



**SPARTACUS A-ID-DR
ANY DARK RED DAHLIA IS
THE FLOWER OF THE YEAR**

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SHOW TABLES AT THE 2012 GEORGIA DAHLIA SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

The 2012 annual show was excellent with growers from four states bringing 750 blooms for a lovely display of dahlias. There is nothing quite like the beauty of high quality dahlia blooms in a mass display to satisfy the longing for beautiful flowers. We had many winners and we will discuss a few of them in this article but all of the winners will be posted on our website www.dahliasocietyofgeorgia.com. Ray Phillips from Chattanooga won the largest in show, the Gilbert Johnson Award, with a beautiful bloom of Zorro, everyone's favorite dahlia. The most perfect blooms by size were: AA (Giant) Inland Dynasty, Ray Phillips, A (Large) Almond Joy, Ed Whitfield, Alabama DS; B (Medium) Twister, Buddy Dean, Carolinas DS; BB (Small) Skipley Spot, Sunsan Linn, Carolinas DS; and Miniature, Weston Pirate, Buddy Dean. The best Novice Bloom was Verrone's Sandra J by Mike Greer from Nashville, TN. Best Amateur A (Large) was Kidd's Climax by Susan Linn, Carolinas. She also won Amateur B (Medium) with a bloom of an undisseminated variety. Lori Goehring won both of the classes of artistic arrangements that were lovely. Gene Hutchinson won the Novice Sweepstakes with a number of different novice blooms. Bob Goehring won a number of multiple blooms awards and some pictures will follow on the next pages. We want to thank all of the growers that brought blooms especially those from other states. Frank McComb, the Show Chairman would like to thank everyone that helped with making the show so successful.

CALENDAR

**GA NATIONAL FAIR
SHOW
OCTOBER 13, 14, 2012
PERRY, GA**

**OCTOBER MEETING
MINI-SHOW
OCTOBER 15, 2012
ABG**

**NOVEMBER MEET-
ING**

NOVEMBER 19, 2012

**DECEMBER CHRIST-
MAS PARTY
TBD**

**JANUARY MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2013**

**DVD OF NEW INTRO-
DUCTIONS FOR 2013**

GENE BOEKE

Gene Boeke, Mr. Georgia Dahlia, passed away on September 29th at North Fulton Hospital. Gene grew dahlias for over 60 years and was a member of our Society for just as long. He had a great impact on our Society, The American Dahlia Society and the City of Atlanta.

Below is the Memoriam article that will appear in the next American Dahlia Society Quarterly Bulletin. We give our deepest sympathies to his wife Joy and their family on Gene's passing.

IN MEMORIAM

EUGENE H. BOEKE JR.

**OCTOBER 7, 1925—SEPTEMBER 29,
2012**

The Georgia Dahlia Society, the American Dahlia Society Southern Conference, the American Dahlia Society and the greater dahlia world has lost a stalwart member in Gene Boeke as he was well known and greatly respected. He grew dahlias for over 60 years and was a leader in the Georgia Society and served as the American Dahlia Society Regional Vice-President for the Southern Conference for many years. He is also known for his hybridizing of dahlias with his BO series which includes Bo-Bay, Bo-Lei, Bo-Kay, Bo-De-O, Bo-Pub, Bo-Zoe and Bo-Joy, named after his wife. All of his introductions are still available through different commercial growers even though a couple of them were released in the mid-seventies.

A celebration of his life was held in the Big Canoe, Georgia Chapel on October 7 with many friends and family speaking about the impact

Gene had on their lives. Brian Killingsworth spoke of Gene's influence on his growing of dahlias as Gene was his mentor and close friend for the past 25 years. Gene was also instrumental in helping the American Dahlia Society in

OCTOBER PROGRAM MINI-SHOW, 7:30 PM GARDEN CLASSROOM ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

We will be holding our annual mini-show and anyone that did not win an award in the annual show may put blooms in the show. Members, please bring those last blooms and enter them in the Mini-Show. We will have people to help you stage your flowers and will have materiel available for you to use. This is a great opportunity to show a few dahlias without the pressure of the annual show so join in the fun. See you on the 15th.

developing a standard color code chart and in changing and updating the ADS website. He has had an amazing impact in the dahlia world with his love of and care for his favorite flower.

Gene was best known for his engineering abilities as he was responsible as the head Engineer on many of the high rise buildings in Atlanta that his company built. The Georgia Tech graduate was the site boss for Coke-Cola International Headquarters, 191 Peachtree Towers, Piedmont Hospital, Capital City Plaza to name a few of the projects. He was well known as an expert in reinforced concrete construction serving as a consultant in this regard on many projects worldwide.

Gene's pursuits also included being a Boy Scout Scoutmaster. He had attained the highest level in the Boy Scouts, Eagle Scout, and used his knowledge and leadership in teaching young boys the Scouting precepts. One of his Scouts recently recounted when he and other boys were in Gene's troop 30 years ago they would have followed him to the ends of the earth. They had that much respect and trust in him.

