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Thanks for your wonderful orders. We asked for them, you have swamped us, and thanks again.

Now that the dahlia growing season is under way we want to help you keep them coming for your pleasure and the fall shows. Insect injury causes stunted growth, and virus diseases are transmitted almost entirely by some of these insects. Many of our customers have had such wonderful results with the NEW INSECT CONTROL the past two growing seasons, that we are again calling it to your attention.

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New Features Will Add Interest to A.D.S. Show

At this early date, plans for the 37th Annual Exhibition of our Society are well under way.

Our new Show Manager, Emil Berzau will be ably assisted by Henry Olsen, Edward B. Lloyd and John Metzger. Schedule and premium list are already in the hands of prospective exhibitors.

ERRORS AND CHANGES IN PRINTED SCHEDULE

The Show will be staged at Essex House, 160 Central Park South, (59th Street), New York City on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18 and 19. (The schedule reads, on page 2, Wednesday and Thursday but this is a typographical error.)

Also (on page 11) Class E 1—the cash prize should read \$50.00 not \$100.00.

Our Court of Honor classes will be greatly expanded thanks to the generosity and interest of Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Tim and Dr. Edward McDade.

Much interest has centered around the Court of Honor class during the last 3 years—competition for the Greater St. Louis Silver Trophy. Dr. Fred Knocke took first in this class in 3 consecutive years and retains permanent possession of the cup.

Mr. Louis B. Tim has offered a beautiful Trophy for Section J—Class J 1-A—one bloom—A large any type or color. The award to remain in the possession of the winner until the next ADS Show. An exhibitor winning the award three times shall retain permanent possession of the trophy.

Because of Mrs. Louis B. Tim's interest in medium sized (B) Dahlias, she has graciously offered a trophy—under the same "winner" stipulations for Class J 2-B—three blooms, B-medium any type or color.

There will also be a Court of Honor for small Dahlias (Poms, Miniatures, Singles, Balls, etc.), Class J 3-S—5 blooms. Dr. Edward McDade offers a trophy under the same winner stipulation for this class.

These trophies will be known as the: Louis B. Tim trophy— Mrs. Louis B. Tim trophy and Dr. Edward McDade trophy, respectively.

Exhibitors in all classes are urged to file entry blanks in advance of the Show date, which will prove advantageous to themselves as well as to the Committee.

Nomenclature Committee—Dr. Charles H. Connors, Chairman, Registration; Dr. Edward F. McDade, Classification.

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Show Committee—Emil Berzau, Chairman—Show Manager; Properties: O. Aumuller, Ed. B. Lloyd, Harvard Rivel; Schedule: Warren Maytrott, Dr. F. Knocke, Henry Olsen; Classification: Dr. Edw. McDade, Roy Webb; Judges: Conrad Frey, Chairman; Awards: Chas. Schneider, Roy Webb; Publicity: O. Aumuller, Ed. B. Lloyd, Paul Frese, J. W. Johnston; Garden Club: Mrs. G. Humble, Mrs. C. V. Smith; Comm. on Exhibits: H. Rivel, Henry Olsen, Herbert Greene.

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A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award Committee—Lynn Dudley, Chairman; Dr. F. Knocke, Conrad Frey.

A.D.S. Committees for 1951

Advisory Committee—Lynn B. Dudley, George Fraser, Conrad Frey, Edward B. Lloyd, Warren W. Maytrott, Gordon F. Waaser, Dr. Charles H. Connors.

A.D.S. Trial Grounds Record Number of Entries Expected

Planting time is just about here again and the many seedling growers are planning to give their A.D.S. Sweepstakes, Achievement Medal, and Honor Roll hopefuls the necessary scrutiny preparatory to launching

them on their competitive careers. Subversive elements along the atmospheric and insecticide fronts may attempt to retard their forward progress to some extent, but old General ADS with able staff is organized on all six fronts to conclude a successful campaign.

