

# KITSAP COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY

AUGUST 2006

## EVENTS COMING UP, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **AUGUST'S MEETING ISN'T, BUT.... OUR 82nd KCDS DAHLIA SHOW IS!**

**Note:** Due to all the opportunities for showing off your prize-winning blooms.....there will be NO meeting scheduled for August. The next meeting will be September 21st. September's meeting will be a mini dahlia show, where members may bring one staged bloom / person. October's meeting will be on digging, dividing and storing tubers for the winter.

### RESERVE THESE SHOW DATES

- August 12+13 GHDS Show, Grays Harbor Fairgrounds, Elma.
- August 12+13 SVDS Show, Skagit Valley Gardens, Mt. Vernon.
- August 19+20 SCDS Show, Floral Hall, Forest Park, Everett
- August 26+27 PSDA Show, Factoria Mall, Bellevue
- September 2+3 VDS Show, VanDusen Gardens, Vancouver B.C.
- September 2+3 PDS Show, Portland, OR
- September 9+10 SSSA Show, Show, Bark & Garden Center, Olympia
- September 9+10 WCDS Show, Bloedel-Donovan Park, Bellingham
- September 14-17 40th ADS National Dahlia Show, The Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, New York
- September 16+17 FVDS Show, Aldergrove Mall, Aldergrove, B.C.
- September 23+24 PRDS Show, CanWest Mall, Victoria, B.C.

### **Garden Tour Schedule**

#### **August**

**Eric and Janet Anderson, Wed. 2nd was a success**

**Ebeth Ellis, Wed. 9th @ 5:30 PM**

**Gary Johnson, Wed. 16th @ 5 PM**

**Merle Stedman, Fri. 18th @ 5 PM**

**Bob and Terry Schroeder, Wed. 23rd @ 5:30 PM**

**Dave and Leone Smith, Thur. 31st @ 5 PM**

#### **September**

**Beth Taylor, Wed. 6th @ 4:30 PM**

**Kim Schleis, Wed. 13th @ 5 PM**

It's August  
It must be Time  
to:  
SHOW

Best of luck!

Please tell me of your successes or publishable funny/memorable experiences during the show season, and I will put them in the September and October newsletter.

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\* **Cultivation: The** \*  
\* **only sure** \*  
\* **method of re-** \*  
\* **moving weeds is** \*  
\* **by "working the** \*  
\* **soil" with fork,** \*  
\* **spade, or hoe to** \*  
\* **loosen the roots.** \*  
\* **With stubborn** \*  
\* **weeds, however,** \*  
\* **it's best to "live** \*  
\* **and let live" and** \*  
\* **simply label the** \*  
\* **offending plant** \*  
\* **with its Latin** \*  
\* **name and mod-** \*  
\* **estly accept** \*  
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## **YOUR 2005-2006 OFFICERS**

President: Eric Anderson 698-1330  
Vice President: (programming) Beth Taylor 620-3808  
Recording Secretary: (minutes) Ebeth Ellis 479-5635  
Corresponding Secretary: (newsletter)  
Peta-Maree Lamb 598-4581  
Treasurer: (membership, financial, publications)  
Bill Jones 297-2134  
Trustees:  
Tom Kramer 394-1848  
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ADS Representative: Chet Haus 307-0383  
Federation Representative: Richard Tailleir 871-1741

Contact any of these people regarding club events or for answers to dahlia gardening questions. {Note, all the Officer's phone numbers begin with the prefix (360)}. The Regular Board Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM . The General KCDS Meetings are at 7 PM on the third Thursday of the month at the Crystal Grange (with the exception of July, August and January). BOTH meetings are open to all. Note: If you have an item for discussion, please contact Eric and he will put you on the agenda. If you have an item for the newsletter PLEASE contact Peta or e-mail her at [lambp@comcast.net](mailto:lambp@comcast.net).

Useful web sites with links:  
[www.Dahlias.net](http://www.Dahlias.net) , [www.Dahlia.org](http://www.Dahlia.org)  
and our own web site,  
[www.KitsapDahlias.org](http://www.KitsapDahlias.org)  
Web Master: Larry Sukut 769-5458

**THANK YOU  
KIM AND  
MIKE  
SCHLEIS  
FOR  
HOSTING  
OUR ANNUAL  
KCDS PICNIC,  
IT WAS  
FABULOUS!**

## **KCDS Picnic in July**

Was the only one missing at our annual KCDS picnic you? Boy, did you miss out on not only good eats but outstanding presentations. We had perfect weather and a record attendance (45 is my best count as everyone kept moving).

