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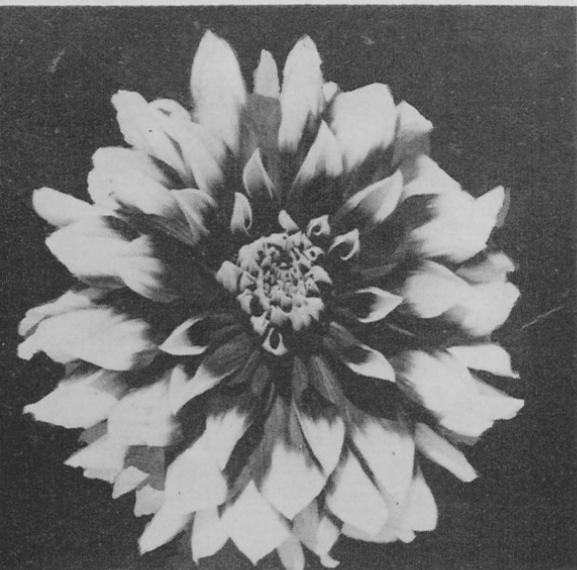
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LOUISE ANN

This dahlia is generally classed as a Miniature, when grown without disbudding. It won an A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award as a 6½ inch Medium in 1955 at the New York Show. This year, it won the "Leonard Barron" Flower Grower Sterling Bowl (for an outstanding cut flower), with an exhibit of 12, 5 inch blooms. It is a pink and white Semi-Cactus. Blooms freely all season and keeps well, when cut. It is a fine example of a "Florists Type" dahlia which will sell in the cut flower markets and satisfy its purchasers. Douglas Slocum, Long Branch, N. J., originator. Parrella Dahlia Gardens, introducer. — Photo, Dudley.



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The 1956 Dahlia Shows

Reports at 30 Fall Exhibitions Across the Nation, Beginning With New York

This report of the 1956 annual fall exhibition of the American Dahlia Society is being written on the scene, at the Essex House, New York City on September 19, the second day of the show. It is becoming more and more difficult to stage successful dahlia shows in this great metropolis, mainly because of transportation and parking difficulties, but also because there are so many other attractions that a dahlia show is lost in the maze. Baseball, theatres, movies, prize fights, concerts and the thousand and one other attractions of this, the nation's greatest city, seem more important than the viewing of this colorful and really spectacular display of thousands of dahlia blooms.

This fact is true and we must face it, the more than seven million people who live here, have countless other interests than the growing of, or just being thrilled by the sight of a mass of dahlias in a show. All of the dyed-in-the-wool dahlia growers and enthusiasts from the 100 mile area around New York are here as usual. There are also the usual number of visitors from other states and Canada. It is, however, unfortunately just the comparatively small group that come here every year.

Yet here is a magnificent display of thousands of dahlia blooms in every combination of spectrum colors and in every size from $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to nearly fifteen inches in some 262 classes. For the winning varieties there are 9 Sweepstakes and Grand Sweepstakes awards as well as 24 other Special Awards including ribbons, cups, bowls, vases, plates and the like. It is a show of excellent quality of blooms and the various classes are well filled.

It would take more space than is available to detail all of the blue ribbon winners at this big exhibition of dahlias. We will, therefore confine this to a record of Sweepstakes and Special Awards.

Section A—Novice

The Special, the medal of the Dahlia Society of East Liverpool, Ohio, was won by M. Mandel, 131 Stonehouse Rd., Glen Ridge, N. J., with *Ataviado*, a ruby red St. Cac. The sweepstakes was won by Kermit Haas, Pompton Plains, N. J., with a total of 37 points. His winners included *Lakeside Beauty*, *Leander*, *Whitehall*, *Lavender Perfection*, *Lighthouse*, *Florissant* and *Autumn Blaze*.

Section B—Amateur

The Special, Class B 26; for a vase or basket, with the award, the Medal of the Dahlia Society of Tenn. was not awarded. In B-1 to B-5, the Special was won by H. Dryer, 431 Lincoln Ave., Ridgewood, N. J., with *Mollie Lou*. Special, Classes B-6 to B-14 was also won by Mr. Dryer with *Surprise*. Special, B-15 to B-24 went to Alfred Te Desco, 28 Locust St., Greenville, N. Y., with *Sequoia*.

Special in Classes B-26 to B-28, the Medal of the Central States Dahlia Society, was won by Joseph Vogel with a basket of Grace. Sweepstakes in Section B went to H. Dryer with a total of 43 points. This award was the Silver Medal of the A.D.S. Among his winning varieties were *Ruby Glow*, *Mollie Lou*, *Groucho Marx*, *Surprise*, *Aussie Snowball* and *Johnnie K*.

Section C—Open to All

In this section any amateur, professional, or commercial firm may exhibit. Competition here is very keen. The classes, as usual, were well filled with blooms of excellent quality.

Winner of the Special, Classes C-1 to C-14 was Gamston Gardens, Pierpont Ave., Riverdale, N. J., with an almost perfect boom of *Bunny*. This entry also won the award for the most outstanding

non-commercial entry in the show. (Class E-9) Special for classes C-15 to C-28 went to A.D.S. Treasurer Henry Olsen, for *Woodland Peach*. Special, C-29 to C-36 was won by Gamston Gardens with *Windlassie*. Special C-37 to C-50 went to Charles Albanese, Gardener for the L. M. Ogden estate in Tuxedo Park, New York.

Special C-51 to C-54, won by Martin Guttler of Huntington Park, N. Y., with a beautiful bloom of *Florence Chadwick*. Special, Classes C-60 to C-64 was taken by Harry Frank, Far Hills, N. J. This award was the Medal of the Dahlia Society of Indianapolis, Ind. The variety was not seen often here, *O. C. Baldwin*, a dark blend, 5 inch ball dahlia. Sweepstakes in Classes C-1 to C-64 was won by Gamston Gardens with a total of 62 points. Winner of Special, C-65 to C-78 was Emil Berzau, 239 Park Ave., Merrick N. Y. His winning variety was *Leander*. Special, C-79 to C-92, won by Edward O'Keefe, Sr., with *New Look*. Special, C-95 to C-106 also went to O'Keefe with a giant *Hester Pape*. Special C-107 to C-120 went to Martin Guttler with *Bull's Eye*. Special, most outstanding entry, C-121 to C-124, which award was the Sterling on glass vase known as the Virginia Pollack Award went to Alfred Te Desco, Greenvale, N. Y. Award for C-125, for the largest and most nearly perfect Inc. Cac. or St. Cac. went to Dr. L. E. Jordan, 125 Carveston Rd., Trucksville, Pa. The variety was *Leander*. Class C-126, for the largest and most perfect S. Cac., went to Edw. O'Keefe with a 14 inch bloom of *Mary Elizabeth*. He also won Class C-127 for best I. D. with *Madonna*. Dr. L. E. Jordan won in C-128, largest and most nearly perfect F. Dec. with *Arthur Godfrey*.

Special, C-125 to C-128 was won by Edw. O'Keefe with *Mary Elizabeth*. Sweepstakes C-65 to C-128 with a total of 107 points, was also an O'Keefe achievement. Class C-129 for a basket of 15 blooms, St. Cac., was awarded to Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Knocke of Readington, N. J. for a yellow, unnamed seedling. C-130, for a vase of 12 blooms was also won by the Knockes with still another fine Primrose yellow seedling. They also captured the Special C-129 to C-132 with 9 blooms of large dahlias with a group of *Our Friend* and *All America*. The Knockes also won the Special C-131 and C-132. The Grand Sweepstakes in this most competitive section was won by the Gamston Gardens. The award was the Margaret Waaser Silver Trophy.

THE 43rd ANNUAL A.D.S. SHOW
to be staged at Newark Airport
September 14 and 15, 1957 in
Cooperation with the Dahlia Society
of New Jersey, the Irvington, N. J.
Garden Club and possibly
Other Nearby Dahlia Societies

The above announcement is undoubtedly one of the most important ones ever made by this society. The almost impossible conditions in New York City for staging a floral exhibition, such as parking, driving exhibits to the show, securing exhibits from far away points and overseas and many more, have indicated for several years that a move elsewhere was necessary.

Other societies nearby have also had difficulties in staging their exhibitions for one or more reasons also. And in the case of the A.D.S., the Dahlia Society of New Jersey and the Garden Club of Irvington, most of the exhibitors are the same anyway. What is more natural than that they should join together to put on a show which will combine the best features of the three separate ones. Other societies are invited to join the group. The advantages of the Newark Airport for the show will be covered later.

Section D—Small Flowered

Here the Special, D-1 to D-15 was won by Henry Olsen with a miniature seedling. He also won the Sweepstakes, classes D-1 to D-33 and also that for classes D-34 to D-46 with the white *Pon Pom*, Mrs. J. Telfer. Special D-47 for the smallest and most perfect bloom was won by Lynn Dudley with a ½ inch bloom of *Gold Dust*. Sweepstakes C-34 to 47 went to the small dahlia specialist, Henry Olsen, with a total of 24 points. Special D-48 to D-54 was awarded to Mrs. Marie Schugg, 26 South Tyson Ave., Floral Uark, N. Y. for *Kokette*. Special D-55 to D-63 went to Dr. E. J. Cohen, Wheatly Rd., Old Westbury, N. Y. for a basket of 50 blooms of *Bo Bo*. Sweepstakes D-55 to D-63 was won by Henry Olsen, which helped him to gain the Grand Sweepstakes of the Section with 80 points. And this award, \$25.00 in cash certainly went to a most deserving guy.

Section E—Special Displays

Class E-1 for 12 to 15 blooms of large dahlias arranged for color effect, with 15
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blooms of *Hester Pape* and *Mary Elizabeth* went to Edw. O'Keefe. The award, \$25.00 in ducats. Class E-5 for 7 or more A or B size Bicolor blooms was won for the first time in several years, by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pietreskiwicz, of Pompton Plains, N. J. with 7 blooms of *Lois Walcher*. The award was a silver on glass sandwich plate offered by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Dudley.

The Earnest E. Tooker permanent Silver Trophy went to Albert Te Desco for a 13-inch bloom of *Mary Elizabeth*. Class E-7, the Mrs. Louis B. Tim Cup, was won by the Knockes with 3 blooms of a B size St. Cac. Seedling, No. 551. Class E-8, the Dr. McDade Trophy went to Harry Frank with a miniature F. Dec. seedling named *Carol E.* E-9, the most outstanding entry, as before recorded, was won by Gamston Gardens with Bunny.

Section F—Commercial

Award for best 100 sq. ft. display was awarded to Parella Dahlia Gardens.

Section D—

Awards for those seedlings scoring an average of 85 points or over went to the following varieties: *Ginny Johnston*, (Stanley J. Johnson, originator) Min. S. C., *Dutch Vermillion*, score, 85.8; *Carol E.*, Min. F. D., *Primrose yellow*, score 85.3; *Elsie A.*, Min. F. D. *Signal red*, (both originated by Harry Frank); *Nutley Sunrise* (originator, Conrad Frey) B. Inc. Cac., *Burnt Orange*, score 85.5; *Perchance*, originator, Edw. B. Lloyd) B. S. Cac., *Pink*, score, 85-1.

American Home Achievement Award went to Stanley Johnson, for the Miniature S. C., *Ginny Johnston*, named after the granddaughter of J. W. (Jack) Johnston, Horticulture Editor of the Herald Tribune. This is the first time in many years that this award as gone to a small dahlia in the New York show.

The Flower Grower Sterling Bowl Award for a medium sized dahlia, with outstanding merit as a cut flower dahlia, went to Douglas Slocum, 145 Monmouth Park, Long Branch, N. J., for a very worthy 5 inch S. Cac. Small Medium type pink with white, named *Louise Ann*. This variety won an A.D.S. Seedling Award at N. Y. in 1955. (See front cover.)

The A.D.S. Silver Vase Award for the best miniature seedling went to Harry Frank for *Elsie A.*, described above.

Visitors from other states and Canada included: George W. Jacques and John M. Ogg of Toronto; H. R. Browning, Mimico, Ontario, Can.; C. E. Davis, Winston Salem, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Wulff, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. Wulff is president and Mrs. Wulff is secretary of the Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society, an Affiliate of the A.D.S.; Arthur W. Mason, Arlington, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. George Brunjes, Elmira, N. Y.; Robert Connal and Phillip M. Kimmell, both of Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. L. E. Jordan, Trucksville, Pa.; Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa.; Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Knocke, Readington, N. J.; Edward Keck, Ferndale, Pa. and many others.

The judging was, as usual, under the able direction of Conrad Frey, who asked us to thank all of them for a job well and carefully done.

Decorative Floral Composition Section

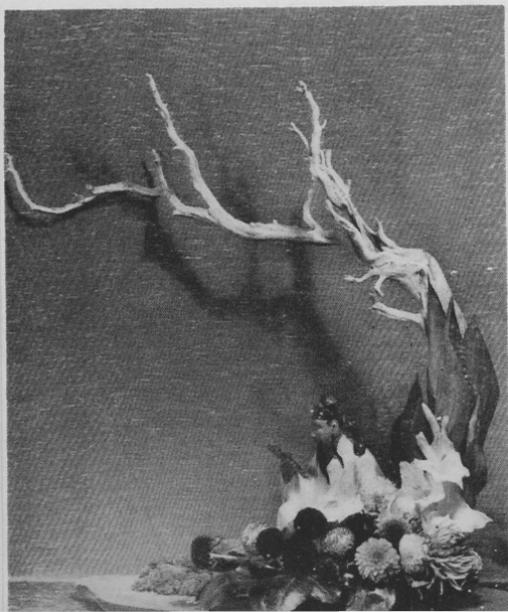
Autumn Splendor in all its phases of glory, gaiety, pensiveness and song met the gaze of the many visitors. The Dahlia has proven its versatility and won a permanent place in the Arrangement Realm, as evidenced by its divergent uses in the floral compositions at the show.

September Twilight which won the coveted tri-color for Mrs. Raymond R. Stolz of Upper Montclair, N. J., was depicted

SEPTEMBER TWILIGHT

Winner of the coveted tri-color and the \$25.00 cash award offered by the management of the Essex House. It is the work of Mrs. Raymond R. Stolz, of Upper Montclair, N. J. See description in text

(Photo by Boutrelle)



by the use of muted subtle tones in both plant material and chosen units of the composition. A gray crackleware Chinese figure was placed on gray slate at the base of a simulated leafless tree of gray manzanita. Beside it was a moss-edged pool. Plant material used was a gray mauve gladiolus, red-violet canna foliage and mahogany hued copper beech, dahlias in grayed tones of mauve through black maroon — all miniatures and poms.

September Glory, a composition with emphasis on color using fruits and/or vegetables depicted September abundance in both materials used and radiance of Autumn hued color.

September Song called for a composition using one or more birds was a study in lightness of mood as evidenced by the choice of materials and birds used by exhibitors. Colors ranged from soft lavender pink to gay yellow-gold.

September Life was a composition that challenged the abilities of exhibitors in the art of depicting life. Choice of floral materials and accessories carefully chosen, much as an artist for his "cavass," bore the stamp of the exhibitors' personality—pensive, restrained or pixie-ish in mood!

Staged on black velvet against natural color wood, winged backgrounds the compositions were a dramatic feature of the show. The first, second and third winners in that order were Mrs. Raymond R. Stoltz of Upper Montclair, New Jersey, Mrs. Frances Digi of Jamaica, Long Island and Mrs. Samuel Kopf of Flushing, Long Island.

The Tri-Color winner received a twenty five dollar award — courtesy of the Management of the Essex House, while all blue ribbon winners received a five dollar award made by the American Dahlia Society, Inc.

The Judges of the Garden Section were Mrs. Clifford B. Cyphers of Clifton, New Jersey, Mr. Hans Christian Andersen Madison of Paramus, New Jersey and Mrs. Lambert D. LeMaire of Scotia, New York.

Hostesses assisting Mrs. Walter R. Bardell, chairman of the garden department were Mrs. Leo R. Goldman, Sun Dial Garden Club, Hillsdale, N. J., Mrs. John C. Metzger, Mrs. Peter Birgey, Mrs. Peter Vandenscotten of Irvington Garden Club, Irvington, N. J.

Consultants — Mr. Richard B. Farnham, Miss Margaret L. De Grumbine, Mrs. R. R. Stoltz, Mrs. Hertha Benjamin, of Horticultural Society of New York — Mrs. Walter R. Bardell, Chairman.

Burholm Horticultural Society Show Helps to Sell Merchandise in Department Store

This year's show was moved to the downtown section of the city and held on September 5th to 8th for the grand reopening of one of Philadelphia's largest department stores — Snellenburgs. The store was originally built many years ago in the central part of Phila. and recently was completely renovated.

The store was officially opened with ceremony by our City Fathers at noon on Sept. 5th. In addition to the competitive Dahlia Show several other flower groups had large exhibits so the entire first floor was the scene of many flower displays.

Snellenburgs donated almost \$400.00 for cash prizes plus a large trophy to be known as the "Snellenburg Bowl." The big cash awards for each class really lured the exhibitors. The incentive was here.

We had different settings than seen at our former shows. It was most unusual so we received many comments. Most everyone was impressed with the novel displaying of a competitive show.

The selling counters are laid out in squares with the sales personnel in the center and glass merchandise show cases on each of the four sides. Each department with its own line of goods has an entire selling counter. The center area is quite large so additional storage bins are located in the center. These are attractively constructed and about five feet in height. The dahlia exhibits were placed on these stands. The public viewed the flowers from the front of the glass display counters. The sales people were able to do business also gave limited information about their floral display.

The store enjoyed big crowds each day so many thousands of people saw our 1956 Show—many exhibition dahlias for the first time. The store officials were immensely impressed with the results achieved by this method of new store opening and selling. A full page ad was inserted in each Phila. newspaper the day prior to the opening announcing the show. Several days after the show closed the store again used, this time a half page "ad", to thank the Society also listing each judge, for their part in making this

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Dahlia Show Blooms Help Sell Merchandise in Philly.

