

N E W S L E T T E R

March 2013

Long Island Dahlia Society

President's Message to New Members

It is a good time to come down on Saturday mornings to learn the complete dahlia sequence. Over the course of the year, our members "learn by doing" under the leadership of our Garden Director. During the growing season, you will see how the eye on a tuber is identified, how tubers are split, potted, planted, staked, and fertilized. In addition, you will see the technique for tying up the plants, and how they are maintained, and at the end of the season, how they are dug up, and prepared for winter.

We hope you join us and look forward to another year of beautiful dahlias. - *Joe Laundrie*

Upcoming Events and News

Membership Meeting

March 21, 2013

7:00 PM Dahlia 101

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.

Wolkoff Garden News

Welcome back to the start of the 2013 dahlia season, beginning on **Saturday, March 16** at 9:00 AM; please join us at the Wolkoff Garden. There are a variety of tasks; we will be dividing tubers and preparing to bench them up. Bring your questions, your own pruners (and other tools you may need for the dahlia work, such as gloves). Coffee and cake follows!



*Bill's cuttings,
see page 4.*

*New dahlias for
our garden in
2013, see page 6.*

Welcome New Members!

We are happy to share our expertise and passion for dahlias with you.

Welcome aboard!

- Al Ortiz, Lindenhurst
- James Conrad, Lindenhurst,
- Iwao Nakajima, Hauppauge

Note that our general meetings are held the third Thursday of each month in the Bayard Cutting Arboretum Carriage House. All are welcome.

Good and Welfare

LIDS member Dee Cunningham is recovering from surgery she just had this week, we all wish Dee a speedy recover. We were happy to see Patrick Schildt back after not feeling well for a bit, it is great to have him back and we sure missed the coffee!

See the full-page ad for our Annual LIDS Spring Luncheon that will be held at the Irish Coffee Pub on Sunday, April 14th.

Questions? Contact Pat Schildt at 631-563-8787 or patrickschildt@optonline.net

Building the Basket of Cheer!



Dennis Kirchner is accepting donations for the 1st prize **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 diverse and interesting items; your "previously loved item" could be someone's new treasure! Bring those items to the luncheon.

LIDS Annual Membership Renewal Time!

YIKES, ARE YOUR DUES OVERDUE?

Long Island Dahlia Society dues are now overdue; the cost is \$20. You can pay your dues at our next meeting on Thursday, March 21 or mail a check to:

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

Those Green Garden Poles

LAST CHANCE!

If you are interested, there are still some green garden poles available from Joe Laundrie, please contact him if you are interested. The cost is \$3 per pole; this is the last of the poles, as Joe will no longer be purchasing them in bulk.

You are invited!
Long Island Dahlia Society
Spring Luncheon

Date: Sunday, April 14, 2013 ~ Time: 12:30 PM. to 4:30 PM

Location: Irish Coffee Pub, Carlton Avenue, East Islip, NY

Full-course Menu

Penne a la Vodka

Choice of

Sliced Steak Forrestiere

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Filet of Salmon with Citrus Herb Crust

Desert

Warm Apple Crumb a la Mode

Coffee- Tea-Soda

Cash Bar



Cost \$39 - reserve your seat by giving Patrick Schildt, our Hospitality Chair or Joe Lysik, our Treasurer a check for the luncheon at the March meeting. If you prefer, you may contact Patrick directly at 631 563-8787 or mail a check (payable to Long Island Dahlia Society) to 34 Betsy Ross Drive, Bohemia, NY 11716. Irish Coffee Pub.

Tel 631-277-0007

www.irishcoffeepub.com

Bill Wolkoff's Border Dahlia Cuttings

Bill Wolkoff has started over 500 border dahlia cuttings at home, and he has shared these photos below. These dahlias will be planted by LIDS volunteers in the Wolkoff Garden at the Arboretum.



Bill Wolkoff's Border Dahlia Cuttings



New Dahlias in the 2013 Garden

Garden Director Jim Micheels is adding a number of new dahlias to the garden this year, look for these new additions, there are many more.



Mercury



Pink Giraffe

New! First Member Growing Contest!

As a new challenge, LIDS will be selling dahlia seedlings to our members for a growing contest. Revenue from the sale will be split 50% to LIDS and 50% to winners of the flower competition at three (3) prize levels. Details will be provided at the membership meeting.

Fundraising News

Get ready for our sales coming in April, May and June. These sales will need a variety of volunteers, details will be provided at our upcoming meetings.

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

Long Island Dahlia Society
www.longislanddahlia.com/

Helpful Links

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.rhodeislanddahliasociety.org/

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