

February 2013

# Long Island Dahlia Society



## Dahlia Dreaming!

Now is the time to dream of all the different varieties of dahlias you would like to plant and plan your garden. LIDS offer tubers for sale at our April and May meetings along with expert advice from our master growers. You can also find dahlias online and this issue includes a number of sources. But clearly the best place to purchase tubers is from our group!

The full calendar of LIDS events starts on page 3, we have an exciting year with lots of events and I encourage new members to join us in the garden, at our meetings, and enjoy our social events. . This will be the last year I will be buying the green garden poles in bulk; I have a number of these poles for sale at \$3 each. If you are interested, please contact me.

*- Joe Laundrie , President*

## Upcoming Events and Meeting

### Membership Meeting

**February 21, 2013**

7:00 PM Dahlia 101 - Joe Lysik

Topic "All About Soil"

7:30 PM Coffee and Cake

8:00 PM Meeting

This meeting will be held in the Upper Level of the Carriage House at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum in Great River

Directions on last page.

### Upcoming Events

**March 21, 2013**

Membership Meeting

**April 14, 2013**

LIDS Luncheon

**April 18, 2013**

Membership Meeting –  
Tuber Sale

**May 16, 2013**

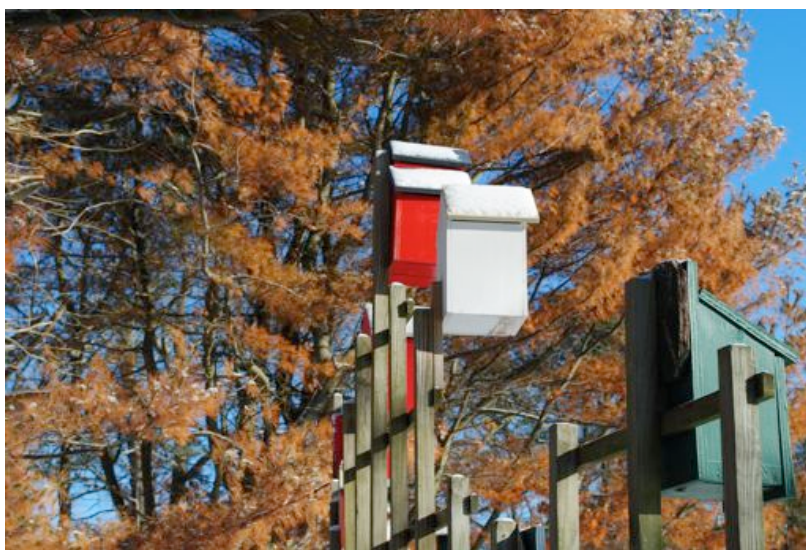
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### Wolkoff Garden News

LIDS Volunteers meet every Saturday year round at the Wolkoff Garden. The tasks vary each month - from planting, maintaining, and digging - to trimming, storing, and labeling the dahlias.

We start at 9:00 AM. Bring your own pruners, scissors, paring knife, and gloves if you use them.

Coffee and cake is served at 11AM. Contact Garden Director Jim Micheels if you have any questions.



### Good and Welfare

All of our members are doing well! Plans are in the works for our **Annual LIDS Spring Luncheon that will be held at the Irish Coffee Pub on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Look for more details in the March newsletter.

Questions? Contact Pat Schildt at 631-563-8787 or [patrickschildt@optonline.net](mailto:patrickschildt@optonline.net)

### Building the Basket of Cheer!

**Dennis Kirchner** is accepting donations for the **Basket of Cheer** that will be raffled off at the Annual LIDS Spring Luncheon. Please bring your wine, liquor, or liqueur donations to the General Meeting and give them to Dennis. Donations to the basket will also be accepted the day of the luncheon. Dennis' suggestion for the Basket of Cheer "anything with alcohol!"

Also, please start putting aside your special treasures that can be raffled off at our **country auction**. These can be any collectible, knickknack, houseplant, garden cutting, or any special item you would like to donate. The auction brings a lot of very diverse and interesting items; your "previously loved item" could be someone's new treasure! Bring those items to the luncheon.

2012 Holiday Party Photos



Holiday Party photos taken by Dee Cunningham, cover and page 2, Carol Jansch

## LIDS Annual Membership Renewal Time!

**Long Island Dahlia Society** dues are due, the cost is \$20

You can pay your dues at our next meeting on Thursday, February 21 or mail a check to:

LIDS,  
PO Box 76  
West Sayville, NY 11796

**Dues for 2013 are Overdue!**

## ~ Garden Tips ~

**Can't wait to get into the garden? Here are some gardening tips from Cornell Cooperative Extension for February/March**

- Check soil pH. Dahlias like a slightly acidic soil, 6.5 to 7.0. Testing for pH will be available at the February and March Meetings. If you have not done this before, you can obtain instructions for taking a soil sample by e-mail from [lidsboard@gmail.com](mailto:lidsboard@gmail.com)
- When soil is dry enough to work, incorporate lime into the soil, only if needed.
- Work compost and well-rotted manure into dahlia beds in March.
- Apply fertilizer (5/10/5) to spring flowering bulbs as soon as shoots start poking through the soil
- This is a good time to prune summer flowering shrubs whose buds develop in the spring
- New trees and shrubs can be planted in March to take advantage of early spring rains.
- Do a thorough garden cleanup at the end of March and be on the lookout for swarming termites and carpenter ants.
- Do not fertilize lawns now, wait until Memorial Day.

