

Fraser Valley Dahlia Society

Newsletter

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Meetings: Held on the 4th Tuesday of the month March through October,
At 7.30 PM, Central Heights Church,
1661, McCallum Road. Abbotsford
Enter at rear of church at Gym entrance.

Meeting 7:30 PM, August 23, 2011

Refreshments: Johanna Van Den Bosh and Carole Rollie

Program: Refresher new system numbers with Wally Kurth

Question and answer period.

Meeting 7:30 PM, September 27, 2011

Refreshments: Pat Glennie and Mary Probert

Program: Review the Show and a Parlor Show. Bring your favorite blooms

Question and answer period.

President's Message - AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER 2011

Surprise, surprise - summer is finally here. We sure can't brag about our spring and early summer. This time was very disappointing to all of us - some more than others. We should not complain too much about our little section of the Pacific Northwest. Just sit down and watch weather reports from almost anywhere. There are big problems and smaller problems and ours, I think, fit into the latter.

Our dahlia plants have now exploded with colour and blooms galore. I hope you have been disbudding and taking the care needed to really enjoy the blooms when they are at their peak of beauty. Like some of you, my garden has suffered from pests that like to eat dahlias. I have searched everywhere in my garage and under the house for left over man-made pesticides, but could not find any. I guess I will just have to practice harder the methods of growing green.

Our picnic this year was on Sunday, July 17th - hosted by Pat Glennie and Johanna Van den Bosch, at Pat' home in the Crescent Beach area. The turkey was prepared by Johanna's husband, Hubert, and what a great job he did. There were plenty of salads and desserts enjoyed by all who attended. I can't say that I have ever been in a more beautiful and well kept yard in my life. Pat, you are someone who can definitely call themselves a gardener. Thank you again Pat and Peter and Johanna and Hubert. I am not going to thank Mother Nature because she did let it rain some. Start preparing for our upcoming show in September. It would be nice to see a few more " first time" exhibitors this year. It is a real rewarding experience.
Doug Youngson

Show season is here. Hope your garden is catching up and you are enjoying nice blooms.
Our show will be held this year September 17 and 18, 2011 at George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699 42 Avenue, Langley, BC
Friday September 16, at 7 pm. We will need help to setup the tables skirting and table cloths and the new paperwork.

Also we need some help at the hospitality table during show hours.
At this meeting, we will have show containers for sale, also blocks of oases and a couple of baskets.

Free Free: Lloyd Clarke is overstocked on show containers - good chance for someone to get started and have your own containers.

September is election month. Be open to help your club when you are asked or better yet, volunteer for a job.

Vancouver club is also looking for exhibitors, so bring your nice flowers and help make a show.

VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY
ANNUAL SHOW
September 3 & 4, 2011

Whatcom County Dahlia Society Show - September 10 & 11, 2011

Our President showed off his blooms at the first show of the season in Kitsap County.

He got an entree of triple pompon on the head table, also several section champions. Good going Doug. congratulations.!!!

he reported the show did have more entries than last year and blooms were very nice also.

If you are not into showing your blooms, come and see some shows and visit with other growers . You will have something in common with all of us We do love dahlias