Admiring ribbon winners in the Burholme Horticultural Society's Dahlia display at Snellenburg's first annual Fall Flower Show are (left to right): Alfred Blasband, executive head of the store, and Barnett Cohen, Men's Division Manager for the store. The store's display department achieved uniformity in the flower containers (supplied by exhibitors) by wrapping them in green foil. The Dahlias Show blooms were used for the first time to help sell merchandise by being placed over counters and cases.

memorable event a huge success. A well-known advertising agency handled this affair for the department store.

The Snellenburg Bowl, Sweepstakes Award, was won by John Drach, who captured first prizes in the Amateur Section. Competition was keen as many fine blooms were also entered by John Plewinski, Frank L. Deichler Jr., and Frank V. Daniel. The winning varieties included *Whitehall*, *Surprise*, *Prairie Fire*, *Mary Case*, *First Lady*, *Juanita*, *Florence Chadwick*, *Peas Pride*, *Ned Seymour*, *Patricia Spollen*, *Jane Lausche*, *Kelvin*, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Croydon's Masterpiece* and others.

The big winner in the Open to All section was Richard Davis, gardener, Caleb Fox Estate. The close competitors were Walter Strobel and George G. Johnson.

The largest most nearly perfect bloom was *Autumn Blaze* by Mr. Davis. His basket of 12 *Mary Elizabeth* was the popular choice of the visitors. Prominent winning varieties were — *Mrs. Hester Pape*, *Big Ben*, *King Size*, *Tidal Wave*, *Five Star General*, *American Legion*, *Maffie*, *Bessie Hardress*, *Abe Lincoln*, *Stoptlight*, *Miss PRR*, *Always*, *Christine*, *Bay City White*, *Fay Maureen Connolly*, *Figaro*, *Adelaide* and *D-Day*.

The American Home Achievement Medal went to a dark red 10 in. size I.D. named *Mahogany*. The foliage is very dark and the stem almost a black red. This was an entry of Stanley Johnson who also won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake Awards with *Carrie MacAvoy* and *Ginny Johnston*. Winning other A.D.S.

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The Bergen County Dahlia Society

The ninth annual flower show of the Bergen County Dahlia Society held at Liberty School, Englewood, Sept. 15-16, proved everything that was expected—one of the best the Society ever held and was a source of satisfaction to Show Chairman Harry Dreyer of Ridgewood, Joseph Vogl of Bergenfield, co-Chairman, President Caroline Meyer and the committee in charge. The season was ideal for dahlia growing and a quality show was the result. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer were the winners of seven trophies; sweepstakes, Groups A, B and C, Past President's Cup; Groups I, J and K, Officer's Trophy; most perfect A dahlia in amateur classes, *Mary Elizabeth*; most outstanding exhibit in amateur classes, three blooms of *Janet Beckett*, most perfect A dahlia, *Kelvin*; most perfect BB dahlia, *Ruby Glow*; special class A, grand award, *Kelvin*. The sweepstakes winners were *Arthur Godfrey*, *Hester Pape*, *Brown Bomber*, *Edna D*, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Five Star General*, *Surprise*, *Jane Lausche*, *Windlassie*, *Alabaster*, *White Mist*, *Ruby Charm*, *Silver Springs*, *Honey* and *Mrs. J. Telfer*. Joseph Vogl won two trophies with his *Florence Chadwick*, most outstanding B dahlia and special class B. The Gamston Gardens of Rivervale won three trophies; most outstanding exhibit, open to all, *Alabaster*; special class F, *Mary Elizabeth*, and Senator W. H. Jones sweepstakes with blooms of *Flying Saucer*, *Big Ben*, *Lavender Perfection*, *The Master*, *Mary Elizabeth* and *Empire State*. Mrs. Ethel Weideman of Fort Lee carried off two trophies with *Crowning Glory* and three blooms of *Juanita*. The smallest in the show went to Mrs. Wesley Hunter of Oradell with *Gold Dust*. He also won the sweepstakes in the arrangement classes. The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to Harry Frank of Far Hills, N. J. for his yellow formal miniature seedling *Carol E* with a score of 87.

The show committee desires to thank the judges for a job well done.—Frank R. Kurzenknabe.

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Seedling Sweepstake awards were Frank V. Daniel with *Autumn Star*, a very good B-size dahlia and K. Stephens' winner was *Mark E*, a marked improvement over the miniature *Bo Bo*.

The judging was capably handled by Lynn B. Dudley, Dr. Ward Cook, Charles G. Friedel, Edward A. Smith and George G. Johnson.

Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference Show

The Portland Dahlia Society was host to the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference show on September 8 and 9 in the Sunken Ballroom of the Masonic Temple, Portland, Oregon. The combining of the two shows crowded the available space but made a very beautiful display. This was the second annual conference show and the twenty-ninth annual one for the Portland society.

The best A size bloom in the show was *Surprise* exhibited by V. E. Sanford of Bremerton, Washington. The honor in the B size group was taken by *Smoky*, exhibited by R. F. Sproul, a newcomer to the host society. *Pirate Treasure* was also exhibited by Mr. Sanford and was judged the largest bloom in the show, measuring 11 by 8¼ inches. The smallest perfect bloom was *Betty Malone* exhibited by Charles Julin of Tacoma.

The A and B size blooms that were the big winners in this show, all winning two or more firsts, were *Graf Folke Bernadotte*, *Croydon's Masterpiece*, *Pop Harris*, *Lavender Perfection*, *Stella Planert*, *Mir*, *Surprise*, *Nase Slesko*, *Night Editor*, *Andries Wonder*, *Janet Beckett*, *The Cardinal*, *Marilyn Dale*, *Allegresse*, *Patricia Spollen*, and *Frances S*.

The only seedling that won an A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes award was shown by Charles Julin of Tacoma and was a miniature SC in a cream shading to pink. Easily under four inches it was outstanding in its class, and has been named *Pacific Corvette*.

The conference shows are very interesting and it is fine for the growers from this wide area to get together to compare notes on both growing and showing dahlias. The next show will be held in Tacoma, Washington with the Washington State Dahlia society as hosts. The show here in Portland was the largest yet staged in this city and we are all looking forward with interest to the 1957 display. We also have a new society in the northwest with the organization of the society in Coos Bay, Oregon. We are looking forward to the organization of a dahlia society in Seattle and hope to add another new group to the conference before the dahlia show in 1957.—Eugenia Anderson, Publicity Director.

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The Maytrotts Visit California

A. D. S. Trial Gardens Field Day and Judged at Two Shows

By R. E. HARTER

When we heard the Maytrotts were coming out here, we wrote them and invited them to stop and spend the night with us before proceeding to San Francisco to visit their daughter Elsie. She is Lt. Elsie Maytrott, and is stationed at the Presidio. They arrived at our place on the afternoon of Aug. 17 and, in spite of their long journey, they were not too tired to go straight out into the garden to see the dahlias.

We felt like we had known the Maytrotts always, because we had seen their pictures many times and had been corresponding with, as well as



THE MAYTROTTS "POTLUCKING" IN CALIFORNIA

You can see proof that the eastern visitors at the Field Day of the San Leandro Dahlia Society, at Lakeside Park, Oakland, Calif. enjoyed themselves to the limit. Left to right: Mrs. H. E. (Pete) Harter, Warren Maytrott, Mrs. Aileen Maytrott, and their daughter, Lt. Elsie Maytrott. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. H. W. Bolesworth, Secretary, San Leandro Society.)

buying dahlias from them for about 24 years. Then, during World War II one of our sons, who was in the service and was at Harvard for a period of training, went to Dahliadel at our request. He reported that he had been entertained and treated with the utmost kindness and hospitality. That is dahlia cordiality at its best.

We learned, soon after their arrival, that both Mr. and Mrs. Maytrott had many varied interests, besides dahlias and that Mrs. Maytrott was a very important partner in Dahliadel's operations. They proceeded on to San Francisco on the morning of the 18th. Then they, with daughter Elsie, came over the Bay Bridge to Oakland and to the Trial and Display Gardens at Lakeside Park the following day. On this day, the 19th, the San Leandro Dahlia Society was holding its Annual Dahlia Day Celebration and Pot Luck dinner. The Oakland Municipal Band gave an excellent concert in the afternoon. Mr. Maytrott was called upon for a short talk,

with any criticisms and suggestions which might occur to him. Of course, we deliberately waited until after the Pot Luck dinner, which by the way, was quite a repast, so that he seemed unable to think of any very strong criticism.

He gave us a very interesting talk, and upon request, he very modestly explained many of the operation and methods employed at Dahliadel, where over 26 acres are devoted to dahlias and its operations all being on mass production and sales standards. Afterwards, Robert Ammerman, Oakland Park Department's head

gardener, invited the group to go on a tour through "Fairyland" in Lakeside Park.

Upon returning to the Trial Garden from this interesting tour through the exotic plant section, we found Bert Pitt of Richmond Hill, N. Y., Chairman of the A.D.S. Trial Garden Committee waiting for us. He had been visiting dahlia gardens in the southern part of the state and did not get to Oakland in time to join us for dinner. He probably did not realize how big California really is and how far and how many Freeways it is from L. A. to S. F. Mr. Pitt explained to us that he would have to leave for home early that same evening in order to meet his traveling schedule, so we had only a few short hours to visit with him. We did, however, enjoy his brief visit very much. He left us feeling that the A.D.S. Trial Grounds Committee is in very good hands indeed.

On Aug. 20 we accompanied the three Maytrotts on a tour of the dahlia gardens in the East Bay area but ran out of time and did not get to visit nearly all that we had hoped to see. We were very fortunate in having Mr. Maytrott assist in judging at the San Francisco Dahlia show on the 23rd and 24th of Aug. and also at the San Leandro show held on the 25th and 26th. Discussions among the judges indicated two things: the first, that many varieties do well in our soil but do not do so well in the gardens in Eastern U. S.; second was that the judges in both sections see pretty much eye to eye on the general standards of judging dahlias at the shows.

It should be mentioned in this connection, that the Dahlia Society of California, with headquarters in San Francisco, was organized in 1917 and that its influence has been widely felt throughout the state since that time. It should also be noted that, because of the difference the summer temperatures and the amount of humidity, dahlias may open to quite different type than those listed in the Joint A.D.S. and Central States Classification List. This means that on the Pacific Coast we are unable to strictly follow these type classifications in show judging.

Mrs. Harter and I were again pleased to have the Maytrotts stay with us on the night of Aug. 25, since they were leaving the next day for the trip back in their new car. This gave us an opportunity to visit with them a bit more. We all hope they enjoyed their visit here as much as we enjoyed having them come.

CALIFORNIA OPENS THE GOLDEN GATE

We didn't really follow Lynn Dudley's footsteps but must say we were surely influenced by his wonderful trip. After the Bay area rolled out the Cardinal Carpet for him we did not see how they could do more. Believe it or not, everyone went all out in entertaining and showing us all the Dahlia Gardens around. Never knew dahlia folks could do so much extra, just at their show time. Had toured Albuquerque on the way to San Francisco, and thought we would like to thank the friends in Fresno for their nice orders. Phoning Mr. Nankervis found he was President of their Society and a meeting was arranged for the next day. Visited many gardens of customers there and we marveled at the success attained in growing dahlias with so much work, where all vegetation is dependent on watering. Will never forget the grilled steak dinner in the patio with the screen set up and all the dahlia show slides. Friends also brought peaches, the like of which we had never before tasted, when we thought there couldn't be a peach to compare with Jersey's, also figs, plums and pears. We had visited the lady who brought the cake earlier in the day and saw arrangements of dahlias in every room of their home. How they really enjoy living.

Before seeing our daughter in the Presidio we stopped off a night with the Harters who entertained us royally then and many times afterward. Saturday morning, Aug. 18, we visited the Mall at the Park where the dahlia show of the Dahlia Society of San Leandro was already in progress. That was something novel for we never saw a show outdoors in the East. The dahlia is the official flower of San Francisco and they surely like this climate and the fog.

Sunday the 19th was Field Day at Lakeside Park in Oakland where the A.D.S. Trials are especially cared for and will say this is a real credit to the officials there and the A.D.S. Results will be in the February issue of the Bulletin. Right beside the varieties on trial are other gardens of standard varieties grown to perfection. It would be impossible to mention all those we met that day but it was a wonderful day and we won't forget the delicious lunch of fried chicken, all kinds of salads, and desserts to which we and our daughter were treated. Daughter

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Elsie was taking colored slides of people and flowers which we hope to have shown in New York at the annual January meeting.

During the week we visited many gardens in the San Leandro area with Mr. Harter, and especially enjoyed meeting the Garrity's and many other friends and customers. How they all enjoy their dahlias. Thursday the show in San Francisco was different than any Mr. Maytrott has ever judged. Each exhibitor had his own table with all entries. This made competitive exhibits pretty well distributed around the show. We really stood in awe at the size and quantities of fuchsias, ruffled begonias, roses and all the other exhibits in their beautiful City Hall.

Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Gaylord drove us down to see Mr. Schroeder's gardens, the home of Comm. Max J. Leonard dahlia which we had admired as the American Home Achievement Medal Winner in San Francisco. Then on to Mr. Ballay's gardens and a tour of the famous Stanford University.

Words fail to describe all we saw in five weeks in our drive of over 8,000 miles. Between the Dahlia shows and gardens we visited many points of interest in San Francisco, even riding the Cable Car, eating at Fisherman's Wharf, shopping in Chinatown, tour of Muir Woods, etc. A word more about the Dahlia Show at San Leandro. Quality of bloom was wonderful and have noticed how they are getting their amateurs to exhibit. Another night with the Harters and we bade farewell to California and on to Minnesota State Fair, and in the next Bulletin will tell you about their Dahlia Exhibits there.

—The Maytrotts.

The editor spent one afternoon while visiting our daughter in Mill Valley, California, last April, trying to locate the "Haakes" who used to live there. They specialized, back in the 1940's in small type dahlias. They sent out some fine brochures and were regular advertisers in the Bulletin. We were sorry not to find them or, indeed, any trace of them.

If any of our readers can supply any information about the Haakes please do so.

The 43rd Annual A.D.S. Fall Show will be held at Newark Air Port in co-operation with N. J. and Irvington Dahlia Societies, Sept. 14th and 15th, 1957.

No National Show in Holland in 1956

Mr. Lynn B. Dudley,

October 11th, 1956

The flower season in Holland has been rather disappointing, because of the very wet weather conditions we have suffered from.

Compared with previous years we were about three weeks beyond schedule, and that is the reason why the final competition, where the First-Class varieties are judged and where the Champions are selected has been held in the third week of September. In normal years such final selection had place at the National Show of the Netherland Dahlia Society, but this year none of the important exhibitors had sufficient blooms to arrange an exhibit of usual proportions (1000 square feet).

The National Show therefore has not been held this year, which is the first time since the foundation of the Netherland Dahlia Society. The final competition for National Trophy's was at the weekly meeting of the Joint Committee at Haarlem, September 17th.

Challenge Cup 1956 for best Dutch Dahlia, over 6 in.:

1. *Priscilla*, B-IC, orange throughout.
2. *Preludium*, B-FD, mauve to pink.
3. *Golden Heart*, B-SC, orange and gold.
4. *Anna E. C. Phillips*, A-SC, apricot throughout.
5. *Dr. Philips Memory*, A-SC, salmon throughout.

6. *Josephine Mense*, A-ID, snow white.

Challenge Cup 1956 for the best Dutch Dahlia under 6 in.:

1. *Maori*, nearly pompon, 2 in. dark red.
- Challenge Cup 1956 for the best pompon Dahlia:

1. *Magnificat*, orange to scarlet.
2. *Hawaii*, crimson red.

Challenge Cup 1956 for best Dutch Dahlia under 6 in., no dec, C or SC:

1. *Aureoline*, yellow collarette.
2. *Wick*, signal red single bedder.

Challenge Cup 1956 best Dutch cut-flower (selected after 4 days and 4 nights competition):

1. *Priscilla*, also best Dutch Dahlia 1956.

Challenge Cup 1956 for the best Foreign introduction:

1. *Tartan*, B-ID, dark mahogany and white bi-color.

The reader might conclude that the wet season also has affected the root-system of the Dahlias grown, but that fortunately is not the case. The well-known Holland "polders" are well-drained, and with hard work, we were able to get the surplus water out. — Jan M. Ballego.

President Preas Asks for Vote

On Inclusion of the Small-Medium Class (4 to 6 inch), in Future Shows, A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstake Awards, Derrill W. Hart Awards and in all Official Trial Ground Judging

Special News Flash: At the A.D.S. Executive meeting held September 16 at the Essex House, N. Y., the results of the vote on this controversial matter were announced. A total of 103 letters by President Preas, as outlined below, were sent to officers and committee members in 19 states. Each was accompanied by a proxy vote. Seventy-seven votes were returned and of these, 42 were in favor and 35 against.

This vote means that hereafter The Small Medium Class, measuring 4 to 6 inches will be separated from the "B" Class, 6 to 8 inches, at the A.D.S. shows, on the Official Score Cards, in competition for the Derrill Hart Medals, and the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes, and on the official nomenclature records.

After the vote was announced by Secretary Edw. B. Lloyd, President Preas recognized Arthur S. Mason of Arlington, Va., who read a motion which said: "I move that the American Dahlia Society, through a vote of its Executive Committee immediately promulgate through the Joint Classification Committee, an official classification of dahlias in the four to six inch range. This motion was seconded by Leo L. Pollak and was carried unanimously.

In 1950, the Executive Committee of this society voted to place a so-called B. B. (4 to 6 inch) Small Medium class in the New York show schedule to increase the volume and quality of the show. This new Class was included in the A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes the following year, but was not used as a size division in the A. D. S. Trial Grounds.

According to the managers of the New York show, the adding of this class did not materially increase the entries in our show. In 1955, the chairman of the Classification Committee, Dr. Edw. F. McDade, challenged the right of the society to include this class in the New York show because he said his committee had not been instructed to include it in the Official Joint Classification List. He also said that it was with considerable difficulty that the A. D. S. and the Central States Society separate committees succeeded in agreeing to add the "B" Medium Class in 1949 to the previously established "M", Small (up to 4 inches) and "A" Large, (over 4 inches) Classes. Now the A. D. S. believes, I am sure that, as chairman of its Classification Committee and as Chairman of the Joint Committee for part of the time, during his nearly 10 years of service, that Dr. McDade has done a very good job.

