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Friday, November 20
Meeting
7:30 p.m.

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

PHOTO CONTEST AND TIPS FOR TAKING GREAT PICTURES NEIL EVANS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010-11
Hi Folks,

Well, here we are already into the month of November. Again it seems like the summer came and went too fast.

Hope the break in the weather gave everybody a chance to start getting some of those prize tubers out of the ground and ready for storage. Congratulations to those who’ve completed that process. Best of luck to the rest of you who still have that to look forward to!

Don’t forget the election of officers takes place at our November meeting. Anyone who has interest in volunteering for open positions, please let one of the current officers know of your intentions or just attend the November meeting. It’s your chance to have a say in the direction of your “society.”

Thanks to all who helped set-up and tear down our last show at Pettiti’s. Congratulations to all participants and winners and a special thanks to Ron Miner for his “seedling competition.” It really added an extra dimension to the show. Also, the seedling seminar was very informative for those who attended. Thanks Ron.

Don’t forget to bring some ideas for “flower of the year for 2010” to the meeting. And bring your favorite dahlia photos to enter the contest. Hope to see you all on November 20.

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PROGRAMS for 2009

Refreshments for
November :
Marge Janki
Marilyn Weber

March 20       New Intros; Pest Management
April 17       DSO Annual Tuber Auction
May 15         DSO Annual Plant Auction
June 19        Demo on Container Gardening
July 17        Showing Dahlias Demo
August 1       Lorain Co. Tropical Greenhouse
October 16     Putting Our Tubers to Bed
November 20    Photo Contest; Neil Evans
December 5     Holiday Dinner Gathering
A CALL FOR OFFICERS

Which of the following positions are YOU interested in serving your society? Let Mike know where to put YOUR name. THANKS!

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The Second VP is in charge of overseeing the shows including finding a show chairperson (Dave Cap is willing to continue being show chair, just have to ask him).

The Recording Secretary takes minutes of the business part of our meetings.
DSO HOLIDAY GATHERING
DECEMBER 5, 2009 – 1 PM to 4PM
DIMITRI’S RESTAURANT – 216-741-3399
MIDTOWN PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER
1830 SNOW ROAD, PARMA, OH 44130

PLEASE RSVP by November 30 to
BARBARA HOSTA at bxh5@cwru.edu or
216-795-3132.

Dimitri’s menu offers a veritable cornucopia of foods providing choices for even the pickiest of eaters. Selections will be made from the menu and individual checks will include gratuities. The price range is from $9-$15. Dinners include fresh baked rolls and salad or soup, and a full bar and wine selections are available for Holiday Spirits.

DIRECTIONS:

Dimitri’s is located at Midtown Plaza Shopping Center in Parma. The nearest freeway is I-77 - exit the Rockside Road exit. Travel West on Rockside Rd to Broadview Road, where Rockside Rd changes to Snow Road. The Midtown Shopping Center will be on the North side of the road after crossing the intersection of Broadview and Snow/Rockside Road. Dimitri’s is next to the KeyBank.
MIDWEST SHOW 9/12-14/2010
Holiday Inn Independence
DSO Sponsored

WE NEED YOUR INPUT/HELP
1) Flower of the year
2) Logo
3) Person to contact nurseries for donations
4) We are providing a DSO cookbook as a favor—
   Dinners (casseroles, one dish)
   Soups and Sandwiches
   Other

Please submit your favorite recipes in these categories to:
MaryAnn Moreno
8232 Westhill Drive
Chagrin Falls OH
44023 OR
maryannjerry@windstream.net
Thoughts and Prayers

DSO sends wishes for a speedy recovery to Harriet Chandler for a recent hip replacement.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Paul Albrecht November 6. Paul was 65. He was the father of two daughters, grandfather of four, and brother to Thomas. Paul worked for Kraft Maid Kitchen Cabinet Makers for 22 years. He loved working with wood and made many beautiful pictures, sculptures, and furniture pieces. He also loved gardening of course, the dahlia in particular. He and Arlene joined DSO over 30 years ago. He was a member of Christ Deaf Lutheran Church in Cleveland. Deepest DSO prayers are extended to Arlene and family.
I. ANNUAL NOVEMBER PHOTO CONTEST

CATEGORIES (each may be divided into separate categories depending on number of entries):

- SINGLE DAHLIA: INCLUDES CLOSE-UPS – natural and artificial light
- MULTIPLE DAHLIAS or PEOPLE with DAHLIAS: INCLUDES GARDENS, BASKETS, VASES, or AT LEAST ONE DAHLIA and ONE PERSON
- ENHANCED - for PHOTOS CREATED USING TRICKS FROM COMPUTER SOFTWARE – MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE DAHLIA

Maximum size: 8 X 10
Prizes: $$$$  
Unframed photos are preferred.

