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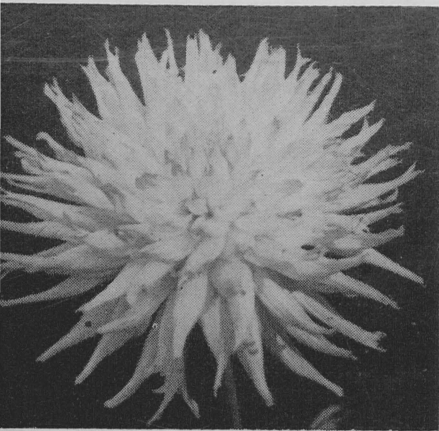


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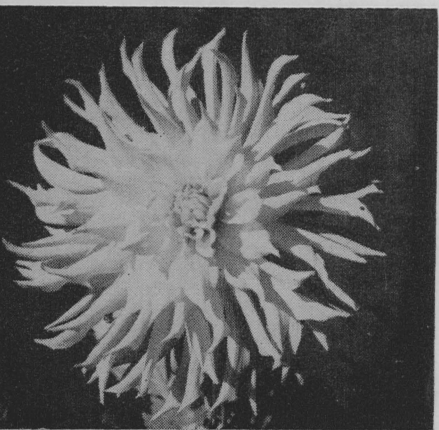
Dr. C. E. Wildon in the dahlia border, A.D.S. Trial Garden, East Lansing, Mich. The garden was in good shape when this photo was taken by the editor on Sept. 8th, 1958. There were 76 varieties on trial, of which 18 were awarded A.D.S. Certificates, each scoring 85 points or over. 29 varieties scored between 80 and 85 points. All of these 47 new dahlias will be automatically registered in the A.D.S. Nomenclature List.

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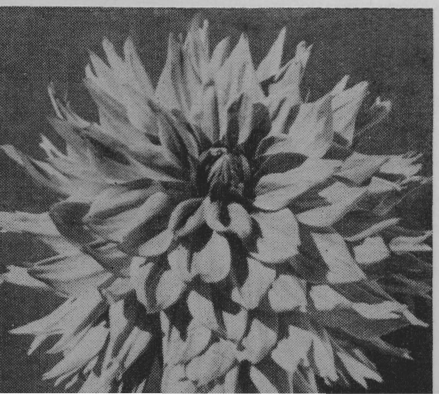
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CECIL M. — "A"-S.C.



BERKEY — "A"-I.C.



CECIL M. (Minor). In 1956, at Richmond won the American Dahlia Society bronze medal, as well as Virginia Dahlia Society Certificate of Merit as the best 1 year old seedling. In 1957 won as the best S.C. at Hagerstown Show. Won as best seedling of those that were less than 2 years old at Washington and Richmond. Won as best S.C. in amateur and open to all at Philadelphia Show.

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1958 A.D.S. Trial Garden Report

By Bart Pitt, Chairman Trial Garden Committee

Reports are in from all five official A.D.S. Trial Gardens, as well as the three new, and as yet unofficial gardens. A report on these latter three appears elsewhere in this issue. The gardens did quite well, especially in varieties in the medium size range. The big fellows did not fare quite so well. No large variety scored in three Trial Gardens, and so there can be no award of the Derrill Hart Medal in this size class. Originators should remember that provided the variety is not offered for sale, it is still eligible to win the Medal next year if it is sent to other Trial Gardens and receives a good score. No award was made in the "BB" size class for the same reason.

In the medium, and small flowering classes, the varieties listed below received the highest average score from three Trial Gardens, and are therefore the winners of the Derrill Hart Memorial Medal in their size classes:

Medium	Nita	Average score: 85.60
Small Flowering	Beatrice	Average score: 85.46

To the winners of the Derrill Hart awards and of the Certificates of Merit we offer our congratulations. To the others we can say only "better luck next time."

Class "A" Dahlias

Berky, "A", I.C., Light Blend. A free blooming incurved cactus on tall, healthy plants from 6 to 8 ft. in height. Blooms are 9½ to 11 inches in diameter with a depth of 4½ to 6 inches, and are carried half facing to erect on stems 6 to 13 inches long. Flowers are Lemon Yellow at the center, overcast Mallow Pink on the outer petals.

Originator: Jerry Kovar, Phalanx Station, Ohio. Introducer: Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, 38 Vincent St., Rockville Centre, N. Y. Scores: East Lansing — 85, Farmingdale — 85.1.

Debbie Myers, "A", S.C., Autumn, Light Autumn colored blooms measuring from 6 x 3¼ to 9 x 5½, held mostly facing on thick, straight to curved stems 8½ to 15 inches long. Healthy erect branching plants 5½ ft. tall. Floriferousness excellent.

Originator: Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Crotty, Sr., 109 Wickham Ave., Princeton, W. Va. Score: East Lansing — 85.

Fiesta, "A", I.D., Autumn. Color is a blend of *Egyptian Buff* and *Indian Lake*. Blooms measure 10 x 5 to 11 x 6½, held mostly facing on strong, thick stems, 5 to 12 inches long. Habit vigorous, bushy, ascending branches. Healthy plants, 6 ft.

Originator and Introducer: Comstock Dahlia Gardens, 5140 35th St., San Diego 16, Calif. Score: East Lansing — 85.4, Cincinnati, 85.

Laura Rees, "A", I.D., Purple. Informal decorative blooms, 10 x 6 on 10 inch stems. (One garden reports blooms up to 12 inches.) Color is *Garnet Lake*. Plants are 4 ft. tall.

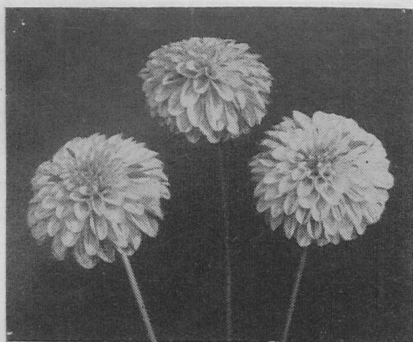
Originator and Introducer: Rees' Dahlia Gardens, Tilton, Ill. Score: Atlanta — 85, Cincinnati — 85.5.

Cherokee Chief, "A", I.D., Purple.



NITA

"B"-St.C. Variegated. Originated by Paul Hale of Brighton, Ill. Indian Lake spots on Cyclamen Purple Base. Sport of *Juanita*, which is a solid Cyclamen color, Won 22 A.H.A. Medals in 1958, Won Derrill Hart A.D.S. "B"-size Gold Medal 1958, and the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Gold Medal for "B"-size in 1957. Has broken all records for total wins. Photo: Dudley.



BEATRICE

This little $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch Variegated Miniature, originated by Henry Olsen, Elmont, N. Y., has won many awards this season. Scored in 4 A.D.S. Trial Gardens, average score, 85.46, thereby winning the Derrill Hart Medal for "M" size. It also won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Gold Medal for Mins. Photo: Maytrott.

Atlanta reports this one as I.D. and color as red. East Lansing reports F.D. and color as deep *Mallow Rose* to darker. Blooms from $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5$ to $10\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{3}{4}$ are held half facing on thick, strong, straight stems, 7 to 11 inches long. Habit tall, erect branching. Plants 4 to 5 ft. in height. Floriferousness very good.

Originator: W. D. Ricks, Atlanta, Ga. Entered by: Dahliadel, Vineland, N. J. Scores: East Lansing, Atlanta — 85.

Miss June Hicks, "A", S.C., White. White semi-cactus blooms facing on plants 5 ft. tall. Bloom size: 9×5 . Growth open and good stems.

Originator and Introducer: Bottoms Dahlia Gardens, 12733 Sussex, Detroit, Mich. Score: Cincinnati — 85.

(Note — *Esther Blanche*, "A" F.D. White was reported as scoring an A.D.S. Certificate, Score 85, at Oakland in 1958. But it had already received a Certificate there in 1956. Because a variety, according to the A.D.S. Trial Garden Rules, cannot be Certified twice in the same T.G., the score was deleted from the above report. It will be introduced in 1958 by Rocky River Gardens.)

Class "B" Dahlias

Autumn Charm, "B", F.D., Autumn. Formal decorative flowers in a light autumn shade. Blooms measure 7×4 to $8\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ inches and are held half facing to erect on 5 to 12 inch stems, strong, thick, straight to slightly curved. Wide branching plants from 5 to 6 ft. in height.

Originator: Norman La Motte, Hope-

ville, Ga. Introducer: Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Columbia Station, Ohio. Score: East Lansing — 85, Cincinnati — 85.

Butch, "B" or "BB", I.D., Yellow. A Lemon Yellow in the informal decorative class, this one is reported as a "B" dahlia from Atlanta where it measured $7\frac{1}{2} \times 4$ on 7 inch stems. East Lansing reports it as a "BB" measuring up to $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ and stems as $5\frac{3}{4}$ to 10 inches, with flowers facing. Plant height 4 ft., habit erect branching, health and floriferousness excellent. Long blooming.

Originator: J. A. Eddins, 2803 Hilliard Road, Richmond, Va.; Scores: Atlanta — 85, East Lansing — 85.

Clariam Tempo. Reports on this one do not quite agree. Atlanta and East Lansing report it as a "B" Dahlia, Farmingdale as an "A". Atlanta reports it as Orange, East Lansing as Scarlet, and Farmingdale as Brick Red. Atlanta reports bloom size as $7\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$, on stems 7 to 8 inches long. Plant height as 4 ft. East Lansing reports size as $7\frac{3}{4} \times 4$ to $8\frac{3}{4} \times 5$. Medium strong to slightly bowed stems 8 to 12 inches long carrying the blooms facing to half facing. Plant height 7 ft. Floriferousness excellent. At Farmingdale plants grew to a height of 4 to 5 ft. In other respects, same as East Lansing.

Originator: William Wolbert, 2109 Sunset Ave., Springfield, Ohio. Introducer: Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Columbia Station, Ohio. Scores: Atlanta — 85.4, East Lansing — 85, Farmingdale — 85.

Dottie D. Ball, Dark Blend. Base color is white with a purple suffusion deepening toward the petal tips. Nearest color match would be violet. Ball type flowers measuring 6×4 are held half facing on strong stems of suitable length. Good substance, long blooming period.

Originator: A. G. Chamberlayne, Laurel, Va. Introducer: Rocky River. Score: Farmingdale — 85.5; Cincinnati — 85.

Fascination, "B", I.C., Purple. Reported as a purple with blooms measuring 8×4 on 8 inch stems. Plant height 5 ft.

Originator: Dr. L. F. Jordan, 368 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Score: Atlanta — 85.

High Standard, "B", I.C., Pink. Grenadine Pink Incurved cactus blooms measuring 8×4 on 4 ft. plants.

Originator and Introducer: Fa. D. Bruidegom, Baarn, Holland. Score: Oakland — 85.

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Koo Rin, "B", St.C., Light Blend. Facing flowers on strong stems, 10 to 12 inches in length. Center petals are Empire Yellow, with the outer petals Light Chrome Yellow. Size was not reported, but diameter is close to 8 inches, with depth about 3 inches. Substance very good. Plant height 3½ ft.

Entered by Albert Parrella, 3380 Ely Ave., New York 69, N. Y. Score: Farmingdale — 85.

Rosemary J., "B", S.C., Purple. Various reported as Cyclamen Purple, Deep Rose, and Lavender, this semi-cactus grows to a diameter of 8¾ inches, but generally smaller to place it definitely in the "B" class. Depth is reported as up to 5¼ inches. Stems are thick, straight to slightly curved, 6½ to 10 inches long. Habit erect, branching. Plant height 5 to 7 ft.

Originator: Jerry Kovar, Phalanx Station, Ohio. Introducer: Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, 38 Vincent St., Rockville Centre, N. Y. Scores: Atlanta — 85.2, East Lansing — 85, Farmingdale — 85.

Michigan Blaze, "A", I.D., Flame. Fire Red with Light Mimosa Yellow at the very tips of the petals, this is the typical flame colored dahlia. Unusually brilliant informal decorative blooms measuring 8 x 4 on 3½ ft. plants.

Originator: Benjamin W. Hertel, 1200 Gladstone S. E. Grand Rapids, Mich. Score: Oakland — 85, Cincinnati — 85.1.

Minnehaha, "B", S.C., Pink. Mallow Pink semi-cactus blooms measuring from 7 to 8½ inches, with a depth of from 4 to 6 inches. Stems 8 to 12 inches, thin, wiry, straight to curved. Flowers half facing to erect. Health good, floriferousness excellent. Habit erect branching. Plant height 5 to 6 ft.

Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Columbia Station, Ohio; Score: East Lansing — 85, Cincinnati — 85.4.

Mr. H. T., "B", I.C., Purple. Light Pansy Purple blooms measuring 8 x 4½ on 3½ ft. plants. Flowers mostly facing on strong stems about 8 inches in length.

Originator: Harry Anderson, Bowie, Md. Scores: Atlanta — 85, Oakland — 85, Cincinnati — 85.

Mrs. F. McKay, "B", F.D., Red. Color is Spectrum Red to lighter. Blooms 6 to 7½ inches in diameter with a depth of 3½ to 5 inches. Stems 9 to 20 inches, thick, bowed, carrying the blooms half facing to erect. Tall, healthy erect branching plants 6 ft. in height. Prolific bloomer.

Originator: George Tuinstra. Introducer: Oakleigh Gardens, Grand Rapids 4, Mich. Score: East Lansing — 85.



PINK WINDLASSIE

B.I.D. Pink, Light Carmine Rose. Originated by H. E. Harter of Alamo, Cal. In charge of the Pacific Coast A.D.S. Trial Garden. Scored 85 points at Farmingdale T. G. 1958. Photo: Dudley.

Newlywed, "B", I.C., Yellow. While this variety may be grown somewhat larger than the 8 x 4 reported, it is essentially a "B" dahlia. Light Primrose Yellow incurved cactus blooms on 8 inch stems. Early and profuse. 5 ft. plants.

Originator: H. L. Whittaker, 2600 Lyndon Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn. Score: Atlanta — 85.3.

Nita, "B", St.C., Variegated. A sport of Juanita, it is identical except for color. The base color is Cyclamen Purple, with the markings the same color as Juanita (Indian Lake). Later in the season the base color will be lighter, and the markings more apparent. Plant height 3½ ft. Flowers half facing on good strong stems.

Originator: Paul Hale, Box 206, Brighton, Ill. Introducer: Summit Gardens, Box 567, Glen Ellyn, Ill. Scores: Atlanta — 85.6, Farmingdale — 85.2, Oakland — 86.

O'David, "B", S.C., White. A seedling of *Florence Chadwick*, this white semi-cactus displays the same lavender tint at the petal tips. As the blooms mature, this tint disappears leaving an all white flower. At the end of the season, the lavender will be apparent on mature blooms. 7½ x 4 inch flowers are held facing to half facing on strong 7 inch stems. Plant height 4 ft.

Originator: O. D. Niswonger, Poplar Bluff, Mo.. Score: Atlanta — 85, Cincinnati — 85.

Pape's Yellow, "B", I.C., Yellow. Lemon Yellow lacinated incurved cactus

flowers up to 8 inches in diameter, and 5½ inches in depth. East Lansing reports blooms half facing to erect. At Farmingdale they grew mostly full facing. Stems 5 to 12 inches long, thin, but strong. Habit thickly branching, branches ascending. Plant height 5½ ft. at East Lansing, 3½ to 4 ft. at Farmingdale.

Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Columbia Station, Ohio. Score: East Lansing — 85, Farmingdale — 85, Cincinnati — 85.

Peggie's Pink, "B", S.C., Light Blend. Amaranth Rose shading to almost white at the tips. Blooms are 7½ x 3½ and are held almost facing on slender but strong stems. Plants about 3½ ft. tall.

Originator and Introducer: Nels Johnson Dahlia Fields, Rt. 1, Sumas, Wash.; Score: Oakland — 85.

Pink Windlassie, "B", I.D., Pink. Color is Light Carmine Rose. Form is informal decorative, but close to the formal line. Blooms measure 7 x 4, and are held at a slight angle. Foliage, stem, plant height, and general habit of growth closely resemble *Jersey's Beauty*.

Originator and Introducer: R. E. Harter, 2760 Danville Highway, Alamo, Calif. Score: Farmingdale — 85.

Shirley, "B", I.C. Incurved cactus (Atlanta reports straight cactus) blooms with yellow at the base of the petals shading to deep pink or red at the tips. Reports differ slightly in the actual shades, the base color being reported as Light Mimosa Yellow, and as Sulphur yellow, while the color toward the petal tips is reported as China Rose, Mallow Rose, and Spirea Red. Largest size reported 9 x 5½, smallest 6 x 4. Stems 7 to 12 inches, stiff and straight. Plant heights reported 4½-6 ft.

Originator and Introducer: James E. Rafferty, 195 Broadmoor Blvd., San Leandro, Calif. Introducer in the East, Dahliadel. Scores: Atlanta — 85.4, East Lansing — 85.1, Farmingdale — 85.2, Oakland — 85.

Violet Queen, "B", S.C., Purple. Semi cactus blooms of Orchid Purple measuring 7 x 4 and held mostly half facing on good stems. Free flowering on 4½ ft. plants.

Originator and Introducer: J. G. Ballego & Sons, Leiden, Holland; Score: Oakland — 85.

Bernie, "B", S.C., Flame. A semi cactus with Lemon Yellow at the base of the petals which are lightly overcast Spectrum Red toward the petal tips. Blooms measure 5¾ to 6½ x 3½, and are held mostly half facing on straight to

slightly bowed stems 6½ x 7½ inches in length. Health very good, habit bushy branching.

Originator: Nat C. Lundgren, 123 Wood St., Santa Cruz, Calif.; Introducer: Dahliadel, Vineland, N. J.; Score: East Lansing — 85.

Polly Berger, "B", F.D. Pink. Mallow Pink slightly tipped light yellow. Diameter of blooms 6-10 inches, depth 3¼-5 inches. Stems 6-12 inches, strong, erect. Health of plants excellent, habit vigorous, bushy. Plant height 4-5 ft. Floriferousness excellent.

Originator and Introducer: Dahliadel, Vineland, N. J., Score: East Lansing — 85.

Red Sails, "B", S.C., Flame. Color pattern similar to the Lundgren variety described above. (Color pattern of both somewhat similar to Kelvin Sunrise.) Light Mimosa Yellow irregularly overcast Rose or Spectrum Red toward the tips. Blooms up to 8 x 5¼ on stems 4 to 9 inches long, thick and strong. Flowers half facing to almost erect. Health of plants good, habit bushy, branching. Plant height 3½ to 5 ft.

Originator and Introducer: Dahliadel, Vineland, N. J., Scores: East Lansing — 85.1; Oakland — 85.

Lois Lundgren, "B", F.D. Purple. A good deep velvety purple which does not tend to fade. Blooms 7 x 4 on 8 inch stems. Plant height 4½ ft.

Originator: Nat C. Lundgren, 123 Wood St., Santa Cruz, Calif.; Introducer: Rocky River.; Score: Atlanta — 85.2.

Rev. James Marshall, "B", F.D., Purple. Formal decorative blooms up to 7 x 4½ held partly facing on strong stems of adequate length. Color is reported as Peony Purple from Farmingdale, and as Indian Lake from Oakland. Plant height 4½ to 5 ft.

Originator: Harold M. King, 29 Monroe Ave., Little Silver, N. J.; Scores: Farmingdale — 85.1; Oakland — 85.

Class "BB" Dahlias

Beauty of Baarn, "BB", St.C., Yellow. Empire yellow flowers, uniform and very profuse. Size 6 x 3½ on 3½ ft. plants.

Originator and Introducer: Fa. D. Bruidegom, Baarn, Holland; Score: Oakland — 85.

Eleanor Bolesworth, "BB", F.D., Sulphur Yellow flushing Spectrum Red. Diameter of blooms 3 to 6 inches, dept ¾ to 4 inches. Stems 7 to 10 inches, strong straight. Bloom position mostly erect.

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A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Report '58

There were an even forty Participating and Allied Societies which participated in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes the past year. Up to October 20th, reports were received from 37 of these. But not all of the societies reporting made awards. In a few instances the varieties exhibited, in the opinion of the judges, scored less than the required average of 85 points on the Official A.D.S. Score Card, which are always used to evaluate the seedlings entered.

