

**DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA
NEWSLETTER & MEETING NOTICE
OCTOBER, 2014**

OCTOBER MEETING

This month's meeting will be on Monday, October 20 at 7:30 PM at the Atlanta Botanical Garden's workshop in the basement of the main building. The program this month will be presented by John Kreiner. John will be discussing all aspects of taking dahlia seeds and growing seedlings. One of our members has done this for the first time this year and was successful in developing his own dahlias for future planting.

John will also discuss taking cuttings and demonstrate two different methods of how to be successful in rooting your own cuttings. We will also discuss dahlia virus and dahlia wilt

While some of you may not have a great deal of interest in these two subjects, it is always good to be exposed to these aspects of dahlia growing and understand how new dahlias are developed and how to increase your stock through cuttings.

Heather & Maddy Varsalona will provide the refreshments.

ANNUAL DAHLIA SHOW

The shows are over for another year and all were very successful. Our show had about 800 blooms with growers from Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee and of course Georgia showing their wares. Lots of visitors to the ABG took advantage of the added treat of walking through the show and admiring the dahlias.

Many thanks to Lori Goehring, the Show Chairman, for putting the show together and to everyone else that was involved. Thanks to all the members for bringing goodies and sandwiches on Friday and those that helped tear the show down on Sunday afternoon. It was a great time as always.

The results of the show should be posted on the website very soon.

DID YOU KNOW...Dahlias were first discovered by the Spanish Conquistadors growing in the high plains of Mexico and Central America in 1615.

WHAT country was Mr Dahlia from and what was his real name?



**BRENDA BUSBY STOPPING TO ADMIRE A DAHLIA
JUST BROUGHT TO THE TABLE**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PAT DAVIS
LILBURN, GA

FRANCINE & RICHARD DYKES
ATLANTA, GA

MARIANNA & MARK MURPHY
DECATUR, GA

RETURNING MEMBER

DAVID & SUSAN SMITH
CARTERSVILLE, GA

WE ARE SO GLAD TO HAVE EACH ONE OF YOU AS MEMBERS IN THE DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT MANY OF OUR MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES.

2014 MINI-SHOW

This year's show was held for the first time during the August meeting



MIRIAM BRAND, GENE HUTCHISON AND OTHERS JUDGING OPEN CLASS BLOOMS.

and did we ever have a great time. Lots of members were present and there were many entries into the novice competition, and then for the first time we had an open class of three entries per member. What made it fun was the judging of the open class was done by the novice growers. There was lots of discussion but they did a great job and made excellent final decisions.

Paula also demonstrated how to stage blooms and discussed getting ready for the annual show.

2014 ADS NATIONAL DAHLIA SHOW

This year's ADS National Dahlia Show was held in Tacoma, WA. I consider the West Coast as dahlia heaven with the fog and cool air coming down from the Gulf of Alaska to provide a perfect climate to grow dahlias from San Diego, CA to Vancouver Island, BC.

We had a total of 10 members from our club that attended the show and took the wonderful tours to seven commercial gardens, the Tacoma Trial Garden and one home garden that was just fabulous. The garden of Ken and Marilyn Walton is located on the Puget Sound very near the Narrows Bridge at the Southern end of the Sound. It was the most beautiful setting for a dahlia garden I have ever seen. It was a great time.



DAN & PAULA PINHOLSTER, REGINA KREINER, MADDY & HEATHER VARSALONA TALKING TO DAN PEARSON OF DAN'S DAHLIAS IN HIS FIELD OF 10,000 DAHLIAS IN OAKVILLE, WA



DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA MEMBERS GATHERED TOGETHER AT DAN'S DAHLIAS.

TACOMA TRIAL GARDEN IN FORT DEFENCE PARK





DAHLIA GARDEN OF KEN & MARILYN WALTON ON THE PUGET SOUND IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON



WALTON'S YARD & THE NARROWS BRIDGE



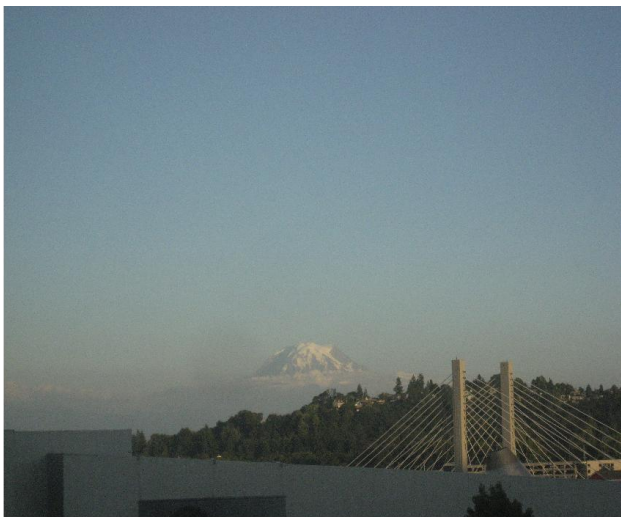
18TH SURG HOSPITAL IN VERRONE'S GARDEN



BEST SEEDLING IN NATIONAL SHOW IN CLEARVIEW GARDEN.



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MT RANIER FROM OUR HOTEL ROOM.



ACCENT DAHLIAS. 8,000 PLANTS. FANTASTIC!!



MORE SHOTS FROM THE 2014 ANNUAL SHOW. FRANK MCCOMB STAGING, DON & MILLIE ERHETT, DS OF AL, STAGING, SHINKYOKU, NX-PR, SHOW TABLES, BO-BAY, B-SC-LB Y/L, BARBERSHOP, BB-ID-BI R/W

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON PAGE 1— THE DAHLIA PLANT WAS NAMED AFTER ANDERS DAHL WHO WAS FROM SWEDEN. HE WAS A SWEDISH SCIENTIST WHO BECAME AN ENVIORNMENTALIST AND WAS WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT EUROPE.