We will operate, as usual, six Trial Gardens in 1951. Each Trial Garden is in splendid condition to handle your seedlings under the responsible and experienced supervision of the Trial Garden Superintendents. It is urged that this year entrants use more care in packing their entries. Many entries each year, especially plants, are received in such condition that their growth alone is a tribute to the miraculous hands of the Trial Garden Superintendents, to say nothing of their success in bringing them into bloom! All entries should be sent to arrive at destination on or about June 1st. These gardens, largely located in Universities, have little capacity for safe storage of early shipments. We have not raised the entry fee this year in spite of the loss sustained on each entry. Our judges and superintendents forego all expense sheets in order that every cent may be put into the culture of your seedling. We are therefor retaining the existing entry fee of \$5.00 per entry per garden for the present, which fee must accompany the entry. Entry blanks may be obtained from the Trial Garden Superintendents, or from this writer.

The relations between the Honor Roll Gardens and the A.D.S. Trial Gardens are becoming closer each year. This year the Honor Roll testers are suggesting that any variety sent them be also sent to an A.D.S. Trial Garden. This is a most important forward step since a variety which can score under growing tests in our Trial Garden, possibly win a Derrill Hart Award, and receive Honor Roll mention, will have invaluable publicity prior to its dissemination. No greater advertising value can be secured. The Dahlia Society of Ohio and the Santa Ana Dahlia Society will also conduct unofficial A.D.S. Trial Gardens this year. We recommend that their efforts receive the support of all A.D.S. members.

Send entries to New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., Prof. C. H. Connors Sup't.; to Long Island Agricultural & Technical Institute, Farmingdale, L. I., N. Y., Prof. C. Rissmeyer Sup't.; Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, Prof. C. E. Wildon Sup't.; University of Maryland, Dep't of Horticulture, College Park, Maryland, Prof. Conrad Link, Sup't.; Mr. Nelson Crist, c/o H. J. Hating Co., 180 Mitchell St., S. W., Atlanta, Georgia; and to Mr. Robert Sibel, Ault Park, Heekin and Principer Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio.

ED. B. LLOYD, Chairman,
Trial Grounds Committee.

A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes for 1951

It is expected that the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes will be even more successful this year than in 1950.

Several Branch and Affiliated Societies have already sent in agreements to make these awards. As this is being written copies of the rules, copies of agreements, and suggested wording for the class in show schedules are being mailed to all Branch and Affiliated Societies by Secretary Mulcahy. The agreements should be signed by an officer of the society which elects to participate in the awards and same mailed to the Seedling Sweepstakes Committee, attention of the writer, as soon as possible after receipt.

A supply of score cards and Special Award Ribbons will be mailed to each society before show time. The bench score cards are to be used by the judges selected for this class. The ribbons are to be attached to each seedling in the class which scores an average of 85 points or over.

The scores of all judges for varieties which average 85 points or over are to be sent to the Sweepstakes Committee within 15 days after the end of the show. These score sheets are then checked and averaged by the committee. If there is an error in addition and such an error changes the average to bring it below an 85 total, then the society official mailing that particular score is notified that no award is to be made for that variety in that show. If the score sheets are carefully checked by the local show committee before being sent to committee, there is little likelihood that such an error will occur. Indeed it is considered quite remarkable that such a plan of seedling awards, administered and conducted in so many localities from coast to coast, should run so smoothly with such a standardized judging result as has prevailed. It was expected that many of the judges in the first two years of the plan would be somewhat unfamiliar with the A.D.S. Bench Score Cards. We can report that in only a few instances has the judging seemed out of line to the committee.

In these few instances it has been necessary, for fairness sake, to use a corrective factor. This is the same method used for years by superintendents and judges committees for determining A.D.S. Trial Ground final average scores. Here is how it works. If the score of one judge in any group is way out of line, either high or low, from the average score of all the other judges this score is corrected to the average of all the other judges and that corrected score added to the other scores and a new average taken. This is only done when the one score is at least $2\frac{1}{2}$ points higher or lower than the average of the other scores.

As judges become more familiar with the score sheets and evaluate the characteristics in the blooms as suggested and explained on the back of the score sheet, it is most unlikely that it will be necessary to use this corrective factor. It is hoped that all Sweepstakes judges in 1951 will exercise every care to see that their score is carefully computed with all the plus and minor factors checked.

