

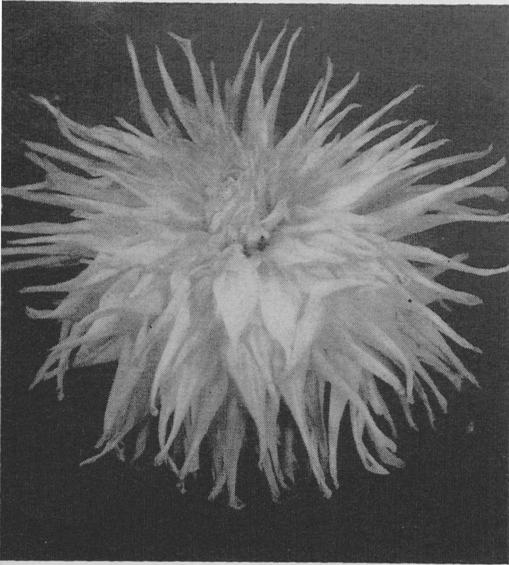
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(See list of Associate Editors on another page)

DAHLIA SHOWS



"Another year, another Show,
The dahlias all arranged in rows;
Dahlia lovers from near and far,
Bringing blooms by plane and car.
Making entries proper place,
Hustling so to win the race,
For ribbons, Gold, Blue and Red,
Hoping they are far ahead.
The Judges busy as can be,
In groups of two and even three;
Blue Ribbon here, a red one there,
Whose they were they didn't care.
They picked the best ones of the lot;
All deserving what they got.
The Judgings through, the visitors come
To see the dahlias one by one.
And now's the time for breaking down,
The exhibitors have all left town.
We pack our stuff and home we go,
Ready—for another year, another Show."

C. R. Kallquist, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Most Shows Affected by Weather

Only one show report which we received said, "we have no excuses about damage to blooms nor derth of blooms because of weather. That was the Kitsap County Society Show at Bremerton, Wash.

Other shows, across the nation, reported to have had from one-third to two-thirds of normal entries and blooms.

Our dahlia and weather story in the August issue told the reasons, and they were plenty. Quite generally, except in Mid-south and Northwest, rainfall was way under normal and extended over 90 degree heat retarded dahlia growth and as a result, gardens were late, many blooming 4 to 6 weeks after the usual time.

The 41st Annual A.D.S. Show

As the weather report indicated, the New York Show held at the Essex House, 160 Central Park, South, Sept. 20-21 was at least one-third off in total blooms in number of exhibits.

The 280 odd classes had quite a few spaces unfilled. But others were surprisingly overflowing. One thing was most gratifying to the Show Management. That was the number of new exhibitors, there being 18 of them all told. We list all of them and we hope they will continue to show.



MRS. PAUL COMSTOCK WITH GROUCHO MARX

This big A-S.C. White, won A.D.S. Sweepstakes and the American Home Achievement Medal at the N. Y. Show. It was shipped by air from San Diego. It also won 6 other major awards.

New Exhibitors at the 1955 A.D.S. Show

James Anderson, West Orange, N. J.
 Garry Eybers, Bergenfield, N. J.
 F. Feldman, Maplewood, N. J.
 Harry Dreyer, Ridgewood, N. J.
 Dr. Regina Gluck, Old Westbury, L. I.
 Max Kurzberg, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Harry W. Allyn, Terryville, Conn.
 Joseph G. Vogl, Bergenfield, N. J.
 Mrs. Harold Beals, New Rochelle, N. Y.
 Lous Shelling, Perth Amboy, N. J.
 Lynn B. Dudley, New Rochelle, N. Y.
 John Plewinski, Phila, Pa.
 Max Nydegger, Summit, N. J.
 F. E. Robinson, Morris Plains, N. J.
 Fredrich Metzger, Newark, N. J.
 Mark Mandel, Glen Ridge, N. J.
 Daniel Dearborn, Bristol, Conn.
 Mrs. Ethel Hill Wiederman,
 Fort Lee, N. J.

There were some new names this year also, among the sweepstake winners in the various sections. The sweepstakes are as follows:

Sweepstake Winners

Sweepstakes in section A—(Novice): Harry Dreyer. Sweepstakes in section B—(Amateur): Dr. Jordan. Sweepstakes in section C—(Medium): Gamston Gardens. Sweepstakes in section C—(Large): Gamston Gardens. Sweepstakes in section D—(Miniatures): Henry Olsen. Sweepstakes in section D—(Pompons): Henry Olsen.

In Novice section "A", J. Anderson, won with *Grandezza*, *Bunny*, *Detroit 250*. Mrs. Harold Beals won with *Links Blue Triumph*, *King David*, *Pink Lassie*, *Collegiate*; *Jersey Maid*, and *My Lassie*. Harry Dreyer won with *Grandezza*, *Gypsy Girl*, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Glacier*, *Snowsprite*, *Betty Malone*. Max Mydegger won with *5 Star General* and *Purple Triumph*.

In Amateur Section "B", Harry W. Allyn, won with *Florence Chadwick*, *Janna Maria*, *Canada*, *Fashion Hour*, *Amelia Earhart*, *The Cardinal*. Dr. Jordan won with *House of Orange*, *Leander*, *Virginia Rute*, *Figgaro*. Mrs. Walter Bardell won with *Dusseldorf*, *Vision* and *African Queen*. Curt Duerk won with *Ivory Giant*, *Superclass*, *Ruth Alampi* and *Gunya Glory*. Geo. Sheffer had a fine *Giant of Baarn*.

In the Open to All, Section C, Court Duerk won with *Bunny*, *Sarah Carolyn*, *Orange Princess*, *Lady Ismay*, *Mabel's Solidite*, *Stophlight*, *Malcomb*, *Big Mo*, *Marjory Easton*, *Vision*, *Our Friend*. Henry Olsen won firsts with *Marlyn Dale*, *Florence Chadwick*, *William Evans*, *Bay City White*, *Preas Pride*, *Hester*

Pape, *Five Star General*, *Belle*, *Andries Orange*, *Ruby Charm*, *Autumn Babe*. Harry Frank annexed firsts with *Agnes James*, *Variety Girl*, also 5 blooms of B, S.C. and 5 blooms of B, F.D., *St. Therese*, *Moya Marce*, *Don Jose*, *Croyden Crimson*, *The Master*. Gamston Gardens won firsts with *Juanita*, *Dusseldorf*, *Bond's Memory*, *Windlassie*, *First Lady*, *Arab Queen*, *Surprise*, *Sequoia*, *Our Friend*, *Emma Carolyn*, *Mary Elizabeth*. Mrs. Walter Bardell received firsts for *Flirt*, *Orange Glow*, *Pettit Sonne*, *Arabesque*, *Mme. Elizabeth Sawyer*. Harry Allyn got firsts with *Flaming Spider*, *Fireglean*, *Merry Xmas*, *Bertha Schone*. Andrew Mulcahy got blues with *Zenith*, *Prairie Fire*, *Storm Cloud*, *Luffy's Delight*. Emil Berzan, show manager dropped a *Delicatessen* in Class 87 and won 1st and 2nd, also a *Rose Ann S* won 1st for him. Mrs. L. M. Ogden won 1st with an unknown in Class 31, with *Burnatt*, *Jersey Beauty*, and *Charlotte Smith*. Ed O'Keefe won with big ones like *Edna D.*, *Giant of Baarn*, *Clarium Royalty Sport*, *New Look*, *Croyden's Masterpiece*, *Dixies Winedot*, *Autumn Blaze*, *Virginia Taggart*.

In the Miniature Classes, Section "D" the winning varieties for 1sts included, *Belle*, *Andries Orange*, *Ruby Charm*, *Autumn Babe*, *Little Sheik*, *Little Diamond*, *Geneva Crystal White*, *Little Lemon Drop*, *St. Albans*, *Carnival*, *Silver Springs*, *Agatha*, *Little Panda*, *Bonnie Esperan*, *Top Mix* and many others.

Class E-1 for 12-15 large blooms, was won by Dr. and Mrs. Fred Knocke, with a display of *Our Friend* and *H. M. Queen Elizabeth*.

Class E-2 for 15-25 A or B Blooms was won by Mrs. Walter Bardell with *Honolulu*.

Class F-1, most outstanding commercial display, was won by Parrella Dahlia Gardens. An American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes award was won by *Groucho Marx*, A. SC. *Ivory White* for Comstock Dahlia Gardens, San Diego Calif. This was also accorded the American Home Achievement Medal. An Am. Dahlia Sweepstakes Award was also awarded to *Otto's Thrill*, A.-FD Pink exhibited by George Brunjes; originator, Otto Aumuller, to be introduced by Ruschmore Gardens.

There was no decision made in the Flower Grower Award.

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DECORATIVE FLORAL COMPOSITION SECTION

By MISS MARGARET deL. GRUMBINE
85 Van Reypen Street, Jersey City 6, N. J.

The decorative flower compositions section of the 41st Annual A.D.S. Flower Show added a class for buffet tables to its schedule this year. The theme was "A September Party" honoring a special guest.

The tables were placed on either side of the salon as you enter the show and directly to the right on a balcony set off with wrought iron railings and reached by three or four steps the decorative flower compositions were staged. The beautiful decor of the show-room lent to the charm of the setting. Rose red leather side chairs and twin couches upholstered in white stenciled with black faced the display. Jardinieres of dahlias flanked the steps on either side.

The schedule was planned with the thought in mind of appropriate themes for use of varied types of dahlias.

"*IN OLD MADRID*" The exhibitor portrayed peasant life using a stone bottle as a container, flowers in orange and red hues, various colorful small fruits, a miniature basket of wild grapes and her accessories included an interesting donkey in the browns, and a background of simulated white stucco. This was the first award in this class.

Two exhibitors developed their themes around a bull, each composition well worked out and entirely different. Leaves of the ornamental rhubarb in one of these exhibits seemed to tie in extremely well with the heavy muscles of the charging bull.

Another composition used a Spanish dancing girl for the theme, and still another composition was built around a matador.

This class lent itself to use of gay colors in dahlia forms.

"*DUET*" called for a composition using two containers on different levels, and was to include fruit. This class gave unlimited freedom to the imagination as to container, type of dahlia, color choice and design and proved to be a very lovely class with arrangements running from Victorian, with two antique urns, to modern with two pillow vases. One color scheme (the antique urns) was developed

in the purple harmony, the black pillow vases in orange to red with light green grapes and a soft rust background and undercloth. One arranger chose an urn and a low bowl using tall berried branches of pyracantha and a green berried branch with dahlias in 3 types in deep red. She used purple and red grapes, plums, small green apples and an osage orange all against a dark green velveteen background. Composition done in a crescent design.

"*SIMPLICITY*" was a composition using white dahlias. The first in this class was a true example of the theme. Container was a bronze Chinese usabata on a teakwood stand using a lovely rhythmic branch for line and two types of small white dahlias with pale chartreuse buds in the body of the arrangement. A fine matting background and underground was chosen by this exhibitor.

The second award used a pale green vase on twin bases of similar color, with three small white dahlias and pandanus leaves for line; a small bunch of pale green grapes at base of container and a pale green background completed this composition.

The third award developed her theme around a lovely Parian ware Tiffany figurine of a young girl with arms upraised, white dahlias and mahonia foliage.

"*CLEAR AND WINDY*" brought forth the humorous with one arranger using a colored mammy in yellow gown and bandana with a wicker basket on her head filled with gay yellow, orange to orange red dahlias and Scotch broom for line expressing the direction of the wind.

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perpetual trophy, was first won by Edward O' Keefe, Sr., with a 14¼ inch bloom of *Mary Elizabeth*.

The Mrs. Lewis B. Tim Trophy, was won by Henry Olsen, with *Woodland Peach*.

The Dr. Edward McDade Trophy was won by Court Duerk with *Chasaway*.



Study in Size Contrasts

An illustration of the wide variance in Dahlia dimensions in this group taken at the 1955 A.D.S. Show. The large one at top is a 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch bloom of *Mary Elizabeth* which won the perpetual E. E. Tooker Memorial Trophy, the first time offered, for Edward O'Keefe, Sr., of Cold Spring, N. Y. The trophy is a 15 inch antique, hand chased sterling vase.

The small single bloom variety is *Bonne Esperance*, a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pink, which won a first for the Bulletin Editor. The hand holding the vase is that of Betty Blossom Johnson, wife of Jack Johnson, Horticulture Editor of Herald Tribune.

Decorative Floral Composition

The background carried out the theme with two wash lines of blowing cloths sketched on pale blue. This proved a conversation piece.

The first award in this class was the tri-color! It's theme was ingenious! A background of greyed blue with two dis-

tant sail boats tilted in the wind sketched in; the composition was a simulated dock and spile wrapped about with a rope to infer a boat was tied up and at the left was an arrangement using marsh grasses for line and white dahlias to develop the design.

Another exhibitor used a fine china figure of a young girl with large picture hat blown back off her head, with dresses flying in the wind all in pinks and blues. Around this she built her composition in somewhat of a crescent line following the way of the wind with Scotch broom for line and cactus dahlias in a gradation of pinks. The background was greyed blue. This, too, was truly 'clear and windy.'

"A SEPTEMBER PARTY" Our buffet table for six (luncheon or dinner). The first award honored 'An Ambassador from Eire' with a hunter green cloth white ball-fringe, old white china soup plates with shamrock borders, large ironstone tureen and platter, white candles and holders, green glassware and an arrangement in whitened stove-top of white single dahlias and fir foliage.

Our second award honored 'Katherine Hepburn' and seemed to do so, very well. The color scheme was in royal blue, chartreuse bordered turquoise tablecloth and the appointments included a cork wine cooler bearing a protruding green bottle, green glassware and cigarette cup, Majolica fish mold and plates. The arrangement incorporated two candles in tall holders, wax-bedripped in the colors of the cloth and springing at an angle from a wrought iron stand with a lantern on a tall staff from which red dahlias trailed. Red dahlias in design were placed on the wrought iron base to complete this truly modern creation.

Award Winners

IN OLD MADRID—1st, Mrs. Raymond R. Stoltz, Montclair, N. J.; 2nd, Mrs. Gerson T. Hirsch, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.; 3rd, Mrs. F. Palmer Hart, Red Hook, N. Y.; HM, Mrs. George Goldson, Woodmere, N. Y.

DUET—1st, Mrs. Raymond R. Stoltz, Montclair, N. J.; 2nd, Mrs. George Goldson, Woodmere, N. Y.; 3rd, Mrs. Gerson T. Hirsch, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.; HM, Mrs. C. C. Thach, Manhasset, N. Y.

SIMPLICITY—1st, Mrs. George Goldson, Woodmere, N. Y.; 2nd, Mrs. Raymond R. Stoltz, Montclair, N. Y.; 3rd Mrs. E. R. van Liew, Montclair, N. J. HM, Mrs. Gerson T. Hirsch, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

CLEAR AND WINDY—1st, Mrs. Raymond R. Stolz, Montclair, N. Y.; 2nd, Mrs. George Goldson, Woodmere, N. Y.; 3rd, Mrs. F. Palmer Hart, Red Hook, N. Y.; HM, Mrs. Simeon T. Shields, Montclair, N. J.

A SEPTEMBER PARTY—1st, Mrs. C. C. Thach, Manhasset, N. Y.; 2nd, Mr. Richard van Duzer, New York City.

TRI-COLOR—for best in five classes, Mrs. Raymond R. Stolz, *Clear and Windy*.

The tri-color winner received a \$25 award—courtesy of the management of the Essex House.

To all blue-ribbon winners a \$5 award was made by the American Dahlia Society, Inc. Miss Margaret deL. Grumbine, Chairman, Decorative Flower Compositions Section.

New York Show Notes

Mrs. Allan Hilton, Route 3, Box 828, Portersfield, Calif., came to New York especially to attend the A.D.S. Show. She has originated several dahlia introductions, and wished to see those of eastern gardeners.

A visitor from France, Fernand Cuillery of Bld Cervantes, Saavedra 57, France was most interested in the N. Y. Show. He grows about 300 hills, getting most of his varieties from Holland. He plants in February and they bloom in May and June. He uses horse manure for fertilizer and has noted little, if any virus diseases in his garden., which is near his swimming pool. The climate there in southern France is humid most of the year and their rainy season begins about May 15. The climate is even not too cold in winter, and he says he will leave his dahlia roots in the ground, without digging in 1956.

Woodrow Walkup from the Walkup Nursery in San Leandro was a show visitor. He is a member of the San Leandro Dahlia Society, an affiliate society of the A.D.S.

