

It's September

There must still be time to:

SHOW

—or—

Share your beautiful blooms with friends, neighbors, shut-ins, nursing homes, church, co-workers.....

Become a dahlia hybridizer by gathering dried seed pods from spent blooms. Try your hand at developing never before seedlings for next year's show.

Time to give your precious dahlias a little tough love. Prepare you dahlia tubers for winter storage by "hardening" them off. Limit water, discontinuing all fertilizing and dead-heading of your dahlia plants a month before digging up the tubers.

Our most sincere apologies to Dave and Leone Smith on the name of their winning flower. It should be Chimacum Davi (after their granddaughter) and not Chimacum Davie.

September 2008 KCDS Newsletter

OUR MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 18TH AT THE CRYSTAL GRANGE.

For September 18th's meeting, we will be having our own Andy Babb challenge with Wildwood Marie, so B.Y.O.B. (bring your own bloom) and B.Y.O.C. (bring your own container). Only one staged bloom to be entered per member. All members are invited to compete. There will be \$20 prizes for the best Junior bloom, the best Novice bloom, the best Amateur bloom and the best Open bloom. Wayne Lobaugh will present a Power Point show on his seedlings. He will also serve as one of the judges of our Andy Babb challenge. Please come and share memoirs of your prize winnings at our KCDS Show and other club dahlia shows.

For the October 16th meeting Vice President Tom Kramer will have a hands-on demonstration of proper tuber cutting techniques. In October we will also have the elections for the 2008-2009 Board . Please contact Pat Menge, Starr Elliot or Ebeth Ellis if you would like to place your name on the ballot.

RESERVE THESE UPCOMING DATES

Federation Dates (see Eric Anderson for more information)

- Sept. 6&7** SSDS show, Bark & Garden Center, Olympia
- Sept. 6&7** WCDS show, Bloedel-Donovan Park, Bellingham
- Sept. 12&13** FVDS show, George Preston Recreation Center, Langley, B.C.
- Sept. 18-22** 42nd ADS National Dahlia Show, Longwood Gardens, Kennet Square, Pennsylvania

In light of the cost of gas, why not consider carpooling?

Your 2008 Officers

President: Beth Taylor 620-3808

Vice President (programs): Tom Kramer 895-3606

Recording Secretary (minutes):

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ADS Representative

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Federation Representative

Eric Anderson 698-1330

Contact any of these persons regarding club events (note, all the officers' phone numbers begin with the prefix 360). The Regular Board Meetings are held at 6 PM on the first Thursday of the month. Locations vary so please contact Beth or Tom for the current location. The General Meetings are held at 7 PM at the Crystal Grange off of Central Valley Road in Poulsbo (with the exceptions of July and August). BOTH meetings are open to all. If you have an item for discussion, please contact Beth and she will put you on the agenda. If you have an article or item for the newsletter, PLEASE contact Peta-Maree via phone 598-4581, email at lambsp@comcast.net or in person.

Here is a test to find
whether your mission on earth
is finished: If you are alive,
it isn't.