After completing the computations of the scoring, and there were many to check, we have determined that following varieties are the winners of the American Dahlia Society Gold Medals for 1958. (To win a gold medal, a variety must score the highest average points, over 85, in at least three shows in one season.)

A.D.S. SWEEPSTAKES GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

"A" Size Class — *Fascination*, Light Blend of Camilia Rose and White, Straight Cactus, size 9½ by 4½ inches, originated by Dr. L. E. Jordan, of Wilkes Barre, Pa. Scored at Southern Tier—Utica, A.D.S., Newark and Greater Philadelphia.

"B" Size Class — *Applause*, Dark Red, Formal Dec., size 8 by 4 inches. Originator, Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa. Scored at Chattanooga, Ohio Valley and Greater Philadelphia.

"BB" Size Class — No Award.

"M" Size Class — *Beatrice*, Variegated, Tyrian Purple (Lavender, with Persian Rose dots and stripes. Miniature Formal Dec., size 3½ by 2 inches. Originator, Henry Olsen, Elmont, N. Y. Scored at A.D.S., Newark, Long Island and Suburban, Pikesville, Md.

Nita, because it won the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Gold Medal for the highest scoring "B" Size Variety in 1957, was not eligible in 1958. But it did score exceedingly well in many shows where it was shown for the first time this year, from the written reports forwarded to us. And we can report that competition was very keen, more so, in fact, than in any year since these awards were inaugurated in 1948.

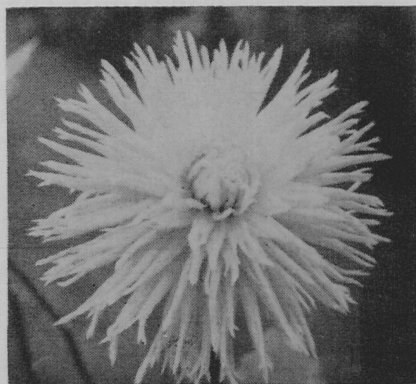
There were two runners-up in the "A" Size. One was *Go American* an Autumn, Semi-Cactus, originated by Stanley John-

son, size 12 by 7 inches. Score 85.7. Exhibited at Suburban, National Capital and

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FASCINATION

"A"—St. Cac. Light Blend of Camilia Rose and White. Originated by Dr. L. E. Jordan, of Wilkes Barre, Pa. Won the "A"-size Class A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes. Will be introduced in 1960. Photo: Dudley.



Seedling Sweepstakes Report

(Cont'd)

Chattanooga. The other "A" Size was *Cecil M.* It is an S. Cac Light blend of Fusine Pink and lighter Rose Pink, originated by Forest Minor of Gaithersburg, Md., Size 10 by 5½ inches. Average score, 85.51. Exhibited at Long Island, Suburban and National Capital.

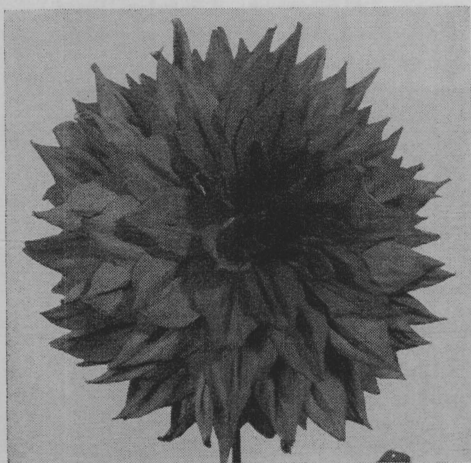
In the "B" Size, the runners-up were: *Rosemary J.* a Semi-Cac, Rhodamine Purple, lined Fuchsia Purple, with ends of petals serrated, size 8 by 6 inches. Originated by Jerry Kovar, Phalanx Station, Ohio. Average score, 85.65. And *Kimberly Jewel*, a Dark Blend of Solferino Purple overlaid on white, originated by N. E. Southerland, of Kimberly, South Africa. Average score, 85.43.

This report does not include those varieties which scored only at one show. Yet besides those reported above there were at least five varieties with scores 85 or over. In the "B" Size there were at least six varieties with scores of 85 or better, in the "BB" Size, there were three varieties that scored 85 or better at one show. In the M. Miniature Class, there were 8 varieties that scored 85 or better in only one show.

We trust that originators in the future

APPLAUSE

Won A.D.S. Gold Medal in Sweepstakes, 1958. "B" F.D. Dark Red. Originated by Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa. Scored highest average of points for "B" size at Chattanooga, Ohio Valley and Greater Philadelphia shows in 1958. Photo, Johnson.



will arrange to exhibit in not less than three shows in order to be eligible to win one of the Gold Medals.

It is a pleasure to report that in most cases splendid cooperation was received. It is quite evident that the interest is growing tremendously in this particular class at the shows throughout the country.

Surplus A.D.S. score sheets and ribbons should be retained by the Show managements for next year. Invitations will be forwarded in March 1959 to all Dahlia Societies connected with us. — Andrew J. Mulcahy, Chairman, A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards.

Another Travelogue of Winners On To Chattanooga

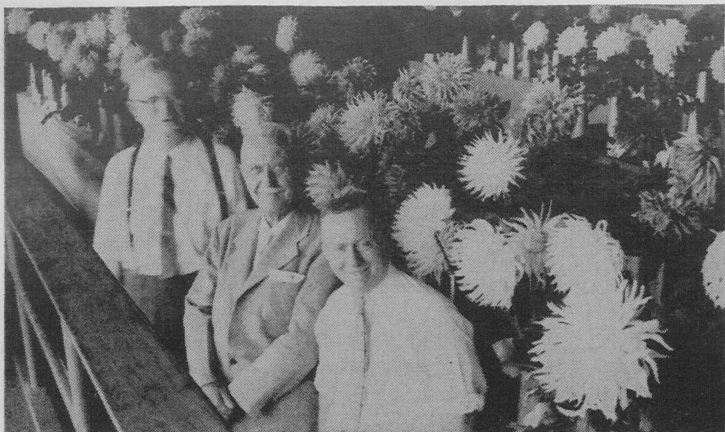
#512 — A.D.S. Score 85.6 — named *Go American*. Also won the American Home Achievement Medal.

#606 — A.D.S. Score 85.4 — named *Applause*.

Four blooms of #512 Seedling and three bloom of #606 Seedling were cut about 6:00 A.M., Friday morning, September 26th at Pennypack, Pa. The blooms were on the green side, about ¾ open. Left Cheltenham, Pa., at 8:30 A.M. Placed each variety in five gallon containers in about 8" depth of water. Wire clips supported stalks to side of containers and tape tied to stems near each bloom were used to prevent blooms from shifting. At Winchester, Va., the largest bloom of *Go American* snapped off.

Stopped at a motel in Kingsford, Tenn., Friday evening at 10:00 P.M. for a night's rest and sleep. Placed a little more than a quart of ice cubes in each container. The next morning at 6:00 A.M. my Chevy station wagon was on the move and arrived at Hotel Patten, Chattanooga, Tenn., shortly before noon. Total travel time about twenty-seven hours, mileage around eight hundred miles. Friday, September 26th was a real hot one and in many towns of Virginia the official temperature reached 95°. No shading used on any of the car windows. You could see each bloom developing or growing larger.

When the six blooms were removed from the containers at Chattanooga the black petals were badly wilting. Cut each stalk under ice cold water and in about twenty minutes you could see the wilted petals getting fresher. Within an hour the blooms were "show perfect". At the close of the show Sunday night, September 28th, Mr. Clarence R. Kallquist, President of Southern States Dahlia Association, reports—"Blooms looked fair even on Sunday night." — Stanley Johnson.



METROPOLITAN SHOW VIEWERS

Scene at the Newark Airport, Sunday, Sept. 13th, in Section "D," Open to All. From rear to front: Arthur W. Mason of Arlington, Va., Judge; Roy W. Webb of Scranton, Pa., Judge; and John Metzger of Irvington, N. J., Co-Chairman of the Show. There were seven Sections like this one. Photo: Dudley.

The 1958 Metropolitan Show Seen By Twenty Thousand

In that statement there is a new measure of success in holding fall flower exhibitions in the Eastern Atlantic region. The show was held under the auspices of the American Dahlia Society, the New Jersey Dahlia Society and the Irvington, N. J., Garden Club, with the co-operation of the Port of New York Authority.

For the second year the scene of the show was the Newark Airport and there were many more blooms and entries than the year previous. This was undoubtedly due to the season, which was more nearly normal from standpoint of rainfall during May, June and July. The several past years had really been drought years.

But the show was a real success from the standpoint of visitors. In all too many of the 44 years that the A.D.S. has been holding these fall exhibitions, the show has been staged in a hotel ballroom where mostly only the members and exhibitors saw it. The general public was not exposed to the great masses of color and the many types and sizes of the dahlia, as it has been developed in the last two decades. Many other shows across the nation, like the former A.D.S. shows, are tucked away in school rooms and hotel rooms, and with but little publicity and no advertising, and, in most instances, the public does not come to see the dahlias.

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This year, with the show staged on the Observation Deck of the Airport, the thousands of people who came to see friends away on planes or to welcome them on arrival, were exposed to the beauty and colorful panorama of the well filled dahlia classes totaling over 600. The one drawback to the Deck as a place to show the blooms is that the viewers can not see the whole show at a glance. Each one of seven bays were well filled with exhibits, but a visitor could only see one of the bays at a time.

At any rate, thousands of visitors to the Airport, estimated at 8,000 on Saturday and at 12,000 on Sunday, saw this 1958 show. This estimate was probably low, in fact, but Ed. Lloyd, Show Manager and his able assistant John Metzger, made this estimate based on the count of people through the turnstile at the bottom of the stairs which were the only approach to the Deck. And here it should be stated that the post at the entrance was guarded through the two days by Mrs. John Metzger, only spelled at meal time by Mrs. Harry Frank. Mrs. Metzger helped society members to enter the show without paying the dime which the Airport visitors paid. This was a very important and tedious task, cheerfully performed by a gracious lady.

This exhibition, like all similar shows, was the success that it was because a few members worked overtime plus. Edw. B. Lloyd and John Metzger began setting up for the show on Thursday and stayed right on the job through Sunday. Other show committee members assisted them in set-up and take-down.

The revised Program-Schedule with its simplified Class numbers and three-color cover was the personal achievement of President Preas. The size was $4\frac{1}{2}$ by $8\frac{1}{4}$, one to fit the coat pocket. The cover showed a map of the northeastern eight-state area, with the principal cities from which came the exhibits. On the back cover a four inch and an eight inch rule was printed for absent minded judges who had left their measures home.

1958 Special and Sweepstake Winners

SECTION A. — Novice. Here there were some 30 new exhibitors, with really excellent entries. Varieties represented a cross section of new and old, large and small, from *Mary Elizabeth* to *Snow White* — from *Uchuu* to *Honey*. Sweepstakes went to A. Nydeger of Summit, N. J., with a total of 21 points. His winners included *Golden Standard*, *Mary*

Elizabeth and *Tidal Wave*. A Special added award in this class (A1 to A11) was the Medal of the East Liverpool Dahlia Society to Harry Brinkman, of Dumont, N. J., for *Golden Heart*.

SECTION B. — Amateur. There were many outstanding exhibits here made by growers who are supposed to be neophytes in dahlia culture. But the variety and quality of blooms shown would lead any viewer to believe that many of the exhibitors have been growing dahlias for a lifetime. But the class calls for exhibitors who have never received two grand sweepstakes in the section. Peter Birgy of Irvington has one leg up on this, for he won the Sweepstakes with a total of 30 points. His winners included *Brown Bomber*, *Mary Elizabeth*, and *Surprise*.

SECTION C. — Open to All. This class, as it has been developed over the years in this big Metropolitan Show, is no place for the timid or weak-kneed growers. The number of exhibitors could be counted on the fingers of half a dozen of the judges, but they are the experienced exhibitors. They came from Long Island, North and South New Jersey, Eastern Pa., Mid-West N. Y. as well as the local areas. The "C" and its small flowered and basket and arrangement class, "D", were so well filled that they occupied three sections, or Bays, of the Observation Deck. Competition was keen and the exhibitors were in greater number than in the past several years. Quality of bloom was also better than usual. The result was a mass of color and types that were truly amazing.

It took 196 points to win the Grand Sweepstakes in this Open-to-All Section. The award, The Margaret Gordon Memorial Trophy, went to Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Knocke, of Readington, N. J. Second honors went to Dr. L. E. Jordan, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., with 181 points. Harry Frank of Far Hills, N. J. was third with 148 points. Specials in Class "C" were won by the following exhibitors and varieties:

C1 to C14, Dr. Fred Knocke, with *Nita*; C15 to C28, (S.C.) to Harry Frank, with *Heimatland*; C29 to C42, (I.D.) to Gamston Gardens with *Windlassie*; C43 to C56 (F.D.), to Gamston Gardens with *Duet*; C57 to C60 (All Types), to Harry Allyn, which award was the Medal of the Central States Dahlia Society, with Seedling 76 — HWA 56; C61 to C65, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer with *Grand Dutchess Adelaid*; C66 to C70, to the Dreyers with *Mollie Lou*; C71 to C84, to



ANOTHER SECTION "D," POMS, MINS. AND BASKETS

This view shows a portion of the exhibits in Open to All with Pom Pons, Miniatures and some of the many fine basket displays. Some 20,000 visitors saw these exhibits. Photo: Dudley.

Harry Frank, with a pink seedling; C85 to C98, to Edward J. O'Keefe, with *Mary Elizabeth*; C99 to C112, to the Dryers, with *Autumn Blaze*; C113 to C126, to R. W. Rowley, with *Five Star General*; C127 to C130, to Harry Frank, with *Five Star General*; C131 to 134, to Gamston Gardens with *Uchuu*.

Sweepstakes C1 to C70, to Harry Frank; Sweepstakes C71 to C134, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Knocke; Sweepstakes C135 to C138, to Mr. and Mrs. Dryer, with *Grace*; Sweepstakes C139 to C140, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knocke, with *Art Linkletter*.

SECTION D. — Open to All, Small Flowered: In this class Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bardell, of Woodcliff, N. J., won the Tri-color with variety, *Mrs. Watt*. They also won Sweepstakes Classes D1 to D34. Sweepstakes D34 to D48A, to Harry Frank; Special D55 to D63, to Mr. and Mrs. Dryer, who also won Sweepstakes D55 to D63. Grand sweepstakes D1 to D63, with its \$25.00 cash award, to Harry Frank.

SECTION D. — Bowl, Baskets and Arrangements. Edward O'Keefe, Jr., won the spectacular A 12 to 15 bloom class with a basket of mixed var. There were, unfortunately, no awards in the Conrad Frey Medal nor in the Ray Smith Medal Classes. In the E 4, the Earnest Tooker Memorial Class, Edward O'Keefe, Jr., won for Mrs. M. Newbury, with a large basket of 12-inch *Mary Elizabeth*. In the new All American Class E 5 Award, offered by Vice-President Bert Pitt, Gam-

ston Gardens won with *Caldwell's Show Window*. They also won E 5, with *Renee*; in Class E 5, Mr. and Mrs. Dryer won with *Lawrence Welk*; in E 6, E. R. Phillips won with Seedling 57-30, the award for which was the Amateur Gardening Magazine Trophy, (London, England). In Class E 7, the most outstanding non-commercial entry, was won by Gamston Gardens with 3 fine blooms of *Windlassie*.

In SECTION F. — F5, calling for 12 blooms, miniature or Poms, shipped by air, two awards went to B. S. Chambers of Portland, Oregon. He not only sent 12 blooms but some 30. The variety was *Dainty Lady*, a pink St. Cac. They were in such good condition on arrival that two containers were filled. The exhibit was so outstanding that it received the regular \$10.00 cash award, and was also awarded the Medal of the Englewood, (Calif.) Dahlia Society.

SECTION G. — Seedlings. The American Home Achievement Award was won by George Brunjes, of Elmira, N. Y., with Paul Hale's *Nita*, a Variegated Purple St. Cac. (which at last report had won 22 A.H.A. Medals). In G14, Stanley Johnson, of Cheltenham, Pa., won with a Min. Cac. seedling (S56). G15 went to Keck-Stephens Gardens, Ferndale, Pa., with Min. F.D. Seedlings (R.F. 55). G23 won by Henry Olsen with Min. F.D. Pur. Var Seedling, *Beatrice* (which we learn also won the A.D.S. Trial Garden Derrill Hart Medal for 1958). The A.D.S. Silver

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Trophy for Miniatures went to Conrad Frey, of Nutley, N. J., for a neat little S.C. Min., *Small Frey*. A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes were won by *Nita*, *Beatrice*, *Small Frey* and also by *Fascination*; B.I.C. Purple, originated by Dr. L. E. Jordan, also *Berky*, an A.I.C. Light Blend, originated by Jerry Kovar; Phalanx Station, Ohio, shown by Ruschmohr Gardens.

The Mrs. Walter Bardell Trophy, G26, won by J. Musso with *Juanita*. The John Metzger Trophy, G27, was won by Harry Frank with the Pom *Alderman Purdue*. The Walter Bardell Trophy, A Size, Old Variety, won by Gamston Gardens with *Maffie*.

In the Artistic Arrangement Classes, under the able direction of Mrs. D. Meyer, Bergenfield, N. J., and Mrs. C. V. Smith, Far Hills, five classes were in competition. "Autumn Glory" and "Woodland Fantasy" were won by Mrs. Martin Guttler, of Huntington, L. I.; "Harvest Abundance", won by Mrs. Harry Dreyer, of Ridgewood, N. J.; "Fall Splendor", won by Mrs. Fred Bremer, of Nanuet, N. Y.; and "Frosty" won by Mrs. John K. Lantz, of Basking Ridge, N. J.

The judging was efficiently and expertly accomplished by a large group of Judges from ten eastern and mid-west states. It was, as usual, under the able direction of Conrad Frey. Andrew Mulcahy was in charge of judges books and Charles Stoeckel, marshalled the clerks for judges.

Two Blue Ribbon awards were made to two commercial displays, those of Parrella Dahlia Gardens, Bronx, N. Y., and Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Rockville Centre, L. I.

So, the 44th A.D.S., the 36th New Jersey Dahlia Society and the 30th Irvington, N. J., Garden Club 1958 Exhibition became history. And, with its passing, over 20,000 people are richer for having observed its thousands of beautiful dahlias. It became an advertisement of dahlias to this vast throng, some of whom will probably grow them for the first time next season. And this should be more and more the objective of every dahlia show everywhere — to get more people to take up dahlia culture — and join a dahlia society.

These Helped to Make Show Possible

The A.D.S. does not attempt to pay

the cost of its fall exhibitions out of the dues and advertising income from the Bulletin. Because it is felt that shows are more or less local in character, its members, or at least those who benefit from the show, are asked to contribute towards the show expense. And they do quite generously every year.

The following are the donors, contributors and advertisers in the Show Schedule, for the 1958 Metropolitan Exhibition at the Newark Airport:

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Officers and the show committee wish to express their appreciation to these members and advertisers who helped to make the 1958 show self sustaining. — Edward B. Lloyd, Secretary and Show Chairman.



THE NORTH CENTRAL TRIAL GARDENS

Guests at the Mid-West Dahlia Show, Minneapolis, with members of the Minnesota Dahlia Society first visited this new (Unofficial) Trial Garden on Saturday, Aug. 30th, in the rain. Photo and cut courtesy President T. C. Solem.

They Rolled Out The Red Carpet In Minneapolis

Delegates from thirteen of the fifteen Member Societies of the Mid-West Dahlia Conference, and visitors from some 12 states received warm welcome last August 31st and September 1st, at Minneapolis.

This year was the Centennial Anniversary of the Admittance of Minnesota to Statehood, and each visitor on arrival received an "Honored Guest Greeting" signed by W. L. Madden, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee; Governor Orville L. Freeman, and T. C. Solem, President of the Minnesota Dahlia Society.

