

MBDS NEWSLETTER

January 2019



The Dahlia Dirt

Next Meeting:

**Friday, January 11
Simpkin's Swim Center
Santa Cruz**

**7:00 Pot Luck Dinner
7:30 Meeting**

FROM THE PREZ



At Friday's meeting we will be discussing how to check and warm up your tubers for planting, demonstrating dahlia seed starting techniques and demonstrating how to make cuttings from sprouted tubers. We will also be voting on the flower of the year. This will be a good meeting to bring any dahlia growing questions you may have.

Happy winter and a hurrah to the rain this week. - Kristine

MARILYN MASURAT



Kevin wrote...

Passing of Marilyn Masurat

Marilyn Masurat passed away on December 30, 2018. Her health challenges were significant the past couple of years and during the last few months she was cared for by family and caregivers that were very amazing.

Ken and Marilyn have been friends in our dahlia world for a long time. They were the driving force of the John Stowell Dahlia Society in San Jose and were very involved in American Dahlia Society activities. Marilyn was a key leader for the site review, negotiation and management of the 2002 National show and then again contributed in a similar significant way to the 2011 National Show. Some of you may remember visiting the Masurat dahlia garden as a part of the 2011 National show activities.

The PSW Dahlia conference annual meetings were regularly hosted at the Beverly Heritage Hotel in Milpitas, CA (Bay Area) which she managed. She had a special ability to anticipate needs and how to provide for her guests way beyond expectations. She was a friend to us and was person of hospitality to all.

Last April, Marilyn was able to attend the group dinner as a part of the ADS planning meeting held in Northern California at the same hotel, once called the Beverly Heritage. I remember her ordering a second special drink that evening despite Ken saying many times "are you sure?"; she was having a wonderful time with friends. I recall her lingering that evening just remembering how much that hotel property was such a part of her life - hosting others.

We will all fondly remember her contributions and friendship.

Plans for services have yet to be announced.

Ken Masurat and Family mailing address is:

15040 Garcal Drive
San Jose, CA 95127

DEBBIE RUSSELL



Katy wrote....

Debbie Russell passed in late November, 2018. She had been diagnosed with breast cancer about 2.5 years ago and put up a very courageous fight. I had the opportunity to see her garden at our dine around about 4 years ago and it was there that I learned about her love of not only dahlias but baking too. Debbie grew some beautiful dahlias. She was an impressive woman and I was always happy when she showed up with her big smile. She also participated in the Santa Cruz County Fair in both the Floriculture Department and Home Arts.

If you would like to send a card to Debbie's family here are their names and address.

Husband Paul

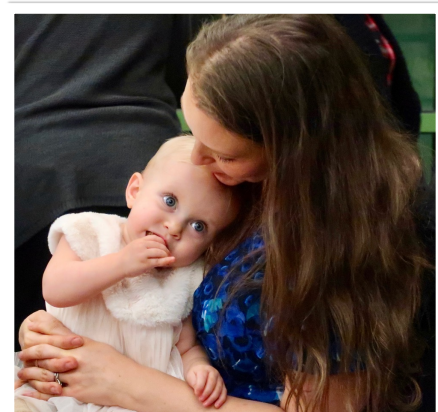
Children Emily and Matthew

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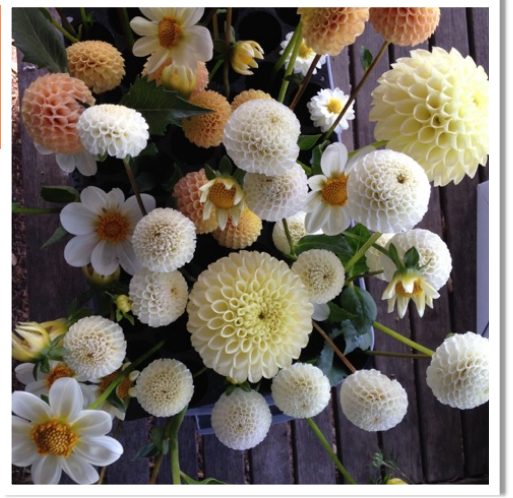
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MONTEREY BAY DAHLIA SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Kristine Albrecht.

November minutes were approved unanimously.

Dahlia of The Year Nominations 2019

President Kristine asked for nominations for our 2019 Full Double and Open Centered Dahlia of the Year.

Nominated were the following (*emailed nominations were also accepted after the meeting):

Fully Double:

- Emory Paul
- Kenora Jubilee
- Valley Porcupine
- Skipley Spot of Gold
- Butch G.
- Bubbling Over*
- Harvey Koop*

Open Centered:

- Kelsey Annie Joy
- Bumble Rumble*

The final vote for 2019 Dahlias of the Year will be held at our January meeting.

Election of Officers

Tom Starkey, chair of our Nominating Committee, presented a slate of candidates that is the same as last years' officers. Joe Ghio moved, Tom seconded approval of the slate of officers as presented. The motion passed unanimously. And the winners are:

President - Kristine Albrecht

Vice President- Kevin Larkin

Treasurer - Katy Bannister

Secretary - Mary Bannister

Membership - Natalie Beebe

Newsletter - Jan Palia

Website - Brian Sprinsock

Congratulations to all and thanks for your service!!

A spirited Secret Santa Exchange was then conducted by Jolly Joe Ghio. A fun time was had by all and fun gifts were exchanged!! The Dean Barnes name tags were especially coveted - thanks Tom!!

Katy conducted our regular raffle for new introductions with help from Lauren and Evelyn.

Adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully Submitted - Mary Bannister

The Crew



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