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**SEE THIS NEW ONE AT THE SHOWS**



GINNY JOHNSTON, Min. S.C. Dark Blend. Winner of A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes and the American Home Achieve. Medal at the New York show and the first Miniature to get that latter honor in 20 years. It also won an A. D. S. Gold Medal as highest scorer in 4 shows in A. D. S. Sweepstakes.  
(Pennypack Gardens)

## A Request to Show Managers and Show Committees

Our members and the Show Committees of our Branch and Affiliated Societies will recall that the A. D. S. decided last November to include the "BB" or Small Medium, 4 to 6 inch class in its Trial Garden Awards, its Annual Show and the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards.

This was done only after the change had been approved by the majority of the Past Presidents, Vice Presidents, Life Members and the Executive Committee.

We asked Dr. Edward McDade, of Scranton Pa., then Chairman of the A.D.S. Classification Committee and also Chairman of the Joint Classification Committee, which is composed of the Central States Society and that of the A.D.S. to include this Class in the 1957 edition of Classification List.

Dr. McDade assured me, as I reported on page 28 of the February Bulletin "that, after collaboration with the Central States Group, and if it be agreeable to them, every effort will be made to include the new "BB" size in the Joint Classification List."

In order not to have any misunderstanding, I also contacted members of Central States Group, and most of them told me that, although in some instances, they did not see exactly eye to eye with the A.D.S. on the matter, they would not oppose the inclusion of the New Class in the Joint List for 1957.

One of the members of the Classification Committee submitted to the Chairman a list of dahlias which he considered to be in the "BB" size class. But it was not used or included in the final published list. Also it was my understanding with the Chairman that a note would be included in the List that some dahlias now classified as "B" size could be shown in either "B" or "BB" size class and these would be marked in the List with an asterisk. This was not done. Inasmuch as the Chairman of the Classification Committees did not carry out the wishes of the majority of all the officers of the A.D.S. in this connection, we must now take steps to see that these omissions will be corrected in future Classification Lists, which we will do. Our first step is the request to Branch and Affiliated Show Managers, see second paragraph below.

Also we are informed that about 35 shows will participate with the A.D.S. in



the Seedling Sweepstakes Awards this fall. There is a "BB" award, including an A.D.S. Gold Medal, involved. These and many other societies will probably include the new class in their schedules. We sincerely regret that the 1957 Joint List will not help their Show Managers and Judges to know what varieties are officially included in this size category, as we had hoped and believed they would be. Our job now is to make certain that varieties falling into this size class will be listed in the 1958 List.

### **This, Then Is Our Request**

Will all Show Managements, where the "BB" Class is shown in 1957, designate some one or a group, to list all of the dahlias shown in the 4 to 6 inch class and send this list to Charles M. Diffenderfer, 2204 N. Charles St., Baltimore 18, Md., new chairman of the A.D.S. Classification Committee, and also to Edward B. Lloyd, A.D.S. Secretary, 10 Crestmont Rd., Montclair, N. J.

It will also be most helpful if a copy of the list of winning varieties in the other classes of the show also be sent to Mr. Lloyd at the same time as it is sent to the chairman of the Classification Committee. Thank you for any assistance you may give us in this connection. (See Page 5)

**Bruce B. Preas, President, A.D.S.**

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# Growing Dahlias For Seed Under Glass

By STANLEY JOHNSON

Cheltenham, Pa.

I will attempt to tell you rather briefly the fundamentals of breeding dahlias in a greenhouse. I have proved to myself you can get much better results from a few seeds as the result of hand work or crossing under glass than by gathering handfuls of seed that have ripened in the field under no controlled method. This is, like the well known term, separating the men from the boys. Even with all your careful work, you can't expect many "men."

Generally, use divided pot roots that were allowed to go to dormancy late September or October. These are placed in 4" size clay pots in early January, night maintained temperature of 55°. You can also use early cuttings taken from bench stock. Place plants about 1 foot apart, plunged several inches in sand, peat moss or vermiculite.

Do not pinch, which is removing the tops of the plant, or disbud. Use the terminal flower for breeding. Although the normal flowering of our modern decorative or cactus dahlias is full centered, when pot grown they usually come with opened centers with one or just several rows of petals. Shear off the petals allowing the center to fully develop.

Dahlias are known as composite flowers, being both male and female in the same flower. The stamens produce the pollen. The stigma, the part of the pistil of the flower which receives the pollen grains. The action brought about by the stamens and stigma produces the seed. I think most of us are convinced or believe that the dahlia is a hybrid which resulted from the crossing of other flowers so getting duplicates or selfs from a flower is practically eliminated.

When the golden colored pollen grains appear on the stamens in the center of the flower, the flower is now receptive so now you begin to cross or hybridize. Take this plant and set it along side of another plant that has the flower in a similar condition. Gently rub the petalless flowers or stigmatic centers together and your cross is completed. In fact you have made a dual cross. Now take a regular wire label (example: if varieties were "Ned Seymour" and "Carrie MacAvoy") and label the "Ned Seymour" plant just below the flower as "Ned Seymour X Carrie MacAvoy," and the "Carrie MacAvoy" plant as "Carrie MacAvoy X Ned Seymour." The first name indicates the parentage as the female or seed bearer crossed by the male variety. I've tried removing all the pollen from the female or seed plant before applying the pollen of my cross but didn't get any better results. Now place the one plant back to its original location.

The above crossing or hybridization can also be done with the use of a small camel hair or artist's brush for transferring the pollen from one flower to another.

Quite often the laterals will develop and flower, so more hand work can be done with hybridizing of the same plant. Make other crosses on the same plant.

I don't cover the flowers with cellophane or any other material after the cross is made. I realize there is a remote possibility of pollen being in the air which could help or interfere with your hand work. Insects are pretty

well controlled by careful spraying.

Many varieties flower in early April, so in about a month you can harvest well ripened dahlia seed. Allow the seed pod to remain on the plant until it gets quite brown and then remove same. The seed can then readily be separated from the chaff.

Your greenhouse seed will be much smaller than that obtained on the outside or secured from seed raisers. However, this does not interfere with the quality of your seedlings.

The new crop of seed can be planted in late June or still better hold until next March.

It seems to me that the difficulty for most of us to get dahlia seed from our gardens along the Atlantic Seaboard is the flowers do not open up until late in our growing season. Then when the crosses are made in late September or early October, our cool weather with excessive moisture prevents seed from ripening and finally the frost destroys all our work. However, with the advent of plastic film as vinyl, polyethylene or polyflex, we may be able to cover our seedling patch in late September and October so excessive moisture and frosts will not effect the seed pods.

Your ultimate results will depend upon your doing the crossing at the right time, with the right technique and the right parentage. Then you must be able to gauge whether your seedling dahlia has the possibility of exceeding its type that is in commerce today.

There is much more to be said about the art of hybridization as to parentage, line breeding, in-breeding, and finally for near perfection in a new dahlia. To those who look for something exciting, may find this a glamorous fascination in plant breeding. After all, the plant breeder strives to improve the strain . . . and with the ability to select the one of potential value, may give the world better new dahlias. Possibly our editor will invite some of our best originators to write his or her experience on this subject.

"As you sow, so shall you reap."

We received a card, dated June 30th from Mr. and Mrs. John Metzger, of Irvington, N. J., (he is Membership Chairman of the A. D. S.). It was from Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and shows the very beautiful harbor of that City. Wrote John: "Wonderful islands, quiet and restful. Just what we needed. Have seen no Virgin Dahlias yet."

## Chas. M. Diffenderffer New Chairman Classification Com.

President Bruce Preas announces that he has accepted the resignation of Dr. Edward McDade as Chairman of the A. D. S. Classification Committee as of July 29, 1957. He further announces that Charles M. Diffenderffer of Baltimore, Md., has accepted the chairmanship of that committee and will serve until new committees are announced by the incoming president in January, 1958.

Mr. Diffenderffer has been a valued member of the committee for over ten years and has contributed much help and many suggestions to the committee. He will represent the A. D. S. at the Joint Classification Committee meeting at the Mid-West Conference in St. Louis, Mo., September 28 and 29.

To take Mr. Diffenderffer's place as a member of the committee, Dr. Preas has appointed Bert Pitt, of 9730 - 123rd St., Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y.

Henry Olsen of Elmont, N. Y., and Dr. H. C. Rike of Birmingham, Ala., will continue to serve on the A.D.S. Classification Committee.

