



Michigan Dahlia Association

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

August 2019 Newsletter

Our next Event:

August 18, 2019 – Sunday

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

1:30 – 3:30 pm Darin Robert (734-660-9990)
1020 Wing Drive

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

4:00 – 6:30 pm Tom & Lil Rumble (734-550-9395)
7765 Jennings Road
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189-9038

Please RSVP to both Darin Robert and Tom & Lil Rumble if you plan to attend. This is important for the Hosts to be able to plan properly, Thank you. For Tom & Lil Rumble, bring a dish to pass and a beverage of choice to drink and bring your favorite lawn chair, if you have one. This will also be a great time to try to have any unidentified dahlias in your garden identified. It is also a great opportunity 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.

It's Show Time:

We need you support, show your Dahlias, help setup and cleanup, Judging & Clerking.

August 23 – 25, 2019, Friday – Sunday

71st Annual Michigan Dahlia Association Show

Washtenaw Community College,

Morris Lawrence Building,

4800 E. Huron River Drive,

Ann Arbor, Michigan

The 2019 Flower of the Year will be any Laciniated Dahlia.

This year the MDA Show is one week early, so as not to interfere with the ADS National Show in Grand Rapids, MI, Aug 30 – Sep 1.

Thursday, August 22, 11 am, bring all supplies to Morris Lawrence building for staging for set up Friday. This includes vases, oasis, water containers, carts and any other supplies.

Friday, August 23, 1-11 pm, set up for the event starts at 1:00 pm, stay for staging from 3:00 pm till 11:00 pm.

Saturday, August 24, staging will start at 6:00 am and conclude at 9:30 am when judging starts.

Sunday, August 25, 9 am to 2 pm Morris Lawrence Building will be opened to the public. At 2:00 pm we will sell off Dahlias and start cleanup.

Many hands make less work, come out on Friday and Sunday to help setup and clean up. Saturday we always need help judging and clerking.

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

Registration and Details are in the June 2019 ADS Bulletin or at West Michigan Dahlia Society website: www.westmidahlia.com

Please consider competing or at least attending the ADS National Dahlia Show. This is a great opportunity to participate in or view an ADS National Show in your “back yard”.

2019 – Michigan Dahlia Association Calendar of Events

September 22, 2019 – Sunday

After Show Picnic and Dahlia Seedling Judging

2:00 pm Fred & Annise Nicholas (734-429-5796)

5780 Saline Waterworks Rd.

Saline, MI 48176-8831

Please RSVP to Fred & Annise Nicholas if you plan to attend and bring a dish to pass. We will also have our Seedling Judging so bring any of your seedlings that are blooming, containers will be available.

Here is another opportunity to view a member garden, to have questions answered and the have any unidentified dahlias in your garden identified.

September 28, 2019 – Saturday, set up 11:00 am

Community Dahlia Competition and Fall Tuber Dividing and Storing Demonstration

1:00 – 4:00 pm Room 125

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

1800 Dixboro Road

Ann Arbor MI

This exhibition is open to all who will not be competing in an ADS sanctioned show. Entries will be judged purely for garden decoration and consist of a single Dahlia Flower in a vase, supplied by MDA for the exhibition. Entries may be made from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm with judging at

1:00 pm. The Exhibition is open to the public. There will also be a display of tuber dividing and storing the tubers for the fall. This is a great opportunity for new members and friends just starting to grow dahlias to learn and ask questions about the dahlia.

October 6, 2019 – Sunday

MDA Awards Banquet

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

Fillmore Bar & Grill 734-426-3727

7954 Ann Arbor Street

Dexter MI 48130

Other Events

September 14, 2019 – Saturday

SEMDS Show

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

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

Books: We have 3 copies of the book, 2019 Dahlias of Today available the cost is \$13.00. Contact me 734-429-5796 first come basis.

Hope to see you August 18, at our Annual Whine and Wine Garden Tour and our Annual Dahlia Show August 23-25, 2019.

Fred Nicholas
Corresponding Secretary

Sorry the following "Timing for Dahlia Buds to Open" is a bit late.

Average Time for Dahlia Buds to Open

N.B. The expression “bracts” refers to the green leaf like involucral bracts surrounding the bud.

The term “baby bud” is when the involucral bracts enclose the bud.

The term “pea bud” is when the involucral bracts have opened and exposed the bud within.

<u>CONDITION OF TERMINAL BUD</u>	<u>DAYS TO MATURITY</u>
Baby bud visible within true leaves which are more or less upright	22 to 26 days
Baby bud emerging from or just free of true leaves	20 to 22 days
Baby bud enlarged but still covered by bracts.	17 to 19 days
Small pea bud visible within bracts	16 to 18 days
Big pea bud partly covered by bracts	13 to 16 days
Bracts upright but touching bud at sides	11 to 16 days
Bracts beginning to open out flat or are flat	10 to 11 days
Tinge of color or petals loosening at center	7 to 9 days
Colored petals loosening at center	6 to 7 days
1 to 5 petals lifting up straight	6 days
Several petals upright or at 45% or some flat	5 days
Petals upright or outer row of petals flat	4 days
Nearly open or half open or some petals flat	3 days
Nearly open	2 days
Fully open	1 day

Mature. Pick the winner.