It is not suggested that judges compare notes and revise their scores up or down to conform to the judgment of their colleagues. Every judge should make his or her own

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A.D.S. SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES FOR 1951

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evaluation based on the characteristics in the score card and in comparison with all other standard varieties which have similar characteristics, including form, color, size, stem, flower position, foliage, substance of petals, uniformity and distinctiveness. It would help those judges who have not often used the A.D.S. Bench score sheets prior to judging, if a demonstration judging be conducted by a judge who is familiar with the A.D.S. method of scoring and score sheets, prior to the actual judging.

A complete report of the result of the 1950 A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes appeared in the February 1951 Bulletin. The winning varieties were listed and the two supreme winners of the A.D.S. Gold Medals were also named. In this competition, 21 societies participated and 19 varieties received special ribbons and A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Certificates. It is expected that more awards will be made in 1951. Reports of the competition in 1951 will be reported in the Bulletin and other publications.

The one and only purpose of these A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes is "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 originator, the introducer and the prospective purchaser.

Please refer any inquiries to A.D.S. Sweepstakes Committee

CONRAD FREY
DR. FRED KNOCKE

Mail to

LYNN B. DUDLEY, Chairman
25 Irving Place, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Registrations

The following varieties are duly registered by Ralph E. Lewis, Topeka, Kansas:

Shirley, A-size, Informal Decorative, bi-color, lavender and white.

Ralph, Jr., A-size, Informal Decorative, purple.

Hollywood, A-size, Semi-cactus, orange tan.

Willo B., B-size, Decorative (F to I), light gold.

PROF. CHARLES H. CONNORS,
Superintendent,
Committee on Nomenclature.

Minnesota Dahlia Society

We are setting our show schedule for our 1951 Show now and expect to have it off the press by April 1st 1951.

We are making very few changes. However, we are enlarging our women's arrangement section. This I believe will be a distinct improvement.

Our 1951 Show will be held in the lobby of the Northwestern National Bank on Sept. 10th and 11th 1951.

HAROLD M. STEPHENS.

Maude M. Wilson

The American Dahlia Society lost one of its charter members and great workers in the passing of Miss Wilson on February 9th.

Miss Wilson, a resident of Flushing and vicinity for more than 50 years, was born in Youngstown, Ohio, 84 years ago.

Active in both St. George's and St. John's Episcopal Churches, she was known as a dahlia grower and as a singer.

She was an honorary member of the Flushing Garden Club, the Good Citizenship League and the Flushing Oratorio Society.

The latter, which she helped to organize, presented her with the membership and a plaque last spring.

A charter member of the American Dahlia Society, Miss Wilson named many of her prize blooms for friends. Among these are the Bishop deWolfe and the Laura Stepp.

A golden yellow specimen was named "The Good Citizenship League." For many years, the horticulturist sponsored an annual dahlia garden party and gave the proceeds to the Oratorio Society.

A soprano, Miss Wilson sang in the First Methodist Church choir in Flushing.

She was employed until 1949 as a designer of neckwear and blouses in Manhattan and in Passaic, N. J.

At one time, her family lived in Woodside. She is survived by a nephew, Charles Penoyer of Hempstead, and an aunt, Sarah Penoyer of Seneca Falls, N. Y.

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Exciting Plans for 1951 Mid-West, Kansas City

Before long we will be counting the days before the 18th Annual Mid-West Dahlia Conference and Show at Kansas City, to be held at Municipal Auditorium September 22 and 23.

Exhibition Hall in Municipal Auditorium is the largest air-conditioned room in Mid-America, and about 5 times larger than the Little Theatre, also in Municipal Auditorium, where we packed in 2,500 entries and 22,000 spectators last year.

Invitations have gone to all of the affiliated Mid-West societies urging their members to come by air with blooms, particularly the smaller types, which are good keepers. Our premium lists for these classes will be so attractive that we know the urge to compete will be irresistible.

