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Friday, October 15 Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Busch Community Room

7501 Ridge Road, Parma

Just south of Pleasant Valley Road



PROGRAM

- **Can you Hypertufa?**

- **Demo on Dividing tuber clumps and storing**



President's Notes

Hi Gang,

Many of you spent countless hours planning the Midwest Show, and then it came, and was over in a flash, so it seemed. But what a flash it was, all 1300+ blooms! Everything went super smoothly thanks to your dedication to preparation. So many things were first class—the outstanding unsurpassed boutique, the layout of the site including ample set-up space with vases pre-filled!, the Court of Honor, the slide show of awards, the goodies in the goody bag. We received a lot of positive feedback for a show well done. Thanks to all who helped in one way or another. Your efforts were very much appreciated.

It's about time to say so long to our beautiful flowers, tuck them in for the winter hoping that April would come early. At our meeting, we're have a demo on dividing clumps, so be sure to attend especially if you are uncertain as to what to do.

Elsewhere in the Digest see a description of another unique October program item — Hypertufa! Enjoy!

See you next Friday the 15th!

Jerry



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MIDWEST SHOW RECIPE
BOOK

After more years than we can remember, refreshment set-up and Don Sopko were synonymous. Don has decided to step down and give others the opportunity to serve! Thanks Don for a job well-done. It won't be easy to replace you. You set the bar very high in having all the beverages ready to go before the start of every meeting. We don't expect that to continue with a new person but if anyone is interested in starting the coffee shortly before 7:30, say, please give Jerry or Sharon a call.



The Program this month features:

Can you Hypertufa?

Whether your answer is “yes,” “no” or “can I WHAT?” don’t miss the October 15th meeting. Our own Karen Colini will demonstrate and discuss making hypertufa garden pots, troughs and other structures. Hypertufa is an artificial stone material that looks like cement but weighs much less while retaining the ability to withstand harsh weather—perfect for garden containers and garden art. Come learn this fun, easy process. Making hypertufa will be a great project for the winter while your dahlias are asleep. See you this Friday the 15th!

Sharon



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**November meeting:
Annual Photography Contest
Single dahlia
Dahlias with people or animals
Artsy dahlia photo
Plus**

- **Neil Evans on Midwest Show
AND**
- **Professional photographer
Ron Meloon
On taking 3-D photographs!**



The JUDGE's Corner

Ron Miner - baronminer@aol.com

Wow, the season is over already! I was finally starting to get some blooms of decent quality. Oh well, next year will be upon us before we know it. It was a very busy season for the DSO since we hosted the Midwest Show. Thanks and congratulations to all of those involved in that show; it was great!

I have come to greatly enjoy our annual club show at Petitti's. This year was no exception. We had some very good quality entries, including some exciting seedlings from the Boley seeds! Our friends and neighbors from the MVDS brought a lot of wonderful blooms to the show; thank you all! The highlight of the show for me, however, were the open-centered seedlings from last year plus the first year seedlings from the seeds that Steve and Sandy Boley provided from their wonderful and award-winning Irish Pinwheel stellar.

Randy and Kathy Foith brought an excellent bright yellow colarette that came from those seeds I distributed in the spring of last year. The triple entry of that seedling was a very



strong candidate for the best triple entry in the show. It was truly an excellent entry and the cultivar promises to be one that they will be able to introduce and name!

The other seedling competition at Petitti's was based on the Boley seeds distributed this spring. Here again, there were some excellent entries. I was, frankly, disappointed at the number of exhibitors who were able to bring entries. As you probably recall, the only criterion for getting the seeds was a promise to bring blooms to the seedling competition at Petitti's. Only three exhibitors brought entries among the 25 or 30 who got the seeds. I hope to be able to repeat the competition at next year's show, so if you

have good results from those seeds that just weren't ready last weekend, please save them and grow several of them so that you will have an entry for next year!

I have discovered that by the end of next season I will have been the DSO Judging Chairman for 5 years. Time does fly when you are having fun, doesn't it! The fun is the good news. (I hope you agree!) The not-so-good news is that we need to go through the process of renewing our judging credentials every five years.



A ST BI W/R Boley seedling entry

The detailed rules are available from me as well as from www.dahlia.org. Basically, they require each judge to retake the judging test, judge in at least eight shows, score at least 10 seedlings, and attend 3 judging seminars



Alloway Candy was the best ST in the show over the five year period. A number of you have substantially exceeded the training and judging requirements already and a couple of you have recently taken the judging tests to advance your level. Most of us, however, will need to retake the tests and a few of you will need to invest some additional time and effort in judging to meet the requirements. Fortunately, we have a Trial Garden nearby that will make it easier to meet the seedling requirements.

Please be sure to review your judging and training experience over the recent past so that you know what is required for you next summer. (I can help you with that history on the shows I attended.) I will get the judges tests distributed to you for you to work on over the winter. I hope you have a great one!

SHOW WINNERS for 2010

Sharon is doing such a fantastic job in posting all kinds of dahlia information are on website and especially the shows that I'll not reprint the winners here. Check them out, not only the names of our great growers but also the names of the winning blooms. Try them yourself next year!

Brief Summary

Cuyahoga:

Congratulations to Bob Wenning as best Novice and Joyce and David Habeger who took the Amateur prizes. The rest of the winners went mostly to Harriett Chandler and Jim Chuey with Randy and Kathy Foith making sure that Harriett and Jim didn't take everything!

