



Michigan Dahlia Association

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<http://www.midwestdahliaconference.org/MDA/index.htm>

May 2018 Newsletter

Happy Mother's Day to all our Dahlia Mothers

The Michigan Dahlia Association Annual Plant Sale

May 19, 2018 – Saturday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, set up 9:00 am

Dexter Mill, 3515 Central St., Dexter, Michigan

Our Annual Plant Sale is part of the Dexter Green days and the Dexter Garden Club, Michigan Dahlia Association and St. Joseph Catholic Church are the anchor groups of the event.

We need everyone's help to make this day a success. Your help is needed at the sales table and at the plant tables helping potential dahlia buyers with their Dahlia needs. We also need your extra plants and tubers for our sale. The Tuber and Plant sales are our sources of income to put on our Annual Show on Labor Day weekend. **Attention new members**, this a great opportunity to get additional plants for your garden, seek out advice from our seasoned growers and get some information on Dahlia care. Hope to see you there.

Remember that there are now curbs, sidewalks and grass in front of Dexter Mill. We will be at the same location as last year. With reduced parking it is recommended that we arrive early to unload our plants and park out by the long warehouses way behind Dexter Mill store. **Please remember to move your vehicle as soon as it is unloaded. Also come early, we always need help setting up. Thanks.**

Coming in June:

June 2, 2018 – Saturday, Starts at 10:00 am

Midwest Dahlia Conference Meeting and Plant Sale

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

Midwest Dahlia Conference Web Page: www.midwestdahliaconference.org.

9:00am Meet & Greet

10:00am General Meeting

10:30am Program: A Lively Discussion from a Panel of Renowned Dahlia Growers

11:30am Lunch

12:15am Plant Auction

We encourage new members to consider coming to enjoy this event. New information, new friends and new Dahlia Plants will be available. **The luncheon this year will be \$15. The Midwest Conference will pick up the remainder of the cost. Please send your money for the continental breakfast and luncheon to:**

**Anita Ritchie
27074 CR 20
Elkhart, Indiana 46517**

Directions to High Dive Pavilion: People coming from the West, East or North will need to get on the 80-90 Tollway and get off at Exit 92, which is Elkhart, Indiana (Cassopolis Road/Highway 19). Then go South on Cassopolis/Highway 19 through the city of Elkhart. Coming to the end of the road, turn left onto Beardsley Avenue. Immediately to your left, you will see the High Dive Pavilion, which is one of the building in the Elkhart city park system.

Many of us go down on Friday and visit and shop in Shipshewana and spend the evening at the Essenhaus Inn (574-825-9471) in Middlebury, Indiana.

New Books:

Dahlias of Today – 2018, one copy left at \$12. Last years at a reduced price

Dahlias: A Monthly Guide at \$5 each, great for a new member or as a gift

Guide to Judging Dahlias at \$4 each, for any member considering being a judge

2018 – Michigan Dahlia Association Calendar of Events

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

Midwest Dahlia Conference Judging Seminar

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

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August 19, 2018 – Sunday

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

1:30 – 3:30 pm Wally & Sherry Little

4:00 – 6:30 pm John & Carole Eichler

August 31 – September 2, 2018, Friday – Sunday

70th 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 Ed & Marge Robert

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

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

Community Dahlia Competition and a Fall Tuber Dividing and Storing Demonstration.

This is a new event for MDA. It will be open to all members of the public and new MDA growers to show their beautiful dahlias. More details to follow.

October 14, 2018 – Sunday

MDA Awards Banquet

5:00 pm Social Hour & 6:00 pm Dinner

Fillmore Bar & Grill 734-426-3727 (formerly Terry B's)

7954 Ann Arbor Street

Dexter, Michigan 48130

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

The Flower of the Year: For your garden planning don't forget, The 2018 Flower of the Year will be any Waterlily Dahlia. Again, this year we will have a Flower of the Year Challenge, with a cash prize of \$50.00 at our show, for the winner of the Flower of the Year.

This year we will also continue our Members Activity Draw for \$100.00 at the Awards Banquet. At each MDA meeting that you attend, your name will be entered on a ticket and deposited for the drawing. One ticket for each event per person. The MDA show will count for 3 events;(set up, the show & clean up).

2018 Lost Tuber List:

Don Warden

Country Cutie & Country Sunshine

Fred Nicholas

Hilltop St. Charles & Cameo

If any of our members have these lost dahlias available, please consider bringing them to the Plant Sale for your fellow members.

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

I hope your plants are doing well and you have set some aside for our Plant Sale. We really need your help to make it a successful event. Hope to see you May 19, 2018 at our Plant Sale.

Fred Nicholas
Corresponding Secretary



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**IN PART WITH
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CLUB SALE**

**SATURDAY MAY 19, 2018
10AM - 200PM
DEXTER MILL, DEXTER, MI.**