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SUNDAY, JULY 15
1:00 p.m.

SCHOEPFLE GARDEN

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- **August bus trip details...page 12**
- **Flower of the Year...Mary's Jomanda**
- **Must pre-register before August 8 for
Geauga County Fair Show...
phone 440-834-1846**

President's Notes

Hi Folks,

Well, it is officially Summer as I write this note. Hopefully it will be a good season for all of us and a productive one for our prized dahlias.

Thanks to Dave Cap and Barb Hosta for their quick work under pressure in finding an alternate meeting sight for our June meeting. With only a couple days notice Barb and Dave came up with the conference room at Parmatown mall. Thanks also to the Morenos and others who helped contact as many members as possible to let them know of the change. Great job team! Another big thank you to all who helped make our plant sale another success.

Hope to see you all at the July picnic at Schoepfle Gardens. The 70 acres of botanical gardens and natural woodlands all bordered by the Vermilion River should be a great setting for our get together. They are currently in the process of completing a children's garden to be sponsored by several local landscapers. It should be a great time.

I received a request from the Shaker Heights Village Garden Club who would like a presentation from our society for their September 10th meeting which is at 12 noon. Anyone interested in participating please give Dave Cap or me a call. A free lunch is included. I need to let them know by the 1st of August.

Hope we all experience a wonderful Summer

Mike



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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 21-23	East Liverpool Dahlia Show
November 2	Photo Contest; Speaker tba
December 7	Holiday Dinner Meeting

Judging Corner



We've largely covered the basics of the judging manual over the last year. You've read the articles (and more importantly, the judging manual!) and now it is time to get out there and use some of that knowledge! Please come help us judge the Cuyahoga County Fair on Saturday morning, August 11. Remember, too, that showing flowers is one of the requirements to become a judge – so find something (or, better yet, 50 “somethings”) in the garden that can serve as an entry and bring it to the show. You do not need to be registered in advance to show flowers at the Cuyahoga Fair.

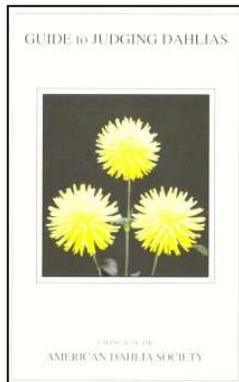
I wish I could tell you that the Fair is an easy place to begin the judging season. However, as you may recall from last month's column, that is not the case! You will be dealing with mixed forms and colors, relatively early flowers that are likely to contain a combination of faults, and a relatively small number of entries that will make comparisons more difficult.

Nevertheless, it is the start of the show season; everyone will be excited to get the season underway; and the whole process will be a lot of fun! Furthermore, the complexity of the judging will provide wonderful opportunities for dis-

about the judging process. I guarantee you will enjoy it!

We will also hold a **judging seminar** at the Fair on Saturday afternoon, after the judging is complete. We will take a short break between the judging process and the seminar to take advantage of all of that wonderful food available next to the show barn. (Forget the diet for one day; how can you pass on those fries, funnel cakes, and elephant ears? I'm already salivating!) The emphasis in this seminar will be on show judging and we will take advantage of the presence of the show to illustrate our conclusions and discuss questions.

The **next judging seminar** will be held after lunch at the Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society Show on August 25th. This show will provide you with a very important opportunity – that being to judge with growers whom you do not



know! Exposure to the views and perspective of judges from MVDS, East Liverpool, Pittsburgh, Columbus, ... will be of great value to you, even if you end up disagreeing (based of course on your knowledge of the judging manual!) with some of their conclusions. Some of those judges will, no doubt, also stay

around for the judging seminar in the afternoon, providing for more of the

The emphasis in this seminar will be on Trial Garden judging and we will go out to the Trial Garden during the seminar to judge some seedlings in the Trial Garden located at the show site. Of course, we will also have the MVDS show available if key questions arise on judging in shows. The bottom line is as follows: bring some flowers to show, judge with old and new friends as assigned, and stay for the seminar and some judging in the Trial Garden. You will enjoy it!

