

**DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
4TH QUARTER NEWSLETTER**

**NOVEMBER MEETING...**The November meeting will be held on Saturday, November 21 at 11:00 AM in Mershon Hall at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Masks are required and social distancing will take place in the seating arrangement. You will need your DS or GS badge to get in the gate but if you don't have one just tell them you are attending the Dahlia Society meeting. You may bring prospective members also.

The program will be: "What do I do with my tubers during the winter?" This will include the digging and storing of tubers and what to do if you don't dig your tubers. Allen Haas will be the presenter.

Allen will have 6' long rebar from Gilly Simmon's garden that he has straighten and painted dark green in packs of five and is free to new members and other members can purchase for \$5 a pack. If you are interested in getting rebar for staking your dahlias then please send me an email ASAP so I can pass on to Allen the information. Please consider how you are going to get 6' long rebar home.



**COLLEEN MOONEY BB-FD-PR**  
A 2019 INTRODUCTION THAT IS  
GAINING IN POPULARITY



**KA'S CLOUD A-ID-W** A LOVELY DAHLIA THAT IS  
BECOMING VERY POPULAR ALONG WITH A COU-  
PLE OF OTHERS FROM CHRISTINE ALBRECHT.  
**KA'S KHASLEESE AA-ID-W, KA'S PEPPERCORN B-  
LC-BI RD/WH (SEE PAGE 2)**

**NOVEMBER MEETING IS CAN-  
CELLED DUE TO COVID 19**

## MEMBERSHIP...DSG MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2021:

2021 membership renewals are being received. Our membership renewal period is from November 1 – December 31. Renewals are due by January 1, 2021.

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, she will be in attendance at the November meeting at the Atlanta Botanical Garden so you can drop off your renewal then.

Thank you!

Kathleen

**STORING TUBERS FOR THE WINTER...**This is for those members that cannot make it to our November meeting. This is taken from a newsletter a couple of years ago.

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 in Atlanta reach -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 probably won't have a tuber sale in 2021 due to a lack of a source for enough tubers.

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.



KA & KA'S KHASLEESE



KA'S PEPPERCORN



AGGIE WHITE



**HEAT TOLERANT DAHLIAS...**The last number of years I have given evaluations of dahlias that are new to my garden and that I have never grown before. I evaluate for heat tolerant qualities, how they grow and where you may purchase them. These evaluation are always in the last newsletter of the year. Below are my evaluations for the 2020 growing season.



AC ROW'S END B-C-DB WH/PR THIS WAS THE BEST NEW DAHLIA IN MY GARDEN THIS SEASON. HAD A TON OF BLOOMS ALL SEASON CONTINUED TO BLOOM UNTIL THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER. VERY HEAT TOLERANT. ACCENT DAHLIAS...2017 INTRO 5'



SHOWCASE SUNBURST A-LC-Y LATE BLOOMER BUT DID WELL IN THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER HEAT. AN EXCELLENT LC DAHLIA WHICH IS A FORM USUALLY DIFFICULT TO GROW HERE. SHOWCASE DAHLIAS. A 2011 INTRO 4'



AC MP BB-C-PR PROBABLY ONE OF MY MOST FAVORITIES DAHLIAS. GOT IT MIXED UP WITH ANOTHER AC DAHLIA WHEN I GREW IT A FEW YEARS AGO. GREW VERY WELL IN THE HEAT WITH LOTS OF BLOOMS ALL SEASON. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT 2017 INTRO, 6' ACCENT AND OTHERS



CLEARVIEW KEN BB-SC-O A 2020 INTRODUCTION BY CLEARVIEW DAHLIAS. IF YOU LIKE SPIKY DAHLIAS THIS FILLS THE BILL. GREW VERY WELL IN THE HEAT WITH LATE BLOOMS. 4' CLEARVIEW DAHLIAS





CLEARVIEW BUTTERSCOTCH M-FD-LB OR/YL TRIED THIS DAHLIA OUT AT STONE MOUNTAIN A FEW YEARS AGO AND WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED. THIS YEAR IN MY GARDEN IT WAS GLORIOUS WITH LOTS OF BLOOMS AND LOVED THE HEAT. 2014, CV AND OTHERS, 6'



BRACKEN SARAH B-FD-LB YL/OR THIS PICTURE DOES NOT DO THE BLOOM JUSTICE. GO TO DIVA GARDENS ON DAHLIA ADDICT TO SEE A MUCH BETTER PICTURE. I WAS UNABLE TO COPY IT FOR THE NEWSLETTER. A LATE BLOOMER BUT WORTH WAITING FOR SO DON'T GIVE UP ON IT. 2007 MANY SELLERS, 4'



JS JERRY A-FD-Y A 2020 INTRODUCTION BY JS DAHLIAS. BEAUTIFUL A SIZED DAHLIA THAT DID WELL IN THE HEAT, BUT I WAS DISAPPOINTED IN THE NUMBER OF BLOOMS. JS DAHLIAS, 4'



CREEKSIDE LINDA BB-SC-DB LOVELY DAHLIA INTRODUCED IN 2004 BY OUR FORMER MEMBER BRIAN KILLINGSWORTH AND NAMED FOR HIS WIFE LINDA. TAKES THE HEAT, LOTS OF BLOOMS. COWLITZ DAHLIAS, 4'