

Portland Dahlia Society Bulletin

Virtual Zoom Meeting for December

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Next meeting Tuesday, December 8th, 2020@ 7:00 PM

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DECEMBER'S ZOOM INVITATION

Please see last page of this Bulletin.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POT LUCK DINNER

Sorry, no dinner or bingo this virtual meeting. Using the Zoom format we could toast a few of the by-gone members with our favorite beverages and stories. I can remember some great stories about E. Henry White, Jan Ballego, Bill Mishler and Phil Mingus. Do you have a favorite anecdote for the group?

ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

The November Bulletin explained the details of our annual photo contest. Larry Smith will have the results this month. He plans to put together a video highlighting the outstanding entries and first place winners.



Hollyhill Kris Kringle

2021 DUES ARE SOON DUE

Why not take care of this now and get it out of the way and insure your ADS Bulletins arrive on time? Judges please remember that you are required to carry membership in both the American Dahlia society and the PNDC (Pacific Northwest Dahlia conference). PDS dues, ADS dues and PNDC dues should be combined and paid to the Treasurer as noted below. Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers dues are \$10 and also payable through our Treasurer.

PDS	ADS	PNDC
Adults: \$7.00	Individual: \$24.00	Individual \$10.00
Couples: \$10.00	Family: \$27.00	Dual: \$15.00
Juniors: \$1.00	Ad \$10Snowbirds	
Mail to:		
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DAHLIAS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

This is the slow time of year for us dahlia lovers to take a bit of a rest. Hopefully all your tubers are dug and stored away for the winter. Now is a great time to sit in front of the fireplace and peruse the catalogs / ADS Bulletin and decide what we want to add and subtract. It is also a good time to plan next year's garden and readjust and fine tune the layout.



One other winter “to-do” is to check your tubers several times during storage to determine if any have gone bad and need to be removed. It may be possible to remove just the bad portion of a tuber; treat the cut surface with a fungicide, such as powdered sulfur or cinnamon, then return it to storage. Be careful as one bad tuber may spoil the rest of the tubers in that bag. If you store the tubers in plastic bags, check the tubers for moisture content. If there is too much moisture, indicated by condensation inside the bag, open the bags for a couple of days and let the moisture escape or add some perforations to the exterior of the bag. Or remove the too wet storage medium and mix with dry(er) fresh medium and re-pack the tubers. If the tubers appear to be drying (shriveling) add a bit of water to the bags. A hand pump spritzer works great. Be very careful not to add too much water because you increase the chances of rot if you do.



ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

In a normal year we would be having a board meeting in January to discuss ideas for our annual show. Regrettably, we don’t know yet if we will have a traditional show at Oak’s Park or another virtual presentation on line. Some things are simply out of our hands.

When we do have a board meeting, it most likely will be in the virtual format. Eric Toedtli has agreed to serve as show chairman for this year. Eric spent many hours putting together a combined PNDC Show Schedule for 2020. We plan to use this book for our 2021 show (if God willing we have one.) Let’s pray the vaccines are effective and the population follows the scientists’ directives.



Hollyhill Court Jester

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL.

We should all be thankful for the good blooms and learning experiences we had this year as we reach yet another milepost in our dahlia growing lives.

REMEMBER – No meeting in January.



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DAHLIA CALENDARS

Calendars for 2021 are being sold by the National Capitol Dahlia Society (Wash. DC). The calendar is 8-1/2" x 22" and the images are of high quality. They can

be ordered through Teresa Bergman. Contact her with any questions and to order -- teresa@dahlia4u.com. A small portion of the sales will benefit our own National Show to be held in 2023. Each calendar will be \$10.00 plus postage. To receive by Christmas, please order by 12/15/20. A great no-touch gift idea.

CORRECTION

Looking for a show theme for our National Show in 2023... Last month I erroneously stated the theme for 2012 was Northwest Treasures, when in fact the theme was Follow the Oregon Trail of Dahlias. Please send your suggested theme to Eric Toedtli at etoedtli@yahoo.com \$25 Prize!!!

INVITATION

Mark Oldenkamp is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: December Portland Dahlia Society Meeting
Time: Dec 8, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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