One of his goals in life was to visit all seven continents and he was able to accomplish this goal when he and Joy took a trip to Antarctica a few years ago. Upon their return Joy told me they had

a great time but it was really cold. Nevertheless Gene was undeterred in attaining this final leg of his goal. Gene was a perfectionist and a great teacher. His knowledge of dahlias and the judging of dahlias was beyond compare. He will be greatly missed. John Kreiner

GENE BOEKE IN PICTURES



GENE & JOY AT THE NAT'S DAHLIA SHOW IN NY



2012 ANNUAL SHOW



JUDGING THE SHOW



BERT PITTB-FD-BI DR/WH, BOB GOEHRING, GA DS



BODE B-IC-L RAY PHILLIPS, TENNESSEE DS



BOB GOEHRING & ED MERCER AT THE SHOW



CARMEN LOTUS NX-PK, KELLY DEAN, CAR DS



DAHLIA ARRANGEMENTS



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SOME OF THE 2012 DERRILL HART MEDAL WINNERS



CLEARVIEW SUNDANCE A-C/SC?-Y AVG 88.63



CLEARVIEW AVIA BB-IC-FL AVE 87.01



CLEARVIEW DANIEL BA-Y AVE 89.57



HOLLYHILL AUGSTINA B-IC-FL?



LESLIE RENEE M-FD-DB PR/LA

CORRALITOS GARDENS RELEASE

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The Derrill Hart award is given to those dahlias in each size category that attain the highest average scores in at least 3 trial gardens across North America. The ones shown were some that I came upon in grower catalogs or Facebook pages. The total listing will be in the December ADS Bulletin. Some of the information is missing on a couple of the pictures as it wasn't given by the grower.

BROAD MITES

You ask...what are Broad mites? Why do I need to know? Well it depends whether you have a problem with them or not. If you don't have them this is purely information to file away in case you have a problem in the future.

Broad mites are microscopic and similar to spider mites and cyclamen mites. They can devastate your dahlias. This has happened to me over the past number of years and they spread to our Stone Mountain display garden for the last three years. Some other members have had them also plus some of the growers from Birmingham. We searched and searched trying to figure out what was causing the distorted leaves and foliage that would appear in August just before blooming would begin. We took samples to the Gwinnett extension agent who sent pictures to UGA. Gene Hutchison took samples to Walter Reeves at one of his remote broadcasts. The answer was always the same HERBICIDE DAMAGE! Wrong! It definitely looks just like herbicide damage but is not. See below.



BROAD MITE DAMAGE IN MY DAHLIA GARDEN

NOVEMBER MEETING

NOVEMBER 19

7:30 PM

GARDEN CLASSROOM

ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

The program this month will be winterizing your dahlias and dahlia beds. There will be a demonstration on how to divide your dahlias whether you divide them this winter or next spring, if you leave them in the ground over winter. Also, a discussion on what to do to protect your dahlias from the cold if you leave them in the ground.

Thanks to Don Ehrett, Alabama Dahlia Society, for finally giving us the answer to our problem with Broad Mites. The difference between cyclamen mites and broad mites is that cyclamen mites don't attack dahlias. They love African violets and of course cyclamen plants. Greenhouses and inside growers usually have problems with broad mites and cyclamen mites.

CONTROL: The treatment for these microscopic mites is the same as with spider mites. You can use Avid, Talstar if you want to purchase expensive insecticides or you can use Organicide which is an oil-based spray. Organicide kills them in all stages while the insecticides require spraying three times at three-day intervals to kill all stages. Using Organicide you might want to spray a second time after about five days and then as needed. Make sure you spray the underside of the leaves just like spraying for spider mites.

As a preventive measure (if you have had these mites the previous year) spray with organicide beginning in July & August to take care of any that came back from the ground and hopefully they won't interrupt the normal growth of the plants.



NEW DAHLIAS IN MY 2012 GARDEN

These dahlias were new to me and to my garden during 2012. I grew others but these were the best.



NAME: AC CLOUDS & RAIN A-ID-BI R/W, RELEASED IN 2011 COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE: ACCENT DAHLIAS, SEE THE DAHLIA BIG LIST FOR CATALOG, 3 1/2'-4' HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, EASY TO GROW This was the best new dahlia in my garden. The plant grew well and started blooming in mid-season and is still putting on new blooms here on the 10th on November. The color is similar to Bert Pitt and not the lighter red color in the catalog or when I saw it growing in California.



NAME: ACCJ, BB-SC-OR, 2008 RELEASE, 4' COMM AVAIL: SEE DAHLIA BIG LIST, HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, EASY TO GROW This is one of

the best orange dahlias I have ever grown. The color is such a deep orange it is hard to take your eyes off of the many blooms that it produces. It will be a permanent fixture in my garden. Another dahlia still blooming in my garden in November. NAME: WYN'S RED STILETTO A-SC-DR, 2012 RELEASE, COMM AVAIL: WYNNE'S DAHLIAS

HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, EASY TO GROW 5' A beautiful A-sized dahlia that has many blooms but instead of being semi-cactus they ended up being laciniated. I have written the originator concerning this issue. It might need to be reclassified to LC in the future if that issue is prevalent in other areas of the country as well.



