

WASHINGTON STATE DAHLIA SOCIETY

Next Meeting: June 16th - 7:00PM

Fircrest Community Center - 555 Contra Costa – Fircrest , WA



MEETING PLANS

This month we will be talking about “Garden Solutions”. Problems in the garden that we are all probably going to run into in the next few months. SLUGS!! EARWIGS!! APHID!! What are your solutions? Find out what others do too. And also we will discuss fertilizers and things that we use to amend our soil. Miracle Gro? Bayer's All in One? Do you spray the plants or use systemic? These are all topics that dahlia growers can talk about for hours! BUT, we also have another BIO for this meeting. We are going to hear all about Terry Schroeder and how she got so involved with dahlias.

We will also have our ½ & ½ raffle and some delicious goodies. Thanks so much to Barbara Ensminger for sending the goodies last month! We were sorry to hear that you were not feeling well and could not make the meeting. Hope to see you this month, Barbara.

TRIAL GARDEN NEWS

Our ADS Trial Garden (sponsored by us, as you heard last month), is all planted and growing very well. We have 3 plants or tubers of 70 entries. Our buffer rows are all tubers and are slowly popping out of the ground. Most of the trialed entries are topped at this time and some already have many buds. We figure that some are going to bloom about July 1st if not before. Remember that we work at the garden on Monday mornings at about 9:00AM. We will not be there on June 30 but instead on Tuesday July 1st because of the tear down of the Taste of Tacoma which runs at the park and in the garden area on June 27th, 28th and 29th. Then we will not be there on Monday, August 4th but instead will be deadheading and cleaning on Saturday, August 2nd right after judging at the Kitsap Show. We do it on Saturday because on Sunday, August 3rd we have the Federation of NW Dahlia Growers Judging class at 11:00am until 3:00PM. We hope that you can visit while we are there but if not, then anytime that the park is open. The location is Pt Defiance Park and it is open from sunrise until sundown. If you come to help out, bring some work tools like hand weeders and hoes. Or just bring your hands

(they are attached to you!) and we will show you how to disbud! Hope to see many of you this dahlia season!!

ADS NATIONAL SHOW NEWS

The national show committee is working hard to make this the most spectacular ADS show ever! We have tours up north and down south and also right here in Tacoma. All the tours will include the gardens of very well-known Northwest growers. Our seminars, held at the convention venue on Saturday and Sunday are top notch! We also have a Sunday evening seminar which is going to be presented by Steve Cox from Australia. Steve is going to share his adventures in growing dahlias down under! As we are planting our gardens, Steve is talking about digging his garden. I really look forward to his program.

The BIG show will be on Saturday morning, followed by a luncheon for all the full registered members. The awards will be given at the Saturday night banquet in the Ballroom of the convention center. All of the registered attendees will also have this included.

For all the information and to see the tours offered (with registration) please go to dahlias.org which is the American Dahlia Society website.



This is a picture from the 2009 ADS National Show in Everett.



The winner of the BEST SINGLE FULLY DOUBLE BLOOM at the 2012 ADS National Show in Portland, OR.