DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA ATLANTA, GEORGIA 2ND QUARTER, 2020 NEWSLETTER



MY HERO AA-ID-P (HAS A WHITE REVERSE) 2019 INTRODUCTION BY SWAN ISLAND DAHLIAS

DID VERY WELL ON THE SHOW TABLE IN THE WEST AND NOT BAD IN THE MID-WEST. WE SELECT OUR BEST PERFORMING DAHLIAS ON HOW THEY DO THE PREVIOUS YEAR(S) IN THE MID-WEST AS OUR GROWING WEATHER MIRRORS THEIRS. **JUNE MEETING** Our June meeting will be held on Saturday, June 20th, at 11:00 in Mershon Hall, Atlanta Botanical Garden. This is the building where we have our annual show. The program will center on caring for your dahlias during the hot summer we will have into September. It will also include the fertilization of your dahlias which is a very important aspect of summer care.

We will also discuss our plans for the rest of the year as the American Dahlia Society has recently sent a letter that reduces the scope of their activities, (which affects local societies), for the rest of the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Make sure you wear your badge and it is recommend that you wear your mask and observe social distancing.



DAHLIAS OF TODAY 2020: Kathleen Hadfield will bring the new 'Dahlias of Today 2020' booklet published by the Puget Sound Dahlia Association to the June meeting. Come take a look. If you would like a copy, the cost is \$10.00 (free for new members – copies have been set aside for them). Please make checks payable to 'Dahlia Society of Georgia' or bring cash. There are <u>9 copies</u> available for pur-



chase. When they are gone we will not be ordering more.

If you want to reserve a copy before the meeting, contact Kathleen Hadfield at <u>kathleen@hadfield.com</u> and either pick it up at the meeting or it will be mailed to you. If mailed, the cost will be \$10.00 plus \$2.00 shipping – send a check for \$12.00, payable to 'Dahlia Society of Georgia', to Kathleen Hadfield at 53 Old Fuller Mill Road NE, Marietta, GA 30067-4125.

<u>2020 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES:</u> The 2020 Membership Directories will be available at the meeting. Free. See Kathleen Hadfield. You'll enjoy a lovely cover photo of the dahlia, 'Ketchup & Mustard'. If you cannot attend, the Directories will be mailed out after the meeting.

<u>NEWSLETTER FILE ARTICLE:</u> An excellent article on "summer care" appears in our June 2008 newsletter and was authored by Brian Killingsworth, one of our former members. It is recommended for your reading in helping combat the summer insects that love your dahlia shoots and other techniques for bringing your plants to bloom.

<u>WHAT ARE YOUR GROWING QUESTIONS</u>: Please bring your growing questions to the meeting next Saturday or email them to me. We are here to help you grow your dahlias the best you can.

