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### WERE DAHLIAS CROSSED WITH COSMOS?

Dahlia Merckii is one of the smallest of the ten Botanic Dahlias which the Editor grew last season. It is at the right above. On the left is a vase of Cosmos which it resembles closely, except that it is less than half the size. Dr. W. J. C. Lawrence of England, through a study of chromosomes, in 1935 proved that the earliest dahlias, particularly, Dahlia Viriabilis, as discovered in Mexico, in 1570, were hybrids, or the result of crossing of two distinct species of plants.

# DAHLIA SHOWS ACROSS THE NATION

If your show is not listed below, please send information to the Editor.  
If it is listed, but incorrectly, please send revisions for Aug. Bulletin.

| 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. 24-25      | Orange Co. Dahlia Soc.                                                   | Huntington Beach Mem. Hall<br>(Host to Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference) | 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. 4-7       | Burholme Hort. Soc.                                                      | Snellenburg's Store                                                         | Philadelphia, Pa.   |
| 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.                                               | Normana Hall<br>(With Washington State Dahlia Society as Host.)             | 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<br>N. J. Dahlia Society<br>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     |
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| Sept. 21-22     | Bergen Co. Dahlia Soc.                                                   | Liberty School                                                              | Englewood, N. J.    |
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| 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.       |
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| Sept. 23-24     | Dahlia Soc. of California                                                | Rotunda, City Hall                                                          | San Francisco, Cal. |
| Sept. 28-29     | Ohio Valley Dahlia Ass'n                                                 | Cincinnati Art Museum                                                       | Cincinnati, Ohio    |
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| Sept. 28-29     | Greater St. Louis D. Soc.                                                | Missouri Botanical Gardens<br>(Host to Mid-West Dahlia Conference.)         | St. Louis, Mo.      |
| Oct. 5-6        | Alabama Dahlia Soc.                                                      | Thomas Jefferson Hotel<br>(Host to Southern States Dahlia Conference.)      | Birmingham, Ala.    |
| Oct. 5-6        | Central Valley D. Soc.                                                   | Bakersfield Art Gallery                                                     | Bakersfield, Cal.   |
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# Garrity Gets Deserved Award

**Gold Medal of A.D.S. Presented to  
"Mr. Dahlia of San Leandro" by R. E. Harter**



CHARLES GARRITY NOT SO OLD AT 84

Here is Charles Garrity at a recent Bay Area Dahlia Show. It is evidence that one is only as old as one feels; and that even in the mellow years one can appreciate beauty in the girls of the Icecapades as well as the dahlias.

At its regular meeting on February 15th, 1957, the Executive Committee of the A. D. S. adopted a resolution, which said in part:

"From time to time, since its inception, the American Dahlia Society has conferred its highest honor, in the form of its gold medal, on certain persons to give evidence to the world that such recipient has rendered unselfish and highly meritorious service to the Dahlia, and Dahlia people.

"Therefore be it resolved, that to further this custom, the American Dahlia Society is highly pleased to present its Gold Medal to: Charles Garrity of the Dahlia Society of San Leandro, California."

This resolution was sent to R. E. Harter of Walnut Creek, with the medal and he was asked to make the presentation, which he did at their April 14th meeting. In presenting the medal to Mr. Garrity, "Pete" Harter said:

"We have an honored member of our society present tonight, Mr. Chas. Garrity. And, in fact, except for him we would not be meeting here tonight because

there would not be a San Leandro Dahlia Society if it were not for Mr. Garrity.

I'm sure we all know that Mr. Garrity was the first Secretary and the first Show



Manager our society had. However, there might be a few things about him and his early association with the San Leandro Dahlia Society that are not too well known now. For many years, as Show Manager, each year he took off a few days from his work as Landscape Gardener and called upon the merchants of the Bay Area for their support of our shows, since we have never charged for entries or admission. Mr. Garrity received wonderful support for our shows and every exhibitor who won a First or Second or Third prize, received his ribbon plus a valuable merchandise prize or trophy. To help make the shows a success, Mr. Garrity bought many of the vases and containers out of his own pocket and loaned them to exhibitors. And all these things he did the hard way, because he never owned an automobile and had to transport most of these items on foot or by streetcar. Furthermore, for many years he didn't ask or expect to receive any remuneration of any kind for being Show Manager.

Of course there are many contributions which Mr. Garrity has made to our Society and to the interest in growing dahlias; but probably the one thing he has done to set him apart from all our members is that, through gifts of tubers to literally hundreds of people, he has probably started more people to growing dahlias than could have been done through any other means. Chas. has always said in his Scottish accent that he didn't sell them, but just gave them away because "I gi' a kick on it."

So, when the Dudleys and the Maytrots visited our area last fall, the one man they wanted to meet after so many years of correspondence with him was, of course, Chas. Garrity, whom they easily recognized as our most respected and loved dahlia man in our area. And upon returning to New York, they presented him a very worthy candidate for the Gold Medal of The American Dahlia Society to the Executive Committee, and their motion was unanimously accepted and his Medal was ordered inscribed and appropriate resolution drawn and both have been received and I would like to now read this Resolution.

Therefore, in recognition of your many services and your devotion to the San Leandro Dahlia Society and to the American Dahlia Society, it is my extreme pleasure to present this Gold Medal to you on behalf of the American Dahlia Society. This is, of course, the highest honor that can be presented by the A.D.S. to one of its members for his services and

you are the only man in our area that we know of ever to receive this honor."

Upon presentation of Medal, everybody stood and applauded and it was voted to incorporate a copy of Resolution into the minutes of our meeting. Tears came to Chas.'s eyes and he said he was sorry, but just couldn't think of anything to say, but he wanted to "thank everybody."

### And Charlie Garrity said:

Gee, I sure got a big surprise at last night's San Leandro Society meeting. "Pete" Harter called at my house and took me and the "boss" to the doings. Just before the meeting closed "Pete" read the resolution you had sent him from the A.D.S. and then presented me with the beautiful gold medal.

I wish to thank you and all the officers of the A.D.S. for this honor. It sure was a great treat and I might say also a nice birthday present, as I was 84 on the fifth of the previous month, March.

I don't have to tell you that I get a lot of pleasure out of my dahlias, but what gives me the biggest kick is getting other people interested in them. When I think of all that the growing of dahlias has brought to us, the friends, the shows, the interesting people we meet with the same hobby, I just thank God for dahlias, that's all."



CHARLIE GARRITY'S TROPHIES

Over the 35 years of growing dahlias, Mr. Garrity has won many trophies. Here are a few of them on his side porch. And he did it the hard way, without a car, most of these were won with blooms carried in boxes on buses and street cars.

When I came here from New Zealand in 1922, I started work as a propagator in a nursery in San Francisco. One day a dahlia grower spoke to me and said,

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#### SEEDLINGS GET GOOD CARE AT TRIAL GARDENS

When you send your choice new varieties for testing at the five A. D. S. Trial Gardens, they receive the best cultural care possible. This scene taken last fall at the Farmingdale Gardens shows how the varieties are arranged for easy viewing by visitors, as well as the all season scoring by the Judges of the local society directing the garden. The photographer is Henry Olsen, A. D. S., Treasurer.

### Send Your Seedlings to the Trial Grounds

No part of the dahlia growing hobby gives more pleasure than growing from seed, even if anticipation runs far ahead of realization. Sooner or later all dahlia fanciers try a few seedlings with the hope that a really good one might result.

If you have a new variety which you have grown in your own garden for three years or more, and you and your friends think it is pretty good, I believe that you would be well advised to try for a Certificate of Merit at one or more of the Amer-

ican Dahlia Society's five Trial Gardens. If you sent a variety to one of the Trial Gardens last year, and it received a good score, and you haven't meanwhile sold stock, it would be even more wise to send it to at least two other Trial Gardens this year to try for the Derrill Hart Medal. This medal is awarded each year to the one variety in each size class which receives the highest average score from three Trial Gardens, either in one year or in two consecutive years. This year the Trial Gardens will recognize the "BB" dahlias as a separate size class and four Derrill Hart Medals will be offered. The Derrill Hart Medals are the highest honors which the Trial Gardens can bestow, and a winner should have no difficulty in finding a ready market. But time is running out, so if you have a new variety to send, by all means do it NOW! The Trial Garden Directors will probably accept varieties received after June 1, but it happens only too often that these late planted varieties do not develop an adequate root system before the really hot weather. The result is that your variety does not develop to its best, and may thereby lose a Certificate of Merit which it should have been able to earn.

Your plants will have the best of care, and during the blooming season, will be seen and scored at regular and frequent intervals by a team of experienced and competent judges. Three roots (or green plants) of a variety are required, and

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#### GARRITY GETS DESERVED MEDAL, Continued

"you are a good gardener and nurseryman, Charlie, but you could not grow dahlias." I asked him why. He said "They are different from these other plants and take a lot more care." At the time, we lived in an apartment with a lady in San Francisco. She heard me telling the wife what the man had said. The little old lady took pity on me and said, "You can have a bit of my garden if you wish to grow dahlias." So I got six roots from the man who said I couldn't grow them and that was how I got started growing dahlias 35 years ago. One of those first ones was Alice Whittier. I've had a lot of fun ever since. Thanks again for the nice medal. I'll always cherish it. — Charles Garrity.

only undisseminated varieties are eligible for Certificates of Merit and for the Der-rill Hart Medals, but varieties must have a suitable name before either the Certificate or Medal can be awarded.

