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1954 SHOW SCHEDULE

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SWEEPSTAKES—1953

1954 HONOR ROLLS

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1954 A.D.S. COMMITTEES

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and ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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Editor - - - - - LYNN B. DUDLEY
25 Irving Place, New Rochelle, N. Y.
(See list of Associate Editors on another page)

PRESIDENTS GREETINGS

Recalling the unfavorable Dahlia weather conditions of last year, we should be most thankful to the exhibitors of our 1953 show. It meant many sacrifices for them to bring in the quality and quantity of blooms, which made the show one of the best we ever held. Congratulations and thanks to each of you.

As of the close of the year, we had more Branch and Affiliated Societies than ever before, but we can not rest on laurels. We must go forward and to do so means increasing all forms of our memberships. New members are the life blood of our organization and the Chairman of our Membership Committee has asked that we keep him busy. It depends on you. Send in that new membership today.

The "Bulletin" which was on a semi-annual basis will be a quarterly beginning this year. Our sincere thanks to Editor Gordon Waaser, for his everlasting, untiring faithfulness.

The "Judge's Manual" by Dr. Cook has filled a missing niche for the development of more and better judges and if you have not a copy, suggest you procure one while they are still available. Exhibitors and judges received it enthusiastically.

THIS IS OUR 40th YEAR

So much for the past year, we are looking forward to our 40th Annual Dahlia Exhibition at the Essex House Hotel, New York City on September 21st and 22nd. To commemorate this event, each and every member is urged to exhibit at this year's show. Let us prove to our Show Manager, that all the members participate in this, our 40th Anniversary.

The 1954 Classification List is now available and the Show Schedule will be included in this issue. All committees have been appointed, and before too long, you will have the opportunity of considering changes in our forms of membership and we all sincerely hope they will result in a tremendous increase in our membership.

We realize that research is necessary for the "storage of tubers", elimination of "ring spots", etc. To accomplish our aims takes funds and we have only a few sources from which we derive money. The most lucrative is new memberships and when we can commence needed research depends on each and every member.

I deeply appreciate your choosing me to serve another year as your President and be assured I will do my best to follow the leadership of your past presidents and thanking each and every committee member for their splendid cooperation.

DREW MULCAHY

ANNUAL MEETING of the American Dahlia Society

The Annual Meeting of the American Dahlia Society at the Park-Sheraton Hotel, New York City, on January 23, 1954, was called to order at 2:00 P.M., by President Mulcahy. Seventy-four members being present at that time, a quorum was declared. After a period of silent prayer in respect to our departed members, Mr. Tim, Mr. Pape, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Armentrout, the President called for the annual report of the Secretary for the year 1953. It was voted that these minutes and report having been published in the Bulletin, we dispense with their reading. Mr. Mohr, as Finance Committee Chairman presented the Treasurer's report for 1953, together with the Auditor's statement—both of which approved with appreciation of the meeting and made a part of these records.

President Mulcahy then called for a report of the Tellers of the election of officers of the Society for 1954. This report, with Past President Polak in the Chair, disclosed the election of all officers as printed on the official ballot. President Mulcahy then returned to the Chair with a brief expression of his appreciation of the vote of confidence expressed in his re-election.

The changes in the By-Laws, known

as Clause 4 of Section 2 of Article 6, and as published in the Bulletin as required by the By-Laws, were unanimously approved.

President Mulcahy then called for Committee Reports, which were presented as follows:

SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES

Mr. Dudley reported that 33 dahlia and horticultural societies elected to participate. Of these, 19 shows made 32 awards to 22 new seedlings entered by 19 originators. All of these will be introduced this season. Besides Medal Certificates awarded by the A.D.S. to each winner the special Gold Medal awards went to variety *Jo* in M size, *Friendship* in B size, and to *Miss Echo* in A size.

BULLETIN

Mr. Dudley, as our new Editor, reported plans for the renewal of quarterly publication, together with plans for new size of the magazine, and new advertising rates. He has 12 Associate Editors appointed or about to be appointed to assist in the publication of the Bulletin.

CLASSIFICATION

Dr. McDade reported that the classification list for 1954 was com-

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The A.D.S. Annual Meeting, Jan. 23, with President Mulcahy, presiding.
Secretary Ed Lloyd's head in foreground.

ANNUAL MEETING—(Continued)

plete and in the hands of the printer for early distribution. This list will be sent free to all active, life, honorary, and sustaining members.

DERRILL W. HART MEDAL AWARD

Mr. Webb reported that for the first time in the life of this award, no winners were recorded.

EDUCATION

Due to the absence, through illness, of Dr. Connors and Prof. Brown, no report was presented.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Metzger reported progress.

SHOW COMMITTEE

Mr. Berzau reported plans for our 40th anniversary show on September 21st and 22nd 1954 at the Essex House, New York City, in cooperation with the New York Horticultural Society. Mr. Berzau reported that there would be no entry fees in any section or class this year and appealed for a large number of exhibitors. Mr. Frey explained his system of judging and selection of judges teams, thanking all who served and especially Mr. Stoeckel's organization of the clerks.

SCHEDULE

Dr. Cook reported that the schedule was complete, and was in the hands of the Bulletin Editor for inclusion in the February Bulletin.

TRIAL GARDENS

Mr. Lloyd reported that the usual five official gardens at New Brunswick, N. J., Farmingdale, L. I., New York, East Lansing, Mich., Atlanta, Ga., and Cincinnati, Ohio, together

with an un-official garden in Oakland California were operated. There were 142 entries from 38 originators or introducers, to whom were awarded 27 certificates to 23 varieties.

There being no Old Business to come before the meeting, President Mulcahy called for any New Business. Mrs. Digi requested information on the status of "Judges Classes," a matter discussed many times at past meetings. President Mulcahy reported that the initial step had been taken with the publication and distribution of the Manual of Judging by Dr. Ward Cook. The possibility of combining this publication with the judging and the scoring at the Farmingdale and New Brunswick gardens on their annual Field Days, for the benefit of interested parties, was discussed without definite action. The matter was referred to the Education Committee.

The matter of securing more and better arrangements in these classes at our annual exhibition was presented by Mr. Pollak. The consensus of opinion was that invitations should be sent to individual arrangers and to the various affiliated and branch Societies, and that emphasis should be placed on simplicity.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Dudley and Mr. Olsen presented a brief showing of dahlia pictures as submitted by many of our members. These were enjoyed, and at the conclusion of the showing, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M. —EDW. B. LLOYD, Sec'y.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, January 23, Park Sheraton

After an excellent dinner, President Andrew Mulcahy opened the evening's program. An A.D.S. Gold Medal was presented to Dr. McDade for his excellent work as Chairman of the Classification Committee. It was presented by Leo Pollak. President Mulcahy next presented an A.D.S. medal to our genial and popular treasurer, Henry Olsen "in recognition of his many years of service and devotion to the Society's welfare.

He next introduced E. L. D. Seymour, Horticultural Editor of the *American Home Magazine*, who gave

the details of the publication's 1953 Awards. In all, 32 Achievement Medals were awarded to outstanding dahlia seedlings.

Phil Alampi, director and conductor of the Home Garden Hour on ABC-TV, was then introduced by President Mulcahy. Mr. Alampi has, over the years, both on radio and television, given many cultural talks about dahlias. He has also had guest speakers and demonstrations on dahlias on his shows from time to time.

Mr. Alampi told his audience that they had, generally speaking, done a



MARY ELIZABETH

A.J.D. Red. Won many awards, Honor Roll, Achievement Medals and A.D.S. Sweepstakes. It's big.—H. H. Robens.

good job in promoting the dahlia to its deserved popularity among the nation's gardeners. He said in part: "More amateurs have developed more new and worthy dahlias and have had them introduced to the public than has been the case in any other flower group that I know about. Some say that there is much more that can be done to make dahlias popular among more gardeners. Perhaps it is in the development of more small varieties, rather than emphasizing bigness, so that they would be sold by more florists. Possibly it is bringing out more longkeeping varieties; in other words, hardier types. Perhaps there could be less pampering of the dahlia and more effort made to let the public know they can be used for many decorative purposes, rather than be developed solely for show competition."

He then said he would suggest five points for consideration by the members of the American Dahlia Society:

1. Bring out less new dahlias each year, but have those the result of studies as to which would do well for most people. Not necessarily like the American Rose Selection, but along similar lines.
2. Use more of the older standard varieties which have proved their worth, which say a Levittown gardener might grow easily in

his limited space, without a big outlay.

3. Emphasize dahlias in various heights for background plantings and for overall effect rather than for individual plantings. Show gardeners how to plant dahlias with annuals.
4. Encourage youth to take up dahlia culture. Form a junior division of this society and make it easy for young people to become dahlia exhibitors. Also get more Men's Garden Clubs interested in dahlias. Also more new homemakers.
5. Give greater publicity to the rewards and satisfaction in growing dahlias. Publish leaflets on how to grow, exhibit, store, spray, debranch, and have more fun with dahlias. Promote dahlias at every opportunity in newspapers, magazines, and on radio and television. (He mentioned this editor as one who had done considerable work along this line.) He said dahlias should be shown more in full-color pictures.

Mr. Alampi concluded by saying he, for one, would be glad to help publicize the dahlia in any way possible.

Henry Olsen and Lynn Dudley then showed color slides of new A.D.S. Certificate Winning and Honor Roll dahlias.

Among the many guests introduced by President Mulcahy, were Paul Frese, Editor of *Popular Gardening*, and John Whiting, Publisher of the *Flower Grower*.

Another guest, Mrs. Frieda Fisher of Trenton, was welcomed by many of her friends of long standing. This was the first dinner she had attended in five years. As an Honorary Vice-President and recipient of the A.D.S. Gold Medal for outstanding service to the Society, Mrs. Fisher is held in high regard by all. She was one of the top commercial exhibitors in A.D.S. shows for many years. She was also treasurer of the New Jersey Society for 24 years.

The dinner and program was one of the milestones in the history of this 40-year-old society. 1954 will be later celebrated as its 40th Anniversary Year.

A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake Awards



JO

M.-F.D. Purple. Winner A.D.S., Gold Medal Sweepstakes. Honor Roll, Dr. Ward Cook—Dahlidel.

The American Dahlia Society inaugurated this plan of awards for new dahlia seedlings five years ago in order to focus attention of the public on many fine new varieties which otherwise would not receive national acclaim.

That it has proven popular is evidenced by the fact that no less than 33 dahlia and horticultural societies elected to participate in it during the past season. A total of 32 Certificates of Merit to 22 new seedlings at 19 shows were awarded to 19 originators. At the other 16 shows, no awards were made, either because the judges did not deem the entries to be worthy of introduction to the public, or because they were not considered better than existing standard varieties of similar color and form.

The rules of the competition are quite simple. They require:

1. That the entry be at least two years and that it be named and introduced the season following its award.

DAHLIA SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS — 1953

VARIETY	ORIGINATOR	SIZE	TYPE	COLOR	SHOW
Jo	Dr. Ward Cook	M	F.D.	Purple	New York (A.D.S.) New Jersey Long Island, N. Y. Burholme, Pa.
Miss Echo	Tony De Rooy	A	I.C.	Yellow	Central States, Chicago Washington St. Snohomish, Wash.
Friendship	Stanley Johnson	B	St.C.	Lavender	Burholme, Pa. New York (A.D.S.) North Jersey
Fashion Hour	J. Louis Roberts	A	I.C.	Lavender-Pur	Southtown, Chicago Central States, Chicago
Glacier	Dahlidel Nurseries	M	F.D.	White	New Jersey Long Island Cleveland, O.
Mary Elizabeth	H. H. Robens	A	I.D.	Red	New York (A.D.S.)
Ruth Alampi	Edw. B. Lloyd	A	S.C.	Pur	Tennessee
Sarah Carolyn	H. H. Whittaker	A	F.D.	Rose	New York (A.D.S.)
Margaret Templeton	Harry W. Miller	A	I.D.	White	Burholme, Pa.
Pamela June	Harry W. Miller	B	I.D.	White	Burholme, Pa.
Starbright	Stanley Johnson	B	St.C.	Bi-Pur-Wh	North Jersey
Snow Cup	Stanley Johnson	BB	S.C.	White	Rochester
Sam Herst	Stanley Johnson	A	I.C.	Yellow	Cleveland
Rosemary Dainty	Rosemary Dahlia Gdns.	B	I.C.	Bi-Pk-Yel	Williamsburg
Silver Spring	E. R. Phillips	M	F.D.	Bi-Pk-Wh	Virginia
Silver Spring	E. R. Phillips	M	F.D.	Bi-Pk-Wh	Long Island, N. Y.
Frances Digi	Wm. Tilden	M	S.C.	Dark Bi-Yel Red	Long Island, N. Y.
Gladys Brewster	Job Brewster	B	F.D.	Lt Bi Yel Pur	Virginia
Little Timmy	W. L. Elkins	M	F.D.	Lavender	Orange Co., Cal.
Cherie	Comstock Dahlia Gdns.	B	St.C.	Red	New York (A.D.S.)
Ida S	Douglas Slocom	B	Ball	Flame	Greater Philadelphia
Florence Collier	Mayland MacAvoy	B	F.D.	Lt Bi Pur Cr	Greater Philadelphia
Comito Supreme	N. Louis Comito	A	I.D.		

2. That a special class for the competition be included, and requirements stated clearly, in the schedule.
3. They must be scored by at least three judges using the A.D.S. Official Bench Score Card and the winning varieties must score an average of 85 points or over.

A supplementary award is offered in each of the four present A.D.S. Size Classifications: "A" Large; "B" Medium; "B.B." Small-medium, florist's type; and "M" Small. This award in each of the four classes is an A.D.S. Gold Medal to the variety which obtains the highest average score (over 85 points) in at least three of the shows participating in the awards.

This past season, three Gold Medals were awarded. The Miniature Special Gold Medal Award went to Dr. Ward Cook of 34 Puritan Avenue, Tuckahoe, New York, for the variety "Jo", a pansy purple $3\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 inches miniature formal decorative, with an average score of 86.1 in four shows. The "B" Special Gold Medal Award was awarded to Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, for the variety, "Friendship," straight cactus, mallow purple (really lavender), size 7 by 4 inches. Average score in three shows, 85.5. The "A" large type Gold Medal Special Award went to "Miss Echo," a primrose yellow, $10\frac{1}{2}$ by 5 inch in-curved cactus, originated by Tony DeRooy of 2230 Harrison Street, Everett, Washington, "Miss Echo" won with an average score of 86.0 in three shows.

For participation in these awards for the season of 1954, dahlia societies should make application for same to the new chairman of the A.D.S. Sweepstakes Committee, Dr. Fred J. Knocke, P.O. Box 13, Readington, New Jersey, who will furnish rules and blanks to such societies for the purpose. All societies participating must be either a Branch or Affiliated Society of the American Dahlia Society.

LYNN B. DUDLEY, *Chairman*,
Seedling Sweepstakes Committee (1953).

For 1954—Dr. Frederick
Knocke, *Chairman*,
Dr. Ward Cook,
Conrad Frey,
Lynn B. Dudley.

Eastern Trial Garden

Rutgers University,

Supplementary Report, 1953

The preliminary report of the Eastern Trial Garden listed only those seedlings that were certified. In addition, several seedlings scored 80 to 84 and the names are hereby registered:

Stake 3—*Maureen Connolly*, entered by Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, California. B. dahlia, formal decorative, primrose yellow. Score 82.

Stake 5—*Sarah Carolyn*, entered by H. L. Whittaker, Chattanooga, Tennessee. A. dahlia, formal decorative, light mallow purple. Score 80.

Stake 22—*Marjory Ann Field*, entered by John Young, Braintree, Massachusetts. B. dahlia, semi-cactus, yellow. Score 81.

Stake 27—*No. 71*, entered by L. A. Del Tufo, 71 Dewitt Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey. B. dahlia, straight cactus, white, slightly tinged lavender on opening, but it fades. Score 83.