Saturday, the 31st, was a rainy day. But mere torrents did not stop or even slow the bus trip to 17 gardens in the Twin Cities. Every garden had been preened and made beautiful for the visitors. None of the blooms had been cut to exhibit, and we saw many potential prize winners. Many were covered to keep sun and water off. There were several cloth houses, and in other gardens partial shade had been erected of cloth, wire cloth and plastic. The rain did not keep the visitors from getting out of the bus to trip through the dahlias.

But some one goofed by not telling the weather man about the junket. While in the bus, between gardens, there were usually no showers, but as we piled out at each stop, down came the water. Some missed a few gardens because of the moisture, but not Aunt Sarah Wood, of Southport, Conn. With plastic rain hat, Turkey Red sweater, and "rubbers," she never missed a garden and but few blooms.

(The writer had no raincoat, and he did.)

The first stop was the new North Central Dahlia Trial Garden in the Agricultural Department of the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. There were 18 seedlings on trial and we later learned, (see Trial Garden Report, this issue) that none of them were awarded Certificates.

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We took Kodachrome slides of some of the gardens enroute, and, even in the rain they turned out quite well. At noon we stopped at the Southdale Shopping Center and were served an excellent lunch at the Donaldson Store "Minnesota Room." The whole trip took over eight hours. One reason was waits at nearly every garden for Arthur Wulff, of Detroit. Perhaps his pen for writing down names of varieties would not "skip write" in the rain.

The lady visitors were given a separate tour, starting later, from the headquarters at the Leamington Hotel. They met the "early birds" at the Shopping Center for lunch. We were told they visited some of the 21 lakes within the city limits, and one rose garden. Why the rose garden, we never learned.

After the tour, came visiting among the delegates. And how dahlia people can "visit." Next day, Sunday, we were taken by bus to the show at the grounds of the Minnesota State Fair. The judges received their instructions from C. H. Rose, and they began their task about noon. The show was staged in one of the "pie" sections of the octagon Agricultural Hall. The show was well filled with blooms of excellent quality and, as there were plenty of judges, it only took about an hour to finish. Long before the job was done, however, there was a mass of visitors at the two entrances held back by two long chains and several doormen. We rushed to the office, after finishing with seedling class, to get our camera to record some of the blooms for posterity, and as we were going back in, on the authority of our judges' badge, A.D.S. President Bruce Preas was just trying to get out under or over the log chain (he didn't seem to care which). He looked at some of the 12,000 people waiting to get in (there were 178,000 visitors, official count, on the grounds) and the good Doctor whimsically told the crowd, "Take your time, friends, only one free flower to a person." With that the chains broke and we were caught in the backwash, and never did get back in to see the show, or take pictures.

At 5 p.m. the Conference business meeting took place, and is reported by Secretary Louise Kleinjohn on another page. At 7 p.m. the Conference banquet started in the Hall of States at the Leamington. It was an excellent roast beef dinner. The Invocation was given by William C. Thorne, Vice-President and Show Chairman. President T. Solem, The efficient and genial President of the Minnesota Society, presided. Awards of special show

prizes and introductions of many of the guests followed: Several fine vocal offerings were rendered by Jan Marlowe, formerly of the "Movies" and a dahlia grower of some note, "Professor" Merrill gave a nonsensical musical skit which was full of guffaws, really funny, too. Music during dinner was rendered by a five man orchestra, led by Walter Solem, son of President Solem.

The speaker of the evening was the writer. He told about a recent discovery in plant exploration, plus his own deductions, to account for the 200 odd years (between 1541 and 1789) in which dahlias were not grown in Europe. King Philip II's physician, Francisco Hernandez was looking for food sources, not beautiful flowers. The Aztecs grew the "Accotli" roots both for food, and blooms. Hernandez thought he had discovered a wonderful food supply, but the Spaniards thought them too bitter, threw them out in the alley, and returned to eating millet. Then in 1789, Vincente Cervantes in Mexico City sent more roots to Abbe Cavanilles in Madrid. Cavanilles grew them, liked the blooms, named several resulting colors as Species, and dahlias started on their way to world popularity. He most highly complimented President T. C. Solem and the Minnesota Dahlia Society for their wonderful hospitality, (the speaker occupied the Governor's Suite in the Leamington) and made a few further feeble attempts to interest the over 200 guests, then said thank you and good night. (J. Louis Roberts of Chicago had been asleep for the last 10 minutes.)

And so ended a wonderful sojourn into the "Land of Sky Blue Waters" and among a group of very fine dahlia people. Lynn B. Dudley.

Metropolitan Show Dates - 1959

The A.D.S., in cooperation with the Dahlia Society of N. J. and the Irvington, N. J., Garden Club will return to mid-week dates for its 1959 show. These dates have been designated as Tuesday and Wednesday, September 15 and 16. As there are but four Saturdays in Sept. 1959, and other nearby shows which A.D.S. and the New Jersey Society members wish to attend will take place on these weekends, it was decided again show in mid-week. Although not yet definitely decided, the place will probably again be the Newark Air-Port. All things being equal, it is hoped that other societies in this area, at least, will respect these dates. To that end, they have been chosen early.



THE MID-WEST BANQUET AT LEAMINGTON HOTEL, MINNEAPOLIS

Some 250 dahlia people from a dozen states gathered here on Aug. 31st, 1958. President T. C. Solem of the Minneapolis Dahlia Club presided. Awards won at the show at the State Fair Grounds were made. Excellent music was rendered by orchestra directed by Walter Solem, son of the president. The speaker of the evening was Editor Lynn B. Dudley of New Rochelle, N. Y. Photo: Schwang.

Report on the Midwest Dahlia Show

By T. C. Solem, President

On August 31 and September 1, 1958, the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul were without a doubt the Dahlia Capital of the World! These were the two days when the Mid-West Dahlia Conference celebrated its 25th Annual or Silver Anniversary Show. On Saturday, August 31, guests were entertained with a tour which started with a visit to the Unofficial Trial Garden located on the Farm Campus of the University of Minnesota. The rest of the day was spent visiting gardens of Minnesota Dahlia Society members, with a stopover for luncheon at Donaldson's Minnesota Room in the fabulous Southdale Shopping Center.

The show Sunday and Monday in the Horticultural Building on the Minnesota State Fair Grounds was acclaimed by the visitors as one of the best they had visited. Due credit must be given to Show Chairman Vice President Bill Thorne and all of the committees who participated in making it the huge success it was. The following were Sweepstakes winners in the various sections:

Section A, Novice, Dannie Gustafson; Section B, Amateur, "A" Blooms, Ronald Gustafson; Section C, Amateur, "B" Blooms, Ronald Gustafson; Section D, Advanced Amateur, "A" Blooms, Harry Gustafson; Section E, "B" Blooms, Harry Gustafson; Section F, Open to All, "A"

Blooms, C. H. Rose; Section G, "B" Blooms, Summit Gardens (G. L. Pierce); Section H, Amateur, Small Flowering, Ernest Anderson; Section I, Advanced Amateur, Small Flowering, Wm. Thorne; Section J, Small Flowering, Wm. Thorne; Section K, G. L. Pierce.

Principal Awards

Grand Champion Bloom, *Surprise*, Harry Gustafson; Champion "A" Bloom, *Surprise*, Harry Gustafson; Champion "B" Bloom, *Florence Chadwick*, Wm. Thorne; Champion Miniature, *Belle*, Arthur Ronning; Champion Pompon, *Light Ball*, Ernest Anderson; Mid-West Dahlia Conference Trophy, *Ida J.*, Harry Gustafson; Grand Champion Arrangement, Mrs. Wm. Thorne; A.D.S. Sweepstakes Certificate, *Nita*, Paul Hale originator, Glen Pierce grower; *Kimberly Jewel*, Glen Pierce grower; American Home Achievement Medal, *Nita*, Paul Hale originator.

This report would not be complete without giving due credit to the many beautiful Arrangements and also to the four gorgeous commercial displays set up by our local growers. Spotlight of the show was on the beautiful Court of Honor, which consisted of the best entries in each color classification of Pompons, Miniatures, "B" Size and "A" Size Dahlias. The winners and their entries were as follows:

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Section S, "A" Size, Red, *Mary Elizabeth*, O. A. Paulsen; Yellow, *Art Linkletter*, Wm. Holmberg; Dark Red, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, Tideman Jensen; White, *Silver Wedding*, Harry Gustafson; Purple, *Clarian Royalty*, C. H. Rose; Variegated, *Pfarrer Rojek*, Harry Gustafson; Autumn, *Croyden Masterpiece*, Harry Gustafson; Pink, *Surprise*, Harry Gustafson; Light Blend, *Arab Queen*, Wm. Holmberg; Lavender, *Lavender Perfection*, Harry Gustafson; Orange, *Prairie Fire*, C. H. Rose; Dark Blend, *Autumn Blaze*, T. C. Solem; Bi-Color, *Preas Pride*, Carl Nelson; Flame, *Leander*, Harry Gustafson. Best "A" Bloom in Show, *Surprise*, Harry Gustafson.

Section R, "B" Size: Red, *Rodeo*, G. L. Pierce; Yellow, *Maureen Connelly*, Mrs. Harry Grotheer; Dark Red, *Juanita*, G. L. Pierce; White, *Florence Chadwick*, Wm. Thorne; Purple, *Orfeo*, Ronald Gustafson; Variegated, *Nita*, G. L. Pierce; Autumn, *Golden Autumn*, Harry Gustafson; Pink, *Fortune*, Harry Gustafson; Light Blend, *Val St. Lambert*, Harry Gustafson; Lavender, *Doge*, Ronald Gustafson; Orange, *Priscilla*, Ronald Gustafson; Dark Blend, *Judy G.*, Harry Gustafson; Flame, *Golden Heart*, G. L. Pierce; Bi-Color, *Piquant*, G. L. Pierce. Best "B" Bloom in Show, *Florence Chadwick*, Wm. Thorne.

Section Q, Miniatures: Red, *Ruby Charm*, Wm. Thorne; Yellow, *Belle*, Arthur Ronning; Dark Red, *Maroon Gem*, Ernest Anderson; White, *White Morning*, Ernest Anderson; Purple, *Loembarth Violet*, Ernest Anderson; Autumn, *Newby*, Floyd Burkhardt; Pink, *Little Jay*, David Roufs; Light Blend, *Christina Valerchi*, Ernest Anderson; Lavender, *Ming*, Arthur Ronning; Orange, *Cinnamon Gem*, Ernest Anderson; Dark Blend, *Ginny Johnston*, Ernest Anderson; Flame, *Decoy*, Ernest Anderson; Bi-Color or Variegated, *Catherine*, Ernest Anderson; Best Entry in Section Q, *Bette*, Arthur Ronning.

Section P, Pompons: Red, *Tiny Tot*, Wm. Thorne; Yellow, *Light Ball*, Ernest Anderson; Dark Red, *Tom Tom*, Ernest Anderson; White, *Mrs. Telfer*, Arthur Ronning; Purple, *Alderman Perdue*, Dr. Jameston; Autumn, *Zam Gold*, T. C. Solem; Pink, *Betty Ann*, Welcome Sunding; Light Blend, *Rosey*, T. C. Solem; Lavender, *Margaret Williams*, Ernest Anderson; Orange, *Fanny*, Ernest Anderson; Dark Blend, *Golf Ball*, Wm. Thorne; Flame, *Edith Bueller*, Ernest Anderson;

Bi-Color or Variegated, *Eileen*, Arthur Ronning. Best Entry in Section P, *Light Ball*, Ernest Anderson.

These events were climaxed by a most outstanding banquet and program in the Leamington Hotel "Hall of States" with more than two hundred in attendance representing states from coast to coast. Speaker for the evening was Lynn B. Dudley, and his subject was "Dahlias and Dahlia People."

To each visitor we say thank you for coming, and please come back soon. — T. C. Solem, President.

Midwest Dahlia Conference

The 25th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Dahlia Conference was held at Hotel Leamington Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 31, 1958, at 5:30 P.M., with President Mr. T. C. Solem presiding. The meeting was called to order and the roll call of delegates was the first order of business.

American Dahlia Society: Mrs. Sarah Wood, Lynn B. Dudley, J. Louis Roberts, Walter Hardesty, Chas. H. Dffenferder and Dr. Bruce Preas. Central States Dahlia Society: H. L. Cummings, Glen L. Pierce, Larry Pelc, Bernard E. Wright and Mrs. Henry Grotheer. Badger State Dahlia Society: Max Freudenberg. Dahlia Society of Kentucky: W. F. Kleijohn, Dahlia Society of Ohio: E. J. Wind. Dahlia Society of Toledo: no delegate. Dahlia Society of Wisconsin: Herman Degner, Edw. Wisniewski. East Liverpool Dahlia Society: no delegate. Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society: Chas. Weidemann, L. C. Bennett. Greater Kansas City Dahlia Society: no delegate. Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society: Wm. Koenig. Indianapolis Dahlia Society: no delegate. Michigan Dahlia Association: Mrs. A. J. Wulff. Mid America Dahlia Society: Dr. Edw. C. Drace, K. K. Williams, P. J. McDonald. Minnesota Dahlia Society: Gerald H. Harriman, Chester Anderson. Ohio Valley Dahlia Association: no delegate. Tri-City Dahlia Society: Robert Anderson, Meth Walters.

Minutes of the 1957 meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri, were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance of \$184.11 as of August 31, 1957. A motion was made by J. Louis Roberts of the American Dahlia Society and seconded by Wm. Koenig of the Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society that the report be accepted as read. Mo-

tion carried. A motion was made by W. F. Kleinjohn of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky and seconded by E. J. Wind of the Dahlia Society of Ohio that the \$25.00 be paid to the Host Society for the Midwest Dahlia Trophy. Motion carried.

Correspondence: The Secretary read a letter from the Dahlia Society of Kentucky issuing a Bid for the 1960 Midwest Dahlia Conference and Show to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. The dates would be September 17-18, 1960, with the Kentucky Hotel as hotel headquarters, and the Show would also be held at the Kentucky Hotel.

A motion was made by Robert Anderson of Tri-City Dahlia Society and seconded by Gerald H. Harriman of the Minnesota Dahlia Society that the Bid be tabled until the 1959 meeting. Motion carried.

Bid for 1959 Midwest Dahlia Conference Meeting and Show

Mr. Wm. Koenig of the Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society stated that their Bid for 1959 still held good. A motion was made by E. J. Wind and seconded by W. F. Kleinjohn that the Bid of the Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society be accepted. Motion carried. Mr. Koenig stated that the dates would be September 12-13, 1959, and Hotel headquarters would be the Penn Sheraton.

A motion was made by Robert Anderson and seconded by Dr. Bruce Preas of the American Dahlia Society that the Secretary be allowed \$75.00 for her expense to the Midwest Dahlia Conference meeting. Motion carried. Max Freudenberg of the Badger State Dahlia Society offered a verbal Bid to hold the 1960 Midwest Dahlia Conference meeting and Show in Madison, Wisconsin, and stated that it will be confirmed by letter. A motion was made by W. F. Kleinjohn and seconded by Herman Degner of the Wisconsin Dahlia Society that the Bid be tabled until the 1959 meeting. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: President: A motion was made by Harold Cummings of the Central States Dahlia Society and seconded by Dr. Bruce Preas that the President elect of the Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society for 1959 be elected President of the Conference for 1959. Motion carried. Secretary-Treasurer: A motion was made by Dr. Bruce Preas and seconded by Bernard E. Wright of the Central States Dahlia Society that Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn be reelected Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference for 1959.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by W. F. Kleinjohn and seconded by J. Louis Roberts that a vote of thanks be given the Host Society for their wonderful hospitality as it was enjoyed by all. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M. — Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary, Midwest Dahlia Conference.

A Dahlia man who thinks he is smarter than his wife has a smart wife.

Registration of Dahlias

As reported on many occasions in these columns, the A.D.S. maintains a continuing list of Dahlias which are on register with the Nomenclature Committee, headed by Dr. Charles Connors, Chairman. Any dahlia may be registered by furnishing name and description of same, plus a fee of \$1.00 to Dr. Connors, address, 115 North 6th Ave., Highland Park, N. J.

In the May 1957, issue of this Bulletin was published the "Revised Code of Nomenclature of the American Dahlia Society." This set forth the rules and procedures under which a new Variety may be registered. Among the most important were these: Any person, whether a member of the A.D.S. or not, may register a variety; Rules for the selection of names, and what to avoid in their selection are spelled out; All varieties which score 80 points or over at any Official A.D.S. Trial Garden are automatically registered without any fee, except the one sent to the Trial Garden for entry for test; Names already selected or assigned are not valid. Therefore, a second choice name should be sent to Nomenclature Committee when applying for registry. Please refer to above Code, May, 1957, pages 8 to 10, before sending names for registry with the A.D.S.

A Lost Registration Report

Through an error on part of the editor of the Bulletin the following registration was not reported in 1956 when the variety was registered by Chairman Connors.

The name *Ida J.* being found clear, the variety with this name was duly entered in the A.D.S. Registry. Fee of \$1.00 was received. Description, *Ida J.* — originated by Oscar Johnson, 4031 25th Ave., So., Minneapolis, Minn., "A", I. C. S. C., Pink. Registration received from William Holmberg, Minneapolis, Minn. (Sorry, Mr. Johnson, we will try not to lose any more. Editor.)

Our Trip to the Southern States Dahlia Conference

By "Bea" and Henry Olsen

Editor's Note: Before the Olsens left for Chattanooga, we asked Henry if he would write a short story of their trip. He said, "no, I can't do that." When we asked why, the only reason he could think of was, "I've never written anything for publication." We answered that this was as good a place as any to start. So here is Henry's first Dahlia Travelogue. We leave it to our readers to judge if this is, or is not, a pretty good one.

"With the American Dahlia Society Show and the Long Island Show over, we were ready to start by Oldsmobile for the Southern States Conference at Chattanooga, the dates of which were Sept. 27 and 28. We left on Wednesday, Sept. 24th, and our first stop was at Dahlia del, in Vineland, N. J. Our first place to go, in this big 22 acre Dahlia planting was the seedling patch. As Warren Maytrott knows my weakness for poms, he took me there first. He has many new ones from Australia, including *Velveeta*, *Nero*, and *Robert Holmes* in the Purple Class. *Iran* and *Nigger* in the Dark Reds, *Maquette* in Lavender, *Hallmark*, a Pink, and *Bambi*, a fine Orange. Many of these appeared to be an inch or less in diameter. Gold Dust better look to its laurels for the *Smallest-in-Show*. And if you have never visited Dahlia del, you have a treat coming, for with its row on row of colorful Dahlias almost as far as the eye can reach it's an amazing sight.

"With time running along on us, we got started again, heading for the Sky Line Drive. We spent part of that day and the next driving down this scenic drive, with the mountains on either side and the valleys unrolling before us in endless array. And the Shenandoah Valley alone is worth a trip. Once a terrible battlefield, it's now a fine farming section. We came off the Sky Line Drive near Ashville. In order to make up some of the time we had lost viewing the wonderful scenery of the Blue Ridge Mountains, we drove until nine o'clock that night. And on that evening run we experienced an avalanche of moths and bugs, the like of which we had never seen. They came at the headlights like a snowstorm. They told us later that at this time of year they get all the Northern Bugs which fly south for the

winter, plus many types of purely Southern Bugs.

Arriving at Hotel Patten, where the show was to be staged, about noon on Friday, we ate lunch and then headed for Signal Mountain to visit the Simmonds and Charles Watson at the Happy Cabin Dahlia Gardens. We got lost up there in the thin air. It's twelve miles up to the top by the winding roads. However, getting lost wasn't so bad, after all. In fact, it worked out fine, as we came on a ridge road that gave us a wonderful view across the whole countryside, with Chattanooga far below us. Over beyond the valley, where the city lay, we could see Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain, where some of the most fearful fighting of the Civil War took place. If you should drive up there, be sure to have Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds and Charles Watson direct you to this road. When we finally got to Happy Cabin Gardens we saw row after row of Dahlias in bloom, each over 500 feet in length. We saw many of today's dahlias and a number of promising seedlings. We really had a wonderful time with those fine folks sitting up there on the top of the World.