The above figures are AVERAGE under existing conditions. Probably it will be necessary to add 10% to 20% or more under cooler or dull conditions.

Here is a reminder of some handy things to have when Showing Dahlias.

Dahlia Show Tool Kit

Dahlia Classification Book

List of your Dahlias with classification

Water spray bottle

Knife

X-acto knife

Pens/Pencils

Clippers

Scissors

Show Tags

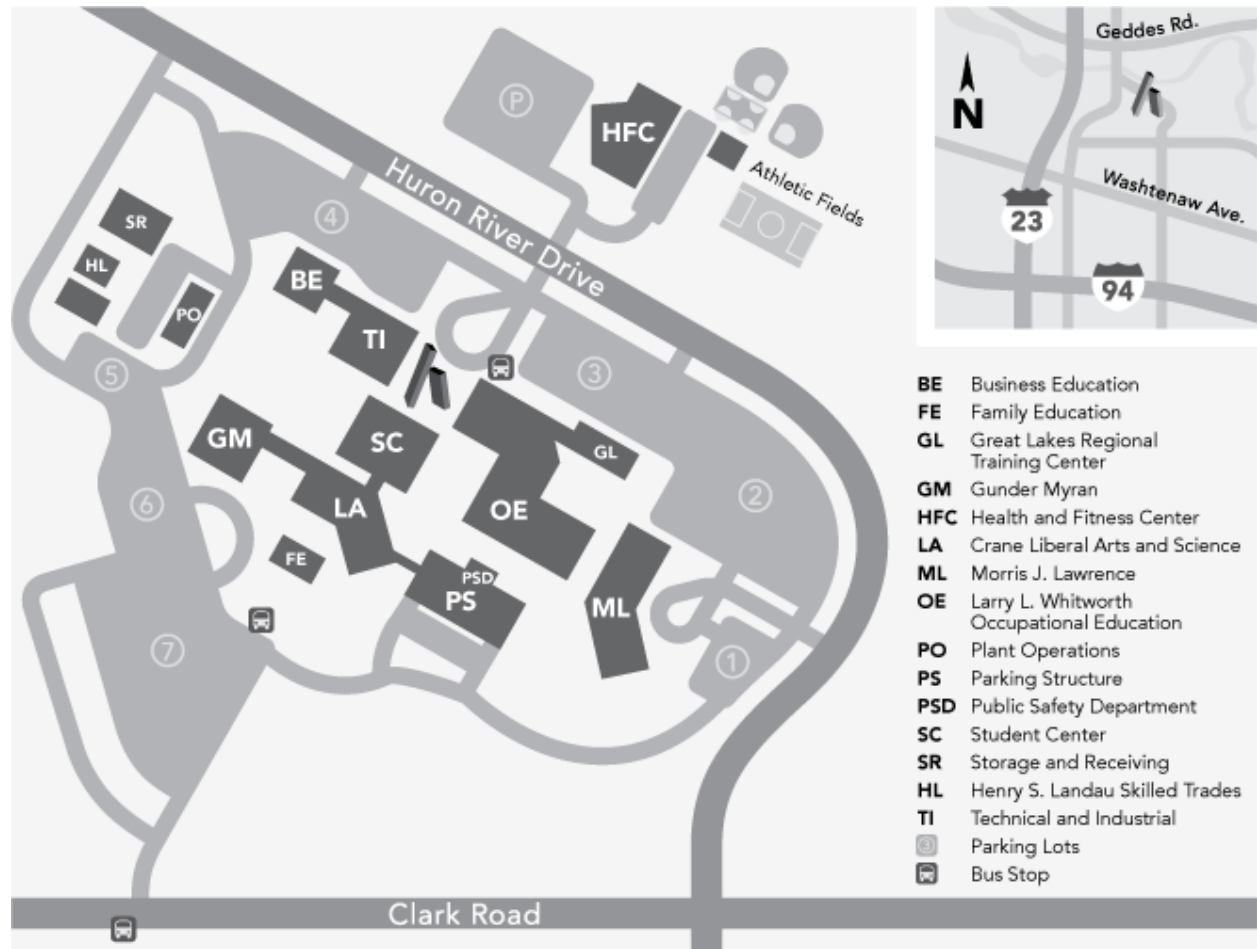
Address Labels for show tags

Paper clips

Towels for clean up

Remember to fill the Show Tags out in Black or Blue ink and include your Name and Exhibitor Number.

Directions to Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College



From Geddes Road: Continue East to Dixboro Rd.
Turn right (South) onto Dixboro Rd.
Continue onto E. Huron River Drive to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Emergency Dr. on left.
Turn right into WCC, Morris Lawrence Building is straight ahead.

From Washtenaw Ave: Continue East to Golfside Rd.
Turn left (North) onto Golfside Rd.
At Clark Rd, Golfside Rd. becomes E. Huron River Dr.
Continue on E. Huron River Dr. to St Joseph Mercy Hospital Emergency Dr. on right.
Turn Left in to WCC, Morris Lawrence Building is straight ahead.