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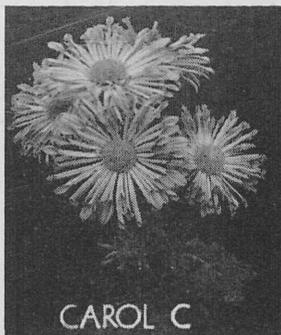


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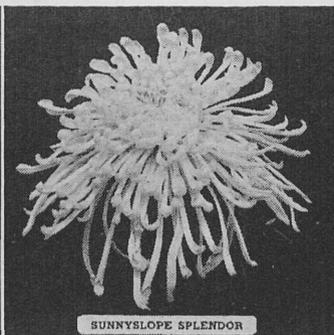
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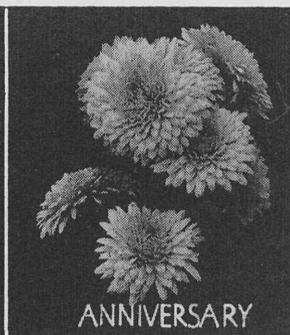
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# A.D.S. Plans Great Dahlia Show

The 38th show of the American Dahlia Society will be held this year on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16 and 17. Again, we will occupy the beautiful Colonnades Ballroom of the Essex House on Central Park South.

As this BULLETIN goes to press, there are all indications that the enthusiasm shown by our exhibitors at last year's show will gather momentum and will bring us "the show of shows."

In our schedule, which will be in the mail shortly, only minor changes are made. There will be valuable prizes for all "special" winners. In addition, substantial cash prizes are offered for sweepstakes. For the grand sweepstakes, our editor, Gordon Waaser, donated a valuable trophy to be known as the Margaret Gordon Waaser Memorial Award. This has to be won three times for permanent possession.

In the "court of honor," are again the beautiful trophies by Mr. Louis B. Tim, Mrs. Louis B. Tim and Dr. McDade. We hope that everybody will try to get a "leg" on one of these.

No efforts will be spared by the show committee to be as helpful as possible to stage your blooms, whether you are a novice or an "old timer."

The hall will be ready and opened at 12:01 a.m., September 16. Containers with water will be waiting for you. Instead of using special variety labels that have to be tied to the bloom, the name of the variety may be put on top of the entry blank.

Again we call to the attention of exhibitors, the necessity of sending in their entry sheets a few days before showtime. Their laxity in doing this resulted last year in overcrowdedness in a few sections. As our space was limited, we were prevented from spacing them properly to show advantageously the quality and beauty of the individual exhibits. When setting up these various sections, it is impossible for the show committee to anticipate the number of entries that will be made.

Please help us overcome this problem by sending your entry sheets in early. If, at showtime, you find it necessary to add or detract, that is perfectly all right.

Send your entry sheets in early!

As we go to press, the schedule is being set in type and we expect it to be in the mails early—in ample time for your garden planning.

Finishing touches are being made in the unified classification list—a change is contemplated in the "blends".

For any further information regarding entries or floor space, please contact the show chairman, Emil Berzau, 239 Park Avenue, Merrick, New York.

## Minutes of the 1952 American Dahlia Society Annual Meeting

The 1952 Annual Meeting of the American Dahlia Society was called to order at 3:00 P. M., on Saturday, January 19th, in Parlor No. 1 of the Hotel Statler. Sixty-one members were present.

President Pollak opened the meeting, and greeted the members. He requested and received a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1951 annual meeting, since these had been printed in the February 1951 Bulletin. Instead the Secretary, Mr. Mulcahy summarized the minutes, mentioning only the more important items.

The President requested two minutes of standing silence in memory of the members who had passed away since the last meeting namely—Maude M. Wilson, Wm. Waite, Harold Staphin, C. G. Goodwin, and Wm. Bouchau. This was observed.

The President requested that Mr. Webb take the chair, which Mr. Webb did. He requested a reading of the report of the Tellers. This was done by Mr. Lloyd of the Nominating Committee. Seventy ballots were cast, and the tabulation showed that the following officers were elected:

President: Leo L. Pollak, New York City; Secretary: Frederick J. Knocke, M.D., 2616 Arlington Avenue, New York 63, N. Y.; Treasurer: Henry A. Olsen, Elmont, L. I., New York; Trustee to 1955: Gordon F. Waaser, Freeport, L. I., New York; Vice Presidents: F. A. Alleva, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Otto Aumuller, Valley Stream, N. Y.; Al. Baier, Kansas City, Mo.; L. C. Bennett, St. Louis, Mo.; J. Ralph Berry, Cleveland, Ohio; Emil Berzau, Merrick, N. Y.; George Brunjes, Elmira, N. Y.; Prof. C. Merrill Brown, Williamsville, N. Y.; Dr. C. H. Connors, Highland Park, N. J.; Ward H. Cook, M.D., Tuckahoe, N. Y.; Henry F. Cory, Lithicum Heights, Md.; H. L. Cummings, LaGrange, Ill.; Hon. George R. Currie, Madison, Wis.; Charles M. Diffenderffer, Baltimore, Md.; R. T. Eddy, Encinita, Cal.; W. L. Elkins, Richmond, Va.; C. E. Faust, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. F. H. Fisher, Trenton, N. J.; Paul F. Frese, White Plains, N. Y.; Raymond Grass, St. Louis, Mo.; Walter Hardesty, Watertown, Conn.; Mrs. L. D. Hislop, Mt. Lebanon, Pa.; William Homberg, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Georgena Humble, Douglaston, N. Y.; J. W. Johnston, New York City; Clarence R. Kallquist, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn, Louisville, Ky.; Nick Koenig, New Baltimore, Mich.; Norman L. Lefkovitz, Bessemer, Ala.; Edward F. McDade, M.D., Scranton, Pa.; John Metzger, Irvington, N. J.; H. Dewey Mohr, Rockville Center, N. Y.; Andrew J. Mulcahy, Floral Park N. Y.; William Noonan, Bethpage, N. Y.; Edward J. O'Keefe, Cold Springs, N. Y.; Dr. Henry C. Parker, Washington, D. C.; Albert Parrella, Bronx, N. Y.; Roland H. Patch, Storrs, Conn.; Harley Peck, Lebanon, Ohio; B. E. Phillips, Atlanta, Ga.; E. R. Phillips, Washington, D. C.; Bruce B. Preas, M.D., Rockville Center, N. Y.; C. H. Rike, M.D., Birmingham, Ala.; Harvard Rivel, Hillside, N. J.; J. Louis Roberts, Chicago, Ill.; Lew Sarrett, Gainesville, Fla.; Noel Scott, Glendale, Cal.; George Swezey, Columbia, N. J.; Adrian P. Taylor, Santa Ana, Cal.; L. B. Tim,

Long Branch, N. J.; John S. Vincent, White Marsh, Md.; Roy W. Webb, Scranton, Pa.; Dr. C. E. Wildon, East Lansing, Mich.; E. J. Wind, Rocky River, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Wakeman Wood, Westport, Conn.

Mr. Lloyd moved that the election of officers be made unanimous. This was seconded and unanimously approved. Mr. Pollak was escorted to the rostrum and continued to act as chairman.

Mr. Mohr thanked Mr. Mulcahy for the fine job he had done as secretary.

Mr. Henry A. Olsen, Treasurer, presented the report for the year 1951, as of December 31st, 1951, which on motion duly made and seconded was unanimously approved and ordered filed.

Mr. Charles Schneider, Auditor, presented his report, and stated that as of December 31, 1951, the books of the American Dahlia Society had been examined and found in order. He especially commended Mr. Olson for the fine work which was being done in keeping the records up to date in such a neat and orderly fashion; Mr. Schneider stressed that his work as auditor was thereby greatly facilitated.

Mr. Mohr, Chairman of the Finance Committee analyzed the report of the Treasurer, and reported that the financial position of the society compared favorably with the previous year. He hoped that in 1952 the position could be strengthened by further economy.

In the absence of Mr. Waaser, Editor of the BULLETIN, Mr. Mulcahy reported that the cost of printing the BULLETIN had increased two to three fold in the past few years. To counteract this the alternatives were to increase dues or to issue fewer BULLETINS. The Executive Committee, in its August 1951 meeting, had voted in favor of issuing two BULLETINS in November and March, and covering the rest of the year with mimeographed announcements, if these were necessary. This proposal had been circularized to participating societies, and no dissenting communications had been received. In view of the fact that the By-laws—Article XII—Sec. 1—state "The Society shall publish a BULLETIN, to be issued not less frequently than once in three months". Mr. Mulcahy introduced a motion to delete this section of the By-laws and replace it with "The Society shall issue a BULLETIN to be issued twice yearly—in late fall or winter—and again in the spring". This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Edward Lloyd, Chairman of the Trial Gardens Committee reported that there were six gardens participating in 1951. There were 267 entries in the six gardens. Twenty-seven certificates were awarded. Mr. Lloyd reported that there might be some changes for 1952, due to the difficulties encountered by some of the gardens in 1951. These had not yet been definitely decided upon, however.

Dr. Connors, Superintendent, reported on the Rutgers garden. He stressed that all entries were treated alike. Every effort is made to follow the program outlined in the Rules of the A.D.S. Trial Gardens Committee. He invited all members to visit the gardens in 1952.

Mr. Roy Webb, Chairman of the Derril Hart Medal Committee, explained the rules and requirements for winning the medal—namely the highest average of three scores of 85 points or better at 3 different trial gardens

over a period of two consecutive years. The variety *Marion Glenn*, entered by Harry Miller, won the award for B or medium size, and the variety *Ruby Charm*, entered by Wm. Haugh won the award for C or small sizes. There was no award for A-large size dahlias since no variety had achieved a score of 85 or better in 3 gardens during the past two seasons.

Mr. Emil Berzau, Chairman of the Show Committee, reported plans for the 1952 show, to be held September 16 and 17 at the Essex House in New York.

In the absence of Mr. Maytrott, Chairman of the Show Schedule Committee, Dr. Knocke reported that no major changes were contemplated in the schedule for 1952.

Dr. McDade, Chairman of the Classification Committee, reported the work on his committee working as part of the Joint Committee on Classification with the Central States Dahlia Society. He reported that classification committees had been appointed at various branch and affiliated societies, and that they were reporting to the central committee on special cards designed for that purpose. The Joint Committee has accepted the B dahlia, and the new classification list will list A and B dahlias separately. In the color divisions of Dahlias a new class has been added. The "Other Blend" class has been eliminated, and replaced by two classes—"Flame Blend", and "Dark Blend", the latter to include dark red and purple blends. This will make 14 color classes, in place of the present 13. Full details of this will appear in the 1952 classification list. The varieties in the listing will be extensively revised by additions and deletions on the basis of 1951 show reports. Mr. Berzau asked about the possibility of including with the classification list a chart which would list all the classified varieties in each size, type, and color class, as an aid to exhibitors in selecting varieties for show. Dr. McDade reported that this material was being compiled, but would not be ready for the printing of the 1952 classification list.

