

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, August, 24, 2010

Refreshments: Sylvia Devitt , Johanna Van Den Bosch , Diana Youngson

Program: Getting ready for a Dahlia Show, Paper work and staging our flowers, make a basket?

Question and answer period.

Meeting 8 PM, September, 28, 2010

Refreshments: Pat Glennie , Mary Probert, Diane Garbutt

Question and answer period

Program: Parlour Show Bring 1 or 2 of your favorite flowers.

President's Message

Dahlias were a long time coming this year due to a poor May and even worse June. Global warming seems to have definitely created climate change and we must make changes in our routines in order to stay on the same playing field as our dahlias. For me, I think this means taking cuttings early and having rooted plants ready for the garden, as my cuttings from this year seem to be doing just fine and are probably the best looking plants I have in my garden.

A good watering and feeding program at this time is essential to bring our Dahlias to their full potential and be ready for the many upcoming shows we all hope to attend.

I read that a new society has been formed in Red Deer, Alberta. The Alberta Dahlia and Gladiolus Society, with members covering an area of 300 miles. The weather in Red Deer and it's surrounding areas has not been what I call gardening weather. If our local climate changed to that of Red Deer, Alberta, I think we of the Pacific Northwest would really be challenged compared to the small changes we are making in our garden habits at present. Our weather and overall climate is still incredibly good and far from frustrating.

Our yard this year has been almost void of bees, so next year I will consider planting bee and butterfly attracting plants in parts of the yard. This may be more important now then ever before, now that these are threatened worldwide. Don't ignore this situation. A complete and well thought out garden