That evening we stopped in the Showroom in the Patten, where A. Vonley Cox, President of the Chattanooga Dahlia Society, and Clarence J. Bivins, Show Manager, Clarence Kallquist, President of the Southern State Conference and a num-

A smart Dahlia man is a guy who thinks twice before saying nothing.

ber of kind and faithful workers, who always make a show possible, busy with the usual pre-show tasks. Believe me, being one who has had experience, a lot of work and planning go into the setting up. And this job always seems to fall upon the shoulders of a few stalwart members.

Artistic arrangements played a big part in the success of this show. Under the leadership of Mrs. Cox, the ladies of the Conference put on a wonderful display. The theme being "Around the World," many of the arrangements were almost out of

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this world.

The American Home Achievement Medal winner was a new seedling of Stanley Johnson's of Cheltenham, Pa. It was called *Go American*, and is an "A"-S. C. Autumn. It was also winner of the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes award. Top winners in the other classes included, Clarence Bevins with *Windlassie* and *Yellow Masterpiece*; Mr. Christopians, with *Hester Pape* and *Ned Seymour*; J. R. Cooley's *Croydon Masterpiece* and *Mary Elizabeth*; Dr. Rike's *First Lady* and *Nita*. One could go on at great length about the many fine quality blooms in this show, which will stand out in my memory for a long time, but we had to leave it all the next morning.

Leaving Chattanooga early Sunday, we headed across the mountains for Richmond, 550 miles away. We arrived in this fair Virginia city at 7:30 P.M. We found some fears expressed that night by members of the Virginia Dahlia Society, that the entries might be few and far between. This was because Hurricane Ellen had passed through here on Saturday. But when judging time came around, the room in the Miller & Rhoads Department Store

Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "Hospitality consists of a little fire, a little food — and an immense quiet. R.W.E. could not have been a dahlia grower. They are most hospitable, usually have food for guests — but are never quiet."

was filled to capacity. We certainly were surprised at the quality of the blooms after such a storm and very high wind. Top "A" Size bloom in the show was *Burnbrae's Memories*, shown by Vernon Ailstock; best "B" Size was *Butch*, a yellow Informal Dec. of J. B. Eddins. American Home Achievement Medal went to *Nita*, Paul Hale's variegated *Sport of Juanita*. A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes were awarded to *Cecil M.*, originated and grown by Forest Minor. It is an "A" Size, Light Blend Fusine Pink and Rose, White at Center. *Bill Elkins*, an "A" Size white, Inc. Cac., shown by J. B. Eddins, who also showed many outstanding blooms of recent introductions. Some old timers like *Virginia Rute* and *Essie Smith* were shown by Mrs. Clapp. We reluctantly left our friends in Richmond that afternoon and headed home to look over our own garden again. It was a very worthwhile dahlia trip.

A.D.S. Annual Meeting and Banquet Saturday, Jan. 17, 1959

Again, the Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held at the Park Sheraton Hotel, in New York, on Saturday, Jan. 17, 1959. The Annual Meeting will be called to order at 2:30 P.M. by retiring President Preas, who will induct the new President, the new Treasurer and the new Asst' Secty., as well as all the new Vice Presidents and re-elected Vice Presidents into office. The Committee Chairmen and Chairwomen will render their reports and the regular order of old as well as new business will be discussed.

The Banquet will be served in the Colonial Room on the mezzanine floor at 7 P.M. Paul Hale, of Brighton, Ill., who has broken all records in winning American Home Achievement Medals, 22 in all, has written that he will attend to receive the medals and tell us how he did it. Mr. T. C. Solem, President of the Minnesota Dahlia Society is also expected to attend. Mr. Solem has been a wonderful host to our delegates who attended the Midwest Show in Minneapolis, this past season. Mr. Solem has colored movies of the Midwest Show, which should prove of interest to us who were unable to attend this show. Lynn B. Dudley and Henry A. Olsen will again show Kodachrome slides of some of the 1959 Introductions.

Dewey Mohr will continue to act as Chairman of Affair, with the assistance of John Metzger, and suggests reservations be made before Thursday, Jan. 15, 1959. If anyone should send in a check for reservations and later for some reason or another is unable to attend, his or her money will be promptly refunded. We are also pleased to advise that our old friend Frank Dolan, who has so well taken care of us in the past, is again back with The Park Sheraton. Therefore, anyone desiring rooms for that weekend write to him for reservations, mentioning the American Dahlia Society meeting.

The price of the Banquet Tickets will be \$7.50 each, which includes gratuity and tax. A special get together room has been reserved for Friday and Saturday evening, for those out of town members and guests who care to have a "Bull Session" on those nights. (See Hotel Bulletin Board for Room number.)

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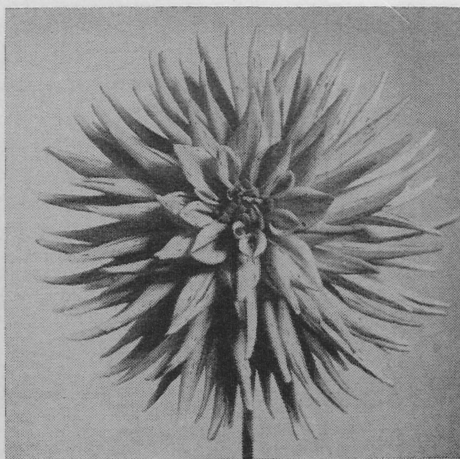
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Proposed Changes in the By-Laws of the American Dahlia Society

Changes in the By-Laws of the A.D.S. which were voted on and approved by the Executive Committee of the Society at its meetings of July 25th and November 14th and which will be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 17th, 1959, for ratification are as follows:

In the Articles Clauses and Sections where the name "Branch" Society appears, the name "Participating Society" will be substituted. These are: Article II, Sec. 2, Clause 2; Article III, Sec. 2; Article V, Sec. 2, Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Article IX, Sec. 2 Clause 1.

Other proposed changes are:

Article III, Sec. 4, to read: "For Active, Sustaining and Life Members not less than three dollars, (\$3.00) per year shall be set aside from the annual dues or invested income, as the subscription to the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society. For Participating Members, not less than two dollars (\$2.00) per year shall be set aside from the annual dues for the subscription to the Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society."

Article IV, Sec. 1, Clause 2, to read: "Upon the vacating of any Life Membership, the amount originally paid in shall be transferred to the Endowment Fund. In the absence of such Endowment Fund, the Executive Committee of the American Dahlia Society, by a majority vote, may transfer the amount originally paid for the vacant Life Membership from the Life Fund to the Research Fund or any other Special Fund or Project operated by the Society for the advancement of dahlia knowledge."

Article V, Sec. 1, Affiliated Societies (to be added to present clause), as follows: "The Affiliated Society is also entitled to six, (6) copies of each issue of Bulletin of the American Dahlia Society and also is entitled to receive six, (6) copies of the Annual Joint Classification List, which are to be sent to the Secretary of the said Affiliated Society, for circulation among its members."

Article V, Sec. 2, Clause 2. Which now reads: Each Participating Society shall pay into the Treasury of the American Dahlia Society, through a duly authorized officer of said Participating Society, the sum of \$2.50 a year for not less than 20 members in good standing, of such Participating Society, and as many more as desire to join this society as Participating

Members, (Article II, Clause 2) up to the full membership, in good standing, of the Participating Society. (The following clause to be added.) "Initial membership lists, or renewals, should be accompanied by a check or not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Less than that amount, or list of less than 20 Participating Members will not qualify as a Participating Society. If such membership list sent in is incomplete the balance of the Bulletins, up to 20, will be sent to the Secretary of the proposed Participating Society, and said Secretary will be billed by the American Dahlia Society for the balance of unpaid Participating Memberships."

Article VI, Sec. 2, Clause 3. To read: Any member desiring to vote for a candidate for any office, other than those named by the Nominating Committee, shall have the right to write in such name on the ballot, provided, that the written acceptance of such candidate has been obtained, properly sworn to before a legal officer, and filed with the office of the Secretary of the American Dahlia Society, prior to the publication date of the November Bulletin of this society.

Article XII, Sec. 4. Proposed to read: "The subscription rate (of the A.D.S. Bulletin) shall not be less than three dollars, (\$3.00) per year for Active, Sustaining and Life Members. The subscription rate shall not be less than two dollars, (\$2.00) per year for Participating Members."

Article XII, Sec. 5. Proposed to read: "The subscription rate, (Bulletin) shall be three dollars (\$3.00) per year to all libraries, institutions or officers thereof. (Added) Also the subscription rate shall be three dollars (\$3.00) per year to any individual who is not at the time of application, a member of any dahlia society. (The sole object of such subscriptions being to influence dahlia growers, wherever they may be, to join or start a dahlia society.)"

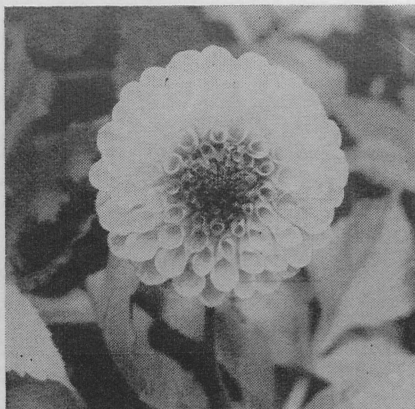
Nita Wins 22 A.H.A. Medals

A new record was made by *Nita*, the variegated *Sport of Juanita*, originated by Paul Hale. It is a "B" Size Cyclamin Purple, Striped Orchid Purple, Straight Cactus. It won American Home Achievement Medals in shows in 1958 in Portland, Ore.; Bremerton, Wash.; (2) Minneapolis; Milwaukee; Toledo; Forty Fort, Pa.; Indianapolis; Chicago; (2) Newark; Detroit; East Liverpool; Birmingham; Moline; St. Joseph, Mo.; Englewood, N. J.; St. Louis; Cincinnati;

Richmond; Kansas City and Atlanta.

The former record of ten wins was shared, we believe, by *Ned Seymour*, *Madonna* and *Prairie Fire*. The new record holder will be introduced by Glen Pierce, Summit Gardens, Glen Ellyn, Ill. Its originator, Paul Hale, of Brighton, Ill., with Mrs. (Vicki) Hale will probably receive this big basket of American Home Magazine Medals from Ted Weston, its Horticulture Editor, at the Annual A.D.S. Meeting and Dinner at the Park-Sheraton, January 17th, 1959. Mr. Weston makes the Medal awards at this affair every year. Because of the Record Win, for this fine dahlia, the presentation should be quite an event. *Nita* also won the A.D.S. Gold Medal in 1957 for the highest average score for "B" Size dahlias in at least 3 shows in one year. Although it won several A.D.S. Sweepstakes awards this season in shows where it was not shown last year, it was not eligible for the A.D.S. Gold Medal this year.

Some Dahlia men put antiknock into their automobiles when they should be taking it themselves.



DOTTIE D.

Ball. Dark Blend of Light Amranth Rose blushed heavily with darker Mallow Purple. Originated by A. G. Chamberlayne of Laurel, Va. Size 6 by 4 inches. This ball is much needed in its color, size and type for showing. Photo: Dudley.

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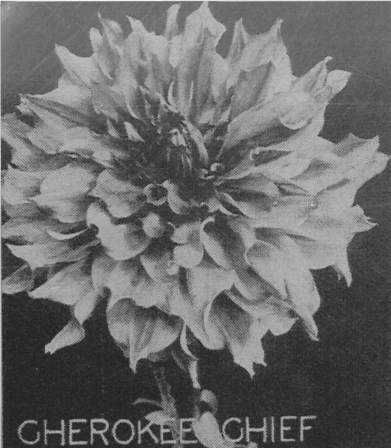
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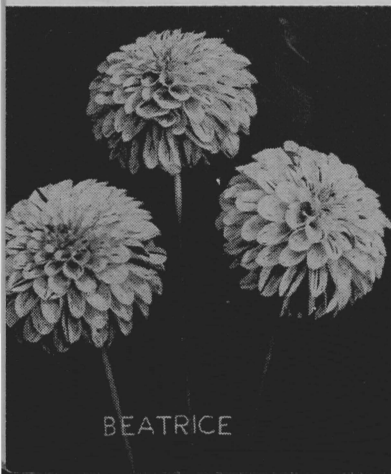
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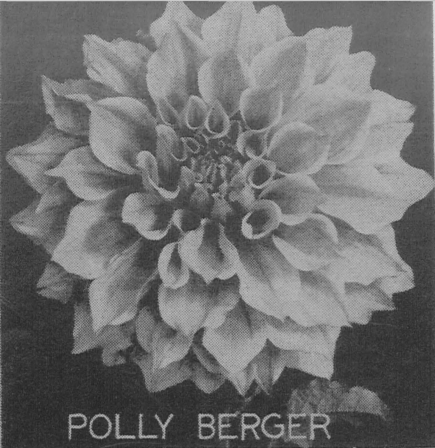
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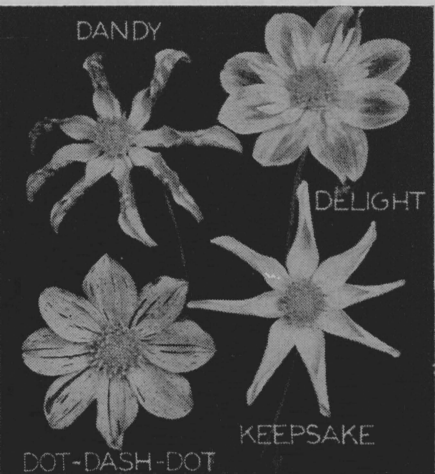


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POLLY BERGER (Dahliadel), "A" FD, M, Bloom 10 x 5. Bush 4½ ft. Lively Tyrian pink with slight gold tips which gives the flower individuality and beauty. Blooms are always uniform on strong stems. Vigorous grower. Fine for cutting and holds perfect centers throughout the season. Certified at East Lansing. Root, \$15.00; Plant, \$5.00.

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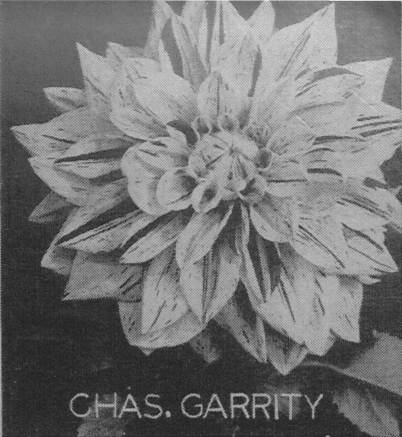
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DELIGHT (Dahliadel), Collarette, E, Bloom 4 inches, Bush $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. A wonderful addition in this class. Mallow purple with darker shadings and lighter at center and tips with a pure white collar. Profuse, good grower and a real delight. Root, \$3.00; Plant, \$1.50.

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Abbreviations

Abbreviations after Size and Type
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DAHLIA PEOPLE

Here, There and Everywhere



C. H. Bowen, of 448 Arch St., Chillicothe, Ohio, Secretary and Treasurer of the Scioto Valley Dahlia Society, writes John C. Metzger, Chairman of the A.D.S. Membership Committee, as follows: "I have been growing dahlias for about 20 years, and each year I get more and more enjoyment from it. I enjoy the Bulletins very much. Enclosed find \$4.00 for the renewal of my membership. We are glad to be affiliated with the A.D.S. and also that we are permitted to award the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards, also the American Home Achievement Medals in our shows. We have several noted seedling growers here. Some of these are: Wm. Wolbert, Arthur Boram, Presley Coldwell, Mrs. Thomas Morgan, H. Blamer and, Oh! Yes! Must not forget myself, Albert Parrella introduced my *Son of Volunteer* last season."

William Noonan, of Hicksville, L. I., has been one of the pioneer dahlia root suppliers to Nurseries and Seed Houses in this eastern section for the past forty plus years. He tells us that his five acre dahlia farm has become too valuable as a building site for the expanding housing program in that section of Long Island. He has sold the farm and will retire to a small place where he says he will grow some seedlings and some of his favorites, just for fun and to keep healthy. He declares that even if he is over 80, he will not just sit down and think about the tough, early years of the Dahlia Commercial Business. "Bill" has been one of the reliable dahlia judges in the eastern shows for many years; and we who have

known him for over a quarter of a century wish him the best of everything in his take-it-easier-years. (Editor's Note: It was at a Rockville Centre Dahlia Show in 1928 that Bill Noonan and the late Leonard Barron, gave me the first lesson in Show Judging. They were most helpful to a guy just starting out to learn about the fine points of dahlia exhibiting.)

From Mrs. Celia Tully, 985 South Ave., Rochester, N. Y.. Dear Mr. Dudley: "I am enclosing a report for the 1958 Rochester Dahlia Show for publication in the Nov. issue of the Bulletin. I am quite a new member of the society and, indeed, at growing dahlias. I find the Bulletin and the articles in it most helpful. You people do a wonderful job and I know it is a labor of love."

Coffee Break, Part of Work Day

— so ruled Supreme Court Justice George Currie, of the Wisconsin Supreme Court in a recent decision. The case arose from injuries suffered by Henry Krause, a Hustler (Wis.) carpenter when his employer was driving him to a luncheonette during such a break. The car in which he was riding was involved in a two-car crash and Krause sued two insurance companies covering the two drivers. In reversing the dismissal of the case by a lower court, Justice Currie wrote: "the act of drinking a cup of coffee during the hours of employment is certainly one that ministers to the personal comfort of an employee. Therefore, the fact that the plaintiff was not actually wielding a hammer or a saw at the time of injury is wholly immaterial." We applaud the decision of the Honorable Judge. He is a good Dahlia judge, too. Come to think of it, we had a wonderful "Coffee Break" at the Judge's home one afternoon when attending a Mid-West show in Milwaukee. — Editor.

—In a letter to Treasurer Henry A. Olsen, under date of Oct. 6th, 1958, Miss Sarah Olive Bradley, of Anderson, S. C., writes: "At last I am writing you to apologize for not sending my A.D.S. dues sooner. I really got caught in a trap."

Spent everything on Doctors, Hospital and medicines. Appreciate your loyalty in keeping the Bulletin coming during this tough time. I do so enjoy reading the Bulletin and think I was successful in growing dahlias because I read and studied each issue. I am enclosing \$8.00 to cover my membership for this year and last year too. Thanking you, I remain, Yours Sincerely, Sarah Olive Bradley."

"I don't give a hang if Mr. and Mrs. So-and-So won 40 Blue Ribbons at the show. I just want to know the name of the Dahlia Varieties which won the awards. That is the information which helps dahlia growers all over the United States to know what dahlias to grow if they want to win next year. If I were an editor, I'd politely return the reports which only give publicity to the exhibitor by getting his or her name in print, and explain what is really needed. Emelene M. Cole, 194 North 9th St., Coos Bay, Ore.

"The person who helps Mother Nature is repaid by Father Time." Joe Lane, first Secretary of the A.D.S.

We knew that Dr. Julian M. Brandon, Jr., Editor of the West Coast Dahlia, was in poor health following a heart attack last year, but we did not dream of the extent of his illness which he records in the Sept. issue of W. C. Dahlia. He writes, "Since the Aug. W. C. D. was mailed, I have been permitted to be up only from 3 to 4 hours per day, the balance of the time I was flat on my back in bed, with one leg nicely encased in elastic stocking and bandages, being suspended at about a 45 degree angle. We gained our "liberty" from the hospital only a few days ago, where we were flat on our back for 24 hours per day." He further reports that the hospitalization did not improve his weakness or lessen the pain. He further says, "I have a lot of time to think and wonder about the future." Due to this very serious situation in which Dr. Brandon finds himself, he further states that he is planning a change in the very near future for the W. C. D. As soon as these plans are completed, with the permission of the good doctor, we will advise our readers of them.

The Executive Committee of the National Capitol Dahlia Society recently voted, according to the Dahliagram, to establish a "Perpetual Trophy" as a memorial in honor of the late Henry C. Parker. The trophy will be offered for

the largest bloom in the N. C. Dahlia Society Show. As a long time friend of Dr. Parker this editor is glad to know that this memory will thus be observed.

The Oldest Dahlia Society in U. S.

