

October 2011

# Long Island Dahlia Society

## President's Message

The Fall Garden and Harvest Show was a crowd pleaser and a success in more ways than one. For those of us who chose to participate it was a grueling three days, only a week after our October Show. There were, however, compensations:

Spectacularly beautiful days in the Arboretum!

The children!

The Monarch butterflies, everywhere.

An inspiring lecture on tree identification by Arboretum Trustee Barbara Schadler

Watching a tree being moved a la "This Old House"

**A PONY IN THE DAHLIA GARDEN!!!**

**Talkin' "garden" with Arboretum Visitors**

Sincere thanks are in order for the efforts of our LIDS volunteers Carol Jansch, Suzann Hirschmann and Lee Eymold, to our LIDS Master Gardeners Joe Laundry, Pat Schildt, Jacquie Harned, to our presenters Michael Bryant, Joe Lysik and Jim Micheels and very special thanks to Trudy Runyan and Andrew Kurchey, who graciously did exactly what was asked, I hope you got some good shots.

Merci, Danka, Gracias, Go raibh maith agat! You made us all look good.

Bill Wolkoff photographed it all; I hope you get to see the pictures. - Maureen

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

### Membership Meeting

**October 20, 2011**

7:00 PM Dahlia 101

***Joe Lysik - Dahlias - digging and winter storage of tubers***

7:30 PM Coffee and Cake

8:00 PM Meeting

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

Directions on page 2.

### Upcoming Events

**November 17, 2011**

Membership Meeting

**December 15, 2011**

Holiday Party

**January 19, 2012**

Membership Meeting



## Welcome New Members

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

Raymond Plank, Rocky Point  
Holly Sisti, Bohemia  
Sandra Conrad, Lake Grove  
Margaret Williams, Bohemia

## Good and Welfare

We all wish Dee Cunningham a speedy recovery from surgery and we look forward to seeing her back in the garden!



## Soil Testing - What is pH and why is it important?

Fall is a good time to test and correct the pH level of your soil. Free soil testing will be available to LIDS members at the Wolkoff Garden on Saturday mornings in October and November.

pH is a tool to measure the acidity or alkalinity of your soil. When you are measuring the pH you are actually measuring the number of **p**otential hydrogen (**H**) ions, thus the abbreviation small **p** big **H**.

Proper pH is vital to your gardening as the acidity or alkalinity will affect the way plants take in nutrients. If the pH is incorrect, plants will not be able to absorb the nutrients they need from the soil. If soil acidity is not managed properly, the full benefit of other expensive and time-consuming soil management practices cannot be realized. No matter how much black gold, garden tea, 5-10-10, Miracle-Gro, or worm poop you buy, spread, dig, spray or rotor-till in it, if you do not have pH harmony in the root zone, your plants can not benefit.

*Source: Maureen's Master Gardner handout*

## MIDS Best in Show!

After producing two excellent shows for us, Joe Laundrie took "**Best in Show**" and **ten (10) tri-color awards** at the Mid-Island Dahlia Society Show on October 9.



Congratulations Joe!

## A Special Thank You...

Despite the Hurricane Irene, the September 3-4 Dahlia Show at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum was kept on schedule by Show Chairman Joe Laundrie. A very special thank you to **Maureen O'Hara, President of the Mid Island Dahlia Society** and to **Marge Schnerr of the Connecticut Dahlia Society** for helping us contact the many growers in their areas to discuss the effect of the storm having the show after the storm. Thank you as well to all our friends and fellow growers who brought their beautiful flowers to the show. We were fortunate the weather for the shows was good and we appreciate all who made the trip, thank you for coming.

