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SOUTHEASTERN FLOWER SHOW & ANTIQUES

The show starts this Friday morning and lasts through Sunday afternoon. We have a few of our members sitting at the dahlia table out in the hallway along with the other flower societies giving out literature , answering dahlia growing questions and telling people that stop by about our society. This is also a great time for members to bring their gardening friends by the table to let them see some pictures of dahlias and to get a dahlia growing guide. This is an excellent time of the year to recruit new members. A new feature this year is a free ticket to the Antique and Craft next door to the flower show when you purchase a ticket to the flower show. Come to the Silver Anniversary of the Southeastern Flower Show.



CALENDAR

MARCH MEETING
MARCH 18
**ATLANTA BOTANI-
CAL GARDEN**

APRIL
TUBER SALE
APRIL 15, 7:30 PM
**ATLANTA BOTANI-
CAL GARDEN**

MAY
TUBER SALE
MAY 20, 7:30 PM
**ATLANTA BOTANI-
CAL GARDEN**

JUNE MEETING
JUNE 17, 7:30 PM
**ATLANTA BOTANI-
CAL GARDEN**

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

RICHARD & MIRIAM BRAND
LITHIA SPRINGS, GA

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

SHARON FARMER

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Bill Farmer and his family on the sudden passing of Sharon, his wife. Our prayers are with you and your family.

SOCIETY DUES

If you haven't paid your 2013 dues please take the time to send a check to Henry soon. His address is 2690 Gleneagles Drive, Tucker, GA 30084.

This will be your last newsletter until dues payment is received.

"DAHLIAS OF TODAY"

The annual publication "Dahlia of Today" is available for members and non-members to purchase. Member price is \$8 plus shipping if required. The non-member price is \$10 plus shipping. This is the best dahlia periodical in North America with lots of pictures and interesting articles. It is published by the Puget Sound Dahlia Association located in the Seattle area.

MARCH MEETING

MARCH 18, 7:30 PM

GARDEN CLASSROOM

ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

The March meeting will feature a GUEST SPEAKER, Jay West, who is a staff member of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. He is an Auburn graduate in landscape horticulture and has been a member of the staff of ABG for the past two years. His topic will be ORGANIC GARDENING. Clyde Gaddy will provide refreshments.

APRIL TUBER SALE

Our first Spring tuber sale will be held on April 15, 7:30 PM in the Garden Classroom of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. This is always a fun time especially the auction part which will include Giant & Large Dahlias or as many people call them, Dinnerplate Dahlias. John Kreiner will be our April auctioneer. After the auction the tables of dahlias will be available for all attendees to select heat tolerant dahlias. Most forms, colors and sizes will be available.

Members make sure the tubers you bring have a visible eye, are labeled correctly and are listed in the 2012 or 2013 ADS Dahlia Classification Book. Bring only dahlia tubers that grew well for you and are heat tolerant.



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TRAGIC ACCIDENT

As we mourn the loss of Walt Wynne of Wynne's Dahlias from a home fire where all of their dahlia stock was lost, we would like to feature pictures of some of his Dahlia Introductions. They were mostly giant and large dahlias and were known all over the world.



DAHLIAS IN THE FIELD AT WYNNE'S DAHLIA FARM



Wyn's Sundazzler



Wyn's Farmer John



WYN'S HOT LAVA A-SC-FL



WYN'S
KING
SALMON

SOUTHERN STATES DAHLIA CONFERENCE MEETING

The Southern States Dahlia Conference will have their Spring meeting March 23, 1200 noon at the Piccadilly Cafeteria on North Druid Hills Road just off of I-85. The Georgia Society is the host this year. All members are welcomed to attend and please join us for lunch in the private room before the meeting. The meeting will follow lunch and we have one very important item on the agenda and that is to elect a new American Dahlia Society Regional Vice-President for the Southern Region. Come and meet representatives attending from Alabama, North Carolina and Tennessee Societies.

DIVIDING DAHLIAS IN THE SPRING IN GEORGIA

Many dahlia growers in the South don't dig their dahlias before winter and elect to let them remain in the ground, just mulching them well to protect them from any hard freezes. If growers following this practice want to divide their plants to either have additional plants or to reduce the size of the tuber clump below ground level (should be divided every three years at least) then the time to accomplish that task is the first/second week of April. There should be eyes and growing tips long enough to make the divisions easy. Just cut off at least one tuber with an eye/shoot and you have a new plant. April is still too cool for replanting the clump or for planting the new plant so let the sur-

face cuts air dry for a couple of days in a cool dry location. After that put the dahlias in plastic grocery bags and keep in the cool location so the eyes don't shrivel and die. Around the first of May when the soil warms to around 70 degrees, replant in your garden. Keep an eye on these plants when in storage to make sure the eyes stay alive. You can replant into pots if needed to keep the eyes alive. Frank McComb, does this each year so if you would like to research it more please contact Frank.



WYN'S HONEY SPICE A-SC-OR