

# Portland Dahlia Society Bulletin

September Meeting at Swan Island Dahlias, 995 NW 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue; Canby, OR 97013

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**Next meeting Tuesday, September 14th, 2010 @ 4:00 PM**

## PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Our program for September will be a reprise of last year's highly rated gathering at Swan Island Dahlias. We realize that work schedules may limit some member's arrival times. It is perfectly acceptable to join in when ever your schedule or inclination allows.

We will start at 4:00 PM with a tour of the gardens and an opportunity to judge seedlings at our ADS sanctioned trial garden. This is an easy way for judges to fulfill their annual requirement for trial garden judging. Senior judges will be available to work in teams with those just starting out.

At about 5:30 we will have dinner. The Gitts family has generously agreed to provide potato salad and Marge's incomparable Lemon Meringue Pie. What makes these pies so special is that they are made with the lemons freshly picked from the lemon trees in their greenhouses. Please bring a pot-luck dish of your own to share along with a serving spoon. The Society will provide soft drinks, paper plates and plastic utensils.

Nicholas Gitts has agreed to be on hand to answer any dahlia related questions.

## ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

Your editor is pleased to convey that our garden tour on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> was a resounding success. The change from Sunday to Saturday may have encouraged more participation. Attendance was estimated at between thirty and forty participants. The weather cooperated by providing a "Goldie Locks" kind of comfortable day. We had a good number of our newer members participate with lots of questions and answers regarding growing practices. Thanks to everyone that opened their garden to this event. Special thanks to Larry Smith for hosting the luncheon spot and his Lasagna dish. (Yum!)



## PDS 2010 ANNUAL SHOW

Your society just completed its annual show. In spite of really challenging cool – hot weather changes and blasting East wind, we managed to stage a respectable show. It was great to see more of our newer members participate. Moreover, we were pleased to welcome many exhibitors from our sister Lane County Dahlia Society (Eugene). Hot off the press, we have a summary of some of this year's show winners. This might serve as a guide to some of the new(er) varieties we may consider growing for competition next year.

*Ryecroft Dave's Choice*, a miniature formal decorative white, as exhibited by Tiffany Boatwright won best fully double bloom in show. Mark Oldenkamp garnered top honors for his best disc bloom in show with *Reddy*. Max Ollieu's exhibit of *Barbarry Bingo*, miniature ball dark red, got the nod as best triple miniature ball AND best triple entry in the show. Larry Smith garnered best triple

disc in show honors with his rendition of *Stillwater Plum*. The best basket in the show was presented by Eleanor Shantz using *Don C. and Hallmark*. Margaret Kennedy made a clean sweep of the design section capped by her best design in show win with *Dahlia Days*.

Larry Smith won Open Sweepstakes with a total of 178 points. This was the second in a row sweepstakes win for Larry. Larry's secret to success is growing a large diversity of types and great attention to detail. His city size lot also is home to numerous vegetables which he also grows competitively for the various county fairs.

Eugene Kenyon won Amateur Sweepstakes with 84 points, this after winning Novice Sweepstakes at our show last year. Eugene is a welcome keen up and coming contender in the dahlia world. Eugene told me he was growing twelve hundred first year seedlings this season.

Novice Sweepstakes winner is Victoria Castro. This was Victoria's first year of showing. Victoria showed no shyness in trying new things, and even had a win in the Basket competition!

Julie Toedtli with 24 points is our Junior Sweepstakes winner. Congratulations to all our sweepstakes winners!



Mick's Pink, BB C Pink from Australia

Richard Bach from Eugene got top honors for largest bloom in show with this entry of *Inland Dynasty*.

*Nick Senior*, new from Swan Island Dahlias as presented by Tiffany Boatwright was best AA in show. Michael Canning garnered best A in show with his exhibit of *Dagmar*, new from Mike and Kathy Iyler's Blossom Gulch Dahlias.

Ray Sturman's *Elma Elizabeth* was best triple

A in show. Max Ollieu's stunning *Peach Delight* was the best B size in show. *Narrows Tricia* was the best triple B in show. *Lolita* as presented by Michael Canning was the best BB in show. *Ryecroft Brenda T* as grown by Wayne Shantz was the best triple BB in show. Best miniature in show was Tiffany Boatwright's *Ryecroft Dave's Choice* which subsequently got the top nod as best fully double bloom in show.

*Ryecroft Jan* by Ted and Margaret Kennedy was the best triple miniature in show. Max Ollieu won best triple miniature ball in show with *Narrows Kirsten*. Meanwhile, Ted and Margaret Kennedy's *Sir Richard* took best miniature ball in show.

Lexa Cookson had the best single entry pompon in show with *Willo Borealis*. The triple pom honors went to Elva Sellens with her exhibit of *Tiny*.

*Pam Howden* made a clean sweep of the water lily honors with Lexa Cookson taking single entry and Larry Smith triple entry awards.

Similarly, *Alloway Candy* dominated the Stellar competition. Here Gary Murphy had single and Max Ollieu triple honors.

*Eileen C* as shown by Tiffany Boatwright was the best anemone in show. Best triple anemone went to Max Ollieu for his hat trick *Comet*.

Best Collerette in show went to Larry Smith for his *Sean C*. Best triple Collerette was *Natalie's Star* presented by Max Ollieu.

*Reddy* was the best single entry Mignon Single shown by Mark Oldenkamp. *Stillwater Plum* exhibited by Larry Smith was the best triple Mignon Single.

The Orchid form competition was dominated by the usual suspects. Here *Midnight Star* by Larry Smith was best single entry and *Natalie's Star* by Max Ollieu was best triple entry.

Larry Smith's entries of *Miss Muffet* swept the Peony form competition winning in single and triple entry classes.

Best Single in show was *Reddy* by Mark Oldenkamp. Best triple Single in show was *Tahoma Eldean* as shown by Elva Sellens.

Both triple and single entry top honors in open novelty went to *Jacs Kelli* by Tiffany Boatwright.

*Valley Porcupine* was the double winner in the fully double novelty arena winning both for Ray Sturman.

Thanks to all who participated and contributed to the success of our annual show! Your efforts are much appreciated!