Show managements and members of the Committee are requested to send their lists of winning varieties and the names of the new introductions which win the seedling classes to the Chairman, Charles Diffenderffer, 2204 N. Charles St., Baltimore 18, Md., as soon as possible after the show is held. Also please send recommended deletions from list. President Preas says that Show Managers can materially help the committee in the compilation of the new group of "BB", small medium, 4 to 6 inch size by sending to Mr. Diffenderffer a list of all the varieties in this category which are exhibited in any A. D. S. Branch or Affiliated society show.

## Diffenderffer Accepts

In a letter, dated August 2nd, to the editor, Charles M. Diffenderffer explains his acceptance of the appointment as Chairman of the A.D.S. Classification Committee as follows: "Doctor Preas phoned me the other night asking me to take over as Chairman of the Classification Com. for the rest of the year, and I just could not say no. I told him I would not let him down."

"I will do my best and know that whatever I do, I may not please everyone. However, it will be my honest judgment and for the best interest of the A.D.S."

# A. D. S. ANNUAL EXHIBITION

September 14th and 15th 1957

## Newark Airport



Interior view of the south observation deck at the Newark Airport. It is in these spaces at the right above where the exhibits will be placed. Visitors may view the blooms from the promenade at the left or by means of steps, which will be installed, they may get closer to the dahlias which are to be displayed in a continuous eye-full vista. In the background, at the end of the deck, is the restaurant where very fine meals are served.

Expectations are high that September 14th and 15th will be red-letter days for dahlia growers and exhibitors, when the combined annual exhibitions of the American Dahlia Society, the Dahlia Society of New Jersey, and the Irvington Garden Club will be staged at the Newark Airport Passenger Terminal.

The Show Committee has plans well under way and, it is hoped under good control. Since the location varies in many ways from conditions and floor arrangements which have been so familiar to all in the past hotel ball-room exhibitions, a few comments and suggestions may prove helpful to exhibitors.

### The Set-up Room

The set-up room will be the so-called Diversion Room on the main floor. Here vehicles may be driven directly to the door and, after unloading be removed to adjacent parking areas. In this set-up room water and containers will be available to all except arrangement exhibitors who furnish their own containers. Entries will be received and cards furnished in this room by the exhibition Secretarial staff.

From this set-up room, completed entries are to be taken to the exhibition floor—the Observation Deck of the Passenger Terminal. Weather permitting, there is a flight of stairs leading from the set-up area to the Observation Deck, but if inclement weather conditions prevail entries can

be carried through the lobby to the main stairway leading to the Deck. It must be stated here since the Observation Deck is open to the public at all times, that no opportunity will be given for setting up entries on the Observation Deck, nor can it be permitted by the Show Management or by the Port of New York Authority. A railing separates the exhibition area from the main floor of the Deck. A portion of the top rail will be removed during our occupancy and steps for those with uncertain feet and unsound knees have been constructed by the Show Management leading from the Deck down to the exhibition area.

#### **To Exhibition Area**

Admission to the exhibition area is by the main stairway from the lobby floor, and as previously stated this area is open to the public twenty-four hours every day. A possibility of traffic congestion can easily be reckoned, but with the usual co-operation and good nature so freely given by dahlia growers and exhibitors, congestion can be kept at a minimum. Lighting effects during the evening hours will not compare favorably with those at the Hotel Essex House or Hotel Statler—it will be well advised to plan on being on hand during daylight hours for best viewing and photographic effects.

#### **Entries From Abroad**

Entries have already been received from the East Cheshire Nurseries of Cheshire, England, and from E. Nagles of Antwerp, Belgium, and with good climatic conditions preceding exhibition time these entries which are being grown locally for the exhibitors should prove interesting.

#### **How to Get to The Show**

The Port of New York Authority Passenger Terminal at Newark Airport is easily reached by N. J. and U. S. Routes 1 and 22; the Pulaski Skyway from lower Manhattan; and by the New Jersey Turnpike from the George Washington Bridge, the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels and points such as Baltimore and Washington, all these highways leading directly to the Newark Airport. Ample parking facilities will be found at the Airport.

#### **For Out of Town Visitors**

The Airport Motel, across from the Airport, is at the junction of N. J. and U. S. Routes 1 and 22 and Toll Gate Exit No. 14 of the N. J. Turnpike. Reservations may be made by visitors by addressing the Airport Motel, Port Newark, N. J., with rates from \$6.00 single to \$12.00 to \$20.00 family. The Hotel Robert

Treat in Newark is also eager to act as host to our members and friends. The Show Management recommends both the Airport Motel and the Hotel Robert Treat. Restaurant facilities at the Newark Airport are unequalled in the New York-New Jersey Metropolitan Area. Bus service from the Port Authority Airline Terminals in New York City, together with helicopter service to Newark from LaGuardia and Idlewild Airfields is frequent and convenient—twenty minutes from the city Airline Terminals, twelve minutes from the Port Authority West 30th Street Heliport, and twenty minutes from Hotel Robert Treat in Newark.

#### **Air Shipments**

All shipments of entries by air should be addressed to the American Dahlia Society, Observation Deck, Newark Airport, attention Emil Berzau and sent carefully packed and fully prepaid (Air Express.) Such entries will receive the best of attention.

With the splendid cooperation of the Aviation Development Division of the Port of New York Authority, together with that of all our exhibitors, judges, and friends and the hoped for good-deal from the weather bureau, it appears the sponsors of this exhibition—the Port Authority being one of it's strongest sponsors together with the three sponsoring Societies—may well anticipate with every confidence one of the best dahlia exhibitions in their careers covering 43 years. See you there, yes!—(Ed. Lloyd.) Secretary.

### **Cash Awards for Winners In Section "F"—Shipments by Air At the Annual A.D.S. Show**

Schedules for the 1957 A.D.S. Show to be held in co-operation with the New York Port of Authority and the Dahlia Society of N. J. and the Irvington Garden Club, at the Newark Airport, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15, were mailed to all members on July 22nd. With it was the new 1957 Joint Classification List.

Because this is the first dahlia show ever staged at an airport in America it is believed that there will be many entries made by air. Certainly it will be convenient for those living more than 100 miles distant, to send some blooms for this tough competition, prestige making show. The preferable method is by AIR EXPRESS.

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## THE MID-WEST SHOW AT ST. LOUIS, SEPT. 28-29



View in the conservatory of the Missouri Botanical Gardens at St. Louis, Mo., where the Mid-West Show will be held on Sept. 28-29. This was taken ten years ago (1946) on these same dates. Picture courtesy

Paul Kohl, Missouri Botanical Gardens.

This show celebrates the 19th anniversary of the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society and will be held at the Missouri Botanical Gardens (Shaw's Garden) at 2315 Tower Grove Ave., Sept. 28 and 29.

Headquarters for the show will be at our beautiful Hotel Chase, located at King's Highway and Lindell Blvd. in the west end of St. Louis, opposite Forest Park. Registrations will be made in the lobby of the Chase Hotel starting at 10 a. m., Friday, Sept. 27th.

We are proud of the many places of interest here in St. Louis. In addition to the fine Missouri Botanical Gardens which have an International reputation for its collection of rare plants, we have many other interesting parks and public buildings. Then there is the Anheuser Busch Brewery. There, on Friday afternoon before the show starts, Pat Bennett will personally conduct a tour through this historical and industrial landmark established here in 1852.

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### N. Y. Show Cash Awards For Air Shipments—Continued

A separate section, Section "F", has been set up for this competition. Exhibitors can also compete, if they so desire in Section "C". Open to All, or any other section, but in these cases their entries must be so marked, otherwise they will be set up by the show management in Section "F".

There are five classes in Section "F". They include: One "A" size bloom. 12 inches or over; 3 blooms "A" size, any type; 6 blooms "B" medium, any type; 9 blooms. "BB" small medium, any type; and 12 blooms miniature or pompon, any type. Winners in each of the above classes, will receive a \$10.00 cash award. Seedling may also be sent for entry in the A.D.S.

Seedling Sweepstakes, American Home Achievement Class, Flower Grower Trophy, or any other seedling class in Section "G".

Send for Entry Blanks to Emil Berzau, 239 Park Ave., Merrick, N. Y., who is the Show Manager, and return these properly filled out, with the shipment. It will be best also to send Air Shipments in his care, prepaid to the American Dahlia Society Show, Passenger Terminal Newark Airport, Newark, N. J., to arrive, if possible on Saturday morning Sept. 14th. If delayed enroute or not delivered promptly to Mr. Berzau it may not be set up in time to be judged with other entries. Exhibits should be staged by 11:00 A. M. A wire to Mr. Berzau that shipment is on the way would alert him to watch out for your entry.

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On Sunday morning a tour will be made through the Botanical Gardens, and it should prove to be of interest horticulturally to our out-of-town guests.

