



Michigan Dahlia Association

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January 2018 Newsletter

Greetings,

The Michigan Dahlia Association Board of Directors met at Cynthia & Irving Feller's home on December 18, 2017 to set the 2018 MDA Calendar of Events. **The 2018 Flower of the Year will be any Waterlily Dahlia.** Also, the MDA will again purchase Dahlia seeds to provide members for the Dahlia Seedling Judging at the After Show Picnic.

The 2018 Officers of MDA are:

- 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
- Trustees: Gretchen Fischer Marty Oberlieter Cynthia Feller
Ed Robert Ernie Fischer Kathi Peltier
John Eichler

2018 – Michigan Dahlia Association Calendar of Events

March 25, 2018 – Sunday, 1:00 – 3:30 pm, set up 12:00 pm

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

1:00 pm 2018 ADS New Dahlia Introductions – DVD

2:00 pm Member Auction of new 2018 Dahlia tubers

April 14, 2018 – Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, set up 12:00 pm
Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, Rooms 125, 131 & W. Lobby
Annual Tuber Sale, DVD on Growing Dahlias and information available on Dahlia care

May 19, 2018 – Saturday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, set up 9:00 am Confirming with Dexter
Annual Plant Sale, with Dexter Green Days and Dexter Garden Club Sale
Dexter Mill, Dexter, Michigan

June 2, 2018 – Saturday, Starts at 10:00 am
Midwest Dahlia Conference Meeting and Plant Sale
High Dive Pavilion, 500 E. Beardsley, Elkhart, Indiana

August 11, 2018 – Saturday – Waiting for confirmation ???
Midwest Dahlia Conference Judging Seminar
Bonnevillie Trial Gardens at Bonnevillie Mill County Park, Elkhart, Indiana
Midwest Dahlia Conference Web Page: www.midwestdahliaconference.org.

August 19, 2018 – 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 TBD

August 31 – September 2, 2018, Friday – Sunday
70th Annual Michigan Dahlia Association Show
Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, Michigan

September 23, 2018 – Sunday
After Show Picnic and Dahlia Seedling Judging
2:00 pm TBD

October 7, 2018 – Sunday
MDA Awards Banquet
Ed Roberts and Lil Rumble are checking on Roses Restaurant & Karl's Cabin

October 28, 2018 – Sunday Possibly move to Saturday October 27 depending on Host
Fall Tuber Dividing and Storing Demonstration
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Location: TBD

Attention all MDA members we need your HELP!! Our August Whine & Wine Garden Tour, September after Show Picnic and October Fall Tuber Dividing Demonstration have not been finalized. If any of our members would like to host one of these events, please contact our President, David Knox: 248-330-4078 or Fred Nicholas: 734-429-5796 by our first meeting, March 25, 2018. We are all getting older and us old timers could use some help!! If you would like to give it a try, Please call one of us and we can help you get involved in our events. We have Board members who will host these events but, we would like to see some new blood step in. We are willing to help you won't be alone. Please consider getting involved, its fun and Thanks.

Other Events

September 7-9, 2018 – Friday -Sunday

Midwest Dahlia Conference Show

Hosted by Dahlia Society of Ohio

Holiday Inn, Strongsville, OH – near Cleveland, OH

September 15, 2018 – Saturday

SEMDS Show

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

Reminder: ADS & MDA Dues are due:

Send you 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. If you have a Red dot here () you owe dues.

Also the Board approved sending the Dahlia Society of Ohio a check for \$200.00 for sponsoring the 2018 Midwest Dahlia Conference Show in the Cleveland OH area.

If anyone has any input for our newsletter, please let me know, Fred Nicholas, (734-429-5796) or nicholas48176@frontier.com.

I hope all your tuber have been put to rest for a successful storage. Mine didn't get all put to bed until December 15, getting later every year. I hope you had a Blessed and Merry Christmas and wishing you a Joyous New Year. Hope to see you March 25, 2018 for our first meeting.

Fred Nicholas

Corresponding Secretary

Now with our Dahlia Tubers resting, here is something to think about from our Show Chairman, Don Warden.

Roses are Red
Dahlias are now Black
2017 is over no looking Back
It was a weird Year
So sit back and drink a Beer
And we'll show em next Year
Startin off with trading and Swapping
Instead of internet Shoppin
Gotta have that new Fim
I'll ask Dave or Jim
Come on 2018 I got high Hopes
So look out Dahlia Folks!
A Dahlia Nut

Message from the President:

Dear Fellow Dahlia Addicts,

Another season has come and gone, we have had our share of success and disappointments. The MDA Board held a meeting December 18 to finalize the 2018 calendar of events, flower of the year and other business.

By now you should have received your copy of the 2018 ADS Classification Book for ADS members. In reviewing, 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 awards tend to be easier to grow and produce consistently good blooms. Commercial growers will be making new varieties for 2018 available online or in catalogs now. Order early to get a chance at some new great Dahlias. As usual we will be purchasing new varieties for the member tuber auction. Also if you noticed in the Bulletin of the ADS Show Reports for 2017 that the MDA show results were not included. They were sent in and we have been assured that they will be included in the March Bulletin. Also, if you haven't shown Dahlias before, please consider giving it a try this year. There is a new grower section so you won't be going up against the more seasoned growers. Give it a try.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all and a Great Dahlia season for 2018.

David Knox
President, MDA