Stake 31—*Jet*, entered by John Young, Braintree, Massachusetts. A. dahlia, semi-cactus, yellow. Score 80.

Stake 32—*B-48*, entered by Rocky River Dahlia Garden, Rocky River, Ohio. A. dahlia, informal decorative, purple. Score 83.

CHARLES H. CONNORS,
Superintendent.



FRIENDSHIP

B-St. C. Mallow Purple. Winner A.D.S., Gold Medal Sweepstakes, Honor Roll, Am. Home Achievement, Flower Grower Trophy — Stanley Johnson.

A. D. S. Committees For 1954

Advisory Committee—Edward B. Lloyd, Conrad Frey, Lynn B. Dudley, Gordon Wasser, Warren Maytrott, George Fraser, Leo Pollak.

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

Classification Committee—Dr. Edward McDade, Chairman; J. Louis Roberts, Henry Olsen, Dr. Bruce Preas, Charles Diffenderfer, Dr. C. H. Rike (Alternate).

Publicity Committee — Dr. Ward Cook, Chairman; Gordon Wasser, Lynn Dudley, Paul Frese, E. L. D. Seymour, J. W. Johnston.

Education Committee — Dr. Charles H. Connors, Chairman; C. Merrill Brown, E. J. Wind, Ralph Berry, Mrs. Sarah Wood, Mrs. C. V. Smith, Dr. C. E. Wildon.

A.D.S. SHOW

Show Committee — Emil Berzau, Chairman-Show Manager. Assistants to Show Manager, P. Drayton Benner, Cort Duerk.

Show Report—Dr. Ward Cook, Dr. F. Knocke.

Classification—Roy Webb, Dr. Edward McDade.

Show Set Up and Break Up — Messrs. Pitt, Franks, Mohr, Lloyd, Frey, Yeager and Parrella.

Judges—Conrad Frey, Chairman.

Judges Clerk—Charles Stoeckel.

Garden Club—In the May Bulletin there will be a special announcement on Garden Club.

Awards—Yeager, Webb, Benner, Duerk.

Trial Garden Committee—Edward B. Lloyd, Chairman, Conrad Frey, Co-Chairman. Dr. Charles Connors, C. Rissmeyer, R. Moffett, Dr. C. E. Wildon, J. Louis Roberts, Hon. G. F. Currie, C. E. Faust.

Finance Committee — H. Dewey Mohr, Chairman; Charles Schneider, Jesse Strauss.

Nominating Committee—Dr. Bruce Preas, Chairman; Leo L. Pollak, Hon. George R. Currie, Henry Cory, Lynn Dudley.

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

Executive Committee — Joseph Gambi, Will J. Stone, Cort Duerk, P. Drayton Benner, Bert Pitt, Wm. B. Killingbeck.

Derril Hart Award Committee—Roy Webb, Chairman; Drs. Connors, Wildon, Messrs. Seibel, Rissmayer, C. Faust.

Membership Committee—John Metzger, Chairman; Dr. Parker, Henry Cory, Oliver Shurtloff, Clarence R. Kallquist, Louise Kleinjohn, E. J. Wind, Albert Parrella, H. Dewey Mohr, Warren Maytrott, J. Ralph Berry, Mrs. L. Hislop, F. A. Alleva, Mrs. Grace Swanson, Noel Scott, Raymond Grass, William Tilton, Robert Connal, Harry Beals.

Revision of By-laws—Dr. Cook, L. West, L. Dudley, R. Berry, L. Pollak.

**1954 SCHEDULE and
PREMIUM LIST**

40th ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

of the

AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

IN COOPERATION WITH THE

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

will be scheduled at the

ESSEX HOUSE

160 Central Park South (59th St.)

NEW YORK

SEPTEMBER 21st - 22nd

This is the final 1954 Show Schedule. Intending exhibitors are requested to retain it for use in making their Show entries. Additional copies will be gladly sent upon application to the Secretary.

For further particulars, information on trade space and entry cards apply to Mr. Emil Berzau, Show Manager, 239 Park Ave., Merrick, Long Island, N. Y.

The American Dahlia Society and Central States Dahlia Society Official Classification of Dahlias for 1954 will be included in this mailing. Other copies may be obtained at \$.50 each. Write our Treasurer, Henry B. Olsen, 45 Clement Ave., Elmont, L. I., N. Y.

GENERAL RULES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. **DATES AND SCHEDULE**—The 1954 New York Show of the American Dahlia Society will be open to the public on Tuesday, September 21st, at 4:00 P. M., and will close on Wednesday, September 22nd at 10:00 P. M. Arrangements can be made with Show Manager to care for entries received prior to midnight Monday. Judging will commence promptly at 12 noon, Tuesday. All exhibits should be staged by 11:00 A. M. During the judging, no one will be allowed on the exhibition floor except the judges and the necessary officials of the Show.

2. **ADMISSION TO SHOW** — A.D.S. members and Branch Society members admitted on their membership cards. General admission price will be announced at a later date.

3. **DISTANT SHIPMENTS** — Exhibits sent from a distance should be addressed to the American Dahlia Society, Essex House, Central Park South, New York City. All freight, postage or express charges must be prepaid by the sender.

4. **NO ENTRY FEE** will be charged. All Dahlia growers are welcome to exhibit.

5. **MAKING ENTRIES**—Exhibitors may have sufficient entry blanks upon request to Mr. Emil Berzau, Show Manager, 239 Park Ave., Merrick, L. I., N. Y.

The Show Management reserves the right to reject or accept entries. All entries must be registered with Clerk of Show before 10:00 A. M., the first day of the Show.

Entry card supplied by Clerk of Show must be completely filled out, must be folded to cover name of exhibitor and must accompany each entry. Otherwise the entry will not be judged.

6. **RIBBON PRIZES**—Except where otherwise noted A.D.S. ribbons will be used for prizes. Blue—first; red—second; In Sections C and D a white—third—will be given.

7. **HONORABLE MENTION RIBBONS** will be used in classes where judges consider entries that do not receive a prize worthy of recognition. One or more honorable mention ribbons may be awarded in a class where the judges deem it advisable. Honorable mention ribbons do not count in computing sweepstakes.

8. **TRI-COLOR RIBBONS** will be used for all Special Awards for the most outstanding entry in each section.

9. **SWEEPSTAKES OR GRAND SWEEPSTAKES** — A—Large Type. Arrangements and Baskets, First, 10 points; Second, 5 points; Third, 2 points. Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, First, 10 points. All other entries, 5 points for First, 3 points for Second, 1 point for Third. B—Medium, and BB—Small Medium (including Ball Dahlias). Arrangements and Baskets, First, 7 points; Second, 3 points; Third, 1 point. All other entries, 3 points for First, 2 points for Second, 1 point for Third. Miniatures, Pompons, Singles and Collarettes. Arrangements and Baskets, 5 points for

First, 3 points for Second, 1 point for Third. Smallest and most nearly perfect pompon, 4 points. All other classes, 2 points for First, 1 point for Second, ½ point for Third. All Special awards are to count the same number of points as a First in its class for Sweepstakes. In other words, a Special will double the points allowed for a First in its class.

10. **BASKET CLASSES** — Containers of various materials having a loop handle over the top, or made of material commonly used for baskets with or without handles, will be considered baskets in the Show room. Baskets, however, must be in good condition.

11. **GRASS AND OTHER FOLIAGE** with or without berries will be allowed in all bowl, basket, arrangement and entries called exhibits. These additions should be of plant materials suitable to outdoor flowers.

12. **SUPPORTING STEM** — The use of any material to support Dahlia stems above the container will disqualify an exhibit. Any supports used in growing exhibition blooms must be removed before placing the entry on exhibition table.

13. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES** — Exhibitors will not be allowed to make more than one entry in a class, except in undissemminated classes where no limit will apply and in open-to-all sections where two entries of different varieties can be made, both eligible to win.

14. **LABELLING VARIETIES**—No variety shall be judged unless it is marked plainly with its correct variety name or its number if an undissemminated variety. The variety names may be placed on the entry card.

15. **CLASSIFICATION AS TO TYPE, COLOR AND SIZE**—All entries shall be made in accordance with the latest revised Official A.D.S. and C.S.D.S. Dahlia Classification to size, type and color, and will be judged accordingly.

In all Miniature basket and arrangement classes, one-half inch tolerance over 4 inches will be allowed.

One inch tolerance over 8 inches will be allowed in B—medium classes. This tolerance is allowed only in show judging when a dahlia is classified as B—medium and is well grown.

B-Dahlias over 8" may be shown in competition with A-dahlias.

Undersize A-dahlias cannot be shown against B-dahlias.

Miniature dahlias over 4" may be shown in competition with B-dahlias.

Undersize B-dahlias cannot be shown against miniatures.

16. **NAMED VARIETIES**—Only disseminated, named varieties may be entered in Sections A and B.

Undisseminated varieties are allowed only in the Open to All, Undisseminated and Commercial Classes.

17. **UNWORTHY ENTRIES** — Any article unfit for exhibition will be excluded by the management and the judges shall withhold prizes when they consider entries are unworthy of awards. No second awards will be made when an exhibit is unworthy of the first award.

18. **BLOOMS** shown in competition must be grown by the exhibitor entering them, except where noted.

19. **TRADE EXHIBITS** — Trade exhibitors are to furnish all special forms of staging and containers for their exhibits.

20. **CONTAINERS** will be supplied for competitive classes except in classes calling for baskets, bowls and arrangements. No containers will be supplied for trade displays, as noted above.

21. **THE DECISION** of the Judges shall be final, and not subject to reversal by the Show management or any other committee.

22. **ADVERTISING** — Exhibitors other than those having display space for this Show will not be permitted to give away or display circulars, cards, catalogues or any advertising matter or to solicit business on the floor of the Show.

23. **REMOVAL** — No exhibit or part of an exhibit may be removed from the hall at any time during the Show except by special permission of the management.

24. **ADDITIONAL RULES** — The management may make such further rules as it may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the New York Show of the American Dahlia Society.

25. **RESPONSIBILITY** — The American Dahlia Society shall not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits or personal property of exhibitors, or for the return of containers, but will exercise its utmost care for the protection of all exhibits.

26. **IDENTIFICATION** — The committee suggests that those exhibitors supplying their own containers attach their name and address on the bottom of the containers, as many such articles are found each year in cleaning up the Show, with no means of identification. All containers must be called for by the exhibitor at the close of the Show.

27. **TWO OR MORE COLORS** — When the schedule calls for "2 or more colors", the intent is color classes as defined in the classification list. Therefore a single variety of bicolor, variegated, or blend classification would not be eligible.

28. **RULES FOR MEASURING DAHLIAS** — **Diameter** is an extreme measure taken by caliper or ring, representing the greatest diameter without moving the petals. **Depth** is a mean measure from the face of the flower to an average depth of back petals without moving them.

29. **BUDS ALLOWED** — Globular buds not starting to open are permitted in classes stating "buds allowed". Opening buds will be considered to be blooms and will be counted as such.

30. **SCORING** — The American Dahlia Society Official Bench or Show Score Card shall be used as the basis of judging all specimen flower classes, except as noted below.

BOWL, BASKET, OR ARRANGEMENT SCORE CARD

To be used on all dahlias except A—Large Blooms over 8 inches.

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| 50 | points | Quality of blooms. |
| 25 | " | Arrangement including balance and proportion. |
| 25 | " | Color harmony or color effect. |

BASKET, OR ARRANGEMENT SCORE CARD

To be used on A—large dahlias only. Quality of blooms, 75 points, to be scored as follows:

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|----|--------|---|
| 15 | points | Color. |
| 15 | " | Form. |
| 15 | " | Stem. |
| 10 | " | Size. |
| 10 | " | Foliage. |
| 10 | " | Condition. |
| 25 | " | Arrangement, including balance and proportion, and color harmony or color effect. |

LARGEST AND SMALLEST MOST NEARLY PERFECT BLOOM SCORE CARD

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|----|--------|--|
| 50 | points | Size of bloom, diameter x depth. |
| | | Quality of bloom, 50 points to be scored as follows: |
| 10 | " | Color. |
| 10 | " | Form. |
| 10 | " | Stem. |
| 10 | " | Foliage. |
| 10 | " | Condition. |

EXHIBITION SCORE CARD

This score card applies only to classes hereinafter specifically called exhibits or displays.

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| 50 | points | Quality of blooms. |
| 25 | " | Arrangement including color effect. |
| 25 | " | Range of varieties shown and diversity of types. |

SECTION A (NOVICE)

Only disseminated named varieties may be entered in this section.

For those other than professional gardeners who have never received a Blue Ribbon Award at an A.D.S. Show, except in the Garden Club Section, and do not issue lists of any kind offering stock for sale. A person entering this section, or eligible to enter this section, may also enter any advance section.

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| Class | |
| A1 | Cactus—Incurved, straight or semi-cactus, 3 blooms, B—Medium, any color or colors. |
| A2 | Decorative—Formal or informal, 3 blooms, B—Medium, any color or colors. |
| A3 | Cactus—Incurved or straight, 1 bloom, A—Large, any color or colors. |
| A4 | Semi-cactus, 1 bloom, A—Large, any color. |
| A5 | Decorative—Informal, 1 bloom, A—Large, any color. |

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- A6 Decorative—Formal, 1 bloom, A—Large, any color.
 A7 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, diameter x depth, any type.
 A8 Ball Dahlias—1 bloom, any color or colors.
 A9 Miniatures—3 blooms, any type, any color or colors, no buds allowed.
 A10 Pompons—3 blooms, any color or colors, no buds allowed.
 A11 Any other type 3 blooms, any color or colors, no buds allowed.
- * Special—most outstanding entry in classes A1 to A11. A suitable prize will be given.
- * Sweepstakes A1 to A11. A.D.S. Bronze Medal.

SECTION B (AMATEUR)

Only disseminated named varieties may be entered in this section.

For those other than professional gardeners graduating from Section A, or who have not received two Grand Sweepstakes in this section, and have never received a Grand Sweepstakes Award in any advance section, and do not issue lists of any kind offering stock for sale. A person entering this section may also enter any advance section.

Class

- B1 Cactus, Incurved or straight, 3 blooms, B—medium, any color or colors.
 B2 Semi-cactus, 3 blooms, B—medium, any color or colors.
 B3 Decorative, Informal, 3 blooms, B—medium, any color or colors.
 B4 Decorative, Formal, 3 blooms, B—medium, any color or colors.
 B5 Ball dahlias, 3 blooms, any color or colors.

- * Special—most outstanding entry in classes B1 to B5. Suitable prize will be given.

Cactus—Incurved or straight, 1 bloom, A—Large, over 8 inches.

Class

- B6 White, Yellow, Orange, or Autumn.
 B7 Flame, Red, Dark Red, or Dark Blend.
 B8 Pink, Lavender, or Light Blend.
 B9 Purple, Bicolor, or Variegated.

Semi-Cactus—1 bloom, A—Large, over 8 inches.

Class

- B10 White or Yellow.
 B11 Orange, Autumn, or Flame.
 B13 Pink, Lavender, Light Blend, or Dark Blend.
 B14 Bicolor or Variegated.

- * Special—most outstanding entry in classes B6 to B14. Suitable prize will be given.

Decorative—Informal, 1 bloom, A—Large, over 8 inches.

Class

- B15 White or Yellow.
 B16 Orange, Autumn, Flame or Dark Blend.
 B17 Red or Dark Red.
 B18 Lavender or Purple.

- B19 Pink or Light Blend.
 B20 Bicolor or Variegated.

Decorative—Formal, 1 bloom, A—Large, over 8 inches.

Class

- B21 White, Yellow, Orange, or Autumn.
 B22 Flame, Red, Dark Red, or Dark Blend.
 B23 Pink, Lavender, or Light Blend.
 B24 Purple, Bicolor, or Variegated.

- * Special—most outstanding entry in classes B15 to B24. Suitable prize will be given.

Class

- B25 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, diameter x depth, any type.

