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announces the

STANLEY JOHNSON MEDAL WINNER

AC Ben

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The American Dahlia Society announces the 2017 winner of the Stanley Johnson medal – *AC Ben* – a giant orange and yellow semi 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. *AC Ben*, originated by Ken Greenway, received 101 blue and 95 higher awards in 2017. 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. This is the 9th consecutive year that the Stanley Johnson Medal winner has come from the Pacific Northwest.

Ken Greenway is the owner/operator of Accent Dahlias in Snohomish, Washington. Ken has 67 introductions listed in the current ADS *Classification Handbook of Dahlias* and the *1976-2016 Composite Listing of Dahlias*. He is a lifetime resident of Snohomish County and a member of the Snohomish County Dahlia Society. In 2017 Ken grew 5900 first year seedlings.

The following nurseries have AC Ben listed for 2018:

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| Accent Dahlias | dahliasuppliers.com/accent |
| Arrowhead Dahlias | arrowheaddahlias.com |
| Bear Creek Farm | bearcreekfarm.com |
| Big Dahlias | bigdahlias.com |
| Birch Bay Dahlias | birchbaydahlias.com |
| Bulldog Dahlias | bulldogdahlias.com |
| Clack's Dahlia Patch | clacksdahliapatch.com |
| Cowlitz River Dahlias | dahlias4u.com |
| Crazy 4 Dahlias | crazy4dahlias.com |
| Creekside Dahlias | creeksidedahlias@comcast.net |
| Dahlia Dandies | valler.com |
| Dahlias by Les & Viv | dahliasbylesandviv.com |
| Del's Dahlias | delsdahlias.com |
| Delightful Dahlias | delightfuldahlias.shutterfly.com |
| Eagle Dahlia Farm | eagledahliafarm.com |
| Ferncliff Gardens | ferncliffgardens.com |
| J&C Dahlias | jcdahlias.com |
| Jan's Country Dahlias | janscountrygarden.com |
| JS Dahlias | jsdahlias.com |
| K Connell Dahlias | connells-dahlias.com |
| Lobaugh's Dahlias | lobaughsdahlias.com |
| Parks Dahlias | parksdahlias.com |
| FGL Dahlias | fgldahlias.com |
| Stonehouse Dahlias | stonehousedahlias.com |
| Tall Grass Farms | tallgrass-farms.com |