In the absence of Mr. Dudley, Mr. Frey reported for the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Committee. He stressed the importance of uniform scoring methods so that comparable results may be obtained at different shows.

President Pollak called on Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn, who is Show Manager for the 1952 show of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky, which this year is host to the Mid-West Conference and the Southern States Dahlia Association. Mrs. Kleinjohn reported that the show will be held September 20 and 21 at the Kentucky Hotel in Louisville. She invited all A.D.S. members to attend and if possible to show at this show. A tour of gardens and points of interest has been arranged for the day before the show. She promised a warm welcome and plenty of Southern Hospitality.

Mr. Pollak thanked Mrs. Kleinjohn for this invitation, and assured her that all who could would come to Louisville on September 20th.

Professor Merrill Brown asked why the Nominating Committee always offered only one slate to the members for the voting in the annual election. He suggested that a choice of two or more candidates for the major offices would give the members more of a voice in the running of the society.

Dr. Ward Cook rose to explain the present system,  
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## A.D.S. Annual Dinner

Following the meeting on January 19th, Dewey Mohr was host at another of his annual dinners. Each year Dewey Mohr provides what is considered a masterpiece. This year was no exception. President Pollak starting his new term of office, acted as Toastmaster and first called upon our honored guest from Louisville, Louise Kleinjohn, to explain how she had eluded Fred and wandered so far from home. In a short but enthusiastic message, she related briefly the details of the 1952 Southern Association and Mid-West Conference combined dahlia exhibition, extending a most generous invitation to participate with her and the sponsoring Societies in this exhibition and in the hospitality which is always found in Louisville. All of us who have been guests of the Kleinjohns and of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky, can testify to this hospitality and the quality of their exhibitions, and can strongly advise those who have not been to Louisville, to be there this Fall. Those of us who plan to go to Louisville join with Louise in saying "we know you will be glad to be there!"

The Derrill Hart medals were awarded for varieties *Marion Glenn* in the "B" classification and to *Ruby Charm* in the Miniatures. No "A" type Derrill Hart medal was awarded as a result of 1951 competition. Gold Medal Seedling Sweepstakes medals were awarded to Stanley Johnson for *Patricia Spollen* and to Ed Lloyd for the dahlia *Spotlight*. Ed Seymour in the course of his interesting talk, awarded the American Home Achievement winner medals, and highest on the list were the nine medals won by Stanley Johnson with his dahlia *Patricia Spollen*.

Each year we are privileged to award our Gold Medal for Distinguished Service to the dahlia and to our Society, to one whom we are delighted to honor and one whose services are entitled to recognition. Sarah Wakeman Wood of the State where Wood Nutmegs were first grown (she modestly disclaims all credit in spite of the name), although not a charter member of our organization, joined in it's first year of existence, making her an Honorary Charter Member. Since that date her interest in dahlias and the American Dahlia Society has only been equalled by her work in such respects. In addition to her fine display gardens, where are found many new varieties of her own origination, one of her pet projects is the development of a strain of dahlias with certain definite and peculiar qualities making them especially valuable in the feeding of oxen, and the resultant food value to the dahlia fertility of the Connecticut soil. In response to her inquiry, President Pollak felt very safe in his assurance that the awarding of the medal did not "put her on the shelf" as she feared—he had plenty of work for her and her first and present assignment is for a complete report on the oxen project at our 1953 annual meeting.

The dinner closed with the showing of excellent slides of the new and winning varieties of the past year by Harry Olsen and with Merrill Brown as Commentator.

Ed. LLOYD.

## A Choice Excerpt from President Pollak's Speech At The A.D.S. Dinner

A gathering of all the flowers had been called for the purpose of selecting among their number, one which was to be installed as Queen. After considerable amount of discussion, the rose was selected for this honor. We of the A.D.S. are not in sympathy with this decision and the following poem expresses the reasons why the dahlia should be accorded this honor:

Of all the beauteous flowers that grow,  
Upon this mundane sphere below,  
'Tis hard to choose, where natures hand  
Alike her many gifts bestow,  
Where every flower on which we gaze  
Has beauty, sheen a richness all in phase,  
Though most, some admiration claim  
And many aspire to queenly fame,  
Still far above them all we hail,  
The Dahlia. Oh! how kind has been,  
The Father of all men, to place  
Such loveliness upon one stem.  
The flower with the most graceful fold  
So many sparked like purest gold  
With shades from white to darkest red,  
From pink to sun up colors spread,  
Such is the flower we all adore,  
Kind Father, bless it, guard it, keep it ever more.

Mr. Ed. Seymour, editor of American Home Magazine suggested, that, in view of the fact that the original poem was written and the selection made in 1878, almost seventy-five years ago, a new appraisal may be in order. The dahlia has made so much progress in the last three quarters of a century, that our contention may be very valid and perhaps a new appraisal would alter the finding.

## Derrill Hart Awards for 1951

The Derrill Hart Memorial Medals, the Supreme Award of the American Dahlia Society each year, were awarded to Harry Miller and William Haugh for the outstanding performance of their dahlias at the Official American Dahlia Society Trial Grounds as follows:

"B" Medium size, *Marion Glenn* a purple cactus which was certified at Rutgers, East Lansing, Atlanta, and University of Maryland with an average score of 85.33. Originated by Harry W. Miller of Easton, Pa. and introduced by Dahliadel.

"M" Small size, *Ruby Charm* a ruby red miniature cactus which was certified at Rutgers, Cincinnati and Atlanta with an average score of 85.2. Originated by William H. Haugh of Wellsville, Ohio and introduced by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens.

There was no winner in the "A" Large size group this year. However, the competition was really close in the "B" group, with *Peggy J.* in the runner-up position with an average score of 85.23 from the combined scores at East Lansing and Atlanta in 1950 and the Cincinnati score of 1951. *Peggy J.* was originated by Harry Beals and is being introduced by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens. Another contender in the "B" group was *Flossie H.* with an average score of 85.06 from the combined scores at Rutgers and Cincinnati in 1950 and the Farmingdale score of 1951. *Flossie H.* was originated and introduced by Dixie Nurseries.

Roy W. WEBB, Chairman,

Derrill W. Hart Memorial Medal Comm.

## Open Meetings

Programs of interest to the members of the American Dahlia Society will be held in April and again in August. All members and any guests they may wish to bring are invited. The programs will start promptly at 8:00 P. M. Questions from the floor will be invited after the formal program is over. It is hoped that these meetings will be informative and entertaining. They will give members residing in the New York metropolitan area a chance to get together between the Annual Dinner and the Show. The meetings will be held at the Hotel Statler.

April meeting—Friday, April 18th, 8:00 P. M.—meeting room at the Hotel Statler.

Program—Growing for Exhibition—A panel discussion. Discussion leader—Dr. F. J. Knocke. The experts—Mr. Ed. O'Keefe, Dr. Ward Cook, Mr. Henry Olsen, Mr. Emil Berzau.

August meeting—Friday, August 8th, 8:00 P. M.—meeting room at the Hotel Statler.

Program—A panel on Judging and a small Flower Show. The Experts—Mr. Conrad Frey, Mr. Lynn Dudley, Mr. Warren Maytrott, Mr. Ed. Lloyd, Dr. Ward Cook.

They will present the fine points of judging 1-large specimen blooms, B-medium size blooms, small varieties, and also bench and trial garden judging of seedlings.

In conjunction with the program a small dahlia show will be held, which the judges will judge "out loud" to the audience. 5 Classes:

Class 1—A-large, 1 bloom, any type, any color.

Class 2—B-medium, 3 blooms, any one variety, any type, any color.

Class 3—miniature, 5 blooms, any one variety, any type, any color.

Class 4—pompon, 5 blooms, any one variety, any type, any color.

Class 5, seedling, 1 bloom, any size, any type.

Award—\$5.00 cash in each class. Bring in your blooms. Hear the experts judge them.

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stating that in a hobby society such as the American Dahlia Society, competitive slates would cause personal animosities and jealousy which would soon break up the society. He stressed that there were positions open to anyone who wished to work for the society and who could regularly attend the executive committee meetings. Anyone who did so would soon rise to one of the major offices of the Society. The main problem in the society is always to find volunteers willing and qualified to perform the work necessary to run the society.

President Pollak next introduced the guest speaker, Professor Oscar Eichman, of the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute at Farmingdale, N. Y. Dr. Eichman presented a very interesting and instructive talk on soils and fertilizers. This is fully reported elsewhere in the BULLETIN, and therefore is not recorded here.

On behalf of the Society, the President thanked Professor Eichman for his excellent presentation.

There being no further business to be brought before the meeting, it was adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

## American Dahlia Society Trial Gardens

During 1951 we operated the existing six Trial Gardens, in which we scored 19 varieties 85 points or better, giving a total of 27 certificates. Present plans call for the operation in 1952 of five Gardens, to which 3 roots or plants of each variety together with entry fee of \$5.00 per variety, should be sent prepaid on or about May 15th to any or all of the following gardens:

EASTERN TRIAL GARDEN—Dr. C. H. Connors, New Jersey Agricultural Experimental Station, New Brunswick, N. J.

MID-WEST TRIAL GARDEN—Dr. C. E. Wildon, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan.

LONG ISLAND TRIAL GARDEN—Prof. C. Rissmeyer, Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute, Farmingdale, L. I., N. Y.

SOUTHERN TRIAL GARDEN—Mr. C. E. Faust, 3532 Piedmont Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

OHIO TRIAL GARDEN—Mr. Robert Seibel, Supt. Dahlia Trial Garden, Ault Park, Cincinnati, Ohio.

We require that all planting be completed by June 1st, all scoring by October 1st, and all records of scoring entries sent to the Derrill Hart Award Committee, the Trial Garden Committee, and the Editor of the BULLETIN by October 20th at the latest. These are dates to remember, and there follow some observations from your Trial Garden Committee which we ask that you also keep in mind.

The continuance and the success of your Trial Gardens depends entirely upon the support of those seedling growers who desire the recognition and distinction a seedling receives when it obtains a certificate score. Our Trial Gardens are not an economical asset to the American Dahlia Society or to the Educational Institution upon whose grounds the gardens are located. The entry fees do not cover costs of the various services such as irrigation, fertilization, labor, supervision, etc. To date, deficiencies in these items have been met by devious methods, or forgotten. The time and travelling expense, freely given by so many judges who devote their Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays to frequent visits at their own expense to the various gardens is never charged against the Trial Garden accounts.