This year the entry fee is again \$3.00 per variety per Trial Garden. Entry blanks and any information you may require may be secured either from me, or from any of the Trial Garden Directors, but completed blanks, entry fees, and roots (or plants) should be sent only to the Trial Garden Directors.

Southern Trial Garden, Atlanta, Ga.—Mr. E. E. Montgomery, 1017 S. McDonough St., Decatur, Ga.

Eastern Trial Garden, Farmingdale, N. Y. — Mr. C. Rissmeyer, L. I. Agricultural & Technical Institute, Farmingdale, L. I., N. Y.

Mid-West Trial Garden, East Lansing, Mich. — Dr. C. E. Wildon, 823 Hunting-ton Road, East Lansing, Mich.

Pacific Coast Trial Garden, Oakland, Cal. — Mr. R. E. Harter, 2769 Danville Highway, Walnut Creek, Cal.

Ohio Valley Trial Garden, Cincinnati, Ohio — Entry fees and blanks to Miss Alice Mattick, 4223 Dane St., Cincinnati, 23 Ohio. Send roots by Railway Express only to: Mr. Robert Seibel, Principio & Heekins Aves., Cincinnati, Ohio. — Bert Pitt, Chairman, A.D.S. Trial Ground Com. 9730-123rd St., Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y.

## A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes for 1957

About two months ago, every A. D. S. Branch and Affiliate Society were invited to participate in the A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards for 1957. With the invitation, each received a copy of the Rules and Regulations regarding such Awards which contain suggestions for the wording of the Class in each show schedule in connection of this Award.

Up to and including April 15th, applications have been received and accepted and approved from each of the following Societies to participate in this competition for undisseminated seedlings:

Central Valley Dahlia Society, North Jersey Dahlia Society, Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society, Kentucky Dahlia Society, National Capitol Dahlia Society, Dahlia Society of Ohio, Orange County Dahlia Society, Dahlia Society of Wisconsin, Badger State Dahlia Society, Bergen County Dahlia Society, East Liverpool Dahlia Society, Irvington Garden Club, Kitsap County Dahlia Society, Ohio

Valley Dahlia Ass'n, Rochester Dahlia Society, San Diego Dahlia Society, San Leandro Dahlia Society, Snohomich County Rose & Dahlia Society, South-eastern Michigan Dahlia Society, South-town Dahlia Society, Washington Dahlia Society, Dahlia Society of Alabama, Long Island Dahlia Society.

To those societies which intend to include these awards in their 1957 show, we announce that our chairman must receive the formal application not later than May 30, 1957, as that is the closing date. If, by chance, any Branch or Affiliated Society has not already received this year's invitation, may we respectfully suggest that you have your proper officer or your show-chairman communicate with the undersigned immediately. Be assured that another invitation will be promptly forwarded. — Andrew J. Mulcahy, Chairman, 20 Marshall Avenue, Floral Park, N. Y.

After his sixtieth year, a dahlia grower is more surprised to find himself right about something than he was at twenty to find himself wrong about anything.

### Wythe M. Peyton

Wythe M. Payton of 46 Cumberland Circle, Asheville, N. C., died August 19th, 1956 at his home. Mr. Peyton was a State Highway Engineer and served his State and community long and well. While he was active in church, civic and fraternal affairs, his hobby was gardening. And while he grew many kinds of flowers, his specialty was dahlias in which field he was an outstanding authority in his locality.

An editorial in the Asheville paper at the time of his death said in part, "His gardening and his friendships were intimately related since he devoted much of his time and energy to providing his many friends with choice items from his own beautiful and abundant gardens. In his retirement, his gardening, his family and his friends kept him a proud, busy and happy man."

His son, William M. Peyton writes, "I am renewing the A.D.S. membership which was formerly in the name of my late father. I intend to continue to grow dahlias though not quite as extensively as my father. In his last year, he planted several hills each of over 300 varieties. Unfortunately he passed on only two days before his dahlias would have, as usual, been winning ribbons at the Men's Garden Club Show in Asheville. It was in part through his efforts that this Club last year affiliated with the A.D.S."



## REVISED CODE OF NOMENCLATURE of the AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

Herewith is presented a revised Code of Nomenclature for the American Dahlia Society, which brings, as far as is consistent with accepted practices, into conformity with the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants adopted by the International Horticultural Council at London, September, 1952, looking forward to universal registration. The aim of the International Code "is to promote uniformity, accuracy and fixity in the use of names with the minimum disturbance of existing nomenclature and methods; it seeks to debar or discourage procedures leading to confusion and error."

### American Dahlia Society

#### CODE OF NOMENCLATURE

##### Article I.

The purpose of a code of nomenclature is to promote the use of names for varieties of dahlias so as to avoid the use of the same name for more than one variety, or more than one name for a variety, to assign names so that when used in a catalogue or other publication there can be no doubt what variety is meant, and to use names that present no problem in registering, cataloguing and reporting. The first code was adopted 1922 and revised about 1940.

##### Article II.

#### Registration and Recording

##### American Dahlia Society

Section A. The American Dahlia Society maintains a file of varieties. This file includes, as far as possible, a complete list of varieties originated in the United States, together with such varieties of foreign origin as have become established here. The file is in two parts: active and obsolete.

The compilation of the file comes about in two ways: registration and recording.

Section B. Clause 1: REGISTRATION: Official registration of a variety by the American Dahlia Society gives priority to the use of that particular name, provided it is a legitimate name.

Clause 2: Any person, regardless of membership in the American Dahlia Society, may register a new dahlia having a legitimate name, upon presentation of a

suitable description, and the payment of a fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) for each variety, provided he is the owner or will introduce the variety on behalf of the owner and has permission of the owner to register such variety and further provided that he will introduce such variety within a period of two years, with extension on appeal possible.

Clause 3: All varieties of dahlias officially entered in the official trial gardens of the American Dahlia Society which attain a judges' score of 80 or more are automatically registered at no additional fee.

Section C., RECORDING: The registering agent, in addition to those varieties officially registered shall include in the registry list, those varieties which have legitimate names and are validly published. Registered varieties take priority over recorded varieties as of the same date.

##### Article III.

#### Valid Publication

Section A.: Valid publication is affected by the sale or other distribution of printed or similar mechanically duplicated matter in Roman characters, giving the name of the variety, the name and address of the originator and the name and address of the introducer where separate, the year of introduction (may be the dating of the publication) and a description.

Valid publication may be in a horticultural or botanical periodical, either in an article or an advertisement, a monograph, a printed list of registered names, or a catalogue which is clearly dated and a copy of which is sent to the chairman of the committee on nomenclature or to such person as may be designated to act as registrar.

Section B.: The description of a dahlia variety should include a designation of size, or type or form, and of color. These characteristics should be according to the standards adopted by the American Dahlia Society and published annually in the classification list. The color should preferably be that determined for the variety from a color chart rather than the color grouping in which it would be placed on the show bench. The parentage should be given when known, as well as any peculiarities of flower formation or of growth.

## Article IV.

**The Formation and Use of Variety Names**

Section A, Clause 1.: A legitimate name for a variety of dahlia is a name that is in accordance with the code.

Clause 2: A name has no official standing unless it is officially registered or validly published.

Clause 3.: As far as possible a variety name should consist of not more than two words.

Clause 4.: A name may be used for only one variety, no matter what the size or form classification may be; e.g., not for a large and a miniature of the same name.

Clause 5.: A name once used may not be used again for any dahlia unless it can be shown that the dahlia originally named is no longer in cultivation, and clearance is given by the original holder of the name. The least that can be done is to consult the registrar as to the availability of the name.

Clause 6.: The names of sports or bud-mutants should as far as possible be linked with the parent variety; as Valiant, Pink Valiant, Red Valiant.

Clause 7.: The names should be clearly distinctive, not vaguely descriptive, e.g. Yellow Queen, not Yellow.

Clause 8.: In the formation of variety names, the following are to be avoided:

**What to Avoid in Name Selection**

a.—Variants of the same name that differ so slightly as to make confusion probable; such are to be regarded as identical; as Beatrix and Beatrice; Charmian and Charmain; Warnar, Warnar; Ellen and Helen; Alexandra and Alexandria; Mary and Marie, and so on.

b.—Avoid forms of address likely to be confused, as Mr., Mrs., and Miss; Sr., and Sra; Mme., Mlle.; M., Mons., etc.

NOTE: Ellen Willmot is legitimate, but not Miss Willmot, Miss E. Willmot or Miss Ellen Willmot.

c.—Scientific or vernacular name of another flower, as Carnation, Orchid, Peony, Camellia, etc., not to be used.

d.—Avoid names of countries or states without an accompanying word, as Michigan, illegitimate; Michigan White, legitimate.

e.—Avoid numerals, either alone or attached to a word, as A-1.

f.—Avoid names which clearly exaggerate the merits of a variety or which may become inaccurate through the introduction of a new variety, as

Darkest of All, Smallest of All, Largest Possible, Best Seller, etc.

g.—Avoid any single letters, as first part of a variety name, as G. Stillman, not legitimate, but George Stillman would be.

h.—Avoid the articles "a" and "the" and their equivalents in other languages, unless required by linguistic custom; therefore, Colonel not The Colonel, La Rochelle, not Rochelle (in French).

i.—Avoid abbreviations of personal and geographic names; therefore William Thomas, not Wm. Thomas; Mount Shasta, not Mt. Shasta; British Columbia, not B. C.

j.—Avoid excessively long words or phrases and those difficult to pronounce correctly; e.g., Souvenir of the Restoration of Williamsburg, Edlwyth Cholmondeley.

k.—Also to be avoided: the word "improved" following the legitimate name of an established variety, as such would be a seedling or sport and consequently a new variety, as La Rocca Improved.

l.—Avoid the use of abbreviated or vulgar spelling, as Merry Xmas, or Sno, Lite, etc., instead of Snow Light, etc., especially to get around legitimate names already in use.

m.—Do not add a qualifying name to a legitimate name of an existing variety, as Sarrett's Pink Flamingo, to get around rules.

n.—Avoid the use of the possessive "s."

o.—Avoid initials used as abbreviations in the arts, sciences and trades, such as t.i.d., a medical abbreviation, or MKT, a railroad abbreviation.

