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**WILDWOOD MARIE WL-DP
2011 FLOWER OF THE YEAR**

2011 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas party will be held on December 11th, 2 PM-5 PM, at the home of Paul and Alyce Dolan in Smyrna. The address is: 936 Hidden Falls Lane, Smyrna, GA 30082. Phone # 770-435-4132 They have a beautiful home and all of the Christmas decorations make it a wonderful and lovely setting for our annual party. Please plan on being there and bring with you a veggie or a dessert for others to enjoy. The food is always wonderful

as we have some great cooks in our society. Also, bring a present costing no more than \$10. Men bring a present for a man and ladies bring a present for a lady. This is always a fun time enjoyed by all. In the spirit of the season this year, we would also ask everyone to bring a bag of canned goods to give to a food bank ministry that Heather has suggested. An invitation and directions will be sent to members later in the month.



CALENDAR

NOVEMBER MEETING

NOV 21, 7:30 PM

THIS IS OUR LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR SO COME AND LEARN HOW TO DIG & DIVIDE YOUR DAHLIAS. DAN & PAULA WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO GET IT DONE

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 11, 2-5 PM

**PAUL & ALYCE'S HOME IN SMYRNA
936 HIDDEN FALLS LANE**

SMYRNA, GEORGIA

JANUARY MEETING

JAN 16, 7:PM

ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

FEBRUARY MEETING

FEB 20, 7:30 PM

ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN



PAUL, ALYCE & FAYE AT OUR PARTY LAST CHRISTMAS

THE SHOW SEASON IS OVER BUT ALL THINGS CONSIDERED (THE HEAT THIS YEAR) IT TURNED OUT VERY WELL

We had a great mini-show with about 25 members and guests in attendance. Thanks to everyone that brought blooms. The big winner was Gene Hutchision but everyone that entered a bloom won something.



PERRY SHOW

Brian Killingsworth, the Show Chairman, said this was the best show we ever had at the National Fair since we started holding one it. Growers from GA, TN, AL, and NC came and brought their blooms. The tables were full of beautiful dahlias. Pictures are from Millie Ehrett, Alabama DS.



NEW DAHLIAS IN MY 2011 GARDEN

These dahlias were new to me and to my garden in 2011. I grew other new ones but these were the best.



NAME: BLOOM-QUEST BARBARA, BB-FD-Y, 2011 RELEASE.

COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE: DAHLIAS BY LES & VIV, ACCENT DAHLIAS, \$20 A TUBER. HEAT

RATING: OUTSTANDING, EASY TO GROW, 5'. Les Connell stated on his website last year that this dahlia is one of the best dahlias he had ever grown. I agree with him completely as it grew great and bloomed great in one of our hottest summers ever in Atlanta. It looks like a smaller version of Edna C but with a brighter yellow color. The picture is from the 2011 National Show but the flower looked just like this all season in my garden and is still blooming here at the end of October. If I were going to purchase one new dahlia for my garden, this is the one.



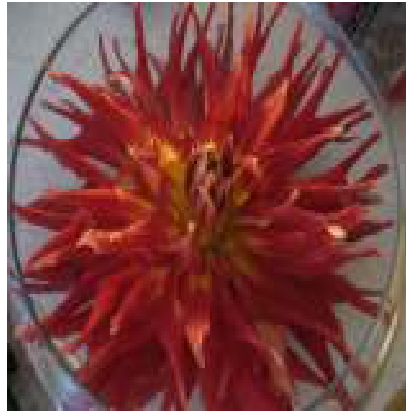
N A M E : A C ROOSTER ST-R, 2010 RELEASE. DERRILL HART MEDAL FOR 2010

COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE: ACCENT DAHLIAS, \$12, VERRONE'S-

DAHLIAS \$9 ELDEN DAHLIAS. HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, EASY TO GROW 5' This dahlia is a bright red that blooms and blooms and will keep going if you dead head it. It gets pretty tall in my garden since I don't have enough sun. It is well worth the effort but it is still a little pricy. It did win the Derrill Hart award for the best stellar grown in ADS trial gardens in 2010. I highly recommend this dahlia for your garden.