Among the many epicurean delights offered were: hamburgers, hot dogs, shrimp on skewers, sushi, several varieties of potato salad and Cole slaw, baked beans and three bean salad, Mexican layered dip, cherries and watermelon, fruit tart by Beth, Her infamous "almost death by chocolate" by Pat Sibon, Dutch's rhubarb cake, angle food cake with toasted coconut (for Mike). Makes one wonder if KCDS stands for keeping (count of) calories is a dirty shame!

Eric and Janet Anderson began the educational portion of our picnic by showing how one would go about preparing a basket of dahlias for show. Thank heavens the Joneses did not dig up their tubers last year, as they brought many dahlia blooms, even A sized . Mike Paulus, standing in for Chet Haus, demonstrated the finer points of staging for a show ( Dutch was given the spotlight for staging triples). The delineation of duties prior to showing was revealed by the Pauluses. Fuzzy Kirkpatrick and Beth Taylor were at the end of Kim's house spray painting cans for show containers for those members who were new to showing. Shredded foam was also provided for staging in hopes that those who have never showed, will.

## Worker Bees being solicited for:

Help with the club garden through the summer and early fall

Digging of the club garden Oct. 28th

Dividing of the club's tubers Nov. 4th

Packing of the club's tubers Nov. 8th

## Members, Please Step UP

Please think about serving on the 2006-2007 KCSD Board beginning November for the following open positions :

**Corresponding Secretary** (Newsletter)  
(see Peta-Maree Lamb for details)

**Recording Secretary** (Minutes)  
(see Ebeth Ellis for details)

### **Trustee**

And on the following:

### **Tuber Sale Committee**

(see Pat Paulsen for details)

### **Club Garden Planting Committee**

(see Beth Taylor for details)

Nominations for positions accepted at September's meeting, voting for the 2006-2007 KCDS Board Officers will be at the October's meeting.

### A Few Recommended Dahlia Books:

**Dahlias: A monthly Guide**, published by the Puget Sound Dahlia Association, 48 pages, many color photos, available from Bill Jones for \$5.

**Raising Beautiful Dahlias the Easy Way**, an 80 page guide edited by Richard Peters MD, various dahlia authors are contributors, an ADS publication, See Ebeth Ellis to order. \$6.00

**The Gardener's Guide to Growing Dahlias**, Gareth Rowlands, 160 pages, 84 color photos. \$19.95 order from [www.Timberpress.com](http://www.Timberpress.com).

**Encyclopedia of Dahlias**, Bill McClaren, 212 pages, 855 color photos. \$39.95 order from [www.Timberpress.com](http://www.Timberpress.com).

## 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---

## 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

### **Kim's Farmer's Market update:**

Well there wasn't as many people coming to the market this past Saturday (July 29th) as last year. But, we still had many folks stopping by the booth and many coming to the show on Saturday (August 5th). We had plenty of blooms, Beth and I cut at the post office, Road House and at Kirkpatrick's on Friday night. Then Marcia Mack and Bill & Nancy brought blooms. So we were in good shape. Pat was OK!!!! That women can talk! She was MIA for about an hour, then I realized she was up at Paula Strid's booth

**Thank you Jim Sibon for the excellent job of advertising our show. We were covered in all the local papers and with the activity directors of all the local nursing homes. You certainly drove the extra mile! We even had an article in the Sun advising people to come and "smell" the dahlias! There were many visitors to the show that did just that!**

**On behalf of the show awards committee (Beth Taylor, Tom Kramer, and myself) I would like to thank those members who assisted with the awards. Some members provided personal awards and some approached businesses for contributions and still others helped with the organization of the awards for presentation. Thanks to all of you for your help.**

**Wanda Novak**

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\* Thank you to Terry Schroeder \*  
\* and all her worker bees who \*  
\* worked so hard to put on the \*  
\* show. \*  
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**Thank you to everyone who showed,  
and congratulations to everyone who won.  
See you next year!**

A **BIG** KCDS thank you to:  
Kim Schleis, Beth Taylor, Bill & Nancy Jones, Wanda Novak, and Pat Paulsen for manning the booth at the Farmer's Market, and to Marcia Mack and all for providing blooms. Our club was well represented and a fun time was had by all.