**Use of Person's Names**

Clause 9.: The name of any living person, such as in the world of any art, in science, politics, sports, religion, military service, etc. or of any fictitious character of notoriety shall not be used for a dahlia without obtaining permission to do so, usually in the form of a letter from the person or authorized agent, or, in the case of a fictitious character, from the copyright owner.

Clause 10.: The use of the name of a garden or any other characterization with a series of other names shall not be considered legitimate; as Jersey Beauty, Jersey Gem, Jersey Jewel, etc., or Hillcrest Dainty, Hillcrest King, Hillcrest Monarch.

**Foreign Names****SECTION B**

Clause 1.: When a plant is introduced  
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**A. D. S. REVISED CODE OF NOMENCLATURE***(Continued from preceding page)*

from one country to another, its original validly registered or published name is normally to be retained. Because of linguistic and other difficulties, transliteration, translation or changing of a name may sometimes be allowed.

Clause 2.: Changed names are to be known as *commercial synonyms*, and are used only after approval by the official registration authority. A translation is not regarded as a synonym but as the same name in a different form. A transliteration is similarly regarded.

Clause 3.: A variety name which has been first published in a language not printed in Roman characters, should be transliterated in Roman characters or translated into a language using Roman characters. The first validly published transliteration or translation then becomes the correct name.

Clause 4.: The legitimate name shall be carried over into a new language, as, Karel Ross, should not be altered to Charles, Karl or Carlo; San Pedro should not be altered to Saint Peter, Saint-Pierre or Sankt Peter.

Clause 5.: Where the translation of a foreign name might cause Social difficulty in some countries, as Nigger Boy, a commercial synonym should be used, such as Maroon Beauty.

Adopted by The American Dahlia Society, January 26, 1957.

CHARLES H. CONNORS, *Chairman*  
A.D.S. Nomenclature Committee.

**Editor's Note:** The American Dahlia Society recognized right from start in 1915, when it was first incorporated, that, because of the great number of new varieties being introduced and sold, that a master list of names was essential. Such a list obviously should be carefully indexed and filed. And such a file should be kept up to date to avoid unnecessary duplication.

F. H. Hall of the N. Y. State Experimental Station, Geneva, N. Y., and J.B.S. Norton of the Maryland Experimental Station, Baltimore, Md., both of whom were Charter Members of the A.D.S., each compiled a list of dahlia names at different times, with the co-operation of this Society.

In 1923 Prof. Norton published a list of some 7,000 dahlia names. Following the efforts of Hall and Norton, the A.D.S. Nomenclature Committee was formed to take over the list. The late Dr. Marshall A. Howe head of the Bronx Botanical Garden, N. Y. was one of its first chair-

men and for many years he kept the list and records.

Following Dr. Howe's death in 1937, Dr. Charles H. Connors became Chairman. He was then head of the Ornamental Plant Division at the New Jersey Experiment Station, Rutgers University, New Brunswick. Since his retirement three years ago the list and files were removed to his home.

Any person wishing to register the name of a dahlia, and to make sure that the name proposed is available, should, as stated in the foregoing A.D.S. Official Rules for Nomenclature, send the full description of the variety, its proposed name, and \$1.00 registration fee to:

DR. CHARLES H. CONNORS  
115 North Sixth Avenue  
Highland Park, N. J.

### Diseases are Not Transmitted in Seed

April 17, 1957.—From D. C. Schroeder, (Dee Cee Dahlias) East Palo Alto, Calif. "We have just finished planting our late blooming varieties. Our first show where we will exhibit, will be August 2nd, then August 25th and the last one one September 2nd. So, you see that we are in the running for 1957. We'll see what will happen.

Our rainfall was way below normal this winter in the "Bay Area." Total for this winter only 8 inches so far. The temperature went way down to 27 degrees for two nights and hurt some of the dahlia roots close to top of ground. We plant only roots and very seldom have any frosts like that. Perhaps this makes us careless and so we got caught.

You mentioned stem rot being prevalent in the east this year. We do have some losses, once in a while, from the plant dying from a fungus down low on the stem. But this occurs usually on a red variety. Why should this only happen to the reds? I don't know.

A few varieties from Mexican seed seem to have had this rotting on the stalk. I lost them all last season. I am wondering if such a fungus disease can be inherited. When dug, many of them only have narrow, threadlike roots.

(Editor's comment: We do not believe that any dahlia disease of any type is transmitted through seed. All the plant pathologists we know are emphatic in telling us that no disease can be possibly be carried through seed. Perhaps one of our readers can answer the query about susceptible red dahlias, the Editor does not know.)



## An Amazing Story of Ever Blooming Dahlias

R. E. Harter, A. D. S. Vice-President and Director of the A. D. S. Official Trial Gardens at Lakeside Park, Oakland, Calif. which is supervised by the San Leandro Society, tells the following very strange story.

"As you perhaps know, our mutual friends, Hazel and Dick Trotter seem to have an unusual combination of conditions, including heat and light, on their property at 382 West MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, which produces evergreens and everblooming dahlias.

"Just to prove that I am not talking through my hat, and that the Trotters are not trying to hoax the Dahlia World as he did with his Owl Manure to make dahlias bloom at night, I am sending you some colored photos of Mr. and Mrs. Trotter in their yard with some of these everblooming dahlias, in the foreground. There is a nice bi-color and one autumn bloom right in front of Mrs. Trotter. But the big ones in the foreground are Lavender Perfection.



DAHLIAS BLOOM IN JANUARY

Hold on to your hats dahlia skeptics. This photo was taken on January 18th, 1957. These blooms would be excellent for the middle of October, but to even us Californians, who are used to long seasons for flowering and to picking lilacs in February, these big and almost perfect blooms of Lavender Perfection in January are really amazing.

Perhaps this story should begin by our stating that a new race of dahlias has not been discovered; but rather, we say that it is possible to keep our common varieties of dahlias in continuous bloom over a much longer period of time than most people realize.

There is a section of the gardens of the Trotters, who live on one of the main arteries of traffic in the heart of Oakland, Calif. where dahlias are kept in bloom from August of each year to well into the spring of

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## AN AMAZING STORY — Continued

the following year; at which time they are cut back, dug, divided and re-planted, all the same day. This year, a plant of Lavender Perfection was left in bloom until after the San Leandro Dahlia Society's annual surplus tuber sale, which was held at the Trotter home on April 13 and 14. At that time, this plant had several good blooms and the stems were good and foliage lush and green. Except for this one patch of dahlias, all other dahlias we know of in the San Francisco Bay area were frosted to the ground last November.

This unusual phenomenon may be seen in a plot of raised beds running along the west side of the Trotter residence, which faces south and is located at 382 West McArthur Blvd. (U. S. Highway 50). Adjoining this plot on the west is a service station that stays open all night; so it is flooded with light from the highway and the service station throughout the nights, which helps to dissipate any frost and also contributes somewhat to growth. Traffic produces a sort of "smudge-pot" effect and keeps warm air and fumes in continuous circulation through the foliage, which prevents mildew. The tall house acts as a deflector of warm air and also provides shelter and reflects the heat to the dahlias. Being on the west side of the house, the plot also receives reflected heat from the warm afternoon sun. So, it may be seen that there is very little variation in heat and light from summer to winter and from day to night; and, with winter rains added to these factors, plants have good conditions for continuous growth above ground. Then, the raised beds provide warmth and good drainage for good growing conditions below the soil level.

Therefore, a combination of a good many factors have each made its contribution to this unusual dahlia garden. Dick contends that, contrary to popular belief, dahlias do not need a rest period and that they are naturally an evergreen and everblooming plant if given the right conditions for continuous growth.

"If you have some unbelieving skeptics among your readers, we can get an affidavit from the Trotters that the foregoing statements are correct and true. But you remember that it was Mrs. Trotter that baked that big cake for you, that last April evening when you addressed the San Leandro Dahlia Society. If you question her veracity, I can't be sure she will bake you another cake when you next visit us. Anyway, you will hear some more about this out-of-season-dahlia-growing, perhaps direct from Hazel and Dick. Indeed, they may take you up on your invitation to bring some of their Jan. 1958 blooms to the A.D.S. Annual Meeting next year. Then, I think you will believe this story.—R. E. Harter.

### A. D. S. Registrations

In accordance with the rules, all seedling varieties entered in the trial gardens of the American Dahlia Society that scored 80 or more points, and for which legitimate names have been supplied, have been duly registered.

Due to a clerical error, one variety registered in the February Bulletin was incorrectly credited. It should have been

*Malden Pride* by Herbert B. Shaw, 299 Bennett Highway, Malden, Mass., A, informal decorative, light pink.—Charles H. Connors, Chairman, A.D.S. Nomenclature Comm.

