

KITSAP COUNTY DAHLIA SOCIETY

MAY 2006

HEADS UP, EVENTS COMING UP

Our next regular meeting will be **Thursday, May 18** at the Crystal Grange, 2160 NE Paulson Road, Poulsbo (just off Central Valley Road) beginning at 7 PM.

For the educational program we will have a presentation from Dave Smith on stopping, disbranching and disbudding (and timing for entering shows). For those not interested in exhibiting their blooms, stopping, disbranching and removing dead blooms will extend their growing season, with healthier plants and more bloom production.

Providing goodies for the meeting will be Mike and Sally Paulus

Hope you didn't forget to come and help at the tuber planting of "OUR" Silverdale Post Office Club garden on May 6th.

RESERVE THESE UPCOMING DATES

May 13, Sat. beginning **8 AM for setup** and **10 AM** to man our booth at the **Spring Festival** at the Evergreen Park, **Bremerton**. We will be selling our left over tubers there. Contact Beth Taylor for more information.

July 15, Sat Federation Summer Workshop 9-9:30 AM refreshments, workshop starts at **9:30 AM** Faith Lutheran Church, **North Seattle**. Contact Richard Tailleir or Bob Schroeder for more details.

July 22, Sat. Federation Judges Training workshop, 9 AM-3 PM in **Tacoma** at Connell's. 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 the following week. Please bring your blooms (those that won't make it to the show) so we can show the great diversity of our favorite flower. Contact Kim Schleis or Beth Taylor for more details.

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. Contact Wanda Novak with prize donations. Needed set-up people on Friday late afternoon, clerks for Saturday morning, people to man the information booth both days, food helpers for Madeline West, clean-up Sunday afternoon and of course, you as proud dahlia **showers**.

IT'S MAY

it must be time to:

PLANT !

Your patience has paid off. Just remember the slugs will be hungry so plan accordingly.

A few clever home remedies for thwarting their advances on your precious emerging shoots include:

(A) Used coffee grounds liberally sprinkled on the ground (bad for the slugs, but oh so enjoyed by the earthworms). If you are not much of a caffeine aficionado, Starbucks will be delighted to supply all the used grounds you might desire.

(B) A half-and-half solution of vinegar and water in a spray bottle. Shortly after dark, grab a flashlight and this spray. Pick them off with a little spritz.

(C) 1 can beer, 1 part wheat bran, 1 part dried quack grass blades finely chopped. Mix until the mixture feels like cookie dough, run through a meat grinder, or chop into small "cookies". Let them dry overnight, then sprinkle among your plants.

Getting to know you

Please grab a piece of paper and a pen, answer any or all of these 10 questions and give to Peta either in person, by snail mail or email. Oh, don't forget to give your name (I don't want to incorrectly guess, although other members will have to guess who our featured member is).

1. Birth city and date:
2. Education and jobs held:
3. Spouse and how you met:
4. Children and grandchildren:
5. What got you interested in dahlias?
6. What are your other interests?
7. What is your favorite type of dahlia and its name?
8. How many dahlias will you grow this year?
9. What bit of knowledge would you like to share?
10. Is there anything else that you would like to share about yourself?

Useful web sites with links:
www.Dahlias.net, www.Dahlias.org
and our own web site,
www.KitsapDahlias.org.

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Worker Bees still being
solicited for:

Help with the club garden through the
summer,
Prize securers for our show,
Members to help set-up on Friday
and take down on Sunday,
Members to man our information
table at the show,
Clerks for Saturday Morning
of our show,
Helpers for Madeline West with food
at the show.

If many are called:
Pride of lions
Party of jays
Ostentation of peacocks
Gaggle of geese
Charm of finches
Bed of clams
School of fish
Cloud of gnats
Parliament of owls
Crash of rhinos
Swarm of bees
Herd of horses
Flock of sheep
Pod of whales

Pack of wolves
Covey of quails
Gang of cows

**What would
you call**

Many dahlias?
Many tubers?
A gathering of the
dahlia demented?

A garden is a grand teacher. It
teaches patience and careful
watchfulness; it teaches
industry and thrift; above all
it teaches entire trust
Gertrude Jekyll

April's Plant Auction a Blooming Success

Eric Anderson served as the most persuasive auctioneer, with Dave Smith delivering the goods. Eric teased the dahlia-crazed members by offering the plants first. Chet Haus could hardly contain himself waiting for the Smith's cutting to go on the auction block.

Zorina Bleau and Beth Taylor were the first successful bidders taking home pots of Siberian Iris. Barb Furumori snapped up a Hosta while Joan Hagerman took home an ecinicia (purple cone flower) to her garden. Leone Smith was delighted with her 9 blooming pansy bedding plants (all that could fit in her box), Betty Germano took home the remaining 6 plants. 2 coleus went to Sally Paulus, 2 went to Jean Gardipe. Wanda's guest, Becky Marshall, successfully bid on 2 four packs of lettuce. Geri Hammargren now has a orange daylily to plant in her garden. Lavender spiked bee attracting flower, Gay Feather, was snatched up by Nancy Jones (no doubt for Bill's bees), Betty Germano and Joe Retting. A salmon colored hardy fuchsia will now reside in Barb Furumori's garden. The rather invasive 15 starts of euphorbia (spelling ???) went to Zorina Bleau, with Bob Schroeder offering his maple tree to go with it (evidently it will even grow under this tree). Beth Taylor added Shasta Daisies to her garden. Various tomato plant starts (red grape, 1st Lady II, yellow pear, Siberian and Oregon Springs) were taken by Spring-starved Betty Germano, Sally Paulus, Chet Haus, Larry Sukut, Geri Hammargren and Ebeth Ellis (who almost lost hers due to Nancy Jones' diligence in cleaning the hall after the meeting).