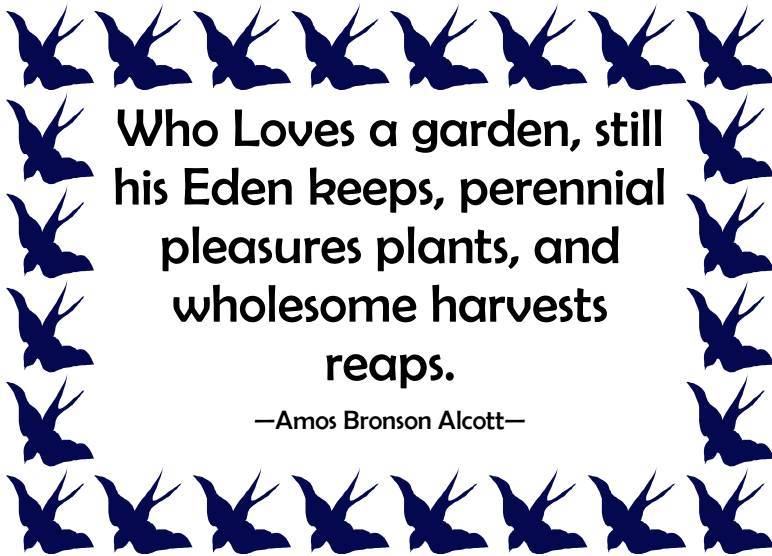
—Richard Bach—

*Be like the flower,
turn your faces to the sun*
—Khalil Gibran—

This bears repeating: **Do You Just Belong?**

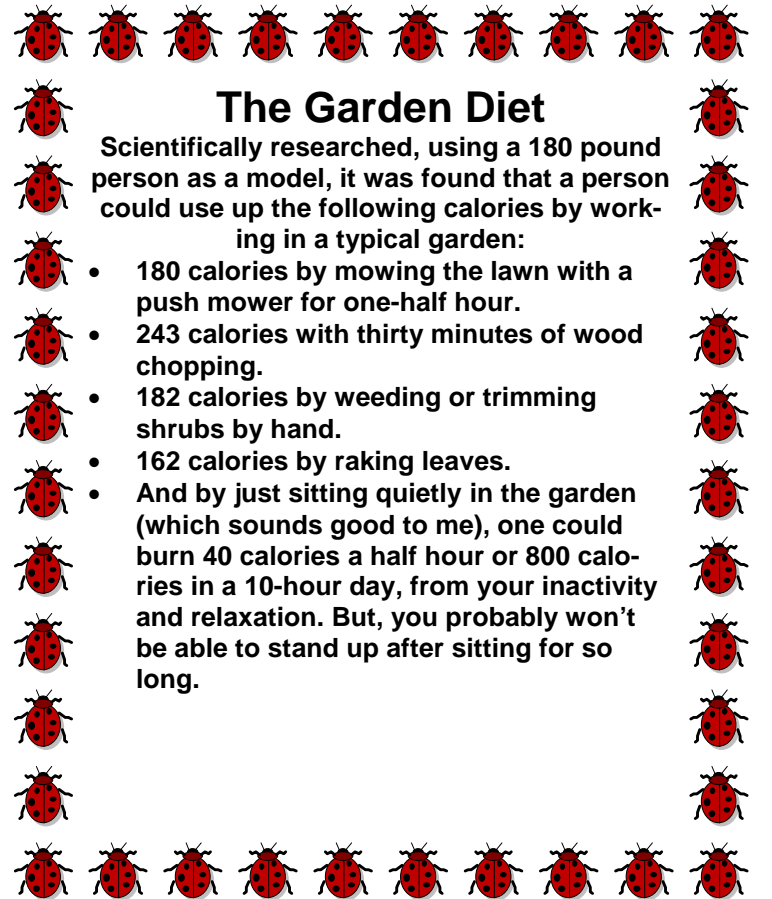
Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed.
Or are you just contented
That your name be on the list?
Do you attend meetings
And mingle with the crowd,
Or do you stay at home
And grumble long and loud?
Do you take an active part,
To help your fellow group along?
Or are you satisfied
To be the kind that just belongs?
Do you leave the work for but a few
Then murmur about the clique who do?
There is quite a program scheduled
That means success if done,
And can be accomplished
With the help of everyone.
So, attend the meetings regularly
And keep with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member
...take an active part.
Think this over, dear member,
Are we right, or are we wrong?
Are you an Active Member?
...or do you just belong?

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Submitted by Beth Taylor



Who Loves a garden, still
his Eden keeps, perennial
pleasures plants, and
wholesome harvests
reaps.

