

# DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA

## NOVEMBER 2009

### EMAIL NEWSLETTER

DEAR MEMBERS,

The show season is over, and it was a great one and we hope you either showed some blooms or attended one or more of the shows. It is just a real treat to walk among the flowers when they are on the show tables, glowing with so many colors that it just takes your breath away. All of the different colors and forms of dahlias just makes growing and showing them such a special privilege. It takes a lot of hard work to get your garden and show flowers to that magical point of beauty and we appreciate each member's effort to do so.



SEEDLING M-FD-LB PK/Y

I have been growing dahlias for 34 years now and I am still awe struck with their beauty and color. I am often asked what is my favorite dahlia that I grow or

show and I always say it is the one I am standing in front of at the time drinking in the beauty of it.

Whether you had a good or bad growing year there is always next year to look forward to growing those beautiful dahlia blooms. We hope your membership in The Dahlia Society of Georgia has been beneficial to each of you and helped you in growing your dahlias.



WYN'S SUN DAZZLER AA-SC-Y GROWING IN GEORGIA

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome the following new member:

**GAIL LEE**

**CLAYTON, NC**

We are so glad you have joined the Dahlia Society of Georgia

## **NOVEMBER MEETING**

November 16, 2009 7:30 PM

Atlanta Botanical Garden

Directions: [http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/site/plan/visitor\\_info](http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org/site/plan/visitor_info)

Come to the last regular meeting of the year and learn how to divide your tubers with some hands-on experience. Also, you learn how to maintain your tubers in the ground during the winter so they don't freeze or rot. When is the best time to cut your tubers? Come and see what is recommended.

## **MINI-SHOW**

This year's mini-show of Novice only blooms was the best one we have had and a number of members brought blooms and most of them were excellent quality for the end of the season. We thank each member that participated and most everyone took home some ribbons and cash.

We also want to thank those members that came and spurred on those showing flowers. Thanks to Dick and Marilyn Amundsen for the wonderful refreshments.

### **The winning entries were:**

Best AA - Inland Dynasty, Susan Smith (Largest in Show -- Georgia Medal)

Best A - Wyn's Sensation, Gene Hutchison

Best B - Hamari Sunshine, Gene Hutchison

Best Multiple - Pink Petticoat, Henry Everett

Best Ball - Jessee G, Alyce Dolan

Best Mini-Ball - Chimacum Troy, Gene Hutchison

Best Three-Balls - Senior Ball, Susan Smith

Best Miniature - Brian's Dream, Gene Hutchison

Best Stellar - Primrose Pet, Lori Goehring

Best Collerette - Alpen Cherub, Maddy Varsalona

Best Waterlilly - Wildwood Marie, Susan Smith

Best Floater - Lupin Ben. Lori Goehring

Best Arrangement - Tina Maudley, (Badger State Medal)



Below: Maddy Varsalona staging her flowers for the mini-show.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party next month is always a very lovely time together that everyone enjoys. This year's party will be held at the home of Alyce and Paul Dolan as they have graciously opened their home again this year for our party. The party will be on Sunday afternoon, **December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 PM**. Everyone please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert and the society will provide the meat and drinks.



**KATHY KEYES POSING BY ONE OF THE MANY CHRISTMAS TREES  
IN THE HOME OF ALYCE & PAUL AT LAST YEAR'S PARTY.**

We also have a gift exchange so everyone please bring a gift (not to exceed \$10 in cost) with men bringing a gift for a man and ladies a gift for another lady. An invitation and map will be sent early next month.



**THOSE MEMBERS THAT HAVE WORKED IN THE STONE MOUNTAIN GARDEN MAY RECONGIZE THIS DAHLIA AS ONE THAT HAS BLOOMED WELL ALL SEASON AND WAS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THE GARDEN. WE LISTED IT AS A MYSTERY DAHLIA AS WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS CALLED. WE HAVE DETERMINED IT'S NAME IS CARMEN FIESTA B-FD-V PK/R IT IS AVAILABLE AT TALL GRASS FARMS ON THE BIG LIST.**

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