Sign in a certain Dahlia growing Doctor's office reads: "Ladies in waiting are asked not to exchange symptoms. It gets the Doctor hopelessly mixed up."

# Voices Out of the Past Discuss Dahlia Breeding

Cushman, Mass., March 4th, 1957

Dear Mr. Dudley:

I am one of those Dahlia Bugs and have been one for many years. I, for one, appreciate the fine work you are doing with the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society.

One thing I have missed for some time however, is something dealing with Dahlia breeding. For instance, a list of the best seed parents or what present varieties can we use to promote seed setting.

How about trying to grow seed in the greenhouse? What time should one plant the roots or plants in the greenhouse to obtain seed? Do they need pinching to make them branch? Should they be disbudded to make them set seed on the terminal blooms? I think that Stanley Johnson could answer some of these queries, if he would.

I think many of the readers of the Bulletin would appreciate some information on this topic.—Very truly yours, W. H. Lachman.

Dear Mr. Lachman:

You have opened a big subject and it is our opinion that there are very few dahlia growers today who are hand pollenizing dahlias.

You are right, however, in your surmise that Stanley Johnson could answer some of your questions. The very excellent variety, *Ned Seymour* which won 9 A. D. S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards was the result of hand pollenization of two varieties by him in the greenhouse. As he told it to me, he got only two seeds from his effort in this instance and one of them produced the big winner of 1954, *Ned Seymour*.

## STANLEY JOHNSON WILL REPLY

We are glad to report that Stanley Johnson has promised to write of his experiences in the August issue of this Bulletin. But from my own experience in hybridizing, and from talking with the few who have done it, I can, until Stanley tells us how he does it, answer a few of your questions.

1. Dahlia Seed can be developed from greenhouse grown plants.

2. The time of planting for greenhouse seed raising is the same as those grown for this purpose outdoors, or earlier. If

planted at the time, (Jan. or Feb.) when divisions are put in bench for propagation of cuttings, then the blooms come earlier, and open centers develop and the pollen gets ripe more quickly for transference to seed parents.

3. They can be pinched back and disbudded the same as is done outside to develop larger terminal blooms, however it is better, in order to obtain setting of pollen earlier, to grow the greenhouse plant to one large top bloom on the main and central stalk.

The above are general answers to your questions but do not touch on the basic techniques of seed production by means of hand hybridizing, as we said at the beginning, this is indeed a broad subject and those who have done it, with whom we have talked, agree with us that constant visitation by insects during the life of the bloom is much superior to the most caretaking hand pollenization.

Hand pollenization of a composite flower, as are dahlias, is a tedious business at best, and is usually only worth while on a definite pattern to, (1) improve the stock of having certain advantageous characteristics; or, (2) decide on a definite line of breeding to reach an ideal dahlia; or, (3) produce an entirely new type of dahlia other than the 15 now recognized in the A. D. S. classification of types.

## COLORS WILL NOT CROSS TRULY

Crossing to obtain a certain color is not possible, as this is governed by the Mendellian law, which we will not discuss here. Certain colors, indeed, will not cross truly, but will be variegated or mottled in a "muddy" manner.

True, color is hereditary, but color is almost certain to be dormant in the seed parent, especially so if the cross proves to be congenital. Therefore we say that hybridization to obtain certain color characteristics is practically impossible. As far as we know, no one in our generation has ever done it.

Now your other question, Mr. Lachman, "What are the best seed parents or what varieties can we use in the northeast section of the country which we can be sure will set seed?" Honestly, I don't believe any one can answer that question, but

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## ON DAHLIA BREEDING, Continued

must be discovered by trial and error by each hybridizer. I could give you the names of some which were seed makers, or female parents a few years back, when I was experimenting with hand pollinization (some ten years ago), but they might not be the varieties easily obtained now.

William H. Nuneviller, of Salem, N. J. who died in 1943, produced 215 prize winning varieties from 1938 through 1942, and he developed his own seed, much of it through hand crosses. He told me once that the varieties from which he obtained his best and largest seedlings were his own group of seedlings which he never put on the market.

The first Dahlia which Nuneviller experimented with was *Casper G. Ware* which has long been off the market. One of his most prolific seed, or female parents was *Sonny Boy*. We tried this variety for hand pollinization and found it most unsatisfactory. Furthermore it did not have a good stem, which ruled it out for us as parent. But Nuneviller said about this when we mentioned it, "It is not the most outstanding Dahlias which produce the new winners.

## We May Reprint a 1921 Article

Frank B. Quimby wrote a very interesting Dahlia breeding article in the Bulletin way back in 1921 and we may reprint this in a later Bulletin because most of his observations about the possible results and the difficulties to be encountered are still true today. Mr. Quimby died about 1926.

So you can gather, from all this, Mr. Lachman, that this is truly a broad subject on which there is a dearth of Scientific data. But we understand that you have been successful in breeding corn, so we have no doubt but that you will be able to obtain some good results in Dahlia breeding, if you undertake to do it. We hope, if you do, you will let us print the results in this Bulletin.—Lynn B. Dudley.

A good many middle aged dahlia growers when they have a cold nowadays stay home from the office and go out in the garden and bathe their ailing sinuses with sunshine. Meanwhile the big, tough, he-man goes to the office and breathes his obnoxious germs in the faces of his co-workers, inoculating them with his malady, and then he is survived by his wife and five children.

## Plant Now to Show Dahlias

### At the 43rd Annual A. D. S. Show Newark Airport, Sept. 14-15

It's well to plant your garden with an eye to bringing or sending by air, your best blooms to the big Eastern Show to be staged jointly by the A.D.S., the New Jersey Dahlia Society and the Irvington, (N. J.) Garden Club.

Because it is a new venture, holding a dahlia show at an Airport, midway between New York and Newark, you will find it exciting to exhibit there. And there will be some keen competition, because many Air Mail shipments are expected in addition to the blooms of a greatly augmented group of exhibitors from New Jersey, New York and Long Island.

As an indication of the interest already being taken in this First Airport Dahlia Exhibition, a shipment of roots from England has been received by the show management and will be grown and the blooms exhibited in September, at the show.

Special Classes have been included in the schedule for Air Mailed exhibits and some of them will probably be included in the Open-to-All Class. All shipments of blooms should be sent Air Mail, to the American Dahlia Society, Newark Airport, Attention of Emil Berzau. Postage Paid, of course.

## Schedules Mailed in May

All members of the three participating societies will receive a copy of the Combined Schedule, late in May. Copy is about ready to send to the printer. If you do not receive yours before June 1st, write to Edward B. Lloyd, A.D.S. Secretary and Show Manager, 10 Crestmont Rd., Montclair, N. J.

The Airport is easily accessible to visitors and exhibitors. The Port of New York Authority is giving fine co-operation to the show management. Lots of parking space. See Page 5, Feb. Bulletin for other details.

Success in dahlia growing is only a matter of luck — ask any man who has failed to grow better ones than his neighbor.

The six sweetest phrases in the American language: I love you; dinner is served; all is forgiven; your dahlia won first prize in the show; sleep till noon; and, here's that five.

## Flower Grower States Plan For January Honor Roll

(From the May, 1957 issue of the  
*Flower Grower*)

"There will be a new type of special feature on dahlias in the January issue of *Flower Grower*. It will probably be called The Honor Roll. This special feature will give prominence to the dahlias that have been most popular during the season just prior to publication.

"Flower Grower is also planning to publish, probably in the January and February issues, the names of the dahlias that win the Certificates of Merit at the five American Dahlia Society Official Trial Gardens.

"These two features will replace the annual Flower Grower Dahlia Honor Roll, which was the listing of the new varieties receiving a score of 85 points or more, as scored by four regional dahlia testers in their own gardens, each season."

## On Supporting Dahlia Magazines

Our good friend, Dr. Julian Brandon, Jr., publisher of the *Pacific Coast Dahlia*, a most interesting and informative publi-

cation, kindly reprints part of our editorial in the Feb. Bulletin on Society club-propagation of new introductions. Then he asks the question: "Why are dahlia publications not more adequately supported? Two simple reasons: Some of our elder statesmen and senior citizens in our dahlia societies know all there is to be known about dahlia growing and do not feel the need of any magazine. Then there are the new members and beginners, who never hear that there are such things as dahlia magazines and Bulletins because these are never mentioned at meetings.

"And yet it is the *Dahlia Magazine* or Bulletin which does more to keep up society enthusiasm and general interest in the Dahlia than any other one thing. And don't forget that it is the *Dahlia Publications* which do most to convert the uninformed beginner into a well informed and experienced dahlia grower and showman."

The San Leandro Dahlia Society has just changed from an Affiliated Society status to a Branch Society of the A.D.S. More than the required 20 members, to obtain Branch status, joined the A.D.S. as Participating members.

## STILL TIME TO BUY THESE - 1956 WINNERS

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B-I-D. Spinel Red, reverse of petals yellow and yel. tips. 8 by 4½ inches. Certif. at Farmingdale. On E. H. R. Won AM. HM. Achiev. at Williamsburg, 1955. Plants only, \$3.50 net, or 3 for \$10.00 net.

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## Nearly Fifty Dahlia Societies Working With A. D. S.

The American Dahlia Society was formed in 1915 "for the purpose of stimulating interest in and promoting the culture and development of the Dahlia."