Mrs. Harold Beals, of 93 Berrien Road, New Rochelle, N. Y., was a New York

show exhibitor for the first time. She received two blue ribbons, one second and one Honorable Mention, and was very pleased with her initial effort in the Novice Class.

Joseph Lowe, of Morrisville, Pa., a Show visitor, was most interested in the many fine blooms on display. He grows 62 varieties now, but made notes and says he will grow some of the new ones he liked best.

One of the surprising visitors to the N. Y. Show was our old friend, Kathleen Norris. We mean the dahlia, and in the words of George Gobel, you don't hardly ever see them no more. It was shown by Gamston Gardens, of Riverdale, N. Y.

Speaking of old timer dahlias, an excellent exhibit of three blooms of *Sarret's Pink Flamingo* won for George L. Schefler of 49 Stevens Ave., Hemstead, N. Y.

Another California visitor to the A.D.S. Show was Mrs. Herbert Randlett, 3316 Via La Selva, Talos Verdees Estatens, Calif.

1955 Show Contributors

C. Albanese
Barwal Dahlia Farm
Emil Berzau
George Brunjes
Robert Connal
Henry Cory
Leslie Deltuffo
C. Diffenderfer
Lynn B. Dudley
R. C. Duerk
W. L. Elkins
C. E. Faust
Conrad Frey
Gamston Gardens
Louis Gill
Mrs. G. E. Green
John Hanna
Stanley Johnson
T. Kuzenka
C. F. Lasch
E. B. Lloyd
A. Lufkin
Dahliadel Nurseries
John Metzger
H. Dewey Mohr

The Southern States Dahlia Association

The Southern States Dahlia Association held its 9th Annual Dahlia Show, and its most colorful, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, at Hotel Patten on October 1-2, 1955.

The Dahlia Society of Tennessee was host to this rapidly growing organization that has become both nationally and internationally known. The Tennessee Society was assisted by the Dahlia Society of Alabama and the Dahlia Society of Georgia, as well as the North Georgia Dahlia Society. These last three Societies not only assisting by bringing in their dahlia blooms but by helping so much in the necessary "field work" that takes up so much of the time when putting the Show on. All these groups work closely together to make this section of United States—"Dixie" the "ABC" of the South with Atlanta-Birmingham-Chattanooga in that order.

The display of gorgeous dahlias, many gigantic in size, was held on the Mezzanine Floor of Hotel Patten. The entire balcony was filled with the Miniatures, Pompons, Balls and Other Small Flowering Varieties. Although somewhat crowded it displayed such a colorful array of dahlias that the visitors stepping from the elevator were immediately impressed by the color and the beauty of these "little fellows."

Hotel Patten's excellent Grand Ballroom held the "A" and "B" Size dahlias, together with the "Grand Court of Honor" and a Special Display of all types of dahlias ranging from the Pompons to the largest "A" size featuring Formal, Informal, Cactus and Semi-Cactus. Suitable card display identified the various types and created much interest since many visitors are not familiar with the many different varieties.

The Arrangement Section under the able Chairmanship of Mrs. R. P. Millard, Chattanooga, was staged in the "Red Room." Fifty arrangements conforming to

style, harmony, color, lines, etc., all containing dahlias were exceptionally well staged. As a highlight the focal point of this Section was a huge artist's palette mounted on an easel. Dahlias of the various colors were arranged in spectrum order through holes in the palette simulating the colors that one sees on these palettes. A large "tube of paint" spread a red streak over the palette in the upper left hand corner.

Mrs. Charles L. Walker, Chattanooga, received the Tri-Color award for the most beautiful arrangement. Mrs. Walker also received the Dahlia Society of Tennessee Gold Medal being the first lady to receive this coveted award.

The Southern States Dahlia Association prides itself on the number of arrangements entered by the various Garden Clubs and believes that this Section is one of the prettiest in any show. Excellent arrangements by the ladies called for accurate judging and the result was perfect.

In the Specimen Classes winners of Sweepstakes were as follows: NOVICE—Mrs. A. C. Adamz, Tracy City; Small Growers "A" size H. C. Davis, Chattanooga; Small Growers "B" Size—B. L. Kennedy, Atlanta; Medium Growers—

Contributors to N. Y. Show

(Continued)

A. J. Mulcahy
 John Musso
 Mrs. L. M. Ogden
 Dr. H. C. Parker
 A. Parrella
 B. E. Pitt
 L. L. Pollak
 Dr. Bruce Preas
 Premier Dahlia Gardens
 E. Robinson
 G. L. Scheffler
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 East Liverpool Dahlia Soc.
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 San Diego Dahlia Soc.
 Adrian P. Taylor

"A" Size—M. L. Sparks, Chattanooga; Medium Growers "B" Size—Dr. & Mrs. A. L. Stevens, Atlanta; Open to All "A" Size—H. L. Whittaker, Chattanooga; Open to All "B" Size—H. L. Whittaker, Chattanooga; Miniatures C. J. Bivens, Chattanooga; Pompons, C. J. Bivens, Chattanooga; Balls—H. L. Whittaker, Chattanooga; Other Small Flowering—R. O. Glauzier, Atlanta.

No outstanding entries were in the American Dahlia Society's Seedling Sweepstakes Class, or the American Home Achievement Class. Comments on the entry in the class were such as to indicate that the general public, and flower lovers, however, are willing to accept pretty blooms even though they may not score 85 or higher. Distinctiveness and appeal to the public likeness should carry more points.

We must point out that in spite of our bad weather our own Mr. Herschell L. Whittaker, Chattanooga, the originator of *The Volunteer* and *Sarah-Carolyn* won the sweepstakes for the entire Show, proving again that dahlia growers must place their dahlias on the display tables if they expect to win Ribbons. A dahlia bloom, even though it may score 89.99 will not win a ribbon if its left in the garden.

Entertainment in the form of a Judges Luncheon and a Banquet was well attended and enjoyed by all. On Sunday

morning, extending into the early afternoon, all visitors were invited to attend a luncheon at Happy Cabin Dahlia Gardens, Signal Mountain, Tennessee. Our so charming Mrs. M. E. Simmonds was Hostess, assisted by Mr. W. H. Simmonds and Mr. Charles A. Watson.

At a meeting of the Southern States Dahlia Association to which all were invited comments were asked for and many frank comments were received. It was stressed that the Officers—President, Secretary, Treasurer, and ALL the Vice Presidents should make every effort to be at the A.D.S. Meeting and be ready to exercise their prerogative to vote for things they feel best for that A.D.S. group. Stay at homes can't vote so what good is it.

Mr. Charles A. Watson retiring President of the Southern States group turned the President's gavel over to Mr. H. H. Huckba, Dahlia Society of Atlanta, Georgia, who invited every one to make plans for the 1956 show.

In conclusion 949 entries on the tables in Specimen Class. 50 Arrangements in the Arrangement Class. 100% Cooperation by every one. Thus our 1955 Show was a huge success and completed the day dreams of all Southern States members. Clarence R. Kallquist, Secretary Southern States, 3607 Monte Vista Dr., Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Conference and National Capital Dahlia Society Show

The combined first show of the Mid-Atlantic Dahlia Conference and the 20th Annual show of the National Capital Dahlia Society was held at the U.S. Botanic Gardens in Washington, D.C. September 24 and 25. The show proved to be an outstanding success in spite of an adverse growing season. Although July was hot and dry and August and early September were wet, with hurricane Connie flooding many gardens, only the number of entries of A dahlias was seriously affected. The official count of 2122 entries in 1955 compared very favorably with 2533 entries in 1954 and 1922 entries in 1953. Eight hundred entries were in the miniature pom and other small flowering class. This was perhaps the largest number of small blooms ever exhibited at a show in the United States. Out-of-town entries contributed much to the show. Dahlias were received from California and Holland, New Jersey, Ohio, Maryland and Virginia.

J. G. Ballego and Sons of Leiden, Holland again contributed an excellent exhibit of dahlias which were sent by air for the occasion. Much of the success of the show was due to the careful planning and

management of Show Chairman Clarence Phillip and his assistants, Sam Shapiro and John M. Collins. Selection of prize

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winning dahlias was made by a very competent team of 52 judges from 10 different states and the District of Columbia. The hearty thanks of the Conference and the Society are extended to all members of the judging team.

The American Home Achievement Medal and the A.D.S. certificate and ribbon were awarded to Rosemary Dahlia Gardens for the seedling, *Carlotta Rosa* with a score of 85. There were 6 entries this year, the same number as last year.

The Show's Best Large Flowering Dahlia was *Surprise*, exhibited by John Sherwood, Best Medium Flowering Dahlia was *Windlassie*, exhibited by E. R. Phillips; Best Small Flowering Dahlia was a seedling also shown by E. R. Phillips. The largest blue ribbon bloom—Depth x Diameter—was *Mary Elizabeth*, exhibited by Harry Frank. Winner of the special prize (a power mower) for large flowering dahlias, limited to one entry per exhibitor was *Burnbraes Memories* shown by Sam Shapiro.

Best dahlias in the several sections and the exhibitors included. *Amateur*, large flowering, *Autumn Blaze*, exhibited by J. Siney, 50-A, large flowering *Pride of Parkersburg*, by C. B. Schoolcraft, 50-B, Medium flowering *Betty Blossom*, by Sam Shapiro; 125-A, large flowering,

Surprise, by John Sherwood; 125-B, medium flowering, *First Lady*, by John Sherwood; OA, large flowering, *Flying Saucer*, by H. W. Anderson; OB, medium flowering, *Windlassie*, by E. R. Phillips; 3A, three blooms large flowering, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, by Sam Shapiro; 3B, three blooms medium flowering, *Carlotta Rosa*, by Rosemary Dahlia Gardens; M, Miniatures, *Seedling* by E. R. Phillips; S.F., small flowering, *Temple Kid*, by Harry Frank; N, Novice—large flowering, *Jane Lausche*—Medium flowering, *Michigan White*—Small flowering, *Little Edith*—all by G. C. Fleming; S, Seedlings by Dr. H. C. Parker in a class of 111 entries, the same number as last year.

The Children's Section again had a sizeable display of excellent flowers. The 51 entries indicate the continued interest of the younger dahlia growers. Best A dahlia was *Croydon Masterpiece*, exhibited by David Dodrill. Best smaller flowering dahlia was *Arabian Knight*, exhibited by Bobby Minor.

Mr. Harry Quick of Baltimore who is 75 years old and who is thought to be a charter member of the A.D.S. won the sweepstakes in the small flowering class and 4 firsts in the basket classes. There were 69 entries in the basket and vase classes. M. C. Heinz, 5917 Kirby Court, Falls Church, Virginia.

MIDWEST DAHLIA CONFERENCE

The 22nd Annual meeting of the Midwest Dahlia Conference was held in the South Room of Hotel Schroeder in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 10, 1955 at 5:10 P.M. with President Mr. C. H. Mosser presiding.

Roll Call of Delegates

American Dahlia Society: Dr. Edw. McDade, J. Louis Roberts, Edw. B. Lloyd, Dr. Bruce Preas, Jesse Strauss, Dr. Ward Cook, Chas. Diffenderfer; Central States Dahlia Society: Bernard Wright, N. T. Brunswick, Lewis J. West, Fred L. Trauth, H. Cummings, J. E. Marsh, Mrs. Clara Grother; Indianapolis Dahlia Society: Richard Dunwoody, N. R. Hemphill, E. D. Record; Dahlia Society of Kentucky: W. F. Kleinjohn; Dahlia Society of Ohio: E. J. Wind; Ohio Valley Dahlia Association: R. G. Huey, Wilbur Anderson; Dahlia Society of Wisconsin: Ben Makowski, Jack Hubert; Minnesota Dahlia Society: A. J. Gorsky, C. Rose; Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society: Paul Hale, Chas. Wiedemann; Dahlia Society of Toledo: No delegate; East Liverpool Dahlia Society: Jack Eccleston, Wm. C. Craine; Badger State Dahlia Society: Max E. Freudenberg; Greater Kansas City Dahlia Society: No delegate; Tri-City Dahlia Society: Francis Magnuson, Willard Wretman; Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society: Wm. Koenig; Mid America Dahlia Society: No delegate.

Minutes of the 1954 meeting held in Cincinnati, Ohio were read and a motion was made by J. Louis Roberts of the American Dahlia Society and seconded by Edw. B. Lloyd of the American Dahlia Society that they be accepted as read. Motion carried. Treasurers report was read showing a balance of \$239.79 as of September 10, 1955. A motion was made by J. Louis Roberts and seconded by Dr. Edw. McDade of the American Dahlia Society that the report be accepted as read. Motion carried. A motion was made by W. F. Kleinjohn of the Dahlia Society of Kentucky and seconded by J. Louis Roberts that the \$25.00 be allowed for the Midwest Dahlia Conference Trophy. Motion carried.

Bids for 1956 Midwest Show and Conference Meeting

Mr. W. Wretman of the Tri-City Dahlia Society in Moline, Illinois offered a Bid for the 1956 Midwest Show and Conference meeting.

A motion was made by W. F. Kleinjohn and seconded by Max Freudenberg of Badger State Dahlia Society that we accept the Bid of the Tri-City Dahlia Society to be Host for the 1956 Midwest Show and Conference meeting, which will be held on September 22-23, 1956. Motion carried.

Robert H. Anderson, President of the Tri-City Dahlia Society gave a hearty welcome to all to attend the Midwest Show at Moline, Illinois next year, 1956.

Mr. Chas. Wiedemann of the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society gave a verbal invitation for their Society to be Host to the Midwest Dahlia Conference and Midwest Show in 1957.

Mr. Wiedemann was asked to have the Greater St. Louis Dahlia Society send the invitation in writing to the Secretary.

Election of Officers

President: A motion was made by J. Louis Roberts and seconded by W. F. Kleinjohn that the President elect of the Tri-City Dahlia Society in office at that time be the President of the Conference for 1956. Motion carried. *Secretary Treasurer:* A motion was made by J. Louis Roberts of the American Dahlia Society and seconded by W. Anderson of the Ohio Valley Dahlia Association that Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn be re-elected Secretary-Treasurer by a unanimous vote. Motion carried. A motion was made by J. Lewis West of Central States Dahlia Society and seconded by Edw. B. Lloyd that the Secretary be allowed \$75.00 for her expense to the Midwest Conference meeting. Motion carried. J. Lewis West expressed thanks to the Host Society for their hospitality. Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary, Midwest Dahlia Conference, 726 Barrett Avenue, Louisville 4, Ky.

Snohomish Co. Rose and Dahlia Society

Our show was the First Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference show combined with the 46th Annual Dahlia show of the Snohomish County Rose & Dahlia Society, host.

The show was held in Floral Hall, Forest Park, Saturday and Sunday Sept. 3 and 4th. It was well attended and we had many blooms.

Among the Section winners were: Novice, Leo Maycus with "*Yellow Special*"; Amateur, L. G. Miller with "*Marion Tate*" and "*Florence Chadwick*" and Carol MacDonald with "*Racht*"; Donald Edson with "*Baby Fontaneau*"; Open Div., V. E. Sanford with "*Searchlight*" and Jess Cavender with "*Doge*"; Tony De Rooy with "*Blackbird*" and "*Grandeza*"; J. E. Hulin with "*Taxi*"; Seedlings Tony De Rooy with "*Prosperity*," "*Pink Lace*" and "*Velveta*"; Largest and Most Perfect, N. S. McKamey with "*Croydan's Masterpiece*".

Saturday evening we held a No Host banquet in the ball room of the Monte Cristo Hotel, with the annual Conference meeting following, at that time officers were elected as follows: Pres: Tony DeRooy—Monre, Washington, Vice Pres: P. F. Kershishnik, 6707 N. Michigan Ave.—Portland 17, Oregon, Sec.-Treas: Mrs. R. D. Evans, 4422 Glenwood Dr.—Everett, Wash., Portland Dahlia Society was picked to host the 1956 Conference show.

The Snohomish County Rose & Dahlia Society held the election of officers at their September meeting. They are: Pres. Mrs. R. D. Evans, 4422 Glenwood Dr., Everett; Vice Pres: Tom Wigley, 1626 Wetmore Ave., Everett; Sec.: Mrs. B. H. Weber, 1506-36th St., Everett; Treas.: Mrs. Pearl Kiehn, Rte. 1, Snohomish, Wn.; Trustee (3 yr. term): Jess Cavender, 6221 Cady Rd., Everett, Wash.; R. D. Evans, Publicity Chairman, 4422 Glenwood Dr., Everett, Washington.—R. D. Evans, Publicity Chairman, address above.

TRIAL GROUND REPORTS FOR 1955

The following report of the Official A.D.S. Trial Grounds are most interesting, we believe, to those who are seeking new varieties to exhibit in 1955.

