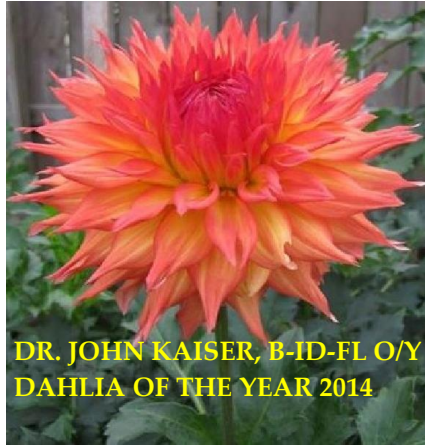


**DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA
NEWSLETTER & MEETING NOTICE
NOVEMBER, 2014**



NOVEMBER MEETING

The November meeting will be on November 17, at 7:30 PM, in the garden classroom in the basement of the main building at the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

We will have a short business meeting and will then vote on the election of officers for 2015. Please come and support your Society.

The program will be presented by Allen Haas. He will discuss putting your dahlias to bed for the winter whether you dig them and store them inside or leave them in the ground for the winter. Allen will also demonstrate how to divide a clump of tubers and what to do with them after you divide them. Come and learn from Allen as he is an excellent instructor with many years of experience in growing and caring for dahlias.

Clyde Gaddy will provide the refreshments.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**DR. PAT BOONE
DULUTH, GEORGIA**

**WE ARE SO GLAD TO HAVE YOU AS A NEW MEMBER
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR MEETINGS
AND ACTIVITIES**



INLAND DYNASTY AA-SC-Y WINNER IN THE GEORGIA SHOW

SO YOU WANT TO BUY SOME DAHLIAS

Where do I start in buying some dahlias for my garden next year? A good place to look first is the Dahlia Big list www.dahlias.net Almost all commercial growers can be found on this list maintained by the Colorado Dahlia Society. Many of the commercial grower stores are open now for sales with delivery in the Spring of 2015. Just to name a few, Verrone's Dahlias, Linda's Dahlias, Lobaugh's Dahlias, Dahlias by Les & Viv, Ferncliff Dahlias and River's Dahlias. Others will open around the 1st of December (Accent, Clearview and Hollyhill are some of the more popular ones), and many of these will only be open for about one month as they sell out quickly, so be ready.

Get ready by looking through the online catalogs and selecting some dahlias that look good to you. After this, check the heat tolerant list on the DS of GA website to make sure they will grow in our heat. If they are listed you are in good stead but there is one other check you can make if you are looking at the show potential of your selections. Take the ADS Dahlia Classification book and look up the dahlias you are interested in purchasing to determine their classification number, size, form, official color(s), code initials of who introduced it and the year it was introduced. If one or more that you have selected is not in the book then it did not win at least two blue ribbons during the previous show season. Turn to the page in the back where the dahlia is listed under the classification number. On the line where it is listed there will be a number which is the total wins across the country. Next is the West blue ribbons, higher awards, Mid-West blues, higher awards and then the East blues & higher awards. This is somewhat confusing at first and takes some getting used to so take a close look at the example on the next page.

CL #	NAME	TOTAL WINS	WEST BR	HIGHER	MID-WEST BR	HIGH EAST BR	HIGH
1010	KIDD'S CLIMAX	97	10	8	23	16	22
1105	ELSIE HUSTON	118	14	12	21	15	25
1105	ISLANDER	54	5	10	17	7	7
1107	SPARTACUS	159	40	38	34	8	12

The example above is taken from the 2014 ADS Classification book and shows that these four cultivars show well all across the country. When we are trying to determine if a dahlia will grow and show well in our heat, we first have our heat tolerant list on our website. A further way to determine how it will do in the South is to look at its performance in the MID-WEST column and use the East column as a secondary value. Disregard the performance in the West as a determining factor as to how it will perform in our area. There are some exceptions to this general rule of using the MID-WEST to make our determinations. The cultivars Edna C and Goldilocks will do well in the upper MID-WEST but won't do well in our heat. So, make sure you cross check your selections with our heat tolerant list.

If you want to wait and purchase your tubers at the Society tuber sales in April and May you will get some excellent dahlias at good prices but you may not always get the ones you were hoping to find. I don't recommend big box store purchases of packaged tubers as for the most part you don't know the quality of the tuber or if it will do well in our growing conditions. If you use a big box store go to COSTCO.

2015 DUES

Please bring your dues for 2015 to the November meeting or send them to Henry. ADS wants us to get our dues in as early as possible to them so they can save money on mailing and printing by not sending literature to members who have not renewed. It would certainly help them in this regard and it would save Henry some consternation.