Certainly, he has been criticized, but what public official hasn't been? Certainly I will be no exception to this custom. But he has spent a great deal of time and quite a lot of his own money in travel, postage and phone calls in the interests of the A. D. S. As chairman, he has his own opinions about the advisability of adding the Small Medium Class to Joint Classifi-

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cation List. He is entitled to these. He has his friends and opponents in these beliefs just as we have in ours.

Now the C. D. S. has the mid-west following in their beliefs about a further breakdown of the size classification and they seem to be negative. In many ways this feeling is as strong, if not stronger, than that in the A. D. S. that the Small Medium Class should be included in the Classification list. The C. D. S. is a Branch Society of the A. D. S. and as such they have a voice in decisions pertaining to the operation of the A. D. S. and particularly to decisions regarding The Joint Classification List. The C. D. S. is also a charter member of the Mid-West Dahlia Conference, as is also the A. D. S.

At this years meeting of the Conference at Moline, Ill., on Sept. 22nd, the A. D. S. was called upon first of the fifteen member societies because, we are alphabetically first. We presented our proposal to add the Small Medium Class to our show schedule and if the C. D. S. agreed, to the Joint Classification List. This proposal was later turned down by the Joint Classification Committee, because our A. D. S. Classification Committee had no instructions from the Executive Committee.

Now, if we are to be truly broad minded in the A.D.S. we must respect the opinions of the other societies with which we are associated. We must respect their opinions and ask that they in turn respect ours. We want their co-operation if possible, in any new proposal for the advancement of the Dahlia which we believe important. In this instance, we did not apparently gain their approval. So we decided that it would be put up to our executive committee for a vote.

We are sure that everyone in the A.D.S. realizes that the percentage of the members who regularly attend the monthly meetings of the executive committee is relatively small, mainly because of distance.

In order to settle this matter, it seemed best to submit a proxy vote to all members of the executive committee, including all past presidents, all vice presidents and all regularly elected officers. This I promised to do at the Mid-Atlantic Conference meeting at Baltimore, Md., the Mid-West Conference at Moline, Ill., and at the Southern Conference at Atlanta, Ga. This was to assure that every member of the Executive Committee and all A.D.S. Officers could have their "say." Only by thus proceeding could we demonstrate that the A.D.S. is really National in its procedures and decisions. The majority of my executive advisors and our vice presidents at large thought this proper.

Therefore, a proxy vote, composed by A.D.S. Secretary, Edw. B. Lloyd, has been sent to members of the executive committee all over the U. S. We requested that the ballot be marked Yes or No and returned to Edw. Lloyd at 10

Crestmont Road, Montclair, N. J. before the Nov. 16 A.D.S. executive meeting at the Essex House, N. J. (we stated in error in the request that the meeting would be held Nov. 12). If the vote is a majority for "Yes" to include the Small Medium Class in future A.D.S. shows, the chairman of the A.D.S. Classification Committee will be instructed to confer with C.S.D.S. group to try to work it out for the inclusion of the class in next year's Joint Classification List. If the C.S.D.S. objects to doing this for any reason, then the A.D.S. will have to adopt other means to accomplish their purpose. One suggestion by Treasurer Henry Olsen which might resolve the situation is this. When the List is printed, have each variety, the size of which comes naturally between 4 and 6 inches, marked with an asterisk (*).

Then any society using the Joint Classification List to guide their judges in their show, could include this Small Medium Class in their schedule and not have to issue a separate classification as did at least one society for their show in 1956.

For 43 years the A.D.S. has endeavored to "stimulate interest in, and promote the culture of the Dahlia." Through its shows, its official Trial Grounds, its Score Cards, its Seedling Sweepstake Awards, coast to coast, its Quarterly Bulletin, its annual meetings and in hundreds of other ways, this Society has steadfastly tried to be progressive and helpful to amateur and commercial growers everywhere, whether they were members of the society or not. We believed we were right, or the majority of our Executive Committee did so in 1951 when we added this class to our

show schedule. Now we are trying to determine if we were right then and should continue it on a proper basis, with a larger segment of our officers voting on it. As always in a Democracy, the majority rules, and I am sure that this society is truly democratic. If I had not thought so, I certainly would not have assumed the presidency of it at the beginning of 1956. After my election I found that here was a problem which had to be solved once and for all and many agreed with me. In closing, please understand that I believe that all A.D.S. shows should be judged by competent people and that they should have the assistance of the list jointly compiled by the A.D.S. and the C.S.D.S. With due humility, I have composed this letter, to try to arrive at a fair and equitable solution. I do not need to remind you that the A.D.S. has always tried to be a leader in dahlia progress. Please forgive me when I say "to be local may be fine, but to be nationwide is Divine."—Bruce Preas.

W. L. Elkins Quite Ill

Our good friend W. L. Elkins of Richmond, Va., has suffered two heart attacks according to a note received from Mrs. Elkins under date of Nov. 2. He is back in the hospital for further treatment and at present is growing stronger. We are surely glad to know he is improving. Brother Elkins has been a regular visitor at the New York show for many years, until this year, and we missed his cheerful smile. He was also unable to attend and show at the Richmond and Williamsburg shows for the first time in many years. His friends hope for his complete recovery soon.

American Dahlia Society

Committee on Nomenclature

115 North Sixth Ave.
Highland Park, N. J.
September 20, 1956

Mr. Victor H. Steckel,
Lansing, Mich.

Dear Mr. Steckel:

Please be advised that your dahlia, as below has been registered.

Ann Steckel, B dahlia, Straight Cactus, red, seedling of *Victory Day*, registered by Victor Steckel, Lansing, Mich. \$1.00 fee paid, September 10, 1956. Winner of A.D.S. seedling sweepstakes and American Home Achievement Award at Flint, Mich., September 1, 1956. — Charles H. Connors, Chairman, A.D.S. Nomenclature Committee.

The Annual A. D. S. Meeting and Dinner to be held Jan. 26

The annual meeting and dinner will be held, as last year at the Park Sheraton Hotel, 7th Ave. and 56th St., New York city, on Saturday, January 26th, 1957. The annual meeting will be called to order at 2 p.m. by President Bruce Preas. Officers for the coming year, including vice-presidents from every walk in life and every section of the country will be installed. Reports will be given by Committee chairmen and chairwomen and the regular order of old and new business will be conducted. It is rumored that several topics of great import to all members will be discussed. All members should attend if possible.

The banquet will be served in the Tower Room, starting at 7 p.m. There will be no "principal" speaker, but a few "well chosen words" may be enticed from several present by our president. (Please do not take this as personal and write any addresses, please). The feature of the evening's entertainment will be the greatest collection of colored slides ever exhibited anywhere of the new 1956 Seedling Winners including many A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes, Trial Ground and Honor Roll Dahlias of the season. Also series of Kodachromes of Botanic Specie Dahlias and a short historical picture story of the development of the dahlia. This will take place, too, early in the evening, instead of just when everybody is getting sleepy. This will be staged by Lynn B. Dudley, assisted by Henry Olsen.

As is traditional, Dewey Mohr is chairman of the affair and suggests that reservations should be made early. He has made tentative reservations with the Hotel to take care of out of town guests, some of whom will wish to spend the week end in the metropolis. Those interested should make room reservations with Dewey Mohr, 38 Vincent St., Rockville Centre, N. Y. Or, they may be made direct with Mr. Frank Dolan, Park Sheraton Hotel, 7th Avenue and 56th Street.

The price of Banquet tickets will be \$7.00 per person, which does not cover all the cost of the affair. Please make reservations early.

If you have a gardening neighbor lend him your Bulletin. Ask him to join the A.D.S. See Blank in this Issue.

A Few Dahlia Facts

By a Past President of A. D. S.

(Editor's Note: Because of the controversial material herein, we withhold for the present, the identity of the author who is not a commercial grower. We hope others will write us about these matters.)

During the past few years, the writer has attended many Dahlia Shows, north, south and midwest, and on many occasions, the question of the cost of Dahlia tubers had arisen, and at times, some have boasted "why patronize our commercial growers when roots can be purchased abroad at far less cost and without inconvenience of any kind."

It is quite apparent that if all Dahlia growers followed such a procedure, it would be the ruination of many local commercial Dahlia men. It is unfortunate but the writer has noticed that the foreign growers do a far better publicizing and advertising job than most of the commercials in this country. Some even publish pictures of a few varieties in color and if, instead of complaining of poor Dahlia business locals should exert more of their efforts to periodically and regularly advertising their dahlias, their business should improve. Many now advertise once or twice a year, which is a "hit or miss" method, which is not good, and certainly is not fully supporting the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society. The more advertisements, the better the magazine and, the better the magazine, the more members.

On the other hand, members of the A.D.S. must support their advertisers, and unless they do, there will be no advertising.

A few years ago, it was not uncommon for a commercial introducer to handle anywhere from three to ten new varieties each year, and they would sell between 50 to 150 tubers of each variety and in addition, of course, would sell plants and rooted cuttings. Today, their sales of the new varieties are not as large as heretofore, as in some instances, groups of growers, and even some local Dahlia Societies, purchase one division which they propagate (sometimes over-propagate) and then divide up the plants, which of course, is not to the advantage of the introducer.

The commercial men, it appears, have not taken any steps whatsoever to protect their industry, as the tariffs on imports are very small whereas when the cost of local labor is compared with European labor, the tariffs should, in the writer's opinion,

be very substantially increased, as at present rate, it is only a matter of time that there will be few national commercial Dahlia tuber dealers. "Commercials" is not exactly the right word to use, as some will grow for the cut flower, and they are also known as "commercials." This article refers solely to those specializing in the sale of Dahlia roots. All of the blame cannot be placed upon the Dahlia hobbyist, as on more than one occasion, I have purchased stock which should have never been sold to anyone, as it definitely had mosaic and right now, I have new stock acquired this year from the west coast which is full of "ring spot." Roguing is not being properly done and while some of the imports are mislabeled, from the writer's experience, it is very seldom that diseased stock is received.

This subject could be discussed for days without any group reaching a definite decision, but believe me *we want and need local Dahlia commercial men* and we must patronize them, and if diseased stock is received from them, let them know, and if as a matter of policy it is evident they do not rogue them, don't send them any more orders. Take heed, it is much later than you think.

Thanks for Contributions to

A. D. S. Show Expense, 1956

As everyone knows, no Dahlia Show ever is self sustaining. Those who are most interested in seeing a show succeed are usually asked to help bear part of the expense of it. This year the following loyal members of this society did make contribution and these are hereby gratefully acknowledged by Henry Olsen, Treasurer: Charles Albanese, Barwal Dahlia Farm, George Brunjes, Robert P. Connal, Leslie Del Tuffo, C. M. Diffenderffer, Lynn B. Dudley, Richard C. Duerk, C. E. Foust, George Fraser, Conrad Frey, Gamston Gardens, Louis G. Gill, John Hanna, Stanley Johnson, Z. W. Kosmela, Charles C. Lasch, Earnest A. Lewis, E. B. Lloyd, Andrew Lufkin, Frank Marker, Warren W. Maytrott, John W. Metzger, H. Dewey Mohr, Andrew J. Mulcahy, John Musso, Mr. Lewis M. Ogden, Edward O'Keefe, Sr., Dr. Henry C. Parker, A. Parrella, B. E. Pitt, Leo L. Pollak, Dr. Bruce Preas, Erdman Robinson, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mrs. W. C. Stange, Faust, George Fraser, Conrad Frey, Gam-Adrian Taylor, Roy W. Webb, Mrs. J. Buckley Wood. *Medals:* Central States D. Society, Southtown Dahlia Society, East Liverpool D. Society, Dahlia Society of Tenn., Dahlia Soc. of Indianapolis.

Digging and Storing Dahlias

(Editor's Note: We could not publish a November issue without some suggestions on digging and storing the roots. But we had no article, and no time to write one, or ask our fellow editors to do one. Besides, we had little space to devote to it, so looked back to the Nov. 1952 Bulletin and there was our then Editor Gordon Waaser's prescription, which we gladly reprint herewith.

"This is the phase of culture appropriate to the fall season. Too much fine dahlia root stock is still being lost in wintering in spite of much writing on this subject.

"Dig your clumps very carefully to avoid broken necks. Cut off the just a couple of inches above the crown. Allow the clumps to "cure" in a cold storage place, possibly the garage, if there is no danger of a freeze.

"Then pack them in shallow cartons, well lined with newspapers. Examine stock frequently. Trim out any crown rot carefully and dust spot with sulphur. Or, store clumps right on the cellar floor farthest from heat. Filter garden soil thru the roots and cover all roots. Approximately an inch or two of soil over the roots, with some of the crown protruding above the soil will be about right. This latter way was the late Ernest Tooker's method.

Rose L. Waaser

Beloved wife of Gordon Waaser, former editor of this Bulletin, residing in Marlow N. H. since August, 1955, passed on September 22 last, after a short illness. Mrs. Waaser was one of the kindest and most thoughtful wives and mothers that it has been our privilege to know. She was always thinking of Gordon and their two daughters, and their welfare.

Back in the 1930's and 1940's, when they lived in Baldwin, L. I. and Gordon was, among other interests, engaged in the commercial dahlia business, their home was the mecca of friends and relatives every week end. And there was always room at her bountifully laden dining table for a few more folks. She was always kind and sweet to everyone and was active in church work. She also had a host of friends in the A. D. S.

She leaves two daughters, Mrs. (Dorothy) Drayton Brenner of Arizona and Mrs. (Shirley) Stanley Patterson of Baldwin, L. I., N. Y., and four grandchildren. It is not known at this time if Gordon will remain in New Hampshire following his great loss. All of his many friends in the A.D.S. send him, herewith, their deepest sympathy and best wishes.

Lakeside offers for 1956 . . .

Two, 4-Star Honor Roll Dahlias

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Miniature, F.D. Variegated. White with lavender and purple dots and spots. Size, 3¾ by 2¼ inches. Excellent substance and very profuse. **Roots, net \$5.00**

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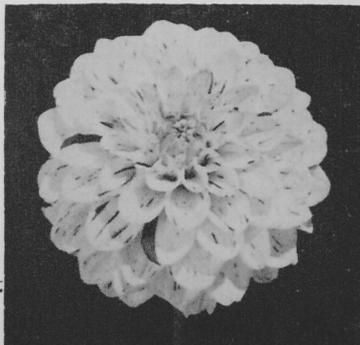
Small Medium, S.C. Persimmon orange with some Indian yellow as base color. Petals deeply lacinated. Size 5½ x 2½ inches; bush height 3½ ft. **Roots, net \$10.00**

These are on Eastern, Mid-West, Southern and Western Honor Rolls

NICK KOENIG and SON

Lakeside Dahlia Gardens

NEW BALTIMORE, MICHIGAN



Little Speckles

Rochester Dahlia Society Proposes A.D.S. Furnish Judges

On September 16 the Rochester Dahlia Society held its annual show. With over 1400 entries we had only one really qualified judge who was not a member exhibiting in the open to all section. The day before, on September 15, the Baltimore Dahlia Society judged its show. The program listed 40 out of town judges. They must have been falling over each other since we understand that with 1400 entries we had more entries than Baltimore and more varieties with superior staging and equal quality of bloom. This, we feel is unfair — 40 judges at one show, one at another with more bloom to judge.

We suggest that the A.D.S. establish a method of accrediting judges and assign a minimum of three to six such accredited judges to each show much the same as the major leagues in baseball assign umpires. We don't need 40 judges at Rochester but we would appreciate having at least 3 disinterested qualified judges.

The date for the 1957 Rochester show is Sunday, September 22, 1957. We would appreciate the A.D.S. assigning us a minimum of three judges now. We would enjoy and appreciate very much to have you as a judge. Can you, for one, come?

As for accrediting judges we think there should be some means for the A.D.S. to officially designate and accredit judges after a prescribed training course and examination. Would you please see what you can do in this regard?

And how about the assigning of judges to the shows of societies affiliated with the A.D.S.?

Thanks very much for your support in these suggestions and we hope you can make it to the 1957 Rochester show. — Phillip M. Kimmell, 166 Lniden Ave., Rochester 10, N. Y.

(Editor's Note: The request that the A.D.S. train and assign judges to the shows of its Branches and Affiliates around the country, of which there are over forty, has been made many times before. The one up-to-now main deterrent to such a plan is the expense. The A.D.S. has no funds to underwrite such an ambitious project, which would run into thousands of dollars per year. And there are limitations as to how many judging trips any A.D.S. judge can take each year at his or her expense. Speaking from a personal standpoint, your editor has spent as much as \$350.00 in a single year going about the country to help judge dahlia shows. Over the last twenty years

these trips have added up a sum that would have financed a couple of trips to Europe for self and wife. Sure we did it willingly and had very good times and made many valued friendships on them. But with income down and travel expense going up, our judging excursions are less each year and being confined to nearby shows. That is just the personal viewpoint.

The people who gain most from having accredited judges come to help judge a show are those who stage and exhibit that show. If the local society could, as a part of show expense pay the expenses of from 3 to 5 judges, I am sure that they could get competent judges to come and help. For the first time in our experience, this happened to us this year. We have been invited to come to Philadelphia and judge at the Burholm Horticultural Society show for the past eight years. We have always driven down and served cheerfully, paying our own expenses each time. This year the show was staged very successfully at the Snellenburg Department Store and the store furnished all the prize money and paid all the expenses of the judges. Perhaps other societies can work out a similar tie-up.

We cannot speak for the Executive Committee of the A.D.S. but Mr. Kimmell's Proposal will not be new to them. I am sure they will consider it and advise him.

Trial Ground Reports Will Appear in the Feb. Bulletin

Arrangements were made by Andrew Mulcahy and Lynn B. Dudley last fall with John Whiting, publisher of the Flower Grower to publish the winners of A.D.S. Certificates of Merit in the Trial Grounds in the February issue of that magazine. This will give wide readership to these winners and help them to become better known to more gardeners.

