

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
MARCH, 2019 NEWSLETTER & MEETING NOTICE



**PARKLAND RAVE BB-SC-PK—A WONDERFUL DAHLIA
FOR YOUR GARDEN. DOES VERY WELL IN OUR HEAT**

CHANGES: Welcome to the first DS of GA newsletter for 2019, a year of changes for our Society. Many may ask why have we made changes in our meeting schedule, tuber sales and the show schedule.

Most of our meetings are geared to our newest members and other less experienced members to provide growing information in order to help them to be successful in all aspects of bringing their dahlias to bloom. While we have had a number of new members join our Society over the past few years, most do not attend our monthly meetings. As a result, in most cases, our programs were being presented to experienced growers with a depth of knowledge beyond what was being presented.

We have reduced our Spring tuber sales from two to one which will be held in early May this year and in future years. The reason for this change is the lack of tubers available from our members in order to hold two sales. The past two years we have had to rely on purchased tubers bought from commercial growers in order to have sufficient tubers to choose from during our April sale.

We will not have a show in September, 2019. The number of growers willing to show their dahlias has been reduced due to various reasons throughout the four dahlia clubs that make up the Southern States. In past years we have had a show in Asheville, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Birmingham and the National Fair in Perry. It has become very difficult to support all of these shows each year so the Southern States Dahlia Societies have agreed not to support the show in Perry any longer and starting in 2019, a rotating schedule of shows where one show will not be scheduled each year except for the Carolinas which will have a show each year. The show in Atlanta will be dropped for 2019 but will return in 2020.

MARCH MEETING The March meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at 11:00 AM, in the Turner Theater located in the entrance building of the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

The program will include a DVD presentation of the American Dahlia Society New Introductions for 2019 and getting your garden ready for planting your dahlias.



HOLLYHILL AUGUSTINA B-IC-DB DP/YL GROWS WELL IN OUR HEAT
BUT GETS TALL. LOTS OF BLOOMS

CHRISTMAS PARTY Thanks to Frank and Ann Critz for hosting our Christmas Party in their lovely home. We all had a great time.

The 'Dahlias of Today 2019' book, published by the Puget Sound Dahlia Association are in. WOW! You don't want to miss this one! Kathleen Hadfield will bring copies to the March meeting. New members will be given the booklet free, and the cost will be \$10 for other members. There are a limited number of copies, so please be sure to pick yours up March 16th.



FERNCLIFF THUNDER M-FD-DB DP/L AND FERNCLIFF LEMON AURA BB-IC-Y. THUNDER DOES NOT DO SO WELL IN OUR HEAT BUT LEMON AURA DOES REALLY WELL.

Final call for 2019 Membership renewals! After the March meeting anyone who has not contacted Kathleen Hadfield regarding 2019 membership renewals will be dropped from the rolls of the DSG and American Dahlia Society. There are still a few folks who have not indicated if they plan on renewing or not. If you are unsure if you renewed for 2019, please contact Kathleen Hadfield at kathleen@hadfield.com ASAP, or she will be at the meeting so you can check and pay then (\$34 for Family, \$31 for Individual). If you cannot attend the March meeting, send your check made out to Dahlia Society of Georgia to Kathleen Hadfield at 53 Old Fuller Mill Rd NE, Marietta, GA 30067-4125 before March 16.

SEMI-ANNUAL SOUTHERN STATES MEETING.

The Dahlia Society of Alabama is hosting the Spring Southern States meeting: March 23rd, 2019, 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m, Wally's Restaurant, 6521 Ringgold Rd. East Ridge, TN 37412

OFFICERS FOR 2019 PRESIDENT, FRANCINE DYKES; VICE-PRESIDENT/ PROGRAM CHAIR, DAN PINHOLSTER; SECRETARY, CARLA SCHISSEL; TREASURER, CHERI FELTON; ADS REP, BRENDA BUSBY, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, KATHLEEN HATFIELD; IT, JOHN KREINER

WELCOME NEW MEMBER Please welcome MARY W. WALKER from WARNER ROBBINS, GEORGIA. We are so glad to have you as a member.



THESE ARE FOUR
NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 2019.
ABOVE: CLEARVIEW JENNAE M-FD-PU, CLEARVIEW CRACKERJACK BB-FD-LB
BELOW: FERNCLIFF DORIS BB-FD-L, AC LEVI M-IC-Y. COME AND SEE THESE AND OTHER NEW INTRODUCTIONS
NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 16