ELMA ELIZABETH, HEAD TABLE PERRY, GA FERN IRENE & CAMEO, HEAD TABLE PERRY,GA



DAHLIA SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

**THE DAHLIA SOCIETY OF GEORGIA INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON,
DECEMBER 14, 2014, 2-5 PM
AT THE HOME
OF
PAUL AND ALYCE DOLAN
936 HIDDEN FALLS SE
SMYRNA, GA 30082
770-435-4132**

**BRING A COVERED DISH, VEGGIE, SALAD OR DESSERT AND A
PRESENT (\$10 OR LESS IN COST) FOR A PRESENT EXCHANGE.
MEN BRING A MAN'S GIFT AND WOMEN BRING A GIFT FOR A
WOMAN. MEAT AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.
PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO COME AND JOIN IN THE
CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.**

**PLEASE SHARE SOME OF YOUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS LESS
FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES BY BRINGING CANNED GOODS
TO BE GIVEN TO A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY. .**

THE BEST NEW DAHLIAS IN MY 2014 GARDEN

NAME: EVA LUNA, AA-SC LB



YL/RD, RELEASED IN 2014. ACCENT DAHLIAS. 4' HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, EASY TO GROW.

The plant grew well providing a number of blooms. I did not restrict the plant at all so the blooms did not reach AA size. Lost some of it's substance on the back petals in the heat. Great garden flower and maybe show late in the season.

NAME: HOLLYHILL GOLDRUSH, BB-SC-LB PK/YL, RELEASED IN 2014, HOL-



LYHILL DAHLIAS 5', WON THE 2014 LYNN DUDLEY MEDAL FOR BEST NEW BB

DAHLIA. HEAT RATING: OUTSTANDING, VERY EASY TO GROW

This was the best new dahlia in my garden this season. It started blooming early and is still blooming here in November. The center stays shut forever. Beautiful coloring with lots of blooms. Good for garden and show. I highly recommend this dahlia for your garden no matter what your dahlia growing experience level may be. It will still be a little pricy to purchase.



N A M E : HOLLYHILL REGAL, M-FD-PR, RELEASED IN 2012, HOLLYHILL DAHLIAS 6', HEAT RAT-

ING: OUTSTANDING, EASY TO GROW. What a great flower as it puts out tons of blooms all season long. It was the best small dahlia in the 2013 ADS National Show in Grand Rapids. Make sure you plant it in the back of your garden as it gets tall but has long stems for cutting.

NAME: HOLLYHILL MOONSONG, AA-SC-LB PK/YL, RELEASED IN 2014 HOLLYHILL DAHLIAS, 5-6' WON THE DERRILL



H A R T MEDAL FOR BEST AA IN 2014. HEAT RATING: POOR, EASY TO GROW. I am listing this dahlia because of it's

beautiful spikey petals when the weather cools down. The blooms don't like the heat as the color never would come around to what is shown in the above picture and the centers would never stay closed, even in the cooler weather. But, it is even nice in the garden with the centers wide open. I may be expelled from the Society for a statement like that. Don't waste your money.



NAME: CLEARVIEW DANIEL, BA-YL, HART MEDAL WINNER IN 2012, BEST BALL IN THE 2014 NATIONAL SHOW,

RELEASED IN 2013, 4 1/2', HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, EASY TO GROW.

The plant grew well but I was disappointed in the number of blooms it produced. The blooms I did have were just perfect and stood erect on the plant with great stems. Maybe a second year of growing in the Southern heat will be better. Recommended for show or garden.



NAME: JS BUTTER-SCOTCH, A-ID-V OR/DR, RELEASED IN 2013, 6', HEAT RATING: EXCELLENT, EASY TO GROW. This is another one of the

many sports of Spartacus that Steve Meggos has developed. It grew quite well and got very tall. The stems seemed weaker than you usually have with Spartacus or Vassio Meggos. On the show table it competes with Harvey Koop and did quite well in the mid-West with 11 blues and 6 higher awards in 2013. **NAME: HOLLYHILL TIGERESS, WL-V YL/RD, RELEASED IN 2011, WON**



NAME: BRYN TERFEL (NAME OF A WELSH OPERA SINGER) AA-ID-R, RELEASED IN 2006 IN NEW ZEALAND

6', HEAT RATING: GOOD, TAKES A LITTLE EFFORT TO GROW WELL. I have tried to grow this cultivar three or four times before without success but this year it really did well with two 10" blooms late in the season. Outstanding blooms but no show to go to.



THE DUDLEY MEDAL FOR BEST NEW WATERLILLY IN 2011. 5', HEAT RATING: VERY GOOD, EASY TO GROW.

This plant grew very well and produced lots of blooms during the season. The deep variegations make it a very interesting plant to have in your garden.



NAME: CAMANO RASCAL, B-IC-BIRD/WH, RELEASED IN 2005, 3' HEAT RATING: NOT VERY

GOOD, REQUIRES SOME EFFORT TO GROW. This plant produced blooms in the heat but they were not of the desired quality until we started getting cooler weather. A lovely bloom when right.



NAME: BRIDE TO BE WL, W, 4' HEAT RATING: VERY GOOD, EASY TO GROW.

This is a very lovely small waterlilly that grew quite well and produced a number of blooms, mostly in the cooler weather. Good garden flower.