One important objective in stimulating interest since its beginning, was to deserve and obtain wherever possible, the co-operation of other dahlia societies. Therefore its by-laws provided for participation of other groups in its program for the development of interest in the dahlia as a hobby flower. This was through Branch and Affiliated societies, whose officers have a voice in the affairs of the A. D. S.

At the present time there are 22 Branch Societies and 25 Affiliated Societies. The news of these societies is reported regularly in this Bulletin. Each receives an A. D. S. Medal to award at its local show. In the case of the Branches, if 20 or more of their members, wish to join the A. D. S. and receive the Bulletin, and pay \$2.50 each per year, through the Secretary of their society, then that society becomes a Branch of the A. D. S. Each member so joining the A. D. S. is entitled to voting privileges, receives this Bulletin, the Cook Judging Manual, the Joint Classification List, the same as an active member, who pays \$4.00 per year, or a sustaining member, who pays \$10.00 per year. Its President automatically becomes a Vice-President of the A. D. S.

In the case of an Affiliated society, it pays \$20.00 per year, for which it receives the A.D.S. Bronze Medal for its show, 6 copies of the Bulletin, mailed to its Secretary for circulation among members.

Both Branches and Affiliated Societies are entitled to participate in the annual American Dahlia Seedling Sweepstakes, and make awards in their local shows, providing they comply with all the rules of the competition. For this, the A. D. S. furnishes Official Bench Score Cards, Rosette ribbons for winners, Medal Certificates to varieties scoring an average score of 85 points or over, after check of score cards. The A. D. S. further awards four Gold Medals, one in each size class, to the highest scoring winners, provided they have been entered in 3 or more of the shows participating in the competition.

The American Dahlia Society makes no profit from the participation of its Branches and Affiliates in all these activities. Indeed, the cost to them is intentionally nominal and, really is less than the cost to the A. D. S. (Its Active and Sustaining members really pay the difference.)

The Program does pay off because the overall objectives of the A. D. S. to stimulate interest in the hobby of Dahlia Growing is best served when all dahlia groups everywhere are working together in understanding and harmony.

Following is a list of the Branches and Affiliated Societies now participating with the A. D. S.

## A. D. S. Branch Societies And Their Officers — 1957

### Dahlia Society of Ohio

President—Howard Skorepa, 4305 Lucille Ave., Cleveland Hts. 21, Ohio.

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## Corn Borers Are a Threat in 1957

By LELAND G. MERRILL, JR.

*N. J. College of Agriculture and Experiment Station*

*(From New Jersey Agriculture)*

Growers are faced with the highest European corn borer population in many years. Fall surveys of overwintering larvae made co-operatively by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and Rutgers University indicate that corn borers are at a record high.

The average population throughout the state is over twice as high as it was in early 1956 and more than ten times as high as it was in early 1955. These figures may have significance for New Jersey farmers who are growing crops other than the favorite host, corn.

### Tomatoes Attacked

During the 1956 season, white potatoes, beans, beets, peppers, apples and peaches were reported as being attacked. In the central New Jersey area, canhouse tomatoes were extensively attacked in at

*(Continued on next page)*

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#### ROWLAND PATCH HEADED TRIAL GROUNDS 23 YEARS

Professor Rowland Patch followed in the footsteps of George Fraser as Superintendent of the A. D. S. Trial Grounds at Storrs, Conn., in 1923. He served this Society long and well. In this judging group, one of the last to function at Storrs, Prof. Patch is the second from the left. Among the others are: Secy. Edw. Lloyd, Dewey Mohr, the late Otto Aumuller, Warren Maytrott, Dr. Ward Cook and Henry Olsen

#### CORN BORERS A THREAT, Continued

least two fields, causing loss of whole truck loads.

With the outlook for 1957 even more bleak, it is worthwhile to examine some of the factors which affect the population of the European corn borer.

Although complete 1957 results are not yet known, parasitization of European corn borer by its major parasites, *Lydella* and various parasitic wasps, is at a very low ebb. If mortality of the larvae is not high due to disease, natural predators such as birds and other insectivorous animals, the spring of 1957 will bring a very high emergence of moths during the months of May and June. These moths will lay eggs on sweet corn and field corn if available, but some three hundred to four hundred other plants, (including dahlias) are satisfactory hosts for the development of this pest.

Weather at the time of the mating of the moths and egg-laying is an important factor. Cool nights during the moth flight period will cut down on the mating and subsequent egg-laying. First brood larvae

activity will extend through June and July along the north Atlantic coast and in late July the second brood of moths will begin to emerge in southern New Jersey.

The second brood of moths scatters widely and lays eggs on a wide variety of host plants. In addition to corn, susceptible crops at this time are many flowering plants, grown by florists commercially and as a hobby, including Dahlias. Also peppers, tomatoes, late white potatoes, egg plant and other vegetables.

#### D. D. T. is Effective

DDT applications, as recommended in our N. J. Spray Calendar 73 (and on DDT containers) are very effective when made during the hatching period of the eggs. Larvae are quite susceptible to DDT and control on corn and other plants has been very satisfactory with proper applications. The northern area of corn borer abundance corresponds fairly closely to the white potato production area. In Southern New Jersey the area is confined to the truck crop production region.



### Professor Rowland H. Patch

Rowland H. Patch, aged 68, retired Professor of Floriculture at the University of Connecticut died April 2nd at his home at Mansfield Four Corners Road, Conn.

Professor Patch, or "Dan" Patch as he was called by his friends, passed away while he was working on his African Violets in his cellar. But as George Fraser, writes, "Patch's love for the Dahlia and his work with members of the A.D.S. for so many years while he was in charge of the A.D.S. Official Trial Gardens which were conducted there for over 30 years, will never be forgotten. It was truly a labor of love, given ungrudgingly.

"Those of us who had the privilege," continued Mr. Fraser, "of knowing him and working closely with 'Dan' will always be remembered for his pleasant smile and keen sense of humor. His passing will leave a void which will be hard to fill." And George Fraser knew all about Rowland Patch. He was Patch's predecessor in charge of Horticulture at Storrs and was chairman for the A.D.S. of the Trial Ground Committee for many years, thereafter.

Rowland Patch was born in Wenham, Mass. He obtained his B.S. degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1911 and his M.S. degree from Cornell U. in 1916. He went to the U. of Conn. in 1922 and retired from his work there in 1945. He was an overseas veteran of the 1st World War. He leaves his wife, Mrs. R. Helen Patch, also a brother and a sister.

Some of the greatest progress in testing of seedling dahlias occurred at Storrs under the guidance of Prof. Patch, when he was in charge of the Official A.D.S. Trial Gardens. While he was there also, he made possible the testing in a separate planting, the Tooker Test Garden, which was the project of the late E. E. Tooker, to show ideal feeding to obtain maximum size for show blooms.

So, it is quite evident from the above that all of us in the A.D.S. and in fact, all dahlia growers everywhere, owe a considerable debt of gratitude to Professor Rowland Patch. He often spoke at our meetings and he always arranged very interesting Field Day programs with interesting guest Speakers each season at the Trial Gardens. Yes, we will miss Prof. "Dan" Patch. He did a lot for the Dahlia.

Be careful about calling yourself a dahlia expert. After all, an "ex" is a has been, and a "spurt" is a drip under pressure.

### Fileno A. Alleva

Fil Alleva, at one time a Veep of the ADS, suffered a severe heart attack a few days prior to his death at the Bryn Mawr, Penna. Hospital, on February 3, 1957. He was 54 years old, and was the treasurer of the Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society.

Fil was best known in the Dahlia World as the originator of 3 big prize-winning dahlias, namely, "Whiz Kid", "Paoli Local", and "Nibs." He grew all varieties to perfection so he won many awards at shows in the Philadelphia area and also at the ADS shows in New York City.

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

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### Some Things to Think About

It has been a reluctant spring in most parts of the country.

There has been snow in April in many sections, also blizzards in the Central Plains and Mid-South. Yet in some parts of New England and the Mid-West there has been such a dearth of snow during the winter that the streams are low right when they should be filled with "green" water from the melting snow.

What effect this unusual weather will have on dahlia gardens is at this time, unpredictable. But commercial firms, some of them at least, are complaining that orders for new roots and plants are slow. How much of this condition can truly be blamed on the weather, is a question.

Dahlia firms, unfortunately, are generally poor merchandisers. Their volume does not in most cases permit the employment of advertising agencies or advertising managers to help them with selling copy. We think many of them make the mistake in thinking that the big volume of dahlia orders are for the New Introductions. The truth is, the bulk of dahlia orders each year are for the standard varieties, introduced some years back, and proven satisfactory over several seasons and often seen with blue ribbons on them at the shows.

And Dahlia hobbyists are beset like others, with the high cost of living and the current inflation of the dollar. What the majority want is "Bargains," "Collections" and "Specials" which include some recent introductions, reduced in price by natural increase in roots. Many of them want good varieties, but not at the first-year-high-introduction-price.

If this be true, why not, in Bulletin Advertisements and in catalogues, give them some real bargains. The main objective is to keep them growing and showing dahlias. Don't let them become discouraged and label dahlia growing as an expensive hobby, which is only for the well-to-do. Because, really, dahlia growing can be just as reasonable a garden hobby as any other, if a little care is taken in buying the better low cost varieties, giving them proper culture, and storing the roots successfully.

And let's emulate Charles Garrity of San Leandro, and give some of our surplus roots to new growers every year to get them started on this truly fascinating hobby. It has paid him handsomely in the last 35 years in new friendships. (See Charlie's story on another page.)