Class

- B26 Vase or basket, any type or types, any color or colors, 9 to 15 blooms, 4 to 6 inch dahlias.
 B27 Vase or basket, any type or types, any color or colors, medium dahlias, 7 to 12 blooms, 4 to 8 inch dahlias.
 B28 Vase or basket, any type or types, any color or colors, 5 to 9 blooms, large dahlias, over 8 inches.

- * Sweepstakes B1 to B28. A.D.S. Silver Medal.

SECTION C

OPEN TO ALL

Undisseminated as well as named varieties may be entered in this section.

Exhibitors may make two entries of different varieties in any class with both eligible to win.

Cactus—Incurved or straight, 3 blooms, B—medium, 4 to 8 inches.

Class

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| C1 Yellow | C8 Bicolor |
| C2 Orange | C9 Dark Blend |
| C3 Red | C10 Purple |
| C4 Flame | C11 Light Blend |
| C5 Autumn | C12 Pink |
| C6 Dark Red | C13 White |
| C7 Variegated | C14 Lavender |

- * Special—most outstanding entry in classes C1 to C14. Suitable prize will be given.

Semi-Cactus—3 blooms, B—medium, 4 to 8 inches.

Class

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|----------------|-----------------|
| C15 Yellow | C22 Bicolor |
| C16 Orange | C23 Dark Blend |
| C17 Red | C24 Purple |
| C18 Flame | C25 Light Blend |
| C19 Autumn | C26 Pink |
| C20 Dark Red | C27 White |
| C21 Variegated | C28 Lavender |

- * Special—most outstanding entry in classes C15 to C28. Suitable prize will be given.

Decorative—Informal, 3 blooms, B—medium, 4 to 8 inches.

Class

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|-------------|-------------|
| C29 Yellow, | C32 White |
| Orange, or | C33 Pink or |
| Autumn | Lavender |

- C30 Flame, C34 Purple
Dark Blend, C35 Bicolor
or Light Blend C36 Variegated
C31 Red or
Dark Red

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C29 to C36. Suitable prize will be given.

Decorative—Formal, 3 blooms, B—medium, 4 to 8 inches.

- | Class | Class |
|----------------|-----------------|
| C37 Yellow | C44 Bicolor |
| C38 Orange | C45 Dark Blend |
| C39 Red | C46 Purple |
| C40 Flame | C47 Light Blend |
| C41 Autumn | C48 Pink |
| C42 Dark Red | C49 White |
| C43 Variegated | C50 Lavender |

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C37 to C50. Suitable prize will be given.

Class

- C51 Cactus—Incurved or straight, 5 blooms, B—medium, 4 to 8 inches, any color or colors.
C52 Semi-Cactus, 5 blooms, B—medium, 4 to 8 inches, any color or colors.
C53 Decorative—Informal, 5 blooms, B—medium, 4 to 8 inches, any color or colors.
C54 Decorative—Formal, 5 blooms, B—medium, 4 to 8 inches, any color or colors.

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C51 to C54. Suitable prize will be given.

Small Medium (Florist Type) Dahlias, 4 to 6 inches.

Any variety classified as B—medium or M—miniature that grows 4 to 6 inches is eligible in the following classes C55 to C59.

Class

- C55 Cactus—Incurved, 3 blooms, any color or colors, 4 to 6 inches.
C56 Cactus—Straight, 3 blooms, any color or colors, 4 to 6 inches.
C57 Semi-Cactus, 3 blooms, any color or colors, 4 to 6 inches.
C58 Decorative—Informal, 3 blooms, any color or colors, 4 to 6 inches.
C59 Decorative—Formal, 3 blooms, any color or colors, 4 to 6 inches.

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C55 to C59. Suitable prize will be given.

Ball Dahlias, 3 blooms.

Class

- C60 Yellow, Orange or Autumn.
C61 Red, Dark Red or Purple.
C62 Bicolor or Variegated.
C63 Light Blend, Flame or Dark Blend.
C64 Pink, Lavender or White.

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C60 to C64. Suitable prize will be given.

* Sweepstakes C1 to C64. \$25.00 cash prize.

Cactus—Incurved or straight, 1 bloom, A—large, over 8 inches.

- | Class | Class |
|----------------|-----------------|
| C65 Yellow | C72 Bicolor |
| C66 Orange | C73 Dark Blend |
| C67 Red | C74 Purple |
| C68 Flame | C75 Light Blend |
| C69 Autumn | C76 Pink |
| C70 Dark Red | C77 White |
| C71 Variegated | C78 Lavender |

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C65 to C78. Suitable prize will be given.

Semi-Cactus—1 bloom, A—large, over 8 inches.

- | Class | Class |
|----------------|-----------------|
| C79 Yellow | C86 Bicolor |
| C80 Orange | C87 Dark Blend |
| C81 Red | C88 Purple |
| C82 Flame | C89 Light Blend |
| C83 Autumn | C90 Pink |
| C84 Dark Red | C91 White |
| C85 Variegated | C92 Lavender |

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C79 to C92. Suitable prize will be given.

Decorative—Informal, 1 bloom, A—large, over 8 inches.

- | Class | Class |
|----------------|------------------|
| C93 Yellow | C100 Bicolor |
| C94 Orange | C101 Dark Blend |
| C95 Red | C102 Purple |
| C96 Flame | C103 Light Blend |
| C97 Autumn | C104 Pink |
| C98 Dark Red | C105 White |
| C99 Variegated | C106 Lavender |

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C93 to C106. Suitable prize will be given.

Decorative—Formal, 1 bloom, A—large, over 8 inches.

- | Class | Class |
|-----------------|------------------|
| C107 Yellow | C114 Bicolor |
| C108 Orange | C115 Dark Blend |
| C109 Red | C116 Purple |
| C110 Flame | C117 Light Blend |
| C111 Autumn | C118 Pink |
| C112 Dark Red | C119 White |
| C113 Variegated | C120 Lavender |

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C107 to C120. Suitable prize will be given.

Class

- C121 Cactus—Incurved or straight, 3 blooms, A—large, over 8 inches, any color or colors.
C122 Semi-Cactus, 3 blooms, A—large, over 8 inches, any color or colors.
C123 Decorative—Informal, 3 blooms, A—large, over 8 inches, any color or colors.
C124 Decorative—Formal, 3 blooms, A—large, over 8 inches, any color or colors.

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C121 to C124. A suitable prize will be given.

SPECIAL—ANY TYPE

- Class
C125 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, Incurved or straight cactus, diameter x depth, any color.
C126 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, Semi-Cactus, diameter x depth, any color.

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C127 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, Informal decorative, diameter x depth, any color.

C128 Largest and most nearly perfect bloom, Formal decorative, diameter x depth, any color.

* Sweepstakes C65 to C128 for A—large dahlias. \$25.00 cash prize.

SPECIAL BASKET AND ARRANGEMENT CLASSES

BB—medium, 4 to 6 inches.

Class

C129 Basket — Cactus — Incurred or straight, or Semi-cactus, 15 to 25 blooms, any color or colors.

C130 Vase — Cactus — Incurred or straight, or Semi-cactus, 9 to 15 blooms, any color or colors.

C131 Basket — Decorative — Formal or informal, 15 to 25 blooms, any color or colors.

C132 Vase — Decorative — Formal or informal, 9 to 15 blooms, any color or colors.

C133 Basket — Bicolor, any type or types, 15 to 25 blooms.

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C129 to C133. Suitable prize will be given.

Any type or types, B—medium, 4 to 8 inches.

Class

C134 Basket—any color or colors, 10 to 15 blooms.

C135 Vase—any color or colors, 7 to 12 blooms.

C136 Basket—Bicolor, 12 to 20 blooms.

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C134 to C136. Suitable prize will be given.

Any type or types, A—large, over 8 inches.

Class

C137 Basket—Any color or colors, 7 to 12 blooms.

C138 Vase—Any color or colors, 5 to 9 blooms.

C139 Basket—Bicolor, 9 to 15 blooms.

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes C137 to C139. Suitable prize will be given.

* Sweepstakes C129 to C139 for special basket and arrangement classes. VIRGINIA POLLAK AWARD, cup donated by Past President Leo Pollak.

* Grand sweepstakes in Section C (C1 to C139) MARGARET GORDON WAASER MEMORIAL TROPHY. This trophy is to remain in the possession of the winner till the next A.D.S. Annual Show. An exhibitor winning the award three times shall retain permanent possession of the trophy. It was offered for the first time in 1952, and was won by Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Knocke, who also won it a second time in 1953.

SECTION D SMALL FLOWERED DAHLIAS OPEN TO ALL

Undisseminated as well as named varieties may be entered in this section.

Exhibitors may make two entries of different varieties in any class, with both eligible to win.

Miniatures—Cactus, incurved or straight, or Semi-cactus, 5 blooms, under 4 inches, buds not allowed.

Class

D1 Yellow
D2 Orange
D3 Red
D4 Flame
D5 Autumn
D6 Dark Red
D7 Variegated

Class

D8 Bicolor
D9 Dark Blend
D10 Purple
D11 Light Blend
D12 Pink
D13 White
D14 Lavender

Class

D15 5 blooms, 2 or more colors.

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes D1 to D15. Suitable prize will be given.

Miniatures—Decorative, formal or informal, 5 blooms, under 4 inches, buds not allowed.

Class

D16 Yellow
D17 Orange
D18 Red
D19 Flame
D20 Autumn
D21 Dark Red
D22 Variegated

Class

D23 Bicolor
D24 Dark Blend
D25 Purple
D26 Light Blend
D27 Pink
D28 White
D29 Lavender

Class

D30 5 blooms, 2 or more colors.

D31 Peony (open centered), 5 blooms, any color or colors, buds not allowed.

D32 Miniature Ball, 5 blooms, any color or colors, buds not allowed.

D33 Miniature Ball, 5 blooms, two or more colors, buds not allowed.

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes D16 to D33. Suitable prize will be given.

* Sweepstakes D1 to D33 for miniatures. Suitable prize will be given.

Pompons—5 blooms, buds not allowed.

Class

D34 Yellow
D35 Orange
D36 Red
D37 Flame
D38 Autumn
D39 Dark Red
D40 Bicolor or Variegated

Class

D41 Dark Blend
D42 Purple
D43 Light Blend
D44 Pink
D45 White
D46 Lavender

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes D34 to D46. Suitable prize will be given.

Class

D47 Smallest and most nearly perfect Pompon, size to count 50, all other qualities 50.

* Sweepstakes D34 to D47 for Pompons. Suitable prize will be given.

Single Dahlias

Class

D48 3 blooms, any one variety, buds not allowed.

- D49 5 blooms, two or more varieties, buds not allowed.
 D50 5 blooms, any variety not over 3 inches in diameter, buds not allowed.

Collarette Dahlias**Class**

- D51 3 blooms, any one variety, buds not allowed.
 D52 5 blooms, two or more varieties, buds not allowed.

Anemone Dahlias.**Class**

- D53 5 blooms, any color or colors, buds not allowed.

Orchid Flowering Dahlias.**Class**

- D54 5 blooms, any color or colors, buds not allowed.

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes D48 to D54. Suitable prize will be given.

SPECIAL BOWL, BASKET AND ARRANGEMENT CLASSES

(buds allowed)

Miniature Dahlias**Class**

- D55 Bowl or basket, 15 to 30 blooms, Cactus or Semi-cactus, 1 or more varieties, buds allowed.
 D56 Bowl or basket, Decorative, formal or informal, or Peony 15 to 30 blooms, 1 or more varieties, buds allowed.
 D57 Basket Bicolors, 15 to 30 blooms, miniatures, one or more varieties, any type or types.
 D58 Arrangement of miniatures, any type or types, 20 to 50 blooms, in any type container, buds allowed.

Pompon Dahlias**Class**

- D59 Bowl of Pompons, 10 to 30 blooms, one or more varieties, buds allowed.
 D60 Basket of Pompons, 15 to 30 blooms, 1 or more varieties, buds allowed.
 D61 Display of Pompons, 50 or more blooms, in one container, 1 or varieties, buds allowed.

Orchid Flowering Dahlias**Class**

- D62 Arrangement of Orchid Flowering Dahlia in any container, any number of blooms, buds allowed.

Any Types**Class**

- D63 Basket or arrangement of 2 or more types of Dahlias under 4 inches arranged for color harmony or effect, any number of blooms buds allowed.

* Special—most outstanding entry in classes D55 to D63. Suitable prize will be given.

* Sweepstakes D55 to D63 for bowls, baskets, and arrangements. Suitable prize will be given.

* Grand sweepstakes in Section D (D1 to D63). \$25.00 cash prize.

SECTION E
SPECIAL DISPLAY CLASSES
OPEN TO ALL
\$50.00 CASH PRIZES

Class

- E1 12 to 15 A—Large Dahlia Blooms, any color or colors, any type or types, displayed in a basket or ornamental vase. 1st prize—\$25.00; 2nd prize, \$15.00; 3rd prize—\$10.00.
 E2 15 to 25, A—large or B—medium, straight or incurved cactus, one or more varieties, in one container. Medal offered by Past President Conrad Frey.
 E3 RAY SMITH MEMORIAL AWARD offered by the Dahlia Society of New Jersey for the best vase of 5 blooms of a dahlia of New Jersey origin exhibited on long stems. Variety must be at least three years old if undisseeded. Silver medal given by Leo L. Pollak, Past President of the A.D.S., and Past President of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey.
 E4 Exhibit of Dahlias, 50 square feet or over. Entry may be made by an amateur grower, a society, a club, or a city or civic group. 1st prize a Gold Cup, 2nd prize a Silver Cup.
 E5 Exhibit of seven "A"-size bicolor dahlias, formal, informal or cactus. One variety, any colors. Silver-on-glass vase given by Editor Lynn B. Dudley.

SECTION F

Read exhibition score card. Judged on point system as listed. Blooms to be grown by or for the exhibitor.

COMMERCIAL**Class**

- F1 To the most outstanding and meritorious commercial Dahlia exhibit of 100 square feet. Award, suitable prize will be given.
 F2 To the most outstanding and meritorious commercial Dahlia exhibit of over 100 square feet. Award, suitable prize will be given.

SECTION G**A.D.S. SHOW SEEDLING SWEEPSTAKES**

For undisseeded dahlias, 3 or more years old

To be entered at 11 a. m. Tuesday and judged at 3 p. m.

The American Dahlia Society announces the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes. These are designed to give added honor and publicity to such new seedling varieties as, in the opinion of competent judges, are worthy of being introduced.

All seedlings entered in this section must be at least three years old and originator must have sufficient stock and agree to introduce same the following season if given an award. There is no limit to the number of entries by an exhibitor. All varieties will be scored on A.D.S. Bench Score Cards by a group of five judges.

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Awards will be A.D.S. Medal Certificates to all varieties which receive an average of 85 points or over.

All seedlings entered in any seedling class in this show, in this section or in other Special Seedling Classes, may be selected by the judges to receive awards.

The above Certificates of Award will be issued only when the dahlias selected by the judges under these rules have been certified as being at least three years old, to be introduced the following season, and when named in compliance with the rules of the A.D.S. in naming a new variety.

(Note: The American Dahlia Society will offer the above awards to all A.D.S. Affiliated and Branch Societies which will list them in their schedule in conformance with the above rules and make application for same in writing and agree to abide by these rules.)

A.D.S. SUPREME SWEEPSTAKE AWARDS

For further recognition of superlative new seedling varieties, the American Dahlia Society will award 3 Gold Medals, one in each size class—A—large, B—medium, and M—small—same to be awarded to the one seedling in each of these categories which scores the highest average score in at least three shows each season where the A.D.S. show seedling sweepstakes awards are made. This includes the A.D.S. show in New York, and any A.D.S. Affiliated and Branch Societies which have qualified for and made these awards. All scores of winners (which have scored 85 points or over) in the A.D.S. Sweepstakes Awards are to be filed with the A.D.S. Sweepstakes Awards Committee prior to October 20th of the same season. The committee will then average the scores of the varieties which have won the Gold Medal Certificate with a score of 85 or more. The variety in each size category which scores the highest average will be awarded an A.D.S. Gold Medal. These medal winners will be announced in the November A.D.S. Bulletin.