Not all of the reports from the five gardens have been received up to time of going to press for this issue. Those received too late will be published in the February issue.

Only the varieties which scored 85 points or higher and which will receive A.D.S. Certificates of Merit are listed below.

Weather damage affected dahlias in Trial Gardens as well as in private gardens and shows. Many were reported not in condition to judge and quite a few were recommended for retrial in 1956.

Pacific Coast Trial Garden

Stake No. 4: NO. 1 BEAUTY A-F.D. 15 x 8 inches disbudded, 13 x 6 inches natural. Spirea red 025, veined lighter and suffused Dresden Yellow. Prolific bloomer; sturdy bush; height 4 ft. Score 85, Nat C. Lundgren.

Stake No. 4: COCKTAIL: S.C. B-8x4 inches. Prolific bloomer; good substance; Dresden Yellow, 64. Height 5 ft.; score 85. Fa.D. Bruidegom, Baarn Holland.

Stake 11, EL DORADO, B.-S.C. 8 x 6 in., but easily grown larger. Bicolor. Apricot 609, with approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ of petals tipped white; most petals having attached petaloids of same color. Good bush, height 4 ft.; Score 86.2. John J. Gaylord.

Stake 21: EDZARD: B. St. C. 8 x 5 inches; Dresden Yellow, 64-1. Continuous and prolific bloomer; substance good. Bush 5 ft. Score, 85. J. G. Ballego & Sons, Leiden, Holland.

Stake 26: HONEY BEAR. B.-I.D. Chrome Yellow. Prolific bloomer, with good substance. Bush height $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Score 85. Dahliadel Nurseries.

Stake 31: PILGRIM, B.-St.C. 8 x 4 inches. White with light cream base. Very prolific; Bush height 5 ft. Score 85.6. Rocky River Dahlia Gardens.

—R. E. Harter, Supt.

Southern Trial Grounds

Weather in recent years has become very fickle, as all of us know. In 1953 in Atlanta we had a wonderful growing season. In 1954 a hot drought. In 1955 we started out with a dry spring. In June, July and the first part of August, we had a lot of rain, in fact, so much at times all had several plants drowned out. After the 15th of August, a drought set in. The effect was luscious bush growth with smaller size blooms.

Listed below are those certified in Trial

Ground with a score of eighty-five or better.

(1) Originator—Dahliadel Dahlia Gardens; Introducer—Name, Nashua. Description—"B"—Formal Decorative-geranium, red, size $7-7\frac{1}{2} \times 3-3\frac{1}{4}$. Good bush growth. First blooms top, later side facing. Score 85.

(2) Originator, Fred H. Scott, Old Clarten Rd., Rout 6, Pittsburgh 36, Pa. Introducer—Rocky River Dahlia Garden Rocky River, Ohio. Name—*Duet*. Description—"B"—Formal Decorative, Bi-color, red with white. Size $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$. Bush 4 ft., growth good. Score 85.2.

(3) Originator, Julius B. Rich, Route 1, Box 105 A. Monca, Ill. Name, (unknown to come). Min F.D. 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ "; bush 3 ft. geranium red, prolific. Score 85.

—E. E. Montgomery, Superintendent, Trial Grounds.

Mid West Dahlia Trial Gardens

Recommended for Certificates

Entry No. 11. *Papes Pink*. Semi-cactus Score 85 B. Color mallow-rose. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens, Rocky River, Ohio. Diameter of blooms 5-7 inches, depth 2-3 inches.

Entry No. 13. *Bonfire*. Semi-cactus. Score 85 B. Color autumn. Entered by Herman C. Rhode, Battle Creek, Mich. Diameter of blooms 6-7 inches, depth 2-3 inches.

Entry No. 15. *Miss Lee Ann*. Cactus. Score 85 B. Color mallow-pink. Entered

by Herman C. Rhode, Battle Creek, Michigan. Diameter 4-6 inches, depth 2 inches.

Entry No. 19. *Autumn Queen*. M.F.D. Score 85 M. Color autumn. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J.

Entry No. 26. *Michigan Glory*. Inf. decorative. Score 85 A. Color dark mallow-pink. Entered by C. N. Keiser Dahlia Gardens, Box 33, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Diameter of blooms 8-10 inches, depth 2½-3 inches. Dr. C. E. Wildon.

Eastern Trial Garden

Twenty-five varieties were sent to the Trial Garden at the Long Island Agricultural & Tech. Institute at Farmingdale this year. The growing season was notable for unusually long periods of intense heat, and those varieties which arrived late made a poor start, and grew very slowly during the summer months. When the cooler September weather arrived, the whole planting took on new life, and plants which had been just holding their own all summer developed rapidly. The earlier plantings made the best growth, bloomed more freely, and were better able to withstand the summer heat, so those contemplating sending seedlings to the Trial Ground in future years are urged to send their plants or roots to the Trial Garden before June 1. Eight varieties earned a score of 85 or over, only one of them in the large class. One collarette and one pompon are included, and the remaining five are in the medium sized class. Ten varieties scored between 80 and 85, and three which fell victim to heat or hurricane are recommended for retrial. No variety scored less than 79.

Varieties Scoring 85 or More

Martha Keydash. Entered by Mr. Charles P. Spedden of 4103 Bedford Road, Baltimore, Md. This dark red pompon grows to a height of about 4½ ft. and has ball shaped blooms on fine stems. It should be able to hold its own against anything in its class. Score 85.4.

Verne. Entered by Dahliadell Nurseries of Vineland, N. J. A light pink medium sized semi cactus on bushes 5 ft. tall. Blooms facing on fine stems. An early and free bloomer. Score 85.

Needles. Entered by Dahliadell Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. A variegated collarette with a variegated collar. Color is peony purple on white. The tendency of variegated varieties to sport solid colored flowers was almost completely absent.

Bushes 5½ ft. bearing a profusion of facing blooms on fine stems. Score 85.7.

Daily's Gold. Entered by Dahliadel Nurseries, Vineland, N. J. A medium sized formal decorative on bushes 4½ ft. tall. Color in the autumn class. The first variety in the Trial Garden to bloom, it continued to bloom throughout the season, supporting many partly facing flowers on good stems. Score 85.8.

Peggie N. Entered by Wm. Noonan of Bethpage, N. Y. A small medium (BB) sized straight cactus extremely free flowering on bushes 5½ to 6 ft. tall. Blooms up to 5 inches in diameter are camelia rose over a yellow base. Score 85.5.

4701. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens of 19111 Story Rd., Rocky River, Ohio. A medium sized incurved cactus of rhodamine pink on 3½ ft. bushes. This one bloomed late at the Trial Garden, and had few flowers, but was able to overcome this handicap by the excellence of its other qualities to earn a score of 85.

Peach Glow. Entered by Rocky River Dahlia Gardens of 19111 Story Rd., Rocky River, Ohio. A medium sized formal decorative held facing on fine stems. Bushes are 5½ ft. tall, bloom early and support an average quantity of bloom. Color is a delicate blend of carmine rose and creamy yellow. Score 85.3.

Myrtle E. Lowry. Entered by Harold M. King of 29 Monroe Ave., Little Silver, N. J. This white formal decorative is the only large dahlia to receive a score of 85 at Farmingdale this year. Planted late and late to bloom, it showed such promise that no score turned in was less than 85. A clean white holding the 10-inch blooms almost full facing on excellent stems. Bush was 3½ ft. Score 85.4.

—Chris. Rissmeyer, Supt.

No Report from Ohio Valley

Owing to the very bad season in our locality the dahlias in the Ohio Valley Dahlia Trial Grounds were not scored. I understand unsatisfactory growing conditions prevailed in other sections of the country, as well as ours. We are sorry that, for 1955, there is no report available. — Robert Seibel, A.D.S. Trial Grounds Superintendent.

Your Seedlings may win the Derrill Hart Medal if sent to three A.D.S. Trial Gardens.

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Swan Island Dahlias

An Epic Story of a Dahlia Business

About thirty years ago Mrs. Frances McCarter of Portland, Oregon bought a dozen dahlias for 5 cents each from a neighbor. Like Topsy the business "just grewed", and this season the successor to this modest beginning, Swan Island Dahlias has nearly a half million plants.

For the next several years after the first planting the dahlias remained a hobby, but then Frances McCarter awoke to the possibilities of the pompon type as a cutflower item for the Portland florists. During the early 1930's particular emphasis was placed on this type and within a few years the dahlia business was a full time occupation. Initially all the tubers were sold at retail but gradually there was an expansion into the wholesale field and the retail was dropped in 1939. Her son Dick took over the active operation of the business in 1941 only to go into military service the following year and for four years the business existed only as a planting of a thousand or so hills in a corner lot next to Frances McCarter's home while she herself worked in a defense plant.

After returning from the army in 1946 Dick restarted the business and together with his wife Shirley, now owns and operates it with Frances McCarter remaining on a full time capacity as forelady of the clump dividing crew and a sort of "elder statesman".

In 1951 the operation was moved to Canby, about 25 miles south of Portland, because of a fine light sandy soil ideally suited for growing dahlias commercially.

In 1949 the retail phase was once again started and a small colored folder printed. There were a number of reasons for this new start in retail and the color printing, chief among them being a desire to prove to the large mail order houses that dahlias could carry their weight in a horticultural catalog just as well as roses or iris or any other flower. The results to date have been satisfactory though not spectacular, but it is the McCarter's belief that ultimately the dahlia will take its rightful place as the true king of fall flowers.

Make Reservations for Annual A.D.S. Dinner Before Jan. 19

Chairman of Dinner, Dewey Mohr says that reservations for the President Elect Annual Dinner, must be in his hands not later than Wed., Jan. 19.

A certain number of rooms have been reserved at Park Sheraton, for out-of-

town guests. Deadline for these reservations is also Jan. 19. Please make same direct with Mr. Frank Dolan, Director of Sales, Park Sheraton, 7th and 55th St., N. Y. 19. (See page 20.)

THREE BEAUTIES

for 1956

Our first introductions. *Flying Saucer*, *Lloyd George* and *Francis Digi* were well received last year. We thank all our customers for their patronage.

This season we have three, all of which won A.D.S. Seedling Certificate Awards, and one was winner also of the American Home Achievement Medal.

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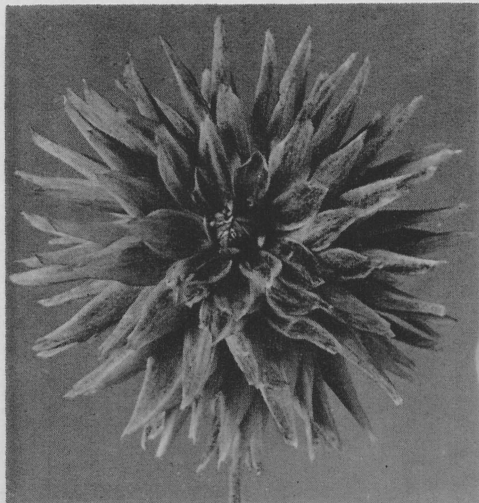
Named after one of our good, departed friends, and worthy of him, too. It is an "A" size I.D., 9 in. by 5 in. Mimosa Yellow petals, flecked Paeony Purple. Got an A.D.S. Sweepstake Award, L. I. Show, 1955. Good Substance. Stems 10-12 inches; bush 4½ ft.

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Cultivation of Dahliaroots in Holland

By D. Eveleens Maarse, Co-Partner Fa. D. Bruidegom,
Baarn, Holland

The cultivation of dahlia-roots for export purposes in Holland already has a history of about 35 years. Of course there have been exported roots to various countries in the years before World War I, but these exports only happened occasionally. One cannot say that in those years there was a stabilized trade in dahlia roots between our growers and growers abroad.

In the early twenties the cultivation and the use of dahlias became much more popular in Holland because of the fact that some growers introduced novelties with better qualities in flower-formation and carriage of the flower on a stiff stem. These novelties were indeed a great improvement of the older varieties in more than one quality. Especially the long stiff stems and the fully double centres created such a sensation all over the world that it is easy to understand that inquiries from all parts of the world were received by those who grew and exhibited these newer varieties.

During the following years the trade with foreign countries grew and grew and not only Holland-raised varieties were exported, but also the best novelties from other countries were imported, propagated and sold to any one who liked to have them.

The dahlia-trade gradually extended and every year a larger number of roots were demanded by the exporters. Some of them insisted on receiving smaller and more compact grown roots to decrease the transportation costs. In comparison to other bulbs the transportation costs of dahlia roots always were and still are rather high, because even the popular medium-sized fieldgrown roots are a rather bulky stuff. The demand for small and compact roots made that some growers began to grow their dahlias in pots and let them stay in those pots during the entire growing season, in this way the now famous Holland pot-root was born!

As a matter of fact, there is very little difference in the way we grow our field roots and pot-roots. The only difference is that the plants that are selected to produce pot-roots are planted out with the pot staying around their roots and those which should produce fieldroots are planted out without the pot.

In our nursery the cuttings are taken from February 15th till April 30th. We always put cuttings in flats, using as a rooting-medium pure leaf-mold covered with a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch layer of pure river-sand. As a rule no rooting-hormones are used. Only a very small number of varieties from which we know that they are very slow in rooting get a dip of hormone-powder.



Potted plants are deep-planted

As soon as the cuttings have made sufficient roots and show some growth in the leaves they are removed from the wooden flats and potted in 3 inch pots. For the greater part of our rooted cuttings these pots will be the home in which they stay till they are packed. The soil in which the cuttings are potted consists of a mixture of leaf-mold and old cow-manure. The cuttings which are potted are placed in cold frames and covered with Dutch lights that remain on the plants until the time that no frost may be expected.

The potted plants remain in the cold frames until they will be planted out in the open, which in our country may be done from May 15th onwards. During their stay in the cold frames the plants have been gradually hardened off so that they are ready for planting in the open as soon as danger of frost is over.

The soil in which the potted plants are to be planted is properly dug beforehand and is given a good supply of potash and phosphates. No manure is used in order to secure better keeping qualities during next winter storage. The soil should be loosened very well so that planting by hand is possible.

The distance in which plants for pot-roots are grown is 10 inches in the row, the rows being 15 inches apart. Between every four rows there is a path of 20 inches to walk through.

The planting of the plants in pots must be done very carefully and so that the edge of the pot is covered by a least 2 inches, preferable 3 inches of soil. This deep planting allows the plant to send the roots over the pot-edge in the surrounding soil so that roots can extract the needed feed from this soil. Of course the plants should be soaked well with water and often when no rains fall in the first days after planting water should be given.

During the first few weeks the plants sometimes have a rather hard time in getting their roots over the edge of the pot, but as soon as these roots appear the plants will grow as well as those planted without pots. The second half of July, when the plants are in full growth, a second dressing of pot ash is supplied.

As soon as the plants are over two feet tall they are cut back and this is repeated once or twice during August and September. No flowers should appear on the plants as all strength should be concentrated on the building of the roots. Occasionally blooms are allowed in order to give the grower the opportunity to see

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THE A.D.S. ANNUAL MEETING

**Will Be Held on Saturday
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The Annual Meeting of the American Dahlia Society, Inc., will be called to order at 2 P.M. by President Andrew Mulcahy. Officers for the coming year will be elected. Reports will be read by standing committee chairmen and the regular order of old and new business will be conducted.

The Banquet will start at 7 P.M. in the Tower Room, to honor the president elect, Dr. Bruce Preas of Rockville Centre. Mr. J. W. Johnston, Horticultural Editor of the Herald Tribune will be the guest speaker. Kodachrome Slides of the 1956 Introductions and other features will be shown.

Please make your reservation early, through the Chairman.

Those wishing to spend the week end make your room reservations early. There will be various "Bull Sessions" beginning Friday Even-

ing, Jan. 20, throughout the hotel. Address:

Frank Dolan, Dir. of Sales,
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Should you desire any further information regarding the Meeting, or Dinner do not hesitate to contact the Chairman.

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WIN AN AWARD

Bring Your 10 Best Slides

Your dahlias can take part in the program. Bring the 10 best colored slides, taken of your seedlings, old timers or just garden scenes. Give them to Henry Olsen at early A.D.S. session, before Annual Dinner, so that a combined showing of the best Dahlia pictures of 1955 can be arranged. A vote will be taken for the most artistic Kodachrome picture shown. A division of a new 1956 introduction will be awarded to the winning photographer.

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whether the varieties are true to their name.

Thus the plants grow and the grower hopes that root-crop will be as heavy as possible.