Kansas City Municipal Airport is right downtown, 5 minutes by taxi from Exhibition Hall and Hotel President, which will be headquarters.

Letters have gone to the secretary of each society requesting certain information, needed in order to anticipate your requirements. Please help us to dispose of the details so that when you arrive we can concentrate on a fine get-together and the show. Hotel reservation cards have been sent to the secretaries too with a request that they be returned as soon as possible.

Arrangements are being made to enable you to see the city and information will be at hand when you register with us at Hotel President.

Kansas City, one of the friendliest cities in the Mid-West, is a young growing community noted particularly for its beautiful Country Club District, partly in Missouri and partly in Kansas. You will see miles and miles of beautiful homes in any direction in which you wish to travel, without the blemish of commercial enterprises or multiple unit housing. The Country Club Plaza, shown in *Life* magazine last year in its Christmas dress is just as exciting in September. Most of the buildings are of Spanish or Italian architecture and original tile, ceramics and sculpture from Europe is used lavishly throughout the Plaza district. This is the business hub for the Country Club District and you will see many smart shops, stores, restaurants and theatres.

The Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Conference will be held at Hotel President on Saturday, September 22, at 5 P.M., in the Conference Room on the Mezzanine Floor.

The Mid-West Conference Banquet will be held Saturday Evening, September 22, at 7 P.M. in the Grand Ball Room at Hotel President. A wonderful evening is promised.

We have divided our show responsibility under the guidance of Mr. Herman Mohr, Kansas City's leading florist, who will be technical adviser. Mr. Wm. A. Kolb is busy with his workers laying out the show plan and arranging for all the properties and fixtures.

Mr. Al Baier, whom you all know, is Official Host, and he extends his personal invitation to each of you.

Mr. John Willett, President of the Greater Kansas City Dahlia Society and of the Mid-West Conference, is doing a fine job on pre-show organization details and generating local support.

Mr. Charles R. Leick, Show Chairman last year, is Business Manager this year, and also has the responsibility of working up the schedule, advertising and awards, and will direct the judging committee.

Show schedules are being forwarded to all affiliated societies.

If granted an average growing season, we are already assured of the success of the 1951 Mid-West, by reason of the overwhelming initial response and offers of assistance from our affiliated societies in the Mid-West group and their members. We are particularly grateful to Mr. James Marsh and Mr. C. M. Diffenderfer who have sent many fine roots to Mr. Al Baier for propagation and sale at our annual root and plant auction. The revenue from the sale of these fine varieties is certain to materially assist in the financial success of the 1951 Mid-West.

CHARLES R. LEICK.

The Dahlia Society of Ohio

The Dahlia Society of Ohio has entered upon the most interesting and revolutionary dahlia season in its entire history, for we are sponsoring a Trial Garden.

Mr. Thomas R. Manley, horticulturist of the Biological Field Station of Western Reserve University and the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, through our president Mr. Leonard Fuerst, has invited us to make a planting of dahlias, in what is known as the "Valleevue Test Garden."

This test garden has heretofore specialized in amaryllis, gladiolus, hemerocallis, iris and lilies. During the 1950 season roses and tulips were added. Now they are expanding to include Dahlias. And while no recognition will be given this test garden by the American Dahlia Society—at least for the time being—all rules and regulations of an official A.D.S. Trial Grounds will be followed and all Dahlias will be scored with the official judges scoring sheet.

Mr. E. J. Wind has agreed to direct the Dahlia planting for the current year. In addition to seedlings of varieties to be introduced in the near future, a planting of standard varieties will be made. Mr. Wind has carefully checked the winners of the big shows of 1950 and our planting of outstanding named varieties will include practically all of the winning varieties.

The Dahlia Society of Ohio is honored by the invitation to become a part of this great project at Valleevue. We believe this test garden will be of great interest to all members of the A.D.S. and we extend an invitation to every dahlia hobbyist to inspect these gardens. We are sure you will find it of interest to inspect the seedlings prior to seeing them on the show table.

