

**DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA**  
**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**  
**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER AND MEETING NOTICE**



**AMHURST ELYSIA NX-B-DB PR/WH (SEEDLING)**

**GOING TO THE TRIAL GARDEN NEXT SPRING**

The season is just about over for growing dahlias but the work is not over yet. Those growers that dig their tubers every year, that part of the season is just beginning. I have had a number of growers ask me over years why I dig my dahlias every year instead of every 2-3 years. There are a number of reasons for digging every year and I would like to discuss a few of them.

1. **Protection From Freezing**—I remember the winter of 1984 when the temperature reached –8 degrees in December of that year. I had a few tubers still in the ground and not all of them froze. I realize we won't get that cold usually but it is nice to know they won't freeze if they are in a cool/cold location inside. That brings up another issue of how to store your tubers inside. The best way to store tubers, in my opinion, is to store in plastic grocery bags in boxes. If you are leaving them all winter (I cut mine all winter) then the addition of **coarse** vermiculite, not regular vermiculite, in each bag. This

will keep the transfer of moisture at the proper level so they will not shrivel or rot. But, you need to check stored tubers every month they are in storage as the previous statement is not 100% accurate and you need to get the rotted tubers out of the bags so others in the bag don't rot.

2. Tubers for the Tuber Sale—We are only going to have **one tuber sale in 2019**. We are hoping to have it in the first two weeks of May so it won't be so late in May after planting has already started. We will need all of the tubers we can get for that sale so those that usually don't bring tubers we will need them for this sale as I would expect 50+ people in attendance.
3. I am too Busy in the Spring to Dig Tubers—Growing seedlings and cuttings takes up a lot of my time in the Spring so I must have my tubers ready to go so I prioritize my digging during the winter so I can process those I want to start under lights. I know most members don't do this but with all of the plants and tubers I give away I must start early.

### **NOVEMBER MEETING**

This month's meeting will be held on Saturday, November 17th, at 11:00 AM in the Turner Theater, in the Atlanta Botanical Garden Entrance Building. The program will be a discussion about winter care of your dahlias and will include a demonstration of how to cut your tubers. There will be hands-on dividing of tubers by attendees.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**MARGIE COLE  
MONTICELLO, FLORIDA**

**VIRGINIA BURTON  
DECATUR, GEORGIA**

**WE ARE SO GLAD YOU HAVE JOINED THE  
DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2019:

2019 membership renewals are being received and are due by January 1, 2019. Our membership renewal period is from November 1 – December 31.

Dues remain at \$31 for an individual and \$34 for a family. Please make your check payable to the 'Dahlia Society of Georgia', and mail it to the Membership Director: Kathleen Hadfield, 53 Old Fuller Mill Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30067-4125. Or, if you prefer, Kathleen will be in attendance at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at the ABG so you can drop off your renewal then.

If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Director at [kathleen@hadfield.com](mailto:kathleen@hadfield.com).

Thank you for your prompt attention.

## NOT DIGGING YOUR DALIAS THIS WINTER?

1. Make sure you cut off your stalks down to about 6".
2. Put a cap of tinfoil on each stalk and secure with a rubber band. This keeps the crown (this is where the eyes are) from rotting.
3. Tag each plant with the name and description (A-FD-OR) of the plant. If you don't know the name make sure you have a description of some sort. Make a map of the plants.
4. Put about 6" of leaves, pine straw, mulch of some sort or anything you have to keep the tubers from freezing.

AMHURST ABBY A-IC-DB OR/YL



## 2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party will be held December 9, 2-5 PM at the home of Ann & Frank Critz. Their address is 797 Springdale Road, Atlanta, GA 30306, telephone 404-308-4379.

All members are invited to attend and bring their favorite salad, veggie or dessert to share with other attendees. Also, each attendee please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$15 in value. Ladies bring a gift for another lady and men for another man. Gardening gifts are encouraged but not mandatory.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017

L TO R ANN CRITZ, CARLA SCHISSEL. FRANCINE DYKES AND CHERI FELTON

## DIGGING TUBERS AT STONE MOUNTAIN We will dig the tubers in the Stone

Mountain Display Garden on Saturday, December 1st, starting at 9 AM. We will gather in the parking lot near the staff gate so we can enter together, so please, be on time.