Lifting of the roots starts, frost or no frost, during the first weeks of October to allow the grower to have finished lift-

ing before November 15th after which date the severe frosts may be expected. After lifting, the roots are kept in the pots, although, according to the results of the season's growing-conditions, a smaller or larger number are broken by the strength of the growing tubers.

The pots containing the pot-roots are stored side by side in a single layer and all available space under the greenhouse benches is used for this purpose.

The potroots are kept in the pots until we use them for shipping. Stored this way potroots may be kept in perfect condition until June or July of the following year.

Our Honor Roll colleague, Col. Richard T. Eddy, was a New York Show visitor. We wish we could have spent more time with him. He has traveled in over 108 countries in the eight years since his retirement from the Interstate Commerce Commission. Has quite a few interesting stories, too. He also visited Milwaukee, Chicago and Washington Shows.

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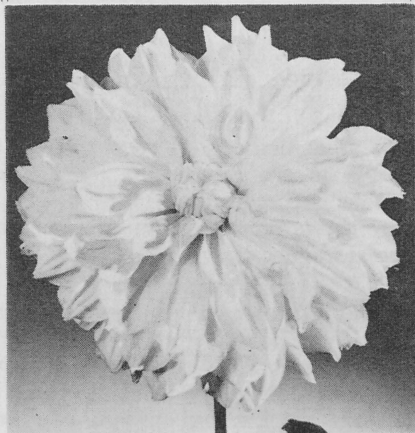
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Roots To Store? - - And How!

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Root storage has always been a problem of major proportions wherever dahlias are grown. Therefore the problem is just as far from a solution on the West Coast as it is east of the Mississippi.

The methods of root storage in practice today are as legion as the dahlia lovers themselves. The reason being, each of us have differing problems forced upon us by a wide variance of these factors: Cold, moisture, heat, storage mediums available, length of storage period, and even pre-storage care.

The wide variance of these factors make an established storage "formula" impossible. Therefore it has always been my humble opinion that if you have a storage method which is even mildly successful, it should not be altered. If you must, do your experimenting with small quantities of root-stock of no value to you. If it works with the cheaper, less important varieties, then you can gradually expand your experimentation into full scope operation.

So far, I have said nothing except that which is common knowledge among all of us. And from the very complexity of the problem I do not intend to attempt a solution or a "formula" to solve all our root storage ills. Do you realize that if there were such a "formula" proposed, some of us would still think our own method was the "best?"

Now, let's explore just one factor which accounts for so much of our root loss in storage. Let's call it "Pre-storage Care". I want you to watch with me, while the "localized" and "personalized" problems begin to complicate things.

A "soft" root will not survive a prolonged period of storage. A "soft" root may be a root containing an excess of water which has not united with the plant starches and/or sugars.

A "firm" or "cured" root will keep in storage the better. It should be mature and in a dormant condition. To attain this condition, the dahlia plant should not be encouraged to grow during the month before digging, by simply with-holding water and plant food during that period of time.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? That's fine in Southern California, but it won't "fit" if you live in Missouri or New York. And it won't work much better in Northern California or in the Pacific north-west. Already complications are beginning. You are asking, "How am I going to keep it from raising?," and "When is my digging time?" I would suggest that if your County Agent or Farm Advisor can't

solve the problem, you may need to have a good talk with the Lord.

Seriously, here in Southern California the above method can be applied with some success. We know within reason when to start our digging operations. There is no rain during our growing season, we must irrigate. We know we must dig before the winter rains, if we grow



It's Digging Time Again!

Lift that fork, dig those roots.
Bend your back till it feels dead.
Check the names, watch your boots,
Take it easy, or you'll land in bed.

in a "heavy" soil. If we grow in a "light" soil, we can take a little more time because the ground does not freeze during our "mild" winters. In fact many home gardeners never lift their root-clumps until the new sprouts show in the spring. Sometimes we think the Good Lord has "taken a lik'in to us"!

I have inspected storage areas wherein excessive moisture caused mold and rot. I have seen others entirely too hot and dry. I have visited others lacking proper ventilation. But these are "personalized FAILURES"; after and beyond the "Pre-storage Care" phase.

So first, we find complications in pre-storage care; next we find vast differences in the storage period itself, which add other problems; then there are the "too hot", "too dry", "too wet", "too cold" failures in actual storage. So how are we going to formulate a root storage method to "whip" all conditions, much less one to please a bunch of "specialists"—each of whom have the "one best method."

(*Editor's Note:* Noel got this far, and then his wife called him to dinner and he never finished it. We will add that more and more growers are using Vermiculite (granulated mica) as a medium to keep excesses of heat, dry air and moisture from injuring roots in storage. They may be packed in boxes or barrels and covered with the mica. It is free from mold and it absorbs moisture, but it does allow a reasonable amount of air to reach roots.

Undoubtedly the old fashioned root cellar is the ideal way to store roots. Large growers control heat and moisture in their storage area. Dahlia roots keep best, like potatoes at between 45 and 60 degrees temperatures. An electric humidifier, if the area is dry, will help to maintain a proper degree of moisture, to prevent the roots from drying out. Just wrapping them in newspapers and placing them in the cellar in baskets does not often result in successful storage).

Dahlias Suffer in Iowa

I was interested in reading the article, "1955 Weather—and Dahlias" in the October issue of the American Dahlia Society Bulletin . . . also, the reports from Dahlia growers in the Eastern section of the country. It grieves me again to read once more of the great loss of life and property damage from floods and winds which came to your part of the country. I am sorry, also, to hear about the havoc wrought in the Dahlia gardens throughout that area.

Here in the Middlewest, we have suffered great damage to Dahlias and other garden crops from the drought and heat of the past summer. I grow about 300 Dahlias each year, but I have seen only three or four poor excuses for blossoms on all of these plants. A great number actually died and disappeared from the fields, while most others were stunted and not more than one or two feet high. Even my special varieties, which I gave great care, failed to bloom and had a stunted appearance—despite the fact that they were never short of water.

I attribute our loss here mostly to a lack of subsoil moisture, as we have been on the short side of rainfall for the past three years. However, we can look forward again to a better crop next year and I hope at sometime to be able to visit the Annual American Dahlia Society Show at the Essex House, New York. Sincerely yours, Kenneth Scott, 202 E. Park St., Spencer, Iowa.

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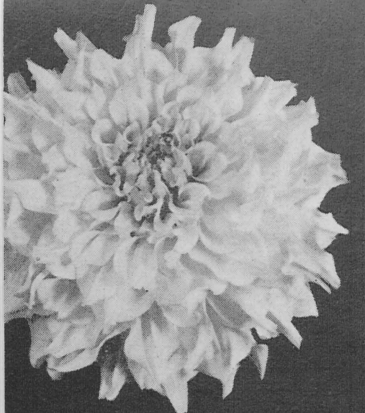
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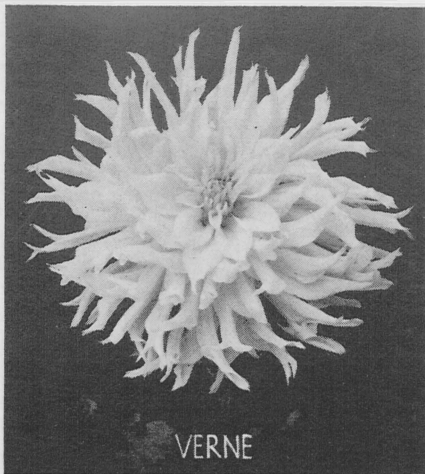
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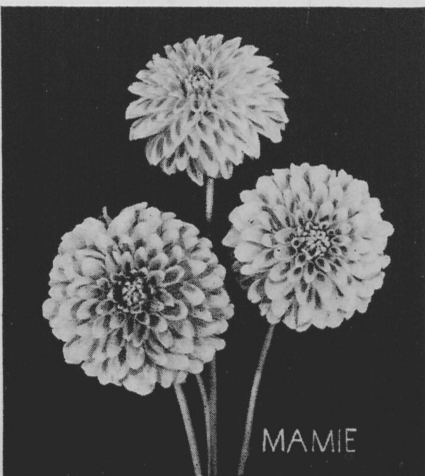
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EDITORIAL

This November BULLETIN is, as has always been the custom, the Show Report issue. We are aware of the fact that many, if not most of our readers, read the Show reports to see which dahlia varieties win at the Shows. True, each local Society likes to read WHO won, but our members at large want to know WHAT won, because when they buy new ones each

year, and we hope they do, their main objective is to select those which will help them win more awards at their next show.

Fortunately, most of the A.D.S. correspondents recognize this fact. But a few of them still believe that because most people take pleasure in seeing their name in print, they must persist in recording only names of individuals who win. So it was necessary for the editor to return some of these reports for additional information on variety winners. This takes time and delays publication and probably makes the reporters think the editor is crazy. They are undoubtedly right. But we will persist that Show reports be written in the best interests of all our readers. And, we might add, we have much correspondence to prove us right on that score.

If our reporters wish to know the type of show reports we believe the BULLETIN should have, we suggest you read J. E. Hulin's Kitsap Co. Dahlia Society Show report; The Orange Co. Dahlia Society report by Mrs. Archibald; The Portland Dahlia Society report by Mrs. Kershisp; The Williamsburg Society report by Mrs. Bess Dennis; Stanley Johnson's Greater Phila. Show, and others.

Then, come next fall, won't all our correspondents please include winning varieties—and—*keep the reports to a reasonable length, please?*

Our Cover for November

The four-color reproduction of five miniature dahlias, is published through the courtesy of Dick and Shirley McCarter, a wholesale and retail dahlia firm, operating under the name Swan Island Dahlias.

The color plate is one of 21 full color plates which the McCarters use in their spring catalogue. This folder catalogue is probably the most colorful dahlia brochure issued in America today.

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The varieties pictured and which Swan Island offers for sale are: top row, left, orchid M.F.D. *Melody*, right, *Glory of Heamstede*, yellow M.F.D.; middle row, left, *Golden Leader*, M.F.D. gold; right; *Gerry Hock*, Pink M.F.D.; bottom, *Ike*, red, M.F.D.

Please see the interesting story of the evolution of the McCarters dahlia business on another page of this issue.

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LYNN B. DUDLEY, Editor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 7th day of November, 1955.

(SEAL)

DAVID LANE
My commission expires
March 30, 1956.

IN MEMORIUM

William B. Sweeney 67, of 233 Jackson Street, Willimantic, Conn., died at the Windham Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. At the time of his death he was administrator of the Hospital and before that, beginning in 1933, was its Superintendent.

Mr. Sweeney was in charge of the A.D.S. Trial Garden at Connecticut State Agricultural College, when it was first established in 1918. He was succeeded by George Fraser about 1932 when he became Superintendent of the Hospital. But probably "Bill" Sweeney's greatest contribution to dahlia progress was in 1929, when he involved a new system of Dahlia Scoring and wrote a book about it. For many years after he left, what was then known as Connecticut State College, he was on the A.D.S. team of judges which scored and judged the new seedlings there.

This Sweeney Score Card was subsequently used in judging at A.D.S. Trial Grounds and was the forerunner of today's Official Score Cards. It was the first which aided in judging by listing plus and minus characteristics. Thus Mr. Sweeney was a pioneer of today's method of official scoring.

At the time of his death, he was interested in and a member of several state and national hospital organizations. He was also a member of the State Board of Education for 18 years and the Windham Board of Education for 25 years. As a friend of many and as a public servant, Mr. Sweeney was held in highest regard and will be greatly missed, not only by his son, daughter, four sisters and four grandchildren, but by all his townspeople.

And, we dahlia folks who knew him will always be grateful for the assistance he rendered to the young and struggling American Dahlia Society in the early years of its existence.

CORRECTION—PLEASE

In the article about A.D.S. Branches and Affiliate Societies on page 8, August, 1955 BULLETIN, the editor quoted and reversed the names and addresses of the officers to be contacted.

Therefore, when society officials wish information or want to renew relationships with the National Society, on matters pertaining to "Affiliates" write to Henry A. Olsen, 45 Clement St., Elmont, N. Y. and on Branch matters write to Emil Berzau, 239 Park Ave., Merrick, N. Y.

A. D. S. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee presents a slate for 1955 as listed on the ballot below.

Active members in good standing shall be entitled to cast two votes. Sustaining and life members, the same.

Participating members shall be members of Branch Societies who have been duly accepted into membership by the Executive Committee. Each Participating Member shall have one vote.

Be sure to mail your ballot before January 2, 1956 to Henry Olsen, Treasurer, 45 Clement Avenue, Elmont, N. Y.

VOTE

FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY, INC.

The Officers placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee to serve the American Dahlia Society for 1955, or until their successors are elected or appointed, are as follows:

- For President: Dr. Bruce Preas, Rockville Centre, N. Y.
- For Secretary: Edward B. Lloyd, Montclair, New Jersey
- For Assistant Secretary: Emil Berzau, Merrick, N. Y.
- For Treasurer: Henry A. Olsen, Elmont, L. I., New York
- For Trustee to 1958: Andrew Mulcahy, Floral Park, New York

For Vice Presidents (vote for 25 or more):

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Note: If you are an active or sustaining member in good standing, or a life member, your vote will be counted as two (2) votes for each officer voted for. If you are a participating (Branch membership classification) your vote will be counted as one (1) vote. Be sure to mail this ballot before January 2, 1955, to Henry Olsen, Treasurer, 45 Clement Avenue, Elmont, N. Y.

Note 2: You have privilege of voting for other A.D.S. members in place of those nominated above, providing that the written acceptance of said candidate, properly sworn to before a legal officer, has been filed with the Secretary of the American Dahlia Society. (It requires twenty-five (25) votes to elect.)

Your signature here, please

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Letters to Editor

We were disappointed that you were unable to come out to our Mid West show this year at Milwaukee, but understand that illness in the family made it impracticable for you to do so. In spite of the bad weather preceding the show I think we had a very creditable showing.

I also wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the splendid job you are doing on the BULLETIN. Having been editor of The Dahlia for six years (which only came out twice a year and not four times a year) I have some idea of the work and sacrifice this entails on your part. I have heard nothing but favorable comments on the recent issues of the BULLETIN, and am sure that others besides myself are duly appreciative. Sincerely, George R. Currie, 4130 Manitou Way, Madison 5, Wisconsin.

Connal's Lunch Gets Cold

My copy of the May BULLETIN came to hand yesterday just before going to lunch. Believe it or not, I became so interested it was hard to take my eyes away from it, and eat my food, and I freely confess I like good food. I have read the BULLETIN for a good many years, and frankly I do not recall as interesting and worthwhile an issue as this one just released. I am probably not among the first, but I hope I'm not far from the top of the list offering congratulations for a fine piece of hard work, well done. I only hope letters like this mount in number to such a degree, that you feel compensated for all the labor and time spent in making the issue so satisfying. Bob Connal, 36 Duke Street, Rochester 9, N. Y.

Dahlia Names Registered

The names of the following dahlias have been registered in the nomenclature files of the American Dahlia Society, with fees for same received. They are registered in the name of William Tilton, Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y.

Private Secretary, B, st. cac., Tyrian purple, rosy cast.

Larry Heslin, A. I.D., variegated yellow, paeony purple splashes.

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MORE 1955 DAHLIA SHOW NEWS

Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society

The Greater Pittsburgh 1955 Dahlia Show was held at the Joseph Horne Co. Department Store on September 19-20. After an extremely hot Summer we considered our show very good. The Cactus Classes were very well filled, with only the larger varieties missing. Arrangements, Table Settings and Corsages were exceptionally well made by our ladies. Among the winners were Mrs. J. H. Antenseith, Mrs. Jack Burton, Mrs. P. De Voss, Mrs. R. Faus, and Mrs. S. Motznik. Largest most perfect bloom, *Winifred Stredwick*, shown by F. J. Fisher.

Best decorative bloom, *Miss Orchid*, shown by P. D'Annunzio.

Best bi-color bloom, *Jane Lausche*, shown by W. Flickenstein.

Best cactus in show *Princess Royal*, shown by R. Motznik.

Best miniatures in show *Ike*, shown by Mrs. J. Burton.

Best Poms in show *Little Edith*, shown by H. Worley.

Smallest bloom in show *Gold Dust*, shown by G. Hall.

Everyone worked hard for a good show and the various committees are really thankful that so many Exhibits were brought in by the members. Rudy Motznik, 4429 Brightview Ave., Pittsburgh 27, Pennsylvania.

CLOSING DATE, THE 10TH

Secretaries of Branch and Affiliate Societies are requested to mail their reports for publication in the Bulletin on the 10th of the month preceding publication. These closing dates are:

January 10 for February issue

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October 10 for November issue

If copy does not reach the editor by these dates it is quite likely to be left until the following issue, and when that happens its news value is greatly lessened, if not entirely lost. And please keep it brief.

