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## AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

announces the

**STANLEY JOHNSON MEDAL WINNER**

***Verrone's Morning Star***

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The American Dahlia Society announces the 2013 winner of the Stanley Johnson medal – *Verrone's Morning Star* – a pure white dahlia with the American Dahlia Society's newest recognized dahlia form. This form combines the involute characteristics of the orchid dahlia form and the petaloid characteristics of the collarette form. This medal is presented annually by the ADS to the dahlia variety with the greatest number of higher awards – awards above blue ribbons – that have been accumulated during the previous season of flower shows across the United States and Canada. The award was designed to recognize excellence in the growing and showing of dahlias at the national level. A variety is eligible to win this medal only once.



Roland Verrone

*Verrone's Morning Star*, introduced in 2011, was hybridized by Roland Verrone of Verrone's Dahlias. The Verrone's 5 acre nursery, located south of Tacoma, WA, boasts a spectacular view of the majestic Mount Rainier. Using organic methods, they grow 3500 dahlia plants and 800-1000 seedlings each year.

The following nurseries have *Verrone's Morning Star* listed for 2014:

Accent Dahlias	<a href="mailto:kenlg@frontier.com">kenlg@frontier.com</a>
Dan's Dahlias	<a href="http://dansdahlias.com">dansdahlias.com</a>
Hilltop Gardens	<a href="http://hilltopdahlias.com">hilltopdahlias.com</a>
J&C Dahlias	<a href="http://jcdahlias.com">jcdahlias.com</a>
Verrone's Dahlias	<a href="http://wadahlias.com">wadahlias.com</a>
JS Dahlias	<a href="http://jsdahlias.com">jsdahlias.com</a>

The American Dahlia Society apologizes for the error in previously reporting the dahlia variety, *Badger Twinkle*, as the winning variety for 2013. A closer examination of the tabulations brought the mistake to light. *lah*