

The dahliafax

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Claudia Biggs, Editor

newsletter

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NEXT MEETING APRIL 14, 2011 7:30 P.M.
PROGRAM: TUBER AUCTION
HOSTESSES: DON HOWELL & BRIAN DESAUTEL
WHITE ELEPHANT: LOWELL DUBBLES & ROY BARTON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy Spring! It has been so nice this last week to see some sun, and be able to enjoy it. Time has sure flown by, and it is time to get ready for our annual tuber sales. Anyone who would like to donate tubers or time for the sales, please do! We passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the three sale dates; we will have them again at the April meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to help, either contact Carol or myself and we will get you signed up. As for tubers for the sales, please remember that this is our only fundraiser for the year and we need LOTS of tubers so we can get money saved up for our show this year, and our big 50th show and celebration next year. Please bring your tubers for donations to the April meeting or get them to Carol, so we can bag them up and get them ready to sell.

We had a great March meeting, and thanks to Gary for the informative program on cuttings and seedlings. We look forward to the tuber auction at the April meeting. If you have some "special" tubers, please bring them for the auction. This year we are trying something a little different, we want newer introductions and some of the uncommon and special varieties.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—TUBER SALES DATES

April 30	9 AM	North side Northwest Seed & Pet
May 7	8 AM	East Sprague Northwest Seed & Pet
May 14	all day	Garden Expo—Lair Building—Spokane Community College

TUBER AUCTION—April 14 at our regular meeting

We will only be auctioning off tubers that have been introduced in the last couple of years or special ones that are in demand. All other tubers should be brought to the tuber sales. If you purchased a new introduction in the last couple of years and can spare any of the tubers for the auction, please bring them to the April meeting. We may also have glads from Roy Barton.

Minutes of the March 19, 2011 Meeting

Brought to order by president, Chris Carlsen at 7:38pm

Introductions & Cheer:

Donna Black had a bad fall and broke her left arm. Bruce and Mary Nell Hall will not be up until later in the summer due to persistent health problems.

Changes were discussed from last month's Dahliafax. It was reiterated that the cost of the small book is \$4 and the composite book is \$9. An additional book called "Dahlias: A monthly guide" has come out. It has been totally updated. Anyone interested should express their interest at the next meeting. The cost is between \$5-\$6.

The treasurer's report: as of 02/24/2011, Carol said the account had \$711.12. Total deposits were \$916.75.

Business to close out 2010 was discussed. There are many months that we still need bank statements for to clear up the 2010 books. Discussion surrounded Chris' invoice for printing materials that was \$285.34. Chris left the room and Gary conducted the discussion. It was unanimously voted to pay for the copying costs and to plan better in the future to avoid a situation where anyone feels the Society pays too much for a service.

The next 4H meeting is at 6pm at the County Extension office. We will be discussing the informational posters the kids are going to be making, pots, and soil.

Judging School: Dawn advised all that 3 senior judges would put the school together. It will be for judges, but all members are welcome. The Cook's manual can be ordered for the class if you don't have one. 5 or 6 interested people will be coming from Montana. Next month Dawn will take a sign up sheet to account for how many copies we will need. The arrangement class will be on Sunday July 9th on baskets for the show. It will be shown what is the difference between, a basket for your dining room table, versus what is needed for the Fair. Dawn requests that everyone please start a tuber in a pot soon and put it in your window sill to give to her in June or bring to the class. It will be helpful for the demonstration to be able to show disbudding, etc. The class will be free. You can take the test so you can be a judge in time for the fair if you are interested. We need to get a list of judges from Jessie.

Claudia gave membership list updates. The Society picnic will be August 7th at Dennis and Claudia's home.

The PNDC meeting is April 23rd. Carol will be attending and it was discussed that she should give the update for the newsletter, as she has been present and current on meeting activities. The ADS meeting is April 8,9,& 10th.

Trial Garden: Gary reported that Bob has 42 entries so far. There is already a committee and crew to work on the Trial Garden. Bob would like to do a seminar some time in August on how to judge a Trial Garden. He would also like to get the Trial Garden planted before the VA this year. Gary will not be present at the April or May meetings.

Tuber sales: Carol has been doing some advertising activities and getting information to be able to post with the news stations and local stores. Carol sent around sign up sheets for volunteers needed for the tuber sales and The Garden Expo. It was said that anyone wanting to volunteer for these events, the emphasis is on work that needs to be done and informing the public. This is the public's image of the Society and a great opportunity to gain new members. The sales are April 30th at 9am (North Division Northwest Seed & Pet,) and May 7th at 8am (Sprague Northwest Seed & Pet). Set up is an hour prior to the sale starting. Color coding procedures were discussed, making it easier to price tubers. Chris brought in colored stars. The chart is below. Anyone interested in getting their donated tubers bagged and labeled should bring them with them to the April meeting. Roy offered to bring in shallow boxes for the tuber sale displays. These are helpful to discourage digging and sorting through the tubers, which can cause broken eyes.

Color coding:

New Introductions (3-5 years):	\$8, Blue star
AA's, A's, & B's:	\$5, Silver star
BB, miniature ball, water lilies:	\$4, Gold star
All open centered, novelties, singles, poms, stellars, anemones	\$3, Red star
Mystery tubers	\$1, Green star

Garden Expo: We have a location in the building, by the bookstore and may get extra room. We need to gather pictures of flowers on a flash drive or memory card, so we can do a display to play on the laptop since we will not have real flowers.

Minutes continued:

VA update: Dennis and Claudia went to go look at it recently. Eight yard of compost have been worked in and they are hoping for good soil. Tentative planting date: June 4th. Claudia will need some help the Tuesday before planting to pound stakes at the flower sites.

New Business: Read an email from The Plant Farm, offering society members a tour and discounts. Heidi will call to get more information to see if we could go out there closer to planting time.

The tuber auction will be the next meeting, Thursday April 14th. This will be your chance to get some highly sought after varieties as well as to support the society. All members who wish to donate to either the auction or the tuber sales are encouraged to bring your tubers to the April meeting. If you choose to bag your own, please contact Carol for the information tags for the bags. There are volunteers available to bag any donation.

An informative demonstration on dahlia cuttings was given by Gary Plowman. Much thanks to Gary for bringing in cuttings and sharing his techniques.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heidi Byrum.

Treasurers Report

Checking account balance on 2/24/2011 is \$711.12

CREDITS

IEDS DUES	\$76.00
WHITE ELEPHANT	\$19.00
RAFFLE	\$12.00
BOOKS	\$223.00
NAME TAGS	<u>\$7.50</u>
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$337.50

DEBIT

CLAUDIA BIGGS	\$33.29
Reimburse postage & paper for Dahlia Fax	
Chris Carlsen	\$473.27
Reimburse Garden Expo, web page, & check order	
Payment for 2010 fair printing	
ADS	<u>\$77.50</u>
Payment for 1976-2011 Composite Books	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$584.06

Checking account balance on 3/22/2011 is \$464.56

Carol Konitzer, Treasurer

**BRING TUBERS THAT
NEED BAGGING
TO THE APRIL MEETING.**

BOOKS:

Composite books are \$9 each. They come with 3 holes punched or bound-one size only.

Classifications books are \$4 each. We hope to have some at our meeting.

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