

# DAHLIA DIGEST

## ***DAHLIA SOCIETY OF OHIO***

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**JUNE MEETING, 2007**



### **JUNE 1 MEETING**

### **7:30**

**Busch Community Room  
7501 Ridge Road, Parma  
Just south of Pleasant Valley Road**



***ANNUAL***

***PLANT***

***AUCTION***



# President's Notes

Hi Folks,

Hopefully by the time you get this edition, some of you have had the opportunity to finally get a few of those tubers in the ground with more to follow with warmer weather.

We just shipped off 120 plants to the Rockefeller Greenhouse 3-day sale. We'll see how they're received by the public! We should have some plants and potted tubers available for our June meeting. You may want to utilize that information as you plan your planting scheme.

Don't forget to sign up for the bus trip in August. More information on that is in this month's publication. A big "thanks" to Barb Hosta for all the time and effort she put into this project.

Thanks to everyone for another successful and entertaining "tuber sale" at our May meeting.

That's it for now. Good luck in your planting and see you at the June meeting. Hope all are doing well!

Mike



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[WWW.DAHLIASOCIETYOFOHIO.ORG](http://WWW.DAHLIASOCIETYOFOHIO.ORG)**

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**Kathy Foith**

**MaryAnn Moreno**

**Marilyn Weber**



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## PROGRAMS/SALES/SHOWS FOR 2007

Feb 2	DVD's on New Introductions and more
March 2	A program on Seedlings and Cuttings
March 3	Sunnybrook Nursery...Dahlia Information Table
April 6	Neil Evans on photography and more
April 21	Tuber Sale at Pettiti's Oakwood
April 22	Tuber Sale at Pettiti's Strongsville
April 28-29	Plant Sale at Holden Arboretum
May 4	DSO Annual Tuber Auction
May 18-20	Plant Sale Rockefeller Greenhouse
June 1	DSO Annual Tuber and Plant Auction
July 15	Picnic...Schoepfle Gardens
August 11,12	Cuyahoga County Fair Dahlia Show
August 18	Bus Trip to Local Dahlia Gardens and the MVDS Trial Garden, Fellows Riverside Garden
August 24-26	Mahoning Valley Dahlia Show
Sept 1	Geauga County Fair Dahlia Show
Sept 6-9	National and Midwest Show St. Charles Illinois
Sept 14-16	77th DSO Show Parmatown; Pittsburgh DS Show
Sept 21-22	East Liverpool Dahlia Show
November 2	Photo Contest; Speaker tba
December 7	Holiday Dinner Meeting

## Judging Corner



### THE FAIR

Fast forward to the Cuyahoga County Fair. You've staged a few blooms along with a dozen of the rest of us. You've exchanged pleasantries and "wows" with your friends staging their blooms. You've gotten your judging assignment and been told to discuss your observations with your team. You remembered to take a look at the whole show when you were done staging and you saw a big range in quality but not much in the way of perfection – after all, it is very early in the season.

Your team's assignment is to begin with the B Decoratives. If we had "fast forwarded" to the National/Midwest show in Chicago, you would be looking at class 201 and you might have to choose between 3 Evelyn Fosters, 2 Sterling Silvers, and a seedling for the best in that 201 group. They are all white; they are all formal decoratives. You could immediately begin the process of looking for form and color faults, as well as obvious faults from the "other half."

However, we are still at the Cuyahoga Fair and you are looking at class 28. It contains a Sterling Silver, 2 Edna C's, a Square Circle, and 3 Baron Evan's. That is, you have both yellow and white and informal and formal decorative entries! Clearly, your job with class 28 at the Cuyahoga show is tougher than your job would be at the National. Mr. Big Shot, who came all the way from NY to

help judge the fair, immediately says, “Well, we can set these two back because this Baron Evan has an open center and that Baron Evan is top facing.” You think, boy Mr. BS is sure going to be a pain with whom to judge, but you smile politely and say, “I agree that the open center should be set back, but let’s leave the top facing bloom in the competition until we figure out if the others have similar or worse faults.” Well said and yes(!), think of your fellow team mates.

