

# 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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**NEXT MEETING JUNE 11, 2009 7:30 pm MANITO MEETING ROOM**  
**PROGRAM: TAKING PHOTOS OF YOUR DAHLIAS -**  
**BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS-Dennis & Claudia Biggs Bring your camera!**  
**HOSTS : PAM STOREBO**  
**WHITE ELEPHANT: PAT & DARCY BENTLEY**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello once again everyone, boy how that last month went by fast, didn't it. By now most of us (except me) have got our dahlias planted, and the weather sure has been great for that. We'll see at the meeting what kinds of trouble some of us are running into with our new babies.

Both the VA and Trial Gardens are planted and thank-you to all that helped out. Just think of all the thousands of people that will come and see all the dahlias at both locations this year, just makes you feel good knowing that doesn't it?

This year we did really well at all three of our tuber sales. Not sure of the exact dollar amount but it was around \$3,500. Nice job to all that helped at all the sales and all those that donated tubers to the society. **THANK YOU!!!** New rosters have been mailed to everyone. If you did not get one, call or email one of us so we can get yours sent to you. Hope to see most of you at the June meeting. Happy weeding!

Greg Smith, President IEDS

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

**August 8-9 Seedling Class Manito Meeting Room All judges need to attend**  
**Sept. 12 IEDS & PNDC Dahlia Show Interstate Fairgrounds**  
**Sept 22-23 National Dahlia Show—Everett, Washington**

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Many thanks from Claudia & Dennis Biggs and Joni & Bob Beasley for all the volunteers that helped plant the VA Garden and Trial Garden at Manito. We REALLY appreciated your help. It went very smoothly and quickly with your help.

## THAT'S A DAHLIA?

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

Definition of **LACINIATED**: Ray florets are split at the tip with the number and depth of the splits varying according to the size of the ray floret. The portion with the splits should uniformly twist or curl whether involute or revolute. The less mature ray florets should possess splits but do not have to twist or curl.



Colwood Scheri B LC Variegated



Hollyhill Candy Stripe BB Variegated



Stellyvonne B LC Yellow

### Minutes of Meeting May 14, 2009

The meeting was opened at 7:35 by President Greg Smith. Introductions were made and 29 members were present. Greg explained the purpose of the raffle.

Bob Beasley took the members over to the greenhouse where the Trial Garden entries are growing. Then the rest of the program consisted of a discussion and question and answer period concerning starting and the removal of laterals, fertilizers, growing temperatures, light and watering.

Treasurer's report was given and we have \$7,414.16 after tuber sale income and expenses were tallied.

Greg thanked all who worked the tuber sales. The VA and Trial Gardens will be planted May 30 beginning at 8 am.

We purchased the banner that was used at Garden Expo for \$40. It is reusable and will be displayed at the fair as well as at our sales.

Dawn Anselmo, our awards chair explained what she has in mind for the prizes. Our late charter member Walter Hoppe who passed away last year had many medals and she is going to "re gift" them as prizes during this PNDC show in memory of Walter.

Tim is giving up the chairmanship of Garden Expo. He thanked his work crew. A new chairman volunteer is needed. If you are interested, please contact Greg Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Secretary, Joni Beasley

Now that your dahlias are planted, as they get taller, remember to tie them to the stake. When they get a foot tall, pinch the main stem off, so laterals will form. At the end of June, be sure and fertilize with fertilizer that has a high middle number.

For the past 4 years, Claudia has been using COLORBURST, a granulated slow release fertilizer 15 30 15 that is available at Lowe's, Fred Meyers, and Home Depot. A number of members are using this. Put it down once and you don't have to fertilize again. Cost of a large bag is \$5.98 and covers a large area.

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being judged.

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The Inland Empire Dahlia Society meets the second Thursday of each month, except December, at 7:30 p.m. at the Manito Meeting Room unless other noted in the newsletter.