There are other gardens to which seedling and undis-seminated dahlias are sent for recognition. Reference is here made to the Honor Roll Gardens conducted under the auspices of The Flower Grower, and operated by some of the most efficient growers and judges on our membership roll. As a supplement to the Trial Gardens, the Honor Roll Gardens have, in the opinion of this writer, a definite and well appointed location in the general scheme. Under present conditions, however, the Honor Roll Gardens are more competitive than supplementary, a condition recognized by the Honor Roll growers and by The Flower Grower recently when they gave out the suggestion that all seedlings should be sent to their gardens and the A.D.S. Trial Gardens for trial the same year. With this plan, the verdict of the Honor Roll grower as an individual, added to the result of the A.D.S. Trial Gardens culture and growth as recorded daily by the Garden Superintendents and the frequent scoring by num-

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bers of individual judges during the blooming season, would appear to give greatly added value to a seedling winning an award from both types of gardens. The advertising value to an introducer whose entry received mention on the Honor Rolls and a Derrill Hart award the same year, can easily be estimated. Since there is no entry fee required at present to send a variety to an Honor Roll Garden, no additional financial problem to the introducer or originator is involved. It might be added right here that in this writers' opinion, the lack of this entry fee is of little help in the over-all picture of our A.D.S. Trial Garden operations.

During the past year (1951) at two of our Trial Gardens there were but 17 entries. At some others, entries were up to 60. In the former cases, a lack of interest among the introducers and originators is evidenced with the result that these gardens are of small value, if any, to our Society, to the sponsoring Society, or to the Institution where the garden is located. In this writers' opinion, the cause is lack of teamwork and cooperation between the two groups of gardens. It would therefore appear factual that one of two results must be effected—either a definite cooperative plan must be worked out to combine and to secure maximum value from the two groups of gardens, or one type will have to be drastically revised or eliminated, and this writer will frankly declare that he is not in favor of eliminating any A.D.S. Trial Garden which is now operating at its maximum efficiency under present conditions. Your Chairman's position is quite clear?

This is a matter to which all members should give careful thought and constructive expression during the approaching season, in order that your Trial Garden Committee may be in a position to make the required satisfactory recommendations for 1953.

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

## Dahlias in Argentina

Letter from Ramos Mejia, Buenos Aires to Mr. Albert Parrella:

"Our climate in Argentina is not a climate 'parejo'. That is to say more specifically, that in the latitude of Buenos Aires it is not possible to predict with exactness what the next day will be, at times in summer and at the least expected moment, with a change of wind from the south, we almost have a winter day. Other times, and even though snow never falls here, during the winter it is extremely hot. In the past winter there was almost no cold weather and the plants in general had their leaves until full spring. At this time, there came an unexpected wind that brought us a surprise freeze that destroyed all the flowers and plants. This resulted, as one would suppose, in ruined harvests and a general lowering of the quality of the flowers.

"Generally we plant the dahlia bulbs in the spring, but we do not rush them, because during the summer it is very hot and this heat does not favor the dahlia plants. Our only preoccupation is to carry over the small plants

until December. Then we prune the dahlias at the second leaf. After this there follows one or two cultivations and various abundant irrigations. The plants are given the most attention possible in order to obtain one or two harvests of high quality of flowers in the autumn. These are sold as a typical product by florists as there are rarely any exhibitions here. The zone of Buenos Aires is an intermediate zone, and for that reason exposed to the extreme heats that consequently followed from time to time by strong torrents of wind and rain. Therefore some varieties of dahlias have to be guarded with a wire trellis and stakes. I am sending you some photographs of the type of trellis that we use to protect the dahlias."

## Australian Dahlias

By M. FITZGERALD, Brunswick, Victoria

Here are some of the dahlias that caught our eye in the past season and also in the present flowering season which has just come into full swing.

*White Queen* was a winner at the Melbourne show and so too were *Osterley* and *White Nobby Light*. These were all white dahlias. *Beau Lois* and *Kidds Climax* as well as *Mulwarea* and *Eileen* were also good on the show benches.

The red cactus *Fernie Triumph* looked lovely as did our old friend *Captain Silverman*, the yellow champion.

Among American dahlias that look fine, we like *Forest Ranger*, *D. Day*, *Cardinal* and *Clara Hook*.

Australian dahlias which are now flowering and look to be in top rate form include *Signal Light*, which we regard as an improved *Nobbys Light*, and also *Bessie Hardress*, which is one of our best performed Australian formal decs. The Belgian cactus *Val St. Lambert* is hard to beat in its class.

Soon our 1952 shows will be staged and we will then give some notes on the winners for 1952.

And now for our last thought we mention the really world wide popularity of dahlia growing. From Belgian papers we have read of dahlias in the Belgian Congo; the A.D.S. BULLETIN has carried report of dahlias in Iceland. They are popular in such countries of the Southern hemisphere as Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Strange that we never read of dahlias in South America. Surely they grow there, just as we flower them from January to June. Dahlias are very well grown in Japan and many nice new ones have come from there. They are grown all over Europe and North America. Was there ever such a truly universal flower?

Cheerio for now from "down under," where the dahlias never freeze and the seeds are plump and sound. Of course it does rain sometimes . . . about 25 inches per year in Melbourne.

## Dahlia and Plant Specialists of Greater Cleveland

The Annual Dahlia and Flower Show of the Dahlia and Plant Specialists of Greater Cleveland to be held at the Cleveland Garden Center at East Boulevard and Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, September 13th and 14th, 1952.

JAS. W. COURE, President.

## Bits of News for Mid-west - Southern States Show

The Mid-west - Southern States Dahlia Show, sponsored by the Dahlia Society of Kentucky, is probably the most talked of Show for 1952.

We know that many are planning to attend this Show from all four corners of America and our only hope is that they will say, their trip was well worth while and that they were glad they came.

As this article will be the only one that will come before you in the A.D.S. BULLETIN before the Show, there is much that could be said, but we will only try to give you a brief outline as to our plans to date.

For the out-of-town visitors we are planning a tour for Friday afternoon. Registration will take place Saturday morning from 8:30 A. M. until noon.

Mid-west Conference meeting Saturday at 5:00 P. M. at the Kentucky Hotel. The Banquet will be in the Terrace Room on the fourth floor of the Kentucky Hotel on Saturday night. A fine evening is in store for you.

Letters with Hotel reservation cards have been sent to all affiliated societies of the Mid-west Dahlia Conference and have requested that they be given to those who wish to attend the Show and be sent in as soon as possible. If you need more, please contact our Hotel reservation chairman, Mrs. Roy Schooler at 212 Stiltz Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky and she will be glad to see that you get them or send your reservation and your needs direct to her. Many have been received to date, so get yours in EARLY.

The Kentucky Hotel, located at 5th and Walnut Streets, Louisville, Kentucky has been the home of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky Shows for nineteen years and this year, we are celebrating our Twentieth Anniversary with them also, holding the "Biggest Show in the History."

We have divided our Show responsibilities under the guidance of Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn, General Chairman. Mr. George Shee is Show Chairman and together with his committee is working hard on the Show schedule. Mr. A. W. Adams is doing a swell job on Publicity and program. Mr. J. B. Floyd and Mr. Wm. Bernauer promise you some very good entertainment and Southern Hospitality. Mr. C. W. Simbritzki, Trophy Chairman is working with a fine group. If you can help him in any way, just let us know. Mr. W. F. Kleinjohn is in charge of Registration and Judges. Program Advertising Committee is headed by Mr. W. H. Swift. All out-of-town shipments will be taken care of by Mr. C. W. Simbritzki and Mr. George Shee. Under the supervision of Mr. C. W. Simbritzki, Floor Chairman, a very fine arranged Show is in store for you.

We are asking the cooperation of all to get any information to us not later than April 1st, as we would like to get the schedule to press not later than then, so don't fail us. The days are going fast, so let us hear from you now. At this writing, it is only February 11th, but with the busy season ahead for most of us, April 1st isn't far off.

On Saturday, February 9th, the Southern States Dahlia Association met with the members of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky with a dinner meeting at the Kentucky Hotel. Many things were discussed, mainly the schedule. Classes

were added and subtracted, discussions were many, the meeting was quite lengthy and all left in wonderful spirits and with such a spirit and enthusiasm as was shown at this meeting, one can't help but feel, that all our hard work and all efforts will be well worth while.

We hope to have the Show Schedule in the hands of everyone by May 1st and only with your hearty cooperation can this be done.

Mr. Roy Schooler, President of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky and of the Mid-west Dahlia Conference is doing a fine job and extends a hearty welcome to all to be with us on September 20-21, 1952.

LOUISE KLEINJOHN, Secretary  
and General Chairman.

### George R. Currie

#### Associate Justice Supreme Court State of Wisconsin

In the Fall of 1951, the Governor of Wisconsin appointed George R. Currie, Vice-President of the American Dahlia Society, as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. This appointment is a fitting climax to George Currie's twenty-six years in his chosen legal profession.

Justice Currie's active participation in the civic affairs, not only of his native Sheboygan, but of his State of Wisconsin have always been on a level which pointed to his present high position. His extra-curricular activities in the dahlia world have been no less outstanding—as one of the foremost growers of exhibition dahlias, a most sought after judge at all exhibitions, and an earnest and expert member of the Joint Classification Committee of the American Dahlia Society and Central States Dahlia Society.

All members of the Dahlia Fraternity will join no less in congratulating Justice Currie on his appointment, than in congratulating the State of Wisconsin on its good fortune in having George Currie available to serve his fellow citizens as Supreme Court Justice. The American Dahlia Society, as a group of the Dahlia Fraternity, also congratulates itself in some measure, on the occasion of its first Vice-President to attain this high office!

ED. B. LLOYD.

### Mid-America Dahlia Growers Association

We would like to announce our Fall Dahlia Exhibit. This exhibition will be staged on The Country Club Plaza, K. C. Missouri, in The Plaza Triple Deck, in this unique building we will be able to park 571 cars for our dahlia exhibitors and visitors free of charge. To conform to the very high standards of architectural design in the Country Club Plaza, (Spanish) we shall carry out a Spanish theme in our entire show with Spanish musicians in native costumes, etc. Our show date will be September 20th thru the 21st, 1952.

MICHAEL S. SWISHER.

# Third Annual Seedling Sweepstakes of The American Dahlia Society

Any dyed-in-the-wool dahlia exhibitor will tell you that he or she just has to add new smaller, larger or more exciting types or colors to their collection of varieties each year.

Dahlias, being a compound flower, produce new varieties quite profusely but exhibitors and garden enthusiasts must know that the new varieties they buy each year can win ribbons.

It was to permit more worth while dahlia seedlings to win at shows that the American Dahlia Society inaugurated its Seedling Sweepstakes Awards three years ago. For the same reason, the Society made them available to all its nearly fifty branches and affiliated societies.

Thirty of these societies applied for the awards this past season, but only thirteen of them made awards which complied with the rules of the competition. These rules require that the seedlings shall be named and be at least two years old; that they will be introduced or disseminated the year following the awards; that they be scored by at least three judges using the American Dahlia Society

Score Cards; and that they score an average of 85 points or more each.

Awards, in the form of A.D.S. Medal Certificate have been made to seventeen originators for eighteen new dahlia seedlings.

