



Vancouver Dahlia Society

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Annual Tuber Sale

BIG CHANGES THIS YEAR!

Saturday, April 11, 2015

It will be a 1 day sale!

Members Only Sale

will be 9:00 am to 10:00 am

We will be accepting all major credit cards.

Sorry no debit cards.

Sellers: Please contact Carole Rollie for information on the new barcode system.

Next Meetings: March 17, 2015

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 21
Federation Spring Workshop
Seattle, WA

April 11 (One Day Only)
Vancouver Dahlia Society
Tuber Sale

April 18
Fraser Valley Dahlia Society
Tuber Sale

July 18
Federation Summer Workshop
Mt. Vernon , WA

July 25
Judges Training
Mt. Vernon Washington

September 5 & 6
Vancouver Dahlia Society
Annual Dahlia Show

September 12 & 13
Whatcom County Dahlia Society
Annual Dahlia Show

September 19 & 20
Fraser Valley Dahlia Society
Annual Show

Everybody enjoys the goodies at coffee time, but without volunteers there will be none!

Please sign up for the refreshment list. If you are not at the meeting but would like your name on the list, please contact Peter Krueger.

Welcome to new members
Frances Fry and Faith Moosang

MARCH MEETING AGENDA

Betty Girard will be doing a presentation called "The Sea is our Garden" featuring photos from her recent trip to the Canadian High Arctic and Greenland. Here are a few photos she took.



Have You Paid Your 2015 Membership Dues?

Don't forget to renew your membership this month if you want to continue receiving this Bulletin. Also you'll need it to attend the "Member's Only" portion of our Annual Tuber Sale. You won't want to miss out on that!

2015 TUBER SALE WILL BE A ONE DAY SALE! Saturday April 11

Information for Sellers

The Tuber Price List is now available from Norm Sharp for all sellers. You may pick it up at the March General Meeting or call Norm at 604-589-0463 if you require it sooner. **The pricing stated on this "List" for tubers will be the only acceptable selling prices at our sale.** All sellers must have a seller number (get one from Norm). Your number remains the same from year to year.

Benefits of selling through the club sales:

- Recycle extra tubers you might otherwise throw out
- To earn money to buy new stock
- To help the society earn money (1/2 selling price goes to the club)
- To get your own tubers ready early
- Sellers will be able to purchase tubers at 9:00 am

After our sale, we will need tubers for subsequent sales. All proceeds will go to the VDS. These extra sales will (*we hope!*) pay for some of our rentals plus any other expenses directly pertaining to our tuber sales. After our sale on Sat. there will be boxes under the tables marked "Donation Tubers" for your unsold tubers.

For all Dahlia Club Members:

As a member of our club you may purchase tubers earlier than the public:

Saturday morning - 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Members not on the volunteer list may not enter the hall until 9:00 am

7:00 - 9:00 - Put up tables and place tubers

9:00 - 10:00 - MEMBERS ONLY SALE

10:00 - 4:00 - Public Sale

4:00 - 5:00 - Clean up by all members

For Details Call:

Carole Rollie 778-571-2370

Tina McNabb 604-572-8981

Norm Sharp 604-589-0463

IMPORTANT

Please try and attend the March Meeting if you are selling tubers and you have not been contacted by Carole about the barcode system. She will go over any questions you may have. She can set you up with a template for your labels if you don't have your own.

Also there will be a hand on demonstration of the new cash registers for anyone who would like volunteer to run them. We also need volunteers to assist the cashiers with bagging.

All member who are selling tubers, would you please give Tina a list of what you might be selling so she can set up the pictures boards ahead of time. Submission of lists can be given to her at the March meeting or you can email them or even phone her up until April 9th or 10th.

We are still in need of photos for the picture boards. If you have any you can email them to Tina McNabb at themcnabbs@telus.net or load them on DVD.

We are also looking for volunteers to work at our sales desks at our tuber sale. If you would like to help out let Tina, Norm or Carole know. We also need plastic bags for buyers to gather their purchases. Please bring these on the day of our sale.

