



Michigan Dahlia Association

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<http://www.midwestdahliaconference.org/MDA/index.htm>

February 2016 Newsletter

The Michigan Dahlia Association 2016 season is about to begin.

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)

[a list of available tubers are included in this newsletter]

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

The Flower of the Year is Magic Moment, B-SC-W, Class 2201. This year it will be the Flower of the Year Challenge, with a cash prize of \$50.00 at the Show. Magic Moment tubers will be available to our members at the early events.

This year we will have a Members Activity Draw for \$100.00 at the Awards Banquet. At each MDA meeting & event there will be a sign-in sheet and your name will be entered on a ticket and deposited for the drawing. One ticket for each event, the show will count for 3 events; (set up, the show & clean up). A ticket will be also be deposited for attending the Awards Banquet.

The Michigan Dahlia Association would like to thank Darin Robert for his initiative to research a sound system for MDA. Not only did he do the research, but he donated the sound system to us. Thank you Darin.

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.

All of our Dahlia tubers should still be asleep waiting for the coming Spring. However, it is time to be inspecting them to be sure they are resting well and not drying out or too wet and rotting. There is a delicate balance. Also, be sure to bring them out in time to warm up in time to donate some for our Tuber Sale on April 17.

March 13 Member Auction Tubers

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Size/Form</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Start Bid</u>
Mother's Love	A-ID-LB L/W	Hart	\$10.00
Manor Jayne	B-LC-Pr	Dudley	\$ 7.00
Rock Run Matt	BB-SC-LB P/Y		\$ 7.00
AC Big Johnson	AA-SC-LB Y/Or		\$ 9.00
AC Fernando	ST-Bi-R/W		\$ 6.00
AC Kira	BB-LC-Pr		\$ 8.00
AC Chelsea	A-FD-R		\$ 9.00
AC Glenda	BB-C-DB	from Badger Twinkle	\$10.00
AC Holy Cow	AA-C-Pr		\$10.00
AC Lindsay	M-C-DB Pr/W		\$ 9.00
Clearview Butterscotch	M-FD-LB Or/Y	Hart	\$ 8.00
Clearview Royal	MB-DB Pr/Pk	Hart	\$ 8.00
Maks Royal Ruby	WL-R		\$ 5.00
Holly Fizodol	Pom - Fl		\$ 5.00
Hollyhill Jitterbug	BB-SC-Or	Hart	\$ 7.00
Hollyhill Miss White	MB-W	Dudley	\$ 7.00
Bloomquist Charles Ann	ST-Y	Dudley	\$ 6.00
Bloomquist Butch G	BB-IC-Or	Dudley	\$ 7.00

Two tubers of each, plus a few surprise varieties.

2016 Michigan Dahlia Association Calendar of Events

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 21, 2016 – Saturday, 10 am – 2 pm, set up 9 am **(NOTE DATE HAS CHANGED)**

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 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

August 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

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 9, 2016 – Sunday, 5:00 pm Social Hour, 6:00 pm Dinner

MDA Awards Banquet
Roses Restaurant & Lounge 734-981-9904
201 North Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48187

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

I hope all your tubers are resting successfully in storage. Hope to see you March 13, 2016 for our Member Auction and 2016 New Introductions.

Fred Nicholas
Corresponding Secretary