In addition, two gold medals have been awarded to the two introducers for the two varieties in "A," large type, and "B," medium type, which scored the highest average in at least three of the thirteen shows where dahlias qualified for the awards. The gold medal winner for large types was Stanley Johnson of Cheltenham, Pa. for the variety for 4 *Patricia Spollen*, an orange incurved cactus which scored an average of 85.6 in five shows. The Gold Medal winner in the Medium Type was Edward B. Lloyd of Montclair, N. J., for *Stop Light*, a carmine red straight cactus, which scored an average of 85.7 in three shows. There was no gold medal awarded in the "M," small type class as none qualified in three shows.

The winners, their originators and introducers are listed below:

## Dahlia Sweepstakes Winners

VARIETY	ORIGINATOR	SHOW	SIZE	TYPE	COLOR	SCORE
<i>Patricia Spollen</i>	Stanley Johnson	Philadelphia New York New Jersey Kansas City Berholm Horticultural Soc.	A	I.C.	Orange	Av. 85.6
<i>Stoptlight</i>	Edw. B. Lloyd	New York A.D.S. New Jersey Irvington, N. J.	B	St.C	Red	Av. 85.7
<i>Marion Glenn</i>	H. E. Miller	Philadelphia, Pa.	B	S.C.	Peony Purple	85.5
<i>Val's Delight</i>	Val Viers	Wellsville, O.	B	S.C.	Purple	85.0
<i>Duke</i>	Chappaqua Dahlia Gardens	New York A.D.S.	M	F.D.	Orange-Yellow	85.1
<i>Pink Lady</i>	Charles F. Pape	Wellsville, O.	A	I.D.	Lavender-White	85.0
<i>Ruby Charm</i>	W. S. Hough	Wellsville, O.	BB or M	St. C.	Red	85.0
<i>Prairie Thistle</i>	James Marsh	Southtown Dahlia Society Chicago, Ill.	M	F.D.	Lavender	85.6
<i>Harry A. Beals</i>	Clifford Boyle	Southtown Dahlia Society Chicago, Ill.	A	I.D.	Dark Red	85.2
<i>Princess Royal</i>	H. A. Schoenlau	Southtown Dahlia Show Chicago, Ill.	M	F.D.	Phlox Purple	85.2
<i>Marie Layne</i>	Parrella Dahlia Gardens	New York A.D.S.	A	I.D.	Variegated Violet & Purple	85.2
<i>Big Mo</i>	J. Louis Roberts	Southtown Dahlia Show Chicago, Ill.	A	St. C.	Dark Red	86.2
<i>Pink Superior</i>	Rosemary Dahlia Gardens	Wellsville, O.	A	St. C.	Rose Blend	85.3
<i>Madonna Crusader</i>	Rosemary Dahlia Gardens	Wellsville, O.	B	I.C.	White	85.0
<i>Lady Alice</i>	E. L. Kriel	Ohio Dahlia Society Cleveland, Ohio	A	I.C.-St.C.		85.0
<i>Gold Coast</i>	R. H. McCalla	Orange County Dahlia Soc. California	A	I.D.	Yellow	88.2
<i>Lovely Queen</i>	John Hart	Orange County Dahlia Soc. California	B	I.C.	Blend Pink and Yellow	86.8
<i>Ollie Slocum</i>	Douglas Slocum	Monmouth-Elberon Dahlia Society—N. J.	B	I.D.	Bicolor—Red, White	85.0

(We are indebted to Popular Gardening Magazine for this resume.)

The Dahlia Sweepstakes Awards will be again offered by the American Dahlia Society for the shows in 1952.  
LYNN B. DUDLEY, Chairman of the Sweepstake Committee.

# The National Dahlia Honor Roll for 1952

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Name of Dahlia	East	South	Mid- West	West Coast
Allways	*	*	*	*
Arrangement	*			
Autumn Glow			*	*
Bay City White			*	
Bessie M.	*			
Big Mo.	*	*		*
Chuck's Pink	*	*		*
Clariam Forever		*		*
Com. B. Chamberlain	*			
Dee Cee	*			
Deering-Do Yellow	*			
Detroit 250	*		*	
Duke	*			
Eight-Eighty				*
Fascination	*			
Flossie H.	*			*
Florence Porter	*			*
Henry Z.		*		
Indian Paint Brush	*			
Jack of Hearts	*			
Jack Reid	*			
Juane La Bella			*	*
Lavender Gem	*			
Little Linda	*	*		
Lois Steuber	*			
Madonna Crusader	*	*		*
Marie Layne	*			
Marion Glenn	*	*		
Miss Vohland			*	
Mystic Lady		*		
Night Editor	*			
Patricia Spollen	*	*		
Peach Glow				*
Peggy J.			*	
Pink Superior	*			
Princess Royal	*	*	*	
Red Fire	*	*		
Retzer's Apricot	*			
Retzer's Gold	*	*		
Rose Glow		*		
Ruby Charm	*	*		*
Sensation	*			
Stella M.	*			
Stoplight	*			
Susan K.	*			
Val's Delight		*		
Valley Princess	*			
White Cap	*			
White Lucky	*	*		
Woodland Peach	*			
Zero		*	*	



*Dahliadel*

BESSIE M., miniature formal decorative, is Orient red in color.



*Rocky River*

STOPLIGHT, is a medium size red cactus, won the Flower Grower trophy.

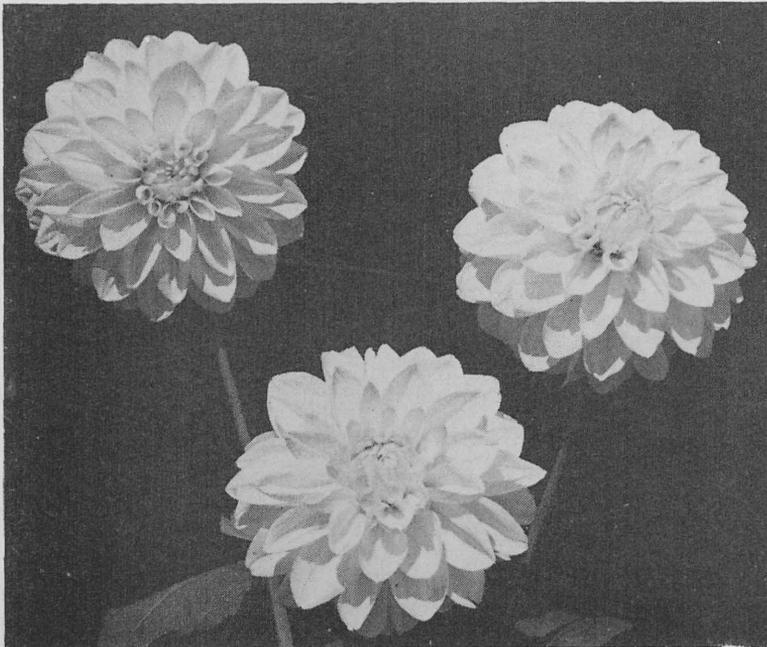
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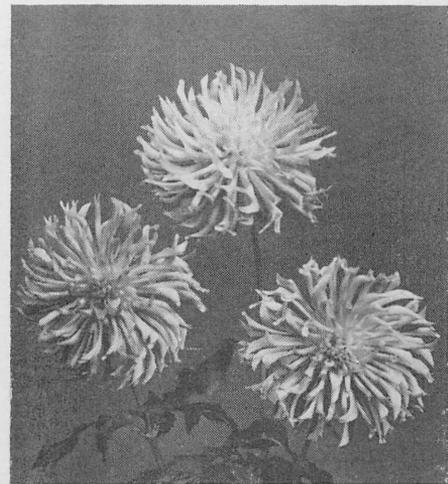
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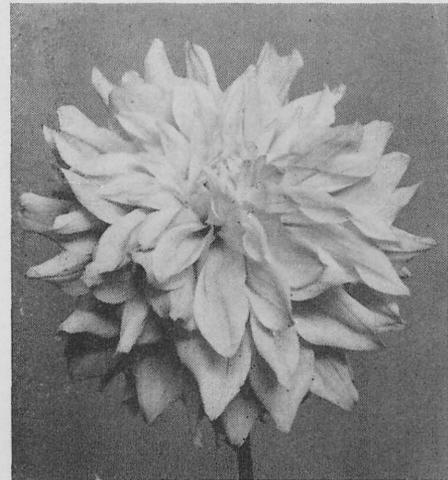


*Rocky River*

ZERO, is a large white formal decorative with a touch of lavender on petals. Plant produces many 8- by 4-inch flowers.

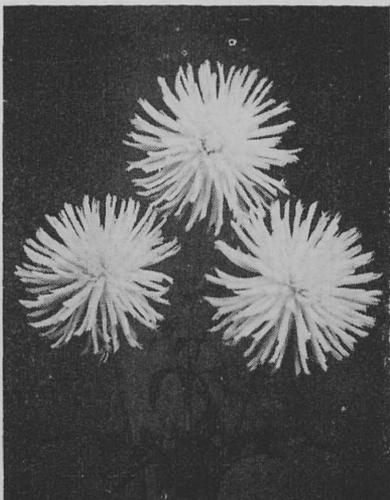


CHUCK'S PINK, a true pink incurved cactus of medium size.



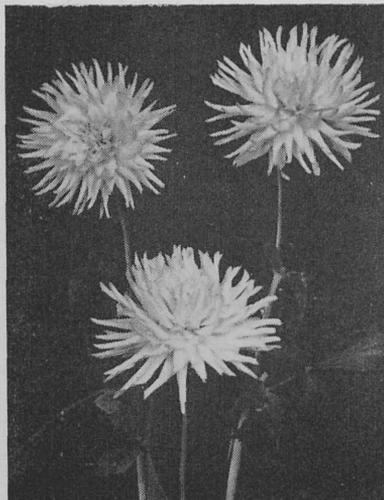
*Hendricks*

FLOSSIE H., large formal decorative, light blend of rose and cream.



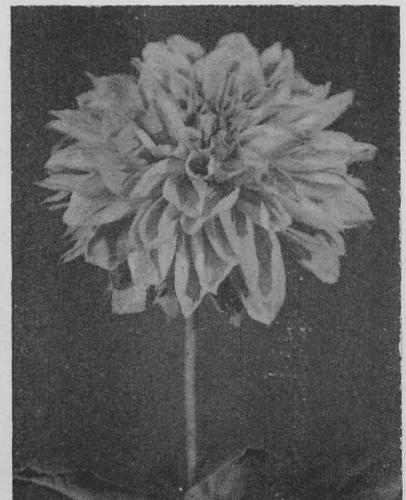
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MADONNA CRUSADER, white medium incurved cactus.



