

# 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

Enter at rear of church at Gym entrance.

Meeting: 8 PM , October, 27, 2009.

Refreshments: Lost my list, do you remember?.

Program: Getting ready to Dig our Dahlias, Divide and store the tubers.

Question and answer period.

### Presidents Message

Our show - simply fantastic: Blooms of all shapes, sizes and colours. The final count, I am not sure of, is between 18 and 19 hundred ... a sight to behold.

We had television exposure from Thomas Hobbs, of Southlands Nursery, which brought many interested gardeners and most of them seemed to be very impressed and hoping to have some of these blooms in their own gardens next year.

Growers from the Victoria Dahlia Society, Nanaimo Glad and Dahlia Society the Vancouver Dahlia Society and many Washington State Societies, brought hundreds of amazing blooms to compete in our show.

Lunch again was a big hit and all seemed to have smiling tummies, thanks to the women in the kitchen – Cheryl Howard and her mom, Norma, Myrna Moore, Sylvia Devitt, Ann Wright and Diana Youngson. These women are a force to be reckoned with. Thanks again.

The set-up of our show went well with help from members of the Vancouver Society. The take-down was quick and easy with help again from Vancouver and Washington State Societies.

It would be nice if we could say to them, “thanks for the offer to help, but we have enough F.V.D.S. members volunteering” - allowing them to be on their way, as many have long distances to drive, and borders to cross to get home. I would like to think we can take care of our own show, not that we would ever refuse their help. If more members of our Club attended the show, at least on Sunday, the last day, this could be accomplished and appreciated by all.

When you are planting next year, please plan to show a few blooms in your own show. Remember that you could learn as much, if not more, by attending our show, as you have learned all year, by attending monthly meetings. Besides, the show setting is more pleasing to the eye than our regular meeting room.

Doug Youngson , President



**Federation Trophy came back to Canada and was won by the Fraser Valley Dahlia Society.**

**Yes, we may as well say, won by our own Cheryl and Paul Howard , even though it was a tough year to grow good dahlias, they managed to bring many entrees to the head table at various shows.**

**Federation Medals were won by Connie Young Davis, Victoria Dahlia Society, for the best flower of the year, "Snoho Doris". Lloyd Clark, FVDS won the Novice section.**

**Next year the flower of the year will be "Vista Lindsay" BB LC Y. It is a nice bloom and will take the heat.**

**Elections were held at the September meeting and no changes in the Offices were made.**

President: Doug Youngson

Vice-President: Paul Howard

Secretary :Diana Youngson

Treasurer :Larry Moore

Directors :Cristy Byers, Peggy Byland, Roy Campbell, Sylvia Devitt , Cheryl Howard, Pat Ianson, Ralph Kuiper, Newsletter editor, Webmaster.

Membership Renewal: Please use the form provided. It makes it much easier for our treasurer to keep track of incoming dollars and to whom joined what: Club, Federation and or ADS.

Soon I will start to update our tuber sale price list. If you intend to sell tubers or not, I need a list of varieties you are growing, **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, so I can put them on the list at the correct place. It takes many hours to do this job every year, and I would like to accomplish this in the miserable weather of late fall and early winter when the days are short. So please cooperate and send me the list by Canada post or email or bring it to the October meeting.

Our last meeting of the year will be on dividing of tubers and storing. If you have clumps of tubers you want to bring do so. Wash the clumps before bringing them to the meeting so we can see the eyes.

Show us your favorite dividing tools.

Programs for next year. If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers let any member of our executive know as soon as possible. Some of the speakers are not available on short notice.

Our Annual Tuber sale will be held **April 17, 2010. Keep this date open** for your clubs fund raiser.

The executive wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

Editor, Ralph Kuiper