LAST SHOW
PETTITI’s OAKWOOD
OCTOBER 6-7
Setup by 11:30 Saturday

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NOVEMBER 2 MEETING
LOCATION CHANGE
PARMATOWN MALL
Parma Parks and Recreation Room
Hi Folks,

Just a couple of notes: First, thanks to all who helped make both the Cuyahoga County Fair and our annual DSO Show at Parmatown first class events! To all those that “set-up,” participated and helped “tear-down” the shows--a job well done! Also, congratulations to all the winners. The “Courts of Honor” were a great advertisement for our DSO!

It just seemed like the growing season started but already some of the dahl-lias are starting to shut down. How quickly the season goes.

That’s about it for now. Enjoy those last blooms! See you at Pettiti’s and at the November meeting.

Continued best wishes to John Bendokaitis, our Membership Chairman and Glenn Ruth, one of our senior judges, as they continue to recuperate at home.

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
WHAT PART DOES DSO PLAY IN YOUR LIFE?

If you love the dahlia, and if you value DSO’s help, friendship, and expertise, please give DSO a little of your time as an officer.

DSO NEEDS YOU!

Current terms for these positions (and others) are expiring:

President
Program Chair
Recording Secretary
LAST SHOW for 2007

The DSo members’ show
At Pettiti’s Oakwood

Saturday October 6
setup 9:00—11:30
Judging 11:30—1:00
Dismantle show Sunday 5:00

DSO BUS TRIP
A HUGE thank you to Brant Giere and Carol Sahley, Randy and Kathy Foith, Jim Chuey, Harriet Chandler, and the Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society. Every dahlia garden was amazing and filled with gorgeous dahlias. We could not have had a better day. Each garden offered inspiration and new ideas for every type of dahlia grower. THANKS!
NEXT MEETING —
Friday, November 2, 7:30 pm
(no meeting in October)

***NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION***

We will meet in the Parma Parks and Recreation Room in the Parmatown Mall.

Parmatown Mall is where we have our annual show. It is located about a mile north of the Busch Community Room on Ridge Road.

Take Ridge Road to Day Drive, turn west onto Day Drive. At the first traffic light, turn right into the mall and then turn left, travel just beyond JC Penneys. The entrance is titled “City of Parma PARKS AND RECREATION.”

PROGRAM:

I. PHOTO CONTEST

II. STORAGE - bring a dahlia clump to get expert advice on dividing it for winter storage.
PHOTO CONTEST RULES
NOVEMBER 2 MEETING

Maximum size — 8x10

Unframed photos are preferred.

Three Categories:

SINGLE DAHLIA—
   includes close-up

MULTIPLE DAHLIAS—
   includes gardens, baskets, vases

PEOPLE and DAHLIAS—
   At least one person and at least one dahlia

Let’s have lots and lots of pictures to choose from!
All photos are returned to the owner.
Wow, I barely blinked and the season is almost over! I hope you’ve all had as much fun as I’ve had this year. What a wonderful hobby we have. Growing dahlias is a great place to start, but I’ve found that showing and judging and traveling to nearby, regional, or National shows adds tremendously to the enjoyment! We do have one more chance to show and to judge at the quickly approaching Petitti show. Come and enjoy the company of your like-minded hobbyists.

Many of the DSO judges have met and exceeded the ADS requirements for being an Accredited and/or a Senior Judge by bringing entries to the shows, judging the shows, judging seedlings, and attending several of the judging seminars over the last couple years. Fortunately, we also have a number of new, Candidate Judges who have begun the
process of qualifying as Accredited Judges. I’ve enjoyed having them in the loop; I think they’ve had a good time, too. If you are interested and have not yet gotten involved, please do so – you will enjoy it! Read the judging manual and come on out to the show; you can help judge and you will learn a great deal about our favorite flower.

The new “official” ADS requirements for maintaining your accreditation as a judge have been published in the ADS Bulletin. I’ve summarized the requirements in handouts available at the DSO meetings, shows, and the judging seminars. Let me know if you would like a copy. I’ll bring them to the Petitti show, too. If you have not yet met the requirements and would like to do so before the season is over, I will be available at the Petitti show for discussion on how best to do that.