## 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

<http://www.bayardcuttingarboretum.com/>

## Helpful Links

Long Island Dahlia Society  
<http://www.longislanddahlia.com/>

American Dahlia Society  
<http://www.dahlia.org/>

Mid-Island Dahlia Society  
<http://www.midislanddahlia.com/>

## September 3-4 LIDS Winner List



*The September show had 350 entries.*

Category	Size	Dahlia Name	Winner
King of Show		Zorro	D/J Hexham
Largest Bloom		Hart's Dr Mc Murray	Donna Paternostro
Best AA	FD	Kelvin Floodlight	T.A. Smith
Best AA	ID	Zorro	D/J/ Hexham
Best AA	Semi Cactus	A C Ben	M. Schnerr
Best AA	Cactus/ Lac/ Inc	Clara Huston	M. Schnerr
Best 3 AA		Kelvin Floodlight	D. Paternostro
Best A	FD	Kidd's Climax	M. Schnerr
Best A	ID	Vassio Meggos	G. Wentworth
Best A	Semi Cactus	Verda	D/J Hexham
Best A	Cactus/ Lac/ Inc	Show N Tell	M. Schnerr
Best 3 A		Kidd's Climax	S. Nowotarski
Queen Best B		Trengrove Millenium	D. Paternostro
Best B	FD	Trengrove Millenium	D. Paternostro
Best B	ID	Dr. John Kaiser	D/J Hexham
Best B	Semi Cactus	Hamari Accord	M. Allgeier
Best B	Cactus/Lac/ Inc	Nita	W. Allgeier
Best 3 B		Clearview Lily	J. Bonomo
Prince Best BB		Jessica	Marge Schnerr
Best BB	FD	Hamilton Lillian	D. Paternostro
Best BB	ID	Colorado Classic	K/M Shukofsky
Best BB	Semi Cactus	A C Gypsy	G. Wentworth
Best BB	Cactus	Parkland Rave	L/ T Cleere
Best BB	Lac/ Inc	Jessica	M. Schnerr
Three BB	FD, ID	Michele Vloet	D. Paternostro
Three BB	Cactus/Semi C/IC/Lac	Embrace	D. Paternostro
Princess Best Miniature		Ryecroft Jan	W. Allgeier
Best Min	FD	Rose Toscano	D. Paternostro
Best Min	ID	Brookside j. Cooley	
Best Min	Cactus	Weston Pirate	
Best Min	LC/SC/IC	none	
Best3 Min	FD, ID	Brookside J Cooley	M. Schnerr
Best 3 Min	C, SC, Lac, IC	Weston Spanish Dancer	B. Allgeier
Best Ball		Mary's Jomanda	M. Schnerr
Best 3 BALL		Snoho Doris	D. Paternostro
Pom Pon		Poppett	M. Schnerr

Category	Size	Dahlia Name	Winner
Best 3 Pom Pon		Poppett	M. Schnerr
Best Stellar		Primrose Pet	M. Schnerr
Best 3 Stellar		None	
Best Waterlily		Cameo	K&M Shukofsky
Best 3 Waterlily		None	
Best Peony		Elvira	D/J Hexham
Best 3 Peony		Elvira	M. Schnerr
Best Anemone		none	
Best 3 Anemone		none	
Best Collarette		Dark Suspense	G. Wentworth
Best 3 Collarette		none	
3 Ball		none	
3 Mini Ball		none	
Best Pom pon		none	
3 Pom pon		Poppett	M. Schnerr
Best Single		Raeann's Tears	S. Nowotarski
Best 3 Single		none	
Best Mignon Single		Lo Blush	S. Nowotarski
Best 3 Mignon Single		Stillwater Plum	Warren Gramman
Best Orchid		Marie Schnugg	M. Schnerr
Best 3 Orchid		Honka	K/L Nicolosi
Best Novelty Open		Christmas Star	S. Nowotarski
Best 3 Novelty Open		Verrone's Morning Star	D/J Hexham
Best Novelty Fully Double		Wynn's EEEKK!!	G. Wentworth
Best 3 Novelty Fully Double		Valley Porcupine	M.Schnerr
Baskets			
A		Elsie Huston	
B		Magic Moment	D/J/Hexham
Mignon Single		Stillwater Plum	S. Nowotarski
Novice Awards:			
Large AA, A, B		Bonaventure	J. Canzoneri
Medium BB, Ball, Waterlily		Dark Magic	J. South
Small, All Others		Honka	C. Jansch
Old Timers Award		Nita	W. Allgeier
Fully Double Undisseminated seedling		Greenhaven P&P	G. Wentwoth
Open Centered Undisseminated Seedling		11-MS	S. Nowotarski
2010 New Introduction Large ( AA,A,B)		A C F&P	G. Wentwoth
2010 New Introduction Small		Belred Desire	J. Lysik

## In the November Newsletter

- Oct 1-2 Show and Photo Competition Results
- Special thank you to Patricia Murphy

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