You suggest that it might be a good idea to judge each of the individual cultivars first, pick the best in each of them, and then compare those to get to the class winner. Even Mr. BS thinks that is a good idea. You ask Miss Milk Toast, who hasn’t said anything yet, what she thinks about the relative merits of the Edna C’s. She timidly says, “Well, the color on this one is wonderful, but that is only because it is so immature that it is only half open. The other one is beginning to show some fading in the back but it is at its peak of development and the judging manual says it should be the winner.” (Mr. BS’s mouth is hanging open in amazement; he liked the color on the one that was only half open. He hadn’t gotten to the ‘fully mature’ part of the manual yet.)

You now have the best of each of the cultivars chosen. Mr. BS is now a believer and says, “Edna C is obviously the winner; it is twice as big as that Baron Evan and lots prettier than the Square Circle.”



You think, where on earth is he coming from on “size” and “pretty,” but politely say, “I’m inclined to agree that the Edna C is the winner, but remember that there is no benefit or penalty for size and I’m not sure what you mean by ‘pretty.’ What do the rest of you think?” Miss MT says that she thinks the damage in the back of the Sterling Silver is enough to take it out of the running and that the Square Circle is closer to a square than a circle. She says that the choice between the Baron Evan and the Edna C is not easy because the Baron Evan is probably closer to ideal ID form than the Edna C is to ideal FD form. She is inclined, however, to choose the Edna C because the Evan is slightly bearded.” You think, wow, I’ll judge with her anytime! Edna C gets the ribbon and you move on to the orange, flame, and bronze formal and informal decoratives – all of which are in class 29!

The point of this tale, my friends, is that small shows with combined classes and widely mixed quality can be tougher to judge than bigger shows with more uniform quality. Remember, too, that the strongest opinions aren’t necessarily the correct ones. To be an effective judge, you should be well prepared, be knowledgeable about the judging manual, avoid prejudice, be polite (but assertive as necessary), and enjoy the process!

Ron Miner



## **DSO Minutes for May 4, 2007**

**I. Call to Order: President Mike Weber** called the meeting to order at 7:35 in the south community room of the Busch Funeral Home. There were 52 members in attendance. DSO warmly welcomed new members Paula and Mike Gorman of Brecksville who started growing dahlias last summer and decided to join DSO.

**II. Minutes of the April 6th meeting: Chuck Janki** The April meeting minutes were published in the Dahlia Digest Vol. 2007 Issue 4. Without comments, additions or corrections, the minutes were accepted as published.

**III. Treasurer's Report: Joann Bendokaitis** reported April 30 balances: Charter One checking \$2010.71; Charter One Money Market \$6614.40; Ohio Savings CD \$6000.00; Memorial Fund \$1669.83; Petty Cash \$45. The report was accepted subject to annual audit.

**IV. Membership Report: John Bendokaitis** There are 187 paid DSO members and 94 paid ADS members.

**V. Sunshine Report—Joys and Concerns**  
**Katie Janda** sent a card of condolence from DSO to Kathy Foith whose mother passed away.

**VI. Cleveland Botanical Garden Report: Marge Janki** The Flower Show 2007, *Rhythm & Hues*, is May 24-28. This is the most significant event of the year and promises to be spectacular. Also, for

Mother's Day, there will be a brunch from 10 to 2, Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13. Visit [www.cb garden.org](http://www.cb garden.org). Marge brought brochures for those interested in visiting or volunteering some time.

**VII. First Vice President Barbara Hosta:**

See the schedule on page 3 for programs. The bus trip will be August 18. Fee is \$15 for DSO members and \$25 for non-members which will include DSO membership for the non-members. See details elsewhere in this Digest for the bus trip and the picnic in July.

**VIII. Second Vice President Dave Cap:** Dave reported sales at Pettiti's amounted to \$467 at Oakwood and \$91 at Strongsville; \$593 at Holden after giving them their fee of \$120. Thanks to all who helped: John and Joann Bendokaitis, Ed and Janice Flaws, Marge and Chuck Janki, MaryAnn and Jerry Moreno, Mike and Marilyn Weber, Stan and Linda Vuletich, Randy and Kathy Foith, Rob and Sharon Swaney, Barb and Ron Miner, Bara Hosta, Bob Leonelli, Elaine Bebenroth. Volunteers are need for the Rockefeller plant sale May 18-20, 10-4.

