



Michigan Dahlia Association

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February 2015 Newsletter

Greetings,

As we all look forward to the 2015 Dahlia season, I hope you have all checked your sleeping Dahlias by now or are making plans to do so soon, to eliminate any bad tubers. We should have a busy year preparing to host this year's Midwest Dahlia Conference Show. Please consider donating some of your extra tubers and plants to our tuber and plant sales listed in our Calendar of Events. The success of these two events funds our Annual Dahlia Show. **This newsletter is filled with useful information for the coming events and the year. Please keep it handy for reference. The Flower of the Year: Any White Dahlia.**

Our first meeting will be:

March 28, 2015 – Saturday, 1:30 – 4:00 pm, set up 1 pm

1:30 pm 2015 ADS New Dahlia Introductions

2:30 pm Member Auction (2015 Dahlia Introductions, a list of auction tubers is included in this newsletter and a Spring Gardener 6x8x7 Greenhouse)

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

2015 Michigan Dahlia Association Calendar of Events

April 12, 2015 – Sunday, 1:30 – 4:00 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 16, 2015 – 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 6, 2015 – Saturday, starts at 10 am

Midwest Dahlia Conference Meeting and Plant Sale

High Dive Pavilion, 500 E. Beardsley, Elkhart, Indiana

This plant sale will also help us fund the Midwest Dahlia Show.

July 16, 2015 – Thursday, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

Timing and Grooming Dahlias for Show

Don & Phyllis Warden's, 36963 Evans, New Boston, MI 48164

August 15, 2015 – 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 16, 2015 – Sunday

Whine & Wine Garden Tour and Dahlia Staging Demonstration

1:30 – 3:30 pm Fred & Annise Nicholas

4:00 – 6:30 pm Dr. Irving & Cynthia Feller

September 4 – 6, 2015, Friday to Sunday

The 82nd Annual Midwest Dahlia Conference Show in conjunction with the 67th Annual Michigan Dahlia Association Show

Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI. 48105

September 20, 2015 – Sunday

After Show Picnic and Dahlia Seedling Judging

2:00 pm Marty & Denise Oberleiter

October 25, 2015 – Sunday

Fall Tuber Dividing and Storing Demonstration

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: **TBD**

Other Events

May 2, 2015 – Saturday

SEMDS Tuber & Plant Sale

8:00 am – Noon

Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R. Road, Troy MI 48083

August 15, 2015 – Saturday

Greater Columbus Show

Marysville, OH

August 29, 2015 – Saturday

WMDS Show

Frederik Meijer Gardens, 1000 E. Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525

September 12, 2015 – Saturday

SEMDS Show

Orchard Mall, 6337 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield MI 48322

September 12, 2015 – Saturday

Dahlia Society of Ohio Show

Summit Mall, Akron OH

September 26, 2015 – Saturday

Central States Show

Chicago Botanical Gardens, Chicago IL

The following Dahlia Tubers have been ordered for our Member Auction on March 28, 2015.

				<u>Start Bid</u>
2	AC Big Johnson (0210)	AA-SC-LB Y/Or		\$10.00
2	AC Casper (1101)	A-LD-W	H/S	\$12.00
2	AC GPS (0109)	AA-ID-Pr		\$ 06.00
2	AC Inara (0015)	AA-FD-Bi Pr/W		\$12.00
2	AC Loomis (1109)	A-ID-Pr (White Reverse)		\$08.00
2	Bloomquist Dan G (6107)	MB-DR		\$06.00
2	Bloomquist John F (1510)	A-LC-LB Y/Or		\$07.00
2	Bloomquist Mark B (9207)	O-DR	H/S 90.33	\$05.00
2	Clearview Dorothy (2210)	B-SC-LB DP/W	Ach&H/S	\$08.00
2	Clearview Sharon (2302)	B-C-Y	Hart	\$08.00
2	Hollyhill Hotshot (6112)	MB- Fl R/Y		\$06.00
2	Hollyhill Jeanette (3393)	BB-C- Or	Ach/Hart	\$09.00
2	Hollyhill Pink Martini (7310)	WL-LB DP/W		\$08.00
2	Lakeview Blush (3110)	BB-ID-LB Pk/Y	H/S	\$07.00
2	Lakeville Redeye (9007)	CO-DR		\$05.00
2	Mt. View Imogene (9205)	O-DP	H/S	\$06.00
2	Narrows Big Boy (0202)	AA-SC-Y		\$06.00
2	Skipley Ida Bella (3309)	BB-C-Pr		\$06.00
2	Tahoma Sunset (6102)	MB-Y		\$04.00

1 Spring Gardener Greenhouse 6x8x7 \$50.00

Complete with one piece cover and 2 door panels, one at each end. Sturdy, rust resistant steel frame with powder coat finish. Wing nut assembly does not require tools, assembles in one hour or less. Powder coat finish matches valance on cover. Translucent fabric is UV protected for long life. Roll - up windows allow for cross ventilation and climate control. Windows are equipped with insect netting to help control pests that can damage young plants. Spring Gardener Model #: IS 70608 **List for \$200 - 230 on line.**

