

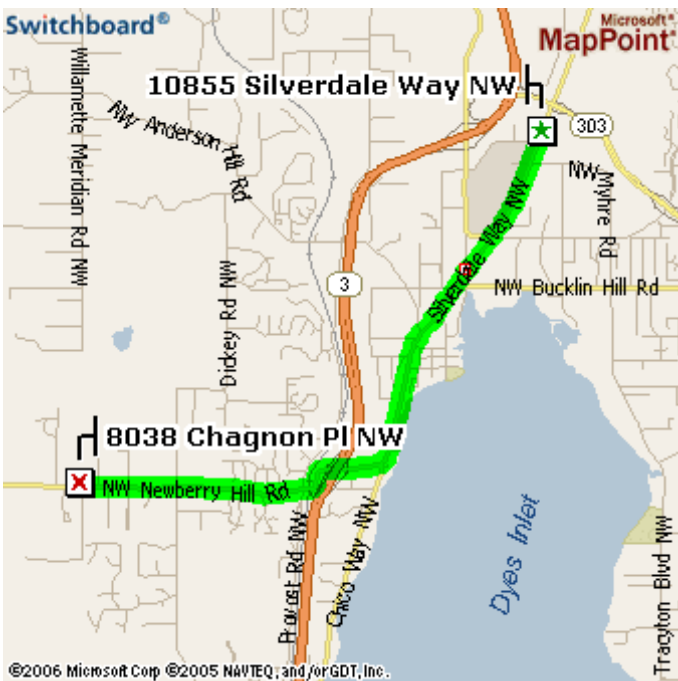
# KITSAP COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY

JULY 2006

## EVENTS COMING UP, SO PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### JULY'S MEETING-ISN'T!

(note, our picnic location has been changed due to the tragic passing of Joe Rettig)



Our annual **SUMMER PICNIC** will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, **July 16th**, at **Kim Schleis' home**, at 8038 NW Chagnon Place, Silverdale, phone # (360) 613-2882.

From the Silverdale Post Office (Club Garden), go SW on Silverdale Way NW until it becomes NW Newberry Hill Rd, **OR** take the Newberry Hill Rd. exit off of **Hwy. 3**. Turning right, proceed up the hill and turn **RIGHT** on Chagnon Place NW (look for the sign board on Newberry Hill Rd. stating KCDS Picnic) and end at **8038 Chagnon Place NW**. Our hosts will

be **you**, please bring a salad, side-dish or dessert to share with fellow members. The club will provide hamburgers, plates, eating implements and soda. If you know you are coming please RSVP to Bill & Nancy Jones so they might have an idea as to how much food to purchase. Please bring large cans to spray paint black for show containers. Shredded foam will be available for first time show-ers. At the picnic will be a demonstration of staging flowers and making baskets for our show .

### 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) or use compost tea.

**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.

Start grooming those plants for the best possible show blooms (see Leone's article on timing for shows, page 2 in June's newsletter).

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.

Note: This will be the last snail mailed issue unless (1) you do not have an email address or (2) you notify either Peta-Maree Lamb or Bill Jones PRIOR to August 1st.

## **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

Joan Hagerman 876-0518

Pat Paulsen 698-0123

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 [lamb@comcast.net](mailto:lamb@comcast.net).

Useful web sites with links:

[www.Dahlias.net](http://www.Dahlias.net) , [www.Dahlias.org](http://www.Dahlias.org)

and our own web site,

[www.KitsapDahlias.org](http://www.KitsapDahlias.org)

with links to other web sites.

### June's meeting

Bob Schroeder gave a DVD presentation on our 2005 Show. He took us through the show set-up, the judges' meeting, lunch by Madeline West, checking out the 2,005 blooms and the winning entries, the Head Table, and the award ceremony. A few of our KCDS member winners were: Dave and Leone Smith, Tim Pitts, Eric Anderson, Bob and Terry Schroeder, Lonie Kennedy, Chet Haus, Ed Redd, Dutch Boeringer (peoples' choice with his blue dahlia), Gary Johnson, Madeline West, Peta-Maree Lamb, Richard and Monica Tailleir and Beth Taylor.

Ebeth Ellis and Monica Tailleir ran our raffle after the break. Nancy Jones was the first winner receiving a flower whirly-gig. Beth Taylor won a 3-candles and holder. Janet Anderson went home with a hose reel. Joe Randall will have to find room in his garden for a purple aster, as will Bob Majors for his Shasta daisy, likewise Eileen Hume with hers. Michelle Roe, a first time visitor, took home a day lily as did Bill Jones. A Siberian Iris was won by Jim Sibon. Darrell Hume won \$5 cash (enough to pay for his raffle tickets).

