



NEWSLETTER

October 2013

Long Island Dahlia Society

Photo Issue!



A Sunday morning in autumn in the Wolkoff Garden.

President's Message

Thank you, thank you, to everyone who contributed to the success of the Fall Festival, Dahlia Show, and Photo Competition. You all did a wonderful job and there were many happy people. Thank you to all who donated your flowers and most of all, your time and energy to our wonderful club. It is most appreciated, and you all can take pride in the fact that you contributed to three terrific events, all based on dahlias.

Our upcoming plans are getting ready for the "Big Dig" in the Wolkoff Garden. Before you dig up your garden at home, plan ahead. Now is the time to check the dahlias in your garden to make sure the names are correct. Give the tag a check mark once you have confirmed the name. Once that is done, if you use tags, you can move and secure the tags to the bottom of the plant, this will make certain they are not lost when the dahlia stalks are cut down. We now wait for "Jack Frost" to hit our gardens. We have been fortunate this year; the dahlia colors are showing their brightest shades and while the blooms have slowed, they still look terrific. An email will be sent when we are ready for the "Big Dog".

See you in the garden!

- Joe Laundrie - President

Photo Credits

This issue is a collection of photos from our recent events. Some are from professional photographers, others beginners, and those in-between. The photos represent dahlias and the fun and joy they bring to so many people, either from growing, showing, making arrangements, photographing, or just good old volunteering and digging in the dirt. Many photographers contributed to this issue, thank you all. If anyone in our club has photos that they would like to submit for future newsletters, please send to me.

- Carol Jansch, Editor

Contributors

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Mark Your Calendar for LIDS Upcoming Events

NOV	<p>Thursday, November 21 – General Meeting Carriage House Upper Level Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00 Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
DEC	<p>Thursday, December 19 – Holiday Party Carriage House Upper Level 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>



Fall Festival





Fall Festival 2013 – Thank You For Being There!

I hope you had fun, I did. To JC and Brendan, Kathy and Carol, Elizabeth and Beth, Len and Kris, Phyllis, Angela, Veronica, Dan and Dennis: thank you all for giving so generously of your week end in support of the Arboretum and for helping and schlepping and snipping and smiling and hosting .As in the past, the response from LIDS volunteers was absolutely outstanding and we were all blown away by the crowd of visitors to our Garden. Merci Beaucoup to Joe, Joe, John, Carol, who brought buckets of fresh blooms for flower arranging. There were happy Fest goers all over the Park carrying their containers home. Millie and Michael led the arranging and with many hands helping it didn't stop until every donated bloom was gone. Patrick made gallons of coffee and provided the crescent wrench to get the beer flowing, which was much appreciated.

A very special thanks to Dee and Gene for artfully setting the photos for "The Story of US", our first initiative in reaching out for new members. We will take it on the road in the spring.

Sunday was overcast which brought the photographers in droves to catch the stunning iridescent dahlias. Our troops, led by Trudy, Andrew, Dee and Bill made them feel welcome, some photographers stayed to chat and take pictures for hours. We won't soon forget the smell of hamburgers, the little painted faces, the music if the seventies and the fellowship.

- Maureen Burford, Festival Chair





Wolkoff Garden





Above: Nicholas Malneri, Hicksville High School, next to his blue ribbon, first place photo in the "Beginner, Artistic Impression" class. Great job Nicholas!

Photo Competiti

We had a total of 318 photos entries from 70 entrants! The photos in all three (3) classes were of a quality not seen in previous shows and we even had some high school students enter their work.

The judges were professional, patient and concentrated on ensuring that each entry received an evaluation to determine whether or not that entry was a winner.

- Dee Cunningham, Photo Show Chair



Photographs “Best in Show”



Mario Giurco

Best in Show

Advanced-Macro/Artistic Impression



Kathy Picarelli

Best in Show

Beginners

Two or More Dahlia Blooms

Tiqvah Terroade
Best in Show
Professional
Macro/Artistic Impression



Photographs by Marianna Newman



Thank you for making the event of our society soo wonderful!

The photo entries I chose for the show are now on display inside the nursing home here where I work at the end of the hallway so that when patients walk down, they have a beautiful garden at the end of the hallway!!!

LIDS Member Marianna Newman

Photographs by Paul Pecora



I love taking photos of all the various dahlias. I started in 2011 at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum in the dahlia garden. I use Adobe Photoshop to enhance my photos. It is my passion and very rewarding. - LIDS Member Paul Pecora



Dahlia Shows







Long Island Dahlia Society

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Resource 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
 Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural Society
<http://www.bcahs.net>

Saturday Mornings at the 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. The shows are held in the lower level of the Carriage House at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Membership

LIDS dues are \$20. You can pay your dues at monthly meetings or mail a check to:

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

New members receive a subscription to our monthly e-newsletter and three (3) free tubers in when they available in the spring.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held year round, on the third Thursday of the month at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum, located at:

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 Great River, NY 11739
 Set GPS to these either address:
 Great River Rd & NY-27A (Montauk Hwy), or
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