Therefore the lists of winners will also be published in the February issue of this Bulletin, so that there will be no prior release by either publication. We understand that illustrations of some of the winners will be used in the Flower Grower as well as in the Bulletin.

This should enable many people to choose which of the new introductions they wish to grow next year. The Honor Rolls of new varieties selected and described by the four writers will appear, as usual in the January issue of the Flower Grower.

A. D. S. Sweepstakes**Report in February Issue**

Andrew Mulcahy, chairman of the A.D.S. Sweepstakes committee, reports that due to lack of information about some names and other data which must be secured before the list of winners in some 35 shows of Branches and Affiliate Societies can be published, his report will have to go over to the February issue.

This brings home again the sad fact that show managers and chairman of judging are quite carelss about verifying average scores and supplying other necessary information to determine award winners in this competition. This makes correspondence necessary and, quite often, the data is not available so long after the shows are over. Because of this, some seedlings do not get the credit to which they are entitled. Indeed, if scores are in error, or the variety is not named, in accordance with the rules; the scores are deleted from the report.

Care in checking the score sheets right after the judging would avoid all this and make the originators involved quite happy.

APOLOGIES

Our apologies to Mr. G. D'Eustacho, 175 Water St., Perth Amboy. In the A.D.S. 1955 Show Report we failed to mention that Mr. D'Eustacho won blue ribbons for his entries in the Open-to-All. Classes C-20 dark red cactus; in C-38, Orange, B. Decorative; in C-64, Pink Ball and a Tri-Color in C-138 a vase. We are sorry, Mr. D'Eustacho. Hope this makes some amends and trust you will show your dahlias in the New York Show this fall.

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We regret to announce death of our friend and yours, as well as that of every horticulturist everywhere, E. L. D. (Ned) Seymour. He was 69 years old at the time of his passing away on August 2nd, 1956. He had retired as Horticulture Editor of the American Home magazine only the year previously.

Our members will remember him for the gracious manner in which he made the awards of the A. H. Achievement medals to our members at our annual dinners for many years. Although he had many horticultural interests, he was always at home with us dahlia folk and was a regular attendant at our show in New York.

Dr. G. M. A. Lawrence of the Bailey Hortorium, at Cornell, gives a synopsis of the many horticultural accomplishments of Mr. Seymour in the August-September issue of the American Horticultural News, of which "Ned" was editor at the time of his death. He was also one of the organizers of this group. We quote Dr. Lawrence:

"For many years his editorial work was largely making better literature of other

men's writings. But it was their by-lines, not his, that received the credit. During his seventeen years on the staff of *Florist's Exchange* he masterminded and edited successive editions of the "Horticultural Trade Directory." Endowed with a retentive memory, he had an encyclopedic fund of horticultural knowledge. He became author or editor of more than twelve books, the first published in 1911. Among his writings, his "Complete Book of the Flower Garden" and "Favorite Flowers in Color" were the most popular. His "Garden Encyclopedia" of 1926 was followed by revised editions in 1941 and 1946, has sold over 1,000,000 copies."

Few men have ever done so much for the advancement of horticulture and been a better friend to dahlia growers than Ned Seymour. His works will live on.

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It will insure that you get a prompt receipt for your dues, and get the records changed quickly if you will send your check or money order (\$4.00 per year), direct to Henry Olsen at the above address. Some send dues and other material, to the address published near the top of page 3. This unfortunately makes a delay of from a few days to several weeks. In one instance recently a show report was sent to this address, instead of to Editor Dudley, 25 Irving Place, New Rochelle, and it was received too late for publication. This New York City location is the business address, and NOT the address to which to send news and dues.

✓ **From the Editor's Mail Bag**

The National Dahlia Society
of South Africa
Port Elizabeth, South Africa
P. O. Box 737
Dear Mr. Dudley,

It is with deep regret that I read of the passing of Mr. B. E. Phillips of Atlanta, in your August issue. He was a member of this society, also and, although our acquaintance was measured by a few letters exchanged, I felt that a much closer bond existed. This was because those few letters were so sincere and friendly.

Would you be so kind as to convey to the members of his family, and Dahlia Society of Georgia, my deep sympathy, as well as that of all his fellow members here in South Africa.

Yours Sincerely,
E. W. Templer.

From Ruth Berry, 304 S. E. 22nd St., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.: "We have sold part of our property in Rocky River, Ohio, and now expect to stay there for the rest of our lives. We still have plenty of room to grow dahlias, 100 plants or more. If we dispose of our raspberry bed and some flowering bushes, we can grow even more, and that's enough for us "old folks", whose get-up-and-go has definitely "got up and went." (Editor's Note: We definitely do not believe that).

From Dr. Ward Cook, Little Falls Hospital Little Falls, N. Y.: Am dropping you this note just so you will know I can write. My dahlia jaunts in 1956 totaled 3833.3 miles, only a little over half of last year's mileage. On Oct. 5 had a few dahlias "burned" by frost and this was sufficient to stop growth. But I am reassured that up here in the "snow" belt of New York, I can probably "hold" my garden through September hereafter."

125 Nova Drive,
Piedmont, Calif.
Dear Friend Dudley,

Let me express our gratitude for your recent visit to our California gardens and your appearance at one of our Dahlia Society of California meetings. Also for the many informal talks from which the membership profited. It is our fond hope that we may again be favored with another visit from you and your charming wife.

May we also thank you for your most impressive and detailed account of your visit to the Bay Area, which appeared in the May A.D.S. Bulletin. We were all thrilled and pleased to have the picture of our good, old and respected Charles Garrity on the cover.

Charles M. Kutz,
Secretary of the Dahlia
Society of California.

The editor addressed about 100 members of the Federated Garden Clubs on Sept. 15, 1955 at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden. Mrs. Isobel Rosenthal, chairman of the Judge School arranged the meeting. Topic "Culture and Judging of Dahlias". The Cook Dahlia Judging Manual was used as a text and some of the editors dahlias were judged. Many questions about judging made us run over our time. But there was much interest, and all purchased copies of the Manual, published by the A.D.S.

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Editorial

✓ This is a big issue. The reports of the shows across the Nation were quite lengthy and have taken a lot of space, even though we were compelled to delete some of the details in certain instances to save space. Besides these, there are some interesting articles and quite a bit of news. Unfortunately it was necessary to leave out several things, including another ex-

cellent article by Arthur W. Mason, chairman of the A.D.S. Committee on Research. We hope he will forgive us. It will appear in a future issue.

✓ We acknowledge receipt of a new Dahlia book, titled “Dahlia Growing” by T. R. Lebar. It was published in London, by W. & G. Foyle, Ltd., and is also published in the U. S. A. by Dover Publications, Inc., 920 Broadway, N. Y. 10, N. Y. Although we have not as yet had an opportunity to read it, we quote from the jacket description as follows: “This book contains a wealth of advice and information on every aspect of the growing of dahlias. Although written for the beginner, the experienced will also find much of interest and help in getting the best results and the finest blooms. The little book sells for 65 cents.

✓ We also acknowledge receipt of the Bulletin of the International Dahlia Society, the president of which is Jean Laborde, 19 Rue Jeanne d'Arch, Biarritz, France. The S'ecr. General: A. N. Ballego. Rijnsburgerweg 133, Leiden, Holland. We have been invited to join this organization and will probably do so after we have determined just what the objectives of society are. There is much which could be accomplished by a world wide Dahlia Society. If the plans could include standardization of nomenclature, colors and types so that all catalogues could describe dahlias in the same terms, this would indeed be a boon to all dahlia growers everywhere.

✓ A copy of the “Societe Francaise du Dahlia,” published in Biarritz, France, has been received also. The organization plans of the Exposition Internationale d'Horticulture de Besancon et XVIII Congres de la Societe Francaise du Dahlia, and many other fine articles are included. We wish we could read French.

✓ The editor gave lectures and showed colored slides of dahlia species and of new varieties at the following clubs in 1956: the New Rochelle Garden Club, May 10; the Men's Garden Club of New York City, Sept. 6, and the Judges Council of the Federated Garden Clubs at Bronxville, N. Y., Sept. 28. The Manual of Judging by Dr. Ward Cook, published by the A.D.S., was used in these lectures to explain proper judging of dahlias, step by step.

De Rooy Likes Bulletin

I certainly have appreciated the new A.D.S. Bulletin and never fail to recommend it to my dahlia friends. It is very informative as to the new and worthwhile varieties, covers culture, storage and the dahlia shows very completely. Its size is very convenient as it fits the pocket. I always have a few issues with me whenever visiting with dahlia friends and it is surprising how often I can refer to these Bulletins and find the answer to various problems which arise. (Editor's Note: It is very satisfying to learn that our midnight hours and general endeavours to give the dahlia growers helpful information, is appreciated now and then, and best of all, brother De Rooy, you take time to tell us so. Some unfortunately for us, take all this for granted). Thanks Tony. L.B.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mulcahy spent a month during October in Florida, with a side trip to Havana. The trip was partly due to Mrs. Mulcahy's health and partly to the fact that "Drew" needed some sunshine and he was tired too, he said.

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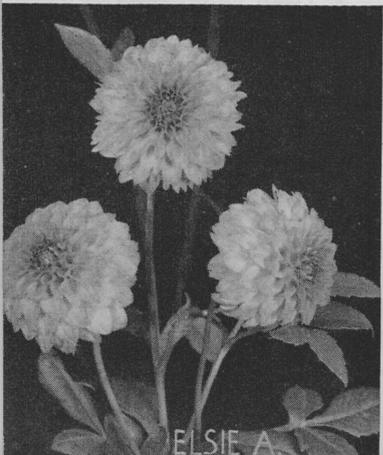
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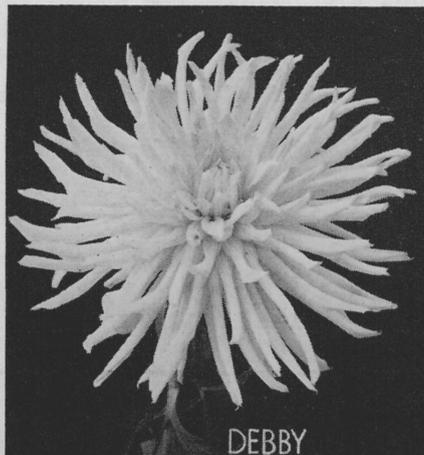
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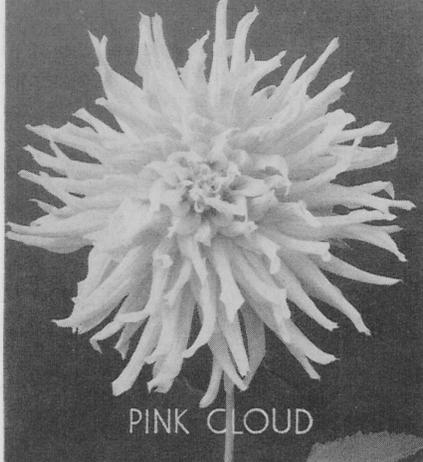
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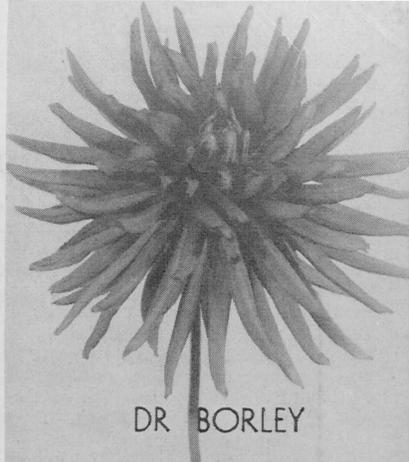
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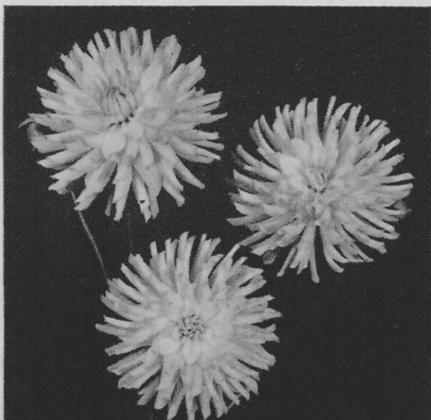
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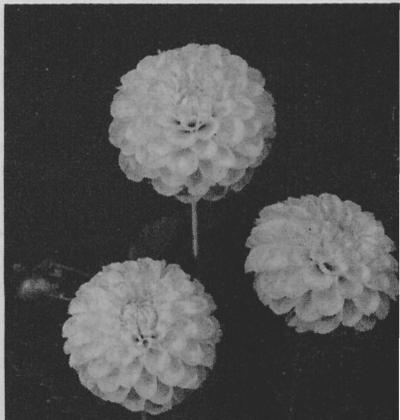
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BUGG'S BUNNY



CAROL E.

Dahlia Shows Across the Nation

(Continued from Page Nine)

See Below for Society News Closing Dates

Secretaries of Branch and Affiliate Societies are requested to mail their reports for publication in the Bulletin on the 10th of the month preceding publication. These closing dates are:

January 10 for February issue

April 10 for May issue

July 10 for August issue

October 10 for November issue

If copy does not reach the editor by these dates it is quite likely to be left until the following issue, and when that happens its news value is greatly lessened, if not entirely lost. And please keep it brief.

Dahlia Society of New Jersey

"One of the best shows in the history of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey, and if not the best in number of exhibits and quality in the East this year," to quote the Dean of Judges of the American Dahlia Society, Conrad Frey, who made the awards at the thirty-fourth annual Fall show held September 22nd and 23rd, at the Commonwealth Club, Upper Montclair, N. J. Most gratifying feature of the show stated by General Chairman Edward B. Lloyd were the list of "new names" appearing on the "entry blanks", Louis C. Culp of Dover, N. J., winner of the Novice Trophy, Mrs. Clarence Church of Preakness, N. J., winner of the open to all sweepstakes, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Helbig of Elberon, N. J., winners of the President's Trophy for the three best cactus *Pioneer*, Douglas Slocum of Long Branch, N. J., Harold M. King of Little Silver, N. J., Dominic V. Colarossa of Belleville, N. J., Mr. M. Nydegger of Summit, N. J., Mr. William C. Umbreit of Livingston, N. J., George Russell of Newark, N. J., all exhibitors showing for the first time in the N. J. Show and carrying home blues, for their superlative dahlias—Connie Frey commended them for the beautiful showing and invited all to become members.

Harry Frank of Far Hills, N. J., that famed grower of miniatures and pompons, carried home for the second year the coveted Governor Robt. Meyner Trophy,

for his three biggest and best, not pomps, but *Pirate Treasure*—(he did the same in the Washington, D. C. Show, brought home the "Bacon to N. J." with the biggest and best—*Surprise*). "We just can't grow them small in Jersey" he says! and proves it! Smallest and best with *Tiny Tot* was won by Mrs. Walter Bardell of Woodcliff Lake, *Stoptlight* won best in the Novice Class for Louis C. Culp. Best in open to all *Wagschals Goldcrone* to the Gamston Gardens. Best in Amateur Class *Moya Marce*, won by Harry Frank. The American Home Achievement Medal and the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award was awarded to a newcomer, Joseph Fasolo of Far Hills, N. J., for his "B" petunia purple informal decorative, named *Teresa Louise*.

Among the persistent winners on the show table were *Five Star General*, *Bay City White*, *Powder Puff*, *Pirate Treasure*, *Mary Elizabeth*, enormous blooms in excellent condition, *Autumn Blaze* with unusually good length in stems, *Empire State*, *New Look*, *Kidd's Climax*, battling neck in neck with *Five Star General* for supremacy, among the new ones *Big Top*, *Groucho Marx*, *Big Ben* much in evidence, also *Bunny*, *Grandezza*, *Pioneer*, *Windlassie*, *Stoptlight*, *First Lady*, *Jack O'Hearts*, *Gypsy Girl*, a perennial favorite with the newer exhibitor! *Tartan* forging ahead among the bi-colors, *Moya Marce*, *White Mist*, *Alabaster*—among the miniatures *Hazel Harper*, *Bo-Bo*, *Animato*, *Jubilant* (Dahlidel), *Little Sheik*, *Belle*, *Johanna*, *Arabesque*, *Little Lemon-drop*—Pompons, *Fanny*, *Clover*, *Tiny Tot*, *Miss Marjorie*, *Margaret Williams*, *Mrs. Telfer* topped all others fighting for recognitions. A miniature as yet unnamed parading under the cognomen of *No. 400* won the Mrs. Frances Digi Trophy for Connie Frey, here is one to watch! in future shows—among collarettes *Cherubino*, *Cottontail*, *Pink Spangle*, *Needles*—Ball dahlias *Rosy Dawn*, *Pat and Dee*, Orange Glow holding first in their division. *Dahlidel Twinkle* still unseated king in the orchid flower class!

The Garden Section, an added feature in the show for the past two years, has proven extremely popular with exhibitors and visitors alike, as dahlia growers are also good rose growers, this fact was borne out by Mrs. Madsen of Plainfield, N. J., who carried home the beautiful Rose Plaque Award. Believe it or not a small gardener can win out over the

grower of hundreds of hills. Mrs. John C. Metzger of Irvington, N. J. won the Kemp Memorial Trophy for sweepstakes in the amateur division. "Awards of Special Merit" were given to the two non-competitive exhibits by Past Presidents Leo L. Pollak and Conrad Frey for their handsome displays which decorated the entrance to the show hall.

It would be so nice to say a BIG THANK YOU to the judges who work so hard at these shows, with whom we may disagree privately but appreciate so deeply, publicly, "Thanks for a job well done."—John C. Metzger, publicity chairman, 126 Allen Street, Irvington, N. J.

Irving Garden Club

The Irvington Garden Club Flower Show was held Sept. 8-9, 1956 at the Irvington High School Gymnasium.

Despite the cloud burst two nights before the hall was well filled. Exceptional, fine blooms were shown this year.

Winner of most points in show Harry Frank, Far Hills, N. J., with a score of 212. Second high score won by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer of Englewood, N. J., Bergen County. John C. Metzger was winner of the Kiwanis Trophy. Harry Frank won in the largest and best dahlias with *Mary Elizabeth* 13½ by 7 inches. Among other winners in the dahlia classes were John Musso, Leslie Del Tufo, James Anderson, Joe Gamby, Will Stone, Peter Birgy, Miss Ethel Widman, Anthony Fuschetti.

