

LIDS ²⁰²⁶

Exhibitor's ^{81st} Show Guide

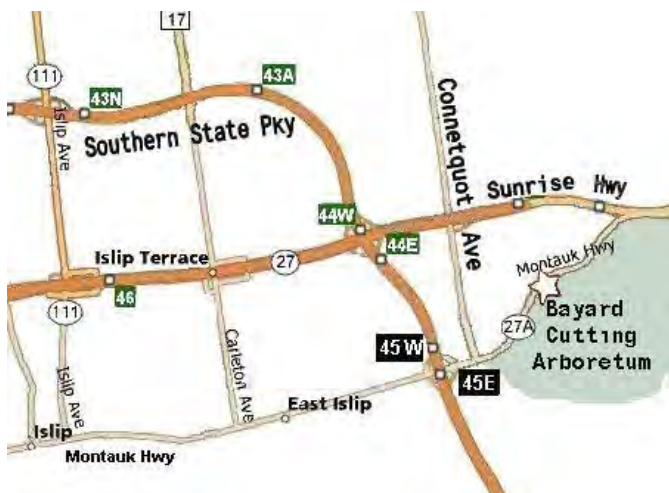


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Long Island Dahlia Society

**Dahlia Competition and Show at the
Bayard Cutting Arboretum Carriage House
Saturday & Sunday, September 5th & September 6th**

Directions to the Bayard Cutting Arboretum



Location:

440 Montauk Highway Great River, NY 11739

Websites: www.bayardcuttingarboretum.com

www.longislanddahlia.org

From the West:

Southern State Parkway to Exit 45E (Rt 27A).

Follow signs for the Arboretum. As you exit onto the ramp, continue driving straight onto Montauk Highway (Rt 27A) and go past the light. Entrance to the Arboretum will be on your right.

From the East:

Sunrise Hwy west to Connetquot Ave South.

When you reach Montauk Hwy make a left and travel 1/4 mile. Entrance to the Arboretum will be on your right.

Volunteer Staff and Show Flower Entrants:

If you plan to arrive early to display flowers or are volunteering at the show, please use service entrance, which is 50 feet east of main entrance. Go to the right and follow signs to the Carriage House.

Welcome!

Welcome to our 81st annual Dahlia Show and Competition. If this is your first show, expect to see dahlia blooms that dazzle and surprise. All the flowers you will see on the show tables are different forms and colors of dahlias, from the very small to the large dinner plate size.

The top winning dahlias are in the “Court of Honor.” These are the dahl-ias the judges determined are the best in this competition. Growers come from all over the East Coast to compete for the top prize of “King of Show”.

The Court of Honor is located under the large Long Island display and includes single dahlias and basket arrangements.

Thank you to all the growers who brought their dahlias to our show. We appreciate all the hard work and expertise it took to compete. A show such as ours comes together by the efforts of our dedicated members, who join together and devote their valuable time and hard work to make it all happen.

LIDS wants to sincerely thank everyone who helped with the show. Your work and dedication bring great joy to others, some who have never seen such a display of dahlias before.

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**Thank you,
2026 LIDS Show Committee**

LIDS Board of Directors

Garden Founder	Bill Wolkoff
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Show Logistics

Show Chair	Lenny Nicolosi
Co-Chairs	Rosa Petrozella, Leslie McHugh
Show Setup	Bill Wolkoff, Joe Lysik
Judges & Clerks	Dr. William Bushman
Show Program	Lenny Nicolosi, Rosa Petrozella, Leslie McHugh



The Long Island Dahlia Society

The Long Island Dahlia Society (LIDS) was formed in the spring of 1944 by a group of air raid wardens and dahlia fanciers led by Otto Aumuller. Early meetings took place around a pot-bellied stove at Munz's Nursery in Jamaica, New York and were often held in the fertilizer shed.

Mr. Aumuller brought together the first show to the public where hundreds of milk bottles were collected and gilded so that all the blooms were resplendent in golden containers. Eventually the meetings moved to Jamaica Hall, and in the years since then, LIDS has exhibited throughout much of Long island.

