



N E W S L E T T E R

August 2013

Long Island Dahlia Society

Show Time!

Get ready for the upcoming LIDS show on **Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1**. The show is held in the lower level of the Carriage House at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum. You will find volunteer information in this newsletter.



Dahlias! Cameras!! Action!!!

Get those cameras ready! The dahlias are in bloom and the Long Island Dahlia Society's Annual Photography Competition and Display is near!! This year **the Photo Show will be held on Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13** at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum's Upper Carriage House. Registration will take place Thursday, October 10 and Friday October 11 in the Upper Carriage House.



Times will be listed, as well as rules and application forms, on our website www.longislanddahlia.com for downloading and printing, and will be available in mid-September. You can pick up a brochure at the Wolkoff Garden at the Arboretum. This is one of our most popular events and includes first time photographers, as well as amateurs who have entered in the past and professionals. All are welcome. The entries must have dahlias as the primary focus. "Dahlias Through the Camera's Lens" is exciting and enables all to interpret through photography one of the most beautiful flowers to grow in the Northeast.

Selective Hybridization Classes in the Wolkoff Garden

This activity is open to all LIDS members. There will be an informal class in **Selective Hybridization** conducted by Bill Wolkoff and others at the Dahlia Garden starting **Saturday August 24th**, starting at 10:00AM. Classes will be skipped on show dates and will continue until frost. Seeds will be selectively collected for propagation in the Spring.

The Wolkoff Dahlia Garden with its huge variety is a perfect place to start the hybridization process that can produce a flower within one season and could lead eventually to a new dahlia cultivar.

For further information, see Bill at the Garden on Saturday mornings.



Show and Volunteers Schedule for Dahlia Shows

Thursday, August 29 “The Not as Big as it used to be Move”

Meet Joe Laundrie at the lower level of the Carriage House at 5:00 PM to help move the dahlia show set up items from storage. Volunteers can drive down to the lower level of the Carriage House.

Friday, August 30 “Show Set-up at the Carriage House”

Meet at the Carriage House at 1:00 PM to help prepare the tables for the show, set up the Court of Honor, set up the courtyard for staging. This is a great opportunity for future judges or new dahlias growers to learn how to prepare and label the tables with the class number and form signs.

Dahlia staging follows in the Courtyard of the Carriage House after setup and continues until 10:00 PM.

Saturday, August 31 “LIDS Judging and Show”

BCA gates open at 7:00 AM, volunteers can meet Joe Laundrie at 7:00 AM in the Courtyard.

Dahlia staging on Saturday morning in the Courtyard of the Carriage house begins at 8:00 AM and continues until 10:30 AM

Clerks and assistant judges should meet with Bill Bushman by 9:30 AM

Judging starts at 11:00 AM.

Open to the public at 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 1 “LIDS Show and Cleanup”

Doors open for the show at 10:00 AM.

If you would like to help out during Sunday, please come on down!

HELP! At 4:00PM re-enforcements are needed to assist in selling the flowers and dismantling the show.

~ Special Note About Park Entrance Fees and Parking ~

Access to the Arboretum When you come to help out at the shows, please keep in mind that the Arboretum opens to the public at 10:00 AM. Volunteers who arrive at the Arboretum after 10:00 AM and want free access will need to have their name on a list at the entry gate. Please make sure you give your name to Joe Laundrie so he can add it to the list well before the show dates.

Parking - You can drive your cars down to the lower level of the Carriage House before 10:00AM in the mornings to unload. If you plan to leave anytime before 5:00 PM, you must move your car back to the main parking lot by 10:00 AM. Driving on the park paths during park hours is restricted. Look for the golf-cart if you need a ride.

If you are driving to the Carriage House, or anywhere in the Arboretum, follow BCA guidelines and drive slow!!

Long Island Dahlia Society News

A Special President's Message to all Dahlia Growers

This year I want to send a special message to anyone who grows dahlias, bring them down and enter them in the show! There will be an experienced group entering their own dahlias who will be pleased to help you prepare your dahlias for the show table. **You never know**, you may win a ribbon, you may win a tri-color, just bring your blooms down, and if you do not enter them in the show, you can donate them for our flower sale.

What you will find is all sorts of growers not just from our area, some come from up and down the east coast. It is a great way to make new friends, learn more about dahlias, see the results of great dahlia care, and enjoy a wonderful day. –
Joe Laundrie, President



From the garden, left, to the show table above. What a great way to share what you have grown and enjoy the beauty of dahlias.

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Next Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 19 - General Meeting in the Carriage House Upper Level Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00 Meeting 8:00 PM

Cornell Master Gardener's Class

For those who are interested, the Riverhead Cornell Cooperative Extension will be scheduling a **Master Gardener Class** this fall and that the information will be available in September. You can find additional information at www.ccesuffolk.org select Gardening, select Master Gardeners. – Provided by Frank Eggitio, thanks Frank!