Class

- G1 Cactus—incurved or straight, 3 blooms, 1 variety, BB—small-medium, 4 to 6 inches.
- G2 Semi-cactus—3 blooms, 1 variety, BB—small-medium.
- G3 Decorative—informal, 3 blooms, 1 variety, BB—small-medium.
- G4 Decorative—formal, 3 blooms, 1 variety, BB—small-medium.
- G5 Cactus—incurved or straight, 3 blooms, 1 variety, B—medium.
- G6 Semi-cactus—3 blooms, 1 variety, B—medium.
- G7 Decorative—informal, 3 blooms, 1 variety, B—medium.
- G8 Decorative—formal, 3 blooms, 1 variety, B—medium.
- G9 Cactus—3 blooms, 1 variety, A—large.
- G10 Semi-cactus—3 blooms, 1 variety, A—large.
- G11 Decorative—informal, 3 blooms, 1 variety, A—large.

- G12 Decorative—formal, 3 blooms, 1 variety, A—large.
- G13 Ball—3 blooms, 1 variety.
- G14 Miniature—cactus or semi-cactus, 5 blooms, 1 variety.
- G15 Miniature—decorative—formal or informal, 5 blooms, 1 variety.
- G16 Pompons—5 blooms, 1 variety.
- G17 Collarette—5 blooms, 1 variety.
- G18 Orchid—5 blooms, 1 variety.
- G19 Singles—5 blooms, 1 variety.
- G20 Any type not mentioned above 3 blooms, 1 variety.

AMERICAN HOME ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Class

- G21 The American Home Achievement Medal is offered for award to the originator whether amateur or professional, of the most worthy undissemminated Dahlia, whether shown by the originator or someone else. At least three blooms must be shown and entered specifically in a clearly designated separate class provided for it. The award will be made only to a new variety of adequate merit, distinction and novelty; one having distinctiveness as compared with existing varieties. It cannot be made to an unnamed seedling; in the event of a successful competing variety being unnamed, the award will not be confirmed until a name, satisfactory to the A.D.S. has been given. The winning of this Medal automatically renders the variety winning it ineligible to compete for it in any future year.

FLOWER GROWER AWARD

Class

- G22 LEONARD BARRON MEMORIAL TROPHY is offered for the best variety of medium size Dahlia measuring 4 to 8 inches, 3 blooms or more. Variety to show outstanding merit as a cut flower. Special entry to be made. Sufficient stock must be available and the originator shall agree to disseminate it the following season. The variety must be named before final award is made. Award made by the Flower Grower Magazine and will be known as the Leonard Barron Memorial Award for the best new medium sized Dahlia.

A.D.S. TROPHY

Class

- G23 The A.D.S. offers a valuable trophy for the best undissemminated variety of small size Dahlias measuring 4 inches or less in diameter, 10 blooms. Special entry to be made. Sufficient stock must be available and the originator shall agree to disseminate it the following season. The variety must be named before final award is made.

SECTION H SPECIAL—OPEN TO ALL

To the most outstanding and meritorious non-commercial entry or display in the entire show including Section J. Special entry need not be made. This award is not to go to a commercial grower or to an entry of less than 3 blooms. Award A.D.S. Gold Medal.

SECTION J Court of Honor

LOUIS B. TIM TROPHY

Class

- J1** A special class designed to promote interest in the exhibition of fine, extra quality, specimen dahlias. Entries to consist of one bloom, A—large, any type or color, to be judged by largest and most nearly perfect bloom score card. Either disseminated varieties or seedlings may be entered in this class.

Award—Louis B. Tim Trophy, the trophy to remain in the possession of the winner till the next A.D.S. Annual Show. An exhibitor winning the award three times shall retain permanent possession of the trophy.

Won in 1951 by Mr. Ernest Lewis with "Powder Puff."

Won in 1952 by Dr. F. J. Knocke with "Pride of Parkersburg."

Won in 1953 by Dr. F. J. Knocke with "Ada N."

MRS. LOUIS B. TIM TROPHY

Class

- J2** A special class designed to promote interest in the exhibition of fine, extra quality specimen dahlias. Entries to consist of three blooms, B—medium, one variety, any type or color, to be judged by the A.D.S. bench score card for B—medium dahlias. Either disseminated varieties or seedlings may be entered in this class.

Award—Mrs. Louis B. Tim Trophy, the trophy to remain in the possession of the winner till the next A.D.S. Annual Show. An exhibitor winning the award three times shall retain permanent possession of the trophy.

Won in 1951 by Mr. Henry Olsen with "Edgar Guest."

Won in 1952 by Evergreen Farms with "Terpo."

Won in 1953 by Mr. Harry Frank with "Grace."

DR. EDWARD McDADE TROPHY

Class

- J3** A special class designed to promote interest in the exhibition of fine, extra quality specimen dahlias. Entries to consist of five blooms, small, one variety, any type or color, to be judged by the A.D.S. bench score card for M—small dahlias. Either disseminated varieties or seedlings may be entered in this class.

Award — Dr. Edward McDade Trophy, the trophy to remain in the possession of the winner till the next A.D.S. Annual Show. An exhibitor winning the award three times shall retain permanent possession of the trophy.

This trophy is being offered a second time. The first, a handsome sterling silver covered bon bon bowl, was retired in 1953 by Mr. Harry Frank who won it three times with "Agatha."

A.D.S. Officers for 1954

The following were elected to office, at the Annual Meeting of the American Dahlia Society, at the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York, January 23:

President—Andrew J. Mulcahy.

Secretary—Edward B. Lloyd.

Treasurer—Henry A. Olsen.

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What Dahlias Are Most Likely To Win for You in 1954

"THE CREAM OF THE CROP"

By DR. WARD H. COOK

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Readers will recall that there was published in the March, 1953, Bulletin an article with list of dahlia varieties titled, "The Cream of the Crop." It was a compilation of all types and color classes, listing those which the author, Dr. Ward Cook, personally regarded as the most likely ones to win in the shows. Because of the many favorable comments on that list, we asked Dr. Cook to make a new selection table for 1954. If you, like many others did last year, make practical use of this compilation the editor would like to know of it.)

This year's selection is the result of a personal survey of varieties actually grown by myself or observed well-grown in the gardens of others, coupled with notes made at various shows. The opportunity to make frequent visits to the largest of the Honor Roll Test Gardens as well as A.D.S. Trial Gardens has been distinctly helpful. There is no pretense of having included all varieties which can win. The list (603 varieties tabulated) indicates those which seem to me to have demonstrated that they possess the highest quality and fewest faults when expertly grown, in their respective size, formation, and color classes.

The order in which they are listed does not always mean any considerable difference in merit; for example, with "A" Semi-Cactus yellow, or "B" Cactus, Light Blend, the manner in which it was grown, may be of more importance than the variety. In other classes, however, such as "A" Semi-Cactus White or "B" Informal Decorative, white, a well-grown bloom of the first choice can hardly fail to deserve to win over an equally well-grown bloom of the other listed varieties. It is the overall scoring possibilities of a variety at its best that determines its position in the list. Despite a disproportionate stem length or top-facing tendency, a given variety may deserve a winning score because of a fortunate combination of other excellent qualities; e.g., color and formation with perhaps extra large size in "A" classes on the one hand and extra small size and daintiness among miniatures on the other hand.

New, meritorious varieties have helped to fill some of the gaps in last year's listing. Particularly is this true in the medium size range, where I am glad to note that repeated emphasis upon the need and better opportunity for their competition in the shows is definitely bearing fruit. In fact, in some classes, so many excellent varieties are now available that any attempt to restrict the selection to four, or even five, may seem arbitrary.

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THE CREAM OF THE CROP—(Continued)

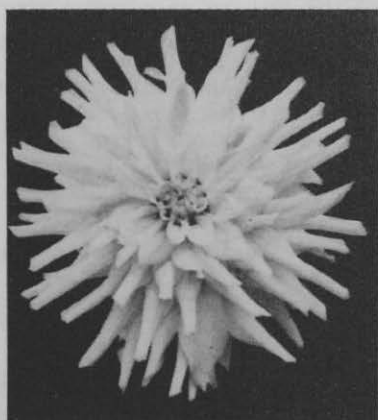
In general the smaller, medium varieties, which seldom exceed six inches in diameter, have been included only in the four "BB" (4 to 6 inches) classes, although those in this table which are classified as "B" Medium can easily contend for top honors in competition with those given in the table of "B" dahlias. This year's novelties, both domestic and foreign, which, notwithstanding limited opportunity for direct competition with our standard favorites, have impressed me with their superior characteristics, are given recognition in relation to the best standard varieties.

Influenced either by further acquaintance with certain varieties, or, in a few cases, by the decision of the Classification Committee, some shifting as to type or color will be noted in comparing this listing with the 1953 recommendations. In those instances where the Classification list has *not* been followed, the corresponding change has been urged upon the Committee, and the Official Classification is shown in parenthesis.

Strongest candidates for most perfect bloom are denoted by symbol *, while the most likely possibilities for "largest and best bloom" are denoted by symbol **.

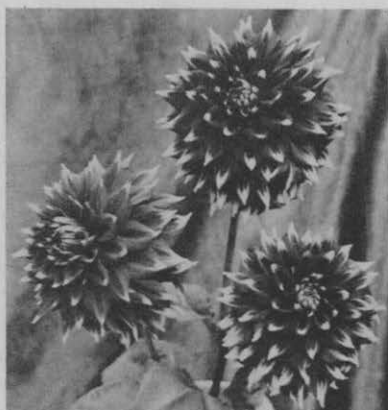
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Cook has written this year, in addition to the simple tabular listing of his choices in each class, a resume of the reasons for his selection as well as occasional pertinent notes on performance. We plan to print this resume in later issues of the Bulletin.)

(Seven Cream of the Crop Charts Follow)



RUTHIE

B.S.C. Dawn Pink. Honor 'Roll.
Named after Mrs. Ruth Berry—Garfield Heights.



STARBRIGHT

B.S.C. Paony Purple Tipped White.
A.D.S. Sweepstake Winner. Honor
Roll—Stanley Johnston.

Cream of the Crop — 1954

FIRST CHOICE

A

	CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	*Allegresse, StC B	**Pride of Parkersburg ●	Sunburst	Prairie Sun
Orange	Rose Ann S., StC	Prairie Fire	Betty Broster	Don Jose
Red	Edna D., StC B	**Lynn Fontanne	Mary Elizabeth ●	Pop Harris B
Flame	Leander, StC (IC)	Collector's Item	Col. Little	**Arthur Godfrey ●
Autumn	Oakleigh Champion, IC	Ronnie Lee	**Croydon Masterpiece B	Kirsten Flagstad
Dark Red	*Yowu Matsuo, IC	Ami Louis Blin	**Mrs. Hester A. Pape ●	Bull's Eye
Variegated	Hypnose, IC	Figaro	Dixie Wine Dot	Clara Bruce
Bicolor	Uncle Dudley, IC	Jane Lausche B	Cornell ●	Tiara
Dark Blend	**Valley Queen, IC	William Evans, IC	**Autumn Blaze	Julia Keech (A ID Dk Bl)
Purple	Clariam Royalty, StC ●	Ada N.	Kemp's Purple Triumph B	Deep Purple
Light Blend	Reality, IC	Empire State	Helen Stanford	*Five Star General ●
Pink	Belle Dame, StC B	Cymbie	Kelvin B	Stardust
White	**Bay City White, IC	**Edith Willkie	Winnifred Stredwick B	D'Arcy Sainsbury ● B
Lavender	Irene Dunne, StC	*Marilyn Dale ●	**Powder Puff ●	*Lavender Perfection B

B**FIRST CHOICE**

	CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	*Bunny, IC	*Edgar A Guest		Sparkler
Orange	Orange Princess, IC	Rockley Orange ●	House of Orange	Indian Paint Brush
Red	Nancy Ann Mitchell, IC	*Terpo	Vic	Fireball
Flame	Kelvin Sunrise, IC	Bataan	Caroline Kernochan	Rose Glow
Autumn	*Copperhead, IC	Golden Rectitude (B IC Au) B	Miss Rita B	*Golden Treasure
Dark Red	*Juanita, StC	Breendonck	Maharajah	Deep Velvet ●
Variegated	Mosaic, IC	Jubilijm	Crystal Surprise ●	Bruce Frost
Bicolor	Victory Maid, IC	Starbright	*Campus Queen ●	Frances Hanna
Dark Blend	Judy G., StC ●			Ballego's Glory B
Purple	*Daisy Ethel, IC	Purple Knight ●	Eventide	Marshall A. Howe
Light Blend	*Bond's Memory, IC (B SC Lt Bl)	*Woodland Peach		*Betty Blossom
Pink	*Doris Hilliard, IC	Nay Aug ●	*Hill's Pink Supreme	*Jersey Beauty B
White	*Snowball, StC	Bill Jack (ASCW)	*Windlassie ●	*Alabaster
Lavender	Dottie, IC	Koongarra Glory	Pretty Lady	Frances Hamilton Archer ●

Cream of the Crop — 1954

A

SECOND CHOICES

	CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	*Jaune La Belle, IC Derring Do Yellow, IC Darle V., IC	*Rika Ballin New Look *My Memories Hoosier Marvel	Burnbrae Memories **Quinn's Tidal Wave Queen Elizabeth	Mulwarre Montgomery
Orange	*Miss Myrtle Beach, StC Dorothy Lamour, StC Patricia Spollen, IC	Miss Phyllis Vohland		Volcano
Red	King Size, StC Sqn of Satan, IC General Eisenhower, IC	Maffie The Cardinal Forest Ranger	Red Champion Murphy's Masterpiece	Croydon Signal Croydon Crimson
Flame	Giant of Baarn, StC Angelus, IC	Roselyn Straight Don L. Link's Sensation	Cosmopolitan	Red Perfection
Autumn	Stephen Foster, IC **Pin Wheel, IC Clara Hook, StC Gold Coin, IC	Special Award Amelia Earhart Brown Bomber (A IC Au)	*Pirate Treasure Axford Triumph Sherwood Peach Carl G. Dahl	Marjory Nolan
Dark Red	Detroit 250, IC Big Mo, IC	Val's Delight Black Monarch Mary Lynn Dudley Virginia Rute	Cherokee Brave Mignon Joy	Stellaette Commando (Aus.) Croydon Brightness (A FD R)
Variegated	Samba, IC	Hulin's Troubadour	Simoun Pfarrer Rojek	
Bicolor	Aristos, IC		Kentucky Sportsman	Phantom Jeanette Miss Liberty
Dark Blend			Sydney Croydon Wizard	Noelle Watson
Purple	Arabian Night, StC	Hollywood Star Cheadle Park Jean Trimbee	The Volunteer Amos Kirby Glamour	King David Purple Dawn
Light Blend	Crowning Glory, IC Golden Jupiter, IC Bertha Shone, IC Phenomenon, StC	Arab Queen Sensation B. C. Greater Glory	Majestat Vargas Gardner Mother Koenig	Kidd's Climax
Pink	Pink Superior, IC Sarett's Pink Flamingo, IC Pride of Holland, StC	All American Irene Rich	Frieda Gaylord	Virginia B. Taggart
White	Dandy Snow, StC	Graf Folke Bernadotte Whitehall	Madonna Mothers Day Great Lakes	*Heavenly White Emma Caroline The Real Glory Croydon Snotop
	Carol Francis, IC Nellie Retzer, IC	*Ruth Alampi Milgrove	Nearest Blue Rudolf Motznick Blue Okanagon	Ruth Nichols Marybelle Sarah Carolyn

Cream of the Crop — 1954 BB SELECTIONS

	INCURVED CACTUS	STRAIGHT CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	Sylvia Ann	*Yellow Special Flirt Finesse Anversoise Hoek's Yellow Jack Reid	Arabeske	*Yellow Elegance	*Gay Canary
Orange	*Mrs. Willicombe		Duindigt		Adelaide Amb. V. Kleffens
Red	Gay Salute Joan Gibbs	Aristocrat Dulcie May (B IC R) Red Sparkle	Nicky K.		Shirley Westwell
Flame			Tilbury's Starlight Shiela Brunton	Forest Fire Jr.	Rose Glow Brandaris
Autumn	Rheingold Pari Taha Gold Karolinchen	Ballerina	Sabine		Old Gold Bittersweet
Dark Red		Gratia	Dubonnet		Ike
Variegated				*Quinn's Butterfly	*Gypsy Girl
Bicolor	Farncot Brioso	John L. Stevens	Little Shiek Little Blue Star		St. Nick Deuil du Roi Albert
Purple	*Pin Up	Zenith	Arrangement (M StC Pr) Lombaert's Violet		*Ruby Glow
Light Blend	*Silvretta Rosemary Dainty Norma Jean (M St C) Margaret Rose	*Ste. Therese *Val St. Lambert Montafon	Elodie K. Miss Elsie Jane Judy K.	Rapture	Leah Pearl Kathie M.
Pink	Julius C. Bunge	Grace Margery Blake	Miss Rose Fletcher (B StC Pk) Graziella Samivera		Gerrie Hoek Baby Fonteneau Dearie
White	Little Linda	Vrede Lombaert's Albino Majory Whiddon	*Snow Cup Purity Willy Flaton		Glacier Dave Platt
	Bedford Beauty	Friendship Requiem	Royalty Mirabella	Little Eddie (B ID Lt Bl)	

Dahliadel 1954 Introductions

BETTY LOU (Dahliadel). Lovely little almost white color sport of Betty Anne Pompon, 1 1/4" x 1". Really a blend with a blush of soft rose at the base of the petals and edged white. Bush grows about 2 ft. Produces wonderful blooms on fine stems.

