

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA
NOVEMBER, 2016 NEWSLETTER & MEETING NOTICE



CLEARVIEW CAMERON B-C-LB WH/LV THIS DAHLIA WILL BE INTRODUCED BY CLEARVIEW DAHLIAS AROUND DECEMBER 1ST. IT AVERAGED 90.4 IN THE SEEDLING BENCH EVALUATIONS AND WON THE DUDLEY MEDAL FOR THE HIGHEST SCORING B DAHLIA ON THE BENCH.

NOVEMBER MEETING—The November meeting will be held on next Monday evening, November 21st, at 7:30 PM in the theater in the Atlanta Botanical Garden entrance building. The program will be about winterizing, dividing and storing your dahlias whether you leave them in the ground for the winter or dig them and store them inside.

The dividing of dahlias will be a hands on demonstration. Dan, Frank and John will be sharing their techniques for winterizing their dahlias for winter.

CHRISTMAS PARTY—The Christmas party will be held at the home of Dave & Cheri Felton on the afternoon of Sunday, December 4th from 2-5 PM. Their address is 3362 Stratfield Dr., Atlanta, GA 30319.

Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share with other members. Also, each attendee please bring a gift with a value of no more than \$15. Men bring a gift for a man and ladies a gift for another lady.

Please plan to attend as this is one of the highlights of the entire year and with the heat this year we haven't had many of those to talk about.

NEW MEMBERS—WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS AND ARE SO GLAD YOU HAVE JOINED OUR SOCIETY. WE HAVE LOTS OF INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH YOU ABOUT GROWING DAHLIAS AND PLEASE ASK ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR MEETINGS IF YOU LIVE IN THE ATLANTA AREA.

SKEET & PAT FISCHER
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MARY & CLIFF ROYAL
ELKO, GEORGIA

DIGGING TUBERS AT STONE MOUNTAIN

The annual digging of tubers at the Stone Mountain Display Garden will be held on December 3rd starting at 9:00 AM at Historical Square (the Plantation). Please meet in the parking lot at the gate near the dumpster at 8:45. Please be on time as we have to open the gate to let everyone in the grounds.

It will take about two hours to complete the task. We will have all of the tools needed and the other supplies. There will be hot coffee and some breakfast rolls available if you didn't get breakfast.



AC GLENDA BB-C-DB PU/YL LOVELY SMALL DAHLIA THAT WAS RELEASED IN 2016. LOVES THE HEAT AND BLOOMS ALL SEASON. PLANT WAS ABOUT 4' TALL AND COVERED IN BLOOMS. I RECOMMEND IT FOR YOUR GARDEN. AVAILABLE FROM ACCENT DAHLIAS.

DAHLIAS NEW TO MY GARDEN IN 2016 THAT GREW WELL & THAT I RECOMMEND YOU CONSIDER FOR YOUR GARDEN. YOU CAN LOOK ALL OF THESE DAHLIAS UP ON DAHLIA ADDICT.COM ALL OF THESE DAHLIAS DID WELL IN THE HEAT



THANKS MOM BB-IC-W SMALL PLANT JUST 2 1/2' TALL. STARTED BLOOMING WELL WHEN SEPTEMBER ARRIVED. 2 1/2'



AC GLENDA BB-C-DB PU/YL HERE IT IS GROWING IN MY GARDEN. LOTS OF BLOOMS THAT ARE VERY PLEASING TO VIEW. VERY COLORFUL. 4'



HOLLYHILL AUGUSTINA B-IC-DB DP/YL THIS DAHLIA DID VERY WELL IN THE HEAT WITH LOTS OF BLOOMS. 6' TALL



BRACKEN NIKOLAUS M-FD-L MY FAVORITE NEW DAHLIA THIS YEAR. EARLY TO BLOOM AND BLOOMED ALL SEASON WELL INTO NOVEMBER. BEAUTIFUL LAVENDER COLOR. YOU WILL LIKE THIS ONE. 4'



HOLLYHILL DIAMOND BB-SC-W VERY NICE PLANT WITH MANY FLOWERS. 4'



ALPEN FURY AN-R THIS FLOWER HAS BEEN AROUND FOR MANY YEARS BUT SINCE I DON'T GROW MANY OPEN CENTERED DAHLIAS I NEVER TRIED IT BEFORE. DOES WELL IN THE HEAT. LOTS OF BLOOMS THAT JUST GET BETTER AS THE SEASON PROGRESSES. 4'



AC PETALICIOUS BB-C-LB L/W WHAT A LOVELY FLOWER. IT WAS A LITTLE LATE IN GETTING STARTED BUT THE BLOOMS IN MY GARDEN LOOKED LIKE THE ONE IN THIS PICTURE. STUNNING!

3 1/2'



HOLLYHILL JITTERBUG BB-SC-OR IF YOU LIKE LOT AND LOTS OF BLOOMS, THIS IS THE DAHLIA FOR YOU. IT STARTED BLOOMING EARLY AND IS STILL BLOOMING HERE ON THE 16TH OF NOVEMBER. 6'



AC CASPER A-ID-W EXCELLENT WHITE DAHLIA THAT DID WELL IN OUR HOT, HOT SUMMER. WHILE IT HAD ONLY 4 BLOOMS, NEXT YEAR SHOULD BE BETTER. 5'

DAHLIA QUESTIONS

Q: What do I do with my dahlias when frost kills the tops?

A: First, cut the tops off of the plants leaving about 6" above the ground. Next cover the plants, if you are not going to dig them up, with 4-6" of pine straw, leaves or any other kind of mulch to keep them from freezing. If you want to make sure they come back next year take tinfoil and cover the top of the stalk(s) and put a rubber band around the tinfoil to make sure it stays in place and will keep the rain from getting in the stalk.

Q: When I lived up North I dug my dahlias every year. I have heard I don't have to dig them here in Georgia. Is that true?

A: Yes that is true. If you want to divide some of your dahlias just wait until the first week of April when some shoots should be visible, and dig them, divide a shoot with a tuber and then place in a plastic grocery bag and wait until the first week in May to replant when the soil is warm.

Q: What is the best way to store my dahlias for the winter?

A: Place whole clumps or divided clumps into plastic grocery bags and store in as cold a place as possible that will not freeze. Check them each month to remove any that have rotted or shriveled. The bags need to be left partially opened so air exchanges can take place. If you grow in pots just leave them in the pots and put the pots in a location that will not freeze.



BEST SEEDLING IN THE 2016 ADS NATIONAL SHOW IN ASHEVILLE, NC