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announces the

STANLEY JOHNSON MEDAL WINNER

Parkland Rave

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The American Dahlia Society announces the 2014 winner of the Stanley Johnson medal – *Parkland Rave* – a lavender BB incurved cactus dahlia. 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. In 2014, *Parkland Rave* received 119 higher awards and had 281 total awards. This is the fifth year that the Stanley Johnson winner has come from the Pacific Northwest. The award is 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.

The originator, Jim Rouse, has unfortunately passed on. Jim became interested in dahlias while serving as a minister in Red Deer, Alberta. He was tutored in dahlia culture by Bill McClaren. While living in Alberta Jim also became interested in dahlia seedlings. Jim and his wife Sally had three children and after retiring from the ministry, Jim and his family moved to Medford, Oregon. In the late 1960s, Jim purchased Alpen Dahlias from Bill McClaren. Later the Rouses moved to Lynden, Washington where he continued his pursuit of dahlias and introduced thirty-two cultivars under the Parkland name. Jim died suddenly in November 2004, the same year that *Parkland Rave* was in the Trial Gardens and on the Seedling Bench.

The following nurseries have *Parkland Rave* listed for 2015:

Alpen Gardens	alpengardens.com
Big Dahlias	bigdahlias.com
Clack's Dahlia Patch	clacksdahliapatch.net
Cowlitz River Dahlias	dahlias4u.com
Dahlia Dandies	valler.com
Elkhorn Garden	elkhorngarden.com
Ferncliff Gardens	ferncliffgardens.com
FGL Dahlias	fgldahlias.com
Hilltop Gardens	hilltopdahlias.com
Hollyhill Dahlias	hollyhilldahlias.com
Jan's Country Garden	janscountrygarden.com
JS Dahlias	jsdahlias.com
Linda's Dahlias	lindasdahlias.com
Parks Dahlias	parksdahlias.com
River's Dahlias	riversdahlias.com
Vikis Dahlias	vikisdahlias.com