The show will be judged at 12 noon on Saturday following a luncheon. The annual Mid-West Banquet will be the highlight of the social part of the meeting and will start, we hope, at 7 p. m. Saturday in the Chase Starlight Room.

Arrangements have been made to receive shipments from out-of-town growers. They should be addressed to "The Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society," care of Mrs. Rolla Zeefall, 10326 Maddox Ave., Overland 14, Mo. We hope that many of our friends will forward their blooms by Air Express.

The schedule includes classes calling for 3-5-10 and more blooms of the different types. I personally believe these multiple bloom classes help to make the show more spectacular than the all single bloom entries. In the Open-to-All Section blooms exhibited by either amateurs or commercial people may be either field or cloth house grown. Seedling classes include the American Home Achievement Award, new seedlings in both A and B sizes.

Can assure you that we will be pleased to have representatives of the American Dahlia Society present at this show as they were at our last Mid-West show in 1946. (We have forwarded a photo of the show in the Botanical Garden taken at this last show).

Our show promises to be well filled with blooms. We have had an unusual amount of rain all year, including almost 14 inches in June. With such a fine man as Russell Tilly as president of our society, and the Mid-West Conference and the other fine officers and committeemen, I don't see how we can miss having a great show and gathering of the "annointed" dahlias fans. — Raymond C. Grass, 8867 Red Oak Dr., Watson Terrace, Crestwood, St. Louis, Mo.

### Midwest Dahlia Conference

September 28-29th are Red Letter days for all Midwest Dahlia Fans. I do hope you have them marked on your calendar and are planning to attend the Midwest Show to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, with the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society as Host. A Tour is planned for those who will be there by Friday noon, and a good time is in store for all who attend. The Midwest Dahlia Conference meeting will be held at 5:00 P. M. in the Hotel Chase. I do hope all Affiliated Midwest Dahlia

Conference Societies have appointed their delegates who will attend the meeting, if not, do so as soon as possible and please send their names to me. It is necessary that I have this information before the meeting.

The Show will be held at Shaws Botanical Gardens. Let's have a good representation from all Midwest Affiliated Societies. Looking forward to seeing you-all.  
—Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary.

### CORRECTION

#### A.D.S. Branch Society Members Do NOT Receive Judges Manual

On page 16 of the May Bulletin is was incorrectly stated that Branch members would receive the Judges Manual, authored by Dr. Ward Cook. This booklet, selling to others than Active members at one dollar per copy is the only treatise ever published in the United States dealing with all phases of good judging of dahlias. It is sent free to Active members when they join.

The Joint Classification List, published jointly by the A. D. S. and the Central States Dahlia Society is sent free annually to all members of all categories, Life, Active, Sustaining and Participating, (Branch Members.)

Active members pay \$4.00 per year, and they receive all publications of the A. D. S. Branch members, on the other hand, pay only \$2.50 per year and this does not cover all the cost of the services rendered to Branch members. They receive four issues of this Bulletin and, as above stated, the Classification List, and the A. D. S. Show Schedule. It now takes only 20 such memberships, at \$2.50 each, to enroll a society as a Branch of the A. D. S. Branch Societies receive an A. D. S. medal for awarding at their local show and can report the news of their society for publishing in this Bulletin.

Affiliated Societies, pay \$20.00 per year and their secretaries receive six copies of this Bulletin, six copies of the Classification List and a bronze medal for awarding at their local show. They are also entitled to send the reports of their activities to this Bulletin for publishing.

We are sor y if this error of statement in the May Bulletin caused any misunderstanding on the part of Branch (Participating) members.

There's no fool like an old dahlia fool. If you don't believe it, ask any young Dahlia fool.

# 1957 A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes

It is with pleasure that we can report that thirty-six Branch and Affiliate Societies of the A.D.S. will participate in the Seedling Sweepstake competition this year. The awards consist, as our members are aware, of rosette ribbons at time of winning, and A.D.S. Medal Certificate with the name of the Originator, and the Variety inscribed on it, as soon as the proper information is sent to us. The variety may also win a A.D.S. Gold medal if it has the highest average score above 85, in its size class in at least three shows in one season.

Exhibitors please remember that in order to be eligible for an A.D.S. gold medal the same seedling variety must be shown in at least three shows having this competition this year.

Show managers please remember that

the score cards on all varieties which average 85 points or over must be sent to the Chairman within a week after the show ends. Please be sure to check the additions on the score cards and above all see that the name and address of the originator and the variety are plainly marked on each score card. Scores received after Sept. 30th will be disqualified, except that shows held after Sept. 25th will be given until Oct. 10 to file their reports. We must insist on these dates so that the list of winners can be published in the November issue of the Bulletin.

It is only right and proper that the originator and his new dahlia novelty be given all the credit and publicity that is possible. The fullest co-operation of show managements to this end will be appreciated. Andrew J. Mulcahy, Chairman, 20 Marshall Ave., Floral Park, N. Y.

The following societies will participate in this competition in 1957:

Badger State Dahlia Society  
Baltimore Dahlia Society  
Bergen County Dahlia Society  
Burholme Horticultural Society  
Central States Dahlia Society  
Central Valley Dahlia Society  
Dahlia Society of Alabama  
Dahlia Society of Kentucky  
Dahlia Society of Ohio  
Dahlia Society of Tennessee  
Dahlia Society of Wisconsin  
Dahlia & Plant Spec. of Cleveland  
East Liverpool Dahlia Society  
Greater Phila. Dahlia Society  
Inglewood Dahlia Society  
Irvington Dahlia Club  
Kitsap Country Dahlia Society  
Long Island Dahlia Society  
Michigan Dahlia Society  
Mid America Dahlia Society  
National Capital Dahlia Society  
North Jersey Dahlia Society  
Ohio Valley Dahlia Society  
Orange County Dahlia Society  
Rochester Dahlia Society  
San Leandro Dahlia Society  
Scioto Valley Dahlia Society  
Seattle Dahlia Society  
Snohomish County Rose & Dah. Soc.  
Southeastern Mich. Dahlia Society  
Southern Tier Dahlia Society  
Southtown Dahlia Society  
The Dahlia Society of N. J.  
The Portland Dahlia Society  
The San Diego Dahlia Society  
Washington State Dahlia Society

## AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

### Official Bench or Show Score Card

Originator.....Entry No.....

Address.....

Variety Name or No.....Type.....

Number in each column, below at left, represents MAXIMUM Perfection  
Deduct, in each square, for less than perfection (negative qualities).

M Small	B Medium	A Large	CHARACTERISTICS
Max. 20	Max. 20	Max. 20	First Line Favorable Second Line Unfavorable
Max. 15	Max. 15	Max. 15	<b>COLOR</b> +Clear +Bright +Attractive +Useful -4 Unpleasing blend -2 Dull -3 Fades -3 Burns
Max. 10	Max. 10	Max. 10	<b>FORM</b> +Uniform +Artistic +True to Type -4 Deformed -2 Ordinary -2 Varying
Max. 3*	Max. 0	Max. 10	<b>DISTINCTIVENESS</b> Add 1 to 10 pts. for form, color or other quality because superior to, or different from existing varieties
Max. 15	Max. 15	Max. 15	<b>SIZE</b> Diameter.....Depth.....
Max. 15	Max. 15	Max. 15	<b>STEM</b> +Strong +Erect +Long +Graceful +Proportion -5 Weak -3 Crochy -3 Crooked -3 Poor Proportion
Max. 15	Max. 15	Max. 15	<b>FOLIAGE</b> +Health +Vigor +Rugged +Proportion -5 Poor -3 Weak -3 Succulent -3 Poor Proportion
Max. 12	Max. 15	Max. 10	<b>SUBSTANCE</b> Condition of Petals, +Firm +Thick +Back Good Condition of Petals, -3 Soft -2 Thin -2 Wilt -2 Falls
Max. 5	Max. 5	<b>X</b>	<b>UNIFORMITY</b> For Bench Judging only, deduct 1 to 3 pts. M or B only for Varying Size.
Max. 5	Max. 5	Max. 5	<b>BLOOM POSITION</b> +Side Facing, +45° angle facing Deduct 1 to 3 Points for top or down facing
TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	Note: If plant shows definite evidence of disease, deduct up to 5 points in the final score at left.
M	B	A	

Color Description.....

Remarks.....

Evidence of Insect Damage.....of Disease.....

Where Scored.....Scored by.....Date.....

\*Maximum up to 3 pts. awarded for daintiness—small size under 4 inches.  
(See Explanation Reverse Side.)