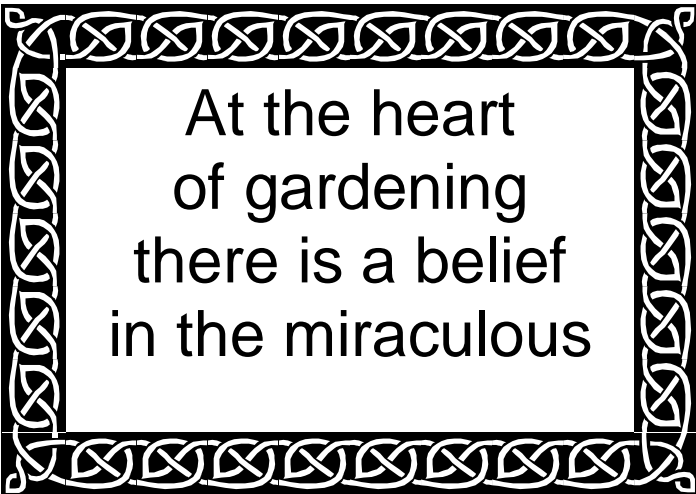
Finally Chet Haus' patience was rewarded (although he was out-bid), the dahlia starts went on the auction block. Camano Susan went to Geri Hammargren, Chimacum Kathleen to Zorina Bleau, Narrows Tricia to Monica Tailleir, Clearview Irene to Zorina Bleau as a gift to Monica Tailleir, and Alpen Diamond to Richard Tailleir.

Of course there were numerous tubers to bid on. Two of Les Connell's introductions were offered with Tralune Biune (spelling ??) going to Terri Schroeder and Joey Ingrid to Geri Hammargren. Woodlands Uptown Girl went home with Fred Nelson, Willie Willie to Linda Hallett, Alpen Mandy to Bob Major and Sharky once again to Fred Nelson. Alpen Pearl was won by Geri Hammargren, and Apple Blossom went home with

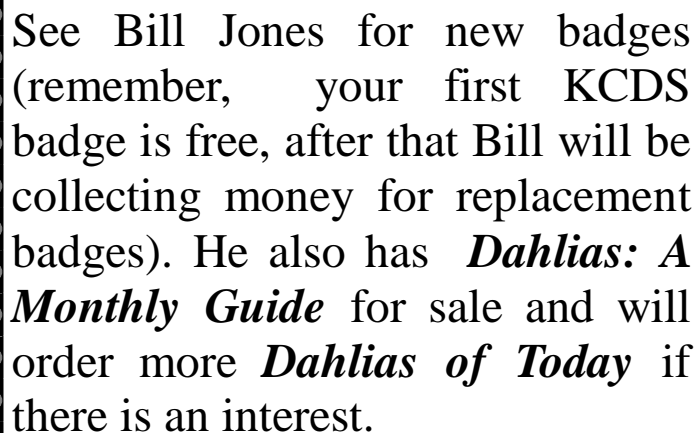
Linda Hallett. Four Chimacum Katy tubers were divided among Gene Gardipe, Fred Nelson, Joan Haggerman and Becky Marshall. Three embrace went to Geri Hammargren, while the remaining one was taken home by Gene Gardipe. All 4 Chilson's Pride went to Geri Hammargren, Barb Furumori took Pam Howden, Alpen Cherub resulted in a bidding war between Zorina Bleau and Linda Hallett until Zorina pointed out that she was buying it for Linda and to stop raising the bid price. The rose bush Macy's Pride (noted by Wanda as good deer food) went to Zorina Bleau. A tuber of Chimacum Pumpkin was successfully bid on by Linda Hallett, Mike Bohnstedt took home Golden Star. For the final offering, two tubers of Jenny were offered, with Gene Gardipe and Mike Bohnstedt each taking home one.

Any errors in describing who got what is solely due to the fast paced auction action and the desire of all to go home after a very long meeting.

For all our frivolity, we raised \$280.50 which will go toward prizes at our August 5th + 6th show.



At the heart
of gardening
there is a belief
in the miraculous



See Bill Jones for new badges (remember, your first KCDS badge is free, after that Bill will be collecting money for replacement badges). He also has *Dahlia's: A Monthly Guide* for sale and will order more *Dahlia's of Today* if there is an interest.

President's report

This month our president had nothing to submit. However, be sure to ask him about the latest adventures of Elmo and Bentley.

Don't forget to start soliciting donations for our show in August. Please contact Wanda Novak if you have any donations for prizes or need donation forms for businesses.

Dutch's Rhubarb Cake

1 cup sugar

5 cups rhubarb cut in small pieces

1 pkg strawberry or raspberry Jell-O

Miniature marshmallows

1 yellow cake mix

Spread rhubarb over the bottom of a 13" pan. Spread sugar and Jell-O over the rhubarb. Cover the above with miniature marshmallows. Prepare yellow cake mix according to directions. Pour prepared cake mix over marshmallows.

Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes.

ENJOY!!!



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