Extra fine blooms among the winners were *Pride of Parkersburg*, *Otto's Thrill*, *Five Star General*, *Andres Wonder*, *Arthur Godfrey*, *Capitol City*, *Variety Girl*, *Kelvin*, *Storm Cloud*, *Evelyn Scolla*, etc.

Winners in Perennial class—Mr. Lynden Kibler; Arrangement Class, Mrs. Peter Madsen and Mrs. Sophie Armstrong; Potted plants, Mrs. Paul Cermak; Annuals, Mrs. John C. Metzger; Roses, Mrs. Peter Marson and Mrs. Adolph Kuber.

Judges were Lynn Dudley, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Conrad Frey, Nutley; Joe Gambi and Will Stone, Rivervale, N. J.; Edward Lloyd, Montclair, N. J.; Leo Pollak, New York City; Edward Brock, Maplewood, N. J.; Mrs. Wm. Loundes, Chester, N. J.; Mrs. Samuel Newkirk, Elizabeth, N. J.; Miss Margaret DeGrumbine, Jersey City, N. J.; Robert Manser, Springfield, N. J.; Ray Harmon, Caldwell, N. J.; Drew Mulcahy, Floral Park, N. J.; Frank Marker, Layton, N. J.; Carl Witte, Maplewood, N. J.

The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin

The following list comprises the names of the winners of the annual show of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin. The show was held September 8 and 9, 1956, at the Mitchell Park Community House.

American Home Achievement for *Caroline M* grower, Ben Makowski; Originator, Clare Moore Jr. Largest bloom in show—J. S. Jones; most perfect "A" in show, Glenn Pierce; most perfect "B" in show, Glenn Pierce.

Specials—Big Ten (A's), John Schramel; Little Ten (B's), Glenn Pierce; Big Six (A's), Ben Makowski; Little Six (B's), Glenn Pierce; Big Four (A's), Ben Makowski; Little Four (B's), Glenn Pierce.

Most outstanding 1956 introduction, George Merkel; most outstanding bloom of *Hester Pape*, Ernest Loder. Divisions—Open to All most perfect A—Glenn Pierce; most perfect B—Glenn Pierce; largest bloom, Judge Currie; Sweepstakes—Summit Dahlia Gardens. Large amateur most perfect A—Ed Loder; most perfect B, Brunswick; largest bloom, J. S. Jones; Sweepstakes, B. I. Wright.

Small amateur, most perfect "A", Ervin Makowski; most perfect "B", Dr. Van Horn; largest bloom, Dr. Van Horn; sweepstakes, Ervin Makowski. Novice—Most perfect "A", Breckenfelder; most perfect "B", Breckenfelder; largest bloom, Ed Slack; sweepstakes, Rev. J. Boettcher. Small Flowering Division: Best entry Miniatures, Richard Martin; best entry Pom Pons, Richard Martin; Best entry, any other types, Richard Martin. Artistic Arrangements: Outstanding Niche, Esther Makowski; most outstanding arrangement, Mrs. Mosser; sweepstakes, Mrs. Degner. — Shirley Zinke, 2488 So. Delaware Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

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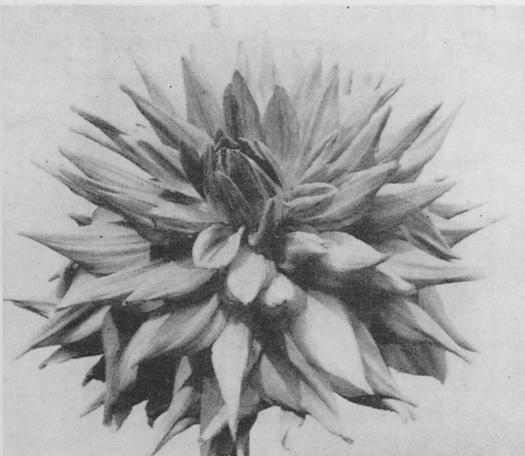
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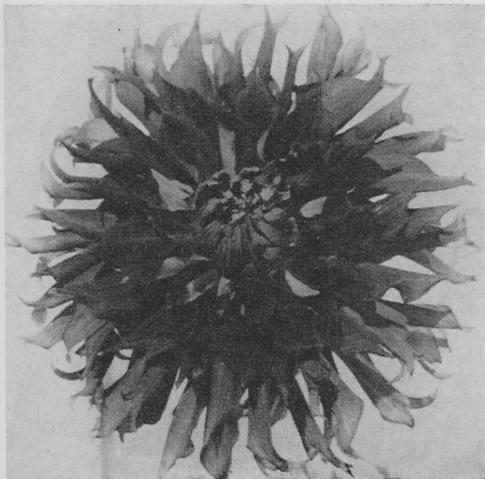


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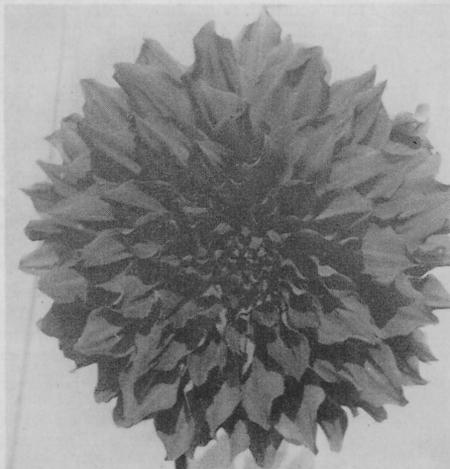
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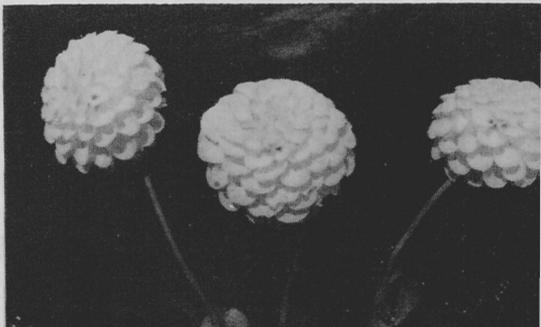
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Dahlia Shows—(Continued)

Southeastern Mich. Dahlia Society

The annual dahlia show of Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society was held September 15 and 16 in Cannon Memorial Gymnasium, Detroit. It was an outstanding success because of long range planning of Chairman Arthur J. Holke, in obtaining such spacious quarters, ample and easy parking area. A fine evening program included the crowning of a Dahlia Queen, and cooperation of dahlia enthusiasts who provided quantity and quality of blooms. Total entries were 1082 and 1545 blooms exclusive of hobbies, arrangements, artistic displays, and commercial exhibits.

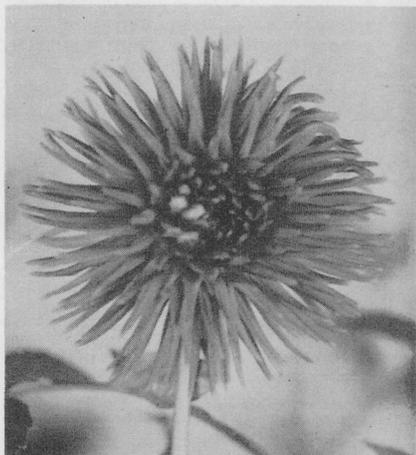
The Novice Section showed a definite increase in numbers. Mrs. Robert Schilling carried off the Sweepstakes Award and likewise top honors for the most outstanding bloom and the largest bloom in this section with her *Graf Folke Bernadotte*. 27% of the 94 entries in this section won ribbons and of these 13 were blue ribbons.

The Small Amateur Division exceeded expectations and the tables were literally loaded with blooms. Total entries of 200 made 55 first place, 43 second, and 34 third. *Duet*, exhibited by Ted Szalkowski rated the most outstanding, but Raymond Olson's *Croydon's Masterpiece* measured the largest. Joe Morris won the Sweepstakes with R. Olson close as second.

The Large Amateur deserved that name with 510 entries. This exhibit likewise tested judgment of them who were assigned to do the rating. 47% won ribbons of which 104 were first, 79 second, and 58 third. Joel Wolf entered *Autumn Blaze* which was the largest bloom in this section. Alex Toth exhibited *Florence Chadwick* which rated the most outstanding bloom. He likewise won the Sweepstakes in this section. Second place by a narrow margin was Joel Wolf.

The Open Division was spectacular with a display of 670 blooms in 236 entries. Of these were 60 firsts, 41 seconds, and 42 thirds. A. E. Cadwell's *Arthur Godfrey* was the largest bloom in this section, and his *Croydon's Masterpiece* was the most outstanding. A collection of six blooms of *Arthur Godfrey* in a bowl container rated outstanding and won Central States Medal. Mr. Cadwell was awarded Sweepstakes in this section.

The Society were indeed happy to have a three year seedling, *Ann Steckle*, grown



ANN STECKLE

This B size, St. Cac. Purple, won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes and American Home Achievement Medal for Victor Steckle of 743 Cawood St., Lansing, Mich. Named "Ann Steckle" at the show of the Mich. Dahlia Assn., at Flint Mich., 1956

by Victor Steckle of Lansing win the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes and also the American Home Achievement Medal. Eight blue ribbons were awarded in the 35 entries of first year seedlings and three of the two year seedlings won first place.

Of particular interest is a growing participation in arrangements, thereby demonstrating practical use of dahlias. 43 entries were made interpreting "Colors for Around the Year," cleverly depicting something characteristic of the respective months. A staff of five accredited judges awarded 14 blue ribbons, eleven red ribbons, and 8 white ribbons with three of these special recognition. Al Bottom won the Sweepstakes in Arrangements.

Special use of dahlias was entered by Bert Grim who was given a special award on his Sportsman display (hunting) highlighted by a beautiful basket arrangement of autumn shades of dahlias. A. J. Wulff had for his exhibit various phases of dahlia culture as a hobby. A novelty that attracted attention and merriment was another originality by Bert Grim. A weary but happy looking dummy was reclining with tools and blooms about him. The caption was, "A Dahlia Grower Dreaming." It, too, graced a special award.

A new venture was one planned to encourage juniors who could exhibit only

if they had grown their own flowers. Ted Szalkowski, Jr., won Sweepstakes. This class was called the Junior midgets and was for ages up to twelve years of age who had not previously won a blue ribbon at a show. Ted's entries included, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Janet Beckett*, *Flying Saucer*, and *Wagshal's Goldkrona*.

Grand Sweepstakes awarded to A. E. Cadwell.—Mrs. Arthur J. Wulff, Sec'y, 15170 Garfield Road, Detroit 39, Mich.

Dahlia Society of Kentucky

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we can look back upon our 24th Annual Dahlia Show this year, as it was the best Show that we have had for several years. Over three thousand blooms were on display and it was a beautiful sight to gaze upon in the Mirror Room of the Kentucky Hotel. It is a show that will long be remembered and from the Oh's and Ah's that were expressed by our many visitors, we feel that our efforts were not in vain. The quality of the blooms was very good and with so many good exhibition blooms on display, it was a very hard job to pick a favorite. *Mary Elizabeth* seemed to be the most popular "A" size bloom in number.

Special Award winners in Section 1, Single blooms, exhibited by Joe Hellmann were *Leander*, *Surprise*, *Eva Stamford*, *Lavender Perfection*. In Three bloom entries: exhibited by W. W. Stout was *Burnbrae Memory*. Section 1 Sweepstakes was won by Mr. Joe Hellmann.

Special Award winner in Section 2, Single blooms, exhibited by J. B. Floyd, C. W. Simbritzki, George Shee and Richard Dunwoody were *Wine Dee*, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Powder Puff* and *Five Star General*.

In Three bloom entries: exhibited by N. R. Hemphill was *Arguello*.

In Five bloom entries: exhibited by Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons was *Mary Elizabeth*.

Section 2 Sweepstakes was won by Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons.

Special award winners in Section 3 "B" Dahlias, Single bloom entries, exhibited by Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn, Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons, John Musterman and Floyd Cook, were *Grace*, *Michigan White*, *Eric Halford* and *Golden Treasure*.

Three bloom entries: exhibited by J. B. Floyd was *Grace*.

In Five bloom entries: exhibited by Roy Schooler was *Alabaster*.

Mrs. Harry Baerveldt was Sweepstakes winner in Section 3.

Largest bloom in Single bloom entry classes, exhibited by George Shee was *Powder Puff*. Best "B" bloom and also best Cactus in Show in Single bloom entry Classes, exhibited by Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn was *Grace*.

Best entry of three Red "A" Dahlias in Show, exhibited by N. R. Hemphill was *Arguello*. Best entry, three blooms "A" dahlias in Section 1, exhibited by W. W. Stout was *Burnbrae Memory*. Court of Honor Winner, exhibited by Joe Hellmann was *Surprise*.

Winners in the Derby Classes were: 1st—Carl Simbritzki with *Dir. Carl Dahl*; 2nd—Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons with *Powder Puff*; 3rd—W. F. Booker with *Powder Puff*.

Sweepstakes in Poms and Miniatures was won by J. B. Floyd. Sweepstakes in Novice Section was won by Mrs. Henry Miller. Sweepstakes of the Entire Show was won by Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons. Sweepstakes in the Garden Flower Section was won by Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn.—Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary, 726 Barret Ave., Louisville 4, Ky.

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Dahlia Shows—(Continued)

Midwest Dahlia Conference

The 23rd Annual meeting of the Midwest Dahlia Conference was held at the LeClaire Hotel in Moline, Illinois on September 22, 1956 at 5:15 P. M. with President Mr. Robert H. Anderson presiding. Roll call of Delegates:

American Dahlia Society: Chas. Diefenderfer, J. Louis Roberts, Dr. Bruce Preas, Dr. Edw. F. McDade.

Central States Dahlia Society: Judge George Currie, Harold Cummings, Harold Bluhm, B. E. Wright and John Schramel.

Indianapolis Dahlia Society: N. R. Hemphill, Richard Dunwoody, Edwin D. Record.

Dahlia Society of Kentucky: W. F. Kleinjohn.

Dahlia Society of Ohio: Jerry Kovar.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Association: Garnet Huey.

Dahlia Society of Wisconsin: Ben Makowski, Jack Hubert.

Minnesota Dahlia Society: Carrol Rose, Al. Gorsky.

Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society: Charles Duschene, Paul Hale.

Dahlia Society of Toledo: no delegate.

East Liverpool Dahlia Society: no delegate.

Badger State Dahlia Society: Max E. Freudenberg.

Greater Kansas City Dahlia Society: no delegate.

Tri-City Dahlia Society: Paul York.

Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society: Wm. Koenig.

Mid-America Dahlia Society: no delegate.

Minutes of the meeting held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read showing a balance as of September 22, 1956 of \$221.46. A motion was made by Harold Cummings of Central States Dahlia Society and seconded by Ben Makowski of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin that the report be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by W. F. Kleinjohn of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky and seconded by Dr. Edw. McDade of the American Dahlia Society that the \$25.00 allowed for the Midwest Dahlia Trophy be paid to the Host Society. Motion carried.

New Business: Bid for 1957 Midwest Show:

Mr. Duschene of the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society invited the Midwest Show to St. Louis in 1957. After a few remarks,

a motion was made by Mr. Huey of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association and seconded by Mr. Rose of the Minnesota Dahlia Society that the invitation of the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society be accepted to hold the Midwest Dahlia Show and Conference meeting in St. Louis in 1957. Motion carried. Show dates for 1957 will be September 28-29th.

Mr. Gorsky of the Minnesota Dahlia Society issued an invitation for the Midwest Show and Conference meeting to be held in Minneapolis for 1958, which will be put on file. Mr. Koenig of the Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society issued an invitation for the Midwest Dahlia Show and Conference meeting to be held in Pittsburgh for 1959, which will also be put on file.

Election of Officers: President: A motion was made by Paul York of the Tri-City Dahlia Society and seconded by Ben Makowski that the President elect of the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society in office at that time be the President of the Conference for 1957. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer: A motion was made by Ben Makowski and seconded by Paul York that Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn be re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Midwest Dahlia Conference by a unanimous vote. Motion carried. A motion was made by Ben Makowski and seconded by Garnet Huey that the Secretary be allowed \$75.00 for her expense to the Conference meeting. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Kleinjohn and seconded by Judge Currie that the Host Society be complimented for the fine Show staged and thanked for their hospitality and good time enjoyed by all. Motion carried.

Mr. York of the Tri-City Dahlia Society thanked all who visited with them at Moline. Nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P. M.—Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary, 726 Barret St., Louisville, Ky.

Long Island Dahlia Society

While time marched on, history was made at the twelfth annual show of the Long Island Dahlia Society, held Saturday, September 22nd in The Plattdeutsche Park Hall, Franklin Square, N. Y. Never in the annals of our organization have we enjoyed such patronage. Roughly two hundred exhibitors displayed a profusion of gorgeous blooms which numbered well up in the thousands, doing full justice to some two hundred fifty odd classes. Here in regal splendor the dahlia reigned supreme as 'King For A Day.' While eager

hordes of enthusiasts from five states paid subtle homage to their idol. Shutterbugs with their flashlight cameras had a field day. They were able to capture and carry away a true version of admiration, beauty and color that was so prevalent in the blooms.

The success of our show was due in a large measure to mother nature. She played a dominant role by giving so generously of her bounties and in the proper proportions. Success was also due to the functionaries of our society both past and present, who have planned and labored so diligently in its interest. High on our success list were the judges. The comments for their efforts were very complimentary and the dispatch with which they handled the lengthy schedule deserve many, many thanks. The power of the press was a huge factor also, as we had two large dailies going for us. In the same vein we wish to extend a hand in thanks across the sea of good fellowship to the Editor of this Bulletin for the many courtesies and favors he has rendered on behalf of LIDS. To the A.D.S., its officers and membership also many thanks for your help and cooperation.