Root \$3 net; Pot Root \$2 net; Plant \$1 net

GLACIER (Dahliadel). A pure white ball shaped Formal Decorative, 4-5" x 3" which is excellent for cutting and has won two A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes awards. A miniature when grown as a small dahlia and a BB when disbudded. On Dudley's and Faust's Honor Rolls and Webb's Review. Cert. at New Brunswick.

Root \$7.50 net; Pot Root \$5 net; Plant \$2.50 net

KENTUCKY LADY (Dahliadel). A very lively Informal Decorative of Persian rose with white tips and white at center. A color sport of Kentucky Sportsman. A real showy and satisfactory garden variety of good form. Very early and profuse, with full-centered 9" x 5" blooms to the end of the season. On Webb's Eastern Review.

Root \$10 net; Pot Root \$7.50 net; Plant \$3.50 net

"BLACK INDIA" INK BALL POINT PEN. High speed drying ink will not smear. A permanent indelible waterproof ink. The finest we have found for marking wooden labels and many other uses.

Pen complete, \$1.15; Refills, 50c

WIRE JACK DAHLIA KNIFE. Convenient hook blade pocket knife, 3 1/4" long, suitable for cutting flowers, and trimming and dividing light clumps.

60c; 2 for \$1.10

WIREJACK UTILITY KNIFE. A larger edition of above knife, 4" long, suitable for heavier work.

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PRUNING SHEARS (Italian). A full 9" imported shear with 3" single cutter blade, better for cutting dahlia stalks and tree pruning than the double cutter. Not as good for dividing clumps but very satisfactory. Top quality forged steel. A well made shear.

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HENCKLE IMPORTED SHEARS. Double cutting 8 1/2" pruning shears especially desirable for dividing and trimming dahlia clumps. The shear we have been using for many years. Suitable for general pruning.

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WARREN W. MAYTROT

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VINELAND, N. J.



OLD GLORY (Pittman-Dahliadel). A stunning Formal Decorative and the most consistent bi-color we have ever grown. Bright signal red evenly tipped white. Blooms easily 7-8" x 4" on 4' bushes. Produced wonderful blooms very early and all through the unusual heat and dry weather of this season. Most striking in the garden and sure to please you. On Dudley's Honor Roll.

Root \$15 net; Pot Root \$10 net; Plant \$5 net

JO (Cook-Dahliadel). Lovely petunia purple, early and profuse. We believe this to be the best of all purple Miniature Formal Decoratives, 3 1/4" x 2". Certified in New Brunswick in 1952. Won A.D.S. Trophy for best undisseminated miniature seedling in 1953. On Dudley's and Faust's Honor Roll and Webb's Review.

Root \$5 net; Pot Root \$3.50 net; Plant \$2 net

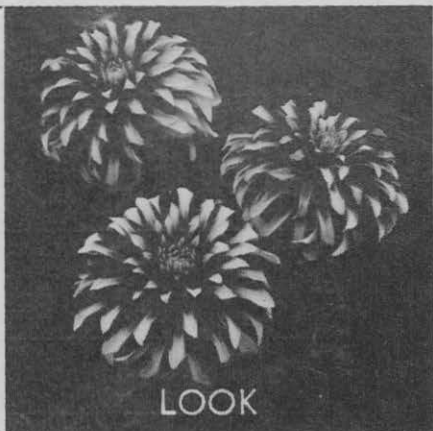


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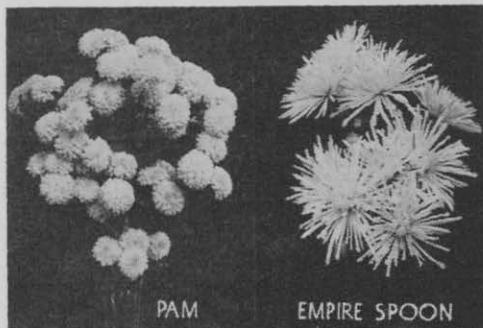
Our 1954 CATALOG, offers more Outstanding Introductions and 600 of the newest and best in DAHLIAS, and 130 of the finest Hardy CHRYSANTHEMUMS. 8 full pages of Cultural Instructions are included.

LOOK (Bugg-Dahlidel). Lively carmine and white Informal Decorative Miniature, consistent bi-color producing many perfect two-toned dahlias in a season. Early and profuse. Picture taken the end of October shows its ability to hold perfect center until frost. Blooms are 3" x 2" on strong healthy 3 1/2' bushes. Very attractive. On Dudley's Honor Roll.

Root \$5.00 net—Plant \$2.00 net



HARDY GARDEN CHRYSANTHEMUMS



Dahlidel 1954 Introductions

Blend Spoon. Bloom 3" Bush 2 1/2'. Beautiful Mimosa yellow with tubes shaded rose. Fully double. Fine for cutting. Stands early frost.

Empire Spoon. Bloom 4" Bush 2'. Lovely Empire yellow, deeper and richer than Yellow Spoon. Wonderful grower.

Pam. Bloom 1 1/2" Bush 2 1/2'. Wonderful small Decorative of rose pink with gold centers. Prolific, nice stems and artistic clusters.

Above Introductions — Plants Each \$1.00
Rooted Cuttings 2 of one variety for \$1.00

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Selection of various types. All early blooming varieties.

SPIDERS

Bess Witt. Attractive yellow shaded apricot rose.

Mauve. Lovely deep mauve. Slender quilled petals. Fine for cutting.

Sunnyslope Splendor. Most pleasing pure white when fully open. One of the best.

SPOONS

Carol C. Pastel mauve tube with purple tips.

Lovely Nell. Bright terra cotta tube, yellow spoon. Very striking.

POMPON

Sunape. Attractive fully double golden yellow.

DECORATIVES

Edith. Mallow purple. Fine strong stems for cutting and landscape.

Huntsman. Brilliant Jasper red overcast bronze.

Lee Powell. Large fluffy blooms of Empire yellow. Very prolific.

Patricia Lehman. Rose pink with shell pink center. Twisted petals give feathery effect.

Royal Robe. Outstanding dianthus purple. Unexcelled for cutting.

Silverplate. Lovely form. One of the best whites for cutting. Very prolific.

Pot Plants 50c each or 2 Rooted Cuttings of one variety for 50c. 1 Pot Plant or 2 Rooted Cuttings of each of the 12 varieties for \$5.00 Postpaid.

Send 20c for Special Handling on all Mum Orders. Include 35c extra for Postage and Packing on Orders under \$5.00.



Cream of the Crop — 1954

SECOND CHOICES

B

	CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	*Pioneer, StC Labuan, StC Cirrus, StC Refugee, StC	Scarsdale Sun Full Moon Punctueel		Maureen Connolly Arc de Triomphe (B FD Au) Kentucky Sun
Orange	Agnes E. James, IC Koningin Juliana, StC Autumn Light, StC (B SC Or)		Orange Flame	Flaming Sunset
Red	Victory Day, StC M.P. Savanau, StC Stoptlight, StC	Scarlet Leader Hylas		Barbarosa
Flame	Heart of Gold Renaissance, IC	Laetare Enten		Brandaris
Autumn	Lady Alice, StC Ashford, StC Connie Casey, StC	Koongarra Radiance Messina (B SC Or)		
Dark Red	Grandezza, StC Blackbird, IC Morisca		Anna Benedict	Abe Lincoln
Variiegated			Goudbracaat	Quinn's Highlea Haslerova
Bicolor	Flash, IC		Justinius Kerner Wanda Meade Kortrijk's Vendel	Lois Walcher Old Glory Jack of Hearts
Dark Blend				Sellwood Glory Gladys Brewster
Purple	Orfeo, IC Doreen E., StC Marion Glenn, IC	Colbert		Tall and Handsome
Light Blend	Eugene Black, IC Mme. Clementine Payen, IC Aumonier Chandelon, IC Blendette, IC	Laura B. Maryland Beauty Almelo's Glory (B SC Pk)		Florence M. King Peter II
Pink	Mme. Elizabeth Sawyer, StC Chuck's Pink, IC Youth, IC Frau Margit Haase, IC (A IC Pk)	Mrs. Dean Acheson	Frills Victory Eclipse	Margaret Morris (A Lt B) D-Day Clariam Luray
White	*Florence Chadwick, StC	Michigan White	White Winner	Mayor Ring Miss Shattuck Zero
Lavender	Lavender Gem Lyriek, IC Vivianne Coppens, StC	Doge Michigan Orchid Dorothy Schmidt	Cherie The Detroit Times	

Cream of the Crop — 1954

MINIATURE SELECTIONS

	CACTUS	SEMI-CACTUS	INFORMAL DEC.	FORMAL DEC.
Yellow	*Belle, StC B Jack Reid, StC Myall Sonne, StC	B Arabesque Tip	Roy's Yellow	Little Lemon Drop Cheryl Anne Canary
Orange		Andrie's Orange	B Cinnamon* Gem B Elsie Crellin	Peggy Lindley
Red	Ruby Charm, StC	Double Victory	B Chico Passepourtout	Jennie A. Nancy Sylvia
Flame		Petit Prince (M SC Au) Atomic Ray	B Jubilant (Dahl) Red Fire Forest Fire Jr.	B Decoy
Autumn	Favorita, StC	Autumn Babe Frances Digi	B Onah Bronze Elsie	Fuzzy Wuzzy Buckeye Baby Bittersweet
Dark Red		Dubonnet		Buddy Ballejo's Maroon Gem Freda
Variegated				Tsitze Hulin's Carnival
Bicolor	Mrs. Stone, StC (M StC R) John L. Stevens, StC	*Little Sheik Little Blue Star	Look Rickey	Zest Promising Surprise Funny Face Red Shadow
Dark Blend	Firefly (M SC Or)			
Purple		Lambert's Violet Fuchsia Gem		*Jo Little Jerry Royaletta Prigbess Royal
Light Blend	B Hazel Harper, StC B Mab, StC Kay, StC	Homeacre's Sweetest Petit Sonne Susan R. Chips	*Duke Rapture	Bo Bo Little Timmie Fairy Nibs
Pink	Little Peaches, StC Little Miss Prim, StC Little Darling	B Jubilant (Bruid) Graziella Samivera Little Diamond Little Rachel		*Silver Spring *Baby Fonteneau Bright Lass
White	Little Linda, StC Snow Prince, IC Lombaert's Albino, StC Millie, StC	*Geneva Crystal White Snowsprite		*Agatha Little Jimmy *White Fawn
Lavender	Betsy T., StC	Estelle Delaware Royal Royalty	Little Joanne	Prairie Thistle Nellie Shee Little Susan

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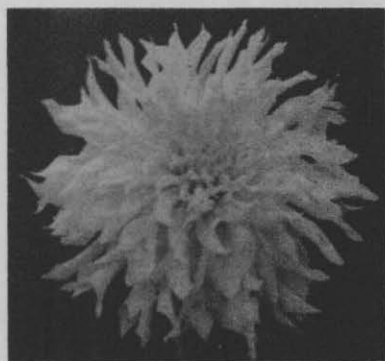
POM PONS							
Yellow	Little Prince Light Ball Little Jackie Brass Button Mimosa						
Orange	Clarisse Donny Aloha Little David Pinocchio						
Red	Sweetie Iia Little Jim Little Marvel Kobold						
Flame	*Little Edith Pee Wee Antenja						
Autumn	*Gold Dust Burwood Edith Mueller Honey Zonnepoud						
Dark Red	Ebony Johnny Dorra Little Bobby						
Bicolor	Eileen Betty Malone Minnie Mouse						
Dark Blend	Strathfield						
Purple	*Miss Marjorie Willow's Violet Sherry Valda						
Light Blend	*Clover *Graham Brittain's Delight Rose Pink Perfection						
Pink	Mrs. French Mrs. V. Brittain Nerissa Pink Duchess Betty Anne						
White	*Mrs. J. Telfer *Bob White Little Beauty						
Lavender	*Margaret Williams Rhonda Joyce Gibbs Rosegay Dee Dee						
BALL	MINIATURE BALL	PEONY	ANEMONE	COLLARETTE	SINGLE	ORCHID	
Yellow	Mary Helen	Little Buddy		Claire de Lune Saturn	Pequot Yellow	*Imp	
Orange	Orange Glow		Grenato	Orangeade	Bachelor Girl		
Red		Lysander	*Bishop of Llandaff	Marcelline Frank Harris	Temptation		
Flame	Rondkop	Red Gold Medal	Croix du Sud	*La Gioconda	James Weller Mom's Favorite Bruno	Dahlidel Whisper	
Autumn	Charlotte Caldwell	Mazie			Tango		
Dark Red	Black Diamond	*Dusky	*Comet	Hot Jazz Erica	Garnet Poinsettia		
Variegated	Jayseedee						
Bicolor	Clara Clemens			Coincident	*Gay Lassie Marsall's Gloria		
Dark Blend	Jeep					Collegiate	
Purple	*Rev. Colwyn Vale		Robijn	La Cierva			
Light Blend	Dolly Packer Rosy Dawn	Maude Adams	Baby Royal	Vera Higgins	Dad's Favorite	Mia Karsten	*Dahlidel Twinkle
Pink	Alice J. Dorothy Dean		*Pink Lassie			Newport Wonder	My Lassie
White	Mozart		Bridesmaid	Sparkle	Snow Princess Purity	Everest	
Lavender	*Supt. Amrhyn	Dainty	*Vera Siemen Doirenbos	Music			

The Flower Grower Honor Roll for 1954

THE FOUR TESTERS RECOMMEND 48 VARIETIES

The list of 48 new seedlings above were selected by the four Honor Roll Testers and published in the January, 1954, issue of the *FLOWER GROWER*. Descriptions of each variety were given and pictures of 17 of them were included. The cuts of these pictures were loaned to the *BULLETIN* through the courtesy of Ruth Marie Peters, Managing Editor. But, unfortunately, all of these cuts were too large to reproduce herewith, except for the cover plates on this issue, which were adapted to our new size page. For these plates, our sincere thanks to John Whiting, publisher of the *FLOWER GROWER*.

