

Portland Dahlia Society Program Topics and Events for 2018

Date	Main Topic(s)	Secondary Activities
February 13, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tuber storage check</i> • <i>Soil testing contact</i> • <i>Slug control/rodent control</i> • <i>Slideshow of New Introductions for 2018</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Suggestions for bulk purchases through club (Seedling mix, fertilizer)</i> • <i>Tuber Silent Auction</i>
March 13, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Starting Tubers & Seeds, Taking Cuttings</i> • <i>Cuttings Demo & Hands-On (Before meeting)</i> • <i>Discussion of tubers difficult to store/start</i> • <i>Cut Flowers List</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Free mixed dahlia seed – bring blooms to October Meeting for display & competition.</i> • <i>Tuber Silent Auction</i>
April 10, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tuber Sale</i> • <i>Flower of the Year is Hollyhill Black Beauty</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tuber Auction limit 55 min</i> • <i>Plants will be available</i>
May 5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Annual Spring Garden Fair in Canby</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PDS sells tubers in Space F25</i>
May 8, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Planting, Staking & Tying</i> • <i>Slug Control Reminder</i> • <i>Fertilizer Discussion</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tuber & Plant Silent Auction</i>
June 12, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Watering Dahlias, Mulching & Shading</i> • <i>Pest, Weed & Disease Control Panel</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plant Sale Silent Auction</i>
July 10, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Saving Seeds & Breeding Dahlias</i> • <i>Dahlias as Cut Flowers – Good Varieties for Cutting, Home Bouquets</i> • <i>Conditioning Cut Dahlias</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to Enter a Photo Competition</i> • <i>Container exchange – Bring your extras</i> • <i>Floral foam available</i>
August 14, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dahlia Shows & Staging</i> • <i>Arranging Prize-Winning Baskets</i> • <i>Beginners' Class – How to Stage, Choosing Containers, Transporting Show Blooms, How to Enter a Show</i> • <i>Mini-Show, open to all, cash prizes</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Other shows in the PNW to be publicized</i>
August 25-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Portland Dahlia Society Annual Show</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>At Oaks Park Dance Pavilion</i>
August 26 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Trial Garden Seedling Judging</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Swan Island</i>
September 11, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Potluck at Swan Island Dahlias</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Arranging Demonstration by Gordon Jackman</i> • <i>Presentation & Q&A by Nick Gitts Jr.</i> • <i>Judging in the Trial Garden – class before potluck</i>
Sept 21-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ADS National Show</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Longwood Garden, Philadelphia area</i>
October 9, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Digging, Dividing & Storing</i> • <i>Demonstration & Hands-On - How to Divide</i> • <i>Discussion of Tubers Difficult to Store</i> • <i>Adjust for results of soil test, cover crop</i> • <i>Slug control now to reduce numbers</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seedling Competition – cash prizes – any seedling 1st through 3rd year not in ADS Book</i> • <i>Special Seedling Competition – cash prizes – from Seeds given out at March meeting</i> • <i>People's Choice Seedling</i> • <i>Flower of the Year for 2019 HH Jitterbug</i> • <i>Elect Flower of the Year for 2020; Show Themes</i> • <i>Tuber Clump Silent Auction</i>
November 13, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Digging, Dividing & Storing</i> • <i>Demonstration & Hands-On - How to Divide (before meeting)</i> • <i>BYO clumps for experts to divide</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Photo Contest</i> • <i>Tuber Clump Silent Auction</i>
Dec 11, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Holiday Potluck Dinner</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bingo</i>