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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone and Happy Labor Day! Hope everyone has had a nice three or four day vacation. The weather hasn't been really great for vacationing, but on the other hand it has helped the dahlias. Like most of you, the really nice ones came on last week, but things are still looking good for this weekend. The weather is to be really nice towards the end of the week with temp back into the 80's. For the last few days Anita and I have been down at the fair working on things. The fair booth is coming along really well, and we have added the foot rest and the shelf for putting things on. A little sprucing up and a new coat of paint and couple of extras and we'll see how it looks this year. Thanks to all of you that so far have given your time to help run the booth this year. There are very few spots still open and I will have the calendar hanging on the booth for all to see. It's still not too late if you would like to help for an hour or two. Just give me a call and we'll see what we have left. Thanks to all of you again for helping out with the booth, as we saw from last year, the response we got from the public was great. They really liked having someone there that could answer their questions instead of picking up a piece of paper and going on their way. I will hand out tickets at the Friday set-up if you're there, or that night at staging. Those that I talked to, I will mail yours out soon. Thanks again!

Don't forget the banquet at 6:00 p.m. (who would forget the banquet) for social hour and dinner starting whenever we feel like starting to eat. Those of you that were at the banquet last year at Chinese Gardens, know that the banquet room is rather small, but it does seat 60-65 just fine. I kind of like it that way. We don't have to yell out awards and it feels like one nice close bunch of friends all together for an evening of good times. Some would disagree, but I can't please everyone.

I got my first look at the new rosettes the other day when I got them and they look pretty nice. I know that I would like to win one, but then again I would just like to win anything. It wasn't put into the fair guide or our fair booklet, but remember that there are some really good cash prizes for the 11 themes in arrangements. I myself will enter my first ever arrangement this show. It shouldn't be hard to pick mine out with all the years of experience or lack there of to do one. If nothing else, it would be funny to see.

It's a good time for first time people to get your feet wet and try a basket or bouquet. Who knows what will happen, and besides it makes the showroom look so much nicer with nice baskets and etc.

You all have my number 280-4087. When you enter the parking off Havana, they will try to park you in the parking lot or field. Tell them you're here for the dahlia show and then proceed to the O gate. (cont.)

President's message cont.

There should be a guard there to open the gate to let you down below to unload your flowers and stuff. You will have only 20 minutes or so to do this for parking is tight down there. You will then have to park back out in the parking lot. Later that evening we can all park closer to our building. The building will be open all evening once again. We are the only show during the whole fair that is let in all through the night, but we are also the best show during the whole fair!

Hope to see you all at the Conference Show. Remember we only get to host this show about once or twice a decade, so come and see what all the other societies are bringing to our show. If you never get to a national show, this is about as close to one that you'll see, but this doesn't even come close to a national show, though they are nice. So, even if you have only 2-3 blooms, bring them down and see how the show works. Once again if you have a problem getting in, call me, **280-4087** and I will get you in asap. I will be working with the parking control to forewarn them what will be happening starting at 4 pm on Friday, so I'm hoping for very few problems. Any other questions before the show, call me, and with that being said, hope everyone's week goes good and your blooms cooperate with you. I'm looking for a great show and the people of Spokane will be in for a real treat this weekend. Thanks to all of you that are coming to the show this weekend and I hope that we make your trip enjoyable. Travel safely and see you Friday!

Greg Smith, President, IEDS

SET UP, JUDGING, SHOW DINNER & TRIAL GARDEN JUDGING INFORMATION—Joni Beasley

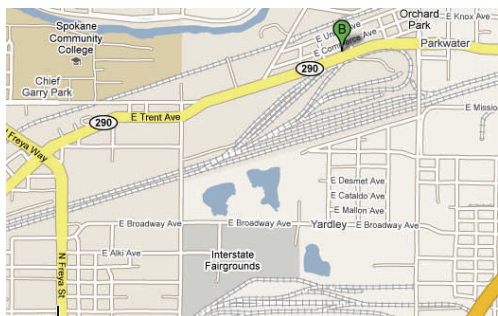
Set up of the fair the 11th, is from around 10:00—12:00 noon. We will need help unpacking vases, moving tables around, etc. Come if you can help and supposedly if you let the guards at the gate know, you should have no trouble getting in. If you do, call Greg's cell phone - **280-4087** or mine **294-0540**.

The judging time for being at the floral building Saturday the 12th is listed incorrectly by the fair. We meet at 8:00 a.m., not 7 a.m. Judges meeting and clerks meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and judging begins at 8:30 a.m.

Trial Garden judging is Sunday, the 13th and Bob and I will be there from approximately 9:00 a.m. on. Water (hot for tea bags or coffee bags, and cold bottled water), some cookies and banana bread will be there to snack on. We hope to assign each judge 3 plants and hope that way to get a minimum of one "new" opinion on each. We will stay til around 12:30. In past years we have stayed longer, but would like to be able to go back to the fair ourselves in the afternoon. All judges need to judge 3 a year to fulfill their requirements for judging status. We need to get the garden judged before frost and if anyone plans on coming up after the fair to complete their judging, let Bob know when, preferably on Tuesdays or Saturdays and he will meet you there.

If anyone still wants to judge or clerk, there is still time to register. Call Greg or myself so I can get a head count of everyone to put on the list for Saturday morning. "If" you sent in your contract or fair entry form, we should already have you on the list.

Show Banquet: to be held at **CHINESE GARDENS, 5207 E. Trent** (534-8491). Northeast of the fairgrounds.



Directions: From downtown, go north to Mission, turn east on Mission until it joins Trent (at Havana St.) Trent is Highway 290 and the restaurant is a little farther east just before Airport Rd. If coming from the valley, come west on Trent and the restaurant is just several blocks west of Fancher. From the fairgrounds, go north to Trent, then east on Trent.

THERE IS ROAD CONSTRUCTION GOING ON AND THE FREYA BRIDGE IS CLOSED.

Social Hr: 6 PM Dinner 7 PM

Take down of the show is 8:30pm—10 pm Sunday the 13th and finishing up Monday 9 am to noon.

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THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone for the phone calls, cards and even flowers I received after my surgery. I hope to be at the dahlia show if I feel well enough.

I will need help when it comes to cutting down and digging the dahlias at the VA. We will pick a date hopefully later in October. By that time, I'll either be going through chemo or radiation therapy.

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