LIDS is dedicated to the cultivation and propagation of the dahlia. LIDS volunteers plant and maintain a garden of 1000+ dahlias at Bayard Cutting Arboretum in Great River, NY. LIDS hosts a dahlia show each season at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum, on Labor Day Weekend

Membership is \$20.00 per family per year, new members receive three free tubers (selection as available) during the spring. By becoming a member, you can learn about the culture of dahlias and the methods used by our own experienced growers. We invite you to participate in our shows, displaying dahlias or just visiting and enjoying the beauty of the flowers.

Visit the Wolkoff Dahlia Garden

Follow the signs from the Carriage House and visit the Wolkoff Garden. You will find one of the largest public display gardens in the Northeast. There are over 1,000 dahlias, from the tiny to the dinner plate size, and during the show times, the blooms are at their peak.

Rules for Dahlia Show Entries

1. The latest classification list of the American Dahlia Society is to be used, with exhibits entered accordingly, non-classified entries to be entered as they appear.
2. Show is open to all exhibitors. No entry fee to be charged, Exhibitors must sign the register book. All entries must be in place by 11:00AM.
3. Suitable containers will be supplied for all classes, with the exception of baskets.
4. There will be no restrictions as to the number of blooms entered from one garden in any class, except for the Show Flower.
5. In 2026 the Challenge Flower is "Any Waterlilly". There is a limit of one (1) entry per person.
6. Entries must be correctly labeled with cultivar name.
7. The Exhibitor's name must be concealed. All entries will remain sealed until Tricolor and further awards are chosen. Failure to observe this rule will disqualify the entry.
8. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor.
9. Flowers other than dahlias are not permitted. All materials used to support stems must be removed before judging, or the entry will be disqualified. One set of leaves are required on all entries.
10. All judges and clerks will be called in at 10:45AM to set up judging teams. Judging will begin promptly at 11:00AM.
11. Only judges, clerks, and committee people are permitted on the floor during judging.

No exhibit shall be removed from the hall without the Show Committee's consent.

Rules for Dahlia Show Entries

12. First, second and third awards will be made in each class (except seedlings). No award will be made in any class if the entry is unworthy. Tricolors are awarded as noted in the schedule.
13. The decision of the judges will be final. No appeals will be considered except in cases where the entry is in the wrong class. In this case the show committee may consider the appeal and act as they see fit.
14. LIDS shall not be held responsible for loss or damage to exhibits or personal property but will exercise the utmost care to protect exhibits. Baskets should be labeled with the Exhibitor's name and address for proper return.
15. The show committee reserves the right to make additional rules, classes or to change the schedule as it becomes necessary, or to remove from the tables before or after judging any exhibit considered in poor condition.
16. All entries except Exhibitor's baskets become the property of the Show Committee to be disposed of at their own discretion at the close of the show.
17. Dahlia foliage is preferred in baskets. Other foliage is permitted in baskets but should not overpower the dahlias.
18. All baskets must have the same color and form except the multi-bloom basket. All baskets must have handles and be no more than 24" overall.

***Judges may not participate in decisions
involving their own interests or entries.
In the event a substitute judge is required,
that judge must sign the appropriate clerk sheet.***

Court of Honor

2026 Challenge Flower – “Any Waterlily”		
First, Second & Third Place <i>Only One Entry</i>		

King of the Show <i>Selected from these Single AA/A Tri Color Winners</i>			
Section AA		Form	Class #
Giant	Best Single AA	FD	0001-0015
	Best Single AA	ID	0101-0015
	Best Single AA	SC	0201-0215
	Best Single AA	C/IC/LC	0301-0515
Large	Best Single A	FD	1001-1015
	Best Single A	ID	1101-1115
	Best Single A	SC	1201-1215
	Best Single A	C/IC/LC	1301-1515

Queen of the Show <i>Selected from these Single B Tri Color Winners</i>			
Section B		Form	Class #
Medium	Best Single B	FD	2001-2015
	Best Single B	ID	2101-2115
	Best Single B	SC	2201-2215
	Best Single B	C/IC/LC	2301-2515

Prince of the Show <i>Selected from these Single BB Tri Color Winners</i>			
Section BB		Form	Class #
Small	Best Single BB	FD	3001-3015
	Best Single BB	ID	3101-3115
	Best Single BB	SC	3201-3215
	Best Single BB	C/IC/LC	3301-3515