A.D.S. Official Show Score Card  
Which Will Be Used to Judge  
The Seedling Sweepstakes Entries  
In 36 Shows

# Some Suggestions for Future Dahlia Classifications

By WARREN MAYTROT, Vineland, N. J.

There has been much controversy as to size classification of the Dahlia for show purposes. For years "A's" and "B's" competed against each other, with the "A" usually the winner. Many Judges do not use the score card and therefore override the 10 points allowed for size and ignore many of the 90 points set apart for Color, Form, Distinctiveness, Stem, Bloom position and Substance.

Recently we have had much interest in the 4" to 6" "BB" dahlia. This size is now officially in the A.D.S. Trial Grounds, Seedling Sweepstake Classes and authorized for the Classification List.

The thought behind this movement is fourfold. First, to give the small "B" dahlia a chance as it has no points for size in the score card. Second, to allow many varieties now grown and shown as Miniatures to be grown to good form and size and then show as "BB". Many of them are really poorly grown and almost starved to be kept undersized as Miniatures. Third, to encourage a really worthwhile seedling that is too big for a Miniature but would not go anywhere in competing against the larger "B" dahlias. Fourth, and possibly most important since there is a growing desire to split the "A's" and with the "B" Dahlia now limited 6 to 8 inches. *Why not change the "B" to 6 to 9 inches, eliminating the necessity of splitting the "A" and make a real section in any show out of "B" dahlias?* The "A" dahlia will always take care of itself in any show and we do not have to worry about its popularity.

## Simplify the Rules

On the above recommendation let us have *no* tolerances. Let us have Poms up to 2", Miniatures up to 4", "BB's" 4" to 6", "B's" 6" to 9" and "A's" 9" or over. Let us also have another uniform rule that a dahlia grown oversize according to its official classification can be shown in the next larger size classification (Poms excepted). This would mean any flower well grown would be eligible for entry in any show and not be thrown out because of oversize. No dahlia can come back to a smaller size. An "A" dahlia cannot be shown as a "B" or a "BB" as a Miniature.

Why not encourage people to grow and show dahlias at their best, and as near perfect as possible. Don't penalize or disqualify their entry when a dahlia is grown oversize.

This will also encourage introducers (and the Classification Committee) to classify a dahlia as it grows in an average or normal season. In an unusually good season the larger bloom can go in the next class for larger dahlias. A dahlia that normally grows 8 to 9" and only occasionally 10" would be classified as a B and shown as an A when over 9".

## Why Not Nationalize Classifications?

It is our opinion that the Official Classification List of Dahlias should be handled and published by the A.D.S. with equal representation from all Branch and Affiliated Societies who care to participate, by appointing a delegate or representative to submit a list of recommended additions and corrections. It is not exactly democratic for any two societies to produce a list for National use, even though a few societies and/or individuals do submit suggested additions or deletions. Let us make this important project truly national. With 50 Branch and Affiliated Societies to help, the A.D.S. could do it. Would appreciate any comment on the above suggestions which Bulletin readers care to make. Thank you. W. W. M.

## Corrections in 1957 A.D.S. Show Schedule

In Section "G" of the 1957 Show Schedule, it erroneously states that Exhibitors should stage Seedling Exhibits by 11:00 A.M. Tuesday. This should of course read, "by 11:00 A.M. SATURDAY, Sept. 14."

Also there are other confused statements in Section "G" in the last paragraph listing of Classes "G1" through "G27." This paragraph should read as follows: "All entries in Classes "G21, G22 and G23" are also eligible to be entered in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes competition, if so requested and plainly marked on the entry cards of such entries."

The above changes were suggested by Eagle-eye Edward B. Lloyd, Secretary of the A.D.S. Undoubtedly there are other errors, which will be found, mainly due to the fact that the printer did not send the original copy to Show Manager Emil Berzau with the proofs sent him for correction. If there are things which are not clear to exhibitors, please write to Emil Berzau, 239 Park Ave., Merrick, L. I., N. Y. for clarification.

## The Economics of Dahlia Selling and Introduction Today in the U. S.

The Commercial Dahlia Firms in America are subject today to all the economic ills of inflation, high labor costs, scarcity of experienced help even at high wages, the high cost of living and a Dollar worth only 49 cents compared with 1940.

If these problems were not enough to discourage continuance in the business of selling dahlias, then comes the very low priced competition from European Dahlia Firms. There, for many reasons, pot roots can be produced and sold here at prices which cannot be matched by American firms. The duty on the importations is nominal, about 15%. Add this duty to the low prices of roots, yes, and add postage also and still the American Growers see the dahlia roots imported to America by the thousand at prices at one third, or less, of the cost of production of the same varieties here.

Then there is the matter of introduction of new varieties. This too, is a losing game, as it is now done in America, at least in many cases. The majority of new dahlias here are grown from seed by amateurs. These we call "Originators." Without the facilities to place the new variety on the market, to catalogue it and place the advertising about it in this Bulletin and other publications, the Originator enters into a contract with a Commercial Dahlia Firm to do it for him. These we call "Introducers." In some instances a Commercial Firm is both Originator and Introducer, when they put their own seedlings on the market. It is our understanding that this is the general practice in Holland, Belgium and England. There, almost all of the new varieties are the seedlings of the Commercial Firms.

Here are the steps usually followed in the introduction of a new dahlia variety in this country. An Originator sends the seedling to the American Dahlia Society Trial Grounds, of which there are five at present, located from coast to coast. He pays \$3.00 per variety for testing them at each garden, including one season's culture, regular scoring of them throughout the season by a team of competent judges and a report of that judging with the final average score.

If the variety receives an average score (on the A. D. S. Field Score Card,) of 85 or more points out of a possible 100 points, it receives an A. D. S. Certificate of Merit and it is listed in the Trial Ground Report of that season in the November issue of this Bulletin, in the Flower Grower Magazine and other publications. This all adds up to considerable publicity for it. Each article gives a description of the type, color and size of the new variety. Exhibitors can then decide, and often do, that they want it to grow and exhibit the next year.

Should the new dahlia be of such outstanding merit that it scores the highest average in at least three Official Trial Grounds, of any in its size category, then it receives the highest honor the A. D. S. can confer on a new dahlia, the "Derrill Hart Medal."

Also the Originator and/or the Introducer may, and usually does, enter the variety at several fall shows. It is there entered in the A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes Class and usually also in the American Home Achievement Class, particularly if it is a large, "A" size. If the variety

wins awards in these Classes as well as at the Trial Grounds, then it is a safe presumption that it will be in public demand generally for the next season.

But there is more to the story. All this testing and exhibiting has taken a lot of time, often many miles of travel and has cost the Originator from \$50.00 to \$250.00 in actual outlay of cash. Then come the additional effort and expense in cataloguing, advertising, shipping, plant production in greenhouse, etc. And, after all these steps, it is still a gamble whether the public will buy enough roots and plants to pay for all the overhead and return a profit. If there is a profit, it is usually divided equally between the Originator and the Introducer, because they have entered into a contract to that end.

To show just how precarious the introduction of a new dahlia is today, when sold at the same prices that they were 10 or 15 years ago, consider this case. One Introducer put eight new varieties on the market, or tried to, this year. After the selling season was over he paid the eight Originators a total of \$350.00 after advertising and other expenses were deducted. As you can figure it out, this was an average payment to each of only \$43.75 for all his work and worry. In most cases this represented a loss, without figuring his time in culture and exhibiting as worth anything.

#### **New Introductions Have Not Advanced In Price in 30 Years**

Quite frequently, when a buyer wants one of the new top award winning dahlias, he or she is heard to remark that the \$10.00, \$15.00 or \$25.00 asked for it is too much, and they can't afford such exorbitant prices. If the reader has done this, please consider these facts. Today's new Dahlia Introduction is the one item which HAS NOT advanced in price. In 1923 many growers thought that W. H. Waite was crazy to ask \$50.00 for Jersey Beauty. Yet many good dahlia incomes and years of good living were later made by others than the late Mr. Waite from this same variety, which, incidentally revolutionized the dahlia commercial cut flower business.

If the reader will think back to some new varieties he purchased in 1940 at \$15.00 per division, please realize the \$15.00 paid for a new variety in 1957 is less than half that of the 1940 one. With the Dollar worth today just 49 cents compared with the 1940 Dollar, new dahlia introductions are really quite cheap today. It is one of the greatest horticultural bargains available, in fact.