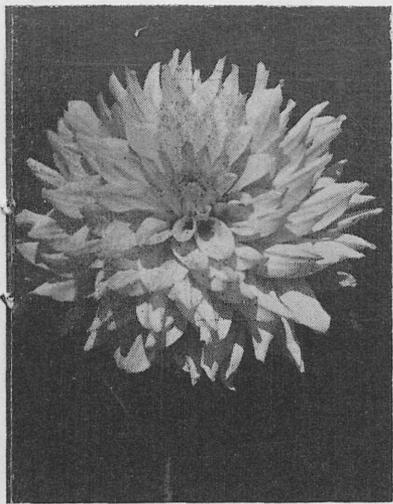
*Rocky River*

LITTLE LINDA, pure white miniature informal decorative.



*Parrella*

MARIE LAYNE, variegated violet large informal decorative.



*Rocky River*

CLARIAM FOREVER, pink medium informal decorative.

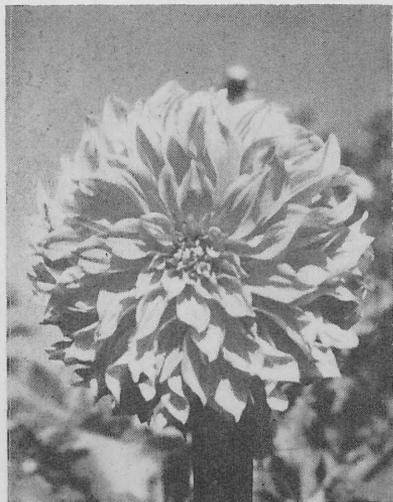


*Lakeside*

DETROIT 250, Orient red, almost carmine, large incurved cactus.



PRINCESS ROYAL, a purple miniature informal decorative.

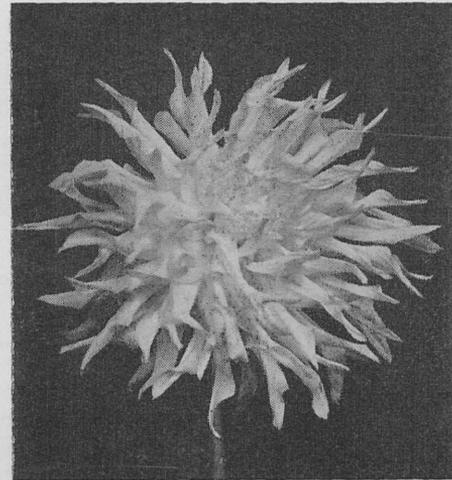


*Blue Ribbon*

FLORENCE PORTER, light purple medium informal decorative.



RUBY CHARM, a ruby red miniature in the straight cactus class.

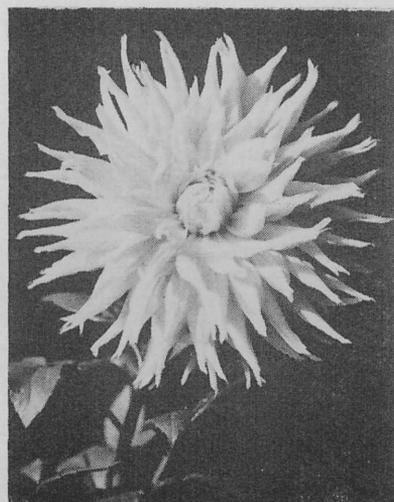


JUANE LA BELLE, a yellow semi-cactus of exceptionally large size.



*Dahlia del*

MARION GLEN, dianthus purple medium semi-cactus.



*Easterlin*

MYSTIC LADY, pastel mauve, white center, large semi-cactus.



*Stanley Johnson*

PATRICIA SPOLLEN, red and yellow large incurved cactus.

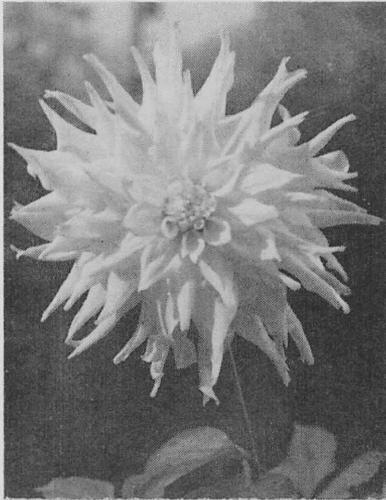
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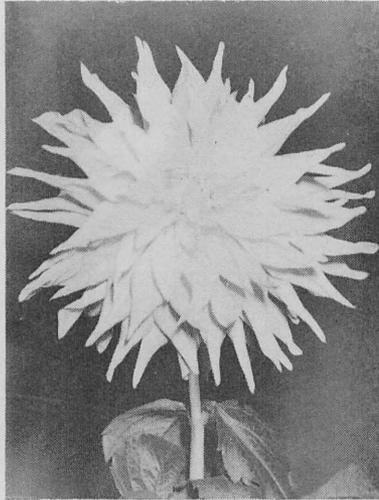
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*Wakeman's*

WOODLAND PEACH, yellow and pink  
medium semi-cactus.

*Roben's*

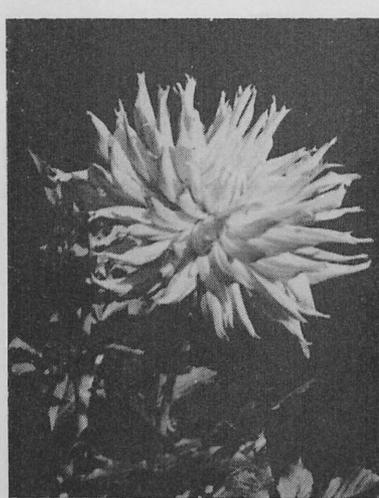
SENSATION, pastel pink, white center,  
large formal decorative.

*Lakeside*

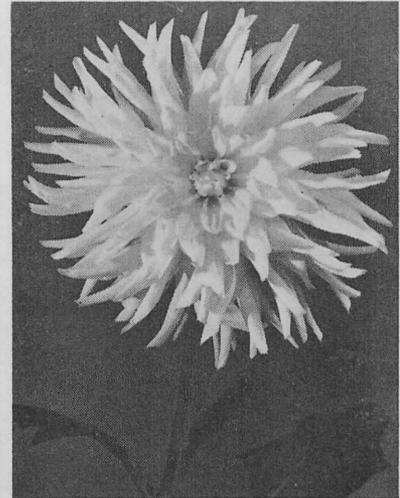
SUSAN K., light pink and white me-  
dium straight cactus.

*Ruschmohr*

BIG MO, deep red, almost black, large  
straight cactus.

*Forest View*

AUTUMN GLOW, large semi-cactus, gen-  
eral effect coppery rose.

*Jermars*

WHITE LUCKY, white, cream center,  
medium straight cactus.

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# Dahlia Culture

## *A Treatise Prepared Especially for the Novice*

### Soil Preparation, Staking and Planting

By DR. FRED J. KNOCKE

Soil preparation—Dahlias grow well in a wide variety of soils, but do best if certain basic requirements are met. The ground must be moist, it should be granular and friable, and it should contain the proper plant foods in adequate amount.

Moisture is supplied by rain, and in dry spells, by supplemental watering. When this is done it should be done thoroughly, so that the water soaks through to the deepest roots. Soil moisture is retained for long periods if the surface is covered with a mulch, which is a loose layer of organic material, such as hay, straw, dried grass clippings, or well rotted manure. The mulch, which is applied to a depth of three or four inches, prevents drying of the soil, and much improves its texture.

The physical condition of the soil is important. It should be loose and friable, so that the roots can grow through it in their search for food and water. A heavy clay soil is firm and sticky, and when the surface dries, it becomes hard and crusted. A sandy soil dries quickly, and does not retain plant nutrients. The addition of organic material is the best method of improving the condition of the soil. Clay soils are loosened and sandy soils are given more body, so that they retain moisture and are more fertile. In both cases the fertility is improved by providing a proper growing medium for soil bacteria, which slowly act on the soil to liberate plant foods. Organic material is best added in the form of well rooted manure or compost, or by turning under a cover crop, such as winter rye (so-called green manuring).

The organic matter is best incorporated in the fall, but this may also be done early in the spring. The amount used depends on the quality of the soil, and the amount of organic material already present. A layer one-half to one inch thick may be safely turned into most soils, and up to two inches may be used if the soil is poor. It should be incorporated thoroughly and deeply, at least to the depth of the spading fork (eight to ten inches), and if it can be done a few inches deeper, even better results will be obtained.

The proper plant foods must be available for the plant to grow properly. Nitrogen, phosphoric acid, and potash are the most important plant foods. Early in the growing season phosphoric acid is the most important. Later, when the buds start to form, nitrogen and potash are needed. Calcium is another element required for plant growth at all times. Last, the soil must be "sweet," not too acid and not too alkali. The exact needs of any given soil can only be determined by soil analysis, but certain working rules will be found to give good results on most soils.

In the spring, a week or two before planting, spread and turn in lightly four pounds of superphosphate and five pounds of agricultural gypsum per hundred square feet. If a rotary tiller is available at this time, it incorporates the fertilizer thoroughly, and leaves the soil in a loose condition for planting. If the preparation is done by hand, use a spading fork, and turn the soil to a depth of six to eight inches, mixing the fertilizer thoroughly with the soil.

Staking—Stakes should be placed in the ground after the soil is prepared and before planting. Stakes should be six feet long for the tall growing large varieties, five feet for medium-size plants and flowers, and three to four feet for low growing types. They should be thick enough that they will not break in heavy winds, one and one-quarter inches square for the five and six foot stakes, and three-quarters to one inch square for the shorter stakes. For longer life the stakes should be of hardwood or cedar, and they should be pointed or treated with "Cuprinol."

If the large varieties are planted in beds the stakes should be set three and a half to four feet apart in each direction. If planted in rows, there should be four feet between the rows, and two and a half to three feet between the plants in the rows. For the pompons and miniatures, the rows are set three feet apart, with eighteen inches to two feet between the plants in the rows. Remember that the feeder roots extend out eighteen inches to two feet from the plant at full growth. The stakes should be set twelve to fifteen inches deep in the soil for proper anchorage.

Planting—The dahlia blooms best in cool weather. Therefore planting should be timed so that the plants will start blooming in late summer and early fall. In the North and Mid-sections of the country this is best accomplished by planting a few weeks before to a few weeks after June first. The dahlia will grow and bloom, however, if planted any time after danger of frost is over up until July first.

Roots should have one eye only. If more are present, gouge out all but the strongest. The plants do better if grown from one strong stem. A large root is no better than a small root, provided the stock is healthy. In fact, the growth from a small root is stimulated earlier to send out the feeder roots on which it must depend during its later stages of growth. Early in the season the plant of a large root depends for nourishment on the food stored in the root. Later, when the flowers start to come, the food in the mother root has been depleted, and no system of feeder roots has been established to take over. So a small or medium-sized root is better.

