

Washington State Dahlia Society

Next Meeting: July 19—7:30PM - Fircrest Community Center

555 Contra Costa - Fircrest, WA

July 2010

July Meeting Plans

This month we will learn how to exhibit our dahlias at the local shows. We will get an explanation of how to fill out the tag which is not difficult but can seem tricky. Then there will be a demonstration of how to stage one bloom. All of this information is helpful to all our new exhibitors.

Our guest speaker is Colin Walker. If you have read the Dahlias of Today, which is a first-class publication of the Puget Sound Dahlia Association, then you have probably noticed some photographs taken by Colin. Colin takes most if not all of the photo used for the ADS bench and also takes pictures of all of the trial garden entries. When new varieties are mentioned in the Dahlias of Today you can bet that most are

pictured with some of the great pictures from Colin. This month he will tell us how he does those great pictures. It sounds so simple.... Turn on the camera, find a nice bloom and click! But then you see that you look at the picture and find that you have shadows or somehow got the subject off to one side or managed to take the picture too close and it is blurry. We shall find out how to do this correctly and have some wonderful photographs of our favorite flowers in our own album. We might even win the monthly photo contest with our new found skills!

As always, goodies at the break and our very popular raffle!!

See you Monday evening!

July Photo Contest

The subject for the photo contest for our July meeting will be "dahlias and people" (personalities or characters if you will). This should be an easy subject because our

hobby has many personalities and we **DEFINITELY** have some characters. How about a photo of you working in your garden so the rest of us can see what you **REALLY**

This and That around the club....

Les Connell has containers for exhibiting if anyone would like them. He will also be taking orders for foam. Please contact him at the meeting if you need these items.

Don Filand is working on fixing up the informational sign at the trial garden. He could use some help with the pictures. If you can help please see Don at the meeting.

If you were not at the last meeting or you missed singing up to donate for our show awards, please look for the sheet this month. We want to show the exhibitors that we appreciate all their hard work and reward them handsomely.



Our June photo contest winner, Diana Christianson holding her photo of an animal (puppy) where she was showing the size of her bloom. Congrats Diana!!

Tableshow and CATERED Dinner

Our table show and catered dinner will be held at our regular meeting place, the Fircrest Comm Center this year. The date is August 16th and we will begin at 6:30PM. We will be serving BBQ from Branks in Sumner. Reservations are a must! The cost is \$15.00 and will cover your entire meal. Please contact me either by e-mail or at 253-564-0459.

The schedule for the table show will appear in our newsletter next month. Our judges this year will be last years winners, Jim and Chris Stout. The Stouts are both senior judges and excellent exhibitors. This "show" is meant to help educate as to why we choose certain exhibits over others.

Get your reservations NOW!

look like (grubby, hot, tired, stained fingers, ?????). Be creative. We would like way more participation in our contest.