We again print an A. D. S. membership blank in the back of this issue. We hope that you will show it to your dahlia friends when you lend them this Bulletin, and invite them to join the Society.

Please answer one or more of the advertisements in this issue. You will find some Collections and Special Offers, which, if you will avail yourself of them, will help you to grow some of the recent introductions. All the advertisers in the Bulletin are reliable.

Dr. C. E. Wildon of Michigan State University says: "Never has it been more apparent than now that the Dahlia business needs a lot of research. This is most important in the field of virus diseases as well as those caused by virus pathogens."

"There are certain diseases of the dahlia in Europe that are bound to appear in this country," continued Dr. Wildon. "The practical difficulties in detecting diseases on dahlia roots and the tremendous number of them being imported, not only makes certain that such diseases as Dahlia "gangrene" and leaf spot caused by *Entyloma Dahlia* (Sydow) but also some of the dangerous species of nematodes will be brought in, sooner or later. In spite of the best efforts of dahlia inspectors, we can look forward, unhappily, to this condition as almost a certainty."

He further suggests that the fund which your Editor proposed some time ago, as a Research Fund to pay for the A. D. S. Research Program, be taken very seriously. And that anyone interested in getting this fund operative, should send a check to the Editor. He added, "I especially recommend this project to the attention of commercial growers." He suggested that checks be sent to Lynn B. Dudley, 25 Irving Place, New Rochelle, N. Y. Or if sent to Dr. Wildon, from the mid west, he would forward them. Glad that this project is enlisting the interest of men like Dr. Wildon.

Swan Island Dahlias, Canby, Oregon, have again issued a fine dahlia catalogue in four colors. Besides the two covers of this 8½ by 11 inch booklet in full cover, there are colored illustrations of 31 varieties. There are also colored cuts of Glads, Begonias, and Mums. It is a costly and beautiful catalogue. Dick and Shirley McCarter are to be congratulated.

### New Classification Lists

The Joint Classification Committee of the A.D.S. and the Central States Dahlia Society have, we understand, completed their work on the 1957 edition of the list.

President Preas informs us that the Small Medium, 4 to 6 inch, "B.B." Class will be included in the List. He also tells us that it was sent to the printers on Monday, April 29 by special delivery mail and we may assume that it will be mailed to A. D. S. Members before the end of May.

A dahlia growers neck is something which, if he doesn't stick it out too far by bragging about his dahlias too much, he won't get in trouble up to.

## Associate Editors of the A.D.S. Bulletin

We value highly, and we know our readers welcome, timely articles from the Associate Editors listed below. Write them—ask them any questions—suggest to them any topics, on which you would like them to write articles for this Bulletin. They are experts on various phases of dahlia culture and showmanship.

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

(and, Gosh, is it full, these days)

"The last batch of Bulletins (the November issue), went so fast here, that I hardly saw them. Would it be possible to get a few more copies for our Affiliated Society members?"—Elizabeth C. Geismann, Sec'y, Ohio Valley Dahlia Ass'n, 4238 Hegner Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. We sent some extra copies, although 6 copies are allotted to each Affiliated Society.

We reminded Miss Geismann that any of their members could join the A.D.S. as active members and receive their own personal copy. Dues, \$4.00 per year, or 33 cents per month.

"The article on page 16 of the November Bulletin indicates that some one other than myself has been giving this Holland competition some very serious thought. You may recall that I previously mentioned where, for instance, the variety *Ned Seymour*, priced by its originator, Stanley Johnson for the 1955-56 catalogues at \$15.00 and worth it, was being offered by a large Holland firm at the same time, for \$3.50. Several other instances of this type of price cutting on new introductions were noted."

"Whoever wrote this article and I assume that it was either Connie Frey or Eddie Lloyd, for it sounds as if it could be either one, should be advised that any increase in tariff on dahlia root imports would be almost impossible to obtain. But if they should happen to increase it by even 50%, which is unthinkable, it still would not bother the Hollanders very much. Also you probably know that their currency on an exchange basis, is approximately 3 for 1 so they would have us stopped anyway.

"The writer of this article is entirely right, but he has not gone far enough in suggesting a solution. The writer is also entirely correct about certain society groups purchasing one good division, propagating the heck out of it and dividing the questionable plants up among the members. This has been especially true of one of our largest dahlia societies. The survival of the A.D.S., its fine Bulletin and the few Commercial Growers we have left, are at stake. We, who buy those new originations for \$10.00 or \$15.00 NET, and they are in most cases worth it, should have some protection. But how?—Bruce Collins, Utica, Mich.

This is a very serious matter for the few remaining American commercial dahlia firms. Indeed, it not only for thought

but action; if the American Dahlia introducer is to survive. Probably the simplest thing would be to get an understanding with the European firms whereby we would protect the price on their introductions and they to do likewise, the first year or two of introduction. We understand that there is such an arrangement on bulbs of Tulips, Narcissi and other plant material.—Editor Dudley."

Dr. C. E. Wildon reports in the April issue of "Michigan Dahlia News" that he has received the tentative approval of the A.D.S. Executive Committee and dahlia people in the Chicago area for a three-day educational Dahlia Forum in August, this year. It is proposed that it be held in Kellogg Center, East Lansing. Among other items proposed for the agenda is a judging school. There will be talks on insects, diseases, general culture, classification, judging, research and similar subjects. It is hoped that this can be a real, national get-together. Dr. Wildon would like to hear from any society outside of Michigan regarding participation in the meeting. And all societies are most welcome.

## Correction

"The February Bulletin arrived today and it is a very good issue, with plenty of timely dahlia news.

One correction should be made. On page 13 is listed "Pacific Corvet" with originator listed as (Hulin). This should be listed as Julin as originator. It is the variety of Mr. Charles Julin of the Pacific Dahlia Gardens, 1115 So. Anderson St., Tacoma, Wash. J. E. Hulin, Rt. 3, Box 150, Port Orchard, Wash. Glad to make this correction, Mr. Julin and Mr. Hulin.

## A New Bulletin Advertiser

We welcome a new advertiser in this issue of the Bulletin. It is Kindlein's Flower Farm, 1390 Skokie Highway, So., Lake Forest, Ill. We trust that many of our readers will answer the advertisement and try one or both of the new bicolor dahlias which this firm is offering. Please mention this Bulletin when you order and you will help both Kindlein's and the A.D.S. as well as yourself. Thanks.

Failures are divided into two classes—those who thought they could grow dahlias and never did, and those who did and never thought.



# Nationwide Dahlia Society News

## 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.

**PLEASE KEEP REPORTS BRIEF**

## Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society

In addition to regular meetings of Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society, social meetings are planned for alternate months. This arrangement is proving very satisfactory in that it develops excellent fellowship and interest.

The annual show will be held this year again in Cannon Memorial Gymnasium, Detroit, Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15. — Mrs. Arthur J. Wulff, 15170 Garfield Road, Detroit 39, Mich.

## Hagerstown Dahlia Society

The annual meeting of the Hagerstown Dahlia Society was held and the following officers were elected for 1957: President, Mrs. Oscar R. Moser, 1st Vice-Pres., Arthur Eberly; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Mary Tosten; Secretary, H. K. Ramsburg; Ass't Secretary, Mrs. Wilbur Lewis; Treasurer, Chas W. Zahn. Executive Committee: Chairman, Walter S. Gibney; D. A. Gossard, A. H. Sherman, Mrs. Roy Polsgrove, Mrs. Lester Grove, Roy Polsgrove, M. B. Keener.

The Hagerstown Dahlia Show will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 18 and 19 at the City Market Place. Having been frosted out in the past several years we moved our show dates up one week. We are planning for a bigger and better show. We are looking forward to seeing you there. — H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary, 57 Weyside Ave., Hagerstown, Md.

## Michigan Dahlia Association Conference

Horticulture Hall, East Lansing

Was Held Saturday, April 13th, 1957,

### PROGRAM

- 2:30 P.M. Qualities of Dahlias—Mid-West Trial Grounds Judging—ADS Sweepstakes—Specimen Bloom Judging at Shows—Dr. C. E. Wildon, Michigan State University.
- 3:30 P.M. Business Meeting of the MDA—Amendments to Constitution—1957 Show Committee Report—MDA News News Bulletin—Auction May 4th, 1957.
- 4:30 P.M. Judging Dahlias as to Types—Work of Revising the ADS—CSDS Classification of Dahlias—and Related Problems—Panel of Trial Grounds Judges.
- 5:30 P.M. Dinner—Cafeteria Style—MSU Union Cafeteria.
- 8:00 P.M. Machinery Set-up at Show Time for Handling Unclassified Dahlias—Training Classifications Committeemen—MDA List of Unclassified Dahlias.—Panel of Trial Grounds Judges.
- 7:30 P.M. Color Descriptions—Classifications—and Related Problems.—Dr. C. E. Wildon, Michigan State University.
- 8:20 P.M. Surprise Feature.
- 8:30 P.M. Adjournment to Saturday, May 4th, 1957—Auction.

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## NATIONWIDE DAHLIA SOCIETY NEWS

**San Leandro Dahlia Society**

Officers elected and installed at our December meeting were: H. A. Sibell, President; R. E. Sanford, Vice President; Elinor Bolesworth, Secretary; and Troy Cloinger, Cor. Sec'y for A.D.S. Branch reports.

We have spent a lot of time on our new show schedule, adding classes for the Small Medium BB size and some arrangement classes which will depict our 25th Anniversary. More about these classes in the August Bulletin.

