



Michigan Dahlia Association

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December 2015 Newsletter

The Michigan Dahlia Association Board of Directors met at Dr. Irving and Cynthia Fellers home on December 15, 2015 to set the 2016 Calendar of Events for the MDA. **The Flower of the Year for 2016 will be Magic Moment.** Also the MDA will again purchase Dahlia seeds to provide members for the Dahlia Seedling Judging at the After Show picnic.

The 2016 Officers of MDA are:

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| • President | David Knox | |
| • Vice President | Don Warden | |
| • Treasurer | Annise Nicholas | |
| • Recording Secretary | Lil Rumble | |
| • Corresponding Secretary | Fred Nicholas | |
| • Show Chairman | Don Warden | |
| • Past President | Fred Nicholas | |
| • ADS Representative | Tom Rumble | |
| • Trustee 1 Year | Gretchen Fischer | Marty Oberleiter |
| • Trustee 2 Year | Cynthia Feller | Ed Robert |
| • Trustee 3 Year | Kathi Peltier | Ernie Fischer |

2015 Michigan Dahlia Association Calendar of Events

March 13, 2016 – Sunday, 1:00 – 3:30 pm, set up 12:00 pm

1:00 pm 2016 ADS New Dahlia Introductions

2:00 pm Member Auction (2016 Dahlia Introductions)

Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, Room 125

April 17, 2016 – Sunday, 1:00 – 3:30 pm, set up 12:00 pm

Annual Tuber Sale, DVD on Growing Dahlias and info table on Dahlia care

Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, Rooms 125, 131(Lab) and W. Lobby

May 14, 2016 – Saturday, 10 am – 2 pm, set up 9 am

Annual Plant Sale, with Dexter Green Days and Dexter Garden Club Sale
Dexter Mill, Dexter, Michigan

June 4, 2016 – Saturday, starts at 10 am

Midwest Dahlia Conference Meeting and Plant Sale
High Dive Pavilion, 500 E. Beardsley, Elkhart, Indiana

August 13 or 20, 2016 – Saturday

Midwest Dahlia Conference Judging Seminar
Bonneville Trial Gardens at Bonneville Mill County Park, Elkhart, Indiana
Midwest Dahlia Conference Web Page: www.midwestdahliaconference.org

August 14, 2016 – Sunday _
Whine & Wine Garden Tour, Dahlia Staging Demonstration and
Timing & Grooming Dahlias for Show
1:30 – 3:30 pm TBD
4:00 – 6:30 pm Ed & Marge Robert

September 2 – 4, 2016, Friday to Sunday
68th Annual Michigan Dahlia Association Show
Mall of Monroe

September 25, 2016 – Sunday
After Show Picnic and Dahlia Seedling Judging
2:00 pm Tom and Lil Rumble

October 8/9, 2016 – Saturday or Sunday
MDA Awards Banquet
TBA

October 23, 2016 – Sunday
Fall Tuber Dividing and Storing Demonstration
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Location: Fred & Annise Nicholas

Other Events

May 7, 2016 – Saturday
SEMDS Tuber & Plant Sale
9:00 am – Noon
Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R. Road, Troy MI 48083

August 27, 2016 – Saturday
WMDS Show
Frederik Meijer Gardens, 1000 E. Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525

September 3, 2016 – Saturday
Greater Columbus Show
Marysville, OH

September 10, 2016 – Saturday
SEMDS Show
Orchard Mall, 6337 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield MI 48322

September 10, 2016 – Saturday
Dahlia Society of Ohio Show
Summit Mall, Akron OH

September 15 - 18, 2016 – Thursday - Sunday
2016 ADS National Show (Carolina's Dahlia Society)
Crowne Plaza Tennis & Golf Resort
Asheville, N. C. 28806

September 16 – 18, 2016 – Friday – Sunday
2016 Midwest Dahlia Conference Show (Minnesota Dahlia Society)
Ramada Bloomington
Minneapolis Airport Mall, MN

September 17, 2016 – Saturday
Central States Dahlia Society Show
Chicago Botanical Garden
Glencoe, IL

Reminder: ADS & MDA Dues are due:

Send your payment to: Annise Nicholas, 5780 Saline Waterworks Rd., Saline, MI 48176 (734-429-5796).
ADS: \$24.00, MDA: \$10.00, Combined: \$34.00. **Make your check payable to MDA.** Thanks.

I hope all your tubers have been put to rest for a successful storage. Hope you had a Blessed and Merry Christmas and wishing you a Joyous New Year. Hope to see you March 13, 2013 for our first meeting.

Fred Nicholas
Corresponding Secretary

Message from the President:

Hello Fellow Dahlia Lovers,

Another season has come and gone we all had our share of success and disappointments. The MDA Board held a meeting mid December to finalize the 2016 calendar of events, flower of the year, and other business.

We soon should be receiving a copy of the 2016 ADS Classification Book for ADS members. We can see the best dahlias to beat in their respective class. Keep in mind even if you do not show dahlias, the varieties with the most rewards tend to be easier to grow and produce consistently good blooms. Commercial growers will be making new varieties for 2016 available online or in catalogs NOW. Order early as to get a chance at some new great Dahlias. As usual we will be purchasing new varieties for the tuber auction.

Our 2015 Midwest conference show was a great success. We have received many compliments on the show and our hospitality. A BIG THANK YOU to all members who volunteered their time to make a great show and make all participants feel welcome.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and a fine holiday season to all.

David Knox