Now for a run down of tricolor, medal and trophy winners of our 1956 show: Section A—Large (1) bloom: F.D. Deep Purple—George Scheffler, I.D. *Ann Tooker*—Martin Guttler, S.C. *Mary Elizabeth*—Richard Schmitt, I.C. *Leander*—Bert E. Pitt. The Long Island Dahlia Society Gold Medal was awarded to Richard Schmitt for his exhibit of *Mary Elizabeth* as the largest and most nearly perfect bloom in the show. Mr. Schmitt had this beauty as right as rain. In its class it put away a field of twenty-four entries and then withstood the challenge in a second round of thirteen blue ribbon winners for the tricolor. It then emerged the best against three other tricolors.

A tricolor for the best exhibit of three blooms any color of the four (A) types also went to Mr. Schmitt with *Pride of Parkersburg*; Section B—Medium (1) bloom: F.D. *Alabaster*—Joseph Huch; I.D. *Windlassie*, Al. Warren; S.C. *Paper Pink*, Bert E. Pitt; I.C. *Madam Clementine Payen*, Edith Hill Weidermann. The Long Island Dahlia Society Silver Medal for the most nearly perfect of the four tricolors in class 57 to 108 went to Joseph Huch with *Alabaster*. Section Ba (3) Medium blooms: F.D. *Brandaris*, Monroe C. Clayton; I.D. *Voll Mond*, Martin Guttler; S.C. *Stoplight*, Court Duerk; I.C. *Florence Chadwick*, Martin Guttler. LIDS Silver Medal for best tricolor in classes 57A to 108A was awarded to Martin Gutt-

ler for his (3) bloom exhibit of *Florence Chadwick*.

Section BB Small Medium (3) blooms of one variety, any type, class 109 to 117: *Little Rachel*, Al Te Desco. Section C, Miniature (3) blooms F.D. or I.D. class 118 to 130 (A Seedling), Henry Olsen; Cactus all types, class 132 to 144, *Aunt Sarah*, Mrs. Henry Olsen. Section D, Pompons, (3) blooms *Margaret Williams*, Henry Olsen. Tricolor, Class 157 for (1) bloom as the smallest and most nearly perfect in the show was won by Marie Schnugg with *Little Edith*. Section E, Other Types, *LaCierva*, Lawrence Palmenteri. Section F, Basket Tricolors: Class 165, Not less than (7) blooms—A—any type, any color was won by Martin Guttler with a basket of *Five Star General*. Class 166, Not less than (7) blooms—B—any type, any color again Martin Guttler with a basket of *Mrs. Rose Fletcher*. Class 167, Not less than (15) blooms of miniature varieties, any color was won by Lawrence Palmenteri with a basket of *Little Jerry*. Class 168, Not less than (20) blooms of pompon varieties, any color went to Henry Olsen with *Margaret Williams*, *Mrs. V. Brittain* and *Mrs. J. Telfer*.

Section G, Undisseminated Seedlings; Class 169—(1) bloom of one or two year seedlings, any size, type or color: In this class gold ribbons were awarded to B. E. Pitt, Al. Te Desco, Albert Parrella and John M. Muller.

Class 174: The Long Island Dahlia Society Silver Medal for Long Island Originations was taken by Emil Berzau with a specimen of *New Look*.

The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to (3) blooms of *Nutley Sunrise* with a bench score of 86.2, Originated by Conrad Frey of Nutley, N. J. and shown by Henry Olsen of Elmont, N. Y. The judges classified it as a "B" incurred cactus of autumn color.

The A.D.S. Seedlings Sweepstakes Award was made to Albert Parrella of Bronx, N. Y. for his origination and exhibit of (3) blooms of *Dora McCann*. The judges rated *Dora McCann* as formal, dark blend in the (B) class and came up with a bench score of 86.2 also.

The Otto J. Annmuller Memorial Trophy for a specimen bloom of foreign origination went to Emil Berzau with a standout of *Leander*. In the arrangement class, tricolors went to Inez McGill and Mrs. Walter Steward. Two tricolors were awarded to Mrs. Gladys Service along with The American Dahlia Society Bronze Medal for best Tricolor in her first venture into dahlia competition.—C. D. Francis, Sec'y, 51 Willis Ave., Syosset, N. Y.

Dahlia Shows—(Continued)

Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

The 1956 show was again held in the spacious lobby of Philadelphia WCAU Radio and Television Center. The show dates, Saturday, September 22nd and Sunday, September 23rd. Show Superintendent, Fred Moore. The schedule contained a number of interesting items. The Foreword outlined the aims of the Society, a membership application form and a brief history of the Society. Curtis Goodwin was responsible for our program.

First, a report on our growing season, rather odd one for us, late frost on May 25th ruining many dahlia plants. Usually we are frost free after May 15th. The Summer was on the cool side with sufficient rain fall during July. Our hottest days were in August and along with some dry weather caused the red spider to be more prevalent this season. We also were troubled with the corn borer during the latter part of August. The blooms were not as large as in previous years. A very early frost on September 21st, a day prior to show time, ruined many blooms so this eliminated or reduced many entries. Our normal killing frost date is around October 20th. Despite this weather this show can be classified as a fairly good one.

The new A-SC autumn seedling exhibited by Stanley Johnson, *Carrie MacAvoy*, won the American Home Achievement Medal and *Ginny Johnston*, a Min. S.C. Red, the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award for Stanley Johnson.

Sweepstakes — The Amos Kirby Silver Trophy, Amateur Section, won by Frank L. Deichler, Jr. Sweepstakes — Robinwood Trophy, Open to All, won by Clarence Davis, of Caleb Fox Estate. Sweepstakes — Thos. McKay Memorial Trophy, for small varieties, won by George M. Boyes.

The table of Champions had such sections winners as:

Best A size, *Sequoia*, Frank L. Deichler Jr. Basket, A size — *Mary Elizabeth*, Clarence Davis. 3 Blooms, B size — *Juanita*, Frank L. Deichler Jr. Basket, B size — *Val St. Lambert*, John Drach. 5 Miniatures — *Chips*, George M. Boyes. Basket Miniatures — *Hazel Harper*, Walter Strobel. 5 Pompons — *Mararget Williams*, George M. Boyes. Basket Poms — *Joyce Gibbs*, Walter Strobel. Arrangement — Mrs. I. Buten.

Usually you are informed of the many blue and red ribbon class winners in each section. However this year you will get

the statistics of our shows, in other words, the facts and figures. The total number of exhibitors were 27 who placed in competition 1197 blooms of 144 varieties. The total number of entries in all classes was 292. All these figures are actual count.

Continuing this report we find that *Mary Elizabeth* and *Kelvin* were tied for first honors as the most popular large type dahlias in competition. These two A size dahlias were closely followed by *Whitehall*, *Ned Seymour*, *Arthur Godfrey*, and *Croydon's Masterpiece* in that order. *Juanita* easily topped the B size, *Hazel Harper* the choice of miniatures while *Joyce Gibbs* took the pom honors.

Better publicity for this show prior to our show date, resulted in a greater attendance this year. A conservative figure by the official of this Radio and TV Station was 2500.

A beautiful printed sign of several colors informed the visitors of the advantages in joining this Branch Society of the A.D.S. Attached to the large sign were 4 A.D.S. Bulletins of last year so each applicant immediately got an illustrated picture of the many benefits derived upon becoming a member of our Society. The membership committee under the guidance of these fine young ladies, Misses Leah Calvert, Elsie Schopp and Joan L. Boyles did a yeoman job. Those interested in knowing more about dahlias were also given the new A.D.S. pamphlet so they would know the full advantages after becoming a direct member of the American Dahlia Society. Our results were very satisfactory and we hope our drive also got some good members for the parent organization. — Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa.

Kitsap Co. Dahlia Society

In spite of the heavy losses of last November the Kitsap Co. Dahlia Society, Bremerton, Wash. held their show as usual but with far less entries than in the past. Many of the classes had no entries at all and others only a few. Again we had no complaints regarding the weather as it was the best in years. The weather was so nice and warm that all the salvage shops in the neighborhood were completely sold out of umbrellas—they were over the dahlias.

Some of the newer Exhibitors set such a hot pace for the old timers that a few of them have turned their attention to the poms and mins. One outstanding feature of the show was the fact that both the best dahlia in the show and the runner up were both American varieties — *Always* and *Hart's Whirlaway*. (Contd. next page)

The Novice section had good blooms in nearly all classes with *Silver Wedding*, *Pride of Holland*, *Red Velvet*, *Darcy Sainsbury* and *Jeep* winning blues with *Pride of Holland* best in section. The Amateur division was dominated by the entries of Jens Nielson who was top scorer with 18 blues, 12 reds and two whites. Among his winners were *Val St. Lambert*; *Jersey's Dainty*; *Copperhead*; *Pride of Holland*; *Nicky K*; *Dolly Sawyer*; *Color Sketch and Montebello*. Section winners in this division were *Val St. Lambert*; *Copperhead*; *Color Sketch* and *Queen Elizabeth*. Other blue ribbon winners were *Clementine Payen* by Arthur Witte; *Hart's Whirlaway* by Robt. Young; *Edna D.* by Walter Gowdy; *Night Editor*, by Robt. Young.

In the Advanced Amateur section there were some real outstanding blooms in the incurred cactus division with blue ribbons on *Silver Wedding*, *Hart's Whirlaway*, *Tornado* and *Peggy J*, with *Hart's Whirlaway* best in section. The straight cactus had blue ribbons on *Florence Chadwick*, *Always*, *Searchlight*, *Cosmopolitan* and *Breendonck*, with *Always* the best in section for Vern Sanford.

In the semi-cactus we saw blue ribbons on *Whitehall* for Vern Sanford, *Marilyn Dale* for Leo Miller, *Good Catch* for Andrew Babb, *The Cardinal* and *Blush* for N. S. McKamey. Best bloom was *Marilyn Dale*. The formal decoratives were better than in former seasons with good blooms of *The Real Glory*, *Lavender Perfection*, *Pop Harris*, *First Lady*, *Kid's Climax* with *First Lady* best in section for Andrew Babb. Magnificent blooms were in all classes of the informals with blues pinned on the following; *Pacific Queen*, *Julia McKamey*, *Croydon's Masterpiece*, *Night Editor*, *Autumn Blaze*, *Pirate Treasure* and *Windlassie*—all good American varieties but one which was *Croydon's Masterpiece* best in section for N. S. McKamey. Among the poms and miniatures all entries were foreign except *North Bend* and *Trinket*, with blue ribbons attached to *Willos Violet*; *Rifleman*; *Preference*; *Trinket*.

Several promising entries were made in the seedling classes with Arthur Witte winning the ADS Seedling Sweepstakes award with a nice light yellow incurred cactus. A lovely B size S.C. of a delicate pink and white called *Martha* won the American Home Achievement Medal for N. S. McKamey. The largest most perfect dahlia in the show was a coral pink I.D. of 13 inches called *CORAL SEA* entered by Mrs. Vern Sanford. J. E. Hulin, Rt. 3, Box 150, Port Orchard, Wash.

Southern States Dahlia Ass'n

The Dahlia Society of Georgia, host to the Southern States Dahlia Association held their show at the State Fair Grounds on September 29th and 30th.

Visitors from quite a few states were with us and we want to express to them our deep appreciation for attending our show and helping us with the judges.

The judges luncheon was held at the Fair Grounds and after this was over there was a meeting of the Southern States for the next year's plans. Birmingham will be the site and the host will be the Dahlia Society of Alabama.

Dr. Bruce Preas addressed the meeting briefly and we appreciated his remarks very much.

That evening a banquet was held at the Henry Grady Hotel and the entertainment was furnished by singers and the main speaker was Dr. Jack Morris. He made many humorous references to dahlias, confessing that what he knew was what he read in an encyclopedia but that he was learning fast. H. A. Huckabee, president of the Southern States Dahlia Association presided.

At the show, the best A bloom was *Mrs. Hester Pape*, shown by G. E. Christophian of Birmingham. Dr. H. C. Rike of Birmingham had the best B bloom, a fine specimen of *Bunny*.

The best miniature in the show was a specimen of *Alice O'Neal*, shown by the originator, Mr. B. L. Kennedy. The best 1956 introduction was *Peach Blend*, exhibited by Conrad Faust.

We had a fine crop of beginners in the amateur section headed by Messrs. Boeke and Letson. We know that we will see more of these next year and they exhibited many specimen blooms. Sweepstake winners included Mr. R. O. Glauzier, Mr. Olin Cason and Mr. Eugene Boeke.—Charles King, 1690 Blashfield St., S.E., Atlanta, Ga.

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Williamsburg Dahlia Society

The Williamsburg Dahlia Society held its Twelfth Annual Show at the Matthew Whaley School on October 6th and 7th. There were 829 entries, 36 exhibitors participating, the largest and most successful show ever held by this group.

In spite of terrific rain and wind storms the last week or ten days before the show, blooms continued to come in beyond our expectation from our friends in Maryland and all over the state of Virginia.

Some of the outstanding blue ribbon winners were: *Aglaja*, *Bay City White*, *Bessie M.*, *Col. Little*, *Cherokee Beauty*, *Clara Clemons*, *Crowden's Masterpiece*, *Dahlia mum*, *Flying Saucer*, *Florence Chadwick*, *First Lady*, *Goudbrocaat*, *Grandezza*, *Hazel Harper*, *Joan Hilton*, *John Butterworth*, *Kosciusko*, *Little Lemon Drop*, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, *Marvellous*, *Grace*, *Nickey K.*, *Oakleigh Champion*, *Orange*, *Majesty*, *Quinn's Tidal Wave*, *Rose Anne S.*, *Ruby Charm*, *Stoplight*, *Surprise*, *Silver Meteor*, *Storm Cloud*, *Silver Springs*, *Target*, *The Cardinal*, *White Jersey Beauty*, *Windlassie*.

In the Seedling classes—1st year—Mr. G. E. Dodrill, Mr. C. B. Ambrose, Mr. Russel Hill won.

Mrs. Charles Clapp's *Flying Saucer* won the Charles B. Ambrose Trophy for the best three blooms of "A" dahlias of Virginia origin for the second successive year. The most perfect "A" bloom in the show was won by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Eddins of Richmond with *John Butterworth*. The best "B" bloom in the show was won by his brother J. B. Eddins on *Nick's Orchid*.

The American Dahlia Society Sweepstakes and the Home Achievement Medal went to Mr. E. R. Phillips of Silver Spring, Md., for his origination of *Kathleen*, a beautiful incurved cactus B type pink light blend.

The best Holland B type dahlia winner was Alton Smith of Richmond.

The arrangement section was built around the Theme "Our Peninsula" complimenting Our Progressive Cities, another Forests & Fields, another Our Beaches, one for Yorktown, Jamestown, and Williamsburg. Also two Holland arrangement classes Dance of the Wooden Shoe and Dutch Windmill. There were 30 entries in these classes. Tri-color winner was Mrs. Irvin Reid in the Advanced Arrangement Classes and the Green Spring Garden Club in the Invitation to Garden Clubs Class. Sweepstakes Advanced Arrangements—Mrs. C. C. Lankford, 104 Adams St., Williamsburg.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Association

The Ohio Valley Dahlia Association presented its 1956 dahlia show in the artistic surroundings of the beautiful Cincinnati Art Museum.

We had a good growing year in this locality and were rewarded with scores of beautiful blooms.

Show Chairman Jack Wilsey won top honors with the most perfect bloom in the show, *Red Velvet*. This entry was also judged the most perfect "A" size and won Jack Wilsey trophy. Most Perfect "B" size *Nick's Orchid* by C. H. Bowen, Chillicothe, O. Largest Bloom in show *Ned Seymour* by Presley Caldwell, Chillicothe, O. The Association has several circulating cups that are re-awarded each year. They were won by the following members:

Marie Regina Emmerich Trophy to Presley Caldwell; Howard A. Ray Trophy to C. H. Bowen; Brother Albert Harris Trophy to J. H. Dickman; Charles F. Pape Trophy to Howard A. Ray; R. G. Huey Trophy to Jack Wilsey; M. Y. Thomas Trophy to Howard A. Ray; Ed. Heepke Trophy to J. H. Dickman.

The Open to All Sweepstakes A-B size won by W. C. Anderson; runner-up, Alice Mattick. Open to All Sweepstakes, Poms and Miniatures won by W. C. Anderson; runner-up Record's Dahlias, Indianapolis, Indiana. Small Amateur Sweepstakes A-B size won by J. H. Dickman; runner-up, Jack Wilsey. Small Amateur Sweepstakes, Poms and Miniatures won by J. H. Dickman; runner-up, Fred Binstadt. Novice Section Sweepstakes won by Herbert Haggett; School Children Sweepstakes won by John Grotjahn; Artistic Arrangement Sweepstakes won by Mrs. Howard A. Ray. "Men Only", Val Schill.

The Gold Ribbon Winners and Blooms that won are:

W. C. Anderson, *Lady Ismay*, *Windlassie*, *Alabaster*, *Look*; Fred Binstadt, *Rifleman*, *Arthur Godfrey*; H. C. Bowen, *Nick's Orchid*; Presley Caldwell, *Ned Seymour*; Lawrence Daly, *Susy*; John H. Dickman, *Lombard's Violet*, *Kelvin*, *Wittekin*, *Orfeo*, *Fireworks*; Eleanor Flowers, *Sheik*, *Pride of Holland*; Louis Eschan, *Whitehall*; J. Grotjahn, *Pink Perfection*; E. Heitzman, *Pink Flamingo*; Herbert Haggett, *Autumn Blaze*; Howard Ray, *Clerose*; Record's Dahlias, *Valda*; George Richardson, *Hazel Harper*; Mrs. H. Reilly, *Patricia Spollen*; Harry Story, *Richardson Majestic*; Jack Wilsey, *Always*, *Eastern Echo*, *Noell Watson*, *Red Velvet*; Mrs. H. Ray, Artistic Arrangement.

The American Achievement Medal went to Artie Boram for *Boram's Moonlight*, score 85.8. The A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Group B to Artie Boram for *Boram's Wonder*, score 85.6. Group M to J. R. Carlisle for *Judy Lynne*, 84.0.—Mrs. John H. Dickman, Show Sec'y, 3036 Boudinot Ave., Cincinnati 38, Ohio.

