



KCDS Newsletter

July 2011

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"KCDS SUMMER PICNIC"

This SUNDAY, July 17th 2pm until...
(No General Meeting this month)

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Please bring a dish to share. Ribs and Salmon will be provided. Extra chairs are always welcome.

We hope to have some flower staging demonstrations that would be extremely helpful to new

members getting ready for their first show! Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to participate!

The KCDS Show August 6th and 7th!

Dates to Remember:

- * July 17th - 2 PM
KCDS Picnic
- * July 23rd - 8 AM to 9 AM
Federation Board Meeting - Mt. Vernon Senior Center -
- * July 23rd - 9 AM to 3 PM
Summer Federation Workshop, Mt. Vernon Senior Center,
- * July 30th - 9 AM to 3 PM
Judge's Workshop Mt. Vernon Senior Center
- * July 30th - 9 AM to 3 PM
Judge's Workshop, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Olympia, WA
- * August 5th 4-6pm
Show set-up President's Hall
- * August 6th & 7th -
KCDS Show, President's Hall

IT'S COMING! Yes you well know by now it's our **KCDS SHOW** August 6th and 7th, 2011.

If you did not have an opportunity to sign up yet to help on the weekend please feel free to help anyway. We need each of you. (Many hands make light work.)

Genevieve Gardipe (360-871-5389) can use more help at the Hospitality Table. Do consider greeting guests as they arrive to enjoy the blooms. No experience is required to help out at the table.

Your help can also be used at the set up August 5th at 5 o'clock at the President's Hall, and on August 7th after the show closes.

At the picnic, Sunday July 17th, there will be an opportunity to learn more about staging dahlias for the show. Eric Anderson and Mike Paulus will share their skills and to answer questions. Please bring any blooms you may have so we'll have some to stage.

Pat Paulson has clerked for several years and will be on

hand to share what clerking is. We will have the new clerk sheets. This is an excellent way to begin to learn what judging is all about and to learn the various kinds of blooms and their classification.

Thanks ahead of time for volunteering in one or more of the areas for the show. Working side by side with each other is a great way to get to know each other better. This is your club.

The Show Committee

KCDS 2011 Officers

President: Drew Brant

830-4137 Cell: 473-3131

Vice President (programs):

Eric Anderson 698-1330

Recording Secretary (minutes):

Nancy Jones 297-2134

Corresponding Secretary

(newsletter): Wendy Brant

830-4137 Cell: 473-7667

Treasurer (financial, membership, publications): Bill Jones 297-2134

Trustees:

Wanda Novak 692-4829

Joan Hagerman 876-0518

Gary Johnson 698-2427

ADS Representative: Leone Smith

Federation Representative: Drew Brant

Contact any of these persons regarding club events (note all officers' phone numbers begin with the prefix (360).

Regular Board Meetings

Held at 7 PM on the 1st or 2nd Tuesday of the month at:

Linda's Knit & Stitch

3382B NW Carlton

Silverdale, WA 98383

<http://www.lindasknitstitch.com/directions.html>

1. From State Route 3, turn East on Newberry Hill Road.
2. Where Newberry Hill Road curves north, the name changes to Silverdale Way.
3. Turn right on Carlton (the first street on the right after the traffic light)
4. Linda's Knit N Stitch is the last building on the left on Carlton St. Off Street Parking is available behind the building.

2011 Board Meeting Dates

12 July

9 August

6 September

4 October

1 Nov.

General Meetings

Held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM with the exception of July—Club Picnic and August—Club Show) at:

Crystal Grange

2160 NE Paulson Rd,

Poulsbo, WA 98370

1. From State Rout 3, turn East on Wagga Way toward East Bremerton
2. Get off on Central Valley Road exit turn North (right) on Central Valley
3. Turn right on Paulson Road
4. Winding road about 2 miles on your left near the end of the road.

BOTH meetings are open to all. If you have an item for discussion, please contact Drew Brant by the Tuesday before the meeting and he will put you on the agenda. If you have an article or item for the newsletter, please contact Wendy Brant at the meeting, via phone or e-mail at wkbrant@aol.com. **Items are due be the end of the month for the following month.**

News from the Board

ROADHOUSE NURSERY

Please think about visiting this small business who supports KCDS. They have a great selection, good prices and are very knowledgeable!

Refreshment Sign-Up

July: PICNIC—Bob Overly/KCDS Entrée, paper ware and drinks. Club Member's side dishes & deserts!

August: CLUB Show

September: NEED A VOLUNTEER

October: NEED A VOLUNTEER

MAYHEM IN THE GARDEN

by David Smith

This may be considered a test of your mental competency. If any of this makes sense to you psychoanalysis is in order. About this time of year those of us who have nothing better to do start breaking off pieces of perfectly good dahlia plants in order to make them better and maybe win something at a dahlia show, or just to show what “with it gardeners” we are. Maybe this has more to do with being a control freak. Anyway here is what I do.