#### **Other Serious Problems**

But let us cite other serious problems of the American Dahlia Originator and Introducer. If a new variety has won lots of awards and is in great public demand, other Commercial Firms both here and abroad purchase roots of it the first year and put them in the bench in the greenhouse, (if they can be purchased before March 31st.) They make as many plants as possible from the division. The second year they offer them to their customers. If they are ethical, they offer it at the same price which the Introducer is charging the second year of introduction, which is usually half of the first year's price. Others, unfortunately, cut the price if the division has produced well for them. In such instances, the cut price man often sells more the second year than does the Introducer. This creates a problem for the latter because in most cases he has a two-year contract with the Originator. If the first year's sales have not paid expenses to introduce, others than those who have worked hard to render the dahlia buying public a service, have skimmed off the cream from the whole operation.

Commercial Firms in Europe, at least some of them, have, without any risk or expense for introduction, except for the root division, and the space for listing in their catalogue been guilty of this practice for some years. Recall the instance mentioned by Bruce Collins of Utica, Mich., in the May 1957 issue of this Bulletin, page 24. He said "The variety Ned Seymour in America was priced the second year at \$15.00. (This dahlia had won 9 A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstake awards, at as many shows, besides many other awards, and was sold at \$25.00 when introduced.—Editor). "Its Originator, Stanley Johnson, set the second year price at \$15.00 and it was worth it, but it was offered by a large Holland firm at the same time at only \$3.50 per pot root."

In an editorial addenda to Mr. Collins remarks in the May Bulletin, we said: "If the American Dahlia Introducers are to survive this price cutting on new introductions in the second year, by Commercial Firms here and abroad, the simplest thing would be to have every Dahlia Firm agree to a plan whereby there would be a mutual protection of each others prices for the first two years. We understand there is now in effect such an arrangement on tulips and other plant material, with European Firms."

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### Fa. D. Bruidgom Would Agree to Such a Plan

We are very happy to report that some Holland Firms will go along with such a plan. We hope that others will follow suit. We gladly quote the letters herewith:

July 2nd, 1957

Lynn B. Dudley, Editor A.D.S. Bulletin,  
25 Irving Place, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society of May, 1957 we read with much interest your view about a solution of the difficulties which have arisen about the prices of American Novelties in Dutch catalogues.

We think that the American Dahlia Society should make an arrangement with the Dutch Dahlia Society in this connection.

Even when there would be difficulties, our firm would be quite willing to make an agreement with the American Growers so that our Dahlia-catalogue prices would be the same as in the U. S. A. during the first two years after introduction.

Hoping we are thus contributing to better relation, we are Yours Very Truly,  
Fa. D. Bruidgom, per Mrs. D. Eveleens Maarse.

(Editor's Note: The following letter was received after the above article was written)

### Comments From Ballego & Sons

July 20, 1957

Lynn B. Dudley, Editor A. D. S. Bulletin:

"As to a gentlemen's agreement with the American Introducers relative to maintenance of prices for first and second year introductions. This was my own original idea locally and I made a proposal that this be done at a meeting of the Council of the Netherlands Dahlia Society, of which Mr. Maarse is the Secretary.

"In this country, every Introducer of new varieties places his varieties and prices on the Special List of the Netherlands Dahlia Society and in that he fixes his prices for roots and plants during two years: Autumn-1956; Spring-1957; Autumn-1957; Spring-1958. This includes trade prices, retail prices and export prices.

"Traders who do not keep their word, cannot be fined, or made to pay a penalty. But, they are just not permitted to handle the N. D. S. Listed Varieties. Further he will not be permitted to list his own introductions, so that it is not very likely that his own introductions will ever be a part of the general assortment.

"The root stock that we have bought in U. S. A. or that we obtained by exchange, has never been subject to any agreement of the kind we have in the Netherlands. Therefore I have always felt free to sell at such a price that the total of my U. S. A. import costs were covered.

"However, I feel certain that a complete understanding of each other's problems, which are really not complicated, will lead us to an agreement in this matter of the prices on new introductions.

J. M. Ballego

We thank Mrs. Maarse and Mr. Ballego for their kind offers and suggestions.

The writer does not expect that all the ills of the Commercial Growers can be resolved by the publishing of this article and letters. We have tried to tell the story of some of the difficulties which confront them. We have not begun to list all of them. But, we do know that without the courageous Originators and the venturesome Introducers in the Dahlia World in America and abroad we would not be able to hold Dahlia Societies together, we could not have Dahlia Magazines such as this one and Dahlia Shows would wane and die without the interest of the new varieties to make them interesting to both exhibitors and the public.

We would respectfully ask that everyone who loves this First American Garden Flower to please do everything possible to keep the commercial business alive and prosperous. Every dahlia grower can help. And we would welcome suggestions as to how it can be done.—Lynn B. Dudley.

### New A.D.S. Affiliated Society in California

At the July 12th meeting of the Executive Committee the application of the Inglewood Dahlia Society, Inglewood, California, for affiliation with the American Dahlia Society was unanimously accepted.

Their show will be held August 17 and 18, at the Inglewood High School. The officers of the Society are:—President, Herbert Priess, 926 No. Eucalyptus Ave., Inglewood; Sec'y., Miss Minnie Moore, 3418 W. 80th St., Inglewood; Cor. Sec'y., Mrs. F. C. McKelvey, 962 Franklin St., Santa Monica; Treas., Alan True, 1936 Loma Drive, Hermosa Beach, Calif.

You might as well laugh at yourself once in a while, dahlia folks. Everybody else does when you get started telling them your tallest dahlia stories.

## A. D. S. Official Trial Gardens for 1957



A.D.S. Trial Garden at Farmingdale, L. I., N. Y.

Early reports from the Trial Gardens show that they all share two things in common. All reports so far received say that the plantings are doing well, and all report a greater number of new varieties received for trial than they had last year. In the last few years another trend has been noted and reported. The quality of varieties sent for trial has been going up. A greater proportion of the varieties grown have been winning the A. D. S. Certificate of Merit, and fewer have been scoring less than 80 points. We hope that this trend will continue, and if it does, we should have some fine new varieties.

A report on the number of new varieties on trial at each of the Gardens follows:

Atlanta, Ga. ....	31
Cincinnati, Ohio .....	29
East Lansing, Mich. ....	49
Farmingdale, N. Y. ....	54
Oakland, Cal. ....	59

In addition to these, the Pacific Northwest Conference has started a planting in Tacoma, Wash. with the intention of establishing it as an official A. D. S. Trial Garden as soon as rules permit. They have ten new varieties on trial, and a planting of about 90 standard named varieties.

As this is written it looks as though the Trial Gardens are going to have a good year. Some of these gardens have a Field Day when you are invited to come and see the new varieties in bloom, and to meet the members of the sponsoring society. If so, the dates should be published elsewhere in this issue, usually in the report of the

sponsoring society. In any case it is suggested that a visit to the Trial Gardens during blooming season should be well worth your time. Bert Pitt., Chairman Trial Garden Comm.

### Pacific Coast Trial Gardens

(Release from Oakland Park Dept.)

Coming into bloom in the dahlia gardens in Lakeside Park are 59 varieties of dahlia seedlings sent to Oakland from all parts of the world, including Australia, Holland, France, England, Africa, Canada and the eastern and southern sections of the United States, for tests conducted by the Oakland Park Department's nursery staff in cooperation with the San Leandro Dahlia Society. There are three plants of each of the 59 varieties being grown and judged under rules established by the trial grounds committee of the American Dahlia Society, which in 1953 selected the dahlia display garden in Lakeside Park as the only official trial ground for dahlias on the Pacific Coast.

There are two distinct divisions of the dahlia gardens in Lakeside Park, according to Robert J. Ammerman, head nurseryman: the official trial ground for dahlias, where tests are conducted and the scoring is done by experienced judges; and the display garden where this year 2800 dahlias of 350 different varieties are being grown for exhibit purposes only. Among these are 80 varieties entirely new to this area.

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## The Registration and Recording of Dahlias

Keeping up with all the new dahlias seems to be a hopeless task. When a new variety is named and officially registered, there is no problem, as the necessary information must be sent to the keeper of the records. It is the dahlias that are named and put on the market without going to the trouble of registering that cause the difficulty.

According to the Code of Nomenclature, published in the May, 1957, issue of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society, no dahlia is officially recognized by the Society unless it has a legitimate name which, together with the necessary description, has been published in a dated publication of some sort.

Where published? Some appear in advertisements, some few have appeared in the Honor Rolls. Most of them are published in catalogues.

### Send Catalogues

If a grower wishes to have his dahlias recognized and recorded by the American Dahlia Society, it is his obligation to see to it that the chairman of the Committee on Nomenclature, who is the keeper of the records, receives a copy of his catalogue which contains the descriptions of the new ones. The best way is to place the chairman on a permanent mailing list.

