



## Michigan Dahlia Association

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### February 2018 Newsletter

The Michigan Dahlia Associations 2018 season is about to begin – The ADS New Dahlia Introductions for 2018 DVD and the Member Auction of 2018 Dahlias. Prior to the New Dahlia Introductions for 2018 (DVD), there will be a short introduction of the play Arcadia by Melissa Freilich of the Ann Arbor Civic Theater. It is a story of the history of the garden set in 1812 and the Dahlia is a pivotal plot point. They will be borrowing some artificial Dahlias for the play.

### March 25, 2018 – Sunday, 1:00 – 3:30 pm, set up 12:00 pm

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

1:00 pm 2018 ADS New Dahlia Introductions – DVD

2:00 pm Member Auction of new 2018 Dahlia tubers

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

<u>Variety</u>	<u>Size/Form</u>	<u>Awards/Comments</u>	<u>Start</u>
<u>Bid</u>			
AC Jeri	AA-SC-Y	Hart	\$12.00
AC Methow	A-SC-Y		10.00
AC Pillow	AA-SC-DB Y/Or		10.00
AC Lion	AA-SC-LB P/W		10.00
AC Sadie	B-C-FI		9.00
AC Shell	B-C-LB Y/Or		7.00
Amhurst Regina II	BB-ID-Y		9.00
Amhurst Raymond	A-ID-Y		10.00
Clearview Palser	A-ID-LB Y/P		8.00
Clearview Pastelle	B-SC-LB Y/P	Hart	9.00
Clearview Peachy	Ba-P	Hart	8.00
Clearview Tilly	B-SC-W		8.00
Skipley Smiles	M-FD-Dr		9.00
Bloomquist Mary	B-SC-W	Dudley	5.00
Bloomquist Paul Jr.	MB-DR	Dudley	7.00
Tahoma Stellar Feller	St-W		5.00
JS Jenny	A-ID-Or	Dudley	12.00
Hollyhill Zahara	AA-IC-Or		7.00
Hollyhill Pink Cad	A-SC-DP		7.00
Hollyhill Finaldia	A-SC-DB DP/LT Y		8.00

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

**2018 – Michigan Dahlia Association Calendar of Events**

For your garden planning don't forget, The 2018 Flower of the Year will be any Waterlily Dahlia.

April 14, 2018 – Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, set up 12:00 pm

Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, Rooms 125, 131 & W. Lobby

Annual Tuber Sale, DVD on Growing Dahlias and information available on Dahlia care

May 19, 2018 – 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 2, 2018 – Saturday, Starts at 10:00 am

Midwest Dahlia Conference Meeting and Plant Sale  
High Dive Pavilion, 500 E. Beardsley, Elkhart, Indiana

August 11, 2018 – Saturday – Waiting for confirmation ???

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 19, 2018 – 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

August 31 – September 2, 2018, Friday – Sunday

70<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Dahlia Association Show  
Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, Michigan

September 23, 2018 – Sunday

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

September 29, 2018 – Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, set up 12:00 pm

Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, Rooms 125  
Dahlia Exposition for New and non-members to show their beautiful Dahlias and a Fall  
Tuber Dividing and Storing Demonstration. More details to follow.

October 7, 2018 – Sunday

MDA Awards Banquet

Ed Roberts and Lil Rumble are checking on Roses Restaurant & Karl's Cabin and other options.

**Attention all MDA members we need your HELP!! Our August Whine & Wine Garden Tour and September after Show Picnic 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, 2018. We are all getting older and us old timers could use some help!! If you would like to give it a try, please call one of us and we can help you get involved in our events. We have board members who will host these events, but we would like to see some new blood step in. We are willing to help and you won't be alone. Please consider getting involved. It's fun, and thanks.**

### **Other Events**

September 7-9, 2018 – Friday -Sunday

Midwest Dahlia Conference Show

Hosted by Dahlia Society of Ohio

Holiday Inn, Strongsville, OH – near Cleveland, OH

September 15, 2018 – Saturday

SEMDS Show

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

Also the Board approved sending the Dahlia Society of Ohio a check for \$200.00 for sponsoring the 2018 Midwest Dahlia Conference Show in the Cleveland OH area.

If anyone has any input for our newsletter, please let me know, Fred Nicholas, (734-429-5796) or nicholas48176@frontier.com.

Hope to see you March 25, 2018 for our first meeting.

Fred Nicholas

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