NAME: WYN'S HOT LAVA, A-SC-DB RD/Y

2011 RELEASE. COMMERCIALY AVAIL-



ABLE: WYNNE'S DAHLIAS.

\$10 A TUBER IN 2011 CATALOG. HEAT RATING: VERY GOOD 4'

EASY TO GROW

This flower is a darker red than

when I saw it growing in the Wynne's dahlia fields two years ago. Sometimes the soil will cause the color to be different. It was slow to grow in our hot summer but that happens too with some dahlias that are not acclimated to our heat. It grew really well in September & October putting on a number of spiky blooms as shown in the picture. We hope the second year it will grow better in the heat. I liked it so well that I am planning to have at least three plants of it next year.



N A M E ; H O L L Y HILL TANGERINE B-SC-OR WON THE DERRILL HART MEDAL FOR 2011. COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE: HOLLYHILL DAHLIAS. \$18 IN 2011 CATA-

LOG, HEAT RATING EXCELLENT 5' EASY TO GROW. This bright orange dahlia was the first one to bloom in my garden and put on lots of blooms all season. The color was more reddish until September rolled around and it cooled down a bit. The only problem if you want to show it is that the center would not stay closed during the heat and most of summer. It still is a great flower that brightens up your dahlia garden all summer long.

NAME: HOLLYHILL QUINTESSENCE B-SC-LB PK/WH RELEASED IN 2006. COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY: SEE THE DAHLIA BIG LIST



HEAT RATING: VERY GOOD AS THE PLANT GREW WELL BUT DIDN'T GET QUALITY BLOOMS UNTIL SEPTEMBER GREW WITHOUT

MUCH DIFFICULTY

5' This is a beautiful flower and if you like spiky blooms, the semi-cactus look is super. It kept blooming into November so since it has late blooms it can extend your cut flowers up until frost.



NAME: WYN'S DARK DANCER B-IC-PR RELEASED IN 2009. COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY: JS DAHLIAS. HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT.

EASY TO GROW 4' The picture does not capture the dark purple color of the bloom which adds an outstanding color to your garden. You will get lots of blooms all summer and well into the fall past the shows. It does have trouble keeping it's center closed for very long in the August and September heat but with cooler temps does well. If you want a wonderful purple color this is the flower.

NAME: AC MADDOG M-FD-BI WH/R



RELEASED IN 2011 COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE: ACCENT DAHLIAS \$7. HEAT RATING: VERY GOOD, EASY TO GROW 4 1/2 '. The picture shows more red than white but in my garden it had more white than red and was still a beautiful

miniature dahlia. It tended to get leggy but that can be solved by double stopping the plant. That means pinching the laterals once as they form after pinching out the growing tip when the plant is about one foot tall. This will provide more blooms, too.

NAME: DR. JOHN E. KAISER B-ID-FL OR/YL 2007 RELEASE. COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY: SEE THE DAHLIA BIG LIST



(THERE SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER LOOK-A-LIKE DAHLIA THAT SOME GROWERS ARE SELLING. IT IS MORE OF A LC FORM THAN ID AND HAS MORE YELLOW IN IT. IF YOU WANT TO

PURCHASE THIS DAHLIA I RECOMMEND JAN'S COUNTRY GARDEN) HEAT RATING:

VERY GOOD, EASY TO GROW 4' The first time I saw this dahlia was in the trial garden in Long Island, New York at the National Show that year. I went bonkers over the wow orange color so I said I have to have one of those. I finally got one this past season that was the correct flower and I was really pleased with it as it grew well and put on lots of beautiful orange blooms. The yellow is not very prominent which is a good thing.

NAME: EDEN BARBAROSSA B-RD RELEASED



IN 2010, COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY: CORRALITOS GARDENS, AS-TECZ DAHLAS. HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT. EASY TO GROW 5' This plant is great in that it grows and blooms without any trouble and puts on lots of blooms even in my low

sun situation. It wins on the show table too. I highly recommend it for your garden



NAME: BLUE BAYOU AN-L L/PR RELEASED IN 1998. COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY: SEE DAHLIA BIG LIST HEAT RATING: VERY GOOD 3 1/2'

I was amazed this anemone dahlia even grew, much less bloomed, which it did all season. I was very impressed with it and will grow it again.