

Fraser Valley Dahlia Society

Newsletter

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Meetings: Held on the 4th Tuesday of the month February through October,

At 8 PM, Central Heights Church, 1661, McCallum Road. Abbotsford

Meeting: 8 PM , August, 25, 2009.

Refreshments: Johanna van den Bosch , Casey Jansen , Janet Stoner.

Program: Enter a Dahlia Show, including staging and Clerking with the new clerking sheets.

Question and answer period.

Meeting: 8 PM, September, 22, 2009.

Refreshments: Pat Glennie , Lloyd Clark , Arlyne Kuiper

Program: Reliving our show. Bring your favorite variety dahlia blooms for 2009

Question and answer period.

Presidents Message

HOT HOT HOT - everywhere is HOT. Too hot for my liking.

I'm glad our water is not yet metered, or this would be an expensive month. Dahlias are at their best, this month and next. Our favorite flower will respond nicely to another fertilizing now. This will help them to continue blooming until late fall. Watering, fertilizing, disbudding and disbranching - these are all necessary to bring our blooms to the near perfect size, color and shape we all love to see. The next few months will be very busy for those of us who enjoy showing our flowers, but August and September are also the best months to sit and enjoy our gardens. Please take time to do this as you deserve the rest and should be proud of what you have created in the garden. This is also a good time to check your plants for those stragglers you wish to eliminate from next seasons planting.

Sunny days and cool nights are on the way for Northwest gardeners. Be sure to tie your plants to their stakes, as heavy blooms and wind will bring them to the ground quickly.

Again, take the time to enjoy your garden now. All work and no enjoyment, will make you a disgruntled gardener.

September 19th and 20th is our show at George Preston Recreation Centre, 20699– 42nd Ave, Langley. If you have not shown before, find that beautiful bloom and enter it in our “First Time Exhibitor” Class. The ribbon – no matter what colour – tells you that you are doing a great job with your dahlias.

Doug Youngson, President

This meeting we will try to make staging of your blooms and entry into a show a bit clearer for our new exhibitors. Please bring 1 or two blooms in a vase with some water. I will bring some containers and foam to stage them in. We will explain what happens to your entries.

Bring your classification book and Show schedule please.

Our club show will be Sept. 19 and 20, 2009. I'd like to see all our members at our show. These are the days where we show case the club to the Fraser Valley residents. Bring some of your best blooms and enter in the show .We have a special class for first time exhibitors. A rosette and an award in this class is offered. You can enter in any class of the show beside this class. If you do not have any show containers, the club will have staging materials and containers at the show.

We need help from members on the Friday night prior to the show to setup and skirt the tables. Time 7 until 9 o clock PM. After the show setup is complete entries can be made until 9 PM, and again Saturday morning, 7 AM until 10 AM.

We also need help with the hospitality section of the show. No experience necessary. If interested in what the judges are looking for, come and be a clerk or hang ribbons, it is fun. We train as we go along.

Elections are coming up in September. Become involved in your club, see how it is run and become part of the decision making. Ross Wright, our Election Officer is looking for your participation.

Sponsors for our show: Any one who would like to make a donation to our show award list , please send it to Larry Moore, 46673 Macken Ave. Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 3B9

Our Club picnic was held at the Youngson's in their lovely park like garden. Dahlias were blooming, and not a weed to be seen. – a great place for our picnic. Over 40 members and friends attended, including Sonja and Ernie Webb who came all the way from Cobble Hill, Vancouver Island. All enjoyed the turkey and dressing done to perfection prepared by the Moores. Doug Youngson's salmon was delicious and all the other various dishes, caused me to over eat. Gorgious weather was enjoyed all afternoon, into the evening.

In memoriam

It is with sadness I have to inform you all of the passing of John Lanting. John was a member with Ena for many years. Attended most meetings and was an avid gardener with a love for Dahlias.

We will miss you John. Our deepest Sympathy to Ena and her Family from all of us.

Aug.22 & 23 ADS National Show
Everett, Washington
Sept 5 & 6 Vancouver Dahlia Society – Dahlia Show
VanDusen Garden - see schedule
Sept12 and 13 Whatcom County Dahlia Society- Dahlia Show
Sept 19 & 20 Fraser Valley Dahlia Society – Dahlia Show George Preston Recreation Centre – Langley

Editor Ralph