H/S – High Scoring

Hart – Hart Award

Ach – Achievement Award

Our President, David Knox and Show Chairman, Don Warden have come up with a plan to help promote the Midwest Dahlia Conference Plant Sale, this June 6. Together they have ordered a number of pot roots of English Dahlias and they plan to take cuttings and have plants for the Midwest plant sale. Some may also be available for our auction in March, to be delivered at a later date. Here is the list of English Dahlias:

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Form</u>	<u>Color</u>
Shirwell Gretta	G	Dec	Bright Yellow
Hamari Girl	G	Dec	Rose Pink
John Hill	G/L	Dec	Vivid Yellow
Go American	G	Dec	Deep Bronze
Debora Ann Craven	G	SC	Deep Wine Red
Fairway Spur	L	FD	Bronze
Jean Shaw	G	Dec	Orange/Bronze
Richard S	L	SC	Orange/ Yellow
Blyton Golden Girl	S/M	Dec	Vivid Yellow
Susan Gilliott	M	SC	Bright Pink/Cream Ctr
Andrea Clark	M	Dec	Yellow
Askwith Minnie	M	Dec	Sugar Pink
Westerton Lillian	L	Dec	Primrose/Pale Pink
Kilburn Fiesta	M	SC	Salmon/Lemon Base
Ruskin Myra	S	SC	Lt Orange/Yellow Ctr
Ruskin Tangerine	MBa		Bright Orange

G = AA L = A M = B S = Min/BB
 Dec = FD/ID

These Dahlias can be viewed on Halls of Heddon Website. Also check out For the Love of Dahlias (Midland Dahlia Society Shows 2013 & 2012) several of the above Dahlias are show winners in Great Britain.

2015 Officers of Michigan Dahlia Association

President	David Knox		
1 st Vice President	Don Warden		
Treasurer	Annise Nicholas		
Recording Secretary	Lil Rumble		
Corresponding Secretary	Fred Nicholas		
Show Chair	Don Warden		
Past President	Fred Nicholas		
ADS Representative	Tom Rumble		
Trustees	1 year	Gretchen Fischer	Marty Oberleiter
	2 year	Cynthia Feller	Ed Robert
	3 year	Kathi Peltier	Ernie Fischer

We will again have a LOST TUBER LIST at our meetings. If you have lost some of your favorite tubers add it to the list. This will be a way that some of our members can help others looking for these tubers. You can call or e-Mail your list and I will include it in the next newsletter, nicholas48176@frontier.com (734-429-5796).

Reminder: ADS & MDA Dues are due.

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

Our thanks to the following Dahlia Societies for donating toward our 2015 Midwest Dahlia Conference Show:

Greater Columbus Dahlia Society
West Michigan Dahlia Society
Mahoning Valley Dahlia society

The Dahlia Society of Wisconsin
Hamilton Dahlia society

Also, our thanks for the Originator Sponsorships and Memorials. Keep these in mind as you plan your garden this year.

Best Zorro	Best Marcella Louise
Best Country Dahlia	Best Hilltop Dahlia
Best Nellie's Rose	Best JS Dahlias Introduction
Best Penhill Introduction	Best Canadian Introduction
Best Valentine Gardens Introduction (Valentine Lil, Nancy Ann, Danae and Stella R)	
Best Baron Open centered Introduction (Baron Aunt Dorothy, Baron Kathy, Baron Sylvia and Baron Larry)	

Anyone interested in making a monetary donation or donating gifts, or gift certificates for the show, please contact: Cynthia Feller (313-729-6375), Lil Rumble (734-550-9395) or Annise Nicholas (734-429-5796).

The Midwest Dahlia Conference Show 2015 Registration Form and Show Schedule will be available shortly on the Michigan Dahlia Association Website. The website is listed at the beginning of this newsletter.

After this bitter cold month think Spring and I hope to see you on March 28th.

Fred Nicholas
Corresponding Secretary

Message from the Show Chairman

Having kicked off our fund raising for the 82nd Midwest Dahlia Conference Show, we the Michigan Dahlia Association will be hosting September 5-6, 2015 at Washtenaw Community College in conjunction with our 67th Annual Show.

We need everyone's help! I know, you are saying "I only like to grow Dahlias for my own enjoyment, not show them". WE NEED YOU!! We have set up committees for Fund Raising, Lodging, Banquet, Hospitality and the Show; including greeting guests and helping get their Dahlias in for staging. If you would like to help on one of these committees or sponsor a position or a memorial on the Court of Honor by making a donation or donate a gift; to our Boutique or for a door prize at the Saturday night award Banquet or know someone who would, please call Don Warden 734-753-5336, David Knox 248-330-4078, Cynthia Feller 313-729-6375, Lil Rumpel 734-550-9395 or Annise Nicholas 734-429-5796.

Don Warden
Show Chairman

President's Message

On behalf of the Michigan Dahlia Association, I would like to welcome all new members to the MDA and also newly returning members.

As you all know, this year we are hosting the 82nd Midwest Dahlia Conference Show in conjunction with our 67th Annual Show. I am looking forward to us hosting a great show, but it will take the work and effort of all of us. I hope you are all planning to attend, participate in, show and help in our big event. By now you should have checked your tubers to prepare for this spring. Remember, that our Tuber and Plant Sale this spring and the Midwest Dahlia Conference Plant Sale in June are our sources for funding this Midwest Dahlia Show. Please plan on donating some of your tubers and plants for our sales and participating.

With your effort and support I look forward to a successful year and Show.

David Knox
President