Dahlia Society of Ohio, Inc.

The results of our 25th "Silver Anniversary" Annual Dahlia Show were most gratifying, even though we did not expect as good a show this year due to the long hot and dry spell experienced here in Ohio. While the blooms were not as large as in previous years we had a larger number of blooms and they were of excellent quality.

Our Show was held in the Higbee Co. Auditorium which provides a most beautiful setting for a flower show. The Show was fortified with stage and side settings by The Higbee Co., and The Wagon Wheel and Rocky River Dahlia Gardens. One of the highlights of the Show was the "Flower Arrangement Division" which was managed by the ever able Mrs. Ed Papesh. A most unique display of arrangements using dahlias were shown, the theme of most of them being "Silver Anniversary". These exhibits were housed in a large room off the main exhibit hall and was enjoyed by all who viewed it.

Winners in the Show are as follows:

Sweepstakes winners in: Novice, Mrs. Ernest Millcrest; Small Amateur, Miss Eliene Stephens; Large Amateur, Mrs. Wm. Danko; Open To All, Mr. Jerry Kovar; Arrangement: Section 1, Marie Lessman; Section 2, a tie between Mrs. Leo Keller and Mrs. Ed Papesh.

Court of Honor winners: Best "A", Mrs. L. S. Davies with *Mary Elizabeth*; Largest Bloom, Jerry Kovar with *Arthur Godfrey* (13x5½); Best 3 "A", Jerry Kovar with a seedling; Best "B", Mrs. L. S. Davies with *Mme. Clementine Payen*, Best 3 "B", Rosemary Dahlia Gardens with *Windlassie*; Best Ball, Mrs. Jerome Goldsmith with *Clara Clemens*; Best Miniatures, Wm. Haugh with a seedling; Best Pompom, Wm. Haugh with *Valda*; and Grand Champion, Mrs. L. S. Davies with *Mary Elizabeth*.

An award was won by Mrs. L. S. Davies in the "Silver Anniversary Section" with *Silver Wedding* and Mrs. Etta McDowell won an award for the best bloom in the 1955 introductions.

The Dahlia Society of Ohio, Inc., wishes to thank all of the out of town guests who came to, exhibited in, and helped judge at our show. A special note of thanks goes to our Show Chairman, Mr. E. J. Wind, and the numerous committees needed to make the Show a success. It was a job well done. Howard F. Skorepa A.D.S. Correspondent, 4305 Lucille Rd., Cleveland 21, Ohio.

Portland Dahlia Society

The Portland Dahlia Society held its twenty-eighth annual show on the 17th and 18th of September. After a beautiful summer, hard rains and strong winds were the order of the day for the five days just preceding the show. This weather cut down the number of entries in the show, especially in the sections for A and B size blooms. Even with this handicap there were over eleven hundred entries.

The best A size bloom in the show was *Kidd's Climax* with the best B size a perfect bloom of *Grandezza*. Other winners in the A size were *The Cardinal* in the Novice Division, *Bertha Shone* in the Advanced Amateur Division and *Ani Louis Blin* in the Amateur Division. The best B sizes were *Madame Elizabeth Sawyer* in the Novice Division, *Bunny* in the Advanced Amateur Division and *Val St. Lambert* in the Commercial Division.

The A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes went to *Coral Elegance*, a formal decorative of pure coral color with yellow showing at the base of the petals, BB in size. The exhibitor was E. Henry White, a veteran exhibitor and commercial grower. His one criticism of his origination was that the stems were a bit heavy for a five inch bloom. The blooms are excellent keepers as cut flowers and the color excellent in the sun.

Some very good collarettes were shown, among them being *La Cierva*, *Pink Spangle*, *Cottontail*, *Cherubino*, and *County Girl*. *Miss Rose Fletcher*, the lovely BB pink cactus, showed up very well in basket arrangements.

Miss French won the award for the smallest perfect dahlia in the show with *Powder Puff* carrying off the honors for the largest.

The Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference Show will be in Portland in September, 1956. Already plans are being made to make it the best showing of dahlias that has ever been seen in this area. Exhibitors are expected to come from all the dahlia societies in both Oregon and Washington. Madge B. Kershnik, Show Secretary, 6707 N. Michigan Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

The Tulsa Dahlia Society

The Tulsa Dahlia Society held its annual Dahlia Show on September 24th and 25th at the beautiful new Garden Center

building, at 2415 South Peoria Avenue.

Entries for the show totaled 370, a considerable larger number than had been expected. Drought in 1954 and wide spread failures were expected to keep entries down.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stokes captured top honors in the A and B divisions and also a new award for the largest Dahlia in the show.

Dr. J. J. Crawford was runner up for sweepstake honors and Mrs. Crawford won sweepstakes in the Arrangement Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Reed won a Special Award for the outstanding Dahlia, a perfect red named "*Giant of Baarn*" and also the American Dahlia Society medal for the same Specimen.

Judges for the show were Professors Raymond Keys, Ed Odom and Fred La-Crone from A and M College in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

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The Long Island Dahlia Society

With entries in 149 regular classes, 8 arrangement classes, and 5 basket classes, the Long Island Dahlia Society's 11th Annual Show held on September 17th at the Plattduetsche Park Hall, Franklin Square, L. I., was, without a doubt, the most outstanding of a series of very successful shows. Under the Chairmanship of Mr. James Lawless, Jr., and Mrs. Lenore Feyh, Arrangement Classs Chairman, details were well handled as evidenced by the entry of hundreds of excellent blooms. As many as 18 "A" type dahlias were entered in some of the classes making competition very keen.

The Long Island Dahlia Society Gold Medal for the largest and most nearly perfect bloom was awarded to *Mary Elizabeth* shown by Mr. Lawrence Palminteri of Richmond Hill, N. Y.

Tri-color winners were: Section A (1 large bloom): FD *Deep Purple*—George Scheffler; ID *Mary Elizabeth*—Lawrence Palminteri; SC *Pride of Parkersburg*—Richard Schmitt; C *Detroit 250*—*Emil Berzau*. Section A (3 large blooms): *Reg. Deeprose*—Court Duerk., Section B (1 medium bloom): FD *First Lady*—Al Tedesco; ID *Malcolm W. Bingay*—Henry Olsen; SC *Woodland Peach*—Henry Olsen; C *Seedling No. 34-50*—Henry Olsen. The Long Island Dahlia Society Silver Medal for the most nearly perfect of the tri-color winners in Section B was awarded to Henry Olsen's *Seedling No. 34-50*. Section Ba (3 medium blooms): FD *Jersey Beauty*—Daniel Kavanagh; SC *Bond's Memory*—Richard Schmitt; C *Seedling No. 34-50*—Henry Olsen. No entries were made in the ID class of this section. The Long Island Dahlia Society Silver Medal for the most nearly perfect of the four tri-color winners in Section Ba was awarded to *Seedling No. 34-50* shown by Henry Olsen and originated by Conrad Frey.

Section BB (3 blooms-small medium) tri-color award went to *Little Linda* exhibited by Miss Marie Schnugg. Section C (3 miniature blooms) FD or ID class was won by FD *Silver Springs* shown by Emil Berzau and the C class was won by StC *Ruby Charm* shown by Henry Olsen. Section D (3 pompon blooms)

was won by Henry Olsen with his showing of *Margaret Williams*. A tri-color for the smallest and most nearly perfect pompon was awarded to *Gold Dust* exhibited by John Collura. Section E (other types) was won by *La Cierva*, displayed by Al-

fred Frank. Mr. Martin Guttler took top honors in the Medium, Miniature and Pompon Basket Classes with *Snowball*, *Cheerio* and *Ebony*. The Large Basket Class was won by Leo Matusa showing *Kelvin* and the Small Medium Basket Class won by Lawrence Palminteri's display of *Little Jerry*.

In Section G (1 bloom undisseminated seedling), gold ribbons were awarded to Court Duerk and Rudolph Kraemer for 1 year old seedlings. There were no entries of seedlings in the 3 year old classes. A new class was added for seedlings of Long Island origination. The winner in this class was Martin Guttler who was awarded the Long Island Dahlia Society Silver Medal for 1 "A" type bloom.

The American Home Achievement Medal was awarded to *Perry Como*, scored at 86.5, shown by Al Tedesco and originated by Ben Lizza. Seedlings exhibited by Daniel Kavanagh, Al Tedesco and Dewey Mohr received A.D.S. Bench Scores of over 85 and won awards in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Class.

The Otto J. Aumuller Memorial Trophy for the best large or medium specimen bloom of foreign origination was awarded to Leo Matusa for *Gunyah's Glory*. This class was open only to L.I.D. Society members. In section H (arrangements), a tri-color was awarded to Mrs. Martin Guttler and two tri-colors were awarded to Mrs. Lenore Feyh. Martin Guttler was the recipient of the tri-color award in the Men's Arrangement Class. The Futurity Class for L.I.D. Society members was won by Henry Olsen in Class A with *Mary Elizabeth* and by Bert Pitt in Class B with *Juanita*.

The Long Island Dahlia Society is grateful and wishes to express its thanks to the competent judges who performed a difficult task in selecting the winners in the various classes, the hundreds of exhibitors who displayed a tremendous profusion of blooms, to the advertisers and boosters who helped support our Show and to the visitors who came to enjoy the results of the labors of those who worked so diligently to make our Show a success. I. J. Wahl, Secretary, 20 Lexington Street, Floral Park, N. Y.

Suburban Dahlia Society

The 27th Annual Dahlia Show of the Suburban Dahlia Society was held in Reisterstown, Md., September 16th & 17th, 1955 in conjunction with the Franklin Fair at the Franklin High School.

To steal a phrase from the theater: "The Show Must Go On" and that is just what it did, despite all the elements working against us. To the thirty-three exhibitors who had flowers to show, and to those who did not but worked so tirelessly with the Show committee in making the Show a success, goes a lot of credit. Also, thanks to the Judges, who did a grand job. There were 599 entries in the Dahlia classes, with a total of 1650 blooms, exclusive of the garden classes and arrangements with Dahlias.

The Gov. McKelden Trophy went to the best B Dahlia *Windlasse*; The Suburban D.S. Trophy went to the Best A Dahlia *Jane Lausche*; The D'Alesandro Trophy went to the under 100 class.

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Miniatures

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B SIZE

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Baltimore Dahlia Society

Despite the adverse conditions brought about by hurricane Connie and Diane the Baltimore Dahlia Society staged its 30th Annual Show in the Turner Armory, Baltimore with a very creditable display.

The number of entries were not equal to last year but this was due to the fact that practically every garden in Maryland and nearby states suffered losses. With all of this the show was a grand success and the attendance as well as the enthusiasm was greater than ever before. We were again accorded the pleasure of having an excellent musical program rendered Sunday afternoon by one of the outstanding orchestras.

As usual the competition was extremely keen and the honors went as follows: Novice Section—sweepstake winner, E. F. Businsky and the A.D.S. Bronze medal also went to this gentleman for an outstanding bloom of *Prairie Fire*. Section A—for growers of less than 75 plants—sweepstake winner—A type Chas. Faist, winning varieties: *Mary Elizabeth, Ned Seymour, Croyden Dignity, J. Butterworth, Big Mo, Always, Valley Queen*. Sweepstake winner—B type—Mrs. E. Wilbur Plitt, winning varieties: *Windlasse*.

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sie, *Amb. Von Kleffen, Andre Dogin, Old Glory, Orange Majesty, Orfeo, Chamossette*. Section B—for growers of less than 150 plants—sweepstake winner—A type Robt. Edmonston—winning varieties: *Brides Boquet, Enfield Salmon, King David, Croyden Victory, Arthur Godfrey, Great Lakes, Mrs. Hester Pape, Pride of Parkersburg*. Sweepstake winner—B type—Robt. Edmonston—winning varieties: *Alabaster, Alabama Moon, Houses of Orange, Ballego Glory, Juniata, Doreen E.* Section C—Open to all—sweepstake winner A type—Chas. M. Diffenderffer—winning varieties—*Darcy Sainsbury, Christine, Nancy Roberts, Ceramic Beauty, Lynette, Variety Girl, Reg. Deep Rose, Esquire, Autumn Blaze, White Hall, Surprise*. Sweepstake winner B type—Chas. Diffenderffer—winning varieties—*White Fantasy, First Lady, Prince Noire, Golden Autumn, Dorris Hillard, Lyric, Daisy Ethel*. Section D—Ball types—sweepstake winner—Mrs. Louis Gill—winning varieties *Pat Ann Dee, Orange Glow, Alice J. Storm Cloud, Rosy Dawn, Lanny, Clara Clemens*.

The Mayor Thos. D'Alesandro trophy for the best basket of 7 blooms was awarded to Chas. Diffenderffer.

Section G—Pompons—sweepstake winner—Wm. Rau, Jr.—winning varieties: *Mrs. Telefer, Clarisse, Mrs. Brittain, Margaret Williams, Miss Marjory, Eileen, Little Edith* with the Tri-Color ribbon going to E. R. Phillips—red seedling. Section H—Miniatures—Formal & Informal—sweepstake winner—Wm. Rau, Jr., winning varieties—*Little Jimmy, Little Lemon Drop, Peggy Lindley, Mickey, Buckeye Babe, Decoy, Bright Idea*. Sweepstake winner—Cactus & Semi Cactus—A. H. Mason, winning varieties—*Little Linda, Belle, Bronze Princess, Ruby Charm, Hazel Harper, Princess Margaret, Fame*.

The winners in the Court of Honor—Most outstanding entry—*Darcy Sainsbury* by George Dodrill; most perfect A bloom—*Darcy Sainsbury*; most perfect B bloom—*First Lady*—by Chas. Diffenderffer. Most perfect Ball bloom—*Lanny* by Frank Rynex. Most perfect Pompon—Red Seedling—E. R. Phillips. Most perfect Miniature—*Dove* by Vernon Ailstock. Most outstanding basket by Mrs. Louis Gill.

The sweepstake winners in the Hardy Garden Section was 1sts—Mrs. Louis Gill, 2nd—Mrs. Herbert O. Aburn.

The Officers and members are indebted to the following gentlemen who judged our show: Leo L. Pollak, E. R. Phillips,

Conrad Brieger, Conrad Frey, Edward Lloyd, Dr. Bruce Preas, Dr. Edward McDade, Andrew Mulcahy, Eugene Warden, Henry Olsen, Walter Hardesty, A. S. Mason, William Elkins, Stanley Johnson, N. Monteleone, Mrs. Sarah Wakeman Woods, Charles Lasch, Rixey F. Gray, Charles Ambrose, Dr. Henry Parker, Dr. J. L. Bowling, Edward L. Schaun, N. A. Scheel. They did a swell job and we do appreciate it.

Plans are being formulated for the 1956 Show at which time Baltimore will be host to the Mid Atlantic Conference and the show will be held September 15th & 16th in the Turner Armory. Herbert O. Aburn, Sec'y., 610 West Pratt St., Baltimore, Md.

Hagerstown Dahlia Society Show

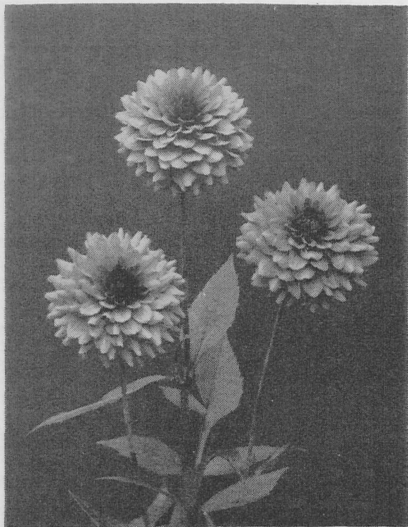
Hagerstown Dahlia Society held its 26th Annual Dahlia and Flower Show in the basement of the City Market on Thursday and Friday, September 29th and 30th. Show was opened to the public 5 P.M. on Thursday and 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. on Friday.

Despite the weather in this area the past summer has been a season of contrasts, lack of rain, excessive heat and devastating wind storms. A special plea was made to the membership and all other exhibitors to exhibit all Dahlias and other flowers they possibly could.

From every angle the show was a success with a ten percent increase in exhibits over previous years. Many visitors pronounced the quality of the blooms and the arrangement of the Show was better than in many former years, larger attendance this was further proven by the large number of applications for membership received. In addition to the hundreds of fine specimen of Dahlias displayed there were gladiola, roses, marigolds, zinnias, asters and other fall flowers, artistically arranged.