2013 LIDS Calendar of Events

SEPT	<p>Full show schedule of events on page 3.</p> <p>Thursday, September 19 – General Meeting Carriage House Upper Level Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00 Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
OCT	<p>Saturday and Sunday, October 5-6 Arboretum Fall Festival LIDS Flower Arranging</p> <p>Thursday, October 10 – Show Setup/Photo Registration Move Show Supplies – Carriage House (Photo Show) Setup 5:00-8:00 PM Photo Exhibit Entrants Registration for Show and Contest 5:00PM – 7:00PM</p> <p>Friday, October 11 – Show Setup/Photo Registration Carriage House Setup 1:00-10:00 PM Photo Exhibit Entrants Registration for Show and Contest 5:00PM – 7:00PM</p> <p>Saturday, October 12 – - Dahlia Show / Photo Exhibit Opens Carriage House 6:00AM -5:00 PM Photo Exhibit opens at 1:00 PM</p> <p>Sunday, October 13 Dahlia Show / Photo Exhibit Dahlia Show – Carriage House Lower Level 9:30AM -5:00 PM Photo Exhibition – Carriage House 9:30AM -5:00 PM</p> <p>Sunday, October 13 – Dahlia Show/Photo Exhibit Cleanup Carriage House 5:00 PM-8:00PM</p> <p>Thursday, October 17 – General Meeting Carriage House Upper Level – Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00 Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
NOV	<p>Thursday, November 21 – General Meeting Carriage House Upper Level – Dahlia 101 at 7:00 PM Coffee and Cake 7:30-8:00 Meeting 8:00 PM</p>
DEC	<p>Thursday, December 19 – Holiday Party Carriage House Upper Level 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM</p>

Dahlia Form Worksheet

How many dahlia forms do you know?

Test your knowledge of forms, if you like, print this page and find the dahlia form and check off each one as you identify it in the garden.

In the next issue of the LIDS newsletter look for “dahlia color classes”

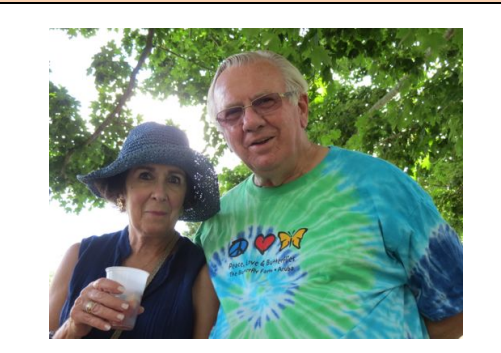
The following classifications of dahlia form are recognized by the ADS are as follows, taken in part from the ADS “2013 Classification and Handbook of Dahlias”.

FORM		DALIA NAME	IDENTIFIED IN THE GARDEN ✓
AN	1. Anemone-flowering		
BA	2. Ball		
C	3. Straight Cactus		
CO	4. Collarette		
FD	5. Formal Decorative		
IC	6. Incurved Cactus		
ID	7. Informal Decorative		
LC	8. Laciniated		
MB	9. Minature Ball		
MS	10. Mignon Single		
NO	11. Novelty Open (Disc) Center		
NX	12. Novelty Double Center		
O	13. Orchid		
P	14. Pompon		
PE	15. Peony-flowering		
S	16. Single		
SC	17. Semi-Cactus		
ST	18. Stellar		
WL	19. Waterlily		

2013 LIDS Picnic in the Wolkoff Garden

Your picnic photographer, **Dee Cunningham**, in action, thanks Dee!





Long Island Dahlia Society

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Resource Links

American Dahlia Society www.dahlia.org
 Mid-Island Dahlia Society www.midislanddahlia.com
 Greenwich Dahlia Society
www.gecgreenwich.org/dahlia-society.html
 Rhode Island Dahlia Society
www.rhodeislanddahliasociety.org
 Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural Society
<http://www.bcahs.net>

Saturday Mornings at the William Wolkoff Garden

Each Saturday during the dahlia season (typically late March to November) our volunteers meet at 9:00AM at the William Wolkoff Dahlia Garden in Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Our volunteers obtain experience with dahlias hands on!

Join a dedicated team and learn invaluable first hand knowledge from the experts while working with actual dahlia plants. Work in the garden is followed with coffee and cake at 11:00AM.

LIDS Dahlia Shows

Dahlia growers, whether expert or novice come from all points of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and even Rhode Island to display their gardening achievements, hoping to reach the prestigious Court of Honor. Because the cooler weather brings out their vibrant colors, these regional shows are held in September and October when Dahlias are at their peak. The shows are held in the lower level of the Carriage House at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Membership

LIDS dues are \$20. You can pay your dues at monthly meetings or mail a check to:

LIDS
 P.O. Box 76
 West Sayville, NY 11796

New members receive a subscription to our monthly e-newsletter and three (3) free tubers in when they available in the spring.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held year round, on the third Thursday of the month at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum, located at:

440 Montauk Highway
 Great River, NY 11739
 Set GPS to these either address:
 Great River Rd & NY-27A (Montauk Hwy), or
 NY-27A & Union Blvd, East Islip NY 11730
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