Court of Honor

Princess of the Show

Selected from these Single Miniature Tri Color winners

Section	Form	Class #	Miniature
Best Single Miniature	FD	4001-4015	
Best Single Miniature	ID	4101-4115	
Best Single Miniature	SC	4201-4215	
Best Single Miniature	C/IC/LC	4301-4515	

Duke of the Show

Selected from these single Tri Color Winners

Best 1 Bloom	Class #
Ball	6001-6015
Mini Ball	6101-6115
Pompon	6201-6215
Stellar	7001-7015
Waterlily	7301-7315
Novelty Closed	7601-7615

Duchess of the Show

Selected from these all open centers

Best 1 Bloom	Class #
Novelty Open Center	8601-8615
Peony	8001-8015
Anemone	8201-8215
Collarette	9001-9015
Single	9601-9615
Mignon Single	9701-9715
Orchid	9201-9215
Orchette	9401-9415

Marquis of the Show

Selected from these Micros

Section	Class		Section	Class
Micro Waterlily	7401-7415		Micro Anemone	8301-8315
Micro Peony	8101-8115		Micro Orchid	9301-9315
Micro Novelty Open	8701-8715		Micro Orchette	9501-9515
Micro F.D.	5001-5015			
Micro Fully Double	7701-7715		Micro Collarette	9101-9115
Micro Stellar	5001-5515			

Court of Honor – Best 3 Bloom

	Section	Form
1	AA	FD/ID
2	AA	SC/C/IC/LC
3	A	FD/ID
4	A	SC/C/IC/LC
5	B	FD/ID
6	B	SC/C/IC/LC
7	BB	FD/ID
8	BB	SC/C/IC/LC
9	Miniature	FD/ID
10	Miniature	SC/C/IC/LC
11	Ball	6001-6015
12	Mini Ball	6101-6115
13	Pompon	6201-6215
14	Stellar	7001-7015
15	Waterlily	7301-7315
16	Novelty Closed	7601-7615
17	Novelty Open	8601-8615
18	Peony	8001-8015
19	Anemone	8201-8215
20	Collarette	9001-9015
21	Single	9601-9615
22	Mignon Single	9701-9715
23	Orchid	9201-9215
24	Orchette	9401-9415
25	All Micros	5001-9515

Best Basket Award – Same Color & Form

All baskets must have the same color and form except the multi- bloom basket. All baskets must have handles and be no more than 24" overall

*The flowers must **NOT** touch each other*

The Best Basket in Show Award goes to the best basket out of the TRI-Winners.

Form /Size	# of Blooms
AA, A	5 or more blooms
B, BB	5 or more blooms
Miniature, Ball, Mini Ball	9 – 15 blooms
ST, WL, AN, PE	7 blooms ONLY
CO, Single	9 – 15 blooms
Orchid, Orchette	9 – 15 blooms
Novelty Open/Novelty Closed	7 blooms ONLY
MS, POM, Micro	9 – 15 blooms
Multi-Mixed Basket	9 – 15 blooms

Special Section

Largest Bloom in the show.

Must be of exhibition quality, depth, diameter

A single Waterlily Bloom floating in a clear glass bowl which must be no larger than 12 inches in diameter. Additional dahlia foliage may be used.

Additional Awards

Award	Description
2026 Best New Introductions	Large (1AA, 1A, 1B) Small (all other sizes/forms)
Old Timers Award	Any dahlia introduction at least 50 years old
Best Undisseminated Seedling <i>No ADA Classification</i>	One choice from each form: 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd year - Best fully double dahlia 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd year - Best open centered dahlia
ADS Seedling Bench <i>Open to all</i>	Exhibitors must read and adhere to the rules on the entries and judging as printed in the ADS Classification Handbook of Dahlias
Best Novices <i>A novice is a winner of less than three (3) tri-color awards at LIDS Shows</i>	1. AA, A 2. B 3. BB 4. Miniature 5. Balls, Mini-Balls & Poms 6. Stellar & Waterlily 7. AOT