Largest dahlia exhibited by Oscar Moser, was awarded the American Dahlia Society Medal. Best dahlia by F. L. Miner was awarded the Governor's Trophy. In the 1955 introductions, best decorative and the best cactus dahlia, D. A. Gossard and Mrs. P. L. Carper.

Judges of the Show were: Professor J. B. S. Norton, from the University of Maryland, Mr. Henry J. Betz of Baltimore and Miss Mary Bester, Hagerstown, Md. Chas. W. Zohn was Show Superintendent.—H. K. Ramsburg, Secretary, 57 Wayside Ave., Hagerstown, Md.



Lillianne Ballego, M-FD Winner
at the Netherlands Show 1955

Nederlandsche Dahlia Vereeniging

The Annual Show of the Netherland Dahlia Society this year was held at Eindhoven early in September, in one of the beautiful recreation halls of the internationally known Phillips Radio and Electric Concern. Besides of numerous entries in the amateur class, where largest bloom in show *Croydon Masterpiece* was awarded the Challenge Cup—groups and artistic arrangements in the professional class, final judgement has been done to the best varieties of the year.

After a two-season's competition at Trial Grounds and meetings where cut-flowers of the competing varieties were judged, no more than 11 new Dahlias A and B size, were awarded Court of Honor of the Netherland Dahlia Society, 1955, and as a result of a final selection for the champion and Holland Cup Winner, the Joint Committee of Experts found that presentation of twelve uniform blooms in perfect condition of B-SC bi-color *Piquant* vivid scarlet flame with white tips, was best. In the section of mediums growing higher than 4½ ft. *Pink Profusion* was awarded the Challenge Trophy; a lovely pink semi cactus. In final competition for the Plaquette Miniature Class, the bright and cheerful *Lillianne Ballego* was best. A neat Dahlia in a wanted color, as pure orange small decoratives are few, and real

good ones very scarce. *Potgieter*, light yellow proved to be the best pompon 1955.

There were group arrangements of over 5000 Dahlia blooms, and Jury had a difficult task to make their choice, as to the very best presentation of Dahlias as a group, since in few cases flower arrangements occupied more than 1250 square feet.

In the Section of imported varieties the Challenge Trophy was not awarded, since none of the recent introductions could gain enough points in pre-competition, to justify entry as a Cuprival. Sincerely, J. M. Ballego, Leiden, Holland.

Burholme Horticultural Society

The Burholme Horticultural Society held their 35th Annual Flower Show, featuring Dahlias, Sept. 16 and 17 at the Jardel Recreation Center, Burholme, Pa. The American Home Achievement Medal was won by Stanley Johnson with a new Dahlia origination named *Highbrow*. Two A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes awards were won by Keck-Stephens with a dark red ball miniature and a BB size pink

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incurved cactus named *Susan Beth*. A *King Size* won the Best Dahlia of the Show for Walter Stroble who also won the Sweepstakes Open to All with *Ned Seymour*. Other prize winning varieties were *June Lausche*, *Kandy Kid*, *Kelvin*, *Patricia Spollen*, *Croyden Masterpiece*, *5 Star General*, *Golden Treasure*, *Stoplight*, *Clarion Luray*, *Friendship*, *Firelight*, *Glorious*, *Arthur Godfrey*, and *Dee-Cee*. Other winners were John Plewinski, George Johnson and Frank V. Daniel. Among the miniatures were varieties *Hazel Harper*, *Andries Orange* and *Catherine*, and among the Pompons—*Joyce Gibbs*, *Margaret Williams* and *Sweetie*. The winner of the Sweepstakes Prize having the highest number of points in Section B (Amateurs Only) was John Drach. Some of the varieties were *St. Lambert*, *Whitehall*, *Lady Ismay*, *Bonnie*, *Nellie Retzer*, *Herbert Apps*, *Florence Chadwick*, *Bess Hardress*, *Maffie*, *Joan Carroll*, *Jersey Beauty*, and *Janet Beskett*. Providing the competition were Charles Friedel and Chas. Trout. Some varieties in the miniatures were *Tjiske* and *Hazel Harper* and in the Pompons—*Little Rose*, *Betty Ann*, and *Cream Gem*. The Judges were Lynn B. Dudley, Dr. Ward H. Cook, John M. Root, Mayland T. MacAvoy, and George Johnson. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to exhibit with us next year. Your show schedule can be obtained from the show chairman, William T. Blair, 7323 Whitaker Ave., Phila., 11, Pa. Charles F. Hausmann, Publicity Director, Shelmire Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

Despite a bad growing season "the show must go on" so was held as scheduled Saturday, September 24th and Sunday, September 25th in the beautiful spacious lobby of Philadelphia's finest—WCAU Radio and Television Center.

Most of the local growers were hit hard, so the publicity proceeding our show was held to a minimum. The '55 show was about half the usual size but quality good in many classes. The big surprise was the large number of entries in the 5 basket classes.

The American Home Achievement Medal went to Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa., for *Highbrow* a 10" size F.D. tyrian rose color, resembles a large Jer-

sey Beauty. A Keck-Stephens, Ferndale, Pa., miniature I.C. seedling named *Susan Beth* was the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award winner.

The table of champions included—Best Dahlia of Show *Burnbrae Memories* by John Plewinski, who also won a tri-color rosette with the entry, Best (3) 'A' size *Mary Elizabeth*. Best Basket (12) 'A' size won by Rushton (Richard Davis, gardner) Frank L. Deichler Jr. had two winners namely Best (3) B size, *Juanita* and Best Vase (5) miniatures, *Glacier*. Another two time winner was Walter Strobel with Best Basket (25) miniatures, *Hazel Harper* and Best Basket (25) pompons, *Joyce Gibbs*. The Best Vase (5) pompons was by John Drach. Mrs. Ernest Plummer had the Best Arrangement.

Sweepstakes winner—Amateur—was again Frank L. Deichler Jr., closely followed by John Drach. Some of the winning dahlias were *Atomic Yellow*, *Maffie*, *Suprise*, *Arthur Godfrey*, *Patricia Spollen*, *Our Friend*, *Jane Lausche*, *The Master*, *Herbert Apps* and *Tidal Wave*.

The winner of Sweepstakes for Large Varieties, open to all was Rushton. Giving a good account included Keck-Stephens gardens, Robinwood (Hugh Sweeney, gardener), Charles G. Friedel and Frank Daniel. The outstanding dahlias in this section were *Bay City White*, *Janet Beckett*, *King Size*, *Allways*, *Arab Queen*, *Sam Herst*, *Pride of Parkersburg*, *Whitehall Prairie Fire*, *Marilyn Dale*, *Collector's Item*, *Heavenly White*, *Class*, *Croydon Brightness*, *Volcano*, *Kelvin*, *5 Star General*, *Ned Seymour*, *Rees Lily*, *Autumn Blaze*, *Croydon Masterpiece*, *Croydon Dignity*, *Andries Wonder*, *Show Girl*, *Bunny*, *Stoplight*, *Friendship*, *Orfeo*, *Sister Kenny*, *Golden Treasure*, *Firelight*, *Florence Chadwick* and *Lady Ismay*.

Open to all—Small Varieties Sweepstakes won by Walter Strobel with good competition from Louis Comito and George Boyles. Here are some of the first prize winners, *Pompons*, *Cream Gem*, *Mrs. J. Telfer*, *Little Jackie*, *Little Gem*, *Red Baby*, *Little Rose*, *Honey*, *Betty Anne*, *Joyce Gibbs*, *Miss Marjorie*, *Morning Mist*, *Little Edith*, *Little Beauty* and *Margaret Williams*. Miniatures—*Joan L. Boyles*, *Catherine*, *Decov*, *Lemon Drop*, *Bo Bo*, *Baby*, *Jo*, *Fonteneau*, *Fairy*, *Hazel Harper*, *Mrs. F. Watt*, *Fushia Gem* and *Tjiske*.

The judging was capably handled by Lynn B. Dudley, Mayland Mac Avoy, John Root and William McGowan. Reported by Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham Pennsylvania.

Kitsap Co. Dahlia Society Show

The 30th annual show of this Society was held August 25th and 26th in the Floral Hall at the Civic Center of Bremerton, Wash. Not a single excuse can be offered. The weather was ideal with no wind, no rain and the temperature in the high 70's for several days prior to the show, then cloudy during the set up of the show. The attendance was larger than for the past two seasons.

Starting with the Novice we found the sections very well filled with nice blooms of *Mary Taylor*, *Silver Wedding*, *Marilyn Dale*, *Jane Cowl*, *Red Velvet*, *Grand Slam* and *Helios*. *Marilyn Dale* was judged the best in the section for Mrs. Ray Ball.

The Amateur division had large numbers of Holland cactus, some with unpronounceable monikers, but all well grown. Blue ribbons went to Mrs. R. P. Turnquist for *Pride of Holland* and *Finesse Anversoise*. To Leo Miller for *Giant Spider*. To Jens Neilson for *Ami George*. To Leo Miller for *Sheik and Monte*. *Monte* was best in section. To Mrs. L. J. Harvey for *Searchlight*. This dahlia also won grand Sweepstakes at best in the show taking away the Bremer Trophy and automatically putting Mrs. Harvey ahead to the Advanced Amateur for next season.

The semi-cactus class presented exceptionally well grown blooms of the old Grand Slam as well as specimen blooms of *Ami Louise Blin*, *Red Velvet*, *Helios* and *Nicky K*. *Red Velvet* was section winner for Leo. Miller.

The Formal class is always shy but fine blooms of *Pop Harris*, *Vanity Color Sketch* and *Dad Smith* were shown with *Vanity* winning best in section for The Serry's. The informal class was better filled with the old favorites *Jos. B. Lanktree*, *Freda Gaylord*, *5 Star General*, *Frieda George*, *Simoun* and *El Rubio*. A grand bloom of *Croydon's Masterpiece* was shown but *El Rubio* beat it for best in section for Mrs. Turnquist.

Sorry we cannot give you a list of the winning Poms and Mins, but the Tally Sheet failed to show the winning varieties. However, we did notice blue ribbons on the following Poms.: *Chita*, *Betty Malone*, *Minnie Mells*, *Minnie Mouse*, *Elizabeth Ann*. And the Miniatures were plentiful with a blue ribbon on a basket of *Trinket* and *Andries Pink*. Also singles of *Lady's Fancy*, *Orchid Lady* and *Andries Orange*.

The Advanced Amateur section was well filled by the six members who hold

this distinction. We saw *Tornado*, *White Superior*, *Marion Glen*, *Aristos*, *Searchlight*, *Kidd's Climax*, *Helios*, *Arthur Godfrey*, *Toxen Topic*, *Sellwood Glory*, *Night Editor* and *Lilac Attraction* all with blue ribbons. Section winners were *Aristos* for Vern Sanford. *Searchlight* for Andrew Babb. *Lilas Attraction* for N. S. McKamey. *Kidd's Climax* for Andrew Babb. *Night Editor* for Vern Sanford. A splendid basket of *Bergers Masterpiece* won the blue for Mrs. Baush as did a basket of *Pride of Holland*. Mrs. McKamey won with a lovely basket of the old favorite *Market Jewel*.

The seedling section had a number of entries with a few that will be offered in a couple more seasons. No entries for the A.H.A.

The arrangement classes comprised both the Amateur and Advanced and some lovely creations were on display with Mrs. Tom Forhan winning the blue with a fine table arrangement consisting of small autumn dahlias and leaves of the lovely geranium "*Skys of Italy*" with other greens on a low copper container.

Mrs. John Baush won the blue for best Buffet arrangement as well as first for coffee table. The arrangement that caused the most comments was in the men's class and was the creation of Tom Forhan. It consisted of a dinner plate, cup and spoon, knife & fork, two pieces of burnt toast, an empty egg shell with cigarette stubs in, a nearly empty pkt. of cigarettes and a paper napkin. On the dinner plate was a ceramic head with a bouquet of small poms, *batchelor buttons* and a sprig of *heather*. On this was a sign "*My wife has gone to the country*". The coffee cup, with spoon and folded napkin, was on the right. Other material was on the plate. This effort won him \$3.00 in prize money. J. E. Hulin, Rt. 3 Box 150, Port Orchard, Washington.

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San Diego County Dahlia Society The First 1955 Show Report

Another successful show, with more than 60 exhibitors entering more than 3,000 blooms, was staged by the San Diego (Calif.) County Dahlia Society, Aug. 6 and 7.

In addition to the hundreds of standard varieties, miniatures, poms and novelties displayed, the show introduced several seedlings of quality. Outstanding among these new flowers was the large white semi-cactus displayed by Paul Comstock, of San Diego's Comstock Dahlia Gardens, and named by him in honor of Groucho Marx of TV and radio fame.

The Groucho Marx scored 85 in the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes, and won the American Home Achievement Medal, in addition to several blue ribbons. Two weeks later at the Orange County Dahlia Society show in Santa Ana, the bloom scored 86 and again won the achievement medal, and more trophies and blue ribbons.

Also introduced at the San Diego show by Comstock was another 85-score dahlia, the Harvey H. Atherton, named for the Boy Scout leader of Southern California and lifetime friend of Comstock. This one is a large purple informal decorative.

Many of the honors carried from the show were won by other home-town originations by Comstock, such as the Maureen Connolly, Florence Chadwick, First Lady, Miss San Diego and many others.

Best bloom of the show was a Maureen Connolly entered by Larry Sisk, an amateur. Largest was a specimen of Maffie, measuring $12\frac{3}{4}$ by $10\frac{3}{8}$, entered by Comstock. Smallest was a Topmix Violetta, single measuring about half an inch.

Among the top winning exhibitors were H. O. Allen of Westminster, Calif., who showed some outstanding seedlings, and Lawrence O. Archibald of Orange, Calif., both members of the Orange County Dahlia Society.

Preceding the show by one week, the San Diego society held its annual specimen bloom show for members only, with each limited to one flower in 14 classes. Best bloom at this competition was a Florence Chadwick.

Then to complete the year's showings in San Diego, many of the members participated in the dahlia section of the suburban La Mesa Fiesta de las Flores. Best bloom winner was the Maureen Connolly

which also had won best in show at La Mesa last year.

Following in order of their judged preferences, with seedlings and undis-siminated omitted, are the winning varieties in the three competitions:

Winning flowers in the San Diego County Dahlia Society Show:

NOVICE CLASS

White—*Jersey Dainty*, first; *Attu*, second; *Exquisite*, third. Yellow—*Mountbatten*, *California Idol*. Autumn—*Mountbatten*, *Croyden Apricot*, *Jane Cowel*. Orange—*Patricia Spollen*, *Ballade*. Flame—*Kernel Fiery*, *Giant of Baarn*, *Barbara Marshall*. Red—*Mrs. Thomas Edison*, *Red Dragon*, *Carol Robson*. Dark Red—*Black Monarch*, *Carol Robinson*, *Princess Diane*. Light Blend—*Miss San Diego*, *Five Star General*. Dark Blend—*Selwood Glory*, *Judith*. Pink—*Stardust*, *Pride of Holland*, *Jersey Beacon*. Lavender—*Regal*, *Commando*, *Bonnie Bleu*. Purple—*Aristos*, *Beloved*, *Glamour*. Bi-Color—*K. Vendel*, *Jules Verner*, *Princess Louise de Suede*. Variegated—*Goudbroocat*, first and second; *Dixie Wyandotte*. Formal Decorative—*Selwood Glory*, *Barbara Marshall*. Informal Dec.—*Clara Carder*, *California Idol*. Cactus—*Carol Robinson*, *Pride of Holland*. Semi-Cactus—*Black Monarch*. Miniatures—*Animato*, *Ruby Charm*, *Norma Madina*. Pompons—*Yellow Gem*, *Honey*. Three blooms—*Pride of Holland*, *Miss San Diego*. Largest in section—*Black Monarch*.

ADVANCED AMATEUR CLASS

White—*Ballego's Surprise*, *Florence Charwick*. Yellow—*Quinn's Tidal Wave*. Autumn—*Croyden Masterpiece*. Orange—*Blushing Apricot*, *Swan Lake*. Flame—*Giant of Baarn*. Red—*Nancy Ann Mitchell*, *Tante Stein*. Dark Red—*Adolph Maver*, first and second. Light Blend—*Andries Wonder*. Dark Blend—*Andries Wonder*. Pink—*Kelvin*. Bi-Color—*Miss Liberty*, *Clara Clemens*. Formal Dec.—*Arthur Godfrey*. Informal Dec.—*Mars*, *Goudbroocat*. Cactus—*Madonna Crusader*. Semi-Cactus—*Velvet Lady*, *Wake Up*. Ball—*Rondkop*, *Clara Clemens*. Three Blooms, formal—*Maureen Connolly*, first and second; Informal Dec.—*Sherwood Peach*; Cactus—*Florence Charwick*, *Jean Waite*; Ball—*Rondkop*, *Rosebud*. Miniatures, Formal—*White Fawn*; Cactus—*Millie*. Pompons—*Witzkoep*, *A'Propos*, *Master Michael*, *Framboosje*, *Pooka*, *Doria*, *Lawson*, *Kitty*, *Pink Doria*, *Betty Ann*, *Clyro*, *Mekka*, *Fuji*. Largest bloom in section—*Sherwood Peach*. Best bloom in section—*Nancy Ann Michell*.—L. L. Sisk, 3765 10th Ave., San Diego 3, Calif.