Several years ago, we canvassed all growers for copies of catalogues. They were sent upon request, but the next year

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The Pacific Coast Trial Ground for Dahlias is under the supervision of R. H. Harter of Lafayette, while other members of the San Leandro Dahlia Society's committee include Carl E. Lundvall and Richard C. Trotter. Stanley J. O'Connell of the Park Department's nursery staff is in charge of the dahlia display gardens.

The American Dahlia Society indicated in choosing Lakeside Park for its official trial ground that the Bay area's usual summer fogs and alternating hot weather provided an ideal climate for the rigorous testing necessary to meet the specifications of the society so that the plants can eventually be made available to the public through trade outlets.

The dahlia display garden is open daily from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and on Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no admission charge, through the courtesy of the Park Commission of Oakland.

most of them failed to show up, because no purchases were made. It would seem that the formal recognition of the new varieties would be worth the few cents spent for printing and postage. Chairman, Committee on Nomenclature, Charles H. Connors, 115 North Sixth Ave., Highland Park, New Jersey.

## New A.D.S. Registrations

By Mrs. Thomas Barrett (Barrett's Gardens), Route 2, Box 302, Roswell, New Mexico, the following dahlias:

*Yem*, A dahlia, semi-cactus, cream, lacinated petals.

*Alamagordo*, A dahlia, semi-cactus, white.

*White Sands*, A dahlia, informal decorative, white.

*Pecos Valley*, A dahlia, cactus, peach suffused orange.

*Pinata*, A dahlia, straight cactus, dark red.

*Jean Jalo*, A dahlia, informal decorative, medium lavender.

*Rio Rojo*, B dahlia, cactus, bi-color, maroon, cream tips.

*Tu*, B dahlia, straight cactus, bright rose and pink blend, quilled petals.

*Jeddy*, A dahlia, semi-cactus, tomato red, shaggy petals.

*Old Paint*, B dahlia, formal decorative, variegated, crimson flecked pink.

*Roswell Queen*, A dahlia, semi-cactus, bright rose and yellow blend.

*Hondo*, A dahlia, informal decorative, light lavender. Charles H. Connors, A.D.S., Chairman of Nomenclature.

## Amendation In the Revised Code of Nomenclature

In the Code as published on Page 8, May, 1957 issue of The Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society, a key phrase was omitted from one clause that puts meaning into the clause.

Article IV, Clause 9, on the use of Personal Names, should read as follows:

"The name of any living person of prominence, such as in the world of any art, in science, sports, etc., etc." The clause is not intended to apply to your wife or daughter or other relative or neighbors, nor to minor politicians, and so on. We recall the difficulty the late Prof. C. Merrill Brown had in obtaining permission to use the name of Kirsten Flagstad, and the efforts made by another originator who wanted to name a dahlia for the character Hop-Along-Cassidy. If

he had used it, he would have been liable for a legal suit.

So, if the person for whom you want to name a dahlia is sectionally or nationally famous or notorious, the proper procedure is first to obtain a written statement that he accepts the honor.—Charles H. Connors, 115 North Sixth Ave., Highland Park, N. J.

### Baltimore Dahlia Society

The 32nd Annual Fall Flower Show of the Baltimore Dahlia Society will be held Saturday and Sunday—September 21st & 22nd in the Sears Community Auditorium—North & Harford Aves.—Baltimore, Md. Show Manager Chas. Fordney reports all in readiness and with the fine prospects for blooms we should see one of the finest shows ever staged in Baltimore. President John Sherwood has his committee all lined up and they are working harder than ever to put on a colorful as well as interesting exhibit. We invite all growers to exhibit and entries will be received until 12 noon—Sept. 21st. For schedule write H. O. Aburn, 6424 Blenheim Road, Baltimore 12, Md.

### Virginia Brunjes Dies

Virginia Brunjes, wife of George Brunjes of 1227 West Water St., Elmira, N. Y., died June 24 after a long illness. Virginia not only attended the New York show every year, with George but helped him in the store daily, when she felt able, and often when she did not. And she also helped him in the large garden, and to set up for the many shows where they exhibited each year.

We do not know Virginia's age, but she was one of those persons who did not appear to age, no matter how badly she felt. She was always cheerful and smiling, and always had a kind word for everyone. Also she was a wonderful hostess, when we were lucky enough to be invited to the Brunjes home at show time. The last message we had from her was a note of thanks for a basket of flowers, on May 16th, when Dr. Preas, Dewey Mohr, Drew Mulcahy and the editor sent her the blooms on the occasion of her last visit to the hospital. She wrote, "I enjoyed the beautiful flowers very much and the lovely dish they were sent in." The sincere sympathy of all our members who knew Virginia, goes to George in his bereavement.

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### Something to Think About

There are dahlia men who are good trenchermen. Others are oscillators while still others are soakers. We refer to their methods of watering. For years the editor has used a six foot high oscillator sprinkler. And we have mulched also to help the ground retain the water. But this year of the big drouth, we have trenched as did the late E. E. Tooker, and as Albert

Parrella and many others do. It is working out fine too, even though we are restricted to use of water to from 9 p. m. to 7 a. m. Those who have a gentle slope to their gardens can do trenching and get the water to the roots faster, without using as much water as one does in the overhead system.

Dr. Henry C. Parker recently had a successful operation on his eye. We are pleased to learn that the sight of this eye will be close to normal, because Dr. Parker is one of our long time dahlia friends and is doing a fine job editing the Dahliagram, the official organ of the National Capitol Dahlia Society. And Editors need all the vision possible. He says he will undergo surgery on the other eye after the Dahlias are dug. Good luck with that one too, Dr. Henry.

Weather has been very detrimental to good dahlia culture again this season. In the mid-west and south they have had an excess of rain and many growers lost roots from flooding, or were unable to plant at the time they should have been put in. In the East it has been the reverse. Two severe droughts, the first in June and again in July, have resulted in a shortage of nearly eight inches of rainfall over normal. And with the drouth, we have had many days over 90 degrees. Farm crop losses in this area are estimated so far at over 10 millions of dollars.

We had a very pleasant visit with Mr. (Pete) and Mrs. R. E. Harter of Walnut Creek, Calif., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Maytrott, at Vineland, on May 26. The Harters had attended the wedding of their son, who is with the State Department, in Washington on May 25th. The Maytrotts had invited the editor and Mrs. Dudley down for the day. The latter was unable to go. But we had a most pleasant day inspecting the interesting plant of Dahliadel and discussing the Pacific Coast A. D. S. Trial Garden at Lakeside Park, Oakland, of which "Pete" is the director. On June 18 the Harters wrote: "Our trip was a most memorable one and we enjoyed every minute of it. In fact we are still reliving it. It makes us proud to know that we have friends who would go to all the trouble you did in coming to see us."

The editor will appear on the Ruth Alampi "Home Garden" show, WRCA-TV, Saturday, August 24th, at 1:00 P.M. They will discuss Dahlia Culture, Dahlia Shows and Dahlia People.

## Dahlia Border New York Botanical Garden Bronx Park

For those of us with long memories, the period when the Dahlia Border at the New York Botanical Garden in Bronx Park was THE dahlia garden of the East if not of the nation, are easily recalled. Those were the days of Derrill Hart and of Dr. Marshall Howe who conceived and directed the display. At that time we had one official Trial Garden at the University of Connecticut and an un-official Trial Garden of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. It was to the Botanical Garden and to Dr. Howe that the introducers and originators solicited the invitation to send their new varieties, and to this garden our Trial Garden judges headed by Derrill Hart travelled to secure their information relative to exhibition qualities of these introductions for comparison with Trial Garden growing conditions and results.

Following Dr. Howe's death some years ago, the dahlia border at the Botanical Garden had not entered prominently in their plans. However this year, and largely through our cordial relations with Mrs. Hansell, Editor of the Garden Journal, a planting of modern dahlias, most of them purchased by the garden, has been included in the modernization program of their flower borders. Mrs. Hansell and the staff of the Botanical Garden extend a cordial invitation to visit this dahlia planting, and at the same time to view the many new beds of annuals, perennials, iris, hermerocallis, gladiolus, and thousands of chrysanthemums.

While attending our 43rd annual exhibition at the Newark Airport, on September 14th and 15th, and at any time, it will be well worth while for all our members and friends to visit these gardens in Bronx Park. With a sufficient amount of interest being displayed in the dahlia border, it may again become a tribute to its originator the late Dr. Marshall Howe, and a valued asset to both the New York Botanical Garden and to the American Dahlia Society. Ed. B. Lloyd, A.D.S. Secretary.