Geauga:

What else is there to say other than when you think of the Geauga Show, you think automatically of Rudy Bredenbeck. He has won Best in Show six times in the last seven years! Congratulations to Rudy who won all categories except for one won by Brant Giere and Carol Sahley. Jeff Campbell took the honors in the Small Grower Section.



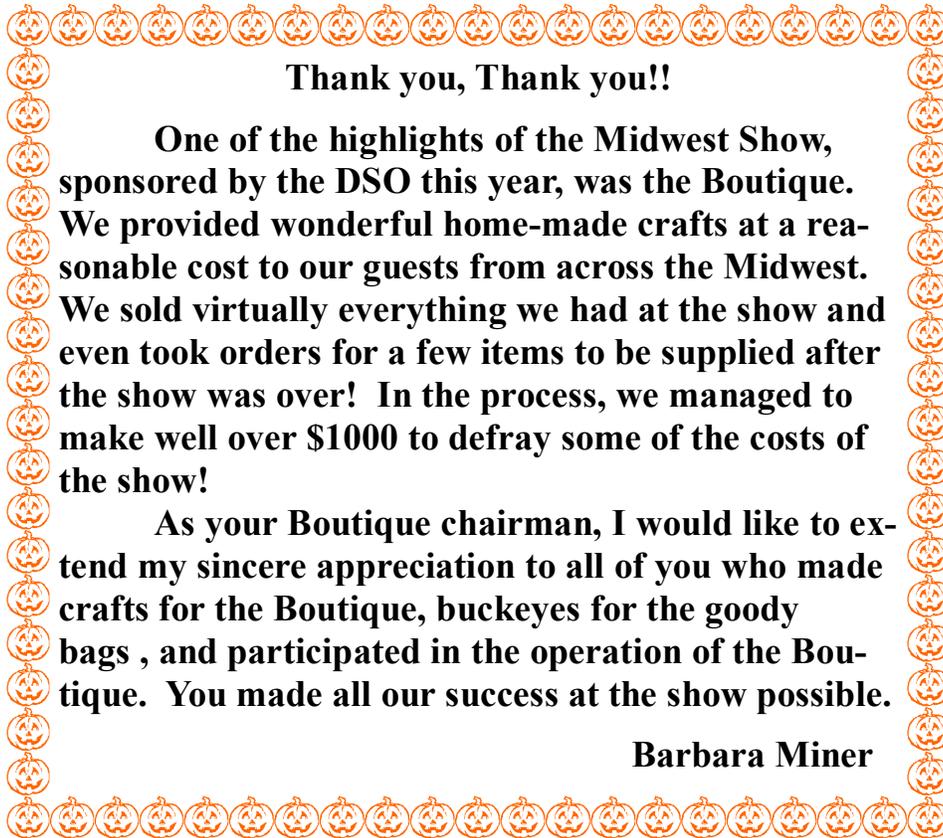
Midwest 77th/DSO 80th:

I'll not begin to even summarize this fantastic show. Visit our website where Sharon has posted the slide show of winners. There were 18 different winners over 57 categories. Of special note, at least to my mind, were an unbelievably gorgeous display of a Vase of 10 Rycroft Jan blooms, a basket of 5 blooms of Embrace, and Dave Cap's "backyard" for an outstanding container garden! I really should mention that Dick Westfall's Zorro was King of the Show, Chris Wittrig's Embrace Queen (by the way, Chris is all of 16 years of age!), Harriett Chandler and Jim Chuey took Duke with Martina, and Randy and Kathy Foith's beautiful Seedling 09 was Duchess of the Show.

Pettiti's:

The Show season ended October 2 with Rob and Sharon Swaney taking Best Novice, Bud and Emily Edwards's Inland Dynasty was largest, and Randy and Kathy Foith once again keeping Harriett and Jim from taking everything.

Congratulations to all winners! We are very fortunate in having such great growers in northeast Ohio. THANKS!



Thank you, Thank you!!

One of the highlights of the Midwest Show, sponsored by the DSO this year, was the Boutique. We provided wonderful home-made crafts at a reasonable cost to our guests from across the Midwest. We sold virtually everything we had at the show and even took orders for a few items to be supplied after the show was over! In the process, we managed to make well over \$1000 to defray some of the costs of the show!

As your Boutique chairman, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you who made crafts for the Boutique, buckeyes for the goody bags , and participated in the operation of the Boutique. You made all our success at the show possible.

Barbara Miner

THANK YOU, DAVE

The Shows are over and it's time to give Dave Cap a huge thank you. It is truly unbelievable all the work that he does to make every show come off without a hitch. Without Dave, it's conceivable that we would have no shows. So from DSO and ADS THANKS DAVE for your superb dedication.



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If you aren't a member of the American Dahlia Society, please give it some serious thought. The ADS Bulletin publication comes out four times a year.

The June issue contained many interesting articles: Cut flower vase life improvement project; super fertilizers; compost tea; dahlia culture; average time for buds to open; dahlia fertility research report; composting with coffee; an article on the Weeping Tree Dahlia, a recently discovered tree dahlia from Oaxaca, Mexico; and as they say, much, much more including what dahlias nurseries have available.

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