II. SPEAKER—NEIL EVANS
PHOTO TECHNIQUES FOR FLOWER PHOTOS
Dahlia Society of Ohio (DSO) Minutes (Unapproved)
October 16, 2009

Call to Order: President Mike Weber called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Location – Community Room at Busch Funeral Home, Parma, OH. Approx 25 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

Recording Secretary’s Report: Sharon Swaney: Sharon provided copies of the July minutes for those interested. Minutes are also posted on the website.

Treasurer’s Report: Joann Bendokaitis provided a full report of our holdings. See Joann for details.

Membership Report: John Bendokaitis reported that we have 8 new members as a result of the shows. Total is about 140 members.

First Vice President’s Report: Barbara Hosta previewed the evening’s program about digging and storing tubers. She encouraged everyone to ask questions.

The Christmas party will be held on December 5th, 1 p.m. at Dimitri’s Restaurant in Parma. We will order from the menu. Entrees are in the $9-$15 range. Details to follow. Barb will request an RSVP so to give the restaurant an approximate number of attendees.

The next meeting will be the annual photography contest and Neil Evans will give a presentation on taking and manipulating pictures.

Second Vice President: Dave Cap thanked everyone involved in the shows this year - attendees, exhibitors, judges, clerks, and especially the cleanup crews. He suggested that members attend the shows and observe the judging process. Next year he would like to have members staff the shows to provide information and answer questions for show attendees. Dave will provide the schedule for next year’s shows at the November meeting.

Mike acknowledged the excellent job that Dave did again this year in managing the shows. Great work Dave! Thanks for all the hard work.
**Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Mary Ann Moreno:** Mary Ann reported that she sent out 135 Digests. If you have information for the Digest, let Jerry, (or any officer) know. Content contributions are most welcome.

**Digest/ADS Report – Jerry Moreno** provided sample ADS Bulletins to our guests and also provided informational wall charts as needed.

**Midwest Show 2010 – Jerry Moreno:** We will host the Midwest Show September 10-12. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Independence. Consider spending a night at the hotel during the show. The show is combined with our DSO show (usually held at Parmatown).

We discussed the possibility of having a logo for the event. Please share your ideas. It was suggested that we have a tribute to Glenn, and other members who have passed away, at the show.

Lois Macdonald will not be able to head up the artistic design section for the show, though she is willing to help and advise. We will need to put together a team to work on this component of the show. Some potential members were suggested.

The Midwest Conference asked that we get information about the show onto our website. Sharon will do this post haste.

**Sunshine Report: Elaine Bebenroth:** No new events to report. Paul Albrecht continues to recuperate. We welcomed back John Bendokaitis. Mike noted that Peggy Baker and Barb Miner’s mother have passed away recently.

**Web Site: Sharon Swaney** reported that it was time to renew our hosting agreement. She signed us up for four more years as this was a cost effective option. The hosting cost is about $5 per month.

Most of the show results for this year are on the site as are some new pictures. Please contribute any pictures that would be of interest to the club.

**Botanical Garden Report: Mike Weber for Marge Janki:** Mike read a letter from the Botanical Garden thanking us for being an affiliate. The letter reviewed their transportation program for underprivileged schools and asked us to consider a higher contribution for 2010. After discussion and some members relating some negative experiences with the Botanical Garden, we decided to continue with our $500 contribution.

**Old Business:** Mike noted that the shows were very successful this year and led to new members. He thanked all who attended, exhibited, judged, and cleaned up.
We need to choose a Flower of the Year for 2010. It needs to be readily available and not too expensive.

Jerry expressed concern that we have 140 members but only about 25 in attendance at meetings. He asked us to think about why this might be and what we could do to improve participation in the meetings and events. He may run a survey in the Digest.

**New Business:** Mike indicated that per the constitution we need to have a slate of officers for 2010 presented next month. Due to term limits, the President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President positions are open. Anyone interested in serving as an officer, please contact any current officer. With the club sponsoring the Midwest show next year we need to have strong leadership for 2010.

Mike read a letter from the new producers of the IX Center’s Home and Garden Show. The show will be held February 5-14, 2010. They are offering discount tickets to club members. The letter will be available on our website.

It was mentioned that there will also be a home and garden type show in Euclid in January.

The Mantua Garden Club has requested a speaker from our group. Sharon and Jerry volunteered to contact the club and possibly speak at one of their meetings.

**Dahlia Questions/Comments?** Questions and comments were combined with the program.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20. Joann Bendokaitis, Linda Vuletich, Mary Ann Moreno, and Barb Miner provided refreshments. Thanks ladies. Thanks also to Don Sopko for providing beverages.

**Raffle:** Dave won the raffle. Congratulations.

**Program – Digging, Dividing, Storing:** Barbara Hosta, Mike Weber, and Dave Cap provided information on digging and storing tubers. Stan Vuletich provided clumps on which to practice dividing. Stan and Dave tutored those who wanted to practice dividing the tubers. The audience also shared their tips and techniques.

Next Meeting – November 20, 2009

**Photography Contest and Presentation by Neil Evans**

Respectfully submitted,

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