If you haven't been to our garden in the Historical Square (formally the Plantation) just go to the second from the right entrance lane and tell the attendant you are with the GA Dahlia Society and you are going to work in the dahlia garden. They should let you through without issue. Go straight after entering and cross the lake and go up the hill and turn left at the first street, which should be Snowflake Lane. After reaching the top of the little hill pull into the parking lot on the right and park near the dumpster.

We should be finish digging by 12:00 PM or sooner. We will have the necessary tools.

## THE BEST NEW DAHLIAS IN MY GARDEN IN 2018 AND THE STONE MOUNTAIN DISPLAY GARDEN



STEVE MEGGOS 2012 B-ID-OR I keep asking myself why haven't I purchased this dahlia before since it has been around since 2012. A beautiful orange sport of Spartacus that produces lots of blooms. I highly recommend this dahlia for your garden. It needs to have some cooler weather to get the right coloring.

JS DAHLIAS AND OTHERS



AC SADIE 2018 B-C-FL A beautiful flame dahlia that has many blooms during the season. It is listed as a B (medium) but will be very difficult to get that size without restricting the laterals and heavy dis-budding. 6' I recommend it for your garden.

ACCENT DAHLIAS, JS DAHLIAS AND OTHERS



FORMBY ART 2010 BB-FD-DB WH/LV I had never seen this dahlia before that I can recall until this year after I received a tuber from a friend. What a lovely dahlia that preformed great with lots of blooms in our heat. Still blooming here in November. 5'

JS DAHLIAS, CRAZY 4 DAHLIAS

CREEKSIDE MICHAEL 2018 CO-R This was introduced by our good friend and former DS of GA member Brian Killingsworth. It grew very well in our heat.

COWLITZ RIVER DAHLIAS



**CLEARVIEW CAMERON 2017 B-C-LB wh/lv** I love this dahlia! It did very well in our summer heat after a hard start caused by a late planting. It had sufficient blooms during the season but not as many I would like. I will have more than one plant next season. I highly recommend this dahlia. 4'

**CLEARVIEW DAHLIAS, JS DAHLIAS AND OTHER SUPPLIERS**



**HOLLYHILL DR. RICK 2017 BB-IC-DR** If you like incurved dahlias this is the one for you. The only drawback is the height the plant grows which makes it hard to see the blooms without cutting them off of the plant or taking a ladder to the garden. I STILL LIKE IT 6'+

**HOLLYHILL DAHLIAS, JS DAHLIAS AND OTHERS**



**BRANDY BAY 2001 B-FD-DB OR/YL** I grew this dahlia a number of years ago so I purchased it again this year and very glad I did. It was originated by Estey Baldwin from the Tennessee DS. It is a unique dahlia as the early blooms are a lovely red and the late season blooms are a golden yellow with red edging. Great for fall bouquets and wins on the show table too. Highly recommended 5' **STONEHOUSE DAHLIAS**



**AC KUNTZ 2014 A-SC-R** A very pretty red dahlia that looks and feels like velvet. Grows well and blooms late so you have to be patient. 5'

**ACCENT DAHLIAS AND OTHERS**

## **SEEDLINGS GOING TO THE TRIAL GAREN IN 2019**

**EACH YEAR DAHLIA GROWERS CAN SEND SEEDLINGS THAT HAVE BEEN GROWING FOR THREE YEARS TO ONE OR MORE DAHLIA TRIAL GARDENS. THEY WILL BE GROWN AND SCORED BY SENIOR JUDGES. EACH DAHLIA MUST SCORE 85 OUT OF 100 POINTS TO PASS. I WILL REPORT THE RESULTS IN NOV/DEC 2019**



**PROPOSED NAME AMHURST KAREN A/B-SC-OR**



**PROPOSED NAME AMHURST ESTHER BB-FD-W**