The Annual Dahlia and Flower Show of the Dahlia Society of Ohio will be held at the Higbee Auditorium in Cleveland on Monday and Tuesday, September 17th and 18th. Mr. E. J. Wind is Show Chairman with his son Bob and Frank Parenica, Jr. as Co-Chairmen. Why not tarry a day or two in Cleveland and arrange to visit, and to judge, at this "Test" Trial Garden?

RUTH BERRY, A.D.S. Correspondent.

FLORISTS and DAHLIAS

by CHARLES H. CONNORS

Prof. Floriculture, Rutgers University

The use of cut dahlias by florists has been somewhat limited. We see them in arrangements for vases and baskets and in floral pieces, but the florist is loath to use them for special work because of fear of wilting.

My daughter was being married on September 9th, last year. There were several miniature white dahlias growing in the garden, and they looked like good prospects for the bridal bouquet. *Little Linda* was in the American Dahlia Society trial garden and had already been scored enough times to indicate that it would probably receive a certificate. Other varieties available were *White Fawn*, *Snowsprite*, *Snow Baby*. A couple of weeks before the event, I cut some flowers of each variety and took them to the florist who was to do the decorating. We talked the matter over. Finally, he cut the stems so that only 3 to 4 inches were left, and then placed each one in an orchid tube and set them in the refrigerator for a period of about 12 hours. They were then taken out, placed in containers with no water and set out in the shop. They stood up for 24 hours.

The day before the wedding was to take place, I cut enough of *Little Linda* for the purpose intended. These were selected just a little earlier than maturity, and it is a known fact the stage of development has something to do with the keeping quality. Flowers that are too immature when picked will wilt more quickly and those that are too mature will blow or the back rays will wilt.

At any rate, the bridal bouquet of 9 *Little Linda* with white delphinium as the accessory flower and for the shower, made a great hit and stood the gaff in wonderful shape.

For the Matron of Honor, who wore green, the chaplet was made with *Chips* in front. The rest of the chaplet and the hand bouquet consisted of such miniatures as *Chips*, *Little Lemon Drop*, *Buckeye Baby*, *BoBo* and among the poms, *Gold Dust*, *Honey* and *Little Edith*.

The use of dahlias by the florists should be extended. The chief difficulties seem to be cutting at a suitable

stage of maturity and proper hardening. If handled somewhat as suggested above, there appears to be no reason why dahlias should not be as durable as almost any other flower, except, of course, orchids.



Dahlia Society of New Jersey

The Dahlia Society of New Jersey held its annual meeting on January 27th, 1951, in Cathedral House, Recor Street, Newark.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. Due to inclement weather Lynn Dudley was unable to attend, but the members of the society are looking forward to the March meeting when it is hoped Lynn will be present and show his pictures of the 1950 Honor Roll Dahlias. All officers were re-elected unanimously. The dates for this year's meetings were selected and approved by the society. They are:

Friday evening, March 30—Swap meeting.

Friday evening, June 15—Dr. Connors.

All day, October 6—Field day at the Trial Grounds and Garden visitation.

Saturday afternoon, Nov. 17—Round table and gripe session.

The Dahlia Society in cooperation with the Essex County Park Commission will again hold its Annual Fall Flower Show in the Greenhouse of Branch Brook Park, Heller Parkway Entrance, Newark, on September 8th and 9th. The schedule committee reports progress on the new schedule and we hope to have them ready for mailing at our next meeting. Anyone interested in this show may have a copy by writing to Mrs. A. J. Pietruszkiewicz, 158 North 4th Street, Paterson 2, N. J.

Southern States Dahlia Association

The Southern States Dahlia Association held its spring meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on February 17, 1951. The meeting was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Kallquist. The Kallquist's had just completed a large "rumpus room" in their attic which seated the 47 people to a banquet that was furnished by the Chattanooga hosts.

Representatives from the Dahlia Societies of Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee were present. The members first met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burnette for an informal get-together then proceeded in a body to the Kallquists.

Mr. George Etheredge, President of the Southern States Dahlia Association presided over the meeting which followed the dinner.

