

Greetings Dahlia Lovers,

I hope that you are well and are enjoying caring for your dahlias as they begin to bloom. I'm sure that you are as disappointed as I am that our DSO picnic, Summit and Petitti shows, and probably face-to-face meetings this fall have been cancelled. (But we will have Zoom sessions for October and November meetings if the face-to-face ones are cancelled – details to follow in a few weeks.)

But let's be together by sharing photos of our dahlia gardens and blooms on our DSO website www.dahliasocietyofohio.org. This is NOT a competition but rather an opportunity to keep in touch virtually. Sharon has done her usual great job in managing the site and setting up a link.

From Sharon, "This will only be fun if everyone participates." I agree. By the way, any camera is fine – we are not looking for professional quality. She suggests that you send your photos regarding any or all of the following:

- individual flowers (up close on the flower)
- your garden
- you or visitors in your garden (be sure your visitors don't mind being on the website)
- your landscaping with dahlias
- flower arrangements
- anything dahlia that you would like to "show"

Please email your pictures to dso@dahliasocietyofohio.org. You may send more than one email, just keep each email 10MB in size or smaller. If you have a bunch of pictures, you can "zip" them (if you know what that means). Sharon will manage to get what you send uploaded to the site. She encourages us, "Please don't be bashful. If you send a bunch of pictures you will get your own 'gallery.'"

Naming the pictures

If you send a picture of an individual flower, please provide the name of the bloom and its classification number if you know them, e.g., **1107-Spartacus-Moreno**.

For other pictures: please use the format **description-your last name**. For example, **My Garden-Moreno**.

If you have any questions email Sharon at sharonswaney@windstream.net.

Hope to see you at the virtual photo "show."

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