

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



## AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY 2016 NATIONAL SHOW

WHAT A GREAT TIME AND WHAT A GREAT SHOW THIS YEAR IN ASHEVILLE, NC. It started on Thursday night with a welcome reception that featured an outstanding Bluegrass Band that played until the reception was over at 10:00 PM. It was an excellent time to see dahlia friends that we only see every year or two and to make new acquaintances attending their first or second National Show. Friday was tour day and then the staging of flowers which continued most of the night for some latecomers. Regina Kreiner, for some of the time, played soothing music from the American Songbook on an excellent keyboard as growers staged their flowers. Saturday morning the flowers were judged and the winners placed on the head table (picture above). Saturday afternoon the show was open to the public while growers attended educational seminars. Saturday night was the awards banquet with the ADS Presidents Award going to Susan Linn of the Carolinas Dahlia Society. The ADS Presidents Awards of silver medals were given to Buddy Dean, Show Chairman and John Kreiner of the GA Dahlia Society. The

major awards for the best of the best flowers were announced.

Sunday morning the annual classification meeting was held and then the annual member meeting took place. The show was open to the public all day Sunday and many local residents took advantage of this wonderful opportunity to see these dahlias in all of their glory.



DAHLIAS WAITING TO BE STAGED IN THE NOT SO COLD, COLD ROOM



Sunday afternoon the tour went to Bullington Gardens in Hendersonville, NC . This is where Brian Killingsworth grows dahlias. What a great display of dahlias as you can see from the pictures below. Thanks Brian.



Next we went West to the Maggie Valley where we had a bar-b-q at the home of Jack Leatherwood. Had some great brats brought all the way from Chicago.

ADS National Shows are always a most enjoyable time to see thousands of dahlias in a great setting. Next year the ADS National Show will be held at the Chicago Botanical Garden. It should be a wonderful setting.



SHOW TABLES

## OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting will be held on Monday evening , October 17 at 7:30 PM in the theater in the ABG entrance building. Since we have had such a hot summer that has severely reduced the flower production in our gardens, and because we did not have a mini-show or our annual show, we thought it would be a good idea for everyone to bring (if you have any left) some flowers for everyone to gaze upon and to talk about , if you want to. You don't have to bring show quality flowers, just something to look at. John will discuss how to take seeds & what to do to get your seeds to germinate and grow.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

RITA & MIKE WILLIAMS

METTER, GEORGIA

## WELCOME TO THE DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA

FRANCINE DYKES—Francine had knee replacement surgery yesterday at Emory Bone & Spine Hospital. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



FRANCINE WORKING IN THE DAHLIA GARDEN AT  
STONE MOUNTAIN

### DAHLIA QUESTIONS

- Q. I never did buy any potassium nitrate to stiffen the stems on my dahlias so the blooms wouldn't break there necks. Is there anything else I can use?
- A. If you don't have too many dahlias or you want to just treat certain plants, you can use Mor-Bloom 0-10-10 as a drench. This will work on the stems and cause an increase in the number of buds on the plant. Use about a 1/2 quart per plant.
- Q. I have noticed that some of the commercial growers are open for business on the Dahlia Addict website. When is the best time to make purchases of tubers?

A. These commercial growers will open their catalogs at various times throughout the fall and into the winter. Three of the biggest growers usually open on December 1st. They are Accent Dahlias, Hollyhill Dahlias and Clear View Dahlias. Clear View represents all of the growers in Snohomish County, WA. Many growers will sell out quickly so you will need to select your heat tolerant dahlias early. Some I would consider in addition to those mentioned above are: Linda's Dahlias, JS Dahlias, Cowlitz River Dahlias, Ferncliff Gardens, Lobaugh's Dahlias and Verrones Dahlias. If you want cuttings only then Hilltop Gardens is the place. (More National Show Pictures Below)