The society held our annual root sale April 14th. This was to raise money for our \$100.00 pledge to the Oakland Park Department towards the cost of the new exposition building near the Official A.D.S. Trial Garden in Lakeside Park. Those of you who have visited the Trial Gardens know what a great asset this new building will be to the garden. Every Dahlia and Garden Club in Oakland and surrounding communities are helping toward the erection of this much needed Garden Headquarters Building. All know how fortunate all of us are that we have such a fine place for the flower displays and such fine cooperation from the Park Department.

The highlight of our April meeting was the presentation by R. E. Harter of the A.D.S. Gold Medal to Charles Garrity, the dean of dahlia growers of the Bay Area. It was presented for his meritorious efforts in creating, growing and showing better dahlias and the resolution by the executive committee of the American Dahlia Society, as read by Mr. Harter shows that the fame of Charles Garrity and his devotion to the cause of better dahlia culture has gone beyond the Pacific Coast area.

He is still, at 84 years, growing and showing dahlias. We saw him win a trophy at our 1956 show. Who can make a better claim to the dahlia Hall of Fame?

Will our eastern friends make note that our show dates are August 24 and 25, and it will be held in Brancroft Jr. High School. This is just across the street from the Memorial Building where we have showed for the past few years. Our regular monthly meetings will also be held in the Bancroft High each first Tuesday at 8 p. m. If any easterners are in town, please drop in. You are always welcome. We did so enjoy having Editor Dudley and Warren Maytrott visit us and hope that they will come our way again soon. — Troy Cloinger, 4644 Dolores Ave., Oakland 2, Calif.

**Long Island Dahlia Society**

Preparations for our Thirteenth Annual Dahlia Show at The Plattduetsche Park Hall, Franklin Square, N. Y., on Saturday, September 21st are well under way. Mr. Bertram Pitt is in the throes of whipping up a show schedule that may well contain three hundred classes this year. Mr. Robert Pape, our show chairman, with a highly successful show to his credit in 1956 has declared his intention of stepping up the tempo with the ultimate aim of a better show this fall. Mr. Pape has recruited a staff of assistants with plenty of know-how and a flair for showmanship—they are as follows: Miss Inez McGill as chairman of the arrangement classes and The Little Lady knows her arrangements. Mr. Emil Berzau will be in charge of securing and assigning the judges and clerks. Mr. Joseph Mugno will handle the publicity. Mrs. Margaret Holslag has the task of balancing our budget as ticket chairman. The always interesting and ever pleasant Mr. George Yaeger will be behind the microphone as master of ceremonies.

Mr. Martin Guttler has assumed the chairmanship of the trial grounds committee at the Farmingdale Trial Grounds for 1957. We lack the superlatives and space to fully describe the outstanding job Martin performed at Farmingdale last season and look forward to an encore of equal effort and effect by the Maestro for another year.

After reading the article by President Preas on page five of the February issue of the Bulletin, relative to the Forty-third Annual Show of the A.D.S. Newark Airport, we can't resist the temptation to jump on the bandwagon and urge others with a sincere interest in the dahlia to do likewise.

It is not our purpose to add to or distract from what the Doctor has written, his subject matter covers in detail all that is necessary to know at this stage.

Our primary wish is for an exceptionally good show and to attain this end, we feel the average back yard dahlia grower can turn the trick with a little extra effort. The amateur growers put on a tremendous display in proportion to their numbers and consequently reap greater benefits. In most instances doing more than their share in adding to the success of a show. At this point we pledge to plant a few more hills of dahlias and promise to be at Newark Airport for the show, this much we feel we owe to the A.D.S. as an active member. HOW ABOUT YOU? — C. D. Francis, Sec'y, 51 Willis Ave., Syosset, N. Y.

## Alabama Dahlia News

**BUZZ — BUZZ** — yes, that's the busy signal and it is the only kind you will get these days down here in Alabama. Now it doesn't mean that only talking is going on though there's plenty of that too, but every one is busy working and planning for the great days, October 5th and 6th when the Southern States Dahlia Show is here in Birmingham. This is the last of the regional shows and it has been planned for these dates so as to not conflict with any other.

We have set as our goal, the largest and best Southern States Show, yet. Gardens have been carefully planned, varieties selected so that you will find on the show tables, not only the ones you've loved for a long time and always look for but the new ones that add interest and zest. Now as we don't know just what these new ones will be but there's been a lot of secrets in the air and we can only guess for they are not "a tellin'." Whatever they are, they will be good because quality and variety are what we are striving for.

In addition, great plans for entertainment have been made. There will be several get-togethers, all informal, filled with good fellowship and fun. The Judge's Luncheon will be at "The Club," atop Red Mountain, overlooking the city. You will not forget the view from there or the food either. A dinner under the stars will be out at "The Rikes," this will be a time not only to eat but to talk and mingle with friends from here and there. An old time, Southern Barbecue will be at the "Pate Farm." Jake Pate is Southern States President this year and he's right in the midst of all this planning. There will be other things to see and do and all of us will try to make you have a good time. We hope you will plan to come to our city October 5th and 6th, we really want you. — Maude Goodwin, Reporter, 2612 Avenue S, Fairview Sta., Birmingham, Ala.

## National Capital Dahlia Society

September 28 and 29, 1957, are the dates of the 22nd Annual Dahlia Show of the National Capital Dahlia Society. As usual, it will be held at U. S. Botanic Gardens, located at the foot of Capitol Hill in Washington, D. C. All dahlia lovers, especially those who have never witnessed this spectacle, are cordially invited. — Carl A. Greimel, Publicity, 6369 Ridge Dr., Washington, D. C.

## Indianapolis Dahlia Society

Indianapolis Dahlia Society held the February meeting at the Brookside Community House, Tuesday evening, February 12, 1957. It was a memorable meeting in that a new constitution for the society was adopted. The members felt that the former constitution was outmoded, was inadequate and needed revising so a committee was appointed, with Mr. Lawrence Daly as chairman. They have given us one which we feel should enable the Society to make much progress. A number of copies were ordered printed so one may be obtained by writing to our Secretary, Mrs. B. A. James. It may help you in the formation of a new society or in revising your present constitution.

The second thing accomplished at this meeting, was the election of officers for 1957. Mr. Basil Fischer was elected President, First Vice President, Mr. R. Price, Second Vice President, Mr. Sam Sweeney, Third Vice President, Mrs. R. H. Ayres, Secretary, Mrs. B. A. James, Treasurer, Mrs. L. W. Gleckner and Propagator, Mr. Walter Safell.

We are planning "big doings" and hope for much progress in the Society this year. Most of our plans, of course, are centered in our annual "Dahlia Show and Fall Flower Festival" to be held September 14 and 15. The show of the Indianapolis Society is becoming famous for the high quality of blooms exhibited and the generosity of their awards. — Mrs. Hilda James, 4121 E. Washington St., Indianapolis 1, Ind.

## Dahlia Society of Ohio, Inc.

The Dahlia Society of Ohio started the year 1957 with a banquet dinner and installation of officers at Keifer's Restaurant.

The officers installed for the year 1957 were: President, Howard F. Skorepa; Vice Presidents, Charles Lasch, and Charles Schaefer; Recording Secretary, Henry Graham; Treasurer, Joseph Mark; and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jerry Kovar.

The 1957 Show Dates for the Dahlia Society of Ohio Annual Show will be on Monday and Tuesday, September 16 and 17. The Show will be held in the Auditorium of the Higbee Company, Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. The Auditorium provides a very beautiful setting for a Dahlia Show. The Show Chairman will be Jerry Kovar. — Eugene A. Woznicki, A.D.S. Corresponding Secretary, 65 Leyton Ave., Bedford, Ohio.

## NATIONWIDE DAHLIA SOCIETY NEWS

### Orange County Dahlia Society

Host To Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference

The Annual Show of the Orange County Dahlia Society, Inc., will be held August 24-25, 1957, at the Huntington Beach Memorial Hall, Huntington Beach, California. This is also designated as the official Show of the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference, and we invite entries from the entire area.

The Orange County Dahlia Society, Inc., was host to the Southern California Dahlia Conference, February 16-17 at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California. About seventy dahlia growers from all over Southern California met for an enjoyable round of activities for the two days.

The main item of business was an amendment to the Constitution, changing the name of the organization to the Pacific Southwest Dahlia Conference. This expansion was deemed desirable in order to bring all the Dahlia Societies in the area into closer friendship and cooperation. — Lawrence O. Archibald, Corresponding Secretary, Orange County Dahlia Society, Inc.

### Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

The tenth (10th) Annual Dahlia Show will again be held in the spacious lobby of WCAU Radio and Television Center, City Line and Monument Avenues, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under the guidance of our show superintendent, Mr. Fred Moore. The show dates are Saturday, September 21, 1957 and Sunday, September 22, 1957.

As usual, our show schedule will include classes for every dahlia. The prize list includes cash, trophies, American Home Achievement Medal, A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards, and first class ribbons.

You all are invited to exhibit at this show. The show program may be obtained by contacting our secretary, Mr. Curtis A. Goodwin, 923 Nicholson Road, Wynnwood, Pennsylvania.

It is very easy to get to this show. Motoring? Pennsylvania Turnpike then the Expressway to Philadelphia (City Line). Convenience?—sure. Extra large parking lot right at the door. Help—yes, our show committee will assist you.