**IX. Old Business: Mike Weber**

**Dahlia Plant Program:** There should be around 125 plants ready for Rockefeller and another 200 for our June auction.

**Memorial Fund Committee:** Jerry Moreno distributed copies of a proposed by-law concerning the creation of a Perpetual Memorial from the committee consisting of himself, Glenn Ruth, and John Bendokaitis. He moved to accept the proposal; it was seconded by Chuck Janki. No changes were requested so the proposal will appear in the June Digest and will be voted on at the June meeting. Two-thirds of those present and voting will be needed for approval.

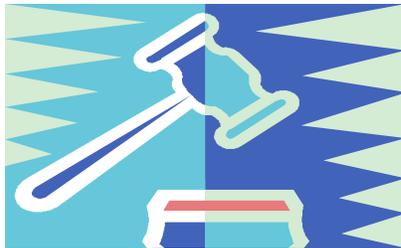
**Judging:** Ron Miner reported that the following have been recognized as DSO candidate judges: John and Joann Bendokaitis, Barbara Hosta, John Learner, Bob Leonelli, and Mike Weber. He reminded all judges to review the requirements to maintain their status. Sharon Swaney mentioned that they are on our web site. Ron added that judging seminars will be held this summer and fall including the Cuyahoga Fair show, and our DSO Show. An ADS one will be at the trial garden in Youngstown, time tba.

**X. Adjournment:** Mike thanked Elaine Bebenroth, Barbara Miner, and Linda Vuletich for refreshments and Don Sopko for beverage setup. The business meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

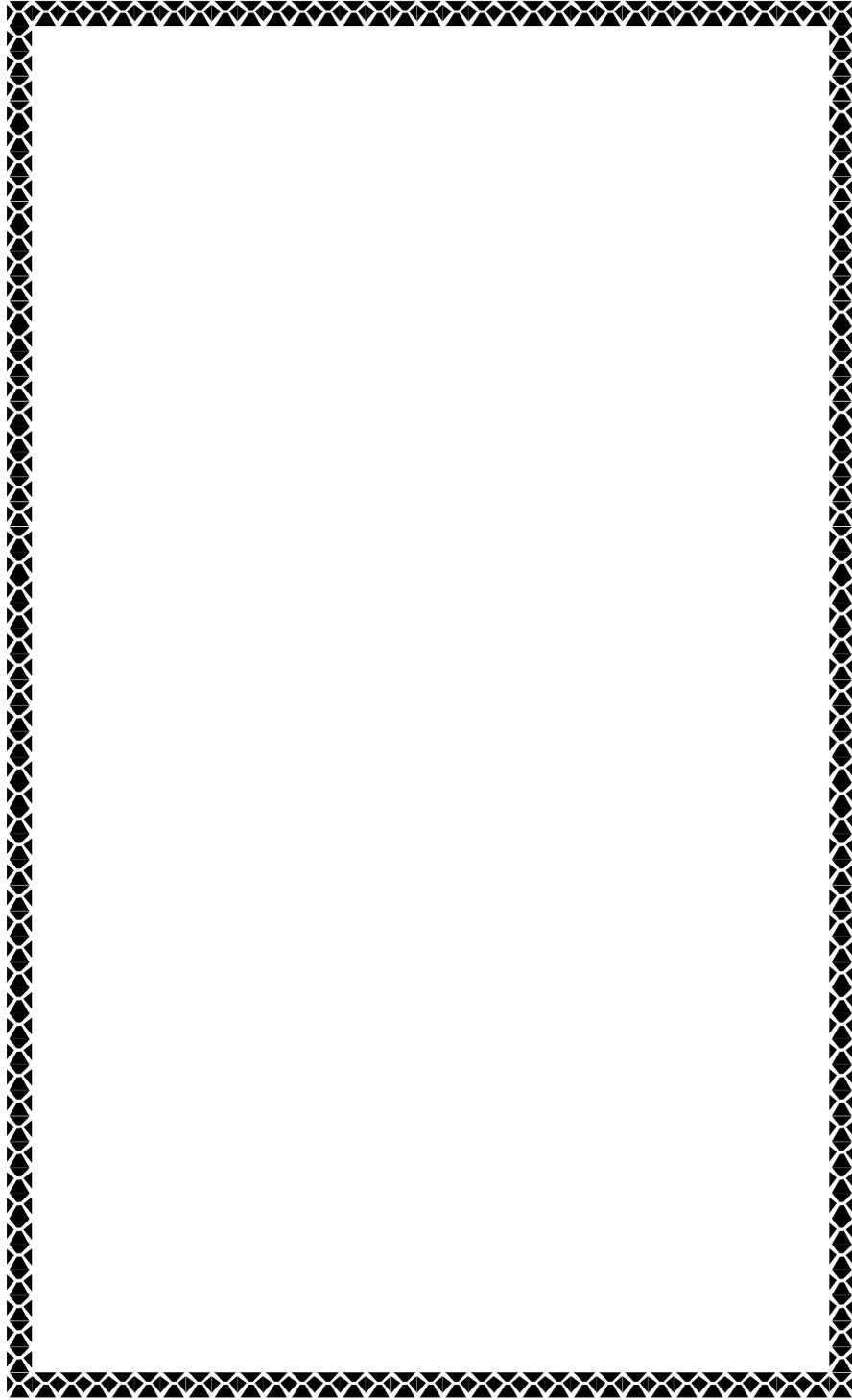
**XI. Raffle:** Joann Bendokaitis won the raffle. Ink pencils were raffled as well as some plants. A garden kit was donated by Doug and Joy Fuhrmeyer.