The Rochester Dahlia Society Show

Heat and drought can't lick the doughy dahlia men,

"Biggest and best yet" was the verdict on the Rochester Dahlia Society's 16th annual show held on September 18th at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences. President Frank Eyer reported 1,400 entries, some 200 more than the previous year.

Not only was the show the finest in the history of the Rochester society, but it was an eye-opener to visiting American Dahlia Society officials who were among the judges. Headed by Drew Mulcahy, Floral Park, A.D.S. President, H. Dewey Moore, Rockville Center, Lynn Dudley, New Rochelle, editor of the A.D.S. BULLETIN, Dr. Ward Cook, Little Falls, they voted the Flower City show as being among the best of the 10 shows they have attended in the East so far this season.

Old hands at winning blue ribbons were enthusiastic over the success of two "youngsters" among the exhibitors. A novice winner last year, John Kosack carried off the award for the best bloom in the show with his entry of *Golden Treasure*, a medium-sized, formal decorative type. It took the top award in the amateur section. Incidentally, he raised the bloom from a root which was given him as a visitor's prize at the show three years ago. A novice exhibitor, Alton J. Parker was a big winner. His *Ballego's Glory*, a red and yellow medium sized formal decorative entry, was voted the best bloom in the novice section. He also won Sweepstakes in this section.

George Brunjes of Elmira entered the biggest bloom, a specimen of red, informal decorative *Mary Elizabeth*, 13 inches in diameter and 8 inches in depth. He won the A.D.S. bronze medal for the most promising seedling, red and yellow mottled, large sized informal decorative, *Three Sisters*. Phillip M. Kimmell won the A.D.S. seedling sweepstakes award. With a new seedling K-51 to be named later.

The American Home Achievement Medal and the American Dahlia Society's Seedling Sweepstake Award went to the seedling *Otto's Thrill*, an A-FD Pink 12 inches by 6 inches, grown by George Brunges, to be introduced by Ruschmohr Dahlia Gardens, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

Paul Herring, general chairman of the show, won the most awards in the amateur section, in which Merton Clemons,

Elmira also was a winner. In the open section, Prof. C. Merrill Brown of Williamsville, entered the most outstanding bloom, *Pirouette*, Brunjes took the sweepstakes and Charles Liskovec of Elmira was another winner.

Herring took the award for the smallest pompon dahlia, *Doria*. Other dahlia blue ribbon winners included O. E. Bilger, William Stonewall, Robert Connal and Louis Eckel.

In flower arrangement classes, Mrs. J. McConnell of "Down to Earth Garden Club" was tricolor winner with the best arrangement entry; Laurel Garden Club with an entry *Fall Forecast* by Mrs. Donald McKay, won the garden club class, Mrs. Robert Brightman won blues in two classes and Mrs. Norman M. Dennison also won a blue. Incidentally, our President, Frank Eyer, asked me to tell you that our treasurer this year is Mr. John Kosack of 62 Falstaff Rd. Rochester, N.Y. May I also thank you at this time for coming to our show and helping to make it such a big success. We will all look forward to seeing you at future shows. Helen Herring, Corr. Sec., 61 Dunsmere Drive, Rochester 16, N. Y.

The Rochester Dahlia Society presented its first medal to an individual at the time of its annual show. This was tendered to Prof. C. Merrill Brown, honoring his long membership in the society and his loyal service to it and to dahlia people and societies at large. Certainly no one is more deserving of this honor than Prof. Brown.

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Badger State Dahlia Society, Inc. Show

The tenth annual show of the Badger State Dahlia Society was held at the Community Center Building, in the city of Madison, which is but one block distant from the Wisconsin State Capitol, on September 4th and 5th. The extremely hot, dry weather cut down the number of blooms entered from that of recent prior shows, but there were enough blooms to fill all the tables in the large exhibition hall, and quality was excellent. A number of exhibitors brought blooms from the Milwaukee, Chicago, and Moline, Illinois, areas, and four of the five traveling trophies and the two permanent trophies were awarded to Illinois exhibitors.

One of the outstanding features of the show was the large and excellent artistic arrangement section, there being 71 separate artistic arrangements entered in such section. Another was the fact that the attendance by the public was the largest in the history of our show, and was the result of the excellent cooperation received from the two Madison daily newspapers, and the local radio and television stations.

The following is a list of the winners of the leading special awards in the show: Largest bloom in the show—*Autumn Blaze*, 12¾ by 8¾ inches, Everett Loder, Madison; Best formal decorative—*Ceramic Beauty*, John Schramel, Chicago; Best informal decorative—*Mrs. Hester A. Pape*, Edward Ladendorf; Chicago; Best Cactus—*Juanita*, Summit Gardens, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; Best semi-cactus—*Surprise*, Jos. A. Pastorek, Moline, Illinois; Best six "A" sized blooms—*Brown Bomber*, *Kidd's Climax*, *Mrs. Hester A. Pape*, *Quinn's Tidal Wave*, *Silver Wedding*, and *Tiara*, exhibited by John Schramel; Best six "B" sized blooms—*Almelo's Glory*, *Juanita*, *Lady Ismay*, *Margraten*, *Wagschal's Goldkrone*, and *White Mist*, exhibited by Summit Gardens; Sweepstakes winner in Small Amateur Section—*Lewis W. Amborn*, Madison; Sweepstakes winner in Large Amateur Section—*Everett Loder*, Madison; Sweepstakes winner in Open-to-All Section—*Walter B. Senty*, Madison; Sweepstakes winner in Small Flowering Section—*E. J. Heggstad*, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. George R. Currie, President, 4130 Manitoway Way, Madison 5, Wis.

San Leandro Dahlia Society

The San Leandro Dahlia Show held in the Veterans Memorial Building on September 27 and 28 was attended by some 4,000 visitors. The largest attendance so far in 24 years. The coastal area of the Pacific States, with its temperate and somewhat foggy climate is admirably suited to Dahlia culture.

With Golden Gate Park, in San Francisco, and Lakeside Park, in Oakland, devoting large areas to Dahlias, the public is becoming more and more Dahlia conscious. In 1949 it was named San Francisco's official flower and each year there is a Dahlia day proclaimed as such by his Honor the Mayor.

The advent of the airplane has contributed much by transporting new varieties from Holland, England and Australia. In exchange, the originations of John Gaylord, D. C. Schroeder and The Comstock Nursery have benefited European growers.

Professor Butterfield who has headed the corps of judges in this district for a number of years tells us with such a vast number of varieties and types already being grown it is becoming increasingly difficult for our hybridizers to produce something distinctive and different from that which we already have. For this reason no outstanding awards were made this year for seedlings.

Last year Mr. Comstock of San Diego took the Home Achievement Award with his *First Lady* and D. C. Schroeder's *Wanda Ramey* took top honors for a new seedling. Mr. John Gaylord's innovation *Sequoia* did not bloom in time for exhibition. It is outstanding and will be shown for the first time next year. Winner of the Chamber of Commerce Trophy was Eugene Corriea of San Lorenzo, with a large and informal named "*Cradon's Delight*."

The best Dahlia in Show was *Croydon's Dignity* won by Mr. Corriea.

Best Dahlia in Novice Section "*Craydon's Masterpiece*" won by Mrs. H. E. Schorsch.

Best Dahlia in Amateur Section "*Giant of Baarn*" won by Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Trotter.

Best Dahlia in Advanced Amateur "*Autumn Blaze*", Mr. Nat Lundgren.

Best Container of Variegated Dahlias, "Open for all Section", *Erickhoford*, won by Mr. W. W. Walkup. W. R. Penny, Publicity Chairman, 2306 Grove St., Berkeley 3, Calif.

Southern Tier Dahlia Society

George Brunjes of Golden Glow Rd. won ten first place ribbons at yesterday's ninth annual Dahlia Show at St. Mary's Recreation Center.

Hundreds of persons viewed over 1,000 entries which were displayed by about 25 exhibitors. Exhibitors from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Rochester, Spencerport, Williamsville, Buffalo, and the Elmira area presented various assortments of dahlias.

The winners in their respective divisions include:

Division one: One specimen bloom eight inches or over in diameter, Merton Clemons with a *Hester Pape*; Division two: one specimen four to eight inches in diameter, Jerry Herring of Rochester with a *Yellow Elegance*; Division three: one specimen bloom ball, Charles Liskovec with a *Butterball*; Division four: three blooms, same variety, miniatures, Russell Parry with a *Fairy*; Division five: five blooms, same variety, pompons, won by Liskovec with a *Margaret Williams*; Division six: three blooms, same variety, Guy Dennis with a *Graf Folke Bernadotte*; Division seven: one specimen bloom eight inches or over, Brunjes with *The Cardinal*; Division eight: one specimen bloom, four to eight inches in diameter, Brunjes with *Gybsey Girl*; Division nine: one specimen bloom-ball, Brunjes with *Supt. Amrhym*; Division 10: three blooms, same varieties, miniatures, Brunjes with *Ruby Charm*; Division 11: five blooms, same variety, pompons, Brunjes with *Cinders*; Division 12: three blooms, same variety, Brunjes with *The Cardinal*; Division 13: best arrangement, Mrs. Charles Liskovec; Division 14: one specimen bloom, eight inches or over in diameter, R. W. Rowley with an *Ogden Reid*; Division 15: one specimen bloom, four to eight inches in diameter, Rowley with a *Bunny*; Division 16: one specimen bloom, three and one-half inches or over, Alton Parker with a *Blue Jersey*; Division 17: three blooms, Parker with an *Ike*; Seedlings: one specimen bloom, Brunjes with an *Otto's Thrill*; American Home Achievement Medal, Brunjes; Largest dahlia in the show, Brunjes with an *Arthur Godfrey*; Best dahlia in the show, Brunjes with *The Cardinal*; Smallest pompon, H. Paul Herring of Rochester with a *Betty Ann*; Judges for the show were: Andrew Mulcahy of Floral Park, L. I., president of the American Dahlia Society; H. Dewey Mohr, of Rockville

Center, L. I., vice president of the A.D.S., and Lynn Dudley of New Rochelle, editor of the A.D.S. Bulletin who acted as Chairman of Judges.

Edward Stayments was general chairman of the show assisted by Liskovec, Earl Canfield and Merton Clemons.—From Elmira Star Gazette.

Dahlia Society of Kentucky

Another Show is past history for the Dahlia Society of Kentucky. Although we did not have as many blooms as in past years, we had a nice show which we were proud to have the public see. On Friday night when setting up the Show Room, we were very optimistic as to whether or not, from reports that some had heard about the shortage of blooms, just what kind of a showing we would have the next day. Well, the blooms came in and the Show was a very pretty sight.

Novice winner was Miss Catherine Ruffra. Sweepstake winners are as follows: Section 1—Mr. Joe Hellman; Section 2—Mr. Milton Kimbel; Section 3—Mrs. H. Baerveldt. Grand Sweepstakes of the Show was won by Mr. Milton Kimbel. Sweepstakes in Poms and Miniatures was also won by Mr. Milton Kimbel. Derby Entry winners were: 1st—Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons with *Arthur Godfrey*; 2nd—Mr. C. W. Simbritzki with *Arthur Godfrey*; 3rd—Mrs. Carrie J. Simmons with *Mary Elizabeth*.

The Largest Bloom in the Single bloom entry Classes was won by Mr. Richard Dunwoody of Zionsville, Indiana with a bloom of *Mary Elizabeth* which measured 12 $\frac{7}{8}$ " by 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". The Best "B" bloom in the Single Bloom entry Classes was *Flaming Sunset* shown by Mr. Richard

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Dunwoody. The Court of Honor Winner was Mr. Richard Dunwoody with a bloom of *Kelvin*.

Best blooms in the Single bloom entry Classes were *Son of Satan*, *Virginia Rute*, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, *5 Star General*, *Silver Wedding*, *Kelvin*, *Atomic Yellow* and *Variety Girl*. *Mary Elizabeth* was the most popular Dahlia in the Show.

Officers for 1956 are as follows: President; Mr. C. W. Simbritzki; Vice Pres, Mr. L. B. Whitman; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Louise Kleinjohn; Directors, A. W. Adams, Milton Kimbel, Roy Schooler, John B. Floyd, Jr., John Mills, W. H. Swift. Show Dates for 1956 are September 29-30th at the Kentucky Hotel. Louise Kleinjohn, Secretary, 726 Barrett Avenue, Louisville 4, Ky.

The Bergen County Dahlia Society

Despite unfavorable growing conditions the past summer, the Eighth Annual Flower Show of the Bergen County Dahlia Society held at Liberty School, Englewood, Sept. 17-18, presented a beautiful spectacle with its array of many colors and types of dahlias, and Mrs. Caroline Meyer, president and Milton Munro, show manager, were heartily congratulated for their untiring efforts. The tables in the auditorium were filled with beautiful blooms. The winning varieties in the trophy and memorial classes follow:

Juanita, *Flying Saucer*, *Ruth Alampi*, *Bunny*, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Gypsy Girl*, *Mlle. Klementine Payen*, and *Maffie*.

Mrs. Walter Bardell, Gamston Gardens and Mrs. Minckler were sweepstakes winners.

Frank Marker's seedling *Renee* was the best exhibit in the show. F. R. Kurzenkabe, Publicity Chairman, 933 Main St., Hackensack, N. J.

East Liverpool Dahlia & Floral Society

The 30th Annual Dahlia Show of the East Liverpool Dahlia and Floral Society is again history. In spite of the adverse weather conditions, the terrific heat and lack of rain, the show was successful, for the blooms that were exhibited, were of quality, if not quantity.

The growers didn't have as many blooms as in past years, and we wish to thank those who did bring in their blooms to make the show what it was.

The American Home Achievement Medal was won by William Hough of Wellsville. Three blooms of a "B" size flower, named *Peach Blend*, formal recorative, 4½ by 5½ inches. Color, peach blending into yellow.

The sweepstakes of entire show was won by Mrs. J. T. Eccleston of East Liverpool. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Robens of Chopin Falls, won the sweepstakes in the Open Division. Mr. Robens also had the largest dahlia bloom in the show, *Mary Elizabeth*, a 14 inch I.D. red.

Leo Laurence had the largest and most perfect dahlia in show, *Clariam Royalty*, Straight Cactus, purple. It really was a beauty. Harry Johnston was runner up with a lovely *Prairie Sun*, F.D., yellow.

The sweepstakes of large Amateur Division went to Frank Shilling of Youngstown, O. The sweepstakes of small Amateur Division went to Howard Worley of Pittsburgh. Frank Richmond of Chester, W. Va., won the sweepstakes in basket, vase and bowl arrangement division.

Mrs. Carmen Melvin and Charles Glover won the first and second sweepstakes respectively in the Novice Division.

In the open arrangement division sweepstakes the honors went to Mrs. Anna Patterson. The sweepstakes in the E.S.O. garden club was won by Mrs. H. J. Gallimore, and the amateur division sweepstakes went to Mrs. Melvin.

The "Specials" in the open division as follows: *Mary Elizabeth*, ID, red, H. H. Robens; *Prairie Fire*, SC, OR, J. T. Eccleston; *Clariam Royalty*, ST-C, PR, Leo Laurence.

3 bloom class: *Mrs. Hester Pape*, ID, Dk. R., J. T. Eccleston; *Prairie Fire*, SC, OR, Rosemary Dahlia Gardens; *Mrs. Bertha Shone*, C, Leo Laurence.

The "Specials" in Open "B" size were: *First Lady*, FD, Y, Rosemary Dahlia Gardens; *Windlassie*, ID, W, Frank

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5 bloom B Class: *Grace*, St-C, Pk., G. H. Robens.

The "Specials" in Ball: *Mary Helen*, Y., Leo Laurence.

Here's hoping for a more favorable season next year for all Dahlia fans.

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Irvington Garden Club

More than 600 entries transformed the Irvington High gymnasium into a riot of autumn color over the weekend as the Recreation Dept.—sponsored 27th annual Fall Flower Show took place. More than 80 exhibitors entered the 241 classes.