B. H. Weber, Secretary of the Snohomish County Dahlia Society of Everett, Washington, tells us that his society, which had, until last year, the words, "Rose and Dahlia Society," as a part of its name, will celebrate its 50th Anniversary at its show in 1959. According to this report, this Washington society is probably the oldest of all the Dahlia Societies in the U. S. The A.D.S. was established in 1914 and incorporated in 1915. The Dahlia Society of California, we were informed, was established about the same time as the A.D.S. If there are any older Dahlia Societies in the country, let us hear from them, with affidavits.

"If you are an amateur grower, whether a beginner or an old timer, you can no more afford to be without the knowledge, 'know how' and the new developments to be found in the A.D.S. Bulletin, than you can afford to try gardening without a shovel or a hoe. If you are a commercial grower, you simply cannot afford NOT TO ADVERTISE in the A.D.S. Bulletin. And — of no little importance — you WILL ENJOY READING THE BULLETIN and, if you really love the dahlia, you will have the pleasant feeling that comes from knowing that you are one of the large number of A.D.S. members who are doing their part to advance the Dahlia." So writes Dr. Julian Brandon, Jr., in the Sept. issue of the West Coast Dahlia. He is probably the best "Press Agent" this society ever had. Thank you, Doctor.

Mrs. Edna V. Fordney, 1755 Brookeren Rd., Baltimore 22, Md., writes under date of Oct. 8th: The report of our recent show in Baltimore was written by our beloved secretary, Herbert O. Aburn, who has been ill at the National Institute of Health for over four months and will doubtless be there for quite some time. It would be nice if you would ask that A.D.S. members write Mr. Aburn. It would cheer him up and encourage him greatly, I'm sure. He is a man whose faithfulness to his dahlia friends is the biggest thing in his life. Editor's Note: Please, friends of the Dahlia, write some cheer up words to Herbert Aburn, NOW! Address, Herbert O. Aburn, 257 W6, National Inst. of Health, Bethesda, Md.

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Organized May 10, 1915



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Of Things Present and Things to Come

We are gratified to have show reports from thirty-three Participating and Affiliated Societies in this issue. Also glad to see that the secretaries more and more are listing the varieties which won, as well as the names of the individual winners. After all, the real news is in the dahlias which won. Sure, we all like to see our name in print. But "what" won helps so many growers to decide on what to buy for next season, and "who" won is soon forgotten, except, of course, by the guy who did all the work.

Charles Diffenderfer, Chairman of the Joint Classification Committee says that he will have a report of the Consensus of First Place Winners at the 1958 shows, made from the reports to the committee, for publication in the February, 1959, Bulletin.

Mr. Diffenderfer also informs us that the Joint Classification List will be ready to mail early in 1959. He also says that the New "BB" Small Medium Class will be designated in the new list as they were in 1958, with an asterisk preceding the name.

Space does not permit publication of the replies to the proposal in the August Bulletin that the "B" Size dahlia size be extended to 9 inches maximum and/or the "A" Size be divided into "A", 8 to 11 inches and "AA" 11 and over. We have considerable comment, pro and con and hope to be able to include these, and any others we may receive, in February issue.

In a future issue, we will have for exclusive publication, a very fine study of "Virus Diseases of the Dahlia," by Rowland A. Mildner, Jr., of the Dept. of Botany and Plant Pathology of Michigan State University. It is the most authenticated and complete study of this subject since the one by Dr. Philip Brierly, made at the Boyce-Thompson Institute for Plant Research, published in this Bulletin, in July, 1933. We are indebted to Dr. C. E. Wildon, of the University, for starting this project and for the privilege of its first publication in this Bulletin.

Coming in February issue will be a report of the use of Kelthane E C, to control Mites, which in dahlia circles usually refers to Red Spiders. Kelthane E C is a recent German discovery, is said to be the best control yet found to eliminate mites with practically no toxic effect on humans. Stanley Johnson of Cheltenham, Pa., will give us the results of its use in the Philadelphia area the past season on an experimental basis.

Behind every successful dahlia exhibitor you can usually find three people: his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Jones, next door.

A Big Happy Dahlia Family

There are no longer any "Branch Societies" of the A.D.S. As reported in the August Bulletin, this revision was voted at the July A.D.S. Executive Meeting because the real meaning of Branch is "as a limb or offshoot", whereas the real relationship of the A.D.S. with the societies, which were formerly known as Branches, is one of mutual co-operation, assistance and trust. So hereafter, the societies which have 20 or more members who join the A.D.S. through the secretary of that society with dues of \$2.50 each, paid to the A.D.S. Treasurer, by that secretary, all in one group, become "Participating Societies" and each member of that society, joining the A.D.S. becomes a "Participating Member." It is hoped that all such societies and members will welcome this much more descriptive term. After all is said and done, the A.D.S. and its Participating and Affiliated Societies are really one big happy family of dahlia enthusiasts all working for the advancement of dahlia understanding and progress.

Names and Addresses of Participating Societies Wanted by Mrs. Meyer

Secretary Edw. Lloyd has appointed Mrs. D. Meyer, 165 Harcourt Ave., Bergenfield, N. J., as his Assistant Secretary and she has graciously consented to serve. One of the first things on her schedule is the compiling of a list of all the Presidents of Participating Societies for publication in the May issue of this Bulletin. All such Presidents are automatically Vice-Presidents of the A.D.S. As there are new officers frequently elected at the beginning of the year, this is a request of all Society Secretaries to send the names and addresses of the newly elected Presidents as soon as possible after said elections. Send to Mrs. H. Meyer, address above. Thank you.

New Formula for Root Storage

The Bulletin and Arthur S. Mason have had many requests for sources for the original chemicals which Mr. Mason recommended to prevent dahlia root rot. Here is his new formula and latest rec-

ommendation.

Unquestionably mersolite 8 and exyquinoline benzoate are the very best chemicals to be used in treating dahlia roots at the time of storage.

However, because of difficulties experienced by people to obtain these two chemicals last year with the aid of the research department of two of our largest chemical companies, we started some research work to get substitutes.

The experiments proved satisfactory. Losses in all cases were averaged below 3%. So in the place of mersolite 8, we substituted Semasan, and in the place of exyquinoline benzoate we substituted Terrasan 75. Terrasan 75 is toxic to some people, and to those who are toxic to it 8 ounces of captan 50% can be used. So now the approved formula is:

10 pounds talc
3 pounds agricultural sulphur
2 ounces semesan
4 ounces terrasan 75 or
4 ounces captan 50%
8 ounces casco glue

Terrasan 75, Captan, and Semasan can be purchased all over the United States in most stores where garden supplies are sold. I am sure you will find this new formula almost as satisfactory as the other. Last season I was prohibited by the Post Office Department from sending out through the mail mersolite because it contained mercury. — Arthur S. Mason, 3935 Sixth St., So., Arlington, Va.

"You have no idea what a poor opinion I have of myself," said the introspective dahlia grower, "and how little I deserve it."

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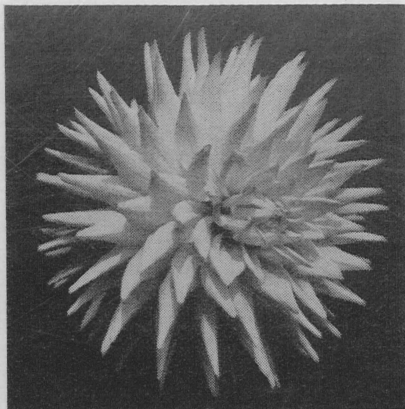
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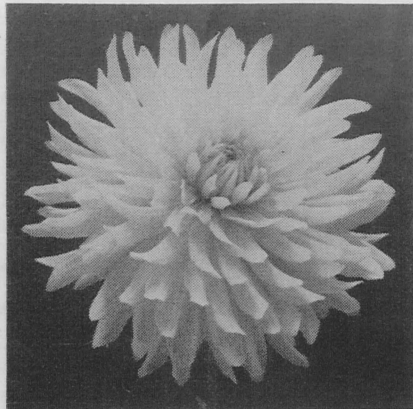
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BEAUTY OF BAARN

Winner of Holland Challenge Cup 1958 for best keeping variety as a cut flower. It is a "B" size Semi-Cactus, Yellow. This variety also received an A.D.S. Certificate in 1958 at Oakland Trial Garden.



THE COLONEL

Winner of the Challenge Cup, Holland, 1958, for the best Dutch novelty over six inches. Semi-Cactus, Lemon Yellow. This variety was listed on Col. Richard Eddy's Honor Roll in 1956.

Complete List of Awards of The Netherlands Dahlia Society 1958

1. Challenge Cup for the Best Keeping Variety as a Cut-Flower. Blooms over six inches.

BEAUTY OF BAARN (Score 8.73 — Bruidegom), "B" Semi-Cac. Yellow.

Competitors: *New Country, Nonpareil, Up to Date, Brumas, Vesuvio, Luster, Gladys, Virginal.*

2. Challenge Cup for the Best Keeping Variety as a Cut-Flower. Blooms under six inches.

PONTIAC (Score 7.83—van Oosten), Min. Semi-Cac. Carmine Rose.

Competitors: *Saucy Miss, Curly, Lucky White, Loyalty, Dorine, Pretty Lass, Masseline.*

3. Challenge Cup for the Best Keeping Variety as a Cut-Flower, Pompon any size. **TENDERNESS** (Score 8.05 — Bruidegom) Pom small, *Old Rose, Electra, Freshness, Daphne, Clarity, Little Irene, Amusing, Sundial, Blondine.*

4. Challenge Cup for the Best Dutch Novelty over six inches.

THE COLONEL (Score 95 — Hoek-Ballego), Semi-Cac. Lemon Yellow.

Competitors: *Nonpareil, Oh Boy, Miss Universe, Up to Date, Roman Holiday, Sunmaid, Grand Style, Far West, Popular Guest.*

5. Challenge Cup for the Best Dutch Novelty between 4 and 6 inches.

PRETTY LASS (Score 86 — Bruidegom), Cactus, Lilac Purple.

Competitor: *Quizmaster.*

6. Challenge Cup for the Best Dutch Novelty under four inches.

BABYDAUGHTER (Score 88½ — Ballego), Min. F. Dec. Rose with Violet. Competitors: *Mahogany, Irene van der Zwet, Enjoyable.*

7. Challenge Cup for the Best Dutch

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Novelty Pompon, any size.

WHITE PEARL (Score 93½ — Ludwig), Medium Pompon. Pure White.

Competitor: *Carolina.*

8. Challenge Cup for the Best Novelty of Foreign Origination.

MRS. McDONALD QUILL (Score 97 — Douglas-New Zealand), Dec. Crimson with White Points.

Competitors: *Night Editor, Pierre Limasset.*

9. Silver Dahlia Challenge Trophy for the Dutch Novelty that scored highest points on Aalsmeer Trial Garden.

SANSCULOTTE (Bruidegom).

Nationwide Dahlia Society News

Closing Dates for Reports

Jan. 10 for Feb. issue

April 10 for May issue

July 10 for Aug. issue

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Please send Reports by the above dates if you wish them included in following issue.

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Orange County Dahlia Society

The Orange County Dahlia Society, Inc., held its Seventeenth Annual Show at Cooks Gymnasium, Santa Ana College, Santa Ana, California. The large floor space of the gym provided ample room for the wonderful displays of dahlias and spectators alike. Amateur and professional growers from all over Southern California exhibited their blooms and presented a wonderful display of color.

The following are sweepstakes winners: G. E. Wilt, San Diego, Novice; Alan True, Hermosa Beach, Amateur; Fred McKelvey, Santa Monica, Advanced Amateur; Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego, Open to All.

Comstock Dahlia Gardens won the seedling awards in all classes. His *Fiesta*, won the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes and American Home Achievement awards.

Judging was very close in many classes, because of the number of fine blooms on exhibition. Fred McKelvey's *Ceramic Beauty* was judged Best "A" Dahlia in the Show. Best "B" Dahlia, *First Lady*, Comstock Gardens; Best "BB" Dahlia, *Fireball*, Fred McKelvey. Largest Dahlia, *Art Linkletter*, Smallest, *Unit*. Other blooms, winning one or more blue ribbons were: *Croydon Masterpiece*, *Maureen Connolly*, *Nagels Solodite*, *Juanita*, *Beauty's Blush*, *The Volunteer*, *Willo's Violet*, *Comet*, *Kidd's Climax*, *Whitehall*, *Final Touch* and *Mrs. French*. — Lawrence O. Archibald, Sec'y, 10162 Old Park Rd., Orange, Calif.

Fresno Dahlia Society

The Fourth Annual Dahlia Show of the Fresno County Dahlia Society was very successful, especially in view of the fact that California had extremely hot weather for two months before the Show.

Roy Steinhauer won Sweepstakes in the Novice Division and also won the American Dahlia Society Medal for the best flower in the Court of Honor. Mrs. Arthur Schmall won the Sweepstakes Arrangement in the "A" or Amateur Division. Mrs. Mary Nelson won the Sweepstakes Arrangement in the "B" or Novice Division.

R. W. Richter won Sweepstakes Trophy for Amateurs with 100 Plants or More, and also Sweepstakes for Show. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pyle of Long Beach won the Sweepstakes Trophy for Amateurs with 100 Plants or Less and also the Trophy for the Best 3rd Year Seedling.

George Jacobsen from Pete's Dahlia Gardens, Tulare, won the Trophy for the Best Commercial Display. — (Mrs.) Ellen Moore, 2634 N. Fruit Ave., Fresno 5, Calif.

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Dahlia Society of Ohio, Inc.

The Dahlia Society of Ohio held its 28th Annual Show at the Higbee Auditorium in the heart of Cleveland, Ohio, September 15th and 16th, 1958. The show was a credit to the society for the large variety of fine specimen blooms. The artistic arrangements were of good quality and the commercial displays of E. J. Wind, proprietor of Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, and Ed Papesch. Wagon Wheel Dahlia Gardens were most beautiful.

Sweepstakes winners were as follows: Novice, Carl Bartley; Small Amateur, Mrs. Eliene Stephens; Large Amateur, Eugene Woznicki; Open to All, Jerry Kovar; Arrangements, Mrs. Marie Lessman, with two special award for Outstanding Arrangements, and Mrs. A. Hehnmeier, Runner-up.

Court of Honor winners were: Richard Howell, Best "A", *Drum Major*; Jerry Kovar, Largest Bloom, *Art Linkletter*; Jerry Kovar, Best 3 "A", *Mrs. Hester Pape*, Jerry Kovar, Best "B", *Kandy Kid*; F. W. Hemmeyer, Best 3 "B", *Windlassie*; Mrs. L. S. Davies, Best Balls, *Red Bird*; Sam Tummino; Best Miniatures, *Gypsy Kiss*; Al Srail, Best Pom-poms, *Celestea*; Jerry Kovar, Best Seedling, *Lady Esther*; and Richard Howells, Grand Champion, with *Drum Major*.

The American Home Achievement Medal for *Dottie D*, a "BB" Size ($4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3") Ball, color dark blend of light amaranth rose, blued darker mallow purple, originated by Aubury Chamberlayne, grown and exhibited by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens. — Eugene A. Woznicki, A.D.S. Corres. Sec'y, 65 Leyton Ave., Bedford, Ohio.

Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society

The 6th annual show of the Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society was held September 13th and 14th at O'Shea Community Center, Detroit, Michigan. Although some members were reluctant about changing the site of the show, they were soon reassured that this was a wise move because of the excellent facilities of this new building and the attendance of over 6,000 people.

The Novice Section had to be given more room to accommodate all of the entries. Mrs. Grace Box carried off the Sweepstakes Award as well as largest bloom (*Mary Elizabeth*). Most outstanding bloom, *Harmony*, went to Mr. W. Simon. Small Amateur Section experienced the keenest competition with Mrs. R. Schilling edging out John Allen by the narrowest of margins for Sweepstakes Award. Most outstanding blooms in this section were *5 Star General*, John Allen; *Nicks Orchid*, Mrs. R. Shilling, and *Little William*, R. Shelly. Largest bloom in section, *Mary Elizabeth*, John Allen.

Large Amateur Division certainly deserved its name with Raymond Olson capturing the Sweepstakes Award. Incidentally, he also took Grand Sweepstakes for the show, while C. J. Addington's bloom of *Arthur Godfrey* was largest in the section and also largest in the show. A bloom of *Juliana Regina*, "B" Size, was also most outstanding in the show, to Dave Millar. Other outstanding blooms in this section: *Surprise*, R. F. Row (was also best "A" in show); *Miss Macomb*, Alex Toth, and *Bo Bo*, C. J. Addington.

Open Division listed most outstanding blooms as follows: *Leander*, R. E. Johnston; *Florence Chadwick*, B. H. Bottom; *Margaret Williams*, Alex Toth; *Southern Beauty*, Alex Toth; *Peach Blend*, David Millar (Central States Medal winner); *Black Narcissus*, Alex Toth. Largest bloom, *Ruby Hay*, R. E. Johnston. Sweepstakes Award, B. H. Bottom.

Most Outstanding 1st and 2nd Year Seedlings were shown by Mr. R. F. Row, while *Nita*, Paul Hale's origination, grown by A. E. Cadwell, was awarded the American Home Achievement Medal and The American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes Award.

Small Commercial Display Award won by Roy Koch, Large Commercial Display, Smitts Dahlia Gardens.

Display for Artistic Effect — Bottom's Dahlia Gardens, was arranged as "A Toast to the Ladies". Dave Millar won the Kosmela Trophy with six different

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San Diego County Dahlia Society

At the 18th Annual Show of the San Diego County (Calif.) Dahlia Society there were exhibitors from as far away as Santa Cruz, 500 miles to the north.

Mrs. Ruth Bishop, president, said the 3,800 blooms, by actual count, exhibited by 110 participants from five Southern California counties made the show a great success. Although hot winds during the week prior to the show reduced the number of flowers, general quality of those shown was very high, she said.

Among Seedlings shown, three scored well. A.D.S. Sweepstakes winners were a Semi-Cactus, *Myrtle Falby*, shown by Nat C. Lundgren of Santa Cruz, and a Lavender Cactus, *Dinah Shore*, by R. Paul Comstock of San Diego. Comstock's new Informal Decorative, *Piasta*, a huge dark blend, also won a number of ribbons and attracted good attention because of size and color.

Dinah Shore also took the American Home Achievement Medal.

Court of Honor winners included *Searchlight*, *Croyden's Masterpiece*, *Margaret Duross*, *Autumn Blaze*, *Freda Canning*, *Ceramic Beauty*, *Kidd's Climax*, *William Evans*, *Kelvin*, *Lavengro*, *Night Editor*, *Jane Lausche*, *Dixie's Windot*, *Dinah Shore*, *First Lady*, *Golden Autumn*, *Feu Anversoise*, *Golden Heart*, *Rocket*, *Juanita*, *Miss San Diego*, *Sellwood Glory*, *Heitmanland*, *Miss Liberty*, *Lloyd George*, *Lady Ismay*, and *Pat Ann Dee*.

Largest was a Comstock Seedling, *Smallest*, *Topmix Rosa*, with *Clover*, the *Smallest Pom*.

Winners of 2 ribbons each: *Searchlight*, *Autumn Blaze*, *William Evans*, *Kelvin*, *Night Editor*, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Piquant*, *Aladin*, *Rocket*, *Miss San Diego*, *Heitmanland*, *Lloyd George*, *Lady Ismay*, *Groucho Marx*, *Samba*, *Janet Beckett*, *Grafina Anna Von Schwerin*, *Cheerio*, *Hazel Harper*, *Rondkop*, *Clover*, *Regulus*, *Beloved*, and *St. Therese*.

Pacific Northwest Conference Show

The Kitsap County Dahlia Society was host to the Fourth Annual Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference Show held Aug. 30 and 31 at Civic Center in Bremerton, Wash.

This was the largest dahlia show ever held in Bremerton. There were many excellent entries from Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Tacoma and Everett, Wash. The guest book was signed by many people from far away places, a few of which being St. Louis, Mo.; Wichita, Kansas; Fairfield, Ill.; Chitka, Alaska, and Cape Town, South Africa.

