

Application for Free Virus Testing for Dahlia Vendors

If you are in the business of selling dahlias and are in the United States, you are eligible to apply for a program to have some of your dahlia stock tested for virus at no cost to you. The program will be largely the same as the previous ones. The American Dahlia Society will be sponsoring the program. The Scheetz-Chuey Foundation will provide the funds to cover the costs of the testing and the tests will be performed in the laboratories of Professor Hanu Pappu at Washington State University. Professor Pappu is the Carl F. and James J. Chuey Professor of Dahlia Research at WSU.

The names of the vendors that apply for the program and the individual results of the tests will be known only by the WSU lab and the Chairmen (Ron Miner and Brad Freeman) of the ADS virus research team. You and your results will be held anonymous by WSU and the ADS. The ADS team will only release the results generically with no reference to the suppliers.

It is our expectation that you will use your individual results to cull out stock that test positive for virus. You will be free to use and/or release the test results as you wish. The objective of the project is to help you improve your ability to provide healthy stock to your customers, our ADS members.

We encourage all US-based dahlia vendors to complete and submit the following application form as soon as possible but no later than June 30. We anticipate that we will be able to accommodate testing a set of 30 of your leaf samples. We may need to limit that number if the response is bigger than expected. We will provide the schedule for sending the samples to WSU in July.

We hope that this free testing program will help our dahlia vendors improve the quality of their dahlia stock.

To participate, submit the following information before June 30 by email to Ron Miner at baronminer@aol.com:

Vendor name:

Proprietor:

Email:

Zip Code:

Approximate number of dahlias sold the previous season:

I will respond with the number of samples you can submit and the schedule for submitting them in July.