

VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY

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Next Meetings:

July 15, 2009
August 19, 2009

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE * WALLY KURTH

We have had a great growing season so far. Our dahlias have enjoyed an enormous amount of sunshine in all of June! We should have a spectacular showing of dahlias this year at the various shows!

We appreciated having **Dick Porter** at our June General Meeting as guest speaker. As an expert in growing pompons in the Pacific Northwest, he presented an exceptional program using a digital projector. He also presented valuable general information in regards to growing, disbranching and disbudding dahlias. **Dick and Kay Porter** are always top notch winners in the pompon category at all the various dahlia shows.

On July 15th our next General Meeting, we will feature **Harry Jongerden** who is the Garden Director at VanDusen Botanical Garden. He has prepared a Power Point presentation in regards to the future development of the VanDusen Botanical Garden. During our tuber sale in April, Harry came by and expressed a very keen interest in our dahlias. He is very supportive of the various garden clubs.

If you wish to have a garden open house or would like to have VDS members visit your garden at a time that is suitable for you, please pass that information on to any of our executive members. We can then inform the membership. We can learn a lot from each other by sharing and showing what we are growing.

Another bulletin will be issued dealing specifically with all aspects of our Annual Dahlia Show that will be held on September 5th and 6th, 2009. The annual Judging Workshops will take place in Mt. Vernon on July 25th this year. Also a reminder to register for the American Dahlia Society National Show that will be held in Everett, Washington, August 22 & 23, 2009. We have a special invitation to visit Jean Heeringa on July 20th – Whatcom County dahlia picnic.

I am looking forward to the next General Meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

Thanks to Norm Sharp for chairing the previous meeting while I was touring various parts of Germany. Happy dahlia growing!

The VDS meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, except January, November and December in the Floral Hall at the VanDusen Botanical Garden at 7:30 p.m.

Final Tuber Sale Report for 2009

Vera Williamson & Tina McNabb

Because of the generosity of many growers, we had an outstanding tuber sale this year! The following is a run-down of all sales and expenses.

Sales

Spring Tuber Sale - Apr 4/5	\$ 15,693.00
Burnaby Rhodo Fest - May 3	\$ 829.40
Auction - Apr 15	<u>\$ 315.00</u>
Total sales	\$ 16,837.40

Expenses

Growers	\$ 7,829.50
Hall Rental	\$ 630.00
Printing and postage	\$ 17.00
Prize coupons (BC Garden Clubs)	\$ 30.00
Donuts and coffee	\$ 50.00
Sellers lists/signs/tuber sale cards	\$ 84.00
Total Expenses	\$ 8,640.50

Net Profit

\$ 8,196.90



Also a big thank you to the growers and those who donated their tubers for the Rhodo Sale:

The Stewarts, the Rollies, the McNabbs, the Pitres, the Zuks, the Fontanas, the Youngers Merle Boyes, Jeanne Noel, Arlene Brodie, Bonnie Nagel, Wally Kurth, Vera Williamson, Dave McIntosh and Peter Krueger.

Our "Auction" this year was a lot of fun and very successful with tubers donated by: The Stachs, the Rollies, the Zuks, the Wynns, the Stewarts, the McNabbs, Vera Williamson and Arlene Brodie.

Special thanks to Sue Croft and her helpers who manned the kitchen, keeping our growers and volunteers happy.

Finally, many thanks to all those volunteers who helped to make our tuber sale so successful.

Vancouver Dahlia Society Annual Show

September 5 & 6, 2009

Volunteers Needed!

Plans are underway for the annual show. Volunteers are needed for a number of jobs. Show set-up starts on Friday, September 4 at 5 p.m. It takes about two hours to set up the show. Show clean-up starts immediately after show closing on Sunday, September 6.

Volunteers are also needed for clerking, ribbons, door, information and membership table, cut flower sales, set up and clean up for the lunch.

There will be sign-up sheets at the July and August meeting. If there is something you would like to do in particular, please contact Betty at 604 431 8611 or Richard and Jennifer at 604 294 0237.