The **final judging seminar** for the season will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday afternoon, September 16, before the teardown of our show at the Parmatown Mall. Once again, you should bring some flowers to the show and help judge the show Saturday morning. There are also usually a number of seedlings to be judged. When you are done with your judging assignment you should take advantage of the opportunity to judge some of the seedlings entered in the show. Unless you are a senior judge assigned to that task, your scores will not count in the evaluation of the seedling, but we will review your results and help you to compare your results to the official ones. We will also discuss Seedling Bench Evaluation of those seedlings during the seminar on Sunday afternoon. You will be in a good position to participate in and/or question that discussion. The emphasis in this final seminar will be broad in scope and attempt to touch all bases in our judging experience.

So, read the judging manual and come on out to the shows. You are welcome to join the judging process even if you are just beginning the process. Of course, we need all of you seasoned veteran judges to help us make the process work. Please come, show, judge, and join us for the seminar. Your insights and perspectives are needed and welcomed. You also need that experience to maintain your judging status.

See you in August!

Ron Miner



A Few Non-toxic Ideas on Combating Harmful Bugs/ Disease!

From the Capital District Community Gardens website

Now that our vegetables and flowers are planted and thriving, it's prime time for the hoards of insect pests and diseases to invade our little piece of paradise. Here are a few tips to help you through this scary attack.

- To deter **cucumber beetles**, try planting a few radish seeds in each hill of cukes. Let it grow alongside the cucumbers all season. The strong smell or taste of the radish seems to keep the beetles away.
- Homemade garlic or hot pepper sprays can protect your young seedlings from **flea beetles** and **aphids**. To prepare, combine finely chopped garlic and onions (or hot peppers) with water, let it steep for a while, then strain out particles. Spray vulnerable plants often, especially after rainfall. You can also sprinkle ground cayenne or other hot ground pepper directly onto leaves to deter chewing pests. This is most effective in the morning when leaves are moist with dew.
- Releasing large numbers of *Lady Bugs* or *Praying Mantis* into areas of your garden infested with insect pests is lots of fun and can be a very effective means of controlling **aphids**, **mealy bugs**, **leaf worms**, and many other pests. Lady Bugs should be released at night near the base of infested plants where they will seek out and devour insect pests. The praying mantis is a voracious predator that will



feed on many of the larger insect pests including **grubs, beetles, leafhoppers** and **caterpillars**. These beneficial insects are available for sale at garden centers and through mail order.

- Try a ***Garlic and Pepper spray*** to protect your garden plants from **cabbageworms, caterpillars, hornworms, aphids, flea beetles** and **other chewing/sucking insects** by routinely using a natural spray that you can make at home. The spray must be applied regularly, especially after a rainfall. Brew up a batch as follows:

- 6 cloves of garlic
 - 1 Tbsp dried hot pepper
 - 1 minced onion
 - 1 tsp pure soap (not detergent)
 - 1 gallon hot water

Blend & let sit for 1 - 2 days. Strain & use as spray.

Ground cayenne or red hot pepper can also be sprinkled on the leaves of plants (apply when leaves are slightly damp) to repel chewing insects or added to the planting hole with bone meal or fertilizer to keep **squirrels, chipmunks, dogs** and **other mammals** away from your gardens. Be sure to reapply after rain.

- Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) is a bacterial disease that is safe to humans but wreaks havoc on many **caterpillar** and larval stage pests including **Colorado potato beetle, cabbage looper**, and **tomato hornworm**. It is sold in the form of a soluble powder that is sprayed on the plant surface and is then ingested by the pest. Be sure to use the right type of Bt for the pest you want to control.

- Control **powdery mildew** and **fungi** on garden crops by combining one cup of milk with nine cups of water and spray onto affected plants twice a week. Researchers believe the milk has a direct germicidal effect as well as indirectly stimulating the plants to become more resistant.

Another mixture to try is: mix 3 Tbs Baking Soda, 2½ Tbs horticultural oil and one gallon of water. Spray the mix onto infected plants. Reapply as often as needed.