Top honors in the form of the American Home Achievement Medal went to H. Dewey Mohr of Rockville Center, L. I., who exhibited a formal decorative dahlia named *Otto's Thrill* measuring 10½ inches in diameter. It also won the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes Award.

The Mayor Edward J. McKenna Trophy was won by Mrs. James Armstrong for the most number of points in the Arrangement Class. The outstanding entry was exhibited by Joseph Gatty of Jersey City. In the dahlia classes, the Henry F. Dylla Memorial Trophy, donated by the Kiwanis Club was awarded to Gamston Gardens for the largest number of points. The Outstanding Dahlia entry was by Harry Frank.

An American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstake Ribbon was awarded to Stanley Johnson of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, for his seedling entries of an incurved cactus of apricot color and an informal decorative light autumn blend.

The Rotary Club Award was won by Mrs. Peter Madsen for most number of points in the Annual section. John C. Metzger had the most number of points in the section for roses.

Outstanding awards included: gladiolus, William Feldman of Maplewood; petunias, Alice Cermak of Irvington; roses, George Russell of Newark; perennials, Lynn P. Kibler, Madison; and plants, Mrs. Charles V. Smith of Far Hills.

Blooms were judged Saturday by Edward Brock, Maplewood; Lynn B. Dudley, New Rochelle; Raymond E. Harman, Essex County Agricultural Agent, W. Robert Manser of Mt. Kemble Lake;

Frank Marker, Layton; Henry Olsen, Elmont, L. I.; Carl P. Witte of Essex County Park Commission; Mrs. Gerald King, Mrs. Harvey Delepena and Mrs. Axel F. Nilsen, all of Chatham; William J. Stone, Joseph Gambi, River Vale and Mr. Conrad Frey, Nutley, N. J.

Washington State Dahlia Society

The Washington State Dahlia Society held its forty-fifth annual show, September 10 and 11, at the Normana Hall in Tacoma. It was said to be the largest and most beautifully arranged show ever staged in Tacoma.

Large baskets of dahlias were beautifully arranged in the foreground of the stage with a background setting of evergreen shrubbery, while on the main floor of the hall the many rows of tables were so arranged as to present a fine spectacle.

The commercial display of the Pacific Dahlia Gardens of Tacoma, showed many of the new introductions, both U. S. originations and foreign ones was excellent. There was also a beautiful display of assorted flowers and shrubbery by the Tacoma Metropolitan Park Board of Tacoma.

Mrs. Blauman, also of Tacoma, had a special display on the other side of the hall.

Due to the ideal weather preceding the show the dahlia blooms were of excellent quality and all the different divisions were very well represented, including the junior division. This is a new division, just added to our program this year for boys and girls up to fifteen years of age.

The seedling section had an unusually large number of entries.

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The much coveted American Home Achievement Medal was won by Wesley Ulsh of Gig Harbor, Wash. with a beautiful 8 in. clear yellow incurved cactus.

Mr. V. E. Sandford of Bremerton, Wash. won the Grand Award with a bloom of *Searchlight* and a *Hart's Whirlway* won second best in show. *Hart's Whirlway* also won the Charles Julin Award, a *Night Editor* the F. D. Burchard Award and a *Cheerio* the Blauman Award, this award was for the best dahlia grown in a pot.

Other major awards were a *King of the Whites*, the largest bloom in the show, and *Unit* smallest perfect dahlia and the best basket in show was *Searchlight*.

In the Junior Division, best cactus a *Grandmaster Berger*, best semi-cactus *Jeanne*, best formal *Victory*, and best informal decorative *Royal Robe*.

In the Novice Division the best cactus *Smoky*, best formal *Prarie Sun*, and best informal decorative *Night Editor*.

In the Amateur Division the best cactus *Hart's Whirlaway*, best semi-cactus *Black Monarch*, best formal *National*, and best informal decorative *Croydon Masterpiece*.

In the Open Class the best cactus *Searchlight*, best semi-class *Ballego Surprise*, best formal *The Real Glory*, and best informal decorative *Night Editor*.—Charles Julin, Corr. Secy., 115 So. Anderson St., Tacoma, Wash.

Ithaca Dahlia Society

On September 18, the Ithaca Dahlia Society held the first all dahlia flower show ever held in Ithaca. Our fear of a failure was completely unfounded for in spite of

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hot day and unfavorable weather, several hundred blooms were exhibited in the County Agricultural Center.

The show was a real success. Colorful, perfect blooms of almost unbelievable variety attracted enough interest to encourage us to work for a bigger & better show next year.

Mrs. Ethel Barry had a best bloom of the show with *Uncle Dudley*. Lucille Morris had second best with *Mozart*. Richard Putney placed third with *White Beauty*.

Florence Button showed the largest bloom *Sherwood Peach*. Arthur Adams had the smallest perfect pompon.

Professor Lee of Cornell University judged the flowers assisted by Fred Horton also of Cornell.—Mrs. William Button, secretary & treasurer, Ithaca RD 3, N.Y.

Williamsburg Dahlia Society

The Williamsburg Dahlia Society held its Eleventh Annual Show in the ball room of the Williamsburg Lodge on October 1st and 2nd. There were 750 entries in the various horticultural classes. Thanks for many of these entries is due to our exhibitors from Maryland and Washington, D.C. The entire area represented suffered severe lossess from hurricane "Connie" but these growers brought in beautiful specimens. The Virginia growers rallied around also to make our show a success.

Some of the blue-ribbon winners were *Butter Ball*, *Andries Wonder*, *Autumn Blaze*, *Brother Justinus*, *Betty Blossom*, *Barbarosa*, *Bertha Shone*, *Cherokee Brave*, *Chamoisette*, *Croyden Masterpiece*, *Dominant*, *D. Day*, *Col. Little*, *Florence Chadwick*, *First Lady*, *Flaming Sunset*, *Five Star General*, *Gerrie Hoek*, *Goud Brocade*, *Jane Lausche*, *Kelvin*, *King Size*, *Kemp's Radiant Beauty*, *Mary Elizabeth*, *Mrs. Hester Pape*, *Oakleigh Champion*, *Orange Majesty*, *Pyrophora*, *Pride of Parkersburg*, *Powder Puff*, *Prairie Sun*, *Rosy Dawn*, *Rose Ann S*, *Surprise*, *Stop Light*, *Special Award*, *Storm Cloud*, *Sequoia*, *Silver Springs*, *The Cardinal*, *Windlassie* and *White Hall*.

In the seedling classes, Dr. Henry Parker won on the 1st year seedling, Mr. Vernon K. Ailstock on the second year and Henry J. Quick on the third year seedling—*Ruth H. Quick*. This beautiful seedling also won the American Dahlia Society Seedling Sweepstakes.

Mrs. Florence Clapp's *Flying Saucer* won the Charles A. Ambrose Trophy for the best three blooms of "A" dahlias of Virginia origin. The most perfect "A" bloom in the show was won by Mr. J. A. Eddins with *Cherokee Beauty* and the best "B" was won by Mr. J. B. Eddins on *Windlassie*.

The theme of the arrangement classes was "The Color Wheel Through and October Day." There were fifty-five arrangements. Tri-color winner in open classes was Mrs. J. A. Eddins on *October Sunset*, and in the Invitation Class the Brook Run Garden Club of Richmond on *Afternoon Splendor*.

We wish to thank all of the exhibitors for helping to make a good show and our corps of efficient judges for their help. The arrangements were judged by Mrs. O. O. Utt, Mrs. Clarence Fleschman and Mrs. Albert Oligny. Specimen judges were Messrs. Charles B. Ambrose, George Dodrill, W. L. Elkins, Rixey F. Gray, George R. Hitchcock, A. S. Mason, M. L. Mattern, Dr. Henry Parker, Donald Samson, Orman E. Schneeman, Samuel Shapiro and Thomas Yano.

While our attendance was not quite so large as usual, our register shows visitors from California to Maine and from Canada to Florida and one interested couple from England.

We were pleasantly surprised to receive a Friendship Award from the Tulsa Dahlia Society of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bess E. Dennis, Chairman of Publicity, Route 1, Box 110, Williamsburg, Va.

Dahlia Society of New Jersey

Our Dahlia season in New Jersey closes "smashingly", to say the least, as we view our devastated eleven hundred hills of pride and joy, following the weekends rain and high winds. But a "Good Dahlia Grower" is never daunted! We're ready to start anew for a bigger garden and greater show in 1956, droughts, Dianes or high-winds notwithstanding.

The 1955 New Jersey Dahlia Show in our new home, the Commonwealth Club of Montclair proved highly successful. The two new features created much interest from the general public viewpoint, namely the "Old Favorite Class", Dahlias fifteen years or older in existence, and an "Educational Exhibit" which took the prospective dahlia grower through the wonders of dahlia culture from tiny seed, rooted cutting, pot plant, pot-root, clump division, to every type of dahlia grown, exhibi-

bited in individual containers, including a collection of seedlings. It was gratifying to the Committee in charge the interest evinced by the general public. Visitors were given a few seeds to grow—and new members were gained.

Winners in "A" Classes

Derring-Do Yellow—Outstanding (3) entry Governor's Cup.

Virginia Rute—Old Favorites Class.

Pride of Parkersburg—Burnbrae Memories—*Crowning Glory*.

Mary Elizabeth—1954 introduction and still reigning queen of that year.

White Hall—Outstanding winner among whites.

Variety Girl—Interesting new comer to N. J. Dahlia Show—Buff white tips.

Miss Myrtle Beach.

1955 introductions predominating at show are *Ceremic Beauty*, *Our Friend*, *Sequoia* and the prolific *Flying Saucer*—many many entries of this one.

Winners in "B" Classes

Best 3 Cactus still *Grandeza*.

Ever popular *Jaunita*—*Stoplight*.

Margaret William—Pompon winner of smallest and best in show.

Arabesque—Winner in miniatures.

Diannc—Making debut, a new collarette, velvety red with bi-color collar red and white.

Outstanding Orchid Flowering, *Twinkle* still!

The November 4th meeting as guests of our own Edward B. Lloyd in Montclair, N.J. will find the Dahlia Society of New Jersey making plans to change the annual show date from the first week in September to a later and more suitable time for both showing and viewing to a larger visiting public. As the Labor Day weekend robbed many of the opportunity of seeing New Jersey's best flower show.—President Marion Bardell, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey.

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Orange Co. Dahlia Society

The 14th annual show of the Orange County Dahlia Society, Inc., was held August 20 and 21 at the Santa Ana Y.M.C.A.

The judges had a difficult time selecting winners from the thousands of fine blooms in the show. At the end of judging, the award for the best dahlia in the show went to H. O. Allen for a bloom of *Kidd's Climax*. He received the Lawrence Archibald perpetual trophy.

The smallest dahlia award went to Archibald for a bloom of *Hilde*, scarcely one half of an inch in diameter. *Yellow Monarch*, entered by H. G. Foster, won the largest bloom award. Foster also had the outstanding novice entry and amateur sweepstakes.

One bloom of *Graf Folke Bernadotte* and three blooms of *Bal Masque* won outstanding awards for Don Haskett of Long Beach.

Alonzo Frazier swept all three awards in the advanced amateur section, with one bloom of *Folderol*, three blooms of *Lake*

Tahow, and five blooms of *Folderol*. Sweepstakes for advanced amateurs, went to Dr. G. Emmet Raitt.

The Kiwanis perpetual trophy for the best 1955 seedling went to Comstock Gardens of San Diego. The Excelsior Creamery company perpetual trophy went to Lester Tift. Comstock Gardens won the American Home Achievement medal and the A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes award with blooms of his beautiful seedling, *Groucho Marx*. A large display of *Groucho Marx* also won the Ligonox Company perpetual trophy for the most outstanding entry in the entire show.

Comstock Gardens won most of the awards in the open for all division. Allen Gardens of Westminster and Dell's Dahlia Gardens of Inglewood also had fine displays in this division. L. O. Archibald of Orange won sweepstakes in this division. Mrs. Helen Archibald won the trophy in the arrangement division.

After completing a successful show, Society members are looking forward to other shows and garden visits. Mrs. L. O. Archibald, Corresponding secretary, 10162 Old Park Rd. Orange, Calif.

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Root \$15.00 net; Plant \$5.00 net

LINDA MARSCHNER

Tomczak-Parrella, F.D. Size 9 x 5 in. Spreading bush 4 feet tall. 10 to 12 inch stems hold blooms on side at 45 degree angle. White with creamy center. Petals curled and pointed. Blooms have good keeping qualities. Named for our granddaughter.

Root \$15.00 net; Plant \$5.00 net

MOM'S PRIDE

Morgan-Parrella, St. Cactus. Shrimp pink, suffused poppy red at center. General effect coral or deep pink. A deep cactus with excellent substance. Size 7 x 4½ in. Blooms on side and top. This is really a cactus with character. Bush 5 feet.

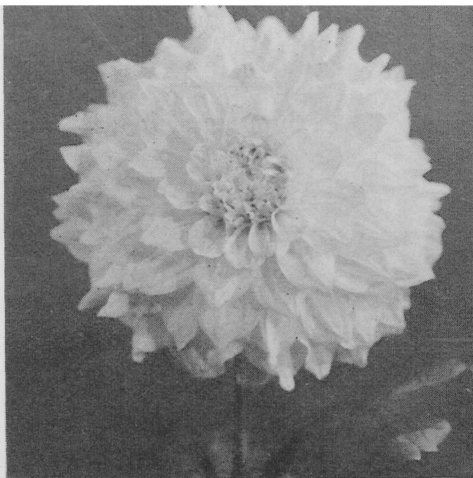
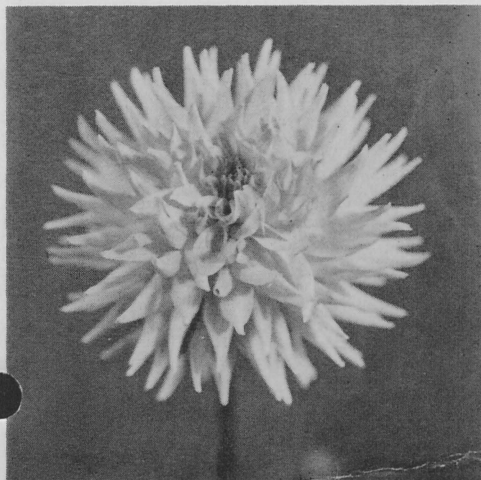
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Boram-Parrella, Semi-cactus. Size 7 x 4 in. Stems 8 to 10 in. Chrysanthemum crimson shaded darker ox-blood red to center. Free bloomer early and late. Keeps well. A good garden flower. At Cincinnati, Ohio Show in 1954 this variety scored 85.5 for A.D.S. Sweepstakes Award.

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Below: MOM'S PRIDE, B-St. Cactus Pink



BORAM SUNRISE, A-F.D.

BUTTERSCOTCH

Fuschetti-Parrella, Min. F.D. Bi-color. Edge and base of petals bright aurelien yellow, tipped white. Petals crinkly, foliage dark. A bright, attractive little variety. Won American Home Achievement Medal, at Branch Brook Park, Newark, New Jersey in 1953 and other Awards. The 3 x 1½ in blooms held up on 4 to 6 in. stems.

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Chappaqua-Parrella, Min. F.D. Size 3½ x 2¼ in. Color blend of light yellow and bright red. General effect almost orange. Blooms profusely on good 8 in. stems. Keeps well when cut and a good florist's variety. Bush about 5 feet.

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Slocum-Parrella, Pom. Size 1½ x 1 in. Dark blend of canary yellow tipped scarlet. Eye stopper because of color combination. A garden type which ladies like for home decoration and arrangements. Nice foliage. Bush about 3 feet.

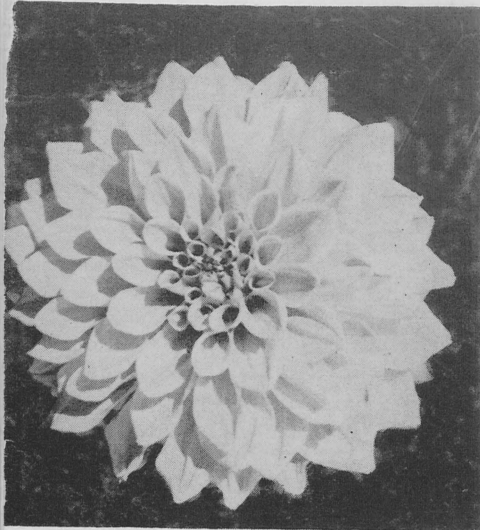
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