Come on out to the last dahlia “hurrah” for the season! See you at Petitti’s.
77th DSO SHOW at Parmatown
COURT of HONOR 2007

Best Novice
    Linda Vuletich, Poppet

Best Single AA Small Grower
    Jerry Moreno, Zorro

Best Single A Small Grower
    Stan Vuletich, Vassio Meggos

Best Single B Small Grower
    Rodney Toth, Edna C

Best Single BB Small Grower
    Rodney Toth, Hy Clown

Best Single AA Open to All
    Randy and Kathy Foith, Inland Dynasty

Best Single A Open to All
    Rudy Bredenbeck, Kenora Wildfire

Best Single B Open to All
    Randy and Kathy Foith, Magic Moment

Best Single BB Open to All
    Harriet Chandler/Jim Chuey, Embrace

Best Single Miniature
    Mike Weber, Brookside J Cooley

Best Single Ball
    Harriet Chandler/Jim Chuey, Cornel

Best Single Miniature Ball
    Tony Evangelista, Downham Royal

Best Single Pom
    Rudy Bredenbeck, Czar Willo

Best Single Waterlily
    Harriet Chandler/Jim Chuey, Cameo

Best Single Other Type
    Ron and Barbara Miner, 5.8

Best Triple AA/A
    Rudy Bredenbeck, Inland Dynasty
Best Triple B
  Mike Weber, *Narrows Tricia*
Best Triple BB
  Mike Weber, *Taratahi Lilac*
Best Triple Miniature
  Harriet Chandler/Jim Chuey, *Brookside J Cooley*
Best Triple Ball
  Linda Vuletich, *Cornel*
Best Triple Miniature Ball
  Tony Evangelista, *Downham Royal*
Best Triple Pom
  Rudy Bredenbeck, *Czar Willo*
Best Triple Other Type
  Randy and Kathy Foith, *Honka*
Best Vase
  Harriet Chandler/Jim Chuey, *Embrace*
Best Basket
  Harriet Chandler/Jim Chuey, *Badger Twinkle*
ADS Seedling Achievement Award
  Ron and Barbara Miner, *Baron Drew*
Best Dinner Plate
  Linda Vuletich, *Kelvin Floodlight*
Best Artistic Design
  John Learner
Flower of the Year Mary’s Jomanda
  Harriet Chandler/Jim Chuey
Largest Blue Ribbon Winner
  Randy and Kathy Foith, *Penhill Watermelon*
GRAND CHAMPION
  Randy and Kathy Foith, *Magic Moment*
RESERVE CHAMPION
  Harriet Chandler/Jim Chuey, *Embrace*
Sweepstakes Novice...Linda Vuletich
Sweepstakes Small Grower...Stan Vuletich
Sweepstakes Open to All....Harriet Chandler/Jim Chuey
TIME TO DIG — DO IT GENTLY
Some snippets from
www.dahlias.net/dahwebpg/TuberStor/TuberStor2.htm

Cut Down the Plants
At the end of the season, marked by a killing frost or determined by your fall plans and when you plan to dig the tubers, cut the dahlia plants down a week before leaving a four to six inch stem stub.

Remove Mulch?
If the surface mulch is to be mixed into the soil, it should be left. Otherwise, remove it to avoid mixing it into the soil during the digging process or later tilling.

Digging With a Fork Spade
Place the fork about one foot from the stem stub and insert it at least 8 inches into the soil. Then gently move the fork in and then out to loosen the soil. Repeat this action to totally encircle the stem stub and loosen the soil. At the last insertion, gently prying back on the fork should lift the stem stub and the clump of soil. Carefully lift the clump while removing the soil from the tuber clump. This must be done gently as many tubers have rather small, thin necks and they can be broken or cracked while loosening the soil or carrying the clump to another location. A tuber with a cracked or broken neck will not grow.
Digging With a Shovel or Spade
If a shovel or regular spade is used instead of a fork spade, it should be placed about four inches farther from the stem stub than the foot using the fork spade. Otherwise, proceed using the same guidelines as for the fork spade.

If a shovel is inserted too close to the stem stub, it is very likely to cut off the tubers. Of course, the advantage of a shovel is that it may cut the strong hair roots that emerge from the end of each tuber. The fork spade leaves these roots intact and when the fork is bent backwards to pry up on the clump those roots put strain on the tuber and in some instances break it away from the clump, rendering it useless. Moving the fork spade initially forward rather than prying backwards helps in lessening the damage.

Washing the Tuber Clumps
Washing the tuber clumps is another delicate procedure. Whether you spray them with a hose while in the garden or on a rack (of green plastic coated fencing material, say), do not use a solid high pressure stream! Tubers are easily damaged with high pressure as the stream can break thin necks or strip the skin off the tuber.

Dividing and Storing
Bring one of your washed clumps to the November meeting to see how to divide it and then listen to members describe how they store their divided tubers over the winter.
SPECIAL NOTICE FOR MEMBERSHIPS
From John Bendokaitis

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