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2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party last month was lots of fun as usual with such great food and conversation. The home of Paul & Alyce Dolan was a thing of beauty with all of the lovely Christmas decorations that we all enjoyed so much. We really owe Paul & Alyce a debt of gratitude for hosting our party once more in their lovely home. The popular gift this year was the Santa motorcycle pictured below being held by Darroll Freeman. Needless to say, he wasn't able to maintain ownership for very long. Cheri Felton finally was able to take it home.



The Dahlia Society of Georgia now has a Facebook page that is being maintained by Maddy Varsalona <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dahlia-Society-of-Georgia/347940835>



**SOUTH-EASTERN FLOWER SHOW
MARCH 15-17**

CALENDAR

JANUARY MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2013

ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

FEBRUARY MEETING

FEBRUARY 18

ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

MARCH MEETING

MARCH 18

ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

APRIL

TUBER SALE

APRIL 15, 7:30 PM

ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

MAY

TUBER SALE

MAY 20, 7:30 PM

ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BEA WEAVER
CEDARTOWN, GA

PETE & MELINDA MISTR
MARIETTA, GA

STEVEN DANIEL
JASPER, GA

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU HAVE
JOINED THE DAHLIA SOCIETY
OF GEORGIA. WE LOOK FOR-
WARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR
ACTIVITIES.

THANKS

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANKS
TO LORI GOEHRING FOR BEING
OUR PRESIDENT FOR THE PAST
TWO YEARS AND TO PAULA PIN-
HOLSTER OUR V-PRESIDENT/
PROGRAM DIRECTOR. WE APPRE-
CIATE YOUR WORK IN LEADING
OUR SOCIETY.

MINI SHOW RESULTS

BEST OF SHOW

AITARA MAJESTY A-SC-Y

BARBARA DUNKLEY

BEST AA/A

SPARTACUS

BARBARA DUNKLEY

BEST B

BO-KAY

BARBARA DUNKLEY

BEST BB

HY SOCKEYE

DARROLL FREEMAN

BEST MINIATURE

VERRONE'S STEVEN D

MADDY VARSALONA

BEST BALL

POPPY'S MIRANDA

BARBARA DUNKLEY

BEST WATERLILY

RED VELVET

CARLA SCHISSEL

BEST OPEN CENTERED

VERRONE'S MADDY V

MADDY VARSALONA

BEST 3 BLOOMS

SEAN C

DARROLL FREEMAN

BEST ARRANGEMENT

HENRY EVERETT

JANUARY MEETING

JANUARY 21, 7:30 PM

GARDEN CLASSROOM

ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

The January meeting will have a program that will show, via a DVD, many of the new introductions for 2013 and it looks like there are a number of excellent ones this year. A real large AA dinnerplate dahlia is called AC Papa. Another large A is called Eden Talos. Come to the meeting and see all of them.

John & Regina will bring refreshments.

2013 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT.....JOHN KREINER

V-PRESIDENT.....DAVE FELTON

TREASURER.....HENRY EVERETT

SECRETARY.....CARLA SCHISSEL

ADS REP.....HEATHER VARSALONA

SHOW CHAIR.....LORI GOEHRING

2013 DUES

I know Henry has already sent an email out about your dues payment for this year but here is another reminder and hopefully we can get this taken care of during this month. The ADS requests that we get our dues in during January so they can save money in the printing and posting of the written materials. This helps all of us in reducing the cost of ADS membership by limiting the increases in the amount of dues. So, please do your part by sending Henry your \$31 for an individual membership and \$34 for a family membership this month.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT

(Norm Hines has been the editor of the American Dahlia Society Bulletin since 1993 and has never missed an issue.)

Recently Norm was at Chicago's O'Hare Airport unloading baggage from the trunk of his car for his son's departure and another car crushed his leg. The leg had to be amputated at the knee. He is a strong man for his 80 years of age as he works out at a gym three times a week.

We have sent a card from the society but if you would like to send a personal note/card his address is: Norm Hines, 364, South 600 West, Hebron, IN 46341.



GLORIOSA B-FD-V GROWING IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA



1ST YEAR SEEDLING B-ID-R



A VERY LOVELY ARRANGEMENT OF DAHLIAS AT THE HIGHLANDS, NC DAHLIA FESTIVAL LAST SEPTEMBER



1ST YEAR SEEDLING BB-ID-R BOTH OUT OF THE SAME SEED POD. THIS ONE IS VERY DEEP.

AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Dear DS of Georgia members,

Below is an email letter I recently sent to the other Southern States Societies in regard to this subject. Please review and if you have an interest in becoming the ADS Regional Vice-President please let me know. Please make sure if you have an interest to review the general criteria outlined in the letter from Jerry Landerholm. Please forward any questions you may have to me. The nomination period ends February 15.

