same dahlia.

While listening to a well known radio announcer on a national system, I heard him say "the dale yuh" or "dal yuh" (al as in Albert) which ever you take." It does seem a shame that we who love and grow the flower cannot agree on a common pronunciation of the name of our favorite. It is even worse with varietal names.

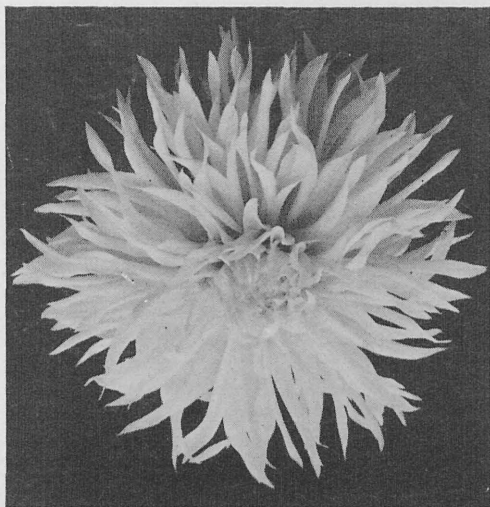
Would it be possible for some group with authority, such as the American Dahlia Society, to sponsor a movement to simplify the pronunciation of dahlia names? It would be well if the introducer would indicate the pronunciation of the name by phonetic spelling rather than by diacritical markings. This pronunciation could follow the name in the commercial list. For instance, Phantom (*fan tom*) or Dahlia (*dale yuh*) or *Dal* (al as in Albert) yuh. If such names as Finjdlla or Aumonier Chandelon were presented in this manner, it seems to me that we would all feel more at ease when discussing them and we would all speak the same language. It is worth considering.

MAUD CRAWFORD, President,
Wellsville Dahlia Society,
Wellsville, Ohio.

The Wellsville Glad-Dahlia Club elected new officers after revising its constitution and by-laws. The officers elected are: President—Mrs. Maud Crawford; Vice-President—George Schepp, Secretary—Miss Ruth Urie, 818 Broadway, Wellsville, O.; Financial Secretary—Mrs. Fred Fitzsimmons; Treasurer—H. R. Driggs. Board of Advisors—H. P. Patterson, W. M. Crawford and Ed. Kountz. This club sponsors a gladiolus show known as the Tri-State Glad Show to be held on August 18 and 19 with Harry Beardmore of Salem, O. as chairman. The Dahlia Show will be staged under the direction of F. D. Hall of Wellsville on September 22nd and 23rd, 1951 in the Beacom Memorial Gymnasium, Wellsville, Ohio. This is one of the largest shows held in the mid-west and you are cordially invited to exhibit your choice blooms in it and to include Wellsville in your itinerary of show visits.

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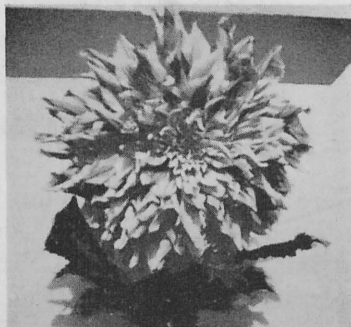


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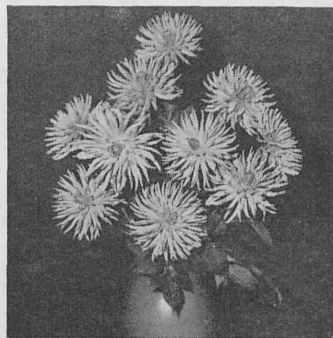


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