Plan to bring your best blooms to Philadelphia or your visit will please us. The City of Brotherly Love welcomes you.—Stanley Johnson, A.D.S. Representative, Cheltenham, Pa.

### Baltimore Dahlia Society

With Spring in the air our members are busier than ever plotting their gardens and planning for a bigger and better show than ever. Enthusiasm is running high and from a check at the March meeting we find everyone planning larger plantings which means more blooms. President Sherwood announced some of his committees: Show Manager, Chas. Fordney; Chairman Hardy Garden, Mrs. Robt. Edmondston; Judges Chairman, Chas M. Diffenderfer; Advertising, Mrs. Edna Fordney with this list to be enlarged at the April meeting. The show will be held Saturday and Sunday—September 21st and 22nd in the Turner Armory, Hillen Road and Argonne Drive, Baltimore, Md. Our Society will offer the usual cash prizes as well as some very excellent silver trophies and an invitation is extended to all growers to accept our invitation to show in Baltimore. — Henry O. Aburn, Sec'y, 610 West Pratt St., Baltimore, Md.

### Suburban Dahlia Society of Maryland

The Suburban Dahlia Society at Pikesville, Md., has selected and elected the following officers and committees for the year 1957:

President — Robert F. Edmonston, 4209 Lowell Dr., Balto. 8, Md.; 1st Vice Pres. — Henry A. Brown, 12120 Old Gunpowder Rd., Beltsville, Md.; 2nd Vice Pres. — Henry Franz, Cherry Hill Rd., Rt. 2, Reisterstown, Md.; Secretary — Mary Miller, 7600 E. Seven Mile Lane, Balto. 8, Md.; Treasurer — Kitty Brown, 12120 Old Gunpowder Rd., Beltsville, Md. Board of Governors: Mr. Fred d'Eustachio, 10 Silver Sruce Lane, Kingsville, Md.; Mrs. Elsie Cole, Parkton, Md.; Mr. Harry Quick, 5614 Winsdor Mill Rd., Balto. 7, Md.; Mr. Geo. Mumma, Brooklandsville, Md. Delegate to American Dahlia Society, Mr. Conrad Brieger. Delegates to Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Conference: Mr. Conrad Brieger, Mr. Harry Quick, Mrs. Elsie Brach. 1st Vice Pres. of the Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Conference, Robert F. Edmonston. Date of 1957 Show, September 14-15. Location, Fellowship Hall, Sudbrook Methodist Church, Pikesville, Md.

Last year we put a BB Section in our program and it was well received, so this year we are adding a section for Miniature Ball Dahlias, as many of our members are going to raise them. This was a weak class and we hope to build it up this year. —Conrad N. Brieger, 612 Cedarcroft Rd., Baltimore 12, Md.



### North Jersey Dahlia Society

The North Jersey Dahlia Society has set the dates September 7 and 8 for its eighth annual flower show to be held this year in a new location — the Preakness Branch of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Paterson, N. J. This is located in the shopping center on Hamburg Turnpike in Preakness, N. J. Admission is free, and there will be prizes for both members and non-members as well as a special trophy to be awarded to a sweepstakes winner in the non-member class.

For the first time this Society will have a medal to exchange with other societies. Any societies who are interested may obtain information from Mrs. Everett Church, 1480 Alps Road, Paterson 2, N. J.

At this writing, plans are being completed for the annual card party to be held at the River Terrace Restaurant, 6-18 Maple Avenue, Fair Lawn, N. J., on April 26. — Mrs. Lewis Culp, 163 Grant St., Dover, N. J.

### Washington State Dahlia Society

#### Host to Pacific No. West Dahlia Conference

The Washington State Dahlia Society will be host to the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference at our 47th Annual Dahlia Show, this will be the 3rd Annual Conference show.

The show will be held at Normana Hall, 1502 South K Street, Tacoma, Washington, September 7 and 8, 1957. Show chairmen will be Jack Meneghel, Don Jefferson, and Jack Kindberg of Tacoma. We hope to have entries from the entire Northwest, in both Commercial and amateur divisions. — Mrs. Charles Ayler, Cor. Sec'y, 1121 So. 58th St., Tacoma, Wash.

### The Seattle Dahlia Society

This one was organized in November and is reported going strong with plans for a fall exhibition on August 31 and Sept. 1. They have about 25 members and more signing at every meeting. The interesting thing is that almost every one of their members is a willing worker. They are all excited about their coming show. —Reported by Tony De Rooy.

Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to give them a few dahlia roots, to do it.

### The Badger State Dahlia Society

The Badger State Dahlia Society held its annual election of officers in November of 1956 at which time H. I. Peterson was selected as President; Otto Sell, First Vice-President; Charles L. Fluke, Second Vice-President; Lewis W. Amborn, Secretary; and Everett R. Loder, Treasurer.

Standing committee chairman were appointed by President Peterson as follows: Lewis W. Amborn, show chairman; P. W. MacKenzie, Jr., publicity chairman; Walter B. Senty, program chairman; and George R. Currie, membership chairman.

The Badger State Dahlia Society show will be held on the Labor Day week-end, September 1st and 2nd, 1957, at the Community Center in Madison, Wisconsin. — P. W. MacKenzie, Jr., Publicity Chairman, 509 So. Spooner St., Madison, Wis.

### Burholme Horticultural Society

Our 1957 Show will again be held in the downtown section of Philadelphia, in one of the leading department stores—Snellenburgs, 12th & Market Streets, Phila., Pa. The dates are Sept. 4 to 7. Thousands of people see this show which is held on the first floor. The dahlia blooms are displayed on the backs of the merchandise counters.

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A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to exhibit and see this big Dahlia Show. Schedules can be obtained from the Show Secretary, Mr. William T. Blair, 7323 Whitaker Ave., Phila., 11, Pa., Chic Hausemann, Publicity, Church Rd., Phila., 11, Pa.

### Williamsburg Dahlia Society

Our officers for 1957 follow: President, Mr. S. E. Treake; First Vice-Pres., Mrs. R. Lacy Fraser; Second Vice-Pres., Mrs. John Price; Secretary, Mr. Donald A. Samson; Treasurer, Miss Bess E. Dennis.

The Jamestown Festival has taken so much enthusiasm and effort in this area for 1957, that we have decided not to hold a dahlia show this year.

Our 1956 Show was the largest and most successful ever put on in this area. We worked under terrific strain and very short-handed and a very small percentage of the growers were from Williamsburg—Mrs. C. C. Lankford Publicity Chairman, 104 Adams St., Williamsburg, Va.

## NATIONWIDE DAHLIA SOCIETY NEWS

**Dahlia Society of Georgia**

The dates of the Dahlia Society of Georgia will be October 11 and 12 at the Southeastern Fair. The Southeastern Fair will hold ten days of Horticulture shows at the State Fair: October 3 and 4, African Violets; for the 5 and 6, Georgia Rose Society; the 7 and 8, Men's Garden Clubs; on the 9 and 10, Georgia Parakeet Society; and on 11 and 12, Dahlia Society of Georgia.

The officers of the Georgia Dahlia Society are as follows: R. O. Cason, President; R. O. Glauzier, 1st Vice-President; L. L. Holloway, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. M. A. Snee, Secretary; M. A. Snee, Treasurer; Miss May Hudson, Corresponding Secretary. — Conrad E. Faust, 3532 Piedmont Rd., Atlanta, Ga.

**Inglewood Dahlia Society**

The Inglewood Dahlia Society announces its 1957 show for August 17th and 18th, at the Inglewood High School, Inglewood. A cordial invitation is extended all visitors to Los Angeles at that time to see our show. Our Society sends greetings and will much appreciate the

publication of this announcement in your good publication. — Louise (Mrs. F. C.) McKelvey, Cor. Sec'y, 962 Franklin St., Santa Monica, Calif.

**New Dahlia Societies****Grand Valley Dahlia Society**

From the Michigan Dahlia News: "In January, the first official meeting of the Grand Valley (Mich.) Dahlia Society took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Wisneski. This meeting was preceded by two organizational meetings. Plans for the coming year included a project for an exhibition garden of modern varieties in John Ball Park, Grand Rapids and Society exhibits of Dahlias in as many of the flower shows and County Fairs as is possible.—Harold J. Wisneski, President.

**Southern Oregon Dahlia Society**

A new Dahlia Society was organized in Coos Bay, Oregon in January. They have held two meetings and got off to a swell start. More about this society later. — Tony De Rooy, Box 493, Monroe, Washington.

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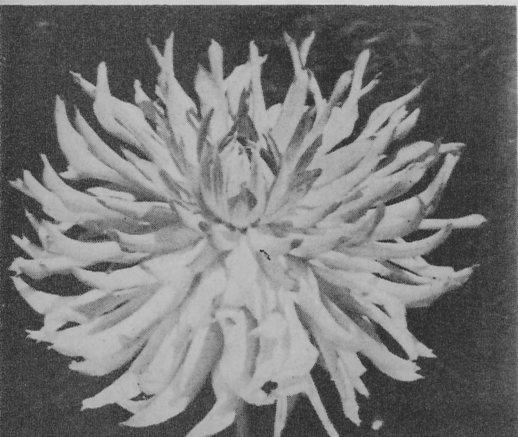
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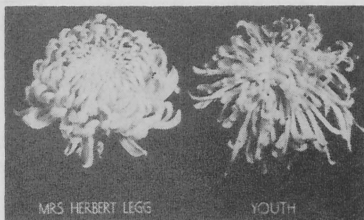
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