

# The dahliafax

*Inland Empire Dahlia Society, Inc.*  
*Official American Dahlia Society Trial Garden*  
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**Spokane**



Embrace BB SC Yellow  
2009 Dahlia of the Year

Claudia Biggs, Editor

*newsletter*

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**HAPPY SNOWY NEW YEAR!**  
**NO MEETING IN JANUARY**  
**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2009 7:30 P.M. MANITO MEETING ROOM**

## **DUES ARE DUE!!**

If you have not paid your 2009 dues, please send them by 1/31/09. IEDS dues are Single \$7, Family \$10.

PNDC dues are \$10 single and \$15 family. All judges must be members of PNDC. ADS dues are \$20 single and \$23 family. ADS dues will include 4 quarterly Bulletins with lots of information about dahlias, listings of many dahlia suppliers, Fabulous 50 dahlias and Top 100. Also information on the National ADS show in Everett, Washington this year. **Send a check made out to IEDS** for a total of all dues paid. Mail to Claudia Biggs, 3332 W. Elmhurst Ave, Spokane, Wa. 99208 The dues received are then sent in thru our treasury to PNDC and ADS as we get a break on the dues through membership in a society.

## Minutes of Meeting November 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Smith. 33 members were present.

11 people entered the photo contest. The winners were: Greg Smith, Sandy Eberle, Carol Konitzer, Jim Rolf & Dennis & Claudia Biggs.

Treasurer report was given. Name tags will need to be ordered soon. Cost is \$7 if a new one is ordered. Contact Anita Smith. Notices have been sent to all societies notifying them of our PNDC show dates and flower of the Year (Sept. 12&13 and Embrace).

Minutes were approved as printed.

VA and Trial Garden wrap up reports were given. Bob Beasley reported a new permanent sign was being made by the Parks Dept. Voting was made on a request from the Parks Dept for a \$200 donation towards the cost. Vote passed.

Pat Bentley, Chair of our Christmas Party brought gifts to consider for a raffle. A menu was passed around for 3 choices to be made.

Nominations were reopened for officers for 2009. Officers will be:

President: Greg Smith

Vice President Bob Beasley

Secretary: Joni Beasley

Treasurer: Pam Storebo

3 yr Trustee; Carol Kontizer

2 Year Trustee: Pat Bentley

1 year Trustee: Bill Swanstrom

Claudia will have the cover photo on the 2009 ADS Classification Guide. Congratulations!

Pay 2009 dues at anytime to Claudia Biggs.

Lowell Dubbels thanked us for allowing the Glad Society to be a part of our show. We in turn thanked them.

The manned booth at the fair was a great success. We got a lot of positive feedback from the public.

The raffle was held. \$50.00/\$50.00 was the split. Kristen Backsen won the \$50. Leftover gift certificates were drawn. Carol Konitzer got the White Elephant. Meeting adjourned at 9:17. Respectfully submitted, Joni Beasley, Secretary

## THAT'S A DAHLIA?

The next dahlia in this series is the **ANEMONE** dahlia.

Remember our definitions from last newsletter.

**Ray florets:** A single petal of an ordinary bloom. These form the radiating border in the open-centered type dahlias.

**Disc Florets:** small tubular florets which make up the central part of the flower head, each with a pistil and stamen but generally no other conspicuous flower parts.

**Anemone Definition:** A dome of elongated tubular disc florets surrounded by one or more rows of ray florets. The ray florets should be uniform in shape, size and formation and be regularly arranged around the disc florets. The ray florets should be visible from the face of the bloom, creating a pleasant and balanced framing of the dome. The disc florets should also be uniform in shape, size and formation and be fully developed. Each disc floret should be entirely tubular or predominantly tubular with a fringed tip.

Anemone dahlias are becoming more and more popular. They seem to be making a comeback. Swan Island Dahlias has introduced a number of them in the last several years. You normally do not see them for sale in the garden stores.



Goldie Gull AN Lb Bld  
Yellow/Pink



Azuma -Kagama  
AN Dark Red/dk red



Paso Doble  
AN White Wh/yellow

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK YOUR TUBERS THIS MONTH!! WITH FREEZING TEMPERATURES, IT IS BEST TO CHECK THEM FREQUENTLY. IF TEMPERATURES GET BELOW FREEZING, THE TUBERS WILL FREEZE WITHOUT PROTECTION.**

Small 2009 Classification Books are available now. The large print should arrive sometime late this month. The cost is \$3.00 each.

We have also received more Composite Classification books. (large size). These have all dahlias that have won awards in shows from 1976—2007. Cost is \$7.50. These fit in a small binder. If you need a binder, Staples carries the small Binders.

Dahlias of Today for 2009 has been ordered. These will be sent out in February from the Puget Sound Dahlia Assn. Cost is \$8 each. We are ordering 15 copies only.

NORTHWEST FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW will be held February 18-22, 2009. Advance tickets \$16 can be purchased at Staneks and Mels Nursery. At the door tickets are \$20. This is a wonderful show to attend. All garden, every kind of plant imaginable and five dahlia suppliers—Connells, Dan's Dahlias, Sea-Tac Gardens, Swan Island Dahlias and The Dahlia Barn. If you want to get tubers early, think about attending this show. Hopefully the snow will be gone!!

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Thank you for a wonderful 2008. We will open  
again in the spring—mid-March.

We will let you know in the newsletter when we  
are open and will have lots of annuals available.



2009 ADS New Introductions dvd  
is available from Claudia Biggs.  
Cost is \$11. There are 72 new in-  
troductions on this program and  
also includes the Garden Dahlia of  
the Year and the Stanley Johnson  
Photo Contest Winner for 2008.  
Contact Claudia for more informa-  
tion. (326-1953) or  
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Our 2009 Dahlia of the Year is **EMBRACE**. This dahlia is the top winner of all dahlia shows  
in 2007 and 2008. It is available from most dahlia suppliers. Dahlia Dandies has it for sale.  
See the advertisement for that supplier to order this favorite dahlia.

If you have dahlia stock of any Korb varieties, Ray Korb is interested in obtaining some. Ray's son, Dan Korb  
propagated these varieties. Let Ray know at 509-445-1380 or 921 Riverbend Loop Rd, Cusick, Wa 99119.

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The Inland Empire  
Dahlia Society  
meets monthly on  
the 2nd Thursday of  
the month at the  
meeting room at  
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Dec. **unless other-  
wise noted**

Dues: Single: \$7  
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