The Best "A" Size Dahlia was a *Kidd's Climax* exhibited by Jack MacDonald of Port Orchard, Wash. The Best "B" Size was *Mme. Clementine Payen* shown by Vern Sandford of Bremerton. The Largest Dahlia was *Art Linkletter* shown by Mrs. Marshall of Oregon. Best Seedling was a White Formal "B" grown by P. F. Kershnik of Portland. The Best Triple Entry "A" Size of American Origin was *Surprise* shown by John Lindstrom of Everett, Wash. Best Triple Entry of "B" Size American Origin was a seedling called *Donette Robin* and grown by Don Serry of Bremerton. This same entry also won the best for Washington origination.

The Best European Triple Entry was *Pride of Holland*. Best Triple Entry of Oregon Origin was *Charles Mastic*. *Flying Saucer* was the Best Basket of "A" Size Dahlias. *Seafair Princess* was the Best Basket of "B" Cactus. *Selwood Glory*, the Best Basket of "B" Decorative. *Spun Silk*, the Best Basket of Miniature Cactus. *Andries Pink*, the Best Basket of Miniature Decorative. *Mrs. French*, the Best Basket of Pompons. — Mrs. V. E. Sandford.

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Bergen County Dahlia Society

The 11th Annual Dahlia Show of the Bergen County Dahlia Society was held Sat., Sept. 20th and 21st, at the Liberty School, Englewood, N. J. A record number of blooms and entries and a record attendance, combined to make this a very successful show. President Joseph Gambi, Chairman Harry Dreyer, and Co-Chairman Henry Brinkman, felt well repaid for their efforts.

Sweepstakes — Group "A" and "B", Past President's Trophy, Mrs. Fred Bremer, Nanuet, N. Y., with *Mary Elizabeth*, *Five Star General*, *Windlassie*, *Bunny*, *New Look*. Group "C", Novice, Mr. and Mrs. D. Meyer Trophy, Joseph Billings, Teaneck. Sweepstakes Award Group "D" and "E", Senator Walter H. Jones Trophy, Gamston Gardens with *Ginga*, *Jane Lauche*, *White Mist*, *Perfectos*. Sweepstakes Award, Group "F" and "G", Ada B. Stone Mem. Trophy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer with *Molly Lou*, *Lawrence Welk*, *Peach Blend*. Sweepstakes Award, "H", "I" and "J" Combined, Officers Trophy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer with *Christina Valsecchi*, *Johnny K.*, *Hillcrest Beaconette*, *Geneva Crystal White*, and *Forever*. Group "O" Sweepstakes, Mrs. Wesley Hunter, Oradell. Sweepstakes, Groups "L" and "M", Baskets and Vases, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer.

Most Perfect "A", in Amateur Classes, Mr. and Mrs. John Jagnow Trophy, Frank Kurzenknabe, Hackensack, with *Mary Elizabeth*; Most Perfect "B", in Amateur Classes, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Hitz Trophy, Joseph Vogl with *White Mist*; Award for Most Outstanding Exhibit in Amateur Classes, Mr. and Mrs.

Harry Dreyer Trophy, Henry Brinkman, Dumont, with *Miss Myrtle Beach*; Award for Best 1957 or 1958 Introduction, Ethel Hill Wiederman Trophy, Wm. Neckerman, Norwood, with *Goody*; Award for Most Outstanding Exhibit in Groups "L" and "M", Albert J. Doermann Mem. Trophy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer with *Christina Valsecchi*; Three Most Perfect "BB's" in Show, Henry Brinkman with *Starfire*. Three Most Perfect "B" Dahlias in Open to All Classes, Henry Brinkman Trophy, Gamston Gardens with *Perfectos*; Invitation Class Award by Mrs. Wesley Hunter, Mrs. D. Meyer, Bergenfield.

Special Class "A" Grand Award, Gamston Gardens with *Art Linkletter*; Special Class, Grand Award, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer with *Florence Chadwick*; Special Class "C", Rosa N. Gambi Mem. Award, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer with 3 *Nagel's Solidete*; Special Class "D", Jane B. Dennis Mem. Trophy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dreyer with *Golddust*; Special Class "E", John Metzgar Trophy, Gamston Gardens with *Maffie*; Special Class "F", Susan M. Hill Mem. Trophy, Frank Kurzenknabe with *Mary Elizabeth*; Special Class "G", Best B for Ladies Only, Dr. Carl C. Margraff Mem. Trophy, Mrs. Harry Dreyer; Special Class "H", for Men Only, Dr. Carl C. Margraff Mem. Trophy, Harry Dreyer with *Surprise*; Special Class "I", 1958 Introduction, *All American*, Gamston Gardens with *Iva Jean*; Sweepstakes in Arrangements on the theme, *Autumn Symphony*, Mrs. Wesley Hunter of Oradell. Best "A" in Show, A.D.S. Medal, Mr. Harry Dreyer with *Surprise*; Best "B" in Show, Joseph Vogl with *White Mist*. The American Home Achievement Medal and the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes went to Dr. and Mrs. F. Knocke, of Readington, N. J., for *Nita*. — Publicity, Mrs. Harry Dreyer, 431 Lincoln Ave., Ridgewood, N. J.

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The Baltimore Dahlia Society staged its 33rd Annual Show September 20-21 in the lovely new Auditorium at Eastpoint. From every angle, wonderfully fine blooms, grand attendance, and the high praises expressed for a beautiful show, we can say with pride one of the best our Society has ever staged.

There never was a time the aisles were not crowded — an important factor in any show. Charles Diffenderffer, Chairman of Judges, put in another of his fine

efforts, resulting in our being favored with just about as fine a group of excellent Judges as could be found. They did a wonderful job for which every member of the Baltimore Dahlia Society extends their appreciation. The following experts handled the judging: Dr. Bruce Preas, Arthur S. Mason, Conrad Frey, Edward B. Lloyd, E. R. Phillips, Rixey Gray, Neale Monteleone, George Dodrill, Frank Goetzger, Conrad Breiger, N. A. Scheel, Harry Frank, N. Gossman and John Sherwood.

The Hardy Garden Classes were again in charge of Mrs. Louis Gill. The arrangements were excellently staged. Judges in this section were: Mrs. William Bridges and Mrs. Robert Wingard. Competition from the Novice Classes to the Open to All never was keener, the blooms finer, hence favorable results. The winners of Sweepstakes in Sections were as follows: Novice: Mrs. C. Kraemer who also won the A.D.S. Medal for the Best Bloom, *Hearts Desire*, and what could be better appropriately named for a Novice to win the A.D.S. Medal with a flower with this name.

The A-A Section Growers up to 75 Plants, Charles Faist; A-B Section, H. N. Stafford; Section B, Growers up to 150 Plants, B-A Size, F. D'Eustachio; B-B Size, John Sherwood. Section C, Open to All, C. M. Diffenderffer; Section D, Ball, A. G. Chamberlayne; Section G, Pompons, Wm. K. Rau, Jr. Section H, Miniatures, Formal and Informal, Paul Hunter; Cactus and Semi-Cactus, F. J. D'Eustachio. Hardy Garden Sweepstakes winners were 1st, Mrs. Louis Gill; 2nd, Mrs. Ida Harris. The Trophy class winners were: Memorial Trophy, Basket 5 Blooms, Irving Bodenbug; Gov. Theo. McKeldin Trophy, Basket of 7 Blooms "A" Size, Harry Anderson; Mayor Thom. D'Alesandro, Basket of 7 Blooms "B" Size, Charles M. Diffenderffer; Maryland Origination, Basket 5 Blooms, Harry J. Quick. The Court of Honor Awards were: Most Perfect "A" Size, F. J. D'Eustachio with Bloom of *Kidds Climax*; Most Perfect "B" Size, Charles M. Diffenderffer, Blooms of *Iva Jean*; Most Perfect Ball, Conrad Breiger Bloom of *Red Bird*; Most Perfect Pompon, Wm. K. Rau, Jr., Bloom, *Gold Dust*. Most Perfect Miniature, Charles M. Diffenderffer Bloom of *Ruby Charm*; Most Outstanding Basket, Paul Hunter, *Belle*; Most Outstanding Entry in Court of Honor, Charles M. Diffenderffer, the very lovely *Mary Plitt* Memorial Trophy — Herbert O. Aburn, Secy.

Michigan Dahlia Association

The Michigan Dahlia Association Annual Show was held in conjunction with the Flint Yard and Garden Club in the beautiful I.M.A. Auditorium in Flint, Michigan, September 6th and 7th, 1958. More than 9,200 spectators attended the combined show.

In the novice division, Sweepstakes went to William Halvaty, Jr., of Flint, Michigan. Special Award for the Most Outstanding Bloom went to Wm. Halvaty for Detroit Times.

In the small amateur division Special Awards were given to John B. Allen of Detroit, Michigan, for Pride of Holland and Lady Ismay. Special Award went to Mrs. R. Schilling, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan for Lu Lu. Trophy for Sweepstakes went to John B. Allen.

Winners in the large amateur division were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sattler of Toledo, Ohio, for First Lady, and a triple-bloom entry of Windlassie. Mr. C. J. Addington, Detroit, won the Most Outstanding "A" Bloom Award with Arthur Godfrey. Johnny Casey won a Special Award for Mr. and Mrs. James Faggion of Lansing.

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Sweepstakes Trophy was won by Mr. Raymond Olson, of Plymouth.

Awards for Mr. and Mrs. James Fagion in the open division included, the Most Outstanding "A" Bloom, nearest Blue; the Most Outstanding Triple-B Entry, Michigan White; the Most Outstanding Triple-Miniature Entry, Morning Mist; and Sweepstakes Award. Special Award for the Most Outstanding Bloom in open division was won by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Etienne of Jackson, Michigan, for a second year Seedling.

In the First Year Seedling Class, Special Award went to Victor L. Steckle of Lansing, Michigan; the Second Year Seedling Class to John B. Allen. Best Bloom in Michigan Originations Class, entered by Alex Toth, won the Z. W. Kosmela Gold Trophy for "Miss Maccomb." Rubellite Trophy was won by Mr. Barton Elliott of Grand Haven, Michigan. For "Various Quantities of Blooms in a Single Container" Class, Mr. Arthur Wulff received the Perpetual Trophy. Commercial Display Over Fifty Feet won the Mrs. Robert Schilling Trophy for Oakleigh Dahlia Gardens of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Most Perfect "A" Bloom, Arthur Godfrey; the Most Perfect "B" Bloom, Lady Ismay, won John Allen Special Awards and Michigan Dahlia Association Rosettes. The Largest Bloom Award also went to John Allen.

Smallest and Most Perfect Dahlia Bloom, Miss Marjorie, won a Special Award for Mr. Alex Toth.

Grand Sweepstakes winner, Mr. Raymond Olson, won the President's Perpetual Trophy and Special Cup.

Most Outstanding Entry for Arrange-

ments Featuring Dahlias in Judges' Class was won by Mrs. Van DeLashmutt of Holt. In the Advanced Class the Most Outstanding Entry was won by Mrs. David Millar of Detroit, Michigan. — Ralph L. Etienne, 527 Barrett St., Jackson, Mich.

Inglewood Dahlia Society

Inglewood Dahlia Society's 27th Annual Show, held Aug. 16 and 17, under the capable direction of Herbert Priess, had the largest number of exhibitors in recent years, with representatives from Santa Cruz to the north and San Diego to the south. Weather was favorable and dahlias of good size and color were plentiful.

A "Court of Honor" was added this year, thanks to our president, Alan True. Honored here were Most Outstanding in the Show, Undisseminated Lavender Blend "A" Size Cactus Seedling, shown by Larry Sisk; Largest in Show, *Art Linkletter*, Paul Comstock; Best in Section, *Maureen Connelly*, Paul Comstock; *Golden Heart*, Dr. J. W. Troxel; *Windlassie*, H. O. Allen; *Powder Puff*, F. C. McKelvey, and *Harriet*, Nat Lundgren.

Smallest in the Show as a Pink, *Top Mix*, shown by Mr. Sisk. The A.D.S. Third Year Seedling Sweepstakes and the American Home Achievement Award were both won by Mr. Lundgren's *Harriet*, a Dark Blend Miniature Ball.

Other Blue-Ribbon Winners were: "A" Size: *Pop Harris*, *Helen Hayes*, *Tia Juana*, *Margaret Duross*, *Big Ben*, *Helio Frills*, *Croyden Snotop*, *Surprise*, *Com. Max J. Leonard*, *Night Editor*, *Ginga*, *Barbara Marshall*; "B" Size: *First Lady*, *Adelaide*, *Aristocrat*, *Golden Autumn*, *Tartan*, *Juanita*, *Nagel's Solidite*; "BB" Size: *Miss Rose Fletcher*, *Southern Beauty*, *Temple Fire*, *Cheerio*, *Millie*, *Lady Sunbeam*, *Mowey C.*; Min. and Others: *Hazel Harper*, *Butter Ball*, *Little Rachel*, *Jeep*, *Willo's Violet*, *Libretto*, *Pat Ann Dee*.

Sweepstake Winners were: Open to All, Paul Comstock; Advanced Amateur, Charles Teter; Amateur, Herbert Priess; Novice, G. E. Wilt with Thelma Johnson, Runner-up. Most Artistic Display Awards went to: Open to All, Paul Comstock; Runner-up, Everett Henderson; Advanced Amateur, Charles Teter, and F. C. McKelvey, Runner-up; Amateur, Herbert Priess, and Stafford Ashland, Runner-up.

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Long Island Dahlia Society

The Fourteenth Annual Dahlia Show of The Long Island Dahlia Society will be remembered as a climax of a very successful season of dahlia growing among the folks subservient to the dahlia. The show was staged in The Mid-Island Shopping Plaza, in Hicksville, N. Y., on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22. Show Chairman Robert Pape and Mrs. Martin Guttler as Chairlady of the Arrangement Classes are both to be complimented for their efforts. We are ever grateful to the judges, their talents were greatly appreciated. Also in never-ending praises and gratitude to Dewey Mohr for the manner in which he placed the judges and clerks.

The tri-colors, medals and trophies were as follows: Sec. 1A — 1 Bloom Large, F.D., *Uchuu*, H. D. Turner; I.D., *Powder Puff*, Mrs. R. Pape; S.C., *Art Linkletter*, E. O'Keefe; St. or Inc. Cactus, *Cartwright's Showwindow*, E. O'Keefe.

Sec. 3A — 3 Blooms Large, 3 Blooms of *Uchuu* by Sam. Impicciche; Sec. 1B — 1 Bloom Medium, F.D., *First Lady*, Doris Duerk; I.D., *Triumphe D'Anversoisre*, A. Warren; S.C., *Duet*, Chas. M. Konzelman; St.C., *Juanita*, Doris Duerk; Inc.C., *Iva Jean*, Bert Pitt.

Chas Konzelman's *Duet* was judged the best of the five tri-colors and received The Long Island Dahlia Society's Medal.

Sec. 3B — 3 Blooms, Medium, F.D., *Brandaris*, A. Unbekant; I.D., *Windlassie*, M. Guttler; S.C., *Golden Heart*, S. Impicciche; St.C., *Florence Chadwick*, E. Berzau; Inc.C., *Seedling*, A. Warren.

Golden Heart by S. Impicciche won The Long Island Dahlia Silver Medal as best in the 3 Bloom Medium Section. Sec. "BB" — 3 Blooms, Small Medium, *Deuil du Roi Albert*, L. Palmenteri. Beside the tri-color Mr. Palmenteri captured The North Jersey Dahlia Society Medal.

Sec. C — 3 Blooms Miniature, F.D. or I.D., *Beatrice*, H. Olsen; Cactus all types, *Geneva Crystal White*, H. Olsen; Sec. D — 3 Blooms Pompon, *Clarisse*, H. Olsen; Class 600, Smallest and Most Nearly Perfect Bloom in Show, *Little Edith*, M. Schugg; Sec. E — Other Types, *Red Comet*, Mrs. E. Maker; Sec. F — Baskets, A., *Kelvin*, Joe Martin; F.B., *Jack of Hearts*, G. Yaeger; F.B.B., *Sister Kenney*, C. Konzelman; F.C., *Little Jerry*, L. Palmenteri; F.D., *Morning Mist*, S. Smith.

Sec. G — Undisseminated Seedlings, Class G.A., One Year Seedling, E. Ber-

zau; G.B., Seedling, Ruschmohr.

The A.D.S. Bronze Medal went to Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens for their Seedling exhibit. Sec. H. — Special Classes: Class A.H.A. Medal was won by Ruschmohr Gardens with *Cecil M.*, classified as a light blend and semi-cactus, score 85.3. Class B — A.D.S. Seedlings Sweepstakes. *Rosemary J.*, by Ruschmohr, classified "B" as to size, semi-cactus and purple in color, scoring slightly over 85.

Class C — Dahlias of Long Island Origination and for a Long Island Dahlia Society Silver Medal, *New Look* by Martin Guttler; Class D — Otto Aumuller Memorial Trophy, this award went to Sam. Impicciche with a bloom of *Uchuu* and had the momentous honor of also being the Best Bloom in the Show.

Class E — All American Trophy Class. This Class was introduced by Mr. Bert Pitt and the trophy was from the same source, to be awarded for the Best "A" Bloom or 3 Blooms "B" or "BB" or 3 Medium 5 Blooms of Miniature, Pompon, etc., for 1958 introductions of American originations. The winner was Mr. A. Parrella with *Kemps Memorial*.

In the Arrangement Classes, Mrs. Martin Guttler won four out of the nine classes. Mrs. Werner Mueller, Miss Betty Furnell, Mrs. C. J. VonBree, Mrs. Otto Amuller and Miss Inez McGill won one each. The Tri-color and Special went to Mrs. C. J. McGill in Class 6 for her theme of "Sunset Splendor." — Chester D. Francis, Sec'y, 51 Willis Ave., Syoset, N. Y.

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Badger State Dahlia Society

The principal awards of the Thirteenth Annual Show of the Badger State Dahlia Society, Inc., held at the Community Center Building in the city of Madison on August 21st and September 1st, are as follows:

Best Formal Decorative — *Kidd's Climax* by Walter F. Schar; Best Informal Decorative — *Great Lakes* by P. W. MacKenzie; Best Cactus — *Juanita* by Judge George Currie; Best Semi-Cactus — *Golden Heart* by Prof. C. L. Fluke; Largest Bloom — *Dr. McKeen Cattell*, 13¾ x 11¼ inches, by Judge Currie.

Smaller trophies are awarded for the best six "A" sized blooms and for the best six "B" sized blooms, each of a different variety entered in a separate container. This year Judge Currie won both of such trophies. His winning entry of "A" sized blooms consisted of *Arab Queen*, *Great Lakes*, *Leander*, *Lynette Hawton*, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, and *Surprise*; while *Duet*, *Fortune*, *Golden Heart*, *Juanita*, *Wagschal's Goldkrone* and *Windlassie* comprised his entry of "B's".

This year the society undertook to stimulate the growing of dahlias by youngsters under 17 years of age and various of our members assumed the sponsorship of interested youngsters. A separate section was set up in the show schedule for the blooms grown by these young people. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Frusher donated a trophy to be awarded to the sweepstakes winner. Mary Peterson, the daughter of one of our members, was the winner of such trophy.

Sweepstakes winners in other sections were as follows: Non-member Section — Mrs. Charles Sakrison; Small Amateur Section — Dr. Gordon Garnett; Large

Amateur Section — Prof. Fluke; Open to All Section — George J. Merkel; Small Flowering Section — E. J. Heggestad.

It was the consensus of opinion of everyone that this 1958 show was an excellent one in every way. Much of the credit for this is due to the efficient efforts of Show Chairman Walter B. Senty and his co-chairman Lewis W. Amborn. The artistic arrangement section of our show is always outstanding and this year's show was no exception. Mrs. Senty was chairman of such section, with Mrs. E. L. Kriel as co-chairman.

Attendance of the public was larger at our 1958 show than it was at the 1957 show. On Labor Day we were gratified to have a number of people returning from the Mid West Show at Minneapolis stop and pay our show a visit. Among these were E. J. Wind, Columbia Station, Ohio; Carl Sattler, Toledo, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Wulff, Detroit, Michigan. — P. W. MacKenzie, Publicity Chairman.

The Rochester Dahlia Society

The skies may open up, but the show must go on. The Rochester Dahlia Society waded into the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences Sunday, September 21, to stage its 10th Annual Show, one of the biggest and best in its history. About 1,500 visitors braved the rain to inspect the brilliant array of blooms that filled the museum's main hall. There were 1,200 entries with good representation in all classes.