- To deter **deer** try the following. Mix one egg per gallon of water and spray on plants. Reapply once a week or after rain. Another suggestion is to tie unused fabric softener sheets onto trees and shrubs or on stakes around plants being bothered by deer. They seem to hate the smell, so buy the brand with the strongest scent and only replace if the scent has faded. Rain does not seem to hinder their effectiveness.



A NOTE ON PESTICIDES

If you feel you have to use a toxic product, please follow the directions carefully. Pesticides can be far more dangerous than what we realize not only to humans but to wildlife, fish, birds, or other aspects of our environment.



- Be sure to use proper protective clothing and equipment.
- Avoid drift which may increase the possibility of injury to wildlife, pollinators, domestic animals, adjacent crops, or the contamination of water supplies.
- Avoid equipment accidents by maintaining proper maintenance, checking tanks, pumps, hoses and nozzles.

The proposed new Article to the DSO By-Laws establishing the DSO Perpetual Memorial was passed without objection at the June meeting.

The Dahlia Society of Ohio Perpetual Memorial

Section 1. The DSO Perpetual Memorial (hereafter referred to as the Memorial) shall be a fund consisting of collective contributions totaling \$100 or more made in the memory of a deceased DSO member with at least five years membership.

Section 2. The DSO Treasurer shall maintain the Memorial in a separate account.

Section 3. Use of the Memorial shall be made by the DSO Officers (Article IV). Only the interest from the Memorial may be expended. No expenditure shall be made in the name of an individual.

Section 4: Recognition of those in whose memory contributions were made according to Section 1 shall be recognized annually in the DSO Show Schedule and/or by whatever other means are deemed appropriate.

Section 5: The current Kozopas/Holicky Fund shall be dissolved and deposited in the Memorial. The names of Nicholas Kozopas and Ralph Holicky shall be recognized in the Memorial recognition as per Section 4.

Section 6: Gifts made for the purpose of individual recognition shall be made in accordance with the wishes of the contributor. If monetary, the gift is not to be included in the Memorial; both principle and any interest are to be expended. Such individual recognitions are terminated when the gift is exhausted.

Change (current) ARTICLE XIII—AMENDMENTS to ARTICLE XIV—AMENDMENTS.

Change ARTICLE V—Section 8 line g to g. Maintain the DSO Perpetual Memorial and other recognitions per (new) Article XIII.

DSO BUS TRIP
AUGUST 18, 2007
PLEASE sign up now.

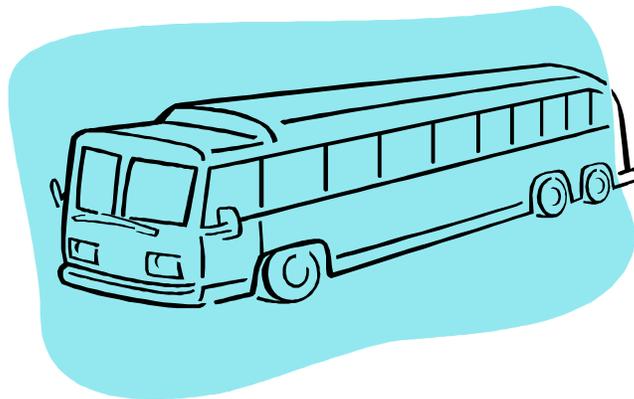
- * Trial garden at Mill Creek Park
- * Brant Giere and Carol Sahley's gardens
- * Jim Chuey and Harriet Chandler's garden
- * Randy and Kathy Foith's garden

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

Box lunch and beverages provided.

Phone Barbara Hosta at :

W: 216-795-3132 or H: 216-524-2635
or email: bxh5@cwru.edu to reserve a seat
on the bus. Thanks.



DSO ANNUAL PICNIC

1:00 pm Sunday

July 15, 2007

SCHOEPFLE GARDEN

**Lorain County Metro
Parks**



**[www.loraincountymetroparks.com/
sgarden.htm](http://www.loraincountymetroparks.com/s花园.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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**If you are not a member of the American Dahlia Society,
consider joining NOW. It is truly worth it!
Why? What are the benefits?**

- **You will get the CLASSIFICATION HANDBOOK**
- **You will get the colorful and informative ADS BULLETIN**
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