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PSDA Newsletter

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"Grow Dahlias"

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www.pugetsounddahlias.org**Thursday October 18—PSDA Meeting****Location:** Bellevue Botanical Garden**Time:** 7:30pm—9pm**Program:** We are pleased to announce that Nancy Kartes, Bellevue Botanical Garden Director, will tell us about what's new in the garden (lots!) and review future plans. This will be a great presentation.**Culture:** Brad Freeman and Roger Walker will discuss November tasks in the dahlia garden: digging, dividing, and storing your tubers. Members will break into groups for hands-on techniques.

6:00 pm—New dahlia growers can meet at the BBG dahlia garden for digging

6:45 pm—Return to the meeting room for dividing of clumps just dug

7:30 pm—Regular PSDA October meeting begins



"Happy
Halloween!"

Mark Your Calendars!

Our annual holiday get-together will be on December 9th (a non-Seahawks Sunday) at about 4pm.

Thanks to Volunteers for Lifewire Event

More than 40 buckets of dahlias donated to LifeWire for their annual breakfast fundraiser. They were furnished by the following people: Dave Burton, Art Chmura, Don Coombs, Walt Jacenko, Candace Kukino, Jeff Sandys, Lani Talbot, Marge Thatcher, and Roger and Colin Walker.

Seven PSDA members showed up to help fill vases; Dave Burton, Julie Chmura, Don and Sherma Coombs, Candace Kukino, Margaret Pascho and Marge Thatcher.

Eight staff members from LifeWire came to the rescue to fill vases: Val, Diane, Sabrena, Rachel, Kathleen, Jennifer, Mary and Dick Gram (the organizer for this event).

"Many thanks to everyone for making this event another success!"



Treats for October 18th

Those of you with names from A—M are up for treats. Bring enough for 20-25 people. Cookies, candy, cake, etc. or Pizza anybody?



Seedling Challenge flowers inspected by Anne Maria

The NW Federation Annual meeting will be held on Saturday Oct. 13 at Legion Hall in the American Legion Memorial Park, 147 Alverson Blvd. Everett, WA 98201. Meeting begins at 9:00a.m. Coffee and Donuts provided. Dahlia of the Year medals will be distributed during this meeting. I hope you can all join.

Anne Maria Jacobson

Are you taking lots of pictures to enter in the PSDA Photo Contest? Rules on our website.

President's Message

The leaves are changing color and our thoughts turn to digging dahlias. Most Northwest growers dig in early November. It's not necessary to wait for a killing frost. If your dahlias are nipped by freezing weather and the tops turn black, don't worry. The tuber will be fine. Many growers find it useful to cut down and recycle the plants about a week before they dig. That sometimes makes the eyes more visible and thus it's easier to divide the clumps.

We had a wonderful showing of seedling challenge blooms at our September meeting—certainly the largest display in recent memory. Congratulations to Darryl Sloan who won first prize with a yellow single, one of the few non-Anemone seedlings on display. Anne Maria Jacobson won 2nd prize with a red Anemone and Cindy Keaton won third place with a purple Anemone. Darryl also won the "most challenged prize for the...most challenged bloom, an Anemone-ish thing in kind of a blendy color. We would encourage Darryl not to save that one for a second year. It won't get any better.

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We'll see you at the October meeting.
Colin and Roger Walker

October—November Happenings

- The picture attached to the email is PSDA Board member Lani Talbot's collection of dahlias for a wedding she supported a week ago. Many of you have also supported events like this, but did you remember to take pictures? The PSDA photo contest is in November and the rules are available on our website.
- Tuber Chairman Jeff Sandys reminds us to make really sure the tubers we intend to donate are correctly marked. He hears from buyers that some were not last year. Remember to furnish only tubers from quality blooms and eliminate the poor producers. There will also be a space on the tuber input form to list the Height of the plants as you grew them in your gardens, so please **make notes now** while they are still in growth.

Volunteer Park Digout November 3rd 9:00 to 12:00

Save the morning of **Saturday, November 3, 9am**, to join our PSDA work party at Volunteer Park near the Seattle Conservatory to dig out our Display Garden.

Bring garbage bags for the clumps to be taken home and divided then donated to the spring tuber sales.

Also bring digging tools; shovels, loppers or clippers, and gloves and wear boots and rain gear.

See you there!

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