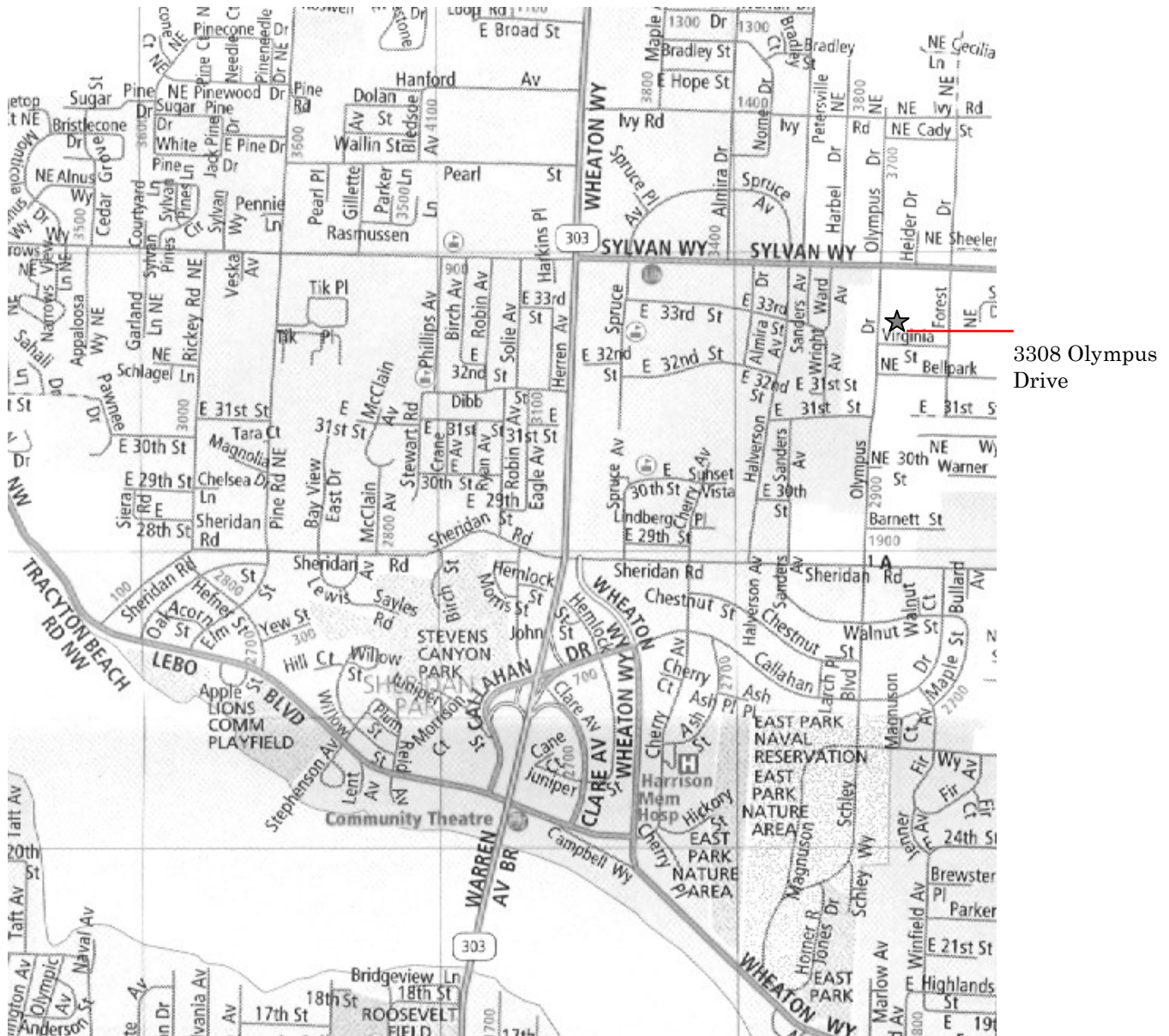
The point of this is to get big perfect blooms and it starts about this time of year with **STOPPING**. This means breaking out the topmost part of the plant, maybe about ½ inch, so that the strength of the plant will flow into the lower part of the bush. Now, there are all sorts of little rules about how to do this, but for plants with large blooms leave fewer sets of leaves. If you are crazy enough to do this, experiment with different plants and see what they produce. If you want a **REALLY EARLY BLOOM** don't break off the leader, but do remove the side branches further down, not the leaves, the side branches.

All of this is about funneling the strength of the plant where you want it. A word about timing (in a normal year) for the Kitsap show disbranching is in order at about 60 to 80 days after topping for the perfect bloom. This depends on the weather so top some earlier, some later and some not at all. Because it has been so cold and wet this spring I would expect to see a lot of terminal blooms brought to the show.

