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FERN IRENE WL-Y BEST WL IN
THE 2008 NATIONAL SHOW

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NATIONAL SHOW MONTH IN CHATTANOOGA

There is still plenty of time left to register for the show or if you want to see the show on Saturday or Sunday you can also attend the banquet/riverboat cruise on Saturday night. The cost is \$40 per person for the banquet. The SHOW IS FREE. Contact Brian or Linda Killingsworth 706-276-1405 for tickets. I am sure there are plenty of rooms left at the Choo- Choo Hotel. Their number is 1-800-

872-2529. You can visit the National Show Website for information at www.dahliasocietyofgeorgia.com and click on the National Show Logo.

Don't miss this opportunity to see a National Dahlia Show. There is nothing quite like one as the beauty of all of the flowers is breathtaking. It is well worth your time and effort to come to Chattanooga to see all of the dahlias.

There is another opportunity to see a great dahlia show this week-end, September 11 & 12 at the UNC Arboretum in Asheville, NC. The show is free but there is a parking fee to enter the grounds. Directions are available at this website <http://www.ncarboretum.org/> Just to see the Arboretum grounds is worth the trip.

2010 CALENDAR

**NO REGULAR
MEETING IN
SEPTEMBER**

**SEPTEMBER 11-12
CAROLINAS ANNUAL
DAHLIA SHOW
UNC ARBORETUM
ASHEVILLE, NC**

**SEPTEMBER 23-26
NATIONAL DAHLIA
SHOW
CHOO CHOO HOTEL
CHATTANOOGA, TN**

**OCTOBER 16-17
GA NATIONAL FAIR
DAHLIA SHOW
PERRY, GA**

**OCTOBER 18
MINI DAHLIA SHOW
ABG**

**NOVEMBER 22
REGULAR MEETING
ABG**



PART OF THE HEAD TABLE AT THE 2008 NATIONAL SHOW AT LONGWOOD GARDENS, PA

BOTTLEWASHING

We need your help to wash bottles (carafes) this Saturday, September 11, 9:00 AM at the garage area of Patterson's Funeral Home, Oglethorpe Hill at 4550 Peachtree Road. We will be taking the carafes to Chattanooga for the National Show. Please come and help in this task.



WINNING BASKET ORETI ENVY MB-P LONGWOOD



LINDA KILLINGSWORTH AT LONGWOOD



SOME OF THE ENTRIES AT THE LONGWOOD SHOW



MORE ENTRIES AT THE 2008 SHOW AT LONGWOOD



SHINKYOKU NX-PR AND FERN IRENE WL-Y



ONE SIDE OF THE ROOM FULL OF DAHLIA ENTRIES IN THE 2007 NATIONAL DAHLIA SHOW IN CHICAGO



A WINNING BASKET OF EMBRACE BB-SC-Y AT THE CHICAGO NATIONAL SHOW.



COUNTRY BELLE B-ID-DB OR/W. A WINNER AT THE 2007 NATIONAL SHOW IN CHICAGO.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG HOT SUMMER

On the local weather last evening they stated Atlanta has had 71 days of temperatures of 90 degrees or higher so far this summer with more to come this week. This compares to 38 days during the summer of 2009. Quite a difference. No wonder our dahlias wouldn't grow properly this summer and many of them died or were stunted. Then there were the fungus diseases, spider mites, cucumber beetles and all of the bugs that love our dahlias. It's a wonder that we have any plants or flowers left. **But we do!** Our dahlias have started growing again and are blooming (at least some of them) and we will have blooms until frost. This is the payoff for all of our hard work and the many frustrations of the heat and bugs.

If you haven't started using a bloom enhancer now is the time to do so. Any fertilizer with a low nitrogen number, less than 10, and a high phosphorus number will work. For stiff stems use a high potash number. You don't want to use too much nitrogen unless there hasn't been any rain and we haven't had much so far this month. Remember that your dahlias need more water when they are forming buds and blooms are opening. You can keep spraying your plants every week to ten days to keep them looking good and to keep the bugs away. Enjoy your blooms the rest of the season and remember to share them with others.



NATIONAL SHOW GARDEN TOURS

One of the best features of the National Shows are the garden tours that take place on Friday of the show week. Last year in DAHLIA HEAVEN, Northern Washington state, those attending were



DAHLIA GARDEN OF STEVE MEGGOS, ELGIN, IL

privileged to visit four different large dahlia gardens. It was really a treat to see a field of 8,000 dahlias and we have shared those pictures many times during the year in the newsletters. While there won't be a garden of that size in the Chattanooga area, it still will be interesting and thrilling to walk among the plants and blooms this year.



DAHLIA GARDEN OF DICK PORTER, SEATTLE AREA