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announces the

STANLEY JOHNSON MEDAL WINNER

Fancy Pants

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The American Dahlia Society announces the 2016 winner of the Stanley Johnson medal – *Fancy Pants* – a lavender orchette 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 2016 *Fancy Pants* received 105 higher awards. Kathy Iler, the originator, has been a resident of Coos Bay, Oregon for 40 years. Kathy has 12 introductions listed in the current ADS *Classification Handbook of Dahlias*. The prestigious Stanley Johnson 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.

Kathy and her husband Mike are the owners of Blossom Gulch Dahlias. Their location, in the western foothills of the coast range, is close enough to the Pacific Ocean to benefit from the moderate coastal climate but far enough inland to be out of the summer fog. Kathy has been growing dahlias for 12 years. She includes 1500 1st year seedlings each year in their garden beds.

The following nurseries have *Fancy Pants* listed for 2017:

Blossom Gulch Dahlias	blossomgulch.com
Hilltop Dahlias	hilltopdahlias.com
J&C Dahlias	jcdahlias.com
Lobaugh's Dahlias	lobaughdahlias.com
Red Hawk Dahlias	redhawkdahlias.com