Dear Southern States Society Presidents,

As the President of the Southern States Conference for this year, one of the pressing matters at hand is the nomination and election of an ADS Regional VP for our Southern States. Dan Pinholster has already forwarded an email to your clubs from Jerry Landerholm, ADS Immediate Past President, that numerated many of the qualifications and requirements for this position. Below is a copy of that email in case you have not seen it and a copy of the ADS By-Law that addresses ADS Regional Vice-Presidents

As you can see from these two documents a nominating process is required and then a vote of the societies to elect a new ADS Regional VP.

Nominations for this position will be open immediately with a closing of February 15th and then a vote will be held at the Southern States meeting to be held in Atlanta in late March. The time between the close of nominations and the vote in March is to let the Societies determine who they will support. Once I have received the nomination reports, I will forward the list to each club.

Please send me a nomination report of your society on the 16th of February or earlier so I can consolidate nominations and inform all societies of all candidates seeking the office. A negative (no nominations) report is requested.

The tentative date for the Southern States meeting here in Atlanta is Saturday, March 23 at a location TBA.

Please let me know if you have any questions so I can share them with all societies, if necessary.

Sincerely,

John Kreiner. DS of Georgia

Hi Dan,

The basic information is available in the By Laws of the ADS. These are available at dahlia.org.

-Regional VP's are members of the Board of the ADS.

Their vote carries the same weight as other members. -

They are elected by the societies located in their conference, not by the ADS. -They are responsible to make reports to the ADS executive committee at meetings and on conference calls, at least to the best of their ability to do so. These reports usually focus on activities in the conference. **We have at least 4 conference calls per year and we meet in the spring for 2-3 day planning meetings and at the Annual Meeting at the National Show.**

-They are expected to participate in ADS business matters, including decision-making and voting (mentioned above).-Generally, **expenses are not paid by the ADS.** This includes travel, meals and similar. Some other expenses incurred doing ADS work may be refunded, but those activities should be approved before hand. (I had Board members request reimbursement for certain expenses out of the ordinary. On one occasion, I submitted this request to the Board and we voted approval by an email polling.) The president has a discretionary fund, but it is limited and relatively major expenditures are usually run before the Board.-Within the limits of tax laws, doing ADS work generally qualifies for U.S. income tax deductibility. The ADS is a 501(c)3not for profit organization recognized by the IRS. Everyone's case is different, but in my case as the former ADS president, I was expected to be at the Annual Meetings. I deducted my travel expenses and some meals, depending on the necessity. If Marian and I traveled extensively for non ADS work while at a National Show, I didn't deduct these expenses. Of course these deductions recover only a percentage of the out-of-pocket expenses, but they are/were legitimate and every little bit helps. **A good Regional VP is a liaison (representative) for ADS societies and this person should also be an advocate for the ADS.** I may be able to answer more specific questions, if necessary.

Jerry

Regional Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by the Participating Societies in each region. Regional Vice Presidents, so nominated, will be subject to approval by the Executive Board, provided such approval will not be unreasonably withheld. . In regions where the Participating Societies are not organized to select a Regional Vice-President, the Regional Vice-President may be appointed by the President of the ADS subject to approval by the Executive Board.

AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

ARCHIVE ESTABLISHED

The ADS has established an archive in the Cherokee Garden Library of The Atlanta History Center. they have named the archive The Eugene Boeke Dahlia Archive in memory of our longtime member, Gene. The following article by Harry Risseto will appear in the March Bulletin.

ADS Archive Established at the Cherokee Garden Library, in The Atlanta History Center

Where to store ADS correspondence and printed material? For years they have moved between basements, attics and garages. This is not a good procedure for an organization that is approaching its 100th anniversary. Some materials such as old *ADS Bulletins* have been digitized and reside on the ADS website (www.dahlia.org). But other documents and publications that will be valuable to generations of dahlia growers and horticultural researchers remain in boxes at the home of the patient ADS Historian, Norma Boyer.

Late in 2012, the ADS reached an agreement with the Cherokee Garden Library in Atlanta Georgia to house the archives on a permanent basis. The Archive will be named "The Eugene Boeke Dahlia Archive" in honor of a great dahlia-person and supporter of the ADS. It is our goal to digitize significant portions of the archive to make them available to dahlia growers and researchers throughout the world. In order to accomplish this objective, funds will be needed to organize the archive and begin digitization. The initial target is \$10,000.

Contributions to the Boeke Archive Fund can be made to ADS Treasurer Mac Boyer. Gifts are tax deductible and those folks with mandatory 401(k) distributions may roll-over some portion to the ADS, and it will count against the amount that must be distributed in 2013 from the 401(k) account.

Please be generous.

HEAT TOLERANT DAHLIAS

It is time to update the heat tolerant dahlia list on our website. We have the only listing of heat tolerant dahlias and we receive inquiries from as far away as Dallas, Texas and Sacramento, CA. If you have grown a dahlia that does well in our heat and is not already on our listing, please email the name, form, size & color to me so it can be added to our list. jkreiner@bellsouth.net



PICTURES FROM THE 2012 DS OF GEORGIA ANNUAL SHOW