

Portland Dahlia Society Bulletin

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

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Next meeting Tuesday, September 13th, 2011 @ 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.



NATIONAL SHOW UPDATE

Traditionally, at every ADS National Dahlia Show, the hosting society for the subsequent year's National is present and extends a broad invitation and sneak preview of their upcoming event. To that end, many of the key individuals spearheading the Portland Dahlia Society's 2012 ADS National were present at the Pacific Southwest Conference's ADS National Show held in San Jose the weekend of August 20 – 21st. The ensemble included Mark Oldenkamp, Chair and Banquet MC, Ted Kennedy show chair, Larry Smith events chair, Tiffany Boatwright awards and facilities chair, Teresa Bergman vending and raffle and Shirley Bankston Treasurer along with other members of our society in attendance.

Teresa Bergman indicated the sale of 2012 logo t-shirts went extremely well in San Jose and she is about to place a replenishing order. Larry Smith coordinated the distribution of 200 professionally designed invitational brochures for our 2012 event. Larry also took care of design and set up of a tri-fold easel with information about the Portland Area, our show venue, tours and attractions.

Our show venue is the Columbia Red Lion which boasts the largest square footage level auditorium in the State. This venue also features plenty of natural light, with a wall of windows to the north facing the Columbia River. The Red Lion is just minutes from PDX and has an abundance of free and convenient parking.

The Federation, the PNDC, the Puget Sound Dahlia Association and many Societies throughout the Northwest have been very generous with their enthusiasm and financial support of the 2012 Portland National. We so much appreciate their spirited generosity.

JUDGING CHAIR CHANGE

All judges are asked to send their annual judging report and/or evaluations to Wayne and Eleanor Shantz at 4736 Royal Avenue #11; Eugene, OR 97402-1755