The next step in insanity is called **DISBRANCHING**. This has to do with limiting the number of side branches. Even if you don't stop your plants until they get many sets of leaves you can still limit the number of side branches to any number you please by breaking off the ones you don't want. In general for big blooms leave four side branches. Leave more for smaller blooms and maybe only stop poms and miniatures, but don't disbranch them. A good question is when to disbranch. Keep in mind that the larger the branch you break off the less of the plant's strength is flowing to make great blooms, so disbranch earlier rather than later.

The third part of this is **DISBUDDING**. Later in the season this gets to be an obsession and you will find visitors to your garden disbudding flowers without even knowing it. Most blooms come in triples, a larger center bloom and two side blooms. The center bloom matures a little earlier than the side blooms. Most of us disbud the two side buds and go with the center bud. For a later bloom, maybe a week, go with one of the side buds and remove the other two. There are more potential buds further down the branch that can also be removed, rubbed out. In general the more buds you remove the larger the remaining flower will be. The rule for me is that for large blooms remove every bud on the branch except one. For smaller blooms remove fewer buds, and when you get to poms no buds are removed. Some people do remove the side buds from poms, but others only take them off after cutting the bloom. This is another area that calls for experimentation. Nothing is written in stone.

KCDS PICNIC Directions to 3308 Olympus Drive, Bremerton, WA



3308 Olympus Drive

Directions from Port Orchard

Take Hwy 16 toward Bremerton, stay right and merge onto Hwy 304. Follow road to Burwell (still Hwy 304), turn right and follow Burwell until you come to light at Warren. Turn left onto Warren Ave 11th (also Hwy 303). Stay on Warren Ave. crossing the bridge (the road now becomes Wheaton Way but is still Hwy 303); stay on Wheaton Way until you come to Sylvan Way (2nd light after bridge), turn right onto Sylvan Way. Go up Sylvan Way, at crest of hill (Bataan Park on right) turn right onto Olympus Drive. 3308 Olympus Drive is the 6th house on the left (split rail fence, new house, green roof). The whole trip is only about three miles from the ferry terminal.

Directions from north Kitsap:

Take Hwy 3 south exiting at the E. Bremerton exit (Hwy. 303 south). [This will be the exit after the Trigger Ave. exit.] Take Hwy 303 South, turn left @ Sylvan Way. At crest of hill (Bataan Park on right) turn right onto Olympus Drive. 3308 Olympus Drive is the 6th house on the left (split rail fence, new house, green roof).

