

**THE DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
JAN/FEB 2018 NEWSLETTER**



CRAZY FOR CAROL M-IC-OR

FEBRUARY MEETING—

The February meeting will be held on Saturday, February 17, at 11:00 AM in the Turner Theater in the Entrance Building of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Make sure you wear your badges in order to get in without charge. If you don't have a badge and they won't let you in, have someone come to the theater and get one of the officers for verification.

The program this month will be a DVD of the new dahlia introductions for 2018. Included will be two new introductions from our own club and one from Brian Killingsworth in North Carolina, a former member of our club. Come and see all of the new dahlias for 2018.

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2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY

We would like to thank Ann & Frank Critz for hosting our annual Christmas party in their lovely home in Decatur. We all had a great time. Thank you members for bringing wonderful dishes of food for everyone to enjoy.



2018 DUES

Membership Dues for 2018:

2018 membership renewals were due by January 1, 2018. If you have not renewed yet, please do so immediately so we can keep you on the society's membership roll. Membership dues remain at \$31 for individuals and \$34 for families. Please pay at the February meeting OR send your check, made out to 'Dahlia Society of Georgia', to our Membership Director, Kathleen Hadfield, 53 Old Fuller Mill Rd NE, Marietta, Ga 30067-4125. If payment is not received by February 28 you will be removed from the Dahlia Society of Georgia and American Dahlia Society rolls.



PARKLAND RAVE BB-IC-L A WONDERFUL DAHLIA THAT BLOOMS WELL IN OUR HOT CLIMATE.



TAHOMA CURVE BB-C-BR A VERY DELICATE LOOKING FLOWER, BUT DOES WELL IN OUR HEAT.



AMHURST ELYSIA (3RD YEAR SEEDLING) BB-ID/LC-BI DR/WH SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL LOOKING DAHLIA.

WEBSITE UPDATE

The website has been updated for 2018. One of the website projects that I would like to begin this year with is to completely revamp the heat tolerant tuber listings to include as many current tubers with pictures as possible. Developing a new format will be required plus the addition of as many pictures as possible in order to make the listing as meaningful as possible to the users. This listing has been a very valuable tool in the past to all that live in hot areas of the country.

If any members would like to volunteer in help putting this project together, please let me know. John

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Two long time retired members have passed away this winter. Dean Purcell of Acworth, GA and George Hunter, 95, of Sharpsburg, GA. Our condolences to Shirley Purcell and family and to the family of George Hunter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members and look forward discussing growing dahlias with all of you. Don't hesitate to ask all of the questions that you have and remember there are no "dumb" dahlia growing questions. We all started growing dahlias at the same level, experienced growers are just a few years ahead.

GARDEN VISITOR

Many of you may know that Vince Dooley, former UGA football coach, is an accomplished gardener and has even written a book about gardening. He came by one afternoon in November to see the dahlias. He grows a few too.



Vince and my wife Regina