# KCDS Member-Winners at our Show

## Award

Best Dahlia in Show  
 Best Triple Dahlia in Show  
 Best Single Giant (AA)  
 Best Triple Giant (AA)  
 Best Single Large (A)  
 Best Single Large-Novice  
 Best Single Large-Amateur  
 Best Single Large-Open  
 Best Single Medium-Novice  
 Best Triple Medium (B)  
 Best Single Ball (BA)  
 Best Triple Ball (BA)  
 Best Single Miniature Ball (MB)  
 Best Triple Miniature Ball  
 Best Triple Stellar (ST)  
 Best Single Collarette (CO)  
 Best Triple Collarette (CO)  
 Best Single Novelty Double (NX)  
 Best Undisseminated Single Entry  
 Best Collarette (C) Basket  
 Best Mixed Basket  
 Best Novice Basket  
 Best Basket of Show  
 Best Amateur Dahlia of the Year  
 Best Smith Origination  
 Best Washington Origination  
 Floating Dahlia  
 Best Dahlia & Animal Photo  
 Best Novice Arrangement

## Bloom

Hamari Accord  
 Chimacum Troy  
 Inland Dynasty  
 Inland Dynasty  
 Kenora Jubilee  
 Spartacus  
 Kenora Jubilee  
 Kenora Jubilee  
 Light Accord  
 Ruskin Andrea  
 Jessie G  
 Mary's Jomanda  
 Ms. Kennedy  
 Chimacum Troy  
 Tahoma Crystal  
 Hootenaney  
 Sean C  
 Valley Porcupine  
 Seedling # 50457  
 Alpen Cherub/Teesbrook Red Eye  
 mixed  
 mixed  
 mixed  
 Valley Porcupine  
 Chimacum Troy  
 Camano Susan  
 Taratahi Sunrise  
 Frog in Dahlia  
 New Year's Day

## Exhibitor

Don Filand (not KCDS member)  
 Chet Haus  
 Ken & Marilyn Walton  
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 Ken & Marilyn Walton  
 Kay Capps  
 Eric & Janet Anderson  
 Ken & Marilyn Walton  
 Beth Taylor  
 Ken & Marilyn Walton  
 Loney Kennedy  
 Ken & Marilyn Walton  
 Loney Kennedy  
 Chet Haus  
 Ken & Marilyn Walton  
 Eric & Janet Anderson  
 Chet Haus  
 David & Leone Smith  
 David & Leone Smith  
 Janet Anderson  
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 Eric & Janet Anderson  
 Howard (Dutch) Boerger  
 David & Leone Smith  
 Eric & Janet Anderson  
 Kim Schleis  
 Madeline West

## Section Winners:

Large Triple  
 Triple Medium  
 Single Small  
 Triple Small  
 Triple Miniature  
 Triple Ball  
 Single Pom  
 Single Pom  
 Triple Pom  
 Single Stellar  
 Single Collarette  
 Single Orchid  
 Triple Orchid

Kenora Jubilee  
 Lois V  
 Camano Susan  
 Camano Puff  
 Barberry Red Baron  
 Mary's Jomanda  
 Chimacum Pumpkin  
 Glenplace  
 Yellowbaby  
 Parkland Frosted Plum  
 Sean C  
 Marie Schnugg  
 Marie Schnugg

Eric & Janet Anderson  
 Howard Boerger  
 David & Leone Smith  
 Eric & Janet Anderson  
 Howard Boerger  
 Howard Boerger  
 Genevieve Gardipe  
 Beth Taylor  
 Howard Boerger  
 James Kirkpatrick  
 Bob & Terry Schroeder  
 Beth Taylor  
 Eric & Janet Anderson

Gardening, I told myself, is the most sociable of hobbies. The very nature of one's field of activities demands an audience.

No one wants flowers to blush unseen.....

—Barbara Cheney—

**KCDS Medal to be given at the National Show**

Presented for the best David and Leone Smith Origination, will be the Kitsap County Dahlia Society Award (our medal and a monetary prize) at the National Show in Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York September 14-18. This award will be donated by the KCDS as a way of thanking our valued members Dave and Leone Smith, originator of 11 Chimacum varieties and 9 Valley originations.

*MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT  
THE WORK*

Members, please sign up for a week tending the club's garden at the Silverdale Post Office.

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