It was voted that the Southern States Dahlia Association participate in the 1952 Mid-West Show, if and when, it is held in Louisville, Kentucky. This participation being of course, at the present time, only in a preliminary stage. The Societies present were urged to have representatives, from each Society if and when the preliminary meeting is held in Nashville, Tennessee, or some other nearby city where representatives from the Mid-West and the Southern States, and other areas, can send members.

Considerable discussion was held on the subject of a uniform schedule of the Southern States Dahlia Association Shows. A schedule, uniform with the Mid-West and New York groups, as well as local schedules is highly desirable.

The Tennessee representative gave a preview of the Southern States Dahlia Association Show to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Place—Hotel Patten.

Date—September 29th and 30th, 1951.

On Sunday, the 30th, a tour of Chattanooga dahlia gardens is planned with a visit to Happy Cabin Dahlia Gardens included, and finally, a visit to Rock City, the 8th Wonder of the World.

The Southern States Dahlia Association, through the Dahlia Societies of Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee (through the cities Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga—the ABC of the Dahlia world), invite each, and every one of you to visit this show on the 29th and 30th of September.

CLARENCE R. KALLQUIST,
President, Dahlia Society of Tennessee.

Portland (Oregon) Dahlia Society

The 1951 Dahlia Show of the Portland (Oregon) Dahlia Society will be held in the Sunken Ballroom of the Masonic Temple on Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24.

MADGE B. KERSHISNIK, Secretary.

Wisconsin Dahlia Society

The Wisconsin Dahlia Society will hold its Annual Show on Sept. 8th and 9th, 1951, at the Milwaukee Gas Light Co. Bldg.

DR. N. W. ACKERMAN, Show Chairman.

Snohomish Society

The 42nd Annual Show of the Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society to be held in Floral Hall, Forest Park, Everett, Washington, Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, 1951.

For the second consecutive year Mr. W. L. Wolfe will be general show chairman and the following members will round out the show committee:

Schedule, F. J. Custer; Publicity, J. O. Lindstrom; Awards and Judges, T. DeRooy; Baskets, Dee Barnhart; Lighting, W. Barton; Single Entries, Clarence McDonald; Triple Entries, A. Orup; Hall of Fame, Mrs. Sawyer; Corsages, Mrs. Ralph Miller; Island, H. S. Records; Educational, L. H. Bariel; Registration and Information, Mrs. R. Evans; Novice, Mrs. J. B. Mortland.

JOHN O. LINDSTROM.

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society

With another dahlia season at hand the members of the Hagerstown Dahlia Society are working enthusiastically to arrange for a show that will be up to the high standard of former years. Chairman of the executive committee Mr. Oscar Moser, in full charge of the show, has Mr. Charles W. Zahn as Show Superintendent, which assures a 100 per cent job. Arrangements are in the planning to stage the show, September 13 and 14, in the City Market Place, located on Church Street, Hagerstown, Md.

H. K. RAMSBURG, Secretary.

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Editorial

Costs of printing and mailing have mounted to such an extent that your A.D.S. Executive Committee has been obliged to instruct your Editor regarding the urgency of "trimming" the BULLETIN.

Heretofore we have published every article that has been submitted—practically all in their entirety. However, the old blue pencil has been resurrected from the bottom of the drawer and slash slash go the paragraphs to fit the space.

Our membership dues are too low to handle our four issues of the BULLETIN and subsidize our Annual Dinner and the Fall Show.

We have appealed to the members who can afford it, to take out Sustaining Memberships at \$5.00 instead of the \$3.50 regular membership—also to the limited number—who have become very successful—to make donations. So far not many have responded.

May we suggest to Secretaries of Societies and other Contributors of Editorial copy that you prepare your reports briefly and to the point. We will try to be fair to everybody.

National Capital Dahlia Society

Our Sixteenth Annual Dahlia Show will be held in the U. S. Botanic Garden, Maryland Avenue and 1st Street, S.W. on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30, 1951.

The president has appointed Mr. George E. Dodrill as Show Chairman.

