

# Portland Dahlia Society Bulletin

Meets second Tuesday of the month at Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 N.E. Alameda

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**Next meeting Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 @ 6:30 PM**

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY POT LUCK DINNER

Our final meeting of 2012 will be our Pot Luck dinner. **Please note that the starting time will be at 6:30 p.m.** Please bring a SIDE DISH, SALAD, DESSERT or an APPETIZER (and include a serving spoon) All dishes and serving spoons should be marked with masking tape, so if you forget them, we will know where they belong. The Society will provide the meat and beverages. Monte Stowell has generously volunteered to provide the plates, cups, napkins and utensils. As usual after the meal, we'll have the bingo game. You may contribute some new items for bingo prizes and/or door prizes if you would like. Please make sure your prize is one you would enjoy yourself. Family members of any age are welcome. This is always a fun event, don't miss it! **NEW MEMBERS** – this is a great time to come and get acquainted with other members.



*Hollyhill Santa Baby*

## 2013 DUES ARE SOON DUE.

Why not take care of this now and get it out of the way and insure your ADS Bulletins and 2013 Classification Book will 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 or pay at next meeting		
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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 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, 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



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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. Be very careful not to add too much water because you increase the chances of rot.



### **ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

Our annual board meeting will take place Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 12 noon. We will meet in the community room at the Georgetown Realty Office located at 1000 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Portland. From I-205 North or South bound take exit 21A to Glisan Street. Take Glisan East (street numbers increase) to 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Turn left from Glisan to 122<sup>nd</sup>. Georgetown is two blocks down 122<sup>nd</sup> on your right. Parking is behind the building. We will start the meeting with a potluck luncheon. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish they believe others will find popular. All members are welcome at this meeting. You need not be a member of the board to participate. We will be discussing what went well and where and how we can improve. What do we want to change or revise in the show schedule to make it even better? How can we increase participation in our annual show? What plans need to be firmed up for our hosting of the 2012 National Show? What changes would you like to see in our monthly meeting programs? How can we go about attracting and retaining more new members? This is a planning and strategizing session, so please bring your ideas and enthusiasm.

### **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 milestone in our dahlia growing lives.

Congratulations to all who helped make the National Show a resounding success! Speaking of our National Show, there is a wonderfully detailed article in the Dahlia Society of California's November Newsletter by

Deborah Dietz. She has included a large number of pictures. See the article under November Newsletter at <http://sfdahlias.org/newsletters/past%20newsletters.html> The American Dahlia Society website also has an article about the National show under a blogger's eye view. This article was written by the late Tony DeRooy's daughter. Tony was one of the founding members of the PNDC and Superintendent of Grounds for the Northern Pacific Railroad. <http://www.dahlia.org/>

**REMEMBER – No meeting in January.**

### **NEWS WE CAN USE**

At our November meeting the membership passed a motion to donate \$200.00 from our treasury to the ADS Dahlia Research Fund.

The Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference has just made available a set of five judges' training DVDS to our society. These DVDs are the edited recordings of Wayne and Eleanor Shantz' judges' training seminar held in Eugene last summer. Your society plans to use these in conjunction with a judges' training to be held in Portland in the summer of 2013. This is a great opportunity for those that had been thinking about becoming dahlia judges or for exhibitors that simply wanted to find out more about how their entries are evaluated on the show bench.

### **NEW PDS OFFICERS**

At our November meeting the following slate of officers were elected for 2013-2014.

President – Larry Smith  
Vice President – Ted Kennedy  
Treasurer – Larry Sawyer  
Recording Secretary – Linda Taylor  
Corresponding Secretary – Teresa Bergman  
Commercial Director – Phil Mingus  
Commercial Director – Bob Merrell  
Life Member Director – Gary Murphy  
Life Member Director – Mike Riordan  
Director at Large – Laura Oldenkamp  
Director at Large – Eric Toedtli  
ADS Representative – Jeanette Benson  
PNDC Delegate – Mark Oldenkamp  
PNDC Delegate – Gordon Jackman  
PNDC Delegate – Jeanette Benson  
Federation Delegate – Max Ollieu  
Federation Delegate – Bill Mishler

### **IN MEMORIAM**

We are saddened to convey to you the news of George Ermini's passing. Tragically, George's son, Tom Ermini, was involved in an unrelated drowning accident a few days later. A joint memorial service was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on November 30<sup>th</sup>.