

KITSAP COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY

JULY 2005



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY'S MEETING- ISN'T!

Our annual **SUMMER PICNIC** will be held on **July 17th**.....

Don't forget **Saturday, July 16th from 10-3** will be the **Federation Summer Workshop** at Faith Lutheran Church, 6620 NE 185th, Kenmore. It is about 30 minutes from the Edmonds ferry terminal. It will include information of putting together arrangements and baskets and information on the most recent definitions for anemones and peonies. Participants should bring a sack lunch or plan to go out for lunch.

The **Judging Workshops** will be held at **10AM** on **Saturday, July 23rd** in **Tacoma** at **Connell's Dahlias** on Waller Road and at the **Senior Citizens Center in Mount Vernon**. **Note:** This will be the **LAST** opportunity to have **Dave and Leone Smith** as instructors (they'll be at Connell's). This workshop is highly recommended for all levels of judges, clerks and those wishing to know just what judges are looking for in the shows. New clerk sheets have been prepared by Terry Schroeder to match the changes in the numbering system. Attending this workshop will provide an opportunity to practice using them.

Reserve **July 30th from 9 AM to 2 PM** for the Poulsbo's farmers' market where we will be telling others about

our dahlia society and displaying the great diversity of forms of our favorite flower.

Start grooming your best blooms for our 81st KCDS dahlia show on **August 6th & 7th**. Set-up for the show will be at **4 PM on Friday, August 5th**. Volunteer opportunities also exist for **clerking** the show, greeting visitors at the **information booth**, helping Madeline West with the **food**, or **clean-up** on **Sunday, August 7th beginning at 5 PM**.

Joan Hagerman is busily organizing our members garden tours for **August and September from 5 PM until dusk**. Please see her at the upcoming picnic or at our show for a calendar and maps to the participating gardens (see note on next page).

DON'T FORGET to sign up for one week periods to maintain the Post Office Garden for our public's enjoyment. Sign-up sheets will be available at our picnic and at our show. Remember, it's YOUR club garden. Please volunteer for a week of stewardship. Meet the public who are always so impressed with our blooms.

IT'S JULY

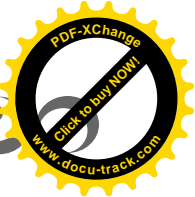
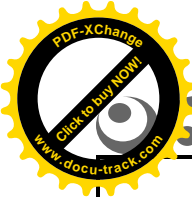
it must be time to:

To boost bloom production, use a **0-10-10 fertilizer** (low in nitrogen, high in phosphorous and potassium).

Disbud lateral buds, **trim off** the leaves from the stem up to about 1 foot from the ground to allow for good air circulation, and as your dahlias grow **tie** them to support stakes.

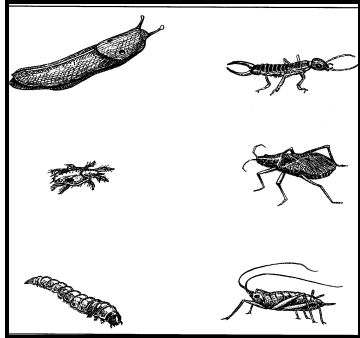
Be on guard for critters: **slugs, earwigs, aphids, leafhoppers**. Note: baby frogs are a most welcome visitor to your blooms as they dine on these most unwelcome guests.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW KCDS WEBSITE
www.kitsapdahlias.org
Created and Maintained by Larry Sukut



**Become a member
and see
what this
mysterious
box holds!**

Useful web sites with links:
www.Dahlias.net
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**Most
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Our Last Meeting

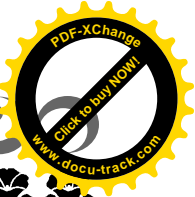
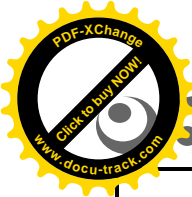
At the June 16th meeting, Richard Tailleir and Chet Haus presented a multi-faceted program. Slug control was discussed with safe versions: Sluggo, Worry-free, chemical quick kill: Deadline and the 100% natural: ducks. They also demonstrated how to stage blooms at a show using the Judging Hand Book, the old and the new color chart and the new numbering system for the horticultural section of the Show Book.

Raffle winners were as follows: Ted & Marilyn Buila and Dutch Boerger-Japanese Cucumber starts, Monica Tailleir's sister-jam and tape measure, Ebeth Ellis-hose saver and spray nozzle, Eric Anderson-set of gardening tools, Ebeth Ellis (again)-Miracle Grow, Monica's sister (again)-garden tool pouch, Terry Schroeder-garden stakes, Eric Anderson (again) who gave chance at another draw to Ted & Marilyn Buila (again) who gave chance at another draw to Ebeth Ellis (again, again)-a corner garden caddy and to Kim Schleis went a cash award of \$10. Editor's note: Some people have all the luck and then there are the rest of us!

Notice the new cabinet at the grange? Our thanks go to Richard and Monica Tailleir for donating this future home of our KCDS library so it can be more accessible to our members.

Our Heartfelt Best Wishes and Thoughts Go to Sally Paulus and Leone Smith For speedy recoveries From recent surgeries

OOPS!!
On the map to Dave and Leone Smith's home, the date should be August 18, 2005. Please correct this before you show up to a potluck that has already been!



Flower Show

Judges at a flower show use a universal point system to determine prize-winners. Familiarity with it will improve your score.

