



Michigan Dahlia Association

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July 2018 Newsletter

First, I want to thank all of our members who helped in any way at our Tuber and Plant Sales. Through your efforts our sales were successful. For the sales to be successful, our members had to donate their extra stock, help set up, help throughout the sale answering questions of customers and help with clean up. Thanks to you all.

Our Tuber Sale brought in \$2338, the best ever, and our Plant Sale brought in \$1394, for a total of \$3732. This income will be used for our 70th Annual Show, August 31 – September 2, 2018. Thank you all again.

I also wish to welcome our new members for 2018 and invite them to participate in the coming functions and to learn more about the dahlia. Our new members are: Rita Baley, Vanessa Elms, Bruce Elsey, Darcey Hollon, Melissa Koenig, Brian Lindsley, Russell Propst and Prabhath Rajakaruna. Please make them feel welcome and hope to see you at our coming events. My apologies if I missed anyone.

To all our members New & Old, we are looking for new ideas and help to keep MDA going. If you have any suggestions or would like to help out on an activity please let us know. Board members, assistant show chairmen, help with the newsletters, chairman of an activity like the Tuber Sale, Plant Sale or Awards Banquet, these are some of the roles that come to mind. If interested please give David Knox 734-587-2364 or Fred Nicholas 734-429-5796 a call.

Our next event:

August 19, 2018 – Sunday

Whine & Wine Garden Tour & Dahlia Staging Demonstration and Timing & Grooming Dahlias for Show

1:30 – 3:30 pm Wally & Sherry Little, 734-782-0916

202 Knapp Rd
Brooklyn, MI 49230

4:00 – 6:30 pm John & Carole Eichler, 734-368-0411

4729 Saline Waterworks Rd.
Saline, MI 48176

Please RSVP to both Eichlers and Littles if you plan to attend. For John & Carole Eichler, please bring a dish to pass and a beverage of choice to drink, if you choose. This will also be a great time to try to have any unidentified dahlias in your garden identified. It is also a great time to see other member's gardens, to ask questions, and discuss growing practices and pest control. We encourage new members to consider coming to this event. New information, new friends and new dahlia gardens.

Directions to Wally & Sherry Little's. About 21 miles west of Austin Road, on the west end of Saline, on US 12. About 1.5 miles west of St. Joseph Shrine, turn right on Persons Hwy, 0.8 miles and the 2nd left is Knapp Road. 202 Knapp is on the corner of Persons Hwy and Knapp Rd.

Directions to John & Carole Eichler's. From the Little's, on US 12 return to Austin Rd on the west end of Saline. At Austin Rd turn left and go to the 1st cross road, turn right on Dell Rd. , the 1st cross road is Saline Waterworks Rd turn right. 4729 Saline Waterworks Rd. is about 0.2 mile on the right.

2018 – Michigan Dahlia Association Calendar of Events

August 31 – September 2, 2018, Friday – Sunday

70th Annual Michigan Dahlia Association Show

Washtenaw Community College,
Morris Lawrence Building,
4800 E. Huron River Drive,
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

Friday, Aug 31, 1-11 pm, set up for the event starts at 1:00 pm, stay for staging till 11:00pm
Saturday, Sep 1 staging will start at 5:00am and conclude at 9:30 am when the judging starts.
Sunday, Sep 2, 9am to 2 pm Morris Lawrence Building opened to the public. At 2pm we will sell off Dahlias and start clean up.

September 23, 2018 – Sunday

After Show Picnic and Dahlia Seedling Judging

2:00 pm Ed & Marge Robert, 734-904-2420

51000 Warren Rd.

Canton, MI 48187-1103

Please RSVP to Ed & Marge if you plan to attend. Please bring a dish to pass. Also bring your blooming seedlings to be judged after the picnic. Containers will be available.

September 29, 2018 – Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, set up 12:00 pm

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

Community Dahlia Competition and a Fall Tuber Dividing and Storing Demonstration

This is a new event for MDA. It will be open to all members of the public and new MDA growers to show their beautiful dahlias. More information is attached to this newsletter, help promote this event by showing it to any of your friends growing dahlias.

October 14, 2018 – Sunday

MDA Awards Banquet

5:00 pm Social Hour & 6:00 pm Dinner

Fillmore Bar & Grill 734-426-3727 (formerly Terry B's)

7954 Ann Arbor Street

Dexter, Michigan 48130

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

New Books:

Dahlias of Today – 2018, one copy left at \$12.00. Last years at a reduced price.

Dahlias: A Monthly Guide at \$5.00 each, great for a new member or as a gift.

Guide to Judging Dahlias at \$4.00 each, for any member considering being a judge.

The Flower of the Year: The 2018 Flower of the Year will be any Waterlily dahlia. Again, this year we will have a Flower of the Year Challenge, with a cash prize of \$50.00 at our show, for the winner of the Flower of the Year.

This year we will also continue our Members Activity Draw for \$100.00 at the Awards Banquet. At each MDA meeting that you attend, your name will be entered on a ticket and deposited for the drawing. One ticket for each event per person. The MDA show will count for 3 events;(set up, the show & clean up).

I hope your Dahlias are doing well. Don't forget to water, fertilize and watch out for insects. I finally finished planting 6/21, just moving slower as the years go by.

Fred Nicholas

MICHIGAN DAHLIA ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

COMMUNITY DAHLIA COMPETITION AND STORING DEMONSTRATION

THIS EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO ALL "NEW"
MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC.
ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED PURELY FOR
GARDEN DECORATION AND CONSIST OF:

A SINGLE DAHLIA IN A VASE
FIVE MIXED DAHLIAS IN A VASE

**PERSONAL CONTAINERS WELCOME
SOME VASES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT**

ENTRIES MAY BE MADE STARTING AT 1100AM
CLOSING AT 1230PM WITH JUDGING AT 100PM

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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FRED NICHOLAS 734-429-5796

**SEPT 29, 2018 1:00 - 4: PM
MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS
1800 DIXBORO RD. ANN ARBOR, MI ROOM 125**