The society is trying out an experiment which is new to us and which we think is worth passing along to other societies. Mr. Frank H. Goetzger, one of the societies charter members and the originator of several well known varieties in the past, as well as the current, American Home Achievement Medal winner at the Washington Show last fall, entered under the name of *Permanent Wave*, donated the entire stock of *Permanent Wave* to the National Capital Dahlia Society to be introduced by and for the benefit of the society. The stock was turned over to Mr. Robert R. Klein, who acted in the capacity of introducer for the society. Mr. Klein reports the results have been most gratifying, having sold fifteen divisions up to the present time. This might be an idea for other societies to increase their finances. The catch is: finding a hybridizer who will be as generous to your society as Mr. Goetzger was to us.

A very competent staff of judges are lined up for our coming show. There will be the well known "Judge's Dinner" immediately after the judging is over at the Carlyle Hotel.

The schedule committee expects to have the schedule out by the middle of May. Anyone interested in obtaining a schedule please contact Mr. J. L. Bowling, 815 Philadelphia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

The trial grounds will again be in operation at the University of Maryland under the able direction of Professor Conrad B. Link. Dr. Henry C. Parker, Chairman of Judges, reports that he has a very competent staff of judges lined up for the coming year. Understand we will have a new location there which is better situated. Growers, send your new introductions to Dr. Link, Professor of Horticulture, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland and help keep this one of our outstanding trial grounds.

JOHN L. BISHOP,

Publicity Chairman.

Alabama Dahlia News

After the coldest winter Alabama has had in many, many years spring finds dahlia growers here as busy as bees. Enthusiasm is running high as gardens are made ready for planting. Almost every one has a "dark horse" (a 1951 introduction) and though he's trying to keep it a secret, he is gleefully anticipating that come the 1951 Show he's surely going to win that coveted award. Many more are planting foreign varieties than ever before. From all I hear competition is going to be keen and there should be much to interest dahlia lovers at the Show, September 15th and 16th.

Walter Thompson, Show Chairman, tells me that the Show schedules are ready for press and will be in the hands of the members by planting time. This will be a great help. I understand that the schedules will have some new features.

The monthly meetings of the society have been un-

usually well attended all this year and many new members have been added. The programs have been interesting and helpful. Colored slides from the North and East and even from far away Guatemala, the latter showing the dahlia growing wild have been shown and enjoyed. Informative talks on the storage and division of clumps and also on propagation have been given. Mrs. H. C. Rike talked on small dahlias and how to grow them. At the March meeting, Dr. Henry P. Orr, Associate Professor in the Department of Horticulture at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute gave a most helpful talk on soil. Roots have been given as door prizes at each meeting.

A Game Night was enjoyed in January. This provided not only an evening of fun and fellowship but added additional dollars to the treasury.

February 17th found a group of members journeying up to Chattanooga, Tennessee to the mid-year meeting of the Southern States Dahlia Association. Tennessee dahlia growers are really making some wonderful plans for the 1951 Southern States Show. We in Alabama are looking forward to it and also to taking some of the "dark horses" up there. From what I hear a group of Alabama folks are making plans to attend the Mid-West Show in Kansas City.

Even though it is only spring, the society's annual picnic at the Pate's Farm is already being talked about. Visions of fried chicken, delicious salads, pies and cakes along with Caroline Rike's famous baked beans and cole slaw have set mouths watering.

Yes, we're knee deep in dahlias just now but as the warm southern sun comes beaming down and sweat flows freely you will find us mixing our strenuous activities with fun and fellowship, believing that among life's greatest blessings are growing dahlias and the making of friends.

MAUDE M. GOODWIN, Reporter.

Portland Dahlia Society

With the arrival of the new catalogs for 1951, and the Flower Grower Honor Roll, Portland Dahlia fans dream again of their Dahlia gardens and of blue ribbon winners on the show tables.

Under the guiding hand of our new president, J. Lin Stoddard, plans for the 1951 Portland Dahlia Society show are nearing completion. The dates selected are September 22 and 23 and the show will be held in the Sunken Ball Room of the Masonic Temple.