Exhibit :

- Is not poisonous to the touch 1
- Lacks thorns and spines 1
- Does not cause sneezing 1
- Does not produce stains and blisters 1
- Appears to be alive 1
- Is not a gladiolus 5
- Is not a violet 5
- Is not a rose 5

Lunch :

- Originality 5
- Edibility 20

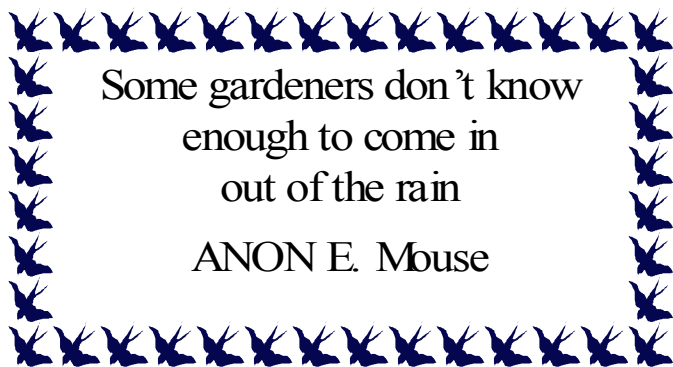
Refreshments :

- Quality 10
- Quantity 20

Bonus Points :

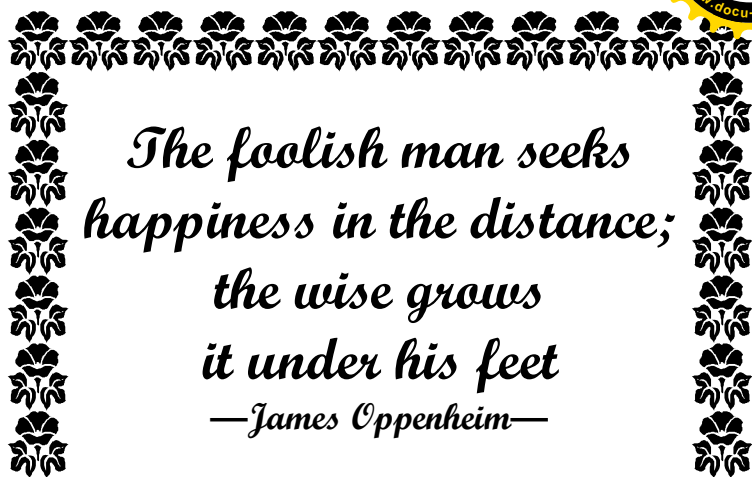
- Subtlety of cash transfer 5
- Firm palm contact 5
- Currency folded neatly 5
- Naturalness during transaction 5
- Dollar amount 50

From *A Gardener's Dictionary*
by Henry Beard and Roy McKie 1982



Some gardeners don't know
enough to come in
out of the rain

ANON E. Mouse



*The foolish man seeks
happiness in the distance;
the wise grows
it under his feet*

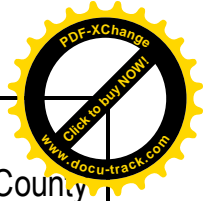
—James Oppenheim—



The Dahlia Dilemma

I am a dahlia grower, yes, this I do confess
I like to think my lovely dahlias rank among the best
I do all that I can each year to help my dahlias grow
So I can show them off at the annual Dahlia Show!
I've done my best to water and to feed and fertilize
Hoping that my dahlias would one day win a prize
I had some rotten luck last year.
I don't want that again!
The day before the dahlia show,
My blooms were drenched with rain!
The year before, I had a perfect bloom,
I'm sad to say
Sad—because the dahlia show was still
three days away!
I tried to keep it beautiful,
to keep the stem from tilting
But even as I propped it up,
the petals started wilting.
This year, I did not enter.
My dahlias weren't mature,
But I went to the show that day, and oh,
you can be sure,
When I saw all the lovely blooms
the other people grew,
I felt a little envious, I do admit it's true.
When I came home from having seen
that dazzling display,
I glanced into my garden, for I'd been away all day,
And there, spread out before me,
as lovely as could be
A sea of perfect dahlias were smiling up at me!
--m. brown---





Our sincerest sympathies go to Marnie on the June 13th passing of her husband, Lewis Bloom.

He was the originator of all the Bloom's dahlias (18 at last count) including Bloom's Kehala and Bloom's Wildwood.

His absence at this year's dahlias shows will be felt by all.

Per Dave Smith, Louie was THE original curmudgeon and together with his wife they became the FIRST Dahlia couple of the Federation. After joining the Federation, Louie rose to become it's President.

Looking for:

People to help classify dahlias at the Kitsap County Fair-August 22 from noon-8 PM.

Dahlia Judges (a first) to judge the dahlias at the Kitsap County Fair-August 23 from 11:30-? (lunch is provided)

KCDS members to exhibit their best blooms at the fair this year. Please bring your blooms to the fairgrounds August 22 from noon-8 PM and remember **after** the judging feel free to replace spent blooms during the duration of the fair.

Check out the June 2005 issue of the ADS Bulletin for the article written by Chet Haus describing our club activities. We merit a full page spread (page 106 is all ours).

Dave and Leone Smith have the foam!

Please pick your order up at our club picnic, and make your checks payable to KCDS (of course cash will be gladly accepted). Cost is approximately \$20/bag. For partial orders please bring appropriately sized bags.



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