The society was honored by the presence of Dr. Ward H. Cook, of Iliion, N. Y., who was guest and judge. Competition for the "queen of the show" was keen, with five blooms considered in the final round of judging and, the five judges each picking a different "queen." The contest was resolved by putting the crown on *Judy G.*, a medium sized cactus dahlia dark reddish in its blended colors, grown by Richard Rowley of Elmira, N. Y. Ronald Hollenbeck of Hornell, N. Y., took the award for the Largest Bloom in the Show with a 14-inch specimen of *Croyden Masterpiece*, tawney yellow informal decorative type. Paul Herring of Rochester showed the Smallest Most Perfect Bloom with his entry of the *Pompon Gold Dust*.

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ing Seedling was won by Alton Parker of Spencerport, N. Y., with a dark blend, formal dahlia. No award was made in American Home Achievement Class. *Duet*, a red and white bicolor, won the Best Bloom Award in the Novice Section for Robert G. Schwarz of Webster, N. Y., and Mrs. Pauline Lamb of Rochester had the Most Outstanding Bloom in the Section for Amateurs Raising Less Than 150 Hills. It was a specimen of *Southern Beauty*. He also won the Section Sweepstakes.

Sweepstakes honors in the Open Section went to Phillip Kimmell of Rochester, who also won the Merrill Brown Memorial Award for his entry of a Merrill Brown introduction, *Pirouette*.

Sensation of the Flower Arrangement Classes was the capture of two blue ribbons by a school teacher, Earl Canfield of Millport, N. Y. "Mexican Wonderland" and "White Wonderland" were the titles of his prize entries. — William Stonewall, 24 Forest Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

Seattle Dahlia Society

The Second Annual Dahlia Show of the Seattle Dahlia Society was held at the Green Lake Fieldhouse, September 13th and 14th. Mr. George E. McCrea was Show Chairman. The attendance was outstanding; nearly 2000 people viewed the unusually fine quality blooms exhibited.

Trophies and Awards were presented to the following: Largest Dahlia in Show, *Alaska Holland*, John Lindstrom, Everett. Smallest Dahlia, *Tom Thumb*, Mrs. R. D. Evans, Everett. Wesley Ulsh, Gig Harbor, won a trophy and American Home Achievement Medal on Seedling, *Pacific Victory*. Best "A" Size Dahlia, *Hart's Whirlaway*, Leo Miller, Bremerton. Best "B", *Grandezza*, Tom Richardson, Everett. Best "BB", *Tippler*, Geo. McCrea. Best Triple Miniatures, *Little Diamond*, Geo. McCrea. Best Triple American Orig., *Rusty*, Tom Richardson. Best Triple Foreign Orig., *Nagles Solidite*, Cliff Taylor, Tacoma. Baskets: "A" Size, *Mentone*, John Lindstrom. "B" Size, *Wagschalls Goldkrone*, Mrs. Bess Owens. "BB" Size, *Miss Rose Fletcher*, Mrs. Bess Owens. Miniatures, *Andries Pink*, Mrs. Bess Owens. Pompoms, *Mrs. French*, John Lindstrom. Best Arrangement, Paul Nelson. Sweepstakes: Novice, Mrs. Stella Newbom; Amateur, Geo. McCrea; Open, Mrs. Bess Owens. — (Mrs.) Helen McCrea, Rec. Secy., 6845 35th Ave. N.E., Seattle 15.

Dahlia Society of Georgia

The warmth of Summer has gone and so have the Dahlia Shows but the latter are still fresh in our minds.

About 25 of our group attended the Birmingham Show and also the Southern States Show in Chattanooga. We completed our show in Atlanta on the 4th and 5th with a complete success. Approximately two thousand blooms were entered in the Show, and in general were of good quality despite the weather during the year.

The Best "A" Size Bloom was *Mrs. Hester Pape*, which also won more ribbons than any other bloom. The Best "B" Size Bloom was *Windlassie*. Best Pom, *Valda*; Best Miniature, *Little Lizzie*; Best Ball, *Willie DeOuden*; Best Other Flowering, *Jersey Maid*.

The "B" Size Bloom winning the most ribbons was *Joey-K*, both as a "B" and "BB" size.

Other top ribbon winners were: *Kidds Climax*, *Selene*, *Silver Wedding*, *Helen Hayes*, *Ned Seymour*, *Surprise*, *Golden Treasure*, *Southern Beauty*, *Nicky K*, *Juanita*, *Wagschall's Goldkrone*, *Little Speckles*, *Maple Leaf*, and *Imp*.

Hats are off to R. O. Glauzier for having a fine year as President of the Society and special thanks to the awards committee for the many silver prizes awarded at the show.

We are looking forward to the Southern States Dahlia Association Show here in Atlanta October the 3rd and 4th, 1959. This will be Georgia's Silver Anniversary, as the Society was organized in 1934.

As President of the Southern States Dahlia Association I wish to extend an early invitation to attend our "Silver Jubilee" next year. — Dr. A. L. Stephens, Jr., Publicity, 1260 Brookforest Drive, N.E., Atlanta 5, Georgia.

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Portland Dahlia Society

The Thirty-first Annual Show of this Society was held in the Masonic Temple Ballroom on August 23 and 24, the earliest dates for a show in the past several years. Show Chairman Herman G. Runge and Co-chairman W. F. Kerlinger did an excellent job.

Individual Sweepstakes winners were: Advanced Amateur, Gladys Marshall, Cornelius, Oregon; Amateur, Don Allen, Portland; Novice, John Jenkins, Portland.

Other principal special awards were: Mastick Trophy, Best "A", *Janet Beckett*, by P. F. Kershishnik; F.C. Little Cup, Best "B", *Golden Heart*, by Al Coufel; American Dahlia Society Medal, Largest Dahlia in Show, *Croyden's Masterpiece*, exhibited by Gladys Marshall, Cornelius, Oregon; Smallest Perfect Pompon, *Mrs. French*, by Mrs. Larry Jensen, Cornelius; American Home Achievement Medal, awarded to J. R. McEvoy of Portland. For the first time in five years the Portland Dahlia Society awarded this medal which is for the originator of the most worthy undissemintated, but named variety of dahlia. This dahlia, *Nita*, was originated by Paul Hale of Brighton, Illinois, and grown by J. R. McEvoy.

McEvoy Trophy, Best "A", Amateur Division, *Janet Beckett*, by Glen Baker; DeVolder Trophy, Best "B", Amateur, *Golden Heart*, by A. L. Coufel; Best "A", Novice Division, *Silver Wedding*, by John Jenkins; DeVolder Trophy, Best "B", Novice, *Priscilla*, by Fred Owen; San Diego Dahlia Society Medal, *Surprise*, by Herman Runge, Portland; Minnesota Dahlia Society Medal, *Janet Beckett*, by John S. Jenkins; Inglewood Dahlia Society Medal, *Grandezza*, by Bob Bloomfield; North Jersey Dahlia Society Medal, *White Fawn*, by C. E. Richter; A. T. Mastick Cup, *Charles L. Mastick*, by C. E. Richter; J. R. Beyerle Cup, *Sellwood Glory*, by C. E. Richter; Kershishnik Award, *Mrs. J. Lucas, Trinket and Benvenuto*, by Venner Dahlia Gardens, Portland; Anderson Award, *Mimosa* and *Betty Ann*, by P. F. Kershishnik, Portland; E. H. White Trophy, *Fresco, Paul's White* and *Lady Alice*, by Mrs. J. H. Oswald; Portland Dahlia Society Medal, *House of Orange*, by C. E. Richter; Portland Dahlia Society Medal, *White Hall*, by Bob Bloomfield; W. C. Scrutton Memorial Award, *Autumn Brocade, Wagenschall's Goldkrone* and *Soleid Calvados*,

by Bob Bloomfield; The President's Award, *Surprise*, by Gladys Marshall, Cornelius; Venner Trophy, *Juanita*, by R. F. Sproul; Clarence Daniel Memorial, *Flamingo*, by C. E. Richter; Frances McDuffee Trophy, *Mrs. French* and *Avilla*, by B. S. Chambers; Bateman Trophy, *Glory Van Hemestede, Gerry Hook* and *Yellow Elegance*, by Bob Bloomfield.

Open to Commercial Growers only: Portland Dahlia Society Medal, *Delicate Beauty*, by Doris Johnson, Portland; Best "A" Size, *Pirate Treasure*, by J. R. Beyerly, Portland; Best "B" Size, *Helsinki*, by Doris Johnson, Portland.

In addition, Mr. McEvoy exhibited a beautiful display of Dahlias of various sizes and types for educational purposes which drew a great deal of attention from everyone. — B. S. Chambers, 7652 N.E. Stanton St., Portland.

Ohio Valley Dahlia Association

Our 28th Annual Show was held September 27 and 28, 1958, in the Cincinnati Art Museum. Show Chairman Jack Wilsey and his committee were rewarded by a record attendance.

Winners at the show in part were: Most Perfect "A" or "B", won by Leo Lawrence with *Clarian Royalty*. Best "B" Size by Wm. Wolbert with *Windlassie*. Largest Bloom by Val Schill with *Tobey's Yellow Monarch*. Best Ball by Wm. Bertele with *Clara Clemmons*. Best Min. Dec. by Fred Binstadt with *Small Fry*. Best Pom. by W. C. Anderson with *Kotara*.

The several circulating trophies awarded each year were won by the following members: Marie Emmerich Trophy to Val Schill. Howard A. Ray Trophy to Wm. Wolbert. R. G. Huey Trophy to Jack Wilsey. Thomas Trophy to Howard Ray. The Mattick Trophy to Fred Binstadt. Ed Heepke Trophy to Jack Wilsey. The Albert Harris Trophy was won for the third time by Val Schill. It is now his personal property.

Open to All Sweepstakes won by George Richardson. Runner-up Val Schill. Amateur Sweepstakes won by Jack Wilsey. Runner-up Fred Binstadt. Open to All Artistic Arrangements Sweepstakes won by Elizabeth Geisman. Novice by Mrs. Harold Vicroy. The American Home Achievement Award was won by Paul Hale with *Nita*. — Mrs. John H. Dickman, Show Secretary, 3036 Boudinot Ave., Cincinnati 38, Ohio.

Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

The Annual Show was held on Sept 20-21 at WCAU-Radio & TV Center in Phila., Pa. The dahlia received more publicity this year — both radio and TV. Even the regular news coverage showed the viewers much of the Show.

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21st — CBS officially acquired WCAU in Phila. There was a big event which was televised and we were fortunate in having our Show included; a big red 14" dahlia — *The Big Ten* — was named in honor of CBS, big new TV station in Phila., this being part of the ceremonies.

The American Home Achievement Medal winner was *Applause* (FD, "B", Dark Red), by Stanley Johnson. The following Seedlings won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Awards — *Applause*, 88.3 points; *Fascination* (Dr. L. E. Jordan), "A", IC, Light Blend, 86 points; *RF-55* (Keck-Stephens), Min., Dark Red, 85 points; *Ivy* (Pennypack), "BB", Str.C Light Blend, 85.7 points; *The Big Ten* (Pennypack), "A", SC, Red, 87 points.

Sweepstakes Trophy Winners — Amateur, Frank L. Deichler, Jr.; Open to All, Dr. L. E. Jordan; Section "BB" (best entry) Walter Strobel; Small Varieties, Geo. M. Boyles, and Arrangements, Mrs. Edward H. Adams and Mrs. Adele Schonberger.

The Table of Champions — Best "A", *The Big Ten* (Pennypack); Best 3 "B", *Aristocrat* (Dr. L. E. Jordan); Best 3 "BB", *Lady Sunbeam* (Walter Strobel); Best 5, Min., *Bronze Princess* (Howard Rolph); Best 5, Poms, *Margaret Williams* (Lewis J. Knidel); Best "A" (Basket) *Whitehall* (John Drach); Best "B" (Basket) *Grace* (John Drach); Best 25 Mins. (Basket) *Hazel Harper* (Walter Strobel). Most Meritorious Exhibit, *Bronze Princess* (Howard Rolph). Best Arrangement (Mrs. Harry J. O'Donnel).

A review of the best specimens were — "A" Size — *Autumn Blaze*, *Pride of Parkersburg*, *Clarium Parrish*, *Highbrow*, *Pop Harris*, *Collector's Item*, *Big Mo*, *Cherokee Beauty*, *Shoreboat*, *Patricia Spollen*, *Our Friend*, and *Mrs. Hester Pape*. "B" Size — *Juanita*, *Goody*, *Nita*, *Bunny*, *Windlassie*, *Golden Treasure*, *El dorado*, *Sister Kenny*, *Friendship*, *Piquant* and *Duet*. "BB" Size — *Starfire*, *Good Morning*, *Lady Sunbeam*, *Gold Digger* and *Southern Beauty*. Miniatures — *Agatha*, *Orange Baby*, *Mark E. Fuzzy Wuzzy*, *Joan L. Boyles* and *Ginny Johnston*. Pompons — *Sweetie*, *Ebony*, *Gold Dust*,

Lady Lookout, *Linda Harris*, *Miss Marjorie* and *Morning Mist*.

The Judges covering dahlias — Roy W. Webb, John M. Root, Mayland T. MacAvoy, N. Louis Comito and Chas. G. Friedel. Arrangements — Mrs. Francis Shaetz, Mrs. J. V. Aitkin, Jr., and Mrs. J. C. Bunting. The management of the Show was under the supervision of Fred H. Moore. — Mrs. N. L. Wright, Secretary, 6926 Ridge Ave., Philadelphia 28.

Burholme Horticulture Society

The 38th Annual Show was held on September 24th and 25th in the beautiful Friendship Room of the Cheltenham Federal Savings Building in Philadelphia, Pa. Although the show was not as large as in former years the quality was excellent.

The American Home Achievement Medal was won by *Applause*, a glistening Dark Red FD, "B" Size, a Stanley Johnson creation. A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award was also won by *Applause* and another Pennypack unnamed seedling (FD, "B" Dark Blend). This one has very dark stems and foliage.

The "Open to All" section Sweepstake winner was Walter Strobel, Elkins Park, Pa., while John Drach, Cheltenham, Pa., was the big winner in the Amateur section. The largest bloom was a fine specimen of Comm. Max J. Leonard by John Plewinski and Applause won the honors as the best "B" size dahlia. Five (5) blooms of a 1958 introduction carrying the award of the A.D.S. medal was won by *Goody*.

The best of the "A" Size dahlias were: *Kidd's Climax*, *Whitehall*, *Autumn Blaze*, *Selene*, *Surprise*, *Bay City White*, *Prairie Fire*, *Our Friend*, *Tidal Wave*, *Kelvin*, *King Size* and *Five Star General*. The following "B" Size were prominent and blue ribbon winners: *Juanita*, *Bunny*, *Show Girl*, *Duet*, *Val Saint Lambert*, *Piquant*, *Pioneer*, *Purity*, *Iva Jean* and *First Lady*. The top miniatures gaining first prizes were: *Bronze Princess*, *Ginny Johnston*, *Joan L. Boyles*, *Jo*, *Hazel Harper*, *Andries Orange*, *Chips*, *BoBo* and *Mrs. F. Watts*.

Pompons were dominated by the following varieties: *Margaret Williams*, *Alderman Purdue*, *Betty Anne*, *Ebony*, *Joyce Gibbs*, *Linda Harris*, *Ila*, *Sweetie*, *Little Edith* and *Gold Dust*.

The show was capably judged by Dr. Ward H. Cook, John Root, Charles Friedel, N. Louis Comito and Mayland MacAvoy. — Chic Hausmann, Church Road at Shelmire, Phila. 11, Pa.

Nationwide Dahlia Society News

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Snohomish County Dahlia Society

It was clearly evidenced by the quality of blooms at the 49th Annual Snohomish County Dahlia Show which was held at Floral Hall, Forest Park, Everett, August 23 and 24, 1958, that the lack of rain in this area did not lessen their beauty.

Award winners as announced by the judges were as follows: A.D.S. Sweepstakes Award won by John O. Lindstrom with *Pilchuck Queen*, a fine white, B-SC.

This flower also won for Mr. Lindstrom the American Home Achievement Award. *Surprise* as the Best Dahlia in Show won for John O. Lindstrom the Society Trophy; Largest Dahlia, H. S. Records Memorial Trophy, won by Lawrence DeCan with *Groucho Marx*; Smallest Dahlia, Sullivan Trophy, Tom Wigley with *Clover*; Best "B" Dahlia, Van Winkle Furniture Trophy, John O. Lindstrom with *Marvelous*; Best Seedling, Andy DeRooy Memorial Trophy, John O. Lindstrom, *Jeanette Lee*; Best First Year Seedling, Society Trophy, Pablo Abellero with *Yellow St. Cae*; Best Basket of Gladiolus, Purdy & Walters Trophy, Doris Tollefson, *Red Charms*; Best Basket Mixed Dahlias, Everett Trust & Savings Trophy, Bess Owens, *People's Choice*; B. H. Weber Trophy won by John O. Lindstrom with *Surprise*; Best Arrangement, Allied Florists Trophy, by Mrs. John O. Lindstrom.

Open Division: Sweepstakes, Society Trophy, John O. Lindstrom with 191 points; Best Basket "A" Decoratives, Darigold Trophy, John O. Lindstrom, *Darcy Sainsbury*; Best Basket "B" Decoratives, Tony Dire Trophy, Pablo Abellero, *First Lady*; Best Basket "B" S.C., Friedlander Trophy, John Lindstrom, *Pilchuck Queen*; Best Basket "B" I.C., Thos. Sullivan Trophy, Bess Owens, *Wagshalls Goldkrone*; Best "A" Size Basket in Open Division, Seattle Dahlia Society Trophy; John O. Lindstrom, *Darcy Sainsbury*; Best Basket Min. Decoratives, Merryfield Trophy, Bess Owens, *Andre's Pink*; Best "B" Size Basket Open Division, Bess Owens, *Wagshalls Goldkrone*.

Amateur Division: Best Basket "A" S.C., Pearl Kiehn Trophy, J. B. Munroe, *Vagabond*; Sweepstakes — Chaffee Trophy, J. E. Munroe with 130 points.

Novice Division: Sweepstakes — DeRooy Tuber Award, H. Hull with 76 points; Best Dahlia in Novice Division, Lindstrom Tuber Award, W. J. Leonard with *Grand Slam*.

Junior Division — a new division added this year which proved to be a success. Sweepstakes was won by Pat Moran with 40 points; and the Best Dahlia in the division was won by Patricia Owens with *Rivoli*.

Virginia Dahlia Society

The 34th Annual Show for 1958 was held, as usual, in the Old Dominion Room of the Miller & Rhoads Store on Sept. 29. More than the usual number of blooms were on exhibit and the show was said to be of good quality throughout.

J. B. Eddins of Richmond came out "head of the class" when he accumulated 54 blue ribbons — the highest number won by a single exhibitor. Under a new system of awards set up by the American Garden Society Court of Honor winners were: Vernon Ailstock of Arlington, Grand Champion "A," and Best Pompon; and J. B. Eddins, Grand Champion "B," Best Miniature, Best Ball and Best 4-6-Inch "BB" Dahlias.

There were two winners in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Class. J. A. Eddins won with a big White Incurved Cactus, named *Bill Elkins*, after its late originator, one of the pioneers of the Virginia Society. It scored 85.4. The other was Forrest T. Minor's *Cecil M.*, an "A" Size White with lavender shadings towards outer petals. Petals lacinated. Score 85.

The A.D.S. Bronze Medal was awarded to Alton W. Smith for a First Year Seedling.

Tricolor Awards went to J. A. Eddins, Ailstock and George E. Dodrill of Alexandria — Over 50 Hills Division, Class "A"; E. C. Belcher of Richmond (3) and J. B. Eddins — Under 50 Hills, Class "A"; J. A. Eddins (2) and Dodrill (2) — Over 50 Hills, Class "B"; Frank J. Busch of Richmond and J. B. Eddins (3) — Under 50 Hills, Class "B".

