

APRIL 2012

Long Island Dahlia Society

News and Activities

The preparations for the garden are in full swing. The team of volunteers led by Jim Micheels and the Garden Directors have been busy dividing, labeling, and planting tubers inside the barn and also working outside in the beds. The hoop house is getting its finishing touches and we are well positioned to have a beautiful dahlia showing this season. Thank you to all of our volunteers; you are the heart of our organization and are most appreciated. I was happy to attend the Mid Island Dahlia Society Luncheon held last month at the Coral House in Baldwin. LIDS members filled over two tables and enjoyed the festivities and prizes. We had a wonderful time at our own Spring Luncheon on April 15th as well, with lots of prizes and good food; it was a great way to kick off the growing season. I hope you enjoyed at our new “speedy” prize delivery system, thanks to everyone who helped make our event a huge success.

– *Joe Laundrie, President*

Upcoming Meeting and Tuber Sale

Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Dahlia 101 - 7:00 PM - 7:30PM

Tuber Sales 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Meeting 8:30 – 9:00 PM



Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale

Mother's Day Weekend, May 12 & 13

10 am - 4pm

Lower Carriage House

Shrubs, Perennials, Annuals,

Hanging Baskets, Herbs and Veggies

LIDS will be there with blooming dahlias & tubers!

LIDS Dues *Overdue!*

If you have not paid your \$20 dues, please do so by sending your check to the address below or pay at the next membership meeting on April 19, thank you.

LIDS
P.O. Box 76
West Sayville, NY 11796

Volunteers in the Garden

Join us on Saturday mornings starting at 9:00 AM at the Wolkoff Garden. There are a variety of tasks, we will be dividing tubers (bring your own pruners and other tools you may need for the dahlia work), we will also be making cuttings, and preparing the beds. Coffee and cake follows!



Request for Garden Volunteers

LIDS has received a request for volunteers from the Medford Multicare Center for Living on Horseblock Road in Medford.

Anyone interested in working on a modest project to assist residents to engage in patio gardening, please contact Maureen Burford at 631 987 3651 or maburf@yahoo.com

Garden Poles – Last Chance

If you are interested in ordering green garden poles from Joe Laundrie, please contact him via email at dahliajoe@aol.com. The cost is \$2 per pole plus tax and S&H. This will be the last year Joe will be purchasing these poles in bulk, so if you are interested, please place your order.

Vases Needed in the Fall!

The **Fundraising Committee** is requesting members to donate any glass vases (like the ones below) that will be used for dahlia arrangements to sell at the fall shows.



Vases need to be this size: height 5-6", diameter 3-4"

Please keep the vases at home until the fall show!

Contact Lynn Schiller for additional information

*Left: Trudy, John, Dee, Pat (Ted in back) potting up tubers on a Saturday morning.
Photo credit Mike Bryant, cover photo by Carol Jansch*

LIDS Tuber Sale Dates*

Thursday, April 19 from 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Lower Carriage House

Saturday, April 21 from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Earth Day in Gillette Park, Sayville

Saturday, May 5 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
United Methodist Church 792 Hawkins Ave, Lake Grove

Thursday, May 17 from 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Lower Carriage House
This is our largest sale!

Saturday, May 26, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Tubers on sale on the Main House at the Arboretum

Thursday, June 21 from 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Lower Carriage House

**Note that selection and quantities are as available
at the time of each sale.*

Judging Dahlias – Great Opportunity!

Interested in being a judge at dahlia shows? Bill Bushman will be leading a judging workshop this summer and will reference the ADS Judging Manual, look for more information in the May newsletter. Contact Bill to advise him of your interest or if to find out if you qualify to become a judge. wjbphd6593@msn.com

Zipper Spider in the Garden



A couple of years ago we had this spider in our Wolkoff Garden. Many people came just to see it. The spider did not come back last year, but we still looking for it, keep an eye out! - *Gene Murtha, Garden Director*

Argiope Spider, one of the garden's best beneficial insects. The largest orb weaver in our gardens is the black and yellow argiope (*Argiope aurantia*). The female is large, the males being much smaller by comparison. Although big enough to deliver a bite, these spiders are not poisonous or aggressive.

Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Located at:
440 Montauk Highway
Great River, NY 11739

Set GPS to these either address:
Great River Rd & NY-27A (Montauk Hwy), or
NY-27A & Union Blvd, East Islip NY 11730

www.bayardcuttingarboretum.com

Helpful Links

Long Island Dahlia Society
www.longislanddahlia.com/

American Dahlia Society
www.dahlia.org/

Mid-Island Dahlia Society
www.midislanddahlia.com/

Greenwich Dahlia Society
www.gecgreenwich.org/dahlia-society.html

Rhode Island Dahlia Society
www.rhodeislanddahlia.org/

Long Island Dahlia Society Executive Board

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