



Michigan Dahlia Association

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January 2019 Newsletter

Greetings,

Wishing you all a happy 2019. The Michigan Dahlia Association Board of Directors met at Don & Phyllis Warden's home on December 14, 2018 to set the 2019 MDA Calendar of Events. **The 2019 Flower of the Year will be any Laciniated Dahlia.** Also, the MDA will again purchase dahlia seeds to provide members for the Dahlia Seedling Judging at the After Show Picnic.

The 2019 Officers of MDA are:

- President David Knox
- Vice President Don Warden
- Treasurer Annise Nicholas
- Recording Secretary Lil Rumble
- Corresponding secretary Fred Nicholas
- Show Chairman Tom Rumble/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

2019 – Michigan Dahlia Association Calendar of Events

March 24, 2019 – Sunday, 1:00 – 3:30 pm, set up 12:00 pm

1:00 pm 2019 ADS New Dahlia Introductions – DVD

2:00 pm Member Auction of new 2019 Dahlia tubers

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

April 13 2019 – Saturday, 2:00 – 4:30 pm, set up 12:30 pm

Annual Tuber Sale, DVD on Growing Dahlias and information available on Dahlia care
Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, Rooms 125, 131 & W.
Lobby

May 18, 2019 – 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 1, 2019 – Saturday, Starts at 10:00 am

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

August 10, 2019 – Saturday – Waiting for confirmation ???

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

August 18, 2019 – 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 23 – 25, 2019, Friday – Sunday

71st Annual Michigan Dahlia Association Show
Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, Michigan

September 22, 2019 – Sunday

After Show Picnic and Dahlia Seedling Judging
2:00 pm TBD

September 28, 2019 – Saturday, set up 12:00 pm

Community Dahlia Competition and Fall Tuber Dividing and Storing Demonstration
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor MI

October 6, 2019 – Sunday

MDA Awards Banquet
Fillmore Bar & Grill, Dexter MI

The 2019 tubers available for the Member Auction at the March 24, 2019 meeting will be the following: two of each.

Name	Classification	Starting Bid
Clearview Arla Ellen	B-SC-LB P/W	\$8.00
Clearview Splash	B-IC-V	\$8.00
Clearview Jennae	M-FD-Pr	\$10.00
Mak's Brides Dream	B-SC-W	\$10.00
Mak's Sorbet	B-SC-P	\$10.00
Tahoma Dandy	A-LC-Y	\$6.00
Bloomquist Lou Ann	BB-SC-L	\$5.00
AC Moonwalk	AA-SC-Y	\$10.00
AC Susi	B-IC-L	\$7.00
AC Heisen Berg	AA-SC-W	\$10.00
AC Lion	AA-SC-LB P/W	\$10.00
AC Methow	A-SC-Y	\$10.00
Hollyhill Golden Boy	M-FD-Y	\$7.00
20 th Ave Morning Mist	Ba-Pr	\$8.00
Ka's Khaleesi	AA-ID-W	\$12.00
Allen's Artic Fox	B-SC-W	\$7.00
Allen's Fireball	BB-LC-R	\$5.00
Allen's Pink Treasure	BB-LC-P	\$4.00
Allen's Smokey Skies	B-SC-DP	\$4.00
Allen's High Voltage	B-ID-Pr	\$4.00
Allen's Snowy Woods	BB-LC-W	\$4.00
Allen's Ruby Dancer	B-ID-DR	\$5.00
Allen's Starfire	B-C-OR	\$5.00
Allen's Ladies Chioce	A-ID-R	\$4.00
Allen's Moonstone	A-LC-Y	\$5.00
Colleen Mooney	BB-FD-Pr	\$12.00

Attention all MDA members we need your HELP!! Our August Whine & Wine Garden Tour and September after Show Picnic 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 24, 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

August 30 - September 1, 2019 – Friday -Sunday

ADS National and Midwest Dahlia Conference Show

Hosted by West Michigan Dahlia Society

Meijer Botanical Gardens, Grand Rapids MI

September 14, 2019 – 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.

Also the Board approved sending the West Michigan Dahlia Society a check for \$200.00 for sponsoring the 2019 National and Midwest Dahlia Conference Show in Grand Rapids, MI. The Board also voted to send a check for \$100.00 to sponsor a Michigan Origination section.

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

Our MDA President has a set back with his knee surgery and recently underwent a second operation. Let us all pray for his successful recovery. Also some of our other members; Ron Peltier and Annise Nicholas have recently underwent knee surgery. Lets wish them well and a successful recovery also. I apologize if I have omitted anyone.

I hope all your tubers have been put to rest for a successful storage. I hope you had a Blessed and Merry Christmas and wishing you a Joyous New Year. Hope to see you March 24, 2019 for our first meeting.

Fred Nicholas

Corresponding Secretary

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 14 to finalize the 2019 calendar of events, flower of the year and other business.

By now you should have received your copy of the 2019 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 2019 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 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 2019.

David Knox
President, MDA