Awards & Donors - 2026

Show Flower	"The President's Award" In memory of Ted Glantz
Largest in Show	"Elizalda Rutger Award" Donated by Dennis Kirchner
King of Show	"Bill Bushman Award" Donated by the Bushman Family
Queen of Show	"Al Grimm Award" Donated by Joe Lysik
Prince of Show	"Pauline Len Award" Donated by Len & Kristine Nicolosi
Princess of Show	"Onella Rose Award" Donated by Bart & Lisa Mullin
Duke of Show	"Lisa Rose Award" Donated by Bart & Lisa Mullin
Duchess of Show	"Audrey Bridge Award" Donated by Roger Bridge
Marquis of Show	"Catherine Bushman Award" Donated by the Bushman Family
Best AA-FD	"Debbie White Award" Donated by Tom Gangone
Best AA-ID	"Trudy Runyan Award" Donated by Trudy Runyan
Best AA-SC	"Harriet Laundrie Award" Donated by Joe Laundrie
Best AA-C,IC,LC	"Vin D'Melia Award" Donated by John & Millie Canzoneri
Best A-FD	"Chris Connelly Award" Donated by Chris Connelly
Best A-ID	"Franklin Tobias Award" Donated by Bob & Kate Tobias
Best A-C,IC,LC	"Peter Titus Award: Donated by Jill Titus
Best A-SC	"Gloria & Cliff Yates Award" Donated by Greg Yates
Best B-FD	"Brendan Casey Award" Donated by Brendan Casey
Best B-ID	"Tom Smith Award" Donated by Bill Wolkoff
Best B-SC	"Dan Pasaric Award" In memory of "Whispering" Dan
Best B-C,IC,LC	"Brian McCue Award" Donated by Brian McCue
Best BB FD	"Sue Arink Award" Donated by Sue Arink

Best BB ID	"Rosa Petrozzella Award" Donated by Rosa Petrozzella
Best BB SC	"Joe T. White Award" Donated by Tom Gangone & Debbie White
Best BB C,IC,LC	"Laura Pollari Award" Donated by Laura Pollari
Best Mini FD	"Maria Watts Award" Donated by Maria Watts
Micro FD,ID,SC,C,IC,LC	"Moushka's Award" Donated by Miraiko Dahlias
Best Ball	"Emily Rose Award" Donated by Bart and Lisa Mullin
Best Stellar	"Remani Ninan Award" Donated by Remani Ninan
Best Waterlily	"The Bridget Award" Donated by Roger Bridge
Best Peony	"Sue Arink Award" Donated by Sue Arink
Best Anemone	"Joe Laundrie Award" Donated by Joe Laundrie
Best Colorette	"Ann Valenti Award" Donated by Ann Valenti
Best Single	"Michelle Avosso Award" Donated by Michelle Avosso
Best Orchid	"4 Grandsons Award" Donated by David Friedman
Best Orchette	"Joe Dule Award" Donated by Fran & Elliot Miller
Best 3 bloom AA-FD,ID	"Warren Gramman Award" Donated by Joe Lysik
Best 3 bloom AA-SC,C,IC,LC	"Gene Murtha Award" In memory of Gene Murtha
Best 3 bloom A FD,ID	"Bob DeMott Award" Donated by Bob DeMott
Best 3 bloom A SC,C,IC,LC	"Sue Arink Award" Donated by Sue Arink
Best 3 bloom Ball	"Bart & Lisa Award" Donated by Bart & Lisa Mullin
Best 3 bloom Stellar	"Patrick Sisti Award" Donated by Holly Sisti
Best Basket	"Judy Dule Award" Donated by Fran & Elliot Miller
Best Stellar, Waterlily Anemone, Peony Basket	"Joe and Nina Award" Donated by Jen Cottone
Novice Best A/AA	"Charles Bridge Award" Donated by Roger Bridge
Novice Best B	"Nicolas Bridge Award" Donated by Roger Bridge
Old Timer	"Bill Bushman Award" Donated by Bill Bushman

Patrons

Anonymous, Drs Susan and James Mantas, Rosa Petrozzella & Roger Bridge

Dedications

The Long Island Dahlia Society gratefully acknowledges the generous contribution of time & energy by William ("Bill") Bushman over the course of countless years. Bill has steadfastly "helmed the ship" by serving as president of LIDS, while gracefully acting as liaison w/ the Bayard Cutting Arboretum. He is a skilled "master dahlia gardener", & has garnered many prizes at the various shows. Bill is stepping down this year & he will be missed.

Thank you, Bill!

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The LIDS show committee gratefully acknowledges the immeasurable help & resources donated by volunteers & donors, all of whom make the annual LIDS show a success & the Dahlia Garden a treasured showcase.

Thank you!



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