*(Editor's Note: It was the privilege of your editor to assist the above Dahlia Border by the contribution of several hundred roots. He hopes that other members of the A. D. S. will make similar contributions next season and assist the project in any other way possible in 1958. This dahlia border will be seen by many thousands of home gardeners.)*

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# Nationwide Dahlia Society News

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## Long Island Dahlia Society

Nothing seems to dampen the zeal of dahlia enthusiasts as evidenced in the trial grounds at Farmingdale, N. Y. This year the hopefuls have entrusted fifty-four seedlings to the care of Professor Christian Rissmeyer and the judgement of Chairman Martin Guttler and his committee of judges. Reams can be written about the beautiful dahlia garden at Farmingdale last year. It will long remain in the minds of those fortunate enough to have seen the spectacle at its best. Much credit is due to all who had a part in the program for they played their parts so well. As of June the 29th, we can only predict an equally fine display for this season as Prof. Rissmeyer has the seedlings off to a grand start.

The Long Island Dahlia Society's field day has been designated by Chairman Martin Guttler as Sunday, September 1st. The location naturally will be at The Trial Grounds in Farmingdale, N. Y. The selfsame secluded bower will be made ready for serving refreshments. Festivities are scheduled to get under way at 2:00 P.M. Over three hundred persons attended last year and expectations are for a larger group this year. The invitation is open to all and sundry, so do plan to spend this date with us.

Comments are in order regarding the recently erected sign at The Trial Grounds

as it is a real professional job. To the party or parties responsible a round of applause for a welcome addition to a good cause.

There has been a notable change in plans for The Long Island Dahlia Society's thirteenth annual dahlia show as previously reported. The date will remain the same, Saturday, September 21st. The new location is the Roosevelt Shopping Center, Garden City, N. Y. This is the site from which Colonel Charles Lindbergh flew to fame and renown, when it was an aviation field. The most direct route is east on Northern State Parkway to Meadowbrook Causeway and turn south or to the right. Then proceed directly to entrance (M—2) also on the right, which leads to The Roosevelt Shopping Center. Once inside the Center, all traffic must move in one direction, the same applies when leaving the parking fields. Make special note as to just where you park, jot down the section letter and row number. Meander to the rear of the R. H. Macy Building, discernible from all parking fields, until you arrive at the Flight Mall. Here escalators and stairways lead to the Lower Concourse. The Long Island Dahlia Society Show will be staged in what is known as The Flight Room, a 4500 square foot air-conditioned hall. For the benefit of exhibitors. Seek the truck entrance or ramp leading under ground. This ramp is to be found on the east side of the Center, near entrance (M—2) and must be used for all packages and deliveries. Once underground, make the circuit to station 36, turn left and stop at the first exit sign on the left. Now check your blooms with attendants of LIDS and then proceed to park your car in the regular parking fields above ground. Once this chore is done, claim your blooms and you will be directed to the makeup or staging area and exhibit hall. Show Chairman Robert Pape desires all exhibits be in place by 11 :A.M. as judging is slated to start at this hour. The doors will be open to the public about 12 : noon. President James Lawless is very confident LIDS is going to have a splendid show this year and extends a hearty welcome to all who have an interest in the dahlia. C. D. Francis, Sec'y., 51 Willis Ave., Syosset, N. Y.

### The Bergen County Dahlia Society

Frank Kurzenknabe, Publicity Chairman of The Bergen County Dahlia Society is convalescing from a recent illness. I have been asked by Mr. Joseph Gambi to assist Mr. Kurzenknabe with Publicity.

For the past few years the Bergen County Dahlia Society has held June, July and August meetings outdoors. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer of Ridgewood, N.J. were the host and hostess for the June meeting held in their garden. It was one of the most successful. Attendance was good, sixty five members and friends were present. Andrew Mulcahy and Dewey Mohr, Officers of The American Dahlia Society were guests of the Society.

The program was planting of Dahlias, demonstrated by Joseph Gambi, President of The Bergen County Dahlia Society. After the demonstration the members and friends enjoyed a wonderful dinner served by our hostess Carolyn Dreyer. Such wonderful Hospitality. It will be remembered for a long time.

Plans for the tenth Annual Flower Show to be held Saturday and Sunday Sept. 21-22 at the Liberty School, Palisade Ave. and Tenaflly Road, Englewood, N.J. were discussed. Harry Dreyer, Show Chairman, passed out show Schedules. He announced that we have 178 specimen classes in our schedule and many special classes. The novice classes have been broadened and with the new membership will encourage keen competition in this group. There are two club seedlings projects for members only. The American Home Achievement Medal is being offered and the American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstake Classes are being featured at our show.

The Arrangement section of the show is intended to bring out the suitability of Dahlias for home decoration. This group includes 10 classes, the theme "Our Tenth Anniversary". The trophy and awards committees announced that 21 trophies will be awarded as well as many other prizes.

Dewey Mohr and Mr. Mulcahy reminded those present to participate in the A.D.S. Show to be held at the Newark Airport Sept. 14 & 15th.

The next outdoor meeting was held Saturday July 20th at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Diederich Meyer, 165 Harcourt Ave., Bergenfield, N.J. at 4 P.M. Program was a demonstration of pinching out and disbranching of Dahlias. August meeting will be held at the Gamston Gardens, 593 Piermont Ave., Rivervale, N.J. Saturday August 24th. Subject will be timing of buds for the show. The Bergen County

Dahlia Society invites anyone interested in dahlias to attend the show Sept. 21 & 22nd. Caroline P. Meyers, 165 Harcourt Ave., Bergenfield, N.J.

### First Society in Mississippi Yazoo Dahlia Society

On April 7, 1957, the Yazoo Dahlia Society was organized, as the first society in the State of Mississippi. The officers heading up the new Society are: B. S. Pruitt, President; Mrs. A. M. Vandever, Jr., Treasurer; and Mrs. Mary Jones, Corresponding Secretary. Twenty one members were enrolled and plans are being made to have a fall show, date to be announced.

Yazoo City is a thriving little city of 12,000 nestling at the South gateway to the great Mississippi Delta on the banks of the Yazoo River, only 40 miles north of the State Capitol, Jackson, Mississippi.

We have a very hot and humid climate and the growing season is long. We enjoy our blooming season from the middle of May until frost, which is late October or November. You can imagine how a grower from Illinois enjoys such long growing seasons.

I am an accountant with an oil company and was transferred from Illinois to Mississippi two years ago. I found no Dahlia Societies in the State, so I have been working to get a state organization set up, which has received some very favorable support.

We hope to affiliate with other societies of our region and am asking the support of our Dahlia neighbors in our new adventure. We would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn of the Kentucky Society and Dr. H. C. Rike of the Alabama Society for their support and information furnished in our organizational framework. B. S. Pruitt, 383 North St., Yazoo, Mississippi.

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### Nationwide Dahlia Society News Dahlia Society of California, Inc.

The May issue of the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society just received, and we, all of us, out here who are members of the San Leandro Dahlia Society thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated your articles, the one in which our good friend, Charles Garrity was featured, and also the one about two grand people, Hazel and Dick Trotter and their ever blooming dahlias.

As a member of both the San Leandro Dahlia Society and the Dahlia Society of California, I feel at liberty to express myself about both societies. The following few lines are written on behalf of the Dahlia Society of California.

Our show will be held in the Rotunda of the San Francisco Hall, but on August 22nd and 23rd, and not on September 23rd and 24th, as listed in the May Bulletin. I trust this mistake will be corrected in your August issue. — Yours very truly, C. M. Kurtz, Corresponding Secretary.

Editor's Note: Thank you friend Kurtz, for those kind words. It is the desire of all the members of the A.D.S. to recognize and reward, in so far as it is in their power, all those who have contributed to the cause of the dahlia everywhere. As to Charlie Garrity, he deserves the thanks of every lover of this flower, east and west. We hope that by reporting such events as his receiving the A.D.S. medal and the everblooming dahlias of the Trotters in the Bulletin to bring the A.D.S. closer to all the societies on the Pacific Coast.

### Orange County Dahlia Society, Inc.

It is with great regret that I report the passing of one of our valued members, John C. Hart, of Buena Park, California.

Up to the time of his passing, Mr. Hart was the horticulturist at the famous Knott's Berry Farm of Buena Park. As a part of his work, he grew many dahlias for display and decoration at the Berry Farm.

During his many years of dahlia culture, he originated many new dahlias. *Hart's Troubador*, *Hart's Whirlaway* and *Dell Niles*, are some of his best known introductions. These fine dahlias will keep his memory alive in the hearts of his many dahlia friends. Lawrence O. Archibald, Secretary.