Since the soil has been prepared previously, all that is necessary is to dig a hole and set the root or the plant, as the case may be. Dig a hole six inches deep next to the stake. Set the tuber in the hole on its side, horizontally, with the crown or eye two inches from the stake. The eye should face up, so that it can grow without changing direction. If growth has started the shoot may be left on if less than two inches in length, being careful not to injure it in planting. If it is longer than this it is best to remove the growth. If another smaller eye is present, remove the larger sprout completely with its base, and leave the smaller eye to supply the growth. If no other eye is present, cut the shoot off carefully with a razor blade just above its base, and new eyes will form here. After the root has been planted, fill in the hole over the eye with two inches of soil, sloping the hole down to this point, so that the area directly over the eye is the deepest part of the hole. After the plant has come through

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the surface of the soil and has started to grow, fill in the soil around the roots gradually, until it is level with the surrounding soil.

Green plants are also planted with the stem two inches from the stake. The upper level of the soil on the ball of earth around the roots should be two inches below the level of the surrounding soil when the plant is set. Water the plant if the soil is dry, and provide partial shade for a few days until the plant is established.

### Growing Culture

By DREW MULCAHY

After the plants are 9 to 12 inches tall, they should be cultivated about two inches deep every week or as often as needed to eliminate weeds and maintain a dust mulch. Continue to cultivate till about the middle of August when the buds start to form and then cease doing it as the small feeder roots then tend to come to the surface and you do not want to break or disturb them. Cultivating can be done with a 2, 3 or 5 prong cultivator. I prefer the one with 2 prongs.

Staking the plants is desirable and it is done so that you can tie the plant to the stake to avoid the plant from being knocked over or blown down.

After the plants have formed two pair of leaves, then the center of each plant should be pinched out or cut out. This will result in the plant growing four laterals from the axis of the four leaves. The large flowering varieties require systematic pruning and disbudding to produce a limited number of flowers on long stems.

About every week to ten days the plants should be sprayed to repel and kill any insects or mites. Do not wait till an infestation before spraying. I make it a practice to spray regularly after the plants are a foot high and into my 3 gallon hand sprayer I put two tablespoons of 50 per cent wettable DDT with 1 tablespoon of Black Leaf 40 and 2 tablespoons of Parathion (Thiophus) and for a spreader a little Vel. This combination I have found ideal and be sure to spray not only the top side of the leaves but also the underside as that is where the red spider mites are generally found. *This mixture is poisonous and must be handled with care.* Some are fearful to use Parathion, as it may be very harmful to humans. Be sure to read directions on the bag and follow them carefully. The spray can be used without the Parathion and if so used watch carefully for mites.

No spray will help or cure any virus diseases and if you have any such plants they should be destroyed to avoid other plants becoming infected. These are generally recognized by the off-color or stunted growth.

Those plants being grown for large size specimen blooms must be pruned about August 15th again and at that time the grower must decide the number of flowers wanted from each plant. For 4 flowers then all further side shoots should be removed as they appear. All dahlias form more than 1 flower bud at the end of each branch and for large blooms only one bud should be allowed to develop and that is generally the center one. The others are easily removable. This practice

does not have to be followed with the miniatures and pompoms.

Some varieties will tend to bloom earlier than others and the small varieties will be in bloom from late in August till frost but the large size flowers you will not want to bloom till show time when the days are somewhat cooler and the color better than if allowed to flower in the August heat. There is also less fading of the color in September. Generally the grower allows from 5 to 6 weeks for the development of a small bud till the show date to allow for full flower.

When feeding, use a well-balanced fertilizer, and the first is done about the 4th of July and the next one about the middle of August. Dahlias are fond of water, but their roots must not be in water. It is important to remember that flowers are about 90 per cent water and the only food plants can use is in liquid form. If nature does not provide enough rain, then you must supplement with water and it should be allowed to soak 4 to 6 inches deep. A light springle is worse than none.

To prevent fading and also to retard a flower from opening quickly it is advisable to shade the bloom and there are a number of ways to accomplish this. One is to place an inverted bushel basket over the bloom. It is held in place by tall stakes and the handles tied to the stake or a large umbrella placed over the flower. This also prevents damage to the bloom from rain or water or spray marks. Experience will teach which varieties to shade and which should not be. Example: Mrs. Hester Pape should be 5-star General should not.

### Cutting Packing and Staging At The Show

By ROY W. WEBB

Now that you have prime blooms on the plants all ready to cut for the show, the question of what to cut as well as when and how: Before it is dark, the night before the show, go through the garden and select the blooms that look best to you, and tag each bloom with the name and class number that you want to exhibit it in. After dark, after the blooms have had a chance to recover from the heat of the day, have your wife or some friend go into the garden with you and hold a flash light for you to see what you are doing. Always cut up on a slant and cut with a good long stem, which is necessary on the show table, trim off the bottom leaves, being sure to have at least one set of leaves, better two sets as a rule, as foliage and stem very definitely count with the judges. After the bloom is cut and trimmed, hand it to your friend with the flash light to hold with the bloom hanging down and then take into the cellar or other cool place, where there is no draft, and place the stem in deep container that is filled with clean water, being careful not to get the bloom or foliage under water . . . as the foliage will turn black if under water for very long. Assuming that all your blooms are cut and in the containers in water, go to bed and try to sleep. Early in the morning prepare large florist boxes with loose paper in the bottom covered with tissue paper and a paper pillow in each end of the box. The pillows are made by loosely rolling the crumpled tissue paper into a pillow that extends all the way across the box. I like to use the large size florist boxes, as large as will fit

cross-wise on the back seat of the family car. These can either be begged from your florist friend or purchased from a wholesale florist. The next step is to pack the blooms in the box or boxes. Start with the longest stem flowers and gently place them in the box, one at a time, so the bloom is close to the end of the box and with the pillow under the neck so as to hold the head of the bloom up just enough to prevent the possibility of bruising, being careful that no bloom touches any other bloom enough to bruise or crush it. Continue to place blooms in the box, working from both ends and gently tucking the stems under the foliage so as not to puncture the leaves, this weaving of the stems under the stems of blooms already in the box tends to keep the blooms from shifting around and getting bruised. In packing the blooms start with the longest stems at the ends and the shorter stems in the middle. The blooms are placed two or more in each row, depending on the size. After each box is filled, cover with tissue paper and put the lid on. Carry to the car, keeping as level as practical and gently place the boxes on the back seat or on the floor, piling them up one on top of another until all the boxes are in the car. Drive to the show as carefully as possible so as not to jar the blooms any more than necessary; the earlier in the morning the better, as it is cooler and there is more moisture in the air early in the morning. After reaching the show room, fill containers with clean water and gently remove the blooms one by one from the boxes and place them in the containers that are filled with water, cutting about an inch off the bottom of each stem—under water if possible. Straighten out any foliage and petals that may be twisted or tangled and clean any dirt or dust off the foliage with a damp cloth; remember that clean foliage and straight stems count. Try to arrange the blooms in the containers so they present the best possible appearance, whether it is on bloom or several in each container. Assuming that you have a list of your entries, according to the schedule, present the list to the desk for tags—or if it is permitted, get the tags and fill them out yourself. After attaching the tags to the containers or to the stems, place the blooms on the show table in the proper classes and check to make sure that the proper number of blooms is in each container, according to schedule, that each entry is in the proper place on the show table and that each bloom is in the proper class. Hope for that blue ribbon and for the special. Above all, be a good sport, win or lose.

## Digging and Storing

BY GORDON F. WAASER

You've had the fun . . . now for the harvest. Your single root or plant should produce a clump which will average at least three good divisions for next season.

But carelessness could ruin your root crop.

Generally speaking, do not water your plants after the first heavy bloom unless there is a real drought. Dahlia roots are a little like potatoes . . . a good starchy potato will winter perfectly while one with excess water will deteriorate. Just so with Dahlias.

Dig just before a frost kills the plants . . . however, if frost overtakes you, dig as soon thereafter as possible. Use



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a good four pronged fork. First remove the post and place the name tag on a piece of board (if placed on the ground, there is the possibility you may not find it.) Cut off the plant close to the ground (use a heavy lopping shear.) Loosen carefully the top crust of earth for a diameter of at least two feet. At the outer edge of this circle, push the fork carefully into the soil for most of its depth and loosen slightly that side of the clump of roots. Follow this practice all the way around. If two forks are available, use one on each side of the clump and gently lift the clump out of the hole, being careful not to strain the necks of the tubers. Leave whatever soil that sticks to the roots.

After a few clumps have been dug, carry them carefully into the cellar. Lay them flat (touching each other, but not piled atop of one another, right on the floor.) Then place soil (taken from that part of your garden where the plants grew), all around and on top of the tubers, but leave one inch of the stalk protruding from the soil. Never let the clumps dry out before storing. Continue digging the rest of the clumps and store in the same manner. A week or ten days later the top of the soil will be drying out. Then add more soil to the level of the stalk . . . not more.

If you prefer to use Vermiculite instead of soil, pack away in cartons in the same manner as directed for soil storage. Dr. Ward Cook has just experimented with Vermiculite lined cartons, stored in his HEATED office at the University, and as of Feb. 19th, the clumps are in splendid condition!

I have seen thousands of clumps stored in this manner in the last ten years and believe this is the best insurance for the novice with a limited number of clumps to carry over his stock.

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# The American DAHLIA SOCIETY, Inc.

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

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A parent organization is so frequently thought of as one having "lived" a little longer than other brother organizations—or perhaps a little greater in number—yet in the whole much the same in structure . . . and service!

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At the outset, the Society initiated a great fall Dahlia Show which has been the inspiration of groups all through the land who today conduct hundreds of splendid local shows.

The A.D.S. started a Trial Garden at Storrs, Conn., over twenty-five years ago for the testing of new varieties. Today it conducts five fine Trial Gardens—a huge job, very carefully done, which is a great boon to the buying public.

Throughout the years your Society has published the A.D.S. Bulletin—recognized the world over for its reportorial character. Its scope is only limited to the financial

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Culminating several years intensive work and study—together with our friends, The Central States Dahlia Society, a unified classification list is now published annually. It is used as a guide at almost every dahlia show in the country, aiding exhibitors and judges alike.

The A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards—recognizing worthy seedlings on the show table—is one of the newer functions of the Society. Its machinations require hundreds of hours and a maze of correspondence.

These are some services which would be beyond the ability of any purely local societies to perform—they are the main springs of the A.D.S. so to speak.

Your Editor recognizes this article is very sketchy. But it does point up the important endeavors of your hard working, efficient organization. You may be proud to be associated with the American Dahlia Society.

## Registration

The dahlia variety, *Mary McCrowe*, A., I.D., lemon yellow, originator Charles Albanese, Tuxedo Park, N. Y. is duly registered by Mr. C. H. Stoeckel, 511 Park Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

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In late spring you may remove the clumps and plant them outdoors, very shallow and in two weeks the eyes will show sufficiently for easy division of the clump.

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## Alabama Dahlia News

The Dahlia Society of Alabama had its annual Christmas Party at the home of "The Rikes." The beautiful tree and decorations throughout the rooms made an ideal setting for an evening of fun. Games directed by Irene Pate had every one laughing. Old Santa had raided the fun-shops for all sorts of astonishing gifts. Dr. Rike with his camera caught a number of exciting moments. These and pictures of the picnic and four of the 1950 Shows were enjoyed at the January meeting.