The B sized sections in the 1950 show proved very popular in the amateur and advanced amateur divisions, with almost as many entries as in the A sized sections. Each year brings out more interesting and beautiful types of this medium sized Dahlia as it continues to grow in popularity.

It was pleasing to note that some of my favorites, *Mrs. Hester A. Pape*, *Jane Lausche* and *Oxford Triumph*, continue to win over all newcomers in different parts of the U.S.A. I have found them dependable and satisfactory to grow in our Oregon climate.

We, in Portland are hoping for a better growing season for Dahlias and a bigger and better Show for 1951.

MRS. J. J. RAE, Publicity Chairman.

Dahlia Society of Toledo

Our show date is Sept. 8th and 9th. The Girl Scouts of Toledo are interested in our educational program, and will grow dahlias from roots supplied by our Society. They will compete with each other for ribbons at our show. I am enclosing a clipping from one of our local papers, in regards to this program.

Our annual root exchange will be May 16th at the Garden Center.

Mr. Jerry Schuttee from Springfield, Ohio, showed pictures of his dahlia farm at our April meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Schutte were our guests for dinner, preceding the meeting.

Our new officers are:

President—Mr. N. W. Myers, 3939 Maxwell Rd., Toledo, Ohio.

Vice-President—Mr. Paul Hull, 1268 Crestwood Rd., Toledo, Ohio.

Secretary—Mrs. George Ryder, 3944 Maxwell Rd., Toledo, Ohio.

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BEATRICE M. RYDER, Secretary.

East Liverpool Dahlia Society

Another year has made a great headway so far and The East Liverpool Dahlia Society is trying to keep pace and plans are well underway for our 26th Annual Show. The premium list is being prepared.

Officers of the East Liverpool Dahlia Society:

President, J. T. Eccleston; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. George White; 2nd Vice-President, Leo Lawrence; Publicity Chairman, Frank N. Richmond; Secretary, Mrs. C. Green; Corresponding Secretary, William C. Craine, Box 284, Midland, Pa.; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Bertha Shone; Treasurer, Edwin Kountz; Membership Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Wolfe.

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WM. C. CRANE, Corr. Secy.

Dahlia and Plant Specialists of Greater Cleveland

We are pleased to inform you that the "Dahlia and Plant Specialists of Greater Cleveland" will hold its Show at the Garden Center, East Boulevard and Euclid Ave., Cleveland 6, Ohio, on September 8th and 9th, 1951.

The Dahlia and Plant Specialists of Greater Cleveland have elected the following officers for 1951:

J. W. Cowie, President.

Richard Howells, 1st Vice-President.

A. E. Lackamp, 2nd Vice-President.

Mrs. Elsie Lasch, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs. Loretta C. Lackamp, Corresponding Secretary, 543 East 109th Street, Cleveland 8, Ohio.

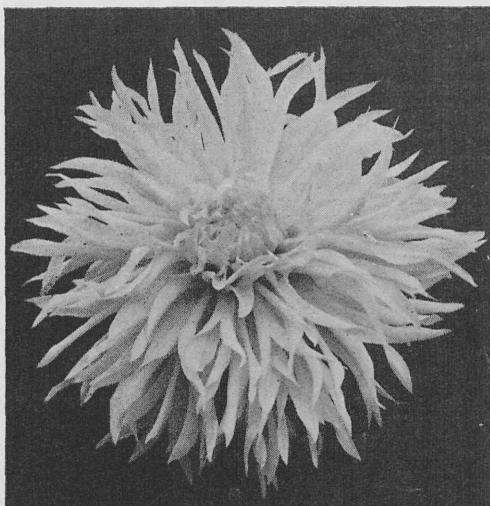
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(Armentrout)

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(Adelung)

Semi Cactus. Light primrose yellow. Early bloomer from July 15 to frost. Bush always full of flowers. Can be grown 8½ to 9 inches but best at 7½ to 8 inches. A.D.S. Seedling award at N. J. Show, also A.D.S. show in New York, 1950. Listed on Eastern Honor Roll.

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