### Alabama Dahlia News

Buzz, buzz, buzz that busy signal just goes right on as Alabama dahlia folks

work out details of the show.

Of course they're busy with the dahlias and right now they are looking good.

Gonna take time out soon, July the 27th to be exact for our annual society's picnic, so we will be busy with chicken, salad, cakes and pies. That evening we will be busy having a good time.

The Welcome Mat has been brought out and it's shining with an extra amount of friendliness and Southern Hospitality. Want to look at it? There, it's right here. See, it says:

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Maude Goodwin, Reporter  
2612 Ave. S, Fairview,  
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### San Leandro Dahlia Society

It's just six weeks and 4 days until August 24th and 25th, our 25th "Silver Anniversary" show. Our show this year will be held in Bancroft Jr. high school, just across the street from our former show place. If any of our friends wish to visit the show if they happen to be in the Bay area during its progress, we hope they will attend. As most of you in other sections of the country know, we in California, have had a most unusual spring and summer, the wettest May ever; also some real hot weather in June and July. As a rule, we have one or two hot days, then the old fog rolls in. This year we have had one or two foggy days then several hot days. We are not complaining, as the chips are down and we plan to make this our best show ever and will prove it come show day.

We will have our annual picnic at Lakeside Park one week previous to our show date. This will be Aug. 18. Here is another invitation if you're in the area on this date, stop by for a piece of chicken and a hunk of homemade cake. There will be plenty. Then we will show you around the Dahlia garden in Lakeside Park. Also the seedling entries.

At our last meeting Mr. Pete Harter Trial ground chairman told us there were 59 entries the largest number reported in any trial garden in the U.S.A. Reports have it there is some good ones this year. We will all be wanting to grow and show them in another year or so.

We plan to furnish the most complete list of winners of our show this year. One person in each class has been designated

to collect the results and they will be gone over carefully and the results will appear in the November issue of this Bulletin.—Troy Cloinger, 464 Dolores Ave., Oakland (2), Calif.

### Dahlia Society of Kentucky

The members of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky enjoyed a very good evening of Fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Floyd on Saturday evening, May 25.

Storms have been nothing unusual around our part of the country this spring, so just as we were finishing our Potluck supper, we really had a very severe storm. All the lights went out and in due time, we finished by candle-light. We also had a plant and root sale with Mr. C. W. Simbritzki as the Auctioneer. Any one passing thru Louisville around the 21st of September is extended a most cordial welcome to stop by the Kentucky Hotel on Fifth and Walnut Streets and attend our 25th Annual Dahlia Show. We are always glad to see out-of-town folks and it could be you. How about it? Louis Kleinjohn, Sec., 726 Barrett Ave., Louisville, Ky.

### Another Commercial Man Quits

It is with sincere regret that we announce that John Hanna, of Clayton, N. J. has discontinued his commercial dahlia

business. He and Mrs. Hanna will dispose of their home on Delsea Drive, Clayton, and move to Baltimore, Md. in the near future. Here, they will be near their son and his family.

John Hanna has grown dahlias for the past 35 years and for the last 20 odd, has been one of the leading retailers and wholesalers of dahlia plants in the east. The Reasons for quitting, said John, are a combination of the economic problems of the Commercial Firms today, and the ill health of Mrs. Hannah. The dahlia stock and greenhouse fixtures and materials were purchased by Dahliadel. We hope that Mrs. Hanna's health will improve.

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# DAHLIA SHOWS ACROSS THE NATION FOR 1957

Date	Society	Place	City
Aug. 3-4	San Diego Co. Dahlia Soc.	Recital Hall, Balboa Park	San Diego
Aug. 17-18	Inglewood Dahlia Soc.	Inglewood High School	Inglewood, Cal.
Aug. 22-23	Dahlia Soc. of California	Rotunda, City Hall	San Francisco, Cal.
Aug. 24-25	Orange Co. Dahlia Soc. (Host to Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference)	Huntington Beach Mem. Hall	Huntington B., Cal.
Aug. 24-25	San Leandro Dahlia Soc.	Bancroft Junior High	San Leandro, Cal.
Aug. 24-25	Snohomish Co. Dahlia Soc.	Floral Hall, Forest Park	Everett, Wash.
Aug. 23-24	Kitsap Co. Dahlia Soc.	Civic Center	Bremerton, Wash.
Aug. 31-Sept. 1	Seattle Dahlia Soc.	Queen Anne Field House	Seattle, Wash.
Aug. 31-Sept. 1	Minnesota Dahlia Soc.	Minnesota State Fair	St. Paul, Minn.
Sept. 1-2	Badger State Dahlia Soc.	Community Center	Madison, Wis.
Sept. 7-8	Mich. State Dahlia Ass'n	Lansing Civic Center	Lansing, Mich.
Sept. 7-8	Dahlia Society of Wis.	Mitchell Park Conservatory	Milwaukee, Wis.
Sept. 7-8	Irvington Garden Club	Irvington High School	Irvington, N. J.
Sept. 7-8	Pacific N. W. Dahlia Conf. (With Washington State Dahlia Society as Host.)	Normana Hall	Tacoma, Wash.
Sept. 7-8	North Jersey Dahlia Soc.	Preakness Br.-1st Nat'l Bank	Paterson, N. J.
Sept. 8	South. Tier Dahlia Soc.	Mark Twain Hotel	Elmira, N. Y.
Sept. 14-15	Indianapolis Dahlia Soc.	Brookside Community House	Indianapolis, Ind.
Sept. 14-15	Central States Dahlia Soc.	Garfield Park Conservatory	Chicago, Ill.
Sept. 14-15	American Dahlia Society N. J. Dahlia Society Irvington Garden Club	Newark Airport	Newark, N. J.
Sept. 14-15	Portland Dahlia Society	Masonic Temple	Portland, Ore.
Sept. 14-15	Suburban Dahlia Society	Sudbrook M. E. Church	Pikesville, Md.
Sept. 14-15	Southeastern Mich. D. Soc.	Cannon Memorial Gym.	Detroit, Mich.
Sept. 16-17	Dahlia Soc. of Ohio	Higbee Auditorium	Cleveland, Ohio
Sept. 18-19	Hagerstown Dahlia Soc.	City Market Place	Hagerstown, Md.
Sept. 21-22	Dahlia Soc. of Kentucky	Kentucky Hotel	Louisville, Ky.
Sept. 21-22	Bergen Co. Dahlia Soc.	Liberty School	Englewood, N. J.
Sept. 21-22	Baltimore Dahlia Society	Sears Community Auditorium	Baltimore, Md.
Sept. 21-22	Long Island Dahlia Soc.	Roosevelt Shopping Cent.	Garden City, L. I.
Sept. 21-22	Greater Phila. Dahlia Soc.	W.C.A.U.-T.V. Center	Philadelphia, Pa.
Sept. 21-22	East Liverpool Dahlia Soc.	Memorial Auditorium	E. Liverpool, Ohio
Sept. 21-22	Southtown Dahlia Club	Hamilton Park Field House	Chicago, Ill.
Sept. 21-22	Dahlia Soc. of Tenn.	Hotel Patten	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Sept. 21-22	Mid-America Dahlia Soc.	Country Club Plaza	Kansas City, Mo.
Sept. 24-25	Burholme Hort. Soc.	Cheltenham Fed. Sav. Bank	Cheltenham, Pa.
Sept. 22	Rochester Dahlia Soc.	Museum of Arts & Sciences	Rochester, N. Y.
Sept. 22	Fresno Dahlia Society		Fresno, Cal.
Sept. 23	Virginia Dahlia Society	Miller & Rhoads Dept. Store	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 28-29	Ohio Valley Dahlia Ass'n	Cincinnati Art Museum	Cincinnati, Ohio
Sept. 28-29	Nat'l Capitol Dahlia Soc.	U. S. Botanic Gardens	Washington, D. C.
Sept. 28-29	Greater St. Louis D. Soc. (Host to Mid-West Dahlia Conference.)	Missouri Botanical Gardens	St. Louis, Mo.
Oct. 5-6	Alabama Dahlia Soc. (Host to Southern States Dahlia Conference.)	Thomas Jefferson Hotel	Birmingham, Ala.
Oct. 5-6	Central Valley D. Soc.	Bakersfield Art Gallery	Bakersfield, Cal.
Oct. 5-6	Greater Kan. City D. Soc.	Shaunee Mission H. School	Kansas City, Mo.
Oct. 11-12	Dahlia Soc. of Georgia	Southeastern Fair	Atlanta, Ga.