**XII. Program:** Our annual tuber auction was conducted brilliantly by Glenn Ruth and Doc Hemminger.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Janki







**DSO BUS TRIP**

**AUGUST 18, 2007**

**PLEASE sign up now.**

\*Trial garden at Mill Creek Park Youngstown

\*Brant Giere and Carol Sahley's gardens

\*Jim Chuey and Harriet Chandler's garden

\*Randy and Kathy Foith's garden

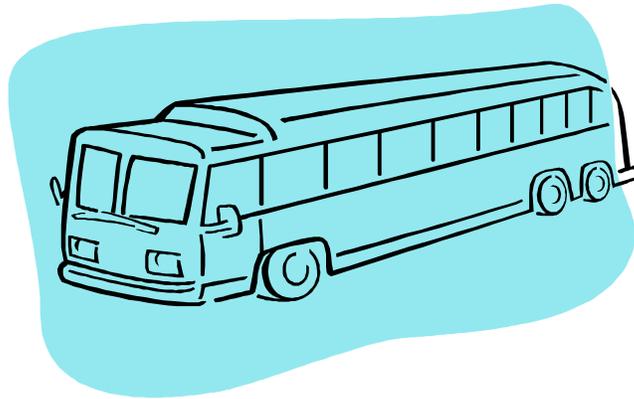
**\$15 for members; \$25 for non-members  
(includes a DSO membership).**

**Box lunch and beverages provided.**

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on the bus. Thanks.**



**DSO ANNUAL PICNIC**

**1:00 pm Sunday**

**July 15, 2007**

**SCHOEPLFLE GARDEN**

**Lorain County Metro  
Parks**



**[www.loraincountymetroparks.com/  
sgarden.htm](http://www.loraincountymetroparks.com/sgarden.htm)**

**BRING:**

**A dish to share (casserole, salad, or  
dessert)**

**Utensils, paper plates, & beverages will  
be provided**

**Tour of the Schoepfle Garden will start at  
2:30**

**The Schoepfle Garden is a 70 acre preserve of  
natural woodlands, horticultural gardens,  
ponds and river valley. The garden was started  
by Mr. Otto B. Schoepfle (1910-1992) and in-  
cludes rhododendrons, roses, cannas, hostas,  
rosaries, shade plants, native wildflowers.**

**The park is located just off State Route  
113 at 11106 Market Street in Birming-  
ham, Ohio.**





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