The four Honor Roll Testers are Col. Richard T. Eddy, J. Louis Roberts, Conrad Foust, and Lynn B. Dudley. This year, as you will note from the list, all agreed on four varieties; *Bittersweet*, Min. F.D., *Mary Elizabeth*, A. I.D., *Maurine Connally*, B., F.D., and *Silver Spring*, Min. F.D. Three of them also agreed on four varieties *Adelaide*, B., F.D., *Glacier*, M. or B., F.D., *Harry A. Beals*, A. I.D., and *Harmony*, B., I.C. Two of them agreed on eight varieties; *Cherie*, B., I.D., *Elizabeth Reed Schnell*, M., F.D., and *Little Rachel*, M., Str. C., *Fashion Hour*, A., I.C., *Malcolm W. Bingay*, B., I.D., *Orange Special*, B., F.D., *Sarah Carolyn*, A., F.D., and *Vision*, A., S.C.



VISION

A.-S.C. White. Honor Roll. Merrill Brown—Rocky River.

DAHLIA	South	Mid-West	West Coast	East
ADELAIDE	★	★		★
BETTY LOU				★
BITTERSWEET	★	★	★	★
CARNIVAL			★	
CHERIE			★	★
DR. J. BEYER				★
ELAINE LEISKE				★
ELIZABETH REED SCHNELL			★	★
FASHION HOUR			★	★
FRANCES DIGI				★
FRIENDSHIP				★
GLACIER	★	★		★
GLADYS BREWSTER				★
HARMONY	★	★		★
HARRY A. BEALS		★	★	★
HARRY NICHOLAY		★		
HEROINE			★	
IDA S.				★
IRVIN FLECK				★
JIM'S BLEND				★
JO	★			★
LADY OF THE SNOWS				★
LITTLE PETER				★
LITTLE PETER				★
LITTLE RACHEL		★		★
LITTLE TIMMY				★
LOOK				★
MALCOLM W. BINGAY			★	★
MARGARET MAXWELL				★
MARGARET TEMPLETON				★
MARY ELIZABETH	★	★	★	★
MAUREEN CONNOLLY	★	★	★	★
OLD GLORY				★
ORANGE SPECIAL	★		★	
PAMELA JANE				★
RADIANT RED			★	
RITZIE				★
ROSEMARY DAINTY				★
RUTH ALAMPI				★
RUTHIE				★
SAM HERST				★
SARAH CAROLYN	★			★
SILVER SPRING	★	★	★	★
SMILES				★
SNOW CUP				★
STARBRIGHT				★
STORM CLOUD	★			
TORCH				★
VISION			★	★

New Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference

FOUR SOCIETIES MEET AND JOIN FORCES

The first Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference was held Wednesday, January 13, 1954, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Springer, 6425 Ardmore Drive, S.W., Tacoma, Washington.

Representatives from four Dahlia Societies of the Northwest were present. From "Kitsap Dahlia Society," of Bremerton were: J. E. Hulin, Thomas Forhan, and N. S. McKamey; the "Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society," in Everett were: Mrs. Robert Evans, Mrs. Lester Johnson, Jesse Cavender, and Tony De Rooy; "Portland Dahlia Society," of Portland were: Mrs. Rachel Verner, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Kershnik, and Henry White; and the "Washington State Dahlia Society," of Tacoma were: Mrs. Charles Ayler, Mrs. Ernest Springer, Charles Julin, and F. D. Burchard.

The purpose of the Northwest Conference shall be:

(1) To weld all the dahlia societies of this area into a strong federation and to provide a vehicle through which the Pacific Northwest can make its voice felt throughout the Dahlia world.

(2) To provide a suitable mechanism whereby an annual Conference Dahlia Show can be held, at locations to be determined by an annual meeting of Conference Delegates. Location of these annual shows to be fairly placed in rotation so that each society in the conference will have an opportunity to host the show.

(3) To work toward the establishment of a Dahlia Trial Garden in this area, which shall be an accredited trial garden of the A.D.S. if acceptable to that society.

(4) The Conference shall publish a bulletin twice annually, containing show reports from the various societies in the conference, and other material pertinent to the culture of dahlias in this area.

Election of officers was held with the following people elected: President—Tony De Rooy of Everett, Vice President—P. F. Kershnik of Portland,

and Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Robert Evans of Everett.

Mr. De Rooy appointed Mrs. Charles Ayler as Publicity Chairman; P. F. Kershnik as Editor of the Bulletin, which is to be entitled "The Pacific Dahlia," and Henry White—Associate Editor.

The Purposes and Rules of the Northwest Dahlia Conference were adopted but time did not permit for the adoption of the By-Laws.

A meeting will be called by the President for the Board of Delegates to meet again in the very near future.

—MRS. CHARLES AYLER,
Publicity Chairman.

Wireworm, Grub Control

George D. Johnson, in *SUCCESSFUL FARMING*, says that small quantities of insecticide (usually aldrin) have been combined with mixed fertilizer, the results in killing wire worms, seed corn beetles, grubs, and other soil insects, have been proved effective. The method is to mix $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{3}$, or 1 pound of aldrin with 100 pounds of fertilizer. Recommended rate is $\frac{1}{2}$ pound per acre against rootworms and 1 pound per acre against wireworms. Aldrin costs \$1.55 to \$3.00 per pound.

Urea Nitrogen

It is said that by the fall of 1954, urea production for fertilizer will be a half million tons. It is a solid material made from air and natural gas or coal. It is made up of 2 parts ammonia and 1 part carbon dioxide. Each 100 pound bag of urea fertilizer contains 45 pounds of actual nitrogen. Instead of leaching, as other forms of nitrates do, urea is changed to ammonia form by soil bacteria and is fixed to soil particles. It is water-soluble and can be applied in irrigation water.

George Bernard Shaw, observing a dahlia hobbist in his garden, said, quote: Gardening is the one unquestionably useful job.

England Reports on American Dahlias

The following is excerpts from the Amateur Gardening Magazine issued on January 22, 1954. The article is entitled "Giant Cactus Dahlias of Merit," written by A. T. Barnes, and the paragraphs are as follows:

"Turning to the new giant cactus dahlias which have been grown during the past season, one may pick out a number of really first-class varieties that will take a foremost place amongst the best exhibition flowers. Outstanding on account of its colour was Fashion Hour, a dahlia of American origin. The size of this variety is given as 12 x 7, the American way of referring to diameter and depth. In colour it is a bright rosy-lilac, paling towards the center. Stems and habit are ideal.

* * *

"One of the largest flowers in the crimson range is Big Ben, a variety which barely grows to 3 ft. When seen in flower it appears somewhat freakish. It should be disbudded well

down to obtain usable stems. Going many shades darker is the American variety, Big Mo, a dahlia with a flower almost as black as a sweep's brush, and if one likes this sombre colour there is nothing to beat it. I was much impressed by *Patricia Spollen*, one of the latest arrivals from the United States, Where it has received many honours, including five A.D.S. Gold Medals. This variety is a beautiful cactus whose colour is best described as apricot blended with cinnabar red, the effect of which is to create an all-over tone of orange. Its splendid growth and long, hard stems will make it a popular flower with exhibitors."

During the extremely dry season of 1953, nematodes, wire worms and other root eating worms were especially destructive in the East, and possibly other sections also. In many clumps, the mother roots were mere shells, all of the inside being eaten away. Perhaps these pests could only satisfy their thirst by feasting on the succulent roots of our dahlias.

Three Honor Roll Dahlias for 1954

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Louis B. Tim died in December at his home in New York City. Mr. Tim was a vice-president of this society and one of the regular donors of large cups and trophies at the New York Show. Up to last year, Mr. Tim had exhibited foreign introductions in a special amateurs class and had received innumerable awards. At his country home in Long Branch, New Jersey, he grew orchids, carnations, and many other flowers besides dahlias. For his dahlias he maintained a copper screen house, similar to the well-known cloth houses, to protect the plants from pests. Mr. Tim will be greatly missed at the annual A.D.S. Show. In section J of the Court of Honor, The Louis B. Tim Trophy and the Mrs. Louis B. Tim Trophy each have some years to go before an exhibitor can win permanent possession of them. Each can be

won permanently by any exhibitor winning them three times. So far, each trophy has been won by a different exhibitor in each of the past two years since they were first offered. The American Dahlia Society extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Tim.

C. L. ARMATROUT

C. L. Armatrout, past president of the Baltimore Dahlia Society and one of the staunchest believers in the worth of the dahlia as a garden flower, passed away in December. He was always ready to help other growers, and only last September saw that some of us who were visiting the show needed transportation to the depot and took us down in his car. He will be greatly missed by the A.D.S. and the Baltimore Society.

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Dahlia Catalogues and Publications

The following 1954 catalogues and current publications of the Dahlia world have been received by the Bulletin up to date of publishing:

RUSCHMOHR DAHLIA GARDENS, 24 pgs. and cover. 38 Vincent Street, Rockville Centre, New York.

PARRELLA DAHLIA GARDENS, 28 pgs. 3380 Ely Ave., New York 69, N. Y.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS DAHLIA GARDENS, 8 pg. folder. 6219 Turney Road, Garfield Heights 25, Ohio.

BALLAY DAHLIA GARDENS, 16 pgs. 4309 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, California.

DAHLIAGRAM, 3 pgs. Multigraph. Monthly Report. Recording the doings of the National Capital Dahlia Society. Edited by Thomas Yano, Secretary.

GREATER ST. LOUIS DAHLIA SOCIETY, 2 pg. Monthly Report. Telling about meetings and speakers with some cultural helps.

NORTHWEST DAHLIA CONFERENCE BULLETIN, 16 pg. Magazine. The official publication of the newly organized Pacific Northwest Conference. Proposed to be issued once in Spring, once in Fall. We would be pleased to receive the first issue.

P. DE JAGER & SONS, INC., CATALOGUE SPRING, '54, 32 pgs. 188 Asbury Street, South Hamilton, Massachusetts. (Dahlias, Gladiolus, Begonias, Lilies, etc.)

J. G. BALLEGO & SONS, Leiden Holland, 36 pgs. Rijnsburgerweg 131.

BARWALL DAHLIA FARM, 20 pgs. Mrs. Frank Seaman, Westville Ave., Danbury Conn.

GOLDEN RULE DAHLIA FARM, 16 pgs. Lebanon, Ohio.

ROCKY RIVER DAHLIA GARDENS. The Dahlia Blue Book. 72 pgs. and cover. 19111 Story Rd., Rocky River 16, Ohio.

DAHLIADEL, Warren Maytrott. 64 pgs. with cultural guide Profusely illustrated. Vineland, N. J.

A writer in the SATURDAY EVENING POST says that Americans now have a thousand hours a year more leisure than their grandfathers knew. That's why there are 30 million gardeners in the country. Probably at least 10 per cent of these raise dahlias, or will do so before they die.

Prize Winners

Here are two Honor Roll Dahlias which we believe you will want in 1954.

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Editorial

This is the first issue of the Bulletin in the new pocket size, $8\frac{1}{2}$ " deep by $5\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. We hope this new size will prove to be more convenient and that the contents will be interesting and informative.

To help us in the work of editing, we have enlisted the help of 12 Associate Judges. They will help shape the editorial policies and assist with actual material from time to time. See the list of these editors below.

The publishing of the Show Schedule as a part of the Bulletin is not a new feature. It was last done in February, 1953. We sincerely hope that you will approve of this step. It helps to reduce mailing expense, as well as tie the Show operation more closely into the A.D.S. promotion program.

We will appreciate your comments. The Bulletin is your publication and we want it to please you and always be useful to you.

LYNN B. DUDLEY

Associate Editors

It takes co-operative effort to accomplish anything worthwhile in these times. Especially is this true of horticultural society work. We have always had teamwork to accomplish results in this society, and in the production of worthwhile Bulletins in the future, your editor will have the wholehearted support and actual editorial assistance from the following Board of Associated Editors located in various sections of the United States:

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Gordon Waaser, Editor for 17 Years

We had prepared quite an elaborate tribute to Gordon Waaser, in the name of this society, for the many years of service he has so cheerfully given in editing this Bulletin.

But Gordon told us at the A.D.S. annual meeting that he would be pleased if no public acknowledgment was made of the matter. In deference to his wishes, therefore, we destroyed our editorial telling of the long and unselfish work he has done and how, in our opinion, it has been this Bulletin, under his guidance, more than any other single factor, which has kept this society operating in the service of dahlia growers everywhere.

Also, because of his desire to avoid a fuss being made over him, President Mulcahy made no official acknowledgment of Gordon's sterling record of publishing achievements at the annual meeting. And, despite the pleas and desires of many, there was no presentation, however deserved, made to him.

But, as the one who persuaded Gordon to take the Editorship back in January, 1937, when I became president of the society, I would like to ask A.D.S. members to do now, what they always intended doing, but somehow never got around to do. (At least, most of our members forgot.) It seems but little for each of us to do in comparison with all that Gordon has done for us. We therefore ask all of our members to write him and tell him that each of you has really appreciated what he has done in those seventeen years past.

I will not regret tearing up what I regarded as the best editorial I have ever written if I can learn that Gordon has received so many friendly, appreciative letters that it will require several volumes of scrapbooks to hold them. If each of you will help compile such a testimonial, it would be a most fitting memorial to his service to us. It would serve as a lasting reminder that he has really cemented dahlia friendships and advanced dahlia culture all over this great land for the past seventeen years. Write him today, won't you? L. B. D.



LOOK

M.I.D. Purple, White Tips. Honor Roll. E. T. Bugg—Dahliadel.

Growing Plants from Seeds

Gambling is usually frowned on but nevertheless is going on in many backyards over the country and there's very little anybody can do about it.

In fact, anyone who comes to investigate usually catches the fever himself and rushes home to do a little gambling on his own.

Yes, you guessed it, growing dah-

lias from seeds, many a dahlia enthusiast devotes part of his dahlia garden to growing of seedlings, it is interesting and exciting, and the unexpected always happens. You are hoping for something different, new in color, type formation and always, with your fingers crossed, a blue dahlia. Anyone who is fortunate enough to get a blue dahlia, his name will be engraved in Dahlia Hall of Fame.

Growing plants from seeds is the only method of creating new varieties.

You might expect that the crossing of two red dahlias would give you a red dahlia, but the off-spring would go back one or two generations, and you might get a white, purple, or pink. In all probability, the off-spring would not resemble the mother plant at all.

A plant from a seed, first year, is called a seedling, thereafter it takes the name as an undessiminated dahlia. It all means that the bright young plant has no legitimate name and doesn't get one until it passes the age of three and fights stiff competition in the Trial Grounds and/or shows to win a high score on top performance.

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Growing dahlias from seeds is easy enough for any amateur. Good success by mixing sharp sand with rotted leaf mold and peat moss in three equal parts. Plant seeds one fourth inches deep, rows two inches apart. Any shallow wooden box with sufficient drainage will do to start seeds. If a greenhouse is not available, a sunny window will be sufficient for germinating seeds.

Keep flats fairly moist until seeds come up, leaving a newspaper over the flats and when seeds begin to sprout, give them plenty of sunshine. Let plants remain where they are until two sets of leaves appear, then transfer to three inch flower pots. After four or five sets of leaves have appeared, pinch out tops to make them bunch and grow sturdy.

Seeds will begin to sprout in about 7 to 10 days and in approximately six months from planting, you will be rewarded with blooms.

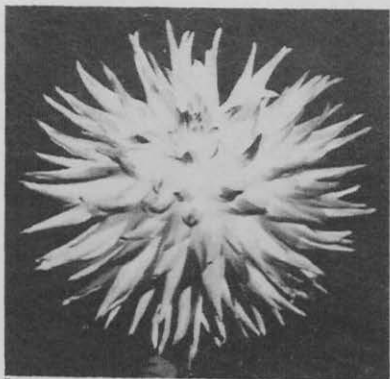
Your fondest expectation might be rewarded with a prize bloom that could be the envy of your fellow gardener.