Washington State Dahlia Society

The Washington State Dahlia Society Show was held in Tacoma Sept. 1 and 2 at Normana Hall. In spite of the intense heat preceding the show, it was exceptionally good. There were not as many B size blooms or Miniatures displayed as there would have been with a little cooler or cloudy days.

The first glimpse one noted on entering was the beautiful stage on which the Metropolitan Park Board arranged many varieties of flowers in a Garden effect. Surrounding the room were the Commercial displays with Charlie Julin's "Pacific Dahlia Gardens", showing many of the new foreign and American Varieties. Next came Mrs. Jack Johnson's Fushia and Begonia exhibit which caught the eyes of many people who visited the show. Across the hall was the "Blauman" and "Robert Bartlett" Dahlia Garden displays.

The Junior division was well represented with boys and girls under fifteen years of age. The best dahlia grown by a junior was *Finesse Aversoise*. Best Novice exhibit was *Clementine Payen*. Best dahlia in the show was *Juliana Regina* with *First Lady* winning the Runner up. Largest dahlia was *Kelvin* and the smallest pom pom was *Unit*. A medal presented to us from Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society was awarded to the Best 3 Blooms B-type which was *Dentelle de Venice*.

Other Section winners in the Formal Decoratives were: *Bessie Hardress*, *Hanna*, *Croyden's Dignity*, *Pop Harris*, *White Pop Harris*, *Croyden's Snotop*, *Lavender Perfection*, *Margaret Morris*, *Kidds Climax* and *Variety Girl*. The Informal type winners were: *Quinn's Tidal Wave*, *Hohensonne*, *Croyden's Masterpiece*, *El Rubio*, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, *Winnifred Stredwick*, *Stella Planert*, *Night Editor*, *Freda Gaylord*, *Clarium Forever*, *Freda George*, *Tachiyai*, and *I Walk Alone*. Section winners in Semi-Cactus were: *Pride of Parkersburg*, *Lucerna*, *Ami Louis Blim*, *Whitehall*, *Marilyn Dale*, *Attache Bolster*, *Reisenwunder*, *Ovation*, *Heroine*.—Mrs. Charles Ayler, Corresponding Secretary, 1121 So. 59th St., Tacoma, Wash.

Baltimore Dahlia Society and Mid-Atlantic Conference

The Baltimore Dahlia Society was host to the Middle Atlantic Dahlia Conference and the Show held in conjunction with the 31st Annual Show at Turner Armory, September 15th and 16th. From every angle the Show was a grand success and due credit must be given to John Sherwood, President and the Show Manager, Louis Gill, along with their committees. The quality as well as quantity of blooms was excellent and very favorable comments were heard from the hundreds of out of town guests.

The winners of the sweepstakes in the various sections and the outstanding trophy awards were as follows: Court of Honor, most outstanding entry, Senator Trophy was awarded to George Dodrill, for a basket of A dahlias. The most perfect A bloom, National Capital Dahlia Trophy to John Sherwood for a fine bloom of *Brown Bomber*. The most perfect B bloom—the Suburban Dahlia trophy to James Eddins on a bloom of *Bunny*. The most perfect Ball bloom—Virginia Dahlia Society trophy to Harry Quick for an

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excellent bloom of *Esmeralda*. Most perfect Pompon bloom—Williamsburg Dahlia Society trophy to Clyde Stewart for a bloom *Leslie Marks*. The most perfect Miniature bloom—Baltimore Dahlia Society trophy to E. R. Phillips on his seedling 54-M1. The American Home Achievement Medal was won by Conrad Frey on three lovely blooms of *Nutley Sunrise* and the American Dahlia Society Sweepstake awards in B type dahlias were made to Harry Quick on his *Harry J* and to C. H. Reisinger on his seedling *Mary Margaret*.

The A.D.S. Silver Medal was awarded to H. W. Stafford for a fine bloom of *Croyden's Masterpiece*. The sweepstake winners in the various sections were Section A—for growers up to 75 plants—A size—F. D'Eustachio and B size F. D'Eustachio. Section B for growers up to 150 plants, A size, John Sherwood and B size, John Sherwood. Section C, Open to All, A size, Chas. M. Diffenderffer and B size, Chas. M. Diffenderffer. Ball dahlias was awarded to Mrs. Louis Gill. Pompons to Vernon Ailstock. Miniatures Formal and Informal to Vernon Ailstock and Cactus and Semi Cactus to Vernon Ailstock. The Governor McKeldin trophy for the best basket of 9 blooms went to Harry J. Quick; the Mayor Thos. D'Alesandro trophy to Chas. M. Diffenderffer; the Katz trophy was for the best basket of 5 blooms, Maryland Origination and this was awarded to Harry Anderson and the Memorial trophy to Harry Anderson.

To mention the winning varieties will give a few of the most outstanding: A types *Croyden Sno Top*, *Bay City White*, *Whitchall*, *Juan LaBelle*, *Kelvin*, *Floodlight*, *Gloria*, *Ned Seymour*. Detroit 250, *Leander*, *Eva Stamford*, *Rose Ann S*. Miniatures: *Ben Glen*, *Andries Orange*, *Little Linda*, *Ella Coles*, *Buckeye Baby*, *Red Jewel*, *Chasamae*, *Mrs. Watt*, *Syd Post*, *Miss Mollie*, *Fuzzy Wuzzy*, *Chico*, *Margaret King*, *Jacita*, *Mrs. T. A. Weston*, *Princess Margaret* and *Syd Post*. It was quite an honor to be hosts to the Middle Atlantic members who attended in fine numbers and represented: National Capital, Suburban Dahlia Society, Virginia Dahlia Society and Williamsburg Dahlia Society. We are indebted to the following judges who did such a wonderful job: Dr. Bruce Preas, Henry Olsen, Andrew Mulcahy, Stanley Johnson, A. S. Mason, Leo Pollak, E. R. Phillips, Dr. J. L. Bowling, H. Dewey Mohr, William Elkins, Walter Hardesty, Edward B. Lloyd, Dr. Henry Parker, R. F. Gray,

Chas. Ambrose, Chas. Lasch, Mrs. Sarah W. Wood, Neale Monteleone, Eugene Warden, George Dodrill, C. V. Brieger, N. A. Scheel, Roy Webb, A. J. Chamberlayne, J. A. Eddins, E. L. Schaub, Dr. Edward F. McDade, Dr. H. C. Rike, John Metzger, J. B. Eddins, C. E. Faust, Emil Berzau, C. W. Watson, Mrs. M. E. Simmons, E. E. Montgomery, Edward Keck, Harry Frank, Frank Lamenzo, and in the Hardy Garden Section: Mrs. W. A. Bridges and Mrs. John Brewer.

The show was attended by the largest audience to attend one of our shows and it was further highlighted by music supplied by the Musical Union of Baltimore and under the direction of Irving Bodenburg. — H. O. Aburn, 610 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, Md.

The Rochester Dahlia Society

Anyway the DAHLIAS liked the 1956 brand of summer weather!

Proof of this was the biggest and best yet of the Rochester Dahlia Societies 17th annual show, which jammed the main hall of the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences with blooms September 16th, leaving scant room for visitors to walk between the aisles.

There were over 1400 entries which drew some 1800 admiring spectators including delegations from Ithaca, Elmira, Hornell and Buffalo.

"A most outstanding beautiful show" said Dr. Ward Cook of Little Falls, one of the judges. This year's cool, wet weather gave richer fresher colors than usual. Another judge, J. Newstead of Brantford, Ont., called the show a "revelation." Canada has its dahlia shows too—but not on a scale with this one, he observed.

"Queen of the Show" was a bloom of *Windlassie* grown by Phillip Kimmell, while Ed. Stayments of Elmira had the biggest bloom, a 13 x 10 entry of *Mary Elizabeth*. John Kosack, last year's winner of the Best Most Perfect award, this year turned the tables and won the award for Smallest Most Perfect pompon, a 1½ in. entry of *Atom*.

Louis Eckel of Spencerport, took A.D.S. bronze medal for the most promising seedling, an "A" semi-cactus yellow. Geo. Brunjes of Elmira, showed an "A" ID flame colored seedling which won A.D.S. and A.H.A. Awards.

Top Novice winner was Peter Collins whose bloom of *Fresco* was the most outstanding bloom in that division. He also

won sweepstakes in that division after a close fight from Tom Gordon. The Novice section was a real humdinger this year with more room having to be made for these "youngsters" to exhibit their blooms.

In the Amateur class, show chairman, Paul Herring, had the best bloom with an entry of *Ruth Alampi*. Wm. Stonewall took section sweepstakes. Other winners in this section were Al. Parker and John Franz. Kimmell's *Windlassie* was top bloom in the open section, where Frank Eyers, President of the Society, took the sweepstakes award. Geo. Brunjes, Merrill Brown, and Bob Connal were other major winners in this section.

So at this time, I wish to express the thanks of the Rochester Dahlia Society to the judges, exhibitors and members who worked so diligently and faithfully to make the Rochester Show an outstanding success. — H. Paul Herring, Show Chairman, 61 Dunsmere Dr., Rochester, N. Y.

Southern Tier Dahlia Society

The 10th annual Dahlia Show presented September 9, 1956 at the Mark Twain Hotel, Elmira, N. J., by the Southern Tier Dahlia Society was termed the finest, so far, in "quality and quantity of blooms."

Forty dahlia growers displayed 2,000 blooms—enjoyed by an attendance of 1,000 persons.

Sweepstakes winners were: B size, one bloom, Ed Stayman with *Sherwood's Peach*; Small Medium 4 to 8 inches, Guy Dennis with *Braith Davis*; Specimen Ball Class, Alton Parker with *Supt. Amrym*; Miniatures, 3 Blooms, Richard Rawley with *Timmy*; Pompons, 3 blooms, Alton Parker with *Edith Mueller*; 3 bloom cactus, Alton Parker with *Fireworks*, a B size incurred cactus flame; Specimen bloom, A—large, George Brunjes with *Edna D.*; Specimen bloom B—Medium, Frank Eyers with *Bunny*; Specimen bloom Ball, Frank Eyers with *Charlotte Coldwell*; 3 blooms, Miniatures. Phil Kimmel of Rochester with *Ruby Charm*; 5 blooms Pompons, Frank Eyers, with *Clarise*; Novice Classes, winners, Peter Callis with *Bertha Shone*, Thomas Gordon with *Clarium Luray* and R. Hollenbeck with the old one, *A. D. Livoni*.

The award for the most perfect bloom *Bunny* was won by Frank Eyers, President of the Rochester Dahlia Society; largest bloom—Dr. Lester Jordon of Wilkes-Barre; smallest bloom—William Stonewall of Rochester; seedling award—Dr. Jordon; Open Class (most ribbons awarded)—George Brunjes of Elmira;

Amateur Class—Alton J. Parker of Spencerport; Novice class—Peter Collis of Rochester and Best Three Blooms—Alton J. Parker. Judges: Lynn Dudley, Dr. Ward Cook, Henry Olson, Drew Mulcahy, Prof. Merle Brown, Dr. Edward McDade.—R. W. Rowley, Sec'y, 530 Partridge St., Elmira, N. Y.

Suburban Dahlia Society

On September 8th and 9th, 1956, in the Fellowship Hall of the Sudbrook M. E. Church, the Suburban Dahlia Society, Pikesville, Md., formerly of Reisterstown, Md., put on the largest and most successful Dahlia Show it has held for many years. Thirty-nine exhibitors from Maryland and the District of Columbia area exhibited 1084 entries, with the total number of blooms of 2143, not including the entries in the 10 Arrangement classes. The blooms were of excellent quality and competition quite keen.

In staging the show, several new ideas were adopted, such as step type fixtures, and the use of cone shaped waxed containers, both of which added greatly to the overall beauty of the display. Also, with the approval of the membership of the Society, an entry schedule, similar to that used by the National Capital Dahlia Society was used for the first time with great success. Because many of the members complained of certain varieties of B size dahlias and certain varieties of miniatures being grown undersize and oversize, a class known as a B B Class was included in the program for the first time, and received quite a bit of interest and many compliments from both the viewing public and the exhibitors. It made for a more uniform sized display of blooms in the B classes, and in the Miniature classes, and

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from the exhibitors stand-point, created a feeling of more fairness in judging.

For the first time too, many classes were opened to non-member exhibitors. This was done to attract and interest new growers to exhibit for the first time and to get their feet wet so to speak. The records show that 9 non-members took advantage of this offer with several joining the society before the show closed.

Mr. Ed. R. Phillips of Washington, D. C., walked off with top honors, winning the Grand Champion award with an outstanding entry of a basket of 5 perfectly matched *Windlassies*, also with a specimen bloom of *Windlassie* for the best B size entry in the show. He also scored on his seedling in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes class. The best A size entry in the show was awarded to R. F. Edmonson on a specimen bloom of *Prairie Fire*. Conrad Brieger was awarded the best 3 Bloom entry on *Delicate Beauty*.—Robert Edmondson, Pikesville, Md.

Alabama Show Report

I look back on the 21st Show of the Dahlia Society of Alabama and what do I see?

I see again that wave of glowing autumn color; the intent concentration of growers as they carefully place precious blooms on show-tables, I can almost hear that deep, hard wish that this very special "pet" will soon have all the honors it so richly deserves.

I see hurrying feet going to and fro and busy hands getting things all set so the judging will begin on time.

I see a smile, a wave of the hand and hear a friendly "HI" as Atlanta and Chattanooga folk come in with their blooms.

Later—I see faces filled with joy and pride because of the winning and I also see a bit of disappointment because that special one didn't quite make it. They are doing their best to take it with a smile for that is what a "good sport" does.

I see old varieties such as "Mrs. Hester A. Pape", still a top winner, decked with blue, gold and purple ribbons, proudly capturing top honors as "Most Perfect A Bloom", the "Best Five" and "Best of Varieties 10 Years' or Older". There is "Ned Seymour", this year, the "Largest Bloom in Show". Over there are three Flying Saucers with a card announcing that they are the "Best 3 A Blooms", and also the "Best of Recent Introductions".

I see Alabama Moon is the "Most Perfect B Bloom" and what do you know? It's

grown by a novice. Better watch him next year. The "Best 3 Blooms" are Bunny and Orfeo captures top honors as the "Best Twelve." Best "Foreign Introduction" is Kidd's Climax; Best "Southern Introduction" is Golden Treasure; Best "Day Late" is Rose Ann S; Best "1956 Introduction" is Groucho Marx; "Best Single Entry, Miniatures is Arabian Chief and the "Best three Miniatures"; Ruby Charm; "Best Pompon, Single Entry" and "Best Three" is Light Ball. Over there is the "American Home Achievement Winner" a lovely lavender, semi-cactus with a lovely name "Piedmont Jewel," from Conrad Faust's own garden. It also won the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award. Nearby is an interesting purple seedling from the same garden; it won top honors as "Best in 1956 Seedling Class."

I see an Arrangement Section, which as always draws those who linger and wonder at the beauty created into such beautiful pictures by those with the know how and clever fingers.

I see it's time to stop. Maude Goodwin, Show Secretary.

Michigan Dahlia Association

Almost ten thousand visitors attested to the fact that our Show this year was a most successful one.

Held in conjunction with the Flint Yard and Garden Club, it was well publicized on Radio, TV and by the Flint newspapers.

There were over twelve hundred entries. The most outstanding bloom in show—*Phenomenon*, Mr. B. Hertel. The Largest bloom in show, *Arthur Godfrey*, Mr. A. E. Cadwell. The smallest bloom in show, *Gold Dust*, Mr. Joseph Morris. Most perfect "A" bloom, *Stellaette*, Mrs. J. Donaldson. Most perfect "B" bloom, *Nanga Parpart*, Mr. A. E. Cadwell. Mr. A. E. Cadwell won the Grand Sweepstakes Award.

Novice Div.: Most outstanding bloom, *Nicky K.*, Mrs. R. Schilling; Largest Bloom, *Arthur Godfrey*, Mr. Ed. Parker; Sweepstakes, Mrs. R. Schilling. Small Amateur Div.: Most outstanding bloom, *Tornado*, Mrs. J. Donaldson; Largest bloom, *Mary Elizabeth*, Mr. T. Szalkowski; Sweepstakes, Mrs. J. Donaldson. Large Amateur Div.: Most outstanding bloom, *Phenomenon*, Mr. B. Hertel; Largest bloom, *Arthur Godfrey*, Mr. A. E. Cadwell; Sweepstakes, Mr. A. E. Cadwell. Open Division: Most outstanding entry (Class D1-D-175), *Japanese Bishop*, Mr. V. Steckle; Most outstanding entry (Cl. D176-D-178), Mr. V. Steckle; Most

outstanding entry (Cl. D179-D-85), *Fairy*. Mr. A. J. Wulff; Largest bloom, *Mary Elizabeth*, Mr. A. E. Cadwell; Sweepstakes, Mr. B. H. Bottom.

First Year Seedlings: Most outstanding entry, Mr. Alex Toth; A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake Award, Mr. V. Steckle with B-St Purple, named *Ann Steckle*; American Home Achievement Medal, Mr. V. Steckle, the same variety; Commercial Display (not over 50 sq. ft.), Oakleigh Gdns, Gr. Rapids; Commercial Display (over 50 sq. ft.), Bottom's Dahlia Gdns., Detroit; Display for Artistic Effect, Miss Annmoray Pedlow; European Originations, *Princess Royal*, Mr. A. E. Cadwell; Section "N", Rubellite Trophy, Mr. James Faggion; Section "O", Michigan Originations, *Michigan White*, Mr. J. Faggion; Arrangements Division, Sweepstakes Trophy, Mrs. Harold Murphy; Junior (Novice Midgets), *Autumn Blaze*, Larry Israel; Junior, Carl Fuller; Section AH—Men—a hobby—Mr. H. Rasmussen. Best specimen bloom in Junior Section, *Madonna*, Johnny Allen.—Mrs. D. Millar, Sec'y, 15848 Pinehurst Ave., Detroit 38, Michigan.

Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The Hagerstown Dahlia Society held its 27th Annual Dahlia and Flower Show in the basement of the City Market, September 26 and 27.