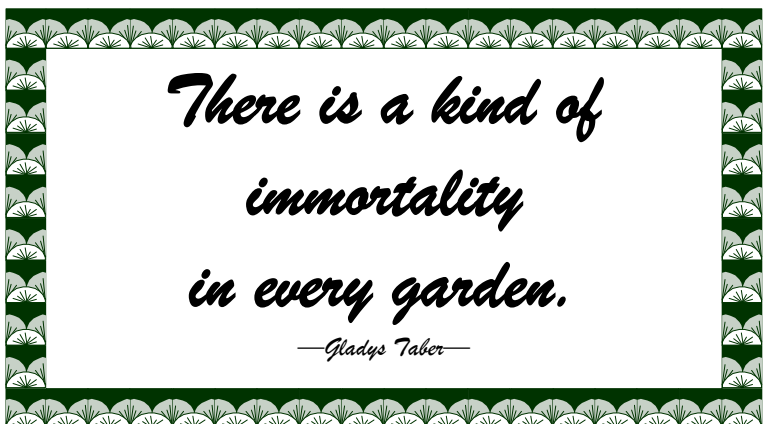
—Amos Bronson Alcott—



The Garden Diet

Scientifically researched, using a 180 pound person as a model, it was found that a person could use up the following calories by working in a typical garden:

- 180 calories by mowing the lawn with a push mower for one-half hour.
- 243 calories with thirty minutes of wood chopping.
- 182 calories by weeding or trimming shrubs by hand.
- 162 calories by raking leaves.
- And by just sitting quietly in the garden (which sounds good to me), one could burn 40 calories a half hour or 800 calories in a 10-hour day, from your inactivity and relaxation. But, you probably won't be able to stand up after sitting for so long.



*There is a kind of
immortality
in every garden.*

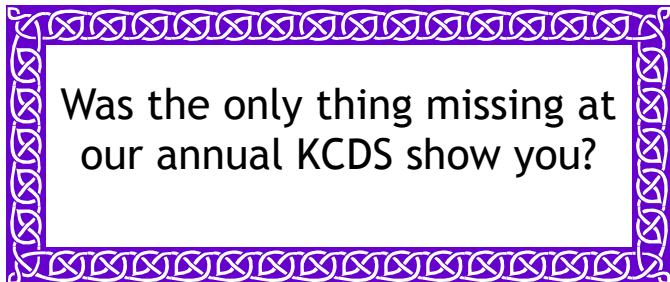
—Gladys Taber—

May the following serve as a warning to our new or potential members:

The Twelve Steps of Dahlias Anonymous

Study of these steps is essential to progress in the DalAnon program. The principles they embody are universal, applicable to everyone who lives and breathes to develop new dahlias and to show.

1. We admitted we were powerless over Dahlias — that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Master Dahlia Grower greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of the Kitsap County Dahlia Society.
4. Made a searching and fearless inventory of the lawn and garden areas we had confiscated to turn into dahlia beds.
5. Admitted to ourselves and to our Dahlia Widows (Widowers) the exact nature of our dahlia compulsion.
6. Were entirely ready to have a Master Dahlia Grower remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked for a lifetime supply of compost.
8. Made a list of all dahlia seedlings we had rejected, and became willing to replant them all.
9. Made direct amends to such tubers wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or our Dahlia Widows (Widowers).
10. Continued to take personal inventory of our dahlia tubers and when they took over the whole garage, promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through meditation to improve our conscious contact with a sane Master Dahlia Grower, wishing only for knowledge of his patience and the power to persevere.
12. Having had an awaking as a result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to all upcoming dahlia shows, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.



Was the only thing missing at our annual KCDS show you?

Worker Bees being solicited for:

Joining the Board as a member Oct 16.
Help maintaining the club gardens until we dig.
Cutting the stalks of the dahlias Oct. 11 @ 9 AM.
Digging of the club gardens Oct. 25th @ 9 AM.
*Dividing of the club tubers Nov. 1st @ 9 AM.
*Packing of the club tubers Nov. 6th @ 5 PM.
* = at the Crystal Grange



Please help our club with maintaining our club gardens at the Silverdale Post Office and Roadhouse Nursery. Sign up for a one week period of stewardship. During that week plan to visit the Post Office and Roadhouse gardens one or two times.

Thank you, Joan Hagerman for organizing the garden tours and thank you: Gary Johnson, Eric and Janet Anderson, Peta-Maree Lamb and Loney Kennedy, for allowing us to tour your gardens.

SUMMER'S LEASE HATH
ALL TOO SHORT A DATE.

--WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE--

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