CONRAD FAUST,
Associate Editor.

In Memoriam

Mr. David Webb of Albany, California, passed away on December 5, 1953, after a very brief illness. He was a member of the San Leandro Dahlia Society and of the California Dahlia Society. He was one of their best members and best showmen. He had been with the society for many years and was a consistent winner at their shows in the advanced amateur class. Mr. Webb was especially interested in seedlings and grew very many of them. He originated a variety called *Miss Stannage* which is very fine. Mr. Webb was a man to whom everyone in the society went for advice on dahlias.

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News From Other Societies

The Dahlia Society of New Jersey

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The 32nd Annual Dahlia Show of the Society will be held September 4th and 5th, 1954, at Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J., copies of the show schedule may be obtained from the secretary. The membership enjoyed pictures of the newer dahlias shown by Lynn Dudley and Henry Olsen at the meeting January 29. Over two-thirds of the membership were present.

The Society held its 31st annual Dahlia Show on September 5th and 6th, 1953. This show is held in co-operation with the Essex County Park Commission and was housed in the Branch Brook Greenhouses, Newark, N. J.

The show was not as large this year as in previous years due to the hot dry weather, and the water shortage which made water for irrigating banned in most communities. However the blooms that were shown were of excellent quality, and the show was well attended.

The winners were: Court of Honor, Frank Marker; American Home Achievement Medal, A. Fuschetti; Ray Smith Memorial Medal, Harry Frank; Three Finest Dahlias Trophy, Harry Frank; Miniature Dahlia Award, Luther Schimpf; Essex

NOTICE

to Secretaries of Branch and Affiliated Societies

The Bulletin will publish all of the factual and current news of your society. But, due to the reduced size of these pages, the mounting cost of publishing and mailing as well as the increasing number of societies reporting, we must keep reports to a reasonable minimum in length. Please take time to condense your reports so that the editor will not have to do it. Write the spot news, changes in personnel and briefed show reports, with, of course, the names of the winners AND the winning varieties.

But hereafter, all show reports must be received before October 15, in time for the November issue. No show reports will be published five months late in the February issue, after this.

We are sorry to have to make such rules but we hope you can appreciate the sound reasons back of them.—L.B.D.

County Park Commission Cups, Leslie Del Tufo, Harvard Rivel, John Adlung.

Sweepstake winners were: Section B, Novices, Harry Frank, Jr.; Section C, Members, Henry Olsen; Section D, Open to All, Gamston Gardens; Section F, A.D.S. Sweepstake for Dahlia; Seedlings; Class 72, Henry Olsen; Class 74, Dr. W. Cook; Section G, Arrangements, Mrs. P. Madsen; Section H, Arrangements, Mrs. P. Madsen; Section I, Gladiolas, Harry Frank; Section J, 1953 Seedlings, members only, Class IB, John Metzger; Class ID, M. Bardell.

MRS. A. PIETRUSZKIEWICZ,
Secretary.

Southern States Dahlia Show

The Southern States Dahlia Show, which was a joint effort of The Dahlia Society of Alabama, The Dahlia Society of Tennessee and The Dahlia Society of Georgia, took place this year in Atlanta, October 3 and 4. The setting was one of the main exhibition halls of the Southeastern Fair-aganza at Lakewood Park in Atlanta.

Despite the dry Summer and high winds of early Fall, there were over 1,500 entries, comprising over 5,000 separate blossoms. The show was skillfully staged and mounted, and tens of thousands of spectators saw it and enjoyed it. Coming as it did, at the height of the Southeastern Fair-aganza, the Dahlia Show, with its dramatic brilliant color, was a magnet to the thousands who attended the fair from all over the state of Georgia. Although there were entries from all three Dahlia Societies, the Georgia members came out with the great majority of top prizes.

In the Sweepstakes Section: A—Mrs. A. D. Johns, Atlanta; B—B. E. Phillips, Atlanta; C—R. O. Glauzier, Atlanta; D—Dr. H. C. Rike, Birmingham; Best Entry, Miniature—H. H. Huckabe *Ike*; Best Entry, Seedling 1953—Happy Cabin Dahlia Gardens; Best Entry, 2 Yr. Seedling—Conrad Faust; American Home Achievement Medal awarded to H. L. Whitaker's *Sarah Carolyn*; Best Formal B in show—Dr. H. C. Rike *Golden Treasure*; Best Informal B in show—David Wells *Windlassie*; Best Semi-Cactus B—Floyd Harper *Michigan White*; Best Cactus B—David Sullivan Mrs.



LADY OF THE SNOWS

A.I.D. White. Honor Roll. Stanley-Parrella.

Rose Fletcher; Best B in entire show—David Wells *Windlassie*; Best Formal A in show—Frank House *Tiara*; Best Informal A in show—E. E. Montgomery *Croydon Masterpiece*; Best Semi-Cactus A in show—E. O. Kellum *Graf Folke Bernadotte*; Best

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News of Other Societies

(Continued)

Cactus A in show—Conrad Faust *Bertha Shone*; Best A in entire show—E. E. Montgomery *Croydon Masterpiece*; Largest and most perfect bloom—E. E. Montgomery *Croydon Masterpiece*; Smallest and most perfect bloom—H. H. Huckabe *Bonne Esperance*.

Officers for the 1954 Dahlia Society of Georgia are: H. H. Huckabe, President; Leslie A. Stephens, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Davis S. Wells, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Horace Skinner, Treasurer; Edwin Moor, Recording Secretary; Miss Mary Hudson, Corresponding Secretary.

First Prize winners were John Plewinski, George Boyles, Henry Brusca and Dr. Hankele.

William O. Hird was Show Superintendent, and the Judges were Lynn B. Dudley, Dr. Ward H. Cook, Mayland T. MacAvoy, George G. Johnson, and John M. Root.

Show dates will be announced in the next issue. Officers for 1954 are:

President, Stanley Johnson; 1st Vice Pres., George H. Sivel; 2nd Vice Pres., Walter Strobel; Treasurer, Mrs. Lydia Higginson; Recording Sec'y, Mrs. Ella McCarthy; Corresponding Sec'y, H. H. Johnson; Show Super., Wm. O. Hird; Show Sec'y, Wm. Blair; Publicity, C. Hausmann.

Burholme Horticult'rl Society

The Burholme Horticultural Society held their 33rd Annual Flower Show featuring Dahlias, Sept. 18 and 19, at the Jarrel Recreation Center, Burholme.

Sweepstakes Winner of open to all Dahlia classes was Walter Strobel. Closely contesting for top honors was Stanley Johnson winning five first prizes, two second prizes and two of the four American Dahlia Society Seedling Awards. The other award winners were Harry Miller and Dr. Ward H. Cook.

The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to a new Dahlia named *Friendship*, an origination of Stanley Johnson. Other First Prize winners were N. Louis Comito, James Desmond, who also captured the Rosette for the Best Dahlia of the show with *Queen Elizabeth*. The Burholme Trophy to the sweepstakes winner of the Dahlia classes for amateurs was won by Charles G. Friedel. Other

Indianapolis

The officers of the Indianapolis Dahlia Society for 1954 are:

President, Raoul Ayers; Vice Pres., Lawrence Daly; Secretary, Hazel Walther; Treasurer, Mary Ayers; Publicity, Nellie Demlow; Propagator, Walter Saffell; Show Manager, Wm. Cuffell; and Assistant Show Manager, Mrs. MacDonald.

A very interesting 1954 program has been set up. At the February meeting Gordon Milne, Garden Editor of THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR, will speak on "The Ten Most Important Garden Practices." In March, a report on "What is New in Annuals and Perennials," and also a representative of the Marion County Agricultural Bureau will make a talk on Soil. For April, a discussion of pools and aquatic plants, and Walter Saffell will speak on "Dahlias for Beginners." Our annual plant sale on May 25, an auction of Dahlia plants and tubers and other garden plants.

Mrs. Wheller will discuss "Orchids" at the June meeting and there will also be a talk on insects and insecticides. In July a book review of "Coming of the Flowers," by Mrs. Raoul Ayers, and also instructions on Disbudding and Disbranching the Dahlia. August meeting, a pilgrimage to the gardens of two of our members. Our annual Show will be on September 11 and 12. In October members will report on shows they have attended and show pictures, also a talk on "Putting Our Plants to Sleep. November meeting, the election of Board Members, a demonstration of "Dried

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Arrangements," and a discussion of Trial Grounds and their value, by Edwin Demlow. December meeting, a talk and demonstration of Christmas Arrangements and will conclude with a Christmas party and gift exchange. A campaign for new members is under way.

NELLIE DEMLOW

Snohomish County Rose and Dahlia Society 1953 Show Everett, Washington

The show at Floral Hall, Forest Park, was considered by many to be one of the most outstanding dahlia shows ever seen in this area, said Show Chairman, John Lindstrom. A giant "44", worked out with hundreds of dahlia blooms on the floor just inside the entry, proclaimed that this was the 44th annual dahlia show of this society. Credit for this goes to Mrs. John Lindstrom and daughters, Jeanette and Eileen.

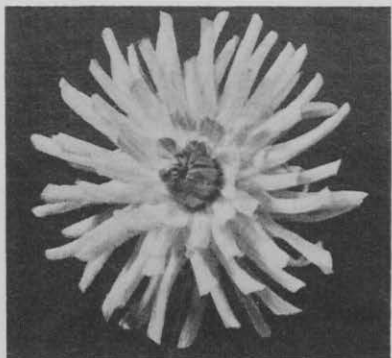
Jerry Caldwell won Novice Section Sweepstakes with five blue ribbons, and he also took Best Dahlia in Novice Section with a fine bloom of *Ney Aug.*

Tom Wigley won Sweepstakes in the Amateur Division, also Best Dahlia in Amateur Division with *Mme. Clemantine Payen*.

Sweepstakes in Advanced Amateur Division was won by Tony De Rooy with fifty-three blue ribbons; John Lindstrom won trophies for several fine basket displays. Lindstrom also won trophies with his own *Pilchuck Chief*, and with Gerry Hoek and *Spin Silk*. Jesse Cavender, won the Burnett Bros. Trophy for an excellent basket of Poms. Walter Hall, City Park Superintendent, won the Best Basket of *Gladiolus*.

In the Seedling Section, Tony De Rooy took the trophy for Best 1 year Seedling, and Best Seedling in Show. He also was awarded the American Home Achievement Medal for his *Miss Echo*, an eight inch yellow incurved cactus, which scored an average 86.8 on A.D.S. scorecards. De Rooy also won Best Dahlia in the Show with *Pride of Holland*, Largest Dahlia in the Show with a 13¼ inch bloom of *Powder-Puff*, and Best B size Dahlia with *Coral Queen*.

In the Arrangement Section Mrs.



SMILES

M.-St. C. Orange Buff. Honor Roll.
—N. O. A. Johnson, originator-introducer.

F. French won Best Dining Table Arrangement, and Chrysanthemum Arrangement; Mrs. Lillian Barton won with a Rose Arrangement, and also with an arrangement featuring dahlias.

Dahlia Society of Wisconsin

The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin show dates are Sept. 11 and 12, 1954, to be held at the Mitchell Park Conservatory at S. 27 and W. Pierce Streets, Milwaukee.

Last year was the first year the show was held at the conservatory, and this show was the greatest thus far.

At our fall meeting the following officers were elected: President, Charles F. Mosser; Secretary, Julius Bigeng; Treasurer, Edward Wisniewski; Show Chairman, Herman Degner.

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Long Island Dahlia Society

The Long Island Society held their installation of officers at the January 14th meeting. George Yaeger, Past President, acted as Installing Officer. Officers installed for 1954 were: Martin Guttler, Huntington, President; G. Joseph Mugno, Woodhaven, Vice-President and Chairman of the Publicity Committee; James Lawless, Jr., Elmont, Vice-President and Chairman of the Show Committee; William P. Ernst, South Ozone Park, Vice-President and Chairman of the Membership Committee; I. J. Wahl, Floral Park, Secretary and Mrs. John R. Stack, Floral Park, Treasurer.

Following the installation of officers, a buffet supper, was served. A nice, social evening followed.

The Tenth Annual Dahlia Show of the Long Island Dahlia Society will be held on Saturday, September 18, 1954, at the Plattduetsche Park Hall, 520 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, N. Y. James Lawless, Chairman, will be assisted by Bert Pitt, Program Chairman, and Mrs. Frances Digi, Arrangements Chairman.

I. J. WAHL, *Secretary*.

Southtown

The Southtown Dahlia Club will hold their seventeenth annual Dahlia Show on Saturday and Sunday, September 25th and 26th, 1954, at the Hamilton Park Field House, 72nd Street and Normal Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

The officers of the Club elected for 1954 are:

President, Dr. Walter Grupe; 1st Vice Pres., Louis Dressler; 2nd Vice Pres., J. C. Moore, Jr.; Treasurer, Stanley Swanson; Secretary, Marie Dressler.

On Saturday, May 1st, we will hold our annual party to raise money for our show expenses. Plants, roots, and many items used in dahlia culture are available on sale and raffle. It is an evening of fun for members and guests.

All readers of the A.D.S. Bulletin are cordially invited to attend our Show, and to visit with us while in Chicago.

MRS. MARIE DRESSLER,
Secretary.

Rochester

At the January meeting of the Rochester Dahlia Society the following officers were elected:

President, Phillip M. Kimmell; 1st Vice Pres., Frank M. Eyer; 2nd Vice Pres., C. Merrill Brown; Recording Sec'y; Mrs. Arthur Battams; Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. Phillip M. Kimmell; Treasurer, James H. Senter; Trustee, Robert Connal.

Please note that our show date is one day only, Sunday, September 12, 1954.

MARY JANE KIMMELL,
Corresponding Secretary.

Suburban Dahlia Club

The Suburban Dahlia Club of Maryland, at Reistertown, Maryland, on December 12, 1953 elected the following officers:

President, David F. Quick; Vice Pres., Chas. H. Reisinger; 2nd Vice Pres., Harry J. Quick; Treasurer, Mrs. Hervey Brown; Secretary, Mrs. J. Edgar Miller.

Our Show Committee is actively planning the 1954 show which will be held at the Franklin High School, Reisterstown, Maryland, on September 17 and 18. Held in conjunction with Franklin High Fair, held by the High School. Franklin Fair is a miniature agricultural fair with the regular exhibits staged by the students and 4 H. Club; this setting makes our show unique among Dahlia Shows. Last year we had 543 entries and expect at least 800 this year.

Please regard this as an invitation for Dahlia Societies and all Dahlia Growers, to exhibit and attend our show.

CHARLES H. REISINGER.

Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

Our regular 1953 Fall meeting was held in the building adjacent to greenhouses of Fred Moore, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

The officers elected for 1954 are as follows:

President, George Boyles; Vice Pres., N. Louis Comito; Treasurer, Fil A. Alleva; Secretary, Walter Strobel, 10 Township Line Road, Philadelphia 17, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania; Representatives to A.D.S.

Executive Board: Charles G. Friedel, Stanley Johnson; A.D.S. Bulletin Editor, Stanley Johnson.

The annual dinner was held at the Tavern, Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, February 16th.

Plans are now under way to hold an outstanding Dahlia Show in September. In the next issue of this Bulletin the Show date, location and other necessary information will appear. Show schedule will be available in July. Write Secretary, Mr. Walter Strobel for a copy. Our prize list will include cash awards, trophies, "American Home" achievement medal, A.D.S. medal, A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes awards and the Society's rosettes.

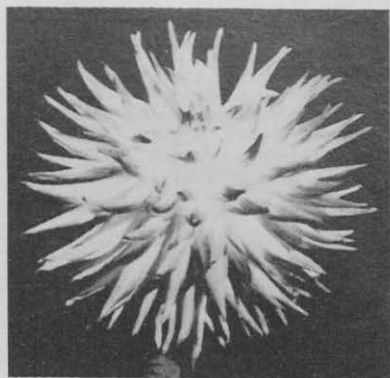
You all are invited to exhibit or see this Dahlia Show.