## RESERVE THESE UPCOMING DATES

**July 15, Sat. Federation Summer Workshop**  
9 AM -3 PM AM Faith Lutheran Church,  
**North Seattle.** Contact Richard Tailleir  
or Bob Schroeder for more details.

**July 16, Sun.** our annual **KCDS picnic 3 PM**  
at Kim Schleis' home in Silverdale.  
Flower staging and basket making  
demonstrations will be featured.

**July 22, Sat. Federation Judges' Training  
workshop, 9 AM-3 PM** in **Tacoma** at  
Connell's Dahlia Farm. Contact Richard  
Tailleir or Bob Schroeder for more  
information.

**July 29, Sat. Farmers Market in Poulsbo** from  
**9AM-1PM.** We will have a booth to  
promote our society and advertise for  
our Dahlia Show. Please BYOB (bring  
your blooms, those that won't make it to  
the show) so we can show the great  
diversity of dahlias. Contact Kim Schleis  
or Beth Taylor for more details.

**July 29+30, Sat. + Sun. Washington State  
Dahlia Show,** Freight House Square,  
Tacoma

**August 5&6, Sat. + Sun.** "our" very own **KCDS  
Dahlia Show** at the **Kitsap County  
Fairgrounds,** President's Hall. Contact  
Terry Schroeder for more information.

**August 6, Sun. Trial Garden Judging Work  
shop,** noon at the Trial Garden at Pt.  
Defiance Park, Tacoma.

**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

**More shows and garden tours to come  
in August's newsletter  
and on our web site !!!**

## 16 Reasons to Attend the Dahlia Garden Tours

By Joan Hagerman

1. The WOW Factor: This occurs when you first arrive and all the colors of the dahlias hit your eyes.
2. The Latest and Greatest Factor: You may see new varieties that you want to try next year.
3. The Oldies but Goodies Factor: You may see old varieties that you forgot about and want to grow again.
4. The Design Factor: You will see how club members use dahlias in their landscape or how they like to group them by color or type.
5. The Growing Factor: You can see how club members stake, label, shade and water their dahlias.
6. The Fun Factor: You can see a lovely garden and you don't have to worry about weeding it!
7. The Paw Print Factor: You can see Eric's pups (and Joan's agility dogs-editor)
8. Other Fun Factor: You can visit with other club members and exchange ideas and information.
9. The Show Prep Factor: You can see how members tend the flowers they intend to show (and preview the competition -ed).
10. The Food Factor: At some of the tours food is provided from light snacks to B-B-Q (or bring a sack dinner).
11. The Ease Factor: Maps are provided, all starting from our club garden at the Silverdale Post office.
12. The Gas Factor: If we have enough interest, car pools can be formed.
13. The Envy Factor: You may be able to negotiate with the host for a tuber for next year..... right Pat!
14. The Prize Factor: You may win a tuber of the host's choice in a drawing.
15. The Time Factor: You can drop in for a quick tour or stay for awhile. There is no agenda and no meeting.
16. The Support Factor: This is your chance to support your dahlia club tour host. Remember, they planted, weeded, pinched, mowed, watered, mulched, staked and cleaned hoping you would come and enjoy their gardens.

*Roses are red,*

*Violets are blue;*

*But they don't get around*

*Like the dandelions do!*

*(Should that be KGD's Garden Touring members?)*

*slim Acres*

### **Garden Tour Schedule**

#### **August**

**Eric and Janet Anderson, Wed. 2nd @ 5 PM**

**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, Wed. 30th @ 5 PM**

### **Garden Tour Schedule**

#### **September**

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

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

**Michelle Randall, Fri. 22nd @ 5 PM**

**Maps available at the picnic, at our show  
and at the garden preceding each tour.**

### **Presidents Message**

We have one month to go until our 81st Annual Dahlia Show. Once again it's time for all our club members to step forward and volunteer for many of the jobs Terry Schroeder has to make our show a big success. If you want to help you can either call Terry @ 479-6362, or sign up at the picnic. We also need everyone to seek out cash or merchandise awards.

I am starting to get the show fever as many of my plants are loaded with buds. Rival (MS), Inflammation (MS), and Teesbrook Redeye (CO) were first to show their faces. I look forward to bringing some of my blooms to the picnic where we will have demonstrations of flower staging and basket arranging. I am hoping many of the new members will want to enter their first flowers and catch show fever. See everyone on Sunday, July 16th at Kim Schleis' house.

### **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, originator of 11 Chimacum varieties and 9 Valley originations.

## **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT THE WORK**

Worker Bees still being  
solicited for:

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

And for our show in August:

Members to help set-up on Friday and  
Members to help take down on Sunday,

Members to man our information  
table at the show,

Clerks for Saturday Morning  
of our show,

Potted Plant (dahlia) sellers  
During the show

Helpers for Madeline West with food at  
the show.

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