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NEXT MEETING: JUNE 10, 2010 7:30 PM MANITO MEETING ROOM
PROGRAM: CUTTING, CONDITIONING, STAGING FOR SHOW – ANSELMOS
HOSTESSES: DIANA MAY
WHITE ELEPHANT: ANSELMOS

BRING COPY OF SHOW SCHEDULE RECEIVED IN MAY AND CLASSIFICATION BOOK TO MEETING

NO PRESIDENT'S REPORT THIS ISSUE.

MANY THANKS to everyone who showed up to plant the VA Garden and the Trial Garden. The weather was very nice and both gardens looked very nice when finished. The new Director of the VA Medical Center happened by when that garden was planted and was immediately excited about growing dahlias. Norm Anselmo shared some of his extras with her. Who knows we may have another new member.

Our program will discuss cutting dahlias for the show, how to condition them so they last, and how to stage them for entry. We will also fill out an entry card. Those of you who got a handout last meeting of the fair rules and show information, please bring that along with a classification book to the meeting. We will have extra classification books available if you do not have one.

Our weather hasn't been the nicest this past month, and most of us are just now planting our gardens. Hopefully no temperatures lower than 40 will happen and we should start seeing some warmer weather. As your dahlias grow taller, be sure and tie them up so they grow straight. Also remember to pinch off the main stem when they are about a foot tall or have several sets of leaves. This will make a bushier plant and you will have more blooms. It also encourages strong side branching, makes the plant more sturdy and produces larger blooms. Be sure and tag your dahlias so you know their names. You can use an Industrial Sharpie, that you can purchase at Staples, to write the names. This ink does not wear off like the normal Sharpies.

With all the rain, you can hold off watering a few days, but dahlias need to be watered deeply and often enough to prevent the soil from drying out. After the plants have established a good growth, use water soluble 20-20-20 fertilizer. When the plants start to bloom, you can use a fertilizer with a higher middle number and lower first number. The middle number is for flowers. Some of the members use a fertilizer called Colorburst, available at Home Depot. Its numbers are 15-30-15 and works well. It is granulated so you only have to spread it once.

Because we had such a mild winter, we have to be on the look out for insects, especially slugs, earwigs and spider mites. The use of Bug-Geta Plus or Sluggo Plus are available for slugs and earwigs. Also the use of Sevin is helpful. There are several miticide products for spider mites. Most of these products are available at Northwest Seed & Pet where we get a 15% discount. They are also available at Judy's Enchanted Garden.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING—MAY 13, 2010

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 pm by the IEDS President, Greg Smith. 32 members were in attendance. Two new members and three guests were present.

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved as published in the Dahliafax.

Committees checked in: Treasurer's report was not given, but an estimate of \$2,500 was given for the three tuber sales. Cheer committee had a card for a long standing member who is in a nursing home. There are 36 entries in the Trial Garden, after a few cancelled their entries. The VA Garden tubers will be ready for planting on Saturday, June 5th at 8 a.m. Following the VA, we will be planting the Trial Garden as well. All are invited to help. Awards committee chair reported that we need ribbons. The fair will do the cutting of them, and donations are still being accepted. The report from the PNDC Spring Meeting was made. The IEDS has been granted the 2012 PNDC show, for our 50th show. The Christmas party location has been booked. It will be at Players and Spectators on December 4th.

The tuber sales for the year were a success of sorts. We sold all the dahlias that we had available to us. The downside to this is that we didn't have enough tubers to sustain all three sales. For next year's sales, we need a stronger commitment from members to make donations. The tuber sales are our biggest fundraisers for supporting Society activities. Starting this fall, at the October meeting, all members are to bring in a clump (or more) of dahlias to donate, and we will divide them at the meeting for storage for the spring sales. Also, any member who needs help digging their gardens in the fall should let one of the officers know, and we can arrange for some help digging s well.

The program following the meeting was all about growing Gladiolus. Thank You to Lowell Dubbels for the interesting and informative slide show!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Christina Carlsen.

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