National Capital Dahlia Society

New officers: Geo. E. Dodrill, president; A. S. Mason, vice-president; Thomas Yano, corresponding secretary; John M. Collins, recording secretary and C. G. Phillip, treasurer. Managers John B. Gilmer, J. Leslie Bowling, Henry C. Parker and Mrs. John L. Bishop. Show Chairman "Johnny" Gilmer.

An interesting and instructive experiment in seedlings will be conducted by the Society this year and next. 200 seeds, all from the seed parent *Margrace* have been purchased. Plants from these will be raised by John M. Collins, given a code number and sold at our May plant sale for \$25 each. A special class will be provided in the Show Schedule for dahlias raised from these seedlings. It is estimated that from 20 to 30 dahlias should be exhibited in this class and a trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor of the best bloom. Visitors to the Show will have the unique opportunity of seeing how many different colors and types of dahlias can be raised from the same seed parent.

Our regular monthly meeting notice has been changed into a valuable bulletin called the DAHLIAGRAM containing up-to-the-minute news about dahlias as well as important articles on dahlia culture from out-of-town and local experts under the editorship of Thomas Yano. The DAHLIAGRAM will be mailed to all members of the Society.



TORCH

B.-St. C. Dark Blend Yellow-Purple.
Honor Roll.—C. W. Ballay, originator.

Our 19th Annual Regional Dahlia Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 25 and 26, at the U. S. Botanic Garden, Washington, D. C. Show Schedules from Thomas Yano, 9806 Garfield Street, Bethesda 14, Md.

HENRY C. PARKER

Williamsburg Dahlia Society

Officers of the Williamsburg Dahlia Society for 1954 are: President, Mr. O. H. Weiss, 1st Vice President, Mrs. C. C. Lankford; 2nd Vice President, Mr. Alton Smith; Secretary, Mrs. Douglas Green, 2nd; Treasurer, Mr. O. D. Weikel, Jr.

The 1953 show was held in the Game Room of Williamsburg Lodge. We had feared, with the drought, that there would not be enough specimens to make a good show; but it was the

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TACITA—A lovely little informal of solid rose pink. One of the most attractive. Four inch blooms. Fine keeper on long stems. Early and heavy bloomer. You will like it. **\$3.00**

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News of Other Societies

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best we have ever held. This was due to the planning and hard work of our Show Chairman, Mrs. Vincent McManus and her helpers, and to the efforts of the many exhibitors who brought in quantities of top blooms. Sweepstakes won were: Over-all, J. A. Eddins; Seedling, W. L. Elkins. The American Home Achievement award went to Mr. E. R. Phillips on his beautiful pink miniature "*Silver Spring*." "*Florence Chadwick*" shown by Mr. John Sherwood won best bloom. Blooms winning tri-colors were: Mrs. Hester Pape, *Delmarva*, Marilyn Dale, *Croydon Masterpiece* and *Ambassador Van Kleffens*.

The arrangement classes—"Dahlias on Parade"—were especially interesting. In the regular classes Mr. Alton Smith won sweepstakes and Mrs. Ward Anderson tri-color. In advanced classes, Mrs. Vincent McManus won sweepstakes and tri-color. In basket classes, Mrs. Laura Johnston won sweepstakes and tri-color. Judges: Mrs. E. L. Alexander, Mrs. Harry Magnus, Mrs. F. W. Goodwin, Mrs. Anderson Maxey, Mrs. R. T. Bradford and Mrs. Berry Thompson.

A report would not be complete without an acknowledgement of our appreciation to them, also to the able corps of judges of specimens for their services so freely given. They were Messrs. W. L. Elkins, Chairman, C. L. Armentrout, C. V. Brieger, W. W.

Deal, Charles Diffenderffer, Lynn B. Dudley, R. F. Gray, Geo. R. Hitchcock, A. S. Mason, Warren Maytrott, E. R. Phillips and Roy Webb.

Our Show this year will be held at the Williamsburg Lodge, Game Room, on October 2 and 3, Saturday and Sunday.

BESS E. DENNIS

Baltimore Dahlia Society

The annual meeting of the Baltimore Dahlia Society was held January 21st. The following officers were elected for 1954: President, Arnold Hens; 1st Vice Pres., Chas. Fordney; 2nd Vice Pres., Louis Murphy; Treasurer, George Mumma; Fin. Sec'y, N. A. Scheel; Secretary, Herbert O. Aburn; Asst. Sec'y, Mrs. Chas. Fordney; Executive Board: Otto Weber, Louis Gill, Harry Quick, Chas. M. Diffenderffer, Mrs. John Sherwood, Wm. Rau, Jr., Mrs. Elsie Brach, C. H. Reisinger and N. A. Gossman.

Reports showed the Society to be in a very healthy state and membership showing a steady advance. Plans were outlined for our 29th Annual Show which will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 18th and 19th, 1954 in the Turner Armory, Hillen Road and Argonne Drive, Baltimore, Md.

HERBERT O. ABURN,
Secretary.

Dahlia and Plant Specialists

The Annual Dinner of The Dahlia and Plant Specialists Of Greater Cleveland was held at Clark's Shaker Square Restaurant in Cleveland, Saturday evening January 9, 1954. It was well attended. Colored slides of Mexico were shown and enjoyed by all present. The following officers were installed:

President, Richard Howells; 1st Vice pres., Jerry Kovar; 2nd Vice Pres., Clarence Rankin; Recording Sec'y, and Treasurer, Elsie Lasch; Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. Clarence Rankin; Trustees, Jim Cowie and Dr. S. F. M. Hirsch; Program, Joe Kern and Jim Cowie; Hospitality, Ann Howells; Publicity, Ada Robens.

MRS. H. H. ROBENS



SILVER SPRING

M.F.D. True Pink. Won Am. Home Achievement Medal and on 4 Honor Rolls and Webbs Review.—Phillips, Rocky River.

Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society at its meeting elected officers for the year of 1954:

President, H. C. Kuhn; 1st Vice Pres., M. B. Keener; 2nd Vice Pres., Roy Polsgrove; Secretary, H. K. Ramsburg, 57 Wayside Avenue; Assistant Sec'y, Mrs. Wilbur H. Lewis; Treasurer, Charles W. Zahn; Executive Committee, Homer C. Grove, Chairman, Oscar Moser, D. A. Gosard, A. H. Sherman, H. W. Wilhide, Mrs. Oscar Moser, Mrs. H. C. Kuhn.

The December meeting was cli-

maxed with a Christmas Party of which Mrs. Jos. K. Hoffman was Chairman. One hundred and sixty persons attended. Gifts were exchanged and a fine program rendered and refreshments served.

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society was organized in the year of 1929. The Society is looking forward to the celebration of its Silver Anniversary this year.

The tentative dates for our 1954 Show are Thursday and Friday September 23 and 24.

H. K. RAMSBURGH, *Secretary*.

1954 SHOW DATES

Societies are requested, if their show dates and/or the location are not listed below, to immediately forward this complete information to the editor. This list, with additions, will be published in every issue until October.

Newark, New Jersey — New Jersey Dahlia Society, Branch St. Paul, Minnesota—Minnesota Dahlia Society, Minn. State Fair, Holt Building, September 5-6.

Brook Park Greenhouses, September 4-5.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Mitchell Park Conservatory, September 11-12.

Tacoma, Washington—Washington State, September 11-12.

Indianapolis, Indiana—Indianapolis Dahlia Society, Sept. 11-12.

Irvington, New Jersey—Irvington Dahlia Society, Sept. 11-12.

Paterson, New Jersey—North Jersey Dahlia Society, Sept. 18-19.

Rochester, New York, Rochester Dahlia Society, Sept. 12 only.

Reistertown, Md., Suburban Dahlia Club, Franklin High School,

Reistertown, Md., September 17-18.

Long Island, New York—Long Island Dahlia Society, Platt-deutsche Park, Franklin Square, Long Island, September 18.

Baltimore, Maryland — Baltimore Dahlia Society, Turner Armory, September 18-19.

Englewood, N. Jersey—Englewood Dahlia Society, Sept. 18-19.

New York, New York — American Dahlia Society, Essex Hotel, 7th Ave. at 59 St., September 21-22.

Hagerstown, Maryland, Hagerstown Dahlia Society, Sept. 23-24.

Chicago, Illinois, Southtown Dahlia Club, Hamilton Park Field House, Sept. 25-26.

Cincinnati, Ohio—Midwest Conference (Ohio Valley D. Ass'n hosts), Cincinnati Art Museum, September 25-26.

Washington, D. C.—National Capitol Dahlia Society, United States Botanic Garden, September 25-26.

Williamsburg, Virginia — Williamsburg Dahlia Society, Williamsburg Lodge, October 2-3.

Birmingham, Alabama—Southern Dahlia Conference, Oct. 2-3.



ELAINE LEISKE

A.-St. C. Light Blend, Lavender and White. On Eastern Honor Roll.—J. B. Daily.

There are more plant foods on the market than baby foods, and insecticide dusts are running a near race with baby powders.

1954 Introductions

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PAUL'S WHITE (Hull) 7 x 5 S.C. The "all purpose white." Early and consistent. Certified at Cincinnati and on Webb's Review.

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157 E. Harding Rd., Springfield, O.

This Is the 40th Year for the A.D.S.

The climax of the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the American Dahlia Society will be the Annual Dinner to be held January 22, 1955, at the Park Sheraton Hotel, 56th Street and 7th Avenue, New York. Although 1954 is really its 40th year and will be celebrated at its 40th Show at the Essex House on September 21-22, 1954, and in other ways, the real and most nostalgic observance will be at the Annual Dinner. Chairman Dewey Mohr is planning many interesting events to remind us of the "good old days." As many charter members of the Society as are available will be in attendance. Plan now on it and mark the date on your calendar.

"Farmer Bill" Returns

Will Piggelback, formerly conductor of the Garden Hour on WOR-TV and on WAAT-TV Newark, and more recently on a similar assignment in Philly, will return to the New York TV scene and screen March 1, 1954. He will be the only male on WNBC-TV "Home Show" from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. He will conduct and direct the Garden Department of the new "Home" program.

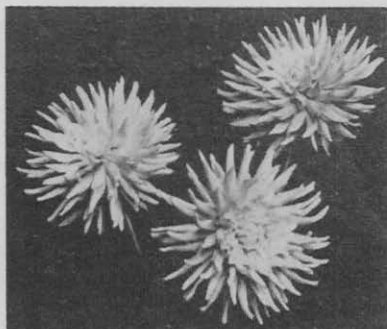
Double Dahlia History

Very little was recorded of the development of dahlias between 1541, when they were first introduced in Spain, until they emerged in the 1800's as fully double flowers. But one historian says that during 1811, M. Otto, Director of the Berlin Botanical Garden, had succeeded in raising a number of species hybrids which showed interesting developments. These new crosses were seeded the following year and some of this seed was taken to Erfurt by Herr Vogel and to Leipzig by M. Hasse, and these men both succeeded in raising, in the year 1813, for the first time, fully double flowers.

In England a new control for red spiders is announced. It is p-chlorobenzyl p-chlorophenyl sulphide, to be known as Chlorparacide or Chlorocide. Experiments have been conducted for two years and are said to be highly successful.

The First Climbing Dahlia

The discovery of the first climbing dahlia was made recently by Thomas MacDougall in Southern Mexico. This species was found growing in the jungle uplands at an altitude of 7,250 feet. The small flowers are creamy-yellow and produced in terminal clusters. Plants are estimated to have reached a height of over 70 feet. It is the first true epiphytic dahlia to be discovered. Mr. MacDougall reports that the plants are epiphytic at the beginning, throwing out roots that seem to absorb moisture as they make their way down to the ground, where they penetrate the soil. A swollen root-stock is formed where the stem leaves the ground. Frost evidently does not affect the plant, for it would be impossible for it to reach that height in one season, and at a 7,000 foot altitude, there are frosts. (A. T. Barnes in *Gardening Illustrated*, London, England.)



LITTLE RACHEL

M.-S.C. Fusine Pink. Certificate of Merit, L.I. On two Honor Rolls and Webbs Review.—Hunt, Rocky River.

THANKS, FLOWER GROWER

We are indebted to John Whiting, publisher and Ruth Marie Peters, managing editor, for the use of the two-color plates used on the cover of this issue. Also for permission to reprint the Honor Roll Selections for 1954 on page 32 of this Bulletin.

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6. A N.Y. Sunday Newspaper (Over 350,000 readers)

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This is factual proof of the pulling power of advertising of dahlias in the A.D.S. Bulletin. It should be mentioned too, that the agate line rate for the Bulletin is the lowest of any of the six publications. This is important when advertisers figure the dollars return of their "investment" in advertising. And all of them should do this. In line with this cost factor, the advertiser who keeps these records reports that the November, 1953, A.D.S. Bulletin returned \$2.37 for every \$1.00 spent to advertise his dahlias. Thus it is not the cost of the space which indicates the returns which advertisers receive.

Advertisers can benefit themselves and increase their sales by using every issue of the Bulletin. It's a good buy.

THANKS TO BULLETIN READERS

And this Society appreciates sincerely the patronage which our reader-members gives our advertisers. This issue contains many worthwhile offers. Please read every advertisement carefully.

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Stop and Think!

Each year at this time, we ask our friends to stop and think to make sure they have not overlooked a good new one that they should have. Our list of 1954 introductions contains some fine varieties in each size range, with a good choice of types. These are: *Adelaide, Harmony, Harry A. Beals, Little Rachael, Miss Echo, Silver Spring, Storm Cloud, Timmie, and Vision.*

The following from other introducers will be available in plants and rooted cuttings: *Bittersweet, Dr. J. Beyer, Fashion Hour, Friendship, Glacier, Gladys Brewster, Lady of the Snows, Mary Elizabeth, Maureen Connolly, Old Glory, Orange Special, Ruth Alampi, Sam Herst, and Sarah Carolyn.*

Dahlia Blue Book

Our 1954 DAHLIA BLUE BOOK describes the above varieties, with illustrations of our own introductions. It lists 400 of the more popular standard varieties with understandable descriptions and many illustrations. It contains complete and up-to-date cultural instructions based on approved horticultural practices, and other helpful bits of information. Seventy-two pages in all, it is a useful and handy booklet for anyone, and besides, it's free. Write now for a copy.

We Have Them

Whether you plant roots, pot roots, plants, rooted cuttings, or seed, we have them.

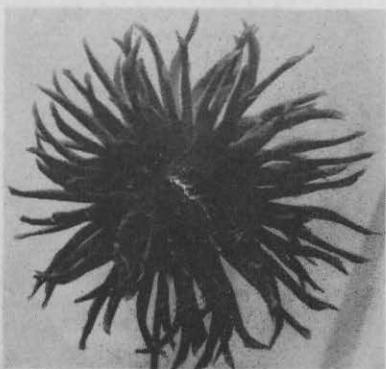
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Ruschmohr Introductions for 1954



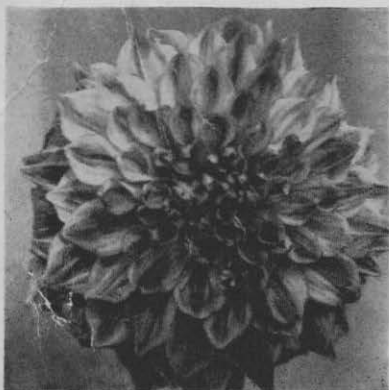
FASHION HOUR (Roberts)

I. C. Cyclamen purple. Size 10" x 5". Good stem and foliage. American Home Achievement Medal Winner in the Southtown Show in Chicago. Received Certificate of Merit in the American Dahlia Society Trial Grounds in Farmingdale, N. Y.



RUTH ALAMPI (Lloyd)

S. C. Phlox purple, general effect deep lavender. Size 10" x 6". Good foliage and stems. Winner of the American Home Achievement Medal in the American Dahlia Society Show in New York. Also American Dahlia Society Sweepstake winner there.



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