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NAME: TWISTER B-ID-R, RELEASED IN 2010, COMM AVAIL: CORRALITOS GARDENS, SEE DAHLIA BIG LIST FOR CATALOG, 6' HEAT RATING: VERY GOOD, GROWS EASILY; This dahlia bloomed late in my garden but might bloom earlier in a garden with

more sun. It is a gorgeous bloom and Buddy Dean won best B in the Atlanta show with it this year. It gets tall so you may need to cut it back in late July or have a ladder available to cut the blooms.



NAME: BARBERSHOP ST-BI RE/WH, COMM AVAIL: SEE THE DAHLIA BIG LIST, HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, VERY EASY

TO GROW, 5' This is a great garden flower that just blooms and blooms its head off. Some of the blooms go solid red but they are very colorful and pleasing also. I highly recommend it to add a lot of color to



your garden. NAME: HART'S BLOOD RED A-FD-DR 2012 RELEASE, WON DERRILL HART AWARD FOR HIGHEST TRIAL GARDEN SCORES; COMM AVAIL: BLUE RIDGE DAHLIAS, 5' HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, EASY TO GROW Beautiful

dark red dahlia that grew well and put on a number of blooms. The stems seemed to be a little weak compared to other A-sized dahlias but as you can see it has lots of petals. Some potassium nitrate in August should handle that issue. NAME: HOLLY HILL



NIKKO BB-C-Y, 2008 RELEASE. COMM AVAIL: SEE DAHLIA BIG LIST HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, VERY EASY TO GROW, 4' A beautiful dahlia in the garden, cut or show. Cactus & incurved cactus are my favorite forms & yellow my favorite color so this dahlia fills the bill in my garden.



NAME: REGINA AA-ID-DR, 2010 RELEASE, COMM AVAIL: BIG LIST. HEAT RATING: VERY GOOD, A LITTLE SLOW TO GROW 4' With this name I had to get this dahlia sooner or later or my wife would have been very disappointed. It is a beautiful dark red AA dahlia with a unique looking leaf which is lovely. The blooms were late as was the growth of the plant.. It is from New Zealand.



NAME: BADGER TWINKLE M-SC-DB PU/WH, RELEASED IN 2005, COMM AVAIL: SEE DAHLIA BIG LIST HEAT RATING: EXCELLEENT, VERY EASY TO GROW. 3 1/2' A very beautiful small dahlia that just puts on all sorts of blooms during the season. It does very well

on the show table and is very lovely in the garden.

NAME: ROCK RUN MICHAEL, D-ID-PR, 2012 RELEASE, COMM AVAIL: JS DAHLIAS, HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, VERY EASY TO GROW, 5', This new dahlia grew very well and the blooms were a dark purple and not the color in the picture. The reduced sun in



my garden kept the number of blooms down but not at the Stone Mountain garden. NAME: MIN-

GUS TONI, BB-ID-V PK/RD, RELEASED IN 1996, COMM AVAIL; SEE BIG LIST. HEAT RATING: GOOD, 5' I got this dahlia as a "freebie" on one of my orders as I had seen it in the catalogs and said I don't need another variegated dahlia. Bad decision! How can 20 commercial growers that offer it be wrong. This dahlia is unbelievable when it starts blooming. On the 10th on November it had 30 plus blooms open with other buds coming on the one plant at our Stone MT garden. It was late in blooming but, my goodness ,what a display of blooms. GET IT!



NAME: VERRONE'S SANDRA J, BB-FD-OR, RELEASED: 2008,

COMM AVAIL: SEE DAHLIA BIG LIST, HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, 6'. Brian has been winning with this dahlia ever since it came out but this is the first year I have grown it. It is a vigorous grower and really puts on some nice blooms for show or your home. Nice long stems.



NAME: VERRONE'S PINK GIRAFFE, O-DB DP/LV, RELEASED: 2011, COMM AVAIL: VERRONE'S DAHLIAS, HEAT RATING:VERY GOOD, 3' EASY TO GROW A lovely orchid dahlia that put on a lot of blooms late in the season. It is nice to have an alternative to Honka.



NAME:LAKEVIEW GLOW BB-IC-Y, 2010 RELEASE COMM AVAIL: DAHLIA BIG LIST, HEAT RATING: GOOD, EASY TO GROW 4 1/2' The plant grew very well and it put on blooms ok

but it didn't seem to get much of an incurve bloom position. I will see if it will do better in a garden with more sun. This is a "hot" dahlia in other parts of the country



NAME: SEA- FUEGO B-SC-FL RELEASED: 1992, COMM AVAIL: SEE DAHLIA BIG LIST. EASY TO GROW 4'. This was another surprise dahlia that grew and bloomed very well in our Stone Mountain garden. It is still

in the book and had five blues in 2011 so it does

win. NAME:VERRONE'S TAYLOR SWIFT ST-FL YL/RD, RELEASED: 2012, COMM AVAIL:VERRONE'S DAHLIAS, HEAT RATING: SO-SO, 5' I

really liked this bloom after it cooled down as it had a nice crisp look to it and it was different with the dark red color. The plant grew well in the heat but the bloom would turn brown on the under side way too soon, thus the so-so rating.

