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KCDS Newsletter

October 2011

Elections, Tuber Education & General Mtg. Thurs, Oct. 20th at 6PM with a Potluck!

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Dates to

Remember:

- * **October 21st 6pm**
Potluck, Elections
and General Mtg.
- * **October 29th 9am**
Tuber Digging
- * **November 1st 7pm**
Board Meeting
- * **November 5th 9am**
Tuber Dividing
- * **December 15th**
6pm
Christmas Social

We are kicking off the Election Meeting & Tuber Education with a Potluck at 6 pm! If you can, bring your favorite dish to share! KCDS will provide paper ware and some beverages! A great time to mingle with new members and other guests! **Everyone is welcome!**

The potluck will be followed by an introduction of the positions being voted on and the people running for those positions and then the actual election.

The elections will be followed by this months program will focus on digging, dividing and storing your dahl-

ias. Eric Anderson will provide plenty of dahlia clumps to practice the art of tuber dividing for anyone interested. As we have done in the past, all of the club experts will share their proven techniques in dividing and storing this years harvest! that poses a question.

ELECTIONS of NEW OFFICERS!

Below you will see those that are interested or willing to be considered to hold an office on the KCDS Board. As you will notice there are many blanks waiting for YOUR name! Without a Board we can not have a club, please consider volunteering, it takes 2 additional hours per month !

Don't delay call Pat Paulsen today for information or **f you are interested in running: 698-0123**

President: Drew Brant
Vice President:
Treasurer: Bill Jones (TBD)
Recording Secretary:
Corresponding Secretary: Wendy Brant

Trustee (1): Kaile Brant
 Bob Overly
 Madeline West

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 Thursday 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

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

**ELECTIONS for the
2011—2012**

**Will be held during the General
Meeting in October.**

Contact Pat Paulsen if you are interested in running: 698-0123

Refreshment Sign-Up

October: POTLUCK—6pm

November:

December: Christmas Social

January:

February:

From the Greenhouse of the Vice President

It's really hard to believe another dahlia season has come and gone. By month's end many of us will start the process of digging and dividing our favorite dahlia plants. Now is the time to go through your garden and clearly label each plant with the correct name. You should also look closely at each plant and determine if you want to keep around for next year. Was the plant healthy with solid green leaves and sturdy stems? Did the plant grow to the proper height or was it stunted? Did the flowers open correctly, true to form, or did the center open prematurely (blown center)? If the answer to any of the questions was NO, it's time to throw the plant into the compost or **garbage if virus is suspected**. There are many growers out there who can provide new tuber stock of that favorite dahlia you had to toss!

The dahlia show season was very fun for me this year, especially having moved up from Amateur level to the Open level competition. Janet and I had some excellent blooms this year but the number of blooms limited our ability to create the baskets we made in previous years. I competed in five shows and managed to place a few blooms on the Head Table. The summer goes by very quickly when you're on the Federation Show circuit!

I found myself inspecting my dahlias for possible show winners on Thursday and Friday nights, even when I wasn't going to compete that weekend. I would go into the house and tell Janet I have some great blooms this week. She would nod and comment that I had already decided not to exhibit. I'd then wrestle with the decision of what to do and then ask

her to come and look at the blooms. "These are sure winners", I said. The week of the Wenatchee show was really bad for me. I had just come back from a business trip on Thursday and was exhausted. I was determined to go to Wenatchee and had some great blooms ready to cut and stage. Janet looked at me, shook her head and said, "you need an intervention"! I told her she was right (did I say that) and told her I was staying home. I still went through the exercise of cutting some great blooms and staging them just in case. I resorted to Plan B for dahlia showing that week. I asked Wendy and Drew if they could take a few blooms to Wenatchee for me. I staged the flowers, placed the tag on each plant, secured the stems with a bamboo stick, and delivered them to the Brant's by 10 PM. I felt great that my blooms were going to compete.

Volunteers for Tuber Digging, Dividing & Storing

It is Harvest Time and this includes your tubers and the club's tubers.

With many hands this is easier and faster work. Last year we were able to get both the Silverdale Post Office and the Road House Nursery gardens

dug and cleaned in just a few hours with a great group of help! Donuts and coffee was provided and we will plan to do that again this year!

So bring yourselves, a digging tool or clippers for cutting stalks and roots, footwear to keep

your feet dry and gloves if you prefer to use them. We met at the Silverdale Post Office at 9 am and proceeded from there to the Roadhouse and this year we will need to add in the Bremerton Post Office too!

Any questions call Drew Brant 360-830-4137 or 473-3131.

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**Check out the KCDS
FACEBOOK page and
see who is interested
in Dahlias around the
country!**

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

**This is proving to be
a great tool. Take a
look and see who
"likes" us!**

PRESIDENTS MESSEGE

**The KCDS President Drew Brant
wants to congratulate all the Show
Season Winners. What a season it
was with many head table wins for
KCDS from Local to National and
even International shows!**

**Our club gardens look fantastic and
the public has been showering us
with praise. It is all because of the
hard work YOU ALL put forth in the
name of KCDS! Thank you!**

**Kitsap County Dahlia Society
P.O. Box 502
Silverdale, WA 98383-0502**