In the artistic division, Mrs. R. E. Bryant won the Tricolor Award, and Mrs. J. B. Eddins, the Award of Distinction. — Mrs. J. B. Eddins, 2124 New Berne Rd., Richmond, Va.

National Capital Dahlia Society

Rain greeted the opening of the National Capital Dahlia Society's 23rd Annual Show at U. S. Botanic Gardens. The Honorable Howard Beale, Q.C. (Queen's Counsel), Ambassador of Australia to the United States, accompanied by Mrs.

Beale, carried an umbrella as he entered the Garden to open the Show. The Show opened at 3:30 P.M. September 27 and closed at 7 P.M. on the 28th.

The judges selected *Burnbrae's Memoires* as the Best Large Dahlia in the Show. It was exhibited by Vernon Ailstock of Arlington, Virginia. His Excellency was delighted to learn an Australian variety had won top honors in the Show.

While this was not the biggest Show we have had, it was well attended and the quality of the blooms was high. Show Chairman Orman Schneeman and President Clyde Stewart did a grand job in putting on a wonderful Show.

Other major winners were: Best Medium Flowering, *Windlassie*, E. R. Phillips; Best Florist Size, *Southern Beauty*, J. A. Eddins; Best Miniature, *Chasamay*, Vernon Ailstock, Best Pompon, *Burwood*, Vernon Ailstock; Best Small Flowering, *Woody Woodpecker*, Mark Alger; Largest Bloom in Show, *Art Linkletter*, J. A. Eddins; American Home Achievement, *Cecil M.*, Forrest T. Minor.

The visiting judges did their usual fine job for us, then were our guests for dinner at the Occidental located on historic Pennsylvania Avenue. — Carl R. Greimel, 6369 Ridge Drive, Washington 16, D. C.

Washington State Dahlia Society

The Washington State Dahlia Society held its 48th Annual Dahlia Show in Normana Hall, Tacoma, Washington, on September 6th and 7th, with more than 1,000 entries. While that is not a record, it is far more than were expected after the hot summer which took its toll of Dahlias.

Best Dahlia in the Show, winning the Grand Award was *Surprise*. Exhibitor, Leo Miller of Bremerton, Washington. Mr. Miller also won the News Tribune Trophy for Best Five "A" Size Blooms of *Hart's Whirlaway*. *First Lady* took the trophy for Second Best in the Show for Vernon Sanford of Bremerton.

Other winners were: *Seafair Princess*, Best One Bloom, Washington Origin, Pablo Abellera, Seattle. *Gertrude*, Best 3 Blooms, Washington Origin, Robert Young, Bremerton. *Wagschal's Goldkrone*, Best 3 Blooms, European Introduction, Bess Owens, Seattle. *Gold Dust*, Smallest Most Perfect, Bess Owens, Seattle. *Kelvin*, Largest, Charles Julin, Tacoma. *Ammonier Chandelon*, Best One Bloom, Foreign, George McCrea, Seattle.

Ammonier Chandelon, Best 5 Blooms "B" Size, Bess Owens, Seattle. *Lilac Superba*, Best 3 Blooms "BB" Size, Judy Ulsh, Gig Harbor. *Dainty Lady*, Best Arrangement, Barbara Ayler, Tacoma. *Rayonetti*, Best Basket, Mrs. Leo Fanning, Tacoma. Television, Second Best Basket, June Collins, Seattle. *Autumn Brocade*, Best Dahlia Grown by Amateur, Jack Macdonald, Bremerton. *Val St. Lambert*, Best Dahlia by a Novice, Harold Myers, Tacoma. *Janet Beckett*, Best Dahlia by a Junior, Sherilyn Ayer, Tacoma.

American Home Achievement Medal for Most Worthy Undisseminated Dahlia, *Pacific Victory*, an "A" Size White, Incurved Cactus, grown by Westley Ulsh of Gig Harbor. Mr. Ulsh also won five A.D.S. Gold Medal Certificates. Best One Year Seedling Award won by Thomas Richardson, Everett, Washington.—Florence M. Taylor, 1420 South Stevens, Tacoma 5.

Southern Tier Dahlia Society

The 1958 Southern Tier Dahlia Show brought exhibitors from sections of New Jersey, Connecticut, Rochester, Hornell and Philadelphia.

Dr. Lester Jordan of Wilkes-Barre, formerly of Elmira, was an exhibitor of approximately 200 blooms.

The choice blooms of the 25 members of the Dahlia Society were displayed with the largest area exhibitor being George Brunjes of Golden Glow Rd.

Judging the dahlia show was Dewey Mohr of Rockville Center L. I., Andrew Mulcahy of Floral Park, L. I., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hardisty and Mrs. Sarah Wood of Southport, Conn. Mrs. Wood, better known as "Aunt Sarah," has had the distinction of having a pink, miniature

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dahlia named in her honor.

One of the highlights of the show was a Challenge Class from 1:30 to 2 in the lobby of the hotel.

The main show in the Terrace Room carried the theme, "The Garden Path of Life." The first scheduled class is the Miniature Class, a perennial favorite with arrangements not exceeding three inches.

Grand Champion, *Fireworks*, George Brunjes; Smallest Pom Pom, *Gold Dust*, George Brunjes; Largest Bloom, *Powderpuff*, Joan Fitzpatrick; Best Three Blooms, *Piquant*, Joan Fitzpatrick; Novice Sweepstakes, Don Clinton; American Home Achievement, won with *Fascination*, "B"-St. C light blend, originated by Dr. L. E. Jordan; A.D.S. Award, *Rosemary J.*, Ruschmohr Gardens, exhibited by George Brunjes; A.D.S. Medal for 2 Year Seedling won by Alton Parker. — Shirley A. Bennett, 536 Partridge St., Elmira, N. Y.

Southtown Dahlia Club Inc.

1958 winners at the Southtown Dahlia Club Show were: Most Perfect Bloom, *Earl Wood*; Most Perfect "A" Bloom, *Earl Wood*; Most Perfect "B" Bloom, *Iva Jean*, 3 Most Perfect Miniatures, *Little Lemon Drop*; 3 Most Perfect Pom-poms, *Albino*; 3 Most Perfect Other Type Small Dahlias, *Deanna Durbin*; Largest Bloom in Show, *Arthur Godfrey* — 13" x 9½"; Big Ten (ten most perfect different disseminated "A" size dahlias — 10 different varieties), *Kelvin Floodlight*, *Pirate Treasure*, *Surprise*, *Ginga*, *Margaret Duross*, *Janet Beckett*, *Ned Seymour*, *Earl Wood*, *Selene*, *Orange Majesty*.

Little Ten (ten most perfect different disseminated "B" size dahlias — 10 different varieties), *Piquant*, *Bonds Memory*, *Nutley Sunrise*, *Juanita*, *Iva Jean*, *Rodeo*, *Golden Heart*, *Bunny*, *Lady Ismay*, *Marika Rokk*.

Four Formations (4 most perfect "A" size blooms — entry consists of one formal one informal, one semi-cactus and one cactus), *Pride of Parkersburg*, Mrs. Hester A. Pape, *Leander*, *Sophia R.*

Four Formations (4 most perfect "B" size blooms — entry consists of one formal, one informal, one semi-cactus and one cactus), *Windlassie*, *Golden Heart*, *Nita*, *June*.

The American Home Achievement

Medal was awarded to Mr. Paul Hale, Brighton, Illinois, for his *Nita*, a "B" size variegated cactus, color — light purple splashed maroon — 8" x 5½". It scored 85.8.

The A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes winner was *Kimberly Jewel*, a dark blend — color white with lavender — incurred cactus "B" — 8" x 5" which scored 85.2. Originator is N. E. Sutherland, South Africa; grown by Summit Gardens, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

There were 3,310 blooms on display and 69 artistic arrangements.

The Dahlia Society of Kentucky

Well, another year is past history and I might say that we were mighty proud of our Dahlia Show this year which was staged at the Kentucky Hotel on September 20-21st. Many specimen blooms were displayed and all in all, we had a very beautiful Show. We had a very wet season to begin with, but with the number of blooms we had, which was about 3,500, we had no reason to complain.

We had no American Home Achievement Medal or A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes winner this year. The Largest Bloom in the Show was *Mary Elizabeth*, shown by Mr. Bernard James of Indianapolis, Indiana. The Court of Honor winner was *Son of Satan*, shown by Mr. Joe Hellmann. The Derby Entry Class was *Art Linkletter*, shown by Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons, who also won the Grand Sweepstakes of the entire Show. Our congratulations to Mrs. Simmons who is 82 years old and still a very enthusiastic dahlia grower. The Best "B" Dahlia in the Show was *Peach Blend*, shown by Mr. Richard Dunwoody of Zionsville, Indiana. Sweepstakes in Section 1 was won by Mr. W. W. Stout. Sweepstakes in Section 2 was won by Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons. Sweepstakes in Open to All Section was won by Mr. Raymond Lawrence of Shelbyville, Kentucky. Sweepstakes in Poms and Miniatures was won by Mr. W. C. Anderson of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Garden Flower Section Sweepstakes was won by Mrs. Margaret Schooler. The Best 3 Red "A" Dahlias in the Show was *Mary Elizabeth*, shown by Mr. Clarence Hoagland. The Best 5 Red "A" Dahlias in the Show was also *Mary Elizabeth*, shown by Mr. W. W. Stout. — Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary, 726 Barret Ave., Louisville, Ky.

Alabama Dahlia News

The show season is behind us. By that, we mean three shows — Birmingham, Chattanooga and Atlanta. These three clubs always support each other's shows. They were all wonderful exhibits of our favorite flower and all were very well staged. The good growing season which we have had, helped tremendously in giving us both size and quality. Birmingham hopes for similar weather conditions in 1960 when we are due to put on the Southern States Show.

In the Birmingham show this year, top honors went to G. H. Christopian who took the bulk of the trophies, prizes and medals. The balance were evenly distributed between Atlanta, Chattanooga and Birmingham entries.

The final tabulation showed 733 entries representing 1,250 blooms plus 51 more entries in the arrangement section. The Largest Bloom in the Show was a *Mary Elizabeth*; the Best "A" Bloom was a *Jane Lausche*, and the Best "B" Bloom was a *Windlassie*. These were all entered by Christopian. He also scored with five *Mrs. Hester Pape*. Walter Gaines had the Best Three "A" Blooms, with another set of *Mrs. Hester Pape* and he also had the Best Three "B" Blooms with *Joey K*.

E. E. Montgomery of Atlanta brought in a *Lavender Lady* for the Best Miniature, and R. O. Glauzier, also of Atlanta, had the Best Pompon — *Mahogany*. We think that we had a very good show with an abundance of excellent blooms. — G. E. Anderson, 1218 Irving Road, Birmingham 9, Alabama.

Scioto Valley Dahlia Society

Our 7th Annual Dahlia Show of Sept. 20th and 21st was the largest and best show we have ever had. There was a fine display of seedlings again this year.

The American Home Achievement Award went to Presley Caldwell on his *Caldwell's Pink Beauty*. The largest bloom, *Kemp's Memorial*, grown by Presley Caldwell, won the Rufus Camelin Memorial Trophy. *Surprise* was the best "A" bloom grown by Howard A. Ray, Cincinnati, Ohio. *Borams Moonlight* was the best "B" bloom grown by Wm. Wolbert, Springfield, Ohio. *Charlotte Caldwell* was the best Ball bloom grown by Presley Caldwell, Chillicothe, Ohio. *Roxie* was the best Miniature grown by Mrs. Thomas Morgan, Otway, Ohio. *Velda*

was the best Pom grown by Earl Weaver, Portsmouth, Ohio. The best 1st Year Seedling was grown by Elmer Shoemaker Waverly, Ohio. N. Kozopas, Bedford, Ohio, won the Grand Sweepstakes in the Specimen Division. Mrs. C. W. Hedges, Ashville, Ohio, won the Grand Sweepstakes in the Artistic Division. Mrs. Thomas Morgan, Otway, Ohio, won the Grand Sweepstakes in the Seedling Division.

Some of the special prize winning varieties were: *Big Mo*, *Goody*, *Kelvin*, *Juanita*, *Kremlin*, *Carlisle's Pincheel*, *Hester Pape*, *Grandazza*, *Pride of Parkersburg*, *Allegresse*, *Clariam Parish*, *Clariam Royalty*, *Rosy Dawn*, *Pink Profusion* and *Croydon's Robin*. — C. H. Bowen, Sec.-Treas., Box 415, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin

The Twenty-eighth Annual Show of the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin was held September 6th and 7th. George Merkle, show chairman, reported visitors were amazed by the beauty and abundance of over 2,000 blooms entered by gardeners of Wisconsin and neighboring states.

Dr. William VanHorn won honors with the most outstanding bloom, he also had the largest bloom of the show, measuring 14 x 8.

Other awards were: Section B (Novice Division) — Most perfect "A" bloom, Burton Danmuth, Milwaukee; most perfect "B" bloom, Steve Jaloviar, Cudahy; largest bloom of section, Danmuth, and section sweepstakes award, Danmuth. Section C (Small Amateur) — Most perfect "A" bloom, "B" bloom and largest bloom of section all won by Dr. G. M. Garnett, Madison. Section D — Most perfect "A" bloom, "B" bloom and largest bloom all won by Dr. VanHorn.

Section E (Open to all members) — Most perfect "A" bloom, State Supreme Court Judge George M. Currie, Madison; "B" bloom, Glen Pierce, Chicago; and largest bloom, Ben Makowski, Milwaukee.

Miniature Section — Special awards to Dick Martin, Chicago, and Judge Currie. Artistic Arrangement Sections — Most outstanding and sweepstakes awards in "J" division, Mrs. Herman Degner, Milwaukee; in "I" division, Mrs. Ed. Slak, Milwaukee; most outstanding niche, Mrs. Slak. Men's Artistic Arrangements — won by Charles Mosser, of St. Francis. — Ed. Slak, 3052 So. 9th St., Milwaukee 19, Wis.

B. S. Pruitt Fathers New Dahlia Society

Yazoo City, Miss., Joins A.D.S. as a Participating Society

Back in 1956, B. S. Pruitt was transferred by his employers from the Mid-West area to the State of Mississippi, at Yazoo City. He had previously been a member of the A.D.S. for several years.

On December 1st, 1956, he wrote Treasurer Henry Olsen and said, "I would like to have some assistance in the origin of a local Dahlia Society at Yazoo City and perhaps later a Mississippi State Dahlia Society. Please send me any pamphlets, other material and a copy of the A.D.S. By-Laws, anything, in fact, which might be of help in this project. I feel that when I get our society started, I will be able to get a lot of members to join the A.D.S."

"And I surely recommend the Bulletin as the best means to know what is going on elsewhere in the Dahlia World, as well as furnishing us a lot of informative services."

"I have had a visit from Woodson K. Jones, Secretary of the National Men's Garden Club, who lives 40 miles away in Jackson, the State Capital. He asked me to sponsor a Men's Garden Club locally. But I feel that I have a better chance to sponsor a Dahlia Society here, which is in keeping with my hobby."

Copies of the A.D.S. By-Laws and other literature, along with a list of A.D.S. members in Mississippi which might be of help to Mr. Pruitt, were forwarded by Secretary Edw. B. Lloyd in December, 1956. Mr. Pruitt got busy immediately, and organized the Yazoo City Dahlia Society.

On July 20, 1958, Mrs. A. M. Vandervere, Jr., Treasurer of this new society, sent a check to Henry Olsen for \$55.00 to pay for 22 Participating Members in the A.D.S., and the Yazoo City Dahlia Society became the latest Participating Society. Mrs. Vandervere has later sent in two more members, making a total of twenty-four. She wrote: "We have about 35 members in our new society, so you see that most of our members have joined the A.D.S. Mr. Pruitt, our President, started the Yazoo City Dahlia Society only 16 months ago and already we are a very enthusiastic group. I enclose a copy of our 'Rules and Regulations'."

So, this then, is the story of Mr. Pruitt's success in organizing a new dahlia society, because of his hope to introduce his favorite hobby to others plus a determination

to help others enjoy them.

The A.D.S. salutes President Pruitt, founder of a new A.D.S. Participating Society. (Editor's Note: The notice of the forming of this new society and the dates of its 1958 Show, held Oct. 11 and 12, 1958, arrived at our desk two days after the final closing of the August issue. We are sorry and hope that the Yazoo City Dahlia Society will appoint a Corresponding Secretary to get the news to us regularly, in time for publication. See closing dates in Nationwide Dahlia Society News, each issue.)

Dahlia Time Is Here for Grower, 83

By Marie Kirkwood 8 Spartan

From August until frost is dahlia time.

For 40 years Harvey H. Robens has spent his time preparing for the blooming, putting plants to sleep for winter, looking forward to the next flowering.

His farm three miles south of Chagrin Falls, on Route 422, has two solid acres in bloom today including 6,000 plants, 300 varieties, 50 of them introduced by himself. Some are small as buttons, the *Ada N. Robens*, named for his wife, is 14 inches across.

His best roots sell for as high as \$15. Though 83, Robens and his wife handle it all. And there is huge correspondence around the globe with growers in Australia, Holland and Japan, who send him roots and seeds.

In winter they get out a new catalog of foreign kinds they have made naturalized Americans, and their latest propagations.

He has a good-sized field of plants raised from seed, some rivaling the named kinds in size and color, with all sorts of new ones appearing. — From Cleveland Evening News, Sept. 16, 1958.

Mrs. John Gaylord Dies

With sorrow, we learn, just at press time, of the passing of Mrs. John Gaylord. Mrs. Gaylord was an able assistant to her "dahlia-man" in his gardens and at the shows for many years. They lived at 285 Douglas St., San Francisco. We visited them in 1956, on our trip to California. They were perfect hosts and most interesting dahlia folks. Mrs. Gaylord had been in poor health for some time. She will be missed greatly by the Bay Area Dahlia Groups.

A. D. S. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee presents a slate for 1959 as listed on the ballot below.

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

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

Be sure to mail your ballot before January 2, 1959, to Henry Olsen, Treasurer, 48 Clement Avenue, Elmont, N. Y.

VOTE

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

The Officers placed in nomination by the Naminating Committee to serve the American Dahlia Society for 1959, or until their successors are elected or appointed, are as follows:

- ☐ For President: Bert Pitt, Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y.
- ☐ For Secretary: Edward B. Lloyd, Montclair, New Jersey
- ☐ For Assistant Secretary: Mrs. D. Meyer, Bergenfield, N. J.
- ☐ For Treasurer: Harry Dreyer, Ridgewood, N. J.
- ☐ For Trustee to 1960: Dr. Bruce Preas, Rockville Centre, L. I., N. Y.

For Vice Presidents (vote for 25 or more):

- ☐ L. C. Bennett, St. Louis, Mo.
- ☐ J. Ralph Berry, Cleveland, Ohio
- ☐ Emil Berzau, Merrick, N. Y.
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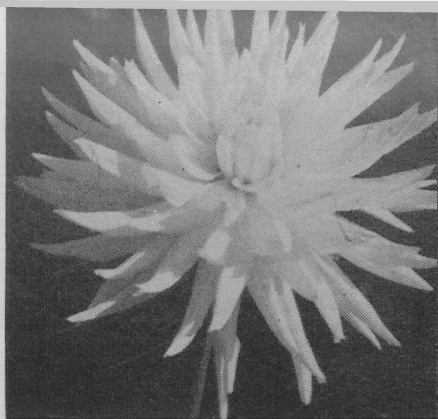
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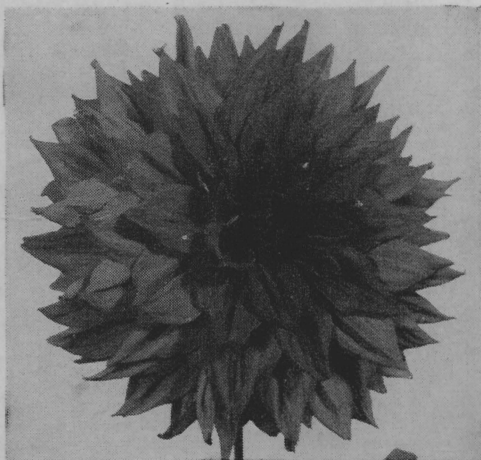
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