Despite the weather conditions two weeks prior to the show, heavy frosts and devastating rain and wind storms, we had an average show with good attendance. In addition to Dahlias there were fine specimens of Gladiola, Roses, Marigolds, Asters, Zinnias and other fall flowers.

Best Pom Pon, *Little Mary* by D. A. Gossard, best Semi Cactus, *Jane Lausche*, by Frank Rynex; best Incurved and recurved, *Flying Saucer*, by Frank Rynex; Best Formal Decorative, *Five Star General*, by Mrs. W. B. Worthington; Best Informal Decorative, *Croydon's Masterpiece*, Frank Rynex; Largest Dahlia, *Mary Elizabeth*, 11 x 7½, Frank Rynex award A.D.S. Bronze Medal; Best Dahlia, *Croydon's Masterpiece*, by Frank Rynex; Smallest Dahlia, *Clover* by Mrs. Roy Polsgrove; first on Sweepstakes, Mrs. Roy Polsgrove, second D. A. Gossard, third Frank Rynex.

Judges of the show—Professor J. B. S. Norton, University of Maryland; Mr. Henry J. Betz, of Baltimore; Miss Mary Bester of Hagerstown, Md.; Chas. W. Zahn, Show Superintendent; H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary, 57 Wayside Ave., Hagerstown, Md.

New Amendment to By-Laws

The following amendment to the by-laws of the American Dahlia Society, Inc., was approved by the Executive Committee for publication in this issue of its Official Bulletin and for later approval of its members at its annual meeting, Jan. 26, 1957.

Article 2, Clause 4 now reads: "Life membership is granted upon payment of \$50.00 and the approval of the executive Committee. Life members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of active members. This clause shall not be retroactive." (The new clause which was voted to be added, follows:) All past Presidents of the Society shall be automatically elected Life Members of the Society at the conclusion of their final term as president. All Life Members are also made members of the Executive Committee, without specific appointment.

"Baileya," a quarterly journal of Horticultural Taxonomy, edited by Dr. G. H. M. Lawrence. The publication, size 6 by 9 inches and usually of 24 pages, is named in honor of the late Liberty Hyde Bailey, Dean of Cornell's New York State College of Agriculture, and Director of the Bailey Hortorium. Subscription price, \$2.00 per year.

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Dahlia Shows—(Continued)

Badger State Dahlia Society, Inc. Show

An unusually fine growing season resulted in the eleventh annual show of the Badger State Dahlia Society, Inc., being one of the best, if not the best, this society has staged. It was held Sunday and Monday, September 2nd and 3rd, 1956, in the Community Center Building one block from Capitol Square in the city of Madison. Our society received splendid cooperation from the local radio and television stations and the newspapers in connection with our publicity for the show. The Madison evening newspaper in its issue the evening before the show carried a banner clear across the bottom of the front page urging its readers to attend the show.

The artistic arrangement sections have always been one of the outstanding features of Badger State shows, and this was particularly true of our 1956 show. The three artistic arrangement sections, which include classes for baskets and containers of fall flowers as well as for strictly artistic arrangements, had a total of 155 separate entries, the quality of which was outstanding and added much to the beauty of the show. The entries of poms and miniatures in the small flowering section showed a decided increase in number in the 1956 over the 1955 show.

For the five top honors in the show we have five large traveling trophies, and it is necessary for an exhibitor to win one of these trophies three times in order to gain permanent possession, otherwise possession is limited to one year. The classes in which these trophies were awarded and the 1956 winners together with the names of the winning varieties are as follows:

Most nearly perfect formal decorative in the show—Glenn L. Pierce, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, with *First Lady*. Most nearly perfect informal decorative in the amateur sections—Bernard E. Wright, Maywood, Illinois, with *Pirate Treasure*. Most nearly perfect semi-cactus in the amateur sections—H. I. Peterson, Madison, with *Jane Lausche*. Most nearly perfect cactus in the show—Glenn L. Pierce, with *Bunny*. Largest bloom in the show—George R. Currie, Madison, with *Ned Seymour* measuring 13 by 7¾ inches.

Trophies were awarded for the best entry of six A-sized blooms, each of a different variety, and for the best entry of six B-sized blooms. John Schramel of Chicago, Illinois, won the trophy for the best six bloom entry of A-sized dahlias

with one bloom each of *Croydon's Masterpiece*, *Leander*, *Ned Seymour*, *Ruth Alambi*, *Silver Wedding* and *Whitehall*. The trophy for the six B's was won by Glenn L. Pierce with *Dusseldorf*, *Lady Ismay*, *Mambo*, *Maureen Connolly*, *Nick's Orchid*, and *White Mist*.

Sweepstake winners were as follows: Non-member section—Mrs. E. Barkhahn, Verona. Small amateur section—Prof. C. L. Fluke, Madison. Large amateur section—Bernard E. Wright. Open-to-all section—George J. Merkel, Milwaukee. Small flowering section — E. J. Heggstad, Whitefish Bay.

The American Home Achievement medal was awarded to Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, for three blooms of an autumn colored semi-cactus named *Carrie MacAvoy*, grown and exhibited by George R. Currie. The color of this variety is yellow at the center with the outer petal apricot and the size was 11 by 6 inches. — Max E. Freudenberg, President, Lake Kegonsa, McFarland, Wisconsin.

Seattle Dahlia Society Organized

At a meeting in the Coral Room of the New Washington Hotel October 14, 1956, it was decided to organize the Seattle Dahlia Society, for the purpose of promoting dahlias in landscaping and presentation of an annual dahlia show. Thirty prospective members from King County and the Greater Seattle area were present, and twelve delegates from Dahlia Societies in Tacoma, Everett, and Bremerton were on hand to assist with formation of the new Seattle Society.

The organization meeting was arranged by the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference, an organization composed of all dahlia societies in the Northwest. Mr. Tony De Rooy, who is Chairman of the Society Organization Committee for the Conference, acted as chairman to initiate the first business meeting. Mr. Bill Owens of Seattle was then appointed Temporary Chairman until election of officers could be held at a future meeting. Mrs. Maxine Murray of Seattle was appointed Temporary Secretary-Treasurer.

The new Society voted unanimously to make plans for a Seattle Dahlia Show in the season of 1957. The date for the show will be decided upon later, but will probably be in September, when the dahlias are at their peak of perfection.

A committee consisting of Mr. Ed Corning and Mr. Bill Campbell was instructed to locate a permanent meeting place for

the Society, as well as an available date, and all concerned will be notified as to location and time of the next meeting. Anyone interested in this information should contact Mrs. Murray at 318 So. 128th Street, Seattle. All dahlia growers are invited to attend the meetings and participate in society activities.

In addition to organization and show plans it was decided to have educational speakers at each meeting to talk on various phases of dahlia culture, storage, and showmanship, and to provide entertainment for the meetings whenever possible.

Mr. Ira Porter of Renton was appointed to draft a Constitution for approval of the Society, and a report on this matter may be ready for the next meeting, which will be held in approximately four weeks.— Tony De Rooy, P. O. Box 443, Monroe, Washington.

Dahlia and Plant Specialists Of Greater Cleveland

The Annual Show of The Dahlia and Plant Specialists of Greater Cleveland, was held on September 8th and 9th, 1956, at the Cleveland Garden Center, 11190 East Blvd. The Show Committee of Jerry Kovar, Chairman, August Lackamp and William Hall did a magnificent job and are to be commended. This year, more than many previous years, proved to be a most trying season for Cleveland Dahlia Growers, never before have we had so many adverse conditions, and the growers that were able to plant on well drained or high ground were successful, but very few were that fortunate. The loss has been tremendous, and no doubt there will be shortages of roots for next spring. In all about 50 blooms were staged, and though the quantity was small in comparison to previous shows, the quality was excellent. Top honors were captured by Jerry Kovar, winning 51 first and 17 Specials, also winning the Largest Bloom with *Hester Pape*, Best Ball, with *Elizabeth H.*, Best B, with *Broeder Justinus*. Best Bloom under 4 in. with *Clyro*. Most Perfect Bloom in show with *Great Lakes*. Other winners were J. W. Cowie, Charles Lasch, R. H. Howells, W. F. Lemke, John Kern and Agnes Salisbury.

P.S. Our regular corresponding secretary has resigned and I would appreciate that any future correspondence or Bulletins be mailed to me at the address below, R. H. Howells, President, 3290 Dover Canter Rd., Westlake, Ohio. — R. H. Howells, President.

North Jersey Dahlia Society

Sponsored jointly by The First National Bank and Trust Co. of Paterson, and The Paterson Evening News, The North Jersey Dahlia Society established new records in its 7th annual show in 1956.

Held in the spacious hall of the Republican League, over 1,000 blooms, arrangements, baskets, were presented to the throngs of visitors Saturday and Sunday, September 8th and 9th. The 440 classes for entering dahlias were well filled, with the Society's bi-color ribbon, of Char-treuse and Rust making its first appearance.

Winners of this coveted Jersey award in the Class A Formal, went to a beautiful bloom of *Prairie Fire*. Informal, *Croydon's Masterpiece*. Semi-cactus, *New Look*. And Cactus was taken by *Flying Saucer*.

In Class B 6 to 8 in. Bi-colors went to: Formal, *Alabaster*. Informal, *Windlassie*. Semi-Cactus, *Kandy Kid*. Cactus, *Finesse Anversois*.

In the 4 to 6 in. small medium classe, winners were: Formal, *Gypsy Girl*; Semi-Cactus, *Cherio*; Cactus, *Juanita*; Miniatures, *Catherine*; Semi-Cactus, *Hazel Harper*; Ball Dahlias, *Gloria DeLyon*; Pompon, *Fanny*. — E. R. Case, 72 Prospect Terrace, East Rutherford, N. J.

Dahlia Society of Ohio

The 26th Annual Dahlia Show was held in the spacious Higbee Co. auditorium September 17, 18. Due to the very wet season we did not have as many entries as last year but the quality was very good. The entries in the miniature section particularly were very few; however, we had a very successful show thanks to Mr. Alfred Srail, show chairman, and Mrs. Isabelle Papesch, arrangement section chairman and their committees.

The Court of Honor winners are as follows:

Best "A" dahlia, *Croyden's Masterpiece*. Largest bloom in the show, *Croyden's Masterpiece* (12½ in. x 9 in.). Best entry of miniatures, *Pantomine*. All won by Mr. Jerry Kovar.

Best 3 blooms of "A" dahlias, *Priac of Holland*, entered by Mr. Henry Graham.

Best single bloom "B" size dahlia, also best single bloom entry in the show, *Windlassie*, entered by Mr. John Burt.

Best 3 blooms "B" size dahlias, *Golden Treasure*, entered by Mr. Leo Lawrence.

Best entry of pompons, *Gold Dust*, entered by Mr. Alfred Srail.

Best entry of ball dahlias, *Supt. Amrhyh*,

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entered by Mrs. Carrie Wind.

The American Home Achievement award went to Mr. Jack Eccleston of East Liverpool, Ohio, for his entry *Lavender Queen*, B-F.D.

Here also, is a list of some of the Blue Ribbon winners. (A-size) *Graf Folke Bernadotte*, *Fresco*, *Five Star General*, *Arthur Godfrey*, *Kidd's Climax*, *Sam Herst*, *Andries Wonder*. (B-size) *Juanita*, *Pioneer*, *Pilgrim*, *Lactare*, *Bunny*, *Copperhead*, *Florence Chadwick*. (Ball) *Alice J.*, *Orange Glo*. (Miniatures) *Little Jerry*, *Ruby Charm*, *Decoy*, *Animato*. (Pompons) *Ginette*, *Rosegay*, *Pee Wee*, *Gold Dust*.

Mr. Alfred Woznicki won the novice sweepstakes trophy. The small amateur sweepstakes cup was won by Mrs. Etta MacDowell. Mrs. Angela Danko was the winner of the large amateur plaque. Mr. Jerry Kovar was winner of the open division sweepstakes plaque. — Bernard Henke, A.D.S. Corres., 1364 Penhurst Rd., Cleveland 10, Ohio.

Orange County Dahlia Society, Inc.

The fifteenth annual show of the Orange County Dahlia Society, Inc. has just finished its two day display at the Huntington Beach Memorial Hall. This large hall was filled to capacity with thousands of beautiful dahlia blooms in all types and colors.

This year's show was considered the best ever, both in size and quality. Judging was extremely close, and in many cases, required great deliberation on the part of the judges. A great deal of credit should go to the show manager, Alonzo J. Frazier, of Huntington Beach, for his untiring work in staging the show.

The following are the winners and varieties winning the major awards: A. J. Welch, Inglewood, novice award, five blooms mixed varieties, Delbert Hughes, San Diego, one bloom Maureen Connolly, Bess Arthur, Huntington Beach, three blooms Val St. Lambert, amateur section, H. F. Morell, Encinitas, one bloom Glamour, three blooms Youth, and five blooms Stardust, in the advanced amateur section. 1st and 2nd year seedlings, Comstock Dahlia Gardens; San Diego. A huge new yellow dahlia, Art Linkletter, to be introduced by the Comstock Gardens in 1957, won the American Home Achievement Medal, A.D.S. Seedling sweepstakes (average score 85.6) and largest in the show. L. O. Archibald with Clyro, smallest in show, displays of Maureen Conny by the

Comstock Gardens won three major awards in the open section, Kidds Climax won as the best single bloom in the open section for H. O. Allen, of Westminster, Vesta Lochner of Long Beach won best arrangement.

Sweepstakes awards were: amateur, Charles Dunn, Santa Ana, advanced amateur, H. J. McKelvey, Inglewood, and open for all, L. O. Archibald, Orange.

Other blue ribbon winners quite prominent were: Bunny, Ceramic Beauty, Orfeo, D. Day, Yellow Monarch, Mary Elizabeth, Black Dragon, Croydon Masterpiece, First Lady, Cherie, Smoky. Ball dahlias, Anneke Weidner, Clara Clemmens, Pompons, Apros, Clyro, Little Willem, Mrs. French. Collarettes, Florisant.—Lawrence O. Archibald, Cor. Sec'y, 10162 So. Old Park Rd., Orange, Calif.

San Diego County Dahlia Society

Another record breaking show was held by the San Diego County Dahlia Society in the California city's Balboa Park Recital Hall Aug. 4 and 5. More than 6,000 flowers were exhibited and entries came from three Southern California counties other than San Diego, according to G. C. Kern, president.

Due to the normal good growing conditions of the area, bloom quality was excellent. Increased attendance resulted from the fact that the dahlia show was the floral feature of the city's first annual month-long Fiesta Del Pacifico.

Winners included many of the older varieties, as well as the newer ones. Best flower of the show was an old one, the bi-color, semi-cactus, *Jane Lausche*, specimens of which also won the Best A, the best bi-color, and best semi-cactus. The two *Jane Lausche* specimens landing on the Court of Honor and taking the honors were grown on the same plant, according to the exhibitor, Larry Sisk, an amateur.

A *First Lady* exhibited by H. O. Allen, of the Orange County Dahlia Society, was judged the Best B bloom in the show. Three *Windlassies* exhibited by Sisk won the trophy for best three blooms.

Winners of the American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes were the *Art Linkletter*, large yellow, developed by Paul Comstock of the Comstock Dahlia Gardens, and a medium grown by Fern and Frank Norrell of Encinitas, Calif.

Comstock's *Art Linkletter* also won the American Home Achievement award. A specimen of *Art Linkletter* measuring 14 by 11 was largest bloom in the show. —L. L. Sisk, 3765—10th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

A. D. S. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee presents a slate for 1957 as listed on the ballot below.

Active members in good standing shall be entitled to cast two votes. Sustaining and life members, the same.

Participating members shall be members of Branch Societies who have been duly accepted as members. Each Participating Member shall have one vote.

Be sure to mail your ballot before January 2, 1957 to Henry Olsen, Treasurer, 45 Clement Avenue, Elmont, N. Y.

VOTE

FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY, INC.

The Officers placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee to serve the American Dahlia Society for 1957, or until their successors are elected or appointed, are as follows:

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Note: If you are an active or sustaining member in good standing, or a life member, your vote will be counted as two (2) votes for each officer voted for. If you are a participating (Branch membership classification) your vote will be counted as one (1) vote. Be sure to mail this ballot before January 2, 1957, to Henry Olsen, Treasurer, 45 Clement Avenue, Elmont, N. Y.

Note 2: You have privilege of voting for other A.D.S. members in place of those nominated above, providing that the written acceptance of said candidate, properly sworn to before a legal officer, has been filed with the Secretary of the American Dahlia Society. (It requires twenty-five (25) votes to elect.)

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Real exhibition type. Beautiful coloring of gold blended with rich apricot. The big winner of the year gaining 5 American Home Achievement Medals—Wilkes Barre, Pa., Madison, Wis., Burholme-Phila., Greater Phila., Camden, N. J. and Washington, D. C. Also won 4 American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes Awards. Won the 1st medal on Aug. 16th and the second crop of blooms from the same plants won another medal on Sept. 29th. Again proved its merit by winning in "open" classes. Average size of blooms in competition were $11\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ inches. More winnings to be announced later. Sturdy growth, with dark green, small leaf foliage. A real good buy.

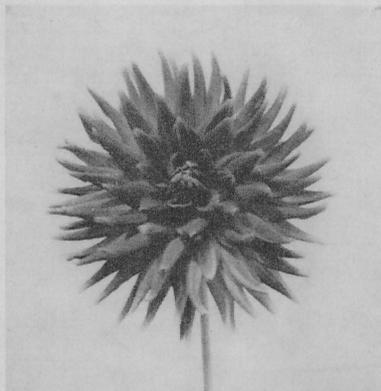
Root, \$15.00 Net; Plant, \$5.00 Net



CARRIE MacAVOY

(Won 5 American Home Medals)

GINNY JOHNSTON — Min.-S.C. Dark Blend



GINNY JOHNSTON

The big surprise of the 1956 show season. Won American Home Achievement Medal, American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstake Award and A.D.S. Trophy at New York. Also gained 2 additional A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstake Awards. Sensational record for a small flowering dahlia that competed with the giants. Size $3\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Color, red with shades of gold on each petal. Bush 3 feet high produces an abundance of exhibition blooms. Your best buy of the year.

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