January is a time for looking forward. I look into the crystal ball 1952.

I see—T. R. (Pop) Carlisle as President, serving with him as Vice-President are A. H. West, H. H. Pendleton, H. Stanley Whiten, O. A. Roberts and H. G. Morton. Recording Secretary, W. W. Lawless, Corresponding Secretary, Maude Goodwin and Treasurer, J. J. Pate.

I see—interesting, well planned programs throughout the year, directed by A. H. West. In February, I see pictures by Merrill Brown and Jerry Schutte being enjoyed. I hear a discussion of seedlings and new and foreign varieties.

I see—several traveling to Louisville for the mid-winter meeting of the Mid-West and Southern States Association.

I see—many "Dark Horses" carefully tended, much digging, perspiring, cultivating, spraying, pruning, puzzled and maybe worried looks on tired, happy folks.

I see—new folks growing dahlias, attending meetings.

I see—the picnic at the Pate's Farm. All are having a wonderful time. I can almost smell that delicious food.

I see—the 1952 show at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, Birmingham, September 27-28, with G. E. Alderson, Show Chairman.

I see—a bus, maybe it's two loaded with Alabama dahlia growers and gorgeous blooms traveling up to Louisville for that great combined Mid-West-Southern States Show, singing "Louisville, Here We Come."

I see many other things, I'll tell of these later. One thing, I see very clearly which I know makes for a good year, loyalty, cooperation, a sense of humor and fine fellowship.

MAUDE GOODWIN, Reporter.

## San Diego County Dahlia Society

At the November meeting of the San Diego County Dahlia Society the officers for 1952 were elected. The following is a list of their names and addresses:

President—G. C. Kern, 4742 Lemon Dr., San Diego.

Vice President—J. Everett Henderson, 3503 Yosemite, San Diego.

Secretary—Frank E. Carnahan, 2826 Hawthorne, San Diego.

Treasurer—C. L. Roberson, 4800 La Cruz, La Mesa.

Plans for our 1952 season and show were initiated.

G. C. KERN.

## Ever-Blooming Garden Club

Plans are now completed for the Ever-Blooming Garden Club's first annual show, which will be held in the San Joaquin Tractor Building, corner of California and Union Avenues in Bakersfield, California, on Saturday and Sun-

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ALICE LANE, Secretary.

## Indianapolis Dahlia Society

At the regular meeting of the Indianapolis Dahlia Society on Dec. 11, 1951, officers for the year were elected as follows:

President—Mr. W. A. Saffell; Vice-President—Mr. Earl F. Jordan; Secretary—Miss Hazel M. Walther; Treasurer—Mrs. Edith M. Saffell; Show Manager—Mr. O. W. Kennedy; Assistant Show Manager—Mrs. Glen Harper; Propagator—Mr. Chas. Vohland; Publicity—Mrs. Narl Jones.

Plans are being made to grow quite a few of the new introductions in dahlias.

The program committee is working out a varied program for the year including informative talks on every phase of the dahlia season from planting to digging and storing, also tips on how to show dahlias. Along with this program will be talks on roses and other flowers to be included in our Dahlia Show and Fall Flower Festival to be held Sept. 13-14, Saturday and Sunday at the Brookside Community House, Indianapolis.

We extend an invitation to all who can possibly attend.

MABEL M. JONES, Publicity Chairman.

## Dahlia Society of Ohio

The annual dinner meeting of The Dahlia Society of Ohio was held on January 26th in the Masonic Temple in Cleveland.

The following officers were installed:

Norman R. Cook, president; Joseph Mark, Sidney Mayhall, Mrs. Wm. Danko and Mrs. Jerome Goldsmith, vice-president; Bernard Henke, recording secretary; Howard Skorepa, treasurer; Mrs. Bernice Hubble, corresponding secretary.

Prof. C. Merrill Brown was guest speaker. After an interesting talk he showed slides of new 1952 introductions, the latest foreign imports and slides of special interest of other gardens and shows throughout the country. Many out-of-town guests from neighboring dahlia societies attended this meeting.

The annual Dahlia Show of this society will again be held at the Higbee Auditorium in Cleveland on September 15th and 16th. We hope that many dahlia fans will visit our show on their way to the Mid-West and Southern States. Mr. Leonard Fuerst will be Show Chairman with Bob Wind (our own E. J.'s son) as Co-Chairman.

RUTH BERRY, A.D.S. Correspondent.

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**Dahlia Society of Georgia**

By B. E. PHILLIPS, *Director of Publicity*

The Dahlia Society of Georgia, the pioneer Dahlia Society of the South, organized May 14, 1934; a live and progressive unit of the Southern States Dahlia Association, is on the march toward the goal of the most colossal, the most magnificent, the most stupendous dahlia show ever attempted, and realized. This, of course, has reference to the combined MID-WEST, SOUTHERN STATES DAHLIA SHOW to be staged at Louisville, Ky., Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21 — the DAHLIA SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY as hosts. The joint meeting of the executive committees of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky and Southern States Dahlia Association will be held in Louisville February 9th in another progressive step toward completion of final plans for the BIG show. Officers of the Southern States Dahlia Association for the year 1952 are: B. L. Kennedy, President, Atlanta, Ga.; Walter Thompson, Vice President, Birmingham, Ala.; B. E. Phillips, Secretary, 1570 Westwood Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga. The Dahlia Society of Georgia will stage a local show Saturday and Sunday, October 4-5 in order to afford members who will be unable to participate in the Mid-West, Southern States show at Louisville, an opportunity to show their choice blooms. This practice will also be followed by Alabama and Tennessee at their respective locations; Birmingham and Chattanooga. Activities of the Dahlia Society of Georgia is pointing up to a big year in connection with the operation of the South Atlantic Trial Grounds this year. The location of this Trial Ground will be changed from the present site in Mosely Park to a more favorable site in Grant Park, thereby affording more space, better soil conditions, and a greatly increased viewing potential by the general public. Mr. C. E. Faust is no longer connected with the Trial Ground operation, therefore all plants and roots forwarded for trial should be directed to Mr. Wyndal H. Carter. All shipments forwarded via parcel post should be addressed to P. O. Box 8, East Point, Ga., or if forwarded via express, addressed to 1042 Ben Hill Road, East Point, Ga. There has been a tendency in the past by those forwarding roots and plants to our Trial Ground, to include inferior stock. Naturally, the ultimate in plant growth and bloom perfection is the desired goal in all Trial Ground operation—therefore those forwarding stock to our Trial Ground are urged to send only healthy, disease-free roots, and well rooted and hardened plants, which are absolutely necessary as a basis of good results.

**WILLIAM A. BOCHAU**

It is with deep regret we announce the death on December 11th of William A. Bochau of the Berwick Gardens. Bill as he was familiarly known to his many friends was a Charter Member of the Baltimore Dahlia Society and held the office of President for a number of years. During his entire life he was a devoted floriculturist and spent many hours working in his green houses and gardens. His main hobby was dahlias and Bill could always find time to talk dahlias or to give advice to a novice. He was the originator of quite a few of the outstanding dahlias including: *John W. Sherwood*, *The Governor*, *Mrs. Herbert O'Connor*, *Mrs. F. H. Strickland*, and *Minora*. At the time of his death he had a number of very promising seedlings which he hoped to add to his introductions. The Baltimore Dahlia Society has lost one of its staunchest supporters and the members will surely miss him.

HERBERT O. ABURN, Sec'y,  
Baltimore Dahlia Society.

**The Long Island Dahlia Society**

Officers of the Long Island Dahlia Society for 1952:

Emil Berzau, President, 239 Park Avenue, Merrick, N. Y.; Joseph Sommer, D.D.S., Treasurer, 85-26 105th Street, Richmond Hill, N. Y.; William P. Ernst, Vice-President in charge of membership, 128-02 Inwood Street, So. Ozone Park, N. Y.; Tom Kuzenka, Vice-President in charge of publicity, 227-40 109th Avenue, Queens Village, L. I.; Edward Petersen, Show Chairman, 115-43 126th Street, So. Ozone Park, N. Y.; Lawrence Palminteri, Secretary, 85-38 105th Street, Richmond Hill 18, N. Y.

A very beautiful two-light student lamp was presented retiring President, O. J. Aumuller.

The A.D.S. official Trial Garden on the campus of the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute, Farmingdale, N. Y., will again have the undivided attention of a committee, Martin Gutler, Chairman.

The show chairman for the Annual All-Dahlia Show is the untiring 2nd Vice Pres., Edw. Peterson. For the ladies and their arrangements, the capable Mrs. O. J. Aumuller and her committee will assume full charge.

An advisory committee, appointed by Pres. Emil Berzau, consisting of Bert Pitt, George Yaeger and O. J. Aumuller, are to provide for each meeting a debatable dahlia subject.

The annual dinner was a most successful affair, over 100 attending. Entertainment was furnished by the voluntary services of the members, and a four-piece orchestra provided the music for all night dancing on a spacious dance floor. Each table was decorated with a beautiful center piece of live flowers.

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**Pennsylvania Railroad Garden Club  
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On Saturday evening December 1, in the auditorium of the Whittier Hotel, the Pennsylvania Railroad Garden Club held their annual dinner meeting. The guests enjoyed an excellent dinner, followed by a short business meeting during which officers for the year 1952 were elected.

Visiting members making reports of club activities outside of Philadelphia were Miss Margaret Gleason, Secretary of Chicago branch club; Mr. C. V. Snively, Altoona, Pa.; Mr. F. J. Gottlieb, Jamaica, L. I.; Mr. Chas. Bobb, Harrisburg, Pa.; E. R. Miller, Newark, Del.

Mr. A. J. Hendricks, Financial Secretary, reported the approximate club membership as 2,400 with 1,863 being members of the Philadelphia club.

Mr. E. A. Smith, President, recounted the activities and accomplishments of the past year, and touched on the plans and possibilities for the year 1952. Dates for the club's two flower shows are: Friday, May 23 for the Spring show and Thursday and Friday, September 11 and 12 for the Dahlia and Fall Flower Show.

This year the club is anticipating the largest showing of dahlias in their 17 years of staging due to their affiliation with the A.D.S.

The club desires to offer an exceptionally fine silver loving cup to the unnamed dahlia that can qualify to take the name of Miss Pennsylvania Railroad. The bloom must measure more than 6 inches in diameter and score above 85 points in three shows, including the Pennsylvania Railroad club show during the same season to be acceptable.