*Maureen*

## Dahlia Resources

Lobaugh's Dahlias

[www.lobaughsdahlias.com](http://www.lobaughsdahlias.com)

Accent Dahlias

[www.dahliasupplier.com/accent/](http://www.dahliasupplier.com/accent/)

Arrowhead Dahlias

[www.arrowheaddahlias.com](http://www.arrowheaddahlias.com)

Dahlias of Les & Vivian Connell

[www.dahliasbylesandviv.com/](http://www.dahliasbylesandviv.com/)

## Long Island Dahlia Society 2013 Calendar of Events

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<b>FEB</b>	<p><b>Thursday, February 17 General Meeting</b> Carriage House Upper Level - Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM    Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00    Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
<b>MARCH</b>	<p><b>Saturday, March 9 - Board Meeting</b> Barn 12:00 Noon</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 21 General Meeting</b> Carriage House Upper Level - Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM    Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00    Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
<b>APRIL</b>	<p><b>Sunday, April 14 Spring Luncheon/Auction</b> Irish Coffee Pub 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 18 - General Meeting and Tuber Sale</b> Carriage House Lower Level - Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM    Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00    Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
<b>MAY</b>	<p><b>Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and May 12 - Plant Sale</b> Mother's Day Plant Sale sponsored by the Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticulture Society</p> <p><b>Thursday, May 16 - General Meeting and Tuber Sale</b> Carriage House Lower Level - Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM    Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00    Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
<b>JUNE</b>	<p><b>Saturday, June 1 Board Meeting</b> Barn 12 noon</p> <p><b>Thursday, June 20 - General Meeting</b> Carriage House Lower Level - Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM    Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00    Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
<b>JULY</b>	<p><b>Thursday, July 18 - General Meeting</b> Carriage House Upper Level - Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM    Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00    Meeting 8:00 PM</p> <p><b>Saturday, July 27 Board Meeting</b> Barn 12 noon</p>
<b>AUG</b>	<p><b>Saturday, August 3 Picnic [Rain date Sunday August 4]</b> Wolkoff Dahlia Garden – 1PM</p> <p><b>Thursday, August 15 - General Meeting</b> Carriage House Upper Level - Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM    Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00    Meeting 8:00 PM</p> <p><b>Thursday, August 29 – Show Setup</b> Carriage House Lower Level 5:00-8:00 PM</p> <p><b>Friday, August 30 - Show Setup</b> Carriage House Lower Level 1:00-10:00 PM</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 31 - Dahlia Show</b> Carriage House Lower Level 6:00AM -5:00 PM</p>
<b>SEPT</b>	<p><b>Sunday, September 1 - Dahlia Show</b> Carriage House Lower Level 9:30AM -5:00 PM</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 1 - Dahlia Show Cleanup</b> Carriage House Lower Level 5:00 PM-8:00PM</p>

	<p><b>Thursday, September 19 - General Meeting</b> Carriage House Upper Level - Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM    Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00    Meeting 8:00 PM</p> <p><b>Thursday, September 26 – Show Setup/Photo Registration</b> Move Show Supplies - Carriage House Lower Level /Upper Level (Photo Show) Setup 5:00-8:00 PM Photo Exhibit Entrants Registration for Show and Contest 5:00PM – 7:00PM</p> <p><b>Friday, September 27 - Show Setup/Photo Registration</b> Carriage House Lower Level Setup 1:00-10:00 PM Photo Exhibit Entrants Registration for Show and Contest 5:00PM – 7:00PM</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 28 – - Dahlia Show / Photo Exhibit Opens</b> Carriage House Lower Level 6:00AM -5:00 PM Photo Exhibit opens at 1:00 PM</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 29 Dahlia Show / Photo Exhibit</b> Dahlia Show - Carriage House Lower Level 9:30AM -5:00 PM Photo Exhibition – Carriage House Upper Level 9:30AM -5:00 PM</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 29 Board Meeting</b> River Room 2:00 PM</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 29 - Dahlia Show/Photo Exhibit Cleanup</b> Carriage House Upper and Lower Levels 5:00 PM-8:00PM</p>
OCT	<p><b>Thursday, October 17 - General Meeting</b> Carriage House Upper Level - Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM    Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00    Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
NOV	<p><b>Thursday, November 21 – General Meeting</b> Carriage House Upper Level - Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM    Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00    Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
DEC	<p><b>Thursday, December 19</b> Holiday Party, Carriage House Upper Level 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM</p>

**William Wolkoff Garden** –Each Saturday during the dahlia season (typically late March to November) our volunteers meet at 9:00AM at the William Wolkoff Dahlia Garden in Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Our volunteers obtain experience with dahlias hands on! Join a dedicated team and learn invaluable first hand knowledge from the experts while working with actual dahlia plants. Work in the garden is followed with coffee and cake at 11:00AM.

**LIDS Dahlia Shows** - Dahlia growers, whether expert or novice come from all points of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and even Rhode Island to display their gardening achievements, hoping to reach the prestigious Court of Honor. Because the cooler weather brings out their vibrant colors, these regional shows are held in September and October when Dahlias are at their peak.

<b>Bayard Cutting Arboretum</b>	<b>Helpful Links</b>
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  <a href="http://www.bayardcuttingarboretum.com/">http://www.bayardcuttingarboretum.com/</a>	Long Island Dahlia Society <a href="http://www.longislanddahlia.com/">http://www.longislanddahlia.com/</a>  American Dahlia Society <a href="http://www.dahlia.org/">http://www.dahlia.org/</a>  Mid-Island Dahlia Society <a href="http://www.midislanddahlia.com/">http://www.midislanddahlia.com/</a>

**Long Island Dahlia Society Executive Board**

President - Joe Laundrie	Vice-President - Maureen Burford	Treasurer - Joe Lysik
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Wolkoff Dahlia Garden Design – William Wolkoff		