



## Michigan Dahlia Association

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**AMERICAN DAHLIA ASSOCIATION and MID-WEST DAHLIA CONFERENCE**

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### March 4, 2017 Newsletter

The Michigan Dahlia Associations 2017 season is about to begin – The ADS New Dahlia Introductions for 2017 DVD and the Member Auction of 2017 Dahlias.

### March 25, 2017 – Saturday, 1:00 – 3: 30 pm, set up 12:00 pm

Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, Room 125

1:00 pm, 2017 ADS New Dahlia Introductions DVD

2:00 pm Member Auction, 2017 Dahlia Introductions and more

### New Introduction Tubers for the March 25<sup>th</sup> Member Auction

<u>Variety</u> <u>Bid</u>	<u>Size/Form</u>	<u>Awards/Comments</u>	<u>Start</u>
AC Rosekelly	AA-SC-L		\$15.00
AC Big Mary	AA-ID-Or		10.00
AC Conan	B-SC-Pr		9.00
AC FBG	AA-SC-Or		10.00
AC Free Bird	AA-SC-R		9.00
AC JC	AA-SC-FI		9.00
AC Keyser Soze	B-FD-Pr		9.00
AC Skagit	B-SC-Or	Red Foliage	8.00
AC Zed	AA-SC-Pr		10.00
Clearview Jonas	A-SC-LB P/Y	Hart & Dudley	11.00
Clearview Camron	B-IC-LB W/L		12.00
Clearview Mick S	B-ID-Pr	Hart	10.00
Bloomquist Carol S	B-SC-Or		7.00
Richie's Raj	BB-C-DB P/W	Jessica Sport	8.00
Steve Tkach	A-SC-Y		8.00
Windhaven Flair	BB-LC-FI		7.00

**Two tubers of each, plus a few surprise varieties.**

**The Flower of the Year for 2017** will be any Collarette, Orchid or Orchette Dahlia. Again, this year we will have a Flower of the Year Challenge, with a cash prize of \$50.00 at our show.

**Dahlia Seeds** - MDA has purchased dahlia seeds to provide members for the Dahlia Seedling Judging at the After Show picnic. They should be available at our first meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Welcome to our new members:** Nancy Weigandt, Steven Beck and Dennis Noll. If I have omitted anyone, my apology, see me at our meetings. Hope to see you all at our March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings.

**Lost Tuber List:** We will have our 2017 Lost Tuber List available this year. If you have lost one of your favorites, list it and just maybe someone will have enough to share.

**Reminder: ADS & MDA Dues are due:**

Send your dues to: Annise Nicholas, 5780 Saline Waterworks Rd., Saline, MI 48176 (734-429-5796). ADS Dues: \$24.00, MDA Dues: \$10.00, Combined \$34.00. Make your check payable to MDA. Thanks. If there is a BLUE Dot here ( ) – you have not paid your dues.

**Michigan Dahlia Association Calendar of Events**

April 22, 2017 – Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, set up 12:00 pm

Annual Tuber Sale, DVD on Growing Dahlias and info table on Dahlia care

Matthaei botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, Rm 125, 131 & W. Lobby

May 20, 2017 – Saturday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, set up 9:00 am

Annual Plant Sale, with Dexter Green Days and Dexter Garden Club Sale

Dexter Mill, Dexter, Michigan

June 3, 2017 – Saturday, Starts at 10:00 am

Midwest Dahlia Conference Meeting and Plant Sale

High Dive Pavilion, 500 E. Beardsley, Elkhart, Indiana

August 12, 2017 – Saturday

Midwest Dahlia Conference Judging Seminar

Bonneville Trial Gardens at Bonneville Mill County Park, Elkhart, Indiana

Midwest Dahlia Conference Web Page: [www.midwestdahliaconference.org](http://www.midwestdahliaconference.org) .

August 13 or 20, 2017 – Sunday

Whine & Wine Garden Tour & Dahlia Staging Demonstration and Timing & Grooming Dahlias for Show

1:30 – 3:30 pm TBD

4:00 – 6:30 pm TBD

September 1 – 3, 2017, Friday – Sunday

69<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Dahlia Association Show

Mall of Monroe, Monroe, Michigan

September 17 or 24, 2017 – Sunday

After Show Picnic and Dahlia Seedling Judging  
2:00 pm TBD

October 8 or 15, 2017 – Sunday

MDA Awards Banquet  
Roses Restaurant & Lounge 734-981-9904  
201 North Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48187

**Attention all MDA members, our August Whine & Wine Garden Tour, September after the Show Picnic and October Fall Tuber Dividing Demonstration have not been finalized. If any of our members would like to host one of these events please contact our President, David Knox, (248) 330-4078 or Fred Nicholas, (734) 429-5796 by our first meeting, March 25, 2017. WE NEED THE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL OF OUR MEMBERS. If you would like to give it a try call one of us, we can help you take the step in getting involved in our events. It is fun getting involved. Remember: Many hands make less work. Thanks for taking the time to consider it.**

#### **Other Events**

May 6, 2017 – Saturday

SEMDS Tuber & Plant Sale (Southeastern Michigan Dahlia Society)  
9:00 – Noon  
Telly's Greenhouse, 3301 John R. Road, Troy, MI 48083

August 26, 2017 – Saturday

WMDS Show (West Michigan Dahlia Society)  
Fredrick Meijer Gardens, 1000 e. Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

September 7 – 11, 2017 -Thursday through Monday

ADS National Show hosted by the Central States Dahlia Society  
Chicago Botanical Garden, Glencoe, IL

September 16, 2017 – Saturday

SEMDS Show  
Orchard Mall, 6337 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48322

I hope your tubers have rested successfully during the winter and you have gone through them to clean out the bad ones. Don't forget to set some aside for our tuber sale April 22, 2017. Hope to see you March 25<sup>th</sup> for our 2017 New introductions DVD and Member Auction.

Fred Nicholas  
Corresponding Secretary