The following officers were elected to serve for the year 1952:

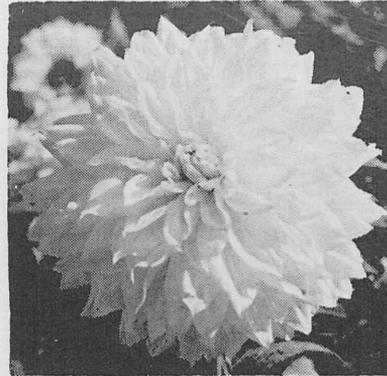
Honorary President—Mrs. J. M. Symes; President—Edward A. Smith; Vice Presidents—W. S. Painter, A. L. Schneider and L. D. G. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; E. L. Zeek, Altoona, Pa.; E. V. Robbins, Renovo, Pa.; F. J. Gottlieb, Jamaica, L. I.; and W. J. Manderfield, Chicago, Ill.; Financial Secretary—A. J. Hendricks; Treasurer—Harold Barron; Show Secretary—R. A. Smith; Asst. Show Secretary—Miss E. U. Bibb.

The following appointments were made by the President: Chairman Exhibition Committee, Mrs. J. M. Symes; Show Manager, L. D. G. Smith; Assistant Show Managers, Carl Behanna and W. J. McEwen.

**Indianapolis Dahlia Society**

At the last meeting of the Indianapolis Dahlia Society, we chose Sept. 14-15, 1952 as the dates for our Annual Dahlia Show this year.

H. M. WALTHER, Sec'y,  
Indianapolis Dahlia Society.



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Stanley Johnson, well-known originator of many new species of dahlias, was elected President of the Society for the current year. Other officers are:

1st Vice Pres.—Mr. George Sivil; 2nd Vice Pres.—Mrs. Mary Fite; Treasurer—Mrs. Lydia H. Higginson; Show Supt.—Mr. William O. Hird; Recording Sec'y—Mrs. Ella McCarthy; Corresponding Sec'y—Mr. H. H. Johnson; Show Secretary—Mr. William T. Blair; Publicity Director—Mr. C. F. Hausmann.

This year's Dahlia Show will be held Friday Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Jardel Recreation Center—Cottman and Pennway Avenues—Philadelphia, Pa. We are anticipating that this our 32nd Annual Fall Show will be the largest ever staged, and that is why we are moving to more spacious quarters in the auditorium of one of Philadelphia's newest and modern recreation centers.

There will be almost one hundred different classes embracing all varieties of dahlias. One of the features will be the Seedling Class which carries the prize of the American Home Achievement Medal. The A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards will also be offered for any seedling scoring 85 or more points. Prizes are provided in all classes, consisting of cash awards, trophies, medals and many merchandise awards.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to exhibit with us this year. Your show schedule can be obtained by writing direct to our show chairman, Mr. William T. Blair, 7323 Whitaker Avenue, Philadelphia 11, Pa.

CHARLES F. HAUSMANN,  
Publicity Director.

**DAHLIAS OF SPECIAL MERIT****PLANTS & CUTTINGS**

<b>Arab Queen</b>	<b>Burnbrae Memories</b>
<b>Bessie Hardress</b>	<b>John Curtin</b>
<b>Bonds Memories</b>	<b>Leading Lady</b>
<b>Croydon Masterpiece</b>	<b>Mulwaree</b>
<b>Doris Hillard</b>	<b>Tidal Wave</b>
<b>Daisy Ethel</b>	<b>Laburn</b>

These have all won Championships  
or Certificates in Australia.

*List on Request.*

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**The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society**

The new officers for this year 1952 are:

President—George M. Boyles; Vice President—Harold Graham; Treasurer—Charles Becker, Jr.; Secretary—Frank V. Daniel, 26 Waring Rd., Elkins Park 17, Pa.; Show Supt.—Edward A. Smith. A.D.S. Representatives—Charles G. Friedel and Stanley Johnson.

Our President Mr. George M. Boyles is busy working on plans for an outstanding dahlia show this fall. The dates are Friday, Sept. 26th and Saturday, Sept. 27th. Location—The South Concourse of Pennsylvania Station, 30th St., Philadelphia, Pa. This show will be staged under the guidance of Mr. Edward A. Smith of P. R. R. fame, who has had much experience in the handling of big flower shows.

The prize list is really attractive, so can be compared with the best of them. Almost \$500.00 in cash, trophies, medals and ribbons. There will be a class for any size and type of dahlia. The A.D.S. seedling classes also featured is the "American Home Achievement" medal. Plan to exhibit at Philadelphia this year. If you have some good specimens you surely can bring home the "bacon." Show schedules can be obtained by writing to our secretary, Mr. Frank V. Daniel. A cordial invitation is extended to all in seeing dahlias at their best, so we will be expecting you.

The Annual Dinner was held Thursday evening Feb. 7th at the famous "The Tavern" in Cynwyd, Pa. It was well attended and the steak dinner was fine. Mr. Harold Graham was the toastmaster and called on the following for brief remarks, Past President, Mr. Fred Moore; President, Mr. George M. Boyles; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Becker, Jr.; former President and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Diechler, Jr; past Show Supt. Mr. Alex McLeod; Mr. Fil Alleva; Mr. George G. Johnson; Mr. Frank V. Daniel; Mr. Walter Strobel; Mr. Edward A. Smith; Mr. Charles G. Friedel; Mr. John McMenamin; Mr. James Desmond; Mr. Frank Coll and Mr. William McGawn.

Colored slides of new dahlias photographed by Mr. Edward A. Smith were projected by Mr. Frank L. Diechler, Jr.

Our 1952 theme, "Go to Philadelphia—See the Best Dahlias."

STANLEY JOHNSON.

**Hagerstown Dahlia Society**

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society elected the following officers for 1952:

President—H. C. Kuhn; First Vice President—M. B. Keener; Second Vice President—I. Keller Shank; Secretary—H. K. Ramsburg, 57 Wayside Ave.; Asst. Secretary—Mrs. Wilbur H. Lewis; Treasurer—Charles W. Zahn.

Executive Committee—Chairman, H. W. Wilhide, Oscar R. Moser, D. A. Gossard, Homer C. Grove, Roy Polsgrove, Mrs. H. C. Kuhn, Mrs. Oscar R. Moser.

The Annual Christmas party with exchange of gifts was held at the December meeting in the auditorium of the Y.M.C.A., with 145 members and guests attending. Special Christmas music under the direction of Mr. Simon Snyder, with guest artists from Emanuel Church rendered some excellent music, the Society joining in singing the old traditional Christmas Carols. Dainty refreshments were served in keeping with the Holiday season. Mrs. H. C. Kuhn and a committee, had charge of the social part of the meeting.

Another word about the coming show in September. Enthusiasm among our membership is high, with our newly elected chairman Mr. H. W. Wilhide, who says with a good or bad growing season you will have the opportunity of seeing modern exhibition dahlias in their glory at the Great Hagerstown Dahlia Show in September.

H. K. RAMSBURG,  
Secretary.

**Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Inc.**

The Wisconsin Dahlia Society held its annual Banquet and election of officers on October 20th, 1951. The following members were elected to office for the year of 1952:

President—Dr. N. W. Ackerman, 2338 North 58th St., Milwaukee, Wisc.; Vice-President—Chas. Mosser, 2612 E. Van Norman, Cudahy, Wisc.; Secretary—Lorraine Hoppe, 1131 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee, Wisc.; Treasurer—Edw. Wisniewski, 123 W. Waterford, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Regional Directors—Judge Geo. Currie, 4130 Manitou Way, Madison, Wisc.; Ben Makowski, 3607 S. Whitnall, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Max Freudenburg, Lake Kegonsa, McFarland, Wisc.; J. S. Jones, 2115 S. 81st St., West Allis, Wisc.

Following the election, awards and trophies won in the September show were distributed. Bringing to a close a very harmonious and successful year under the leadership of Mr. Reinhard Otto the retiring president.

The Wisconsin show has been widely known for the excellence of the specimen blooms exhibited. For the past several years the tide of public favor has been swinging very definitely to the smaller varieties; and truly there are many beautiful flowers among them in type and in color. In response to the popular demand, the Small Flowering Section will be greatly expanded offering a quite complete coverage of the various types. This will be on more of an experimental basis, open to further expansion or elimination as the public response indicates.

Our show dates—September 6th and 7th, 1952. Place—Milwaukee Gas Light Building, Milwaukee, Wisc.

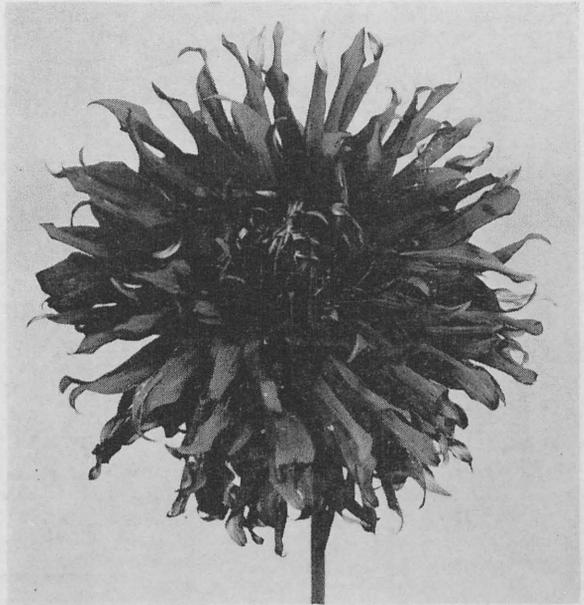
LORRAINE HOPPE,  
Secretary.



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**THE LARGEST**  
**1952 INTRODUCTION**  
**BIG MO**  
 (ROBERTS)

This is the largest dahlia we have seen in the seedling classes this past season. It is a dark maroon cactus and has been grown 12 to 13 inches in diameter and 9 inches in depth. Most of the blooms face sideways and are held erect on long straight stems. The bush grows about 6 ft. and produces fine foliage. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal at the Long Island Show and the Southtown Show in Chicago. Listed on all the Honor Rolls.

Plants \$7.50—3 for \$20 Net. Roots \$15 Net.



BIG MO

**STOP LIGHT** (Lloyd). The leading B type dahlia of the year. Scarlet red semi cactus, 7 to 8 inches in diameter and 5 inches in depth. Cane-like stems, with blooms facing sideways. Bush 5½ ft. producing green leathery like foliage. Winner of the American Dahlia Society Gold Medal for Seedling Sweepstake Award, for highest average score of B type dahlias. (Score 85.72/3). Listed on Eastern Honor Roll.

Plants \$5—3 for \$12.50 Net. Roots \$10 Net.



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 20 for \$1.00    60 for \$2.50    125 for \$5.00    1,000 for \$35.00

Our 1952 Catalog is now available, describing our own 1952 Introductions, as well as those of other Introducers, and recent foreign Introductions. This includes a complete list of good healthy stock of standard varieties, poms, miniatures and other type varieties. There are also some special collection offers at attractive prices. Directions for the growing and cultivation of exhibition dahlias is also included. Upon receipt of a postal card, we will mail you a copy, free.

*Advanced Price List for 1952 now available. Regular Catalog in February.*

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