Size	Form	White (W)	Yellow (Y)	Orange (O)	Pink (P)	Dark Pink (DP)	Red (R)	Dark Red (DR)	Lavender (L)	Purple (P)	Lt. Blend (LB)	Bronze (BR)	Flame (FI)	Dark Blend (DB)	Variegated (V)	Bicolor (Bi)
AA	FD	0001	0002	0003	0004	0005	0006	0007	0008	0009	0010	0011	0012	0013	0014	0015
Giant > 10"	ID	0101	0102	0103	0104	0105	0106	0107	0108	0109	0110	0111	0112	0113	0114	0115
	SC	0201	0202	0203	0204	0205	0206	0207	0208	0209	0210	0211	0212	0213	0214	0215
	C	0301	0302	0303	0304	0305	0306	0307	0308	0309	0310	0311	0312	0313	0314	0315
	IC	0401	0402	0403	0404	0405	0406	0407	0408	0409	0410	0411	0412	0413	0414	0415
	LC	0501	0502	0503	0504	0505	0506	0507	0508	0509	0510	0511	0512	0513	0514	0515
A	FD	1001	1002	1003	1004	1005	1006	1007	1008	1009	1010	1011	1012	1013	1014	1015
Large >8-10"	ID	1101	1102	1103	1104	1105	1106	1107	1108	1109	1110	1111	1112	1113	1114	1115
	SC	1201	1202	1203	1204	1205	1206	1207	1208	1209	1210	1211	1212	1213	1214	1215
	C	1301	1302	1303	1304	1305	1306	1307	1308	1309	1310	1311	1312	1313	1314	1315
	IC	1401	1402	1403	1404	1405	1406	1407	1408	1409	1410	1411	1412	1413	1414	1415
	LC	1501	1502	1503	1504	1505	1506	1507	1508	1509	1510	1511	1512	1513	1514	1515
B	FD	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Medium >6-8"	ID	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115
	SC	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215
	C	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315
	IC	2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2414	2415
	LC	2501	2502	2503	2504	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510	2511	2512	2513	2514	2515
BB	FD	3001	3002	3003	3004	3005	3006	3007	3008	3009	3010	3011	3012	3013	3014	3015
Small >4-6"	ID	3101	3102	3103	3104	3105	3106	3107	3108	3109	3110	3111	3112	3113	3114	3115
	SC	3201	3202	3203	3204	3205	3206	3207	3208	3209	3210	3211	3212	3213	3214	3215
	C	3301	3302	3303	3304	3305	3306	3307	3308	3309	3310	3311	3312	3313	3314	3315
	IC	3401	3402	3403	3404	3405	3406	3407	3408	3409	3410	3411	3412	3413	3414	3415
	LC	3501	3502	3503	3504	3505	3506	3507	3508	3509	3510	3511	3512	3513	3514	3515
M	FD	4001	4002	4003	4004	4005	4006	4007	4008	4009	4010	4011	4012	4013	4014	4015
Minia- up to 4"	ID	4101	4102	4103	4104	4105	4106	4107	4108	4109	4110	4111	4112	4113	4114	4115
	SC	4201	4202	4203	4204	4205	4206	4207	4208	4209	4210	4211	4212	4213	4214	4215
	C	4301	4302	4303	4304	4305	4306	4307	4308	4309	4310	4311	4312	4313	4314	4315
	IC	4401	4402	4403	4404	4405	4406	4407	4408	4409	4410	4411	4412	4413	4414	4415
	LC	4501	4502	4503	4504	4505	4506	4507	4508	4509	4510	4511	4512	4513	4514	4515
> 3.5"	Ball	6001	6002	6003	6004	6005	6006	6007	6008	6009	6010	6011	6012	6013	6014	6015
2-3.5"	Min Ball	6101	6102	6103	6104	6105	6106	6107	6108	6109	6110	6111	6112	6113	6114	6115
up to 2"	Pompon	6201	6202	6203	6204	6205	6206	6207	6208	6209	6210	6211	6212	6213	6214	6215
	Stellar	7001	7002	7003	7004	7005	7006	7007	7008	7009	7010	7011	7012	7013	7014	7015
	Waterlily	7301	7302	7303	7304	7305	7306	7307	7308	7309	7310	7311	7312	7313	7314	7315
	Novelty-doubled	7601	7602	7603	7604	7605	7606	7607	7608	7609	7610	7611	7612	7613	7614	7615
	Peony	8001	8002	8003	8004	8005	8006	8007	8008	8009	8010	8011	8012	8013	8014	8015
	Anemone	8201	8202	8203	8204	8205	8206	8207	8208	8209	8210	8211	8212	8213	8214	8215
	Novelty- open	8601	8602	8603	8604	8605	8606	8607	8608	8609	8610	8611	8612	8613	8614	8615
	Collarets	9001	9002	9003	9004	9005	9006	9007	9008	9009	9010	9011	9012	9013	9014	9015
	Orchid	9201	9202	9203	9204	9205	9206	9207	9208	9209	9210	9211	9212	9213	9214	9215
>2"	Single	9601	9602	9603	9604	9605	9606	9607	9608	9609	9610	9611	9612	9613	9614	9615
up to 2"	Mignon	9701	9702	9703	9704	9705	9706	9707	9708	9709	9710	9711	9712	9713	9714	9715

The KCDS Gardens Are in Full Swing, Are You?

We need volunteers to assist with the upkeep and care of our three club gardens. Perhaps you can help with one closest to you.

- Silverdale Post Office
- Road House Nursery
- Bremerton Post Office

Please call Joan Hagerman 360- 876-0518 to find out what weeks could use some assistance. Or just stop by any location.

Silverdale: (twine under water roof)

Pull a few weeds. Disbud a few blooms. Tie – up a few plants.

Roadhouse:

Mainly pulling weeds.

Bremerton:

Pull a few weeds. Disbud a few blooms. Tie – up a few plants.

Call Drew, Eric or Bob if you have concerns that you are not able to remedy on your own.



KCDS SHOW AWARDS

Do you know of anyone that would like to sponsor a KCDS Show award with a cash or gift prize?

We have many options and openings for someone to adopt the sponsorship of an award.

This needs to be finalized in the next 2 weeks.

Deadline July 22nd!

Please call or contact Wendy Brant

360-473-7667 or
wkbrant@aol.com.

Last Month...The New Classification Chart.

We reviewed and discuss how the new numbering system works, how to use the ADS classification book with the new numbering system & how to fill out your show tags

when entering our show and all the other ADS Shows. Once you have the tools down for classifying a dahlia, you should be able to figure out how to do it for any dahlia

that you don't know the name of. Presented by Eric Anderson.

Please see the insert in this edition of the newsletter!

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Check out the

FACEBOOK page and see who is interested in Dahlias around the country!

We encourage members to post relevant Dahlia information, photos, articles etc...or just stop by and say "Hi"!

We have already been visited by a number of individuals and other Dahlia organizations nationwide! It is amazing where technology can take us!

The KCDS President Drew Brant has challenged every member of the club to help:

- **Grow and mentor the membership**
 - **Promote Volunteerism**
- **Reach out to previous members**

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