Many hands make light work, and all assistance is appreciated, whether it be for an hour or two or the entire show!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009

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| July 15 | <i>General Meeting – 7:30 pm</i>
Harry Jongerden, VanDusen Gardens Director |
| July 25 | <i>Judging Workshop – Mt. Vernon, Wash.</i>
Mt. Vernon Seniors' Centre - 9 am to 3 pm |
| August 19 | <i>General Meeting – 7:30 pm</i>
Show preparation - Basic staging and clerking review |
| Aug 22 & 23 | ADS National Show
Everett, Washington |
| Sept 5 & 6 | <u>Vancouver Dahlia Society – Dahlia Show</u>
VanDusen Garden - see schedule |
| Sept 16 | <i>General Meeting – 6:00 pm</i>
Potluck Dinner & Parlour Show |
| Sept 19 & 20 | Fraser Valley Dahlia Society – Dahlia Show
George Preston Recreation Centre - Langley |
| October 21 | <i>General Meeting – 7:30 pm</i>
Cutting & preparing tubers for storage
Election of Directors |

Volunteers are needed to help with the setting up and clearing away of the VDS Show luncheon on September 5 and for the Parlour Show and Pot Luck Dinner on September 16, 2009. Please contact Sue at 604-879-0135 or suecroft@telus.net



2009 VDS Show Awards Reminder

Our show is still a few months away but in an effort to be green this year, I thought we should put the donation information in our bulletin instead of sending each of our members an individual letter. As most of you know, we usually start canvassing for donations for the show around mid-July. We appreciate donations of cash, crafts, tools, art objects, vases, really almost anything you think a gardener might enjoy. If you would like to re-gift - that too is much appreciated - all we ask in this case is that it is a new object. The philosophy of these awards is that it (we hope) encourages our growers, including our new members, to show their dahlias at the show. It gives us a little fun after all our hard work. I think it might also attract our neighbours to the South and Vancouver Island to come and participate in our show. The more the merrier. I know our show isn't until September but if you wish me to pick up anything from you sooner, please give me a call and I will gladly do so. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 604-522-6258 or see me at the meetings. If you are interested in mailing a donation you may do so addressed to me at 8018 - 14th Avenue, Burnaby, BC V3N 2B6. Thank you for your generosity.

..... Maggie Cahar

Calling All First Time Exhibitors

Have you ever wanted to show flowers but felt too intimidated to put your blooms on the bench with all those other competitors? Did you bring flowers to the parlour show last year and enjoyed a little friendly competition? This year there is a special category at the show for first time competitors! If you have never entered a dahlia show before, this is a great place to start. It is OK if you have entered our parlour show or a general garden show before. But, if you have never entered a dahlia show before, consider bringing a bloom or two and entering it in Section 59, Class 271. If you don't have vases and foam - don't worry about it. Just bring your flower in some water to the show on Friday, September 4th from 6-9 PM or Saturday, September 5 from 6:30 - 9:00 AM and someone will help you stage your flower and write out a tag. There is going to be a special prize for the winner! See You There!

... Betty Girard, Show Committee

A Special Invitation from Jean Heeringa, Lynden, Washington

Jean is again inviting all Vancouver Dahlia Society members to attend the Whatcom County Dahlia Society's (Bellingham) Annual Potluck Picnic on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 6 PM. Requirements for the evening are something for a Potluck picnic, plate, cutlery and a folding lawn chair. Don't forget your passports.

Announcing the 1st Annual VDS Photo Contest

Judging will take place at the Pot Luck Dinner and Parlour Show September 16, 2009

1. Competition is open to anyone; VDS membership is not required.
2. Photos must be the contestant's own work.
3. Images must be representative of the entered class; dahlias must predominate.
4. Each entrant may submit no more than four images.
5. Maximum size of photo is 8 x 12 and unmounted.
6. Write contestant's name and name of dahlia (if applicable) on the back of the picture.
7. Bring entries to the parlour show on September 16th.
8. There will be ribbons for each class and an award for the best photo.

Entry Classes

Class 1. INTRODUCTIONS OR UNDISSEMINATED DAHLIAS - introductions of the past two growing seasons or unnamed seedlings.

Class 2. DAHLIA PORTRAITS - any single dahlia listed in the Classification Handbook or past ADS listings. Dahlia variety must be identified.

Class 3. BLOOMS OF TWO OR MORE VARIETIES - be sure to identify these.

Class 4. DAHLIA GARDENS - note location of garden on back of photo.

Class 5. DAHLIA SHOWS AND CLUBS - pictures of club events and shows.

Class 6. MACRO VIEW - closeup of part of a dahlia bloom or plant; may include insects or other interesting elements relating to dahlia culture

Class 7. KIDS & CRITTERS - dahlias must be present in image to qualify

50/50 DRAW

Tickets will be available when you sign in before the start of the meeting from Robin Blackmore.

Tickets are 1 for a Looney, 3 for a Tooney and 10 for \$5.00.



We had 32 members in attendance at the May meeting and the winner of \$30.50 was Ken Brodie.

We had 32 members in attendance at the June meeting and the winner of \$28.00 was Peter Krueger.



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Refreshment Reminder

July Meeting

Sandwiches: Jeanne Noel
Sweets: Jack Duncan

August Meeting

Sandwiches:
Sweets: Louise Stewart and Jeannette Stach

Please bring your own cup to cut cost of purchasing foam cups and to be environmentally friendly.