CORRECT WAY TO LABEL TUBERS



This is an example of a label with a photo and the new barcode. If you are handwriting your labels, the barcode can be printed on avery labels and stuck to either your label or to the bag.

1. The size should be a minimum of 4" x 2"
2. Try and put some kind of identifying colour or symbol (I use the coloured squares at the top) on the label, this makes it easy for pickup at the end of the day. You do not have to use the colour you were assigned in the past if you are using computer generated labels.
3. You no longer need to put your seller number on the label, it is in the bar code. However you still need to put the price on the label for the public to see.
4. The price goes down in the right bottom corner. The prices is determined on the 2015 Price List.
5. On left side can go either a photo and description or just the description. First dahlia name, size, the form, the colour and the height it grows. Again all this information is on the 2015 Price List.
6. In the left hand bottom corner your name and phone number. This is so a buyer can contact you if they have any concerns about the tuber they purchased.
7. Lastly, please attach your label to the **OUTSIDE** of the bag. This makes it easier to view the tuber inside the bag.

If you need a particular photo for your tag, I have a very extensive dahlia photo library and can send you what you need if I have it.

Important: Please make sure there is an eye on your tuber before you bring it to the sale.

Add these varieties to your 2015 Tuber Sales Shopping List

VDS Challenge Flower: Pooh

VDS Jackpot Flowers: Pam Howden & Lakeview Glow

Federation Flower of the Year 2015: Maks Royal Ruby (May not be available)

Flower of the Year 2016: AC Abby

B.C. Council of Garden Clubs Fall Meeting

The B.C. Council fall meeting was held on October 18, 2014. Reports were received from the executive. The council currently has 185 active clubs, societies and community gardens representing over 12,000 individuals. There were representatives at the meeting from as far away as the Kootenays.

There was notice made that there will be two motions to change the constitution at the AGM in 2015. Historically the past president has been appointed to chair the nominating committee for the term following the past presidency. We will be voting on changing that to allow the executive board to appoint a nominations chair. It was felt that this added expectation following the completion of the past president's term is onerous and does not give the executive board flexibility when appointing the nominating chair.

For me the highlight of the meeting was the short presentation from the scholarship recipient. It reminded us all how important supporting horticultural education is. Last year the BC Council was able to distribute \$8,900 in scholarships to deserving students throughout the province. Please remember that anyone can make a tax deductible donation at any time.

Following a very nice lunch, Des Kennedy read from his most recent book. He described garden clubs to a T and had us all rolling in laughter. He described the harried president, the bespectacled treasurer and the ladies making the tea found at all garden clubs with great humour.

And finally, a tech expert showed us all how to set up a garden club Facebook page. From the show of hands, I was surprised to see that at least half of the garden clubs have a Facebook page and it is definitely an important way to promote garden clubs. Does anyone in the VDS want to consider hosting a VDS page? You do not need to be identified personally on the page – but Facebook does require a registered person to host the page. It would certainly be beneficial in promoting the club, our tuber sale and annual show.

Betty Girard

Attention all exhibitors

Please look thru your show supplies and return any excess items at the March meeting. Specifically, if you have changed your exhibitor status and have extra tags, or if you have more tags than you need for 2015, please return these so that they can be returned to the VDS inventory.

The show committee needs to notify the Federation of required supplies in early March and we want to order appropriate numbers of tags etc.

Thanks! Betty

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If there's anything you would like see at a meeting, any ideas or comments you would like to put forth or something you would like to put in the bulletin, please don't hesitate to contact any one of the above listed people here. We are hear to listen.

REFRESHMENT REMINDER

March Meeting

Sandwiches: Sue Croft
 Sweets: Dorothy Malkin
 Fruit/Veggies: Dorothy Pitrie

April Meeting

Sandwiches: Need Volunteers
 Sweets: Dave McIntosh
 Fruit/Veggies: Need Volunteers

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