

# *Hamilton and District Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society*

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*Dahlias with all their hue and glory,  
are worth all the Love and worry.*

Not much here in this issue. I'll up-date you just a little. Left Carolyn's house (I rode my bike) when the event (Stopping and disbudding) was over at 4pm. By the time I got home, I didn't have a dry spot on me. For those who left for home at 4 pm, you'll know that the rain really came down. By the time I got to my driveway – it was dry and so was the garden. Not much rain fell in Dundas? The following Monday, I left for the north to enjoy a small fishing trip with my brother, his son and his two children. Two days after I got home – was in bed, aches and pains, sore throat and just over all felt miserable..... and still do!!! Attempted this small newsletter several times put never really had the energy .... so – Not much here in this issue.

I really can't remember if I did a current show schedule – at least since I got the new computer. I'll check when I'm done typing. I'm still waiting for four years of info from the old harddisk on the computer that failed!!!

All these small problems remind me of a chap from my work days. His nick-name was 'Why me?'

Things will work out.

Jim Hall

Got a small note from Gail Luckhart to remind everyone that the web site has now been completely re-vamped and up to date.

<http://www.hamilton-mum-dahlia.com/new-events/>

If you want to check on current activities of the club, go to the web site. Pictures are needed for the gallery. Dan Inkster and others were taking pictures at the 'Stopping and Disbudding" event – send some to Gail. And any of your favorite dahlias and pictures of your gardens.

## Next item – the Garden Tour.

Now this year's tour goes in a direction that our members seldom follow – EAST. Now before you hop in the car to go fill the tank, here's something sent to all members that needs to be addressed right up front if you haven't already done so.

So here it is again – original sent July 20 from Marion Flowers:

We are hosting the Garden Tour dinner on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

From conversations at the "stopping/cutting" meeting at Dan and Carolyn's on Sunday, it seems that many people are unsure of the date of tour so I am sending this out to confirm the date and to get an idea of how many people are planning to attend and what they will be bringing; to date we have received only three responses to Jim's e-mail of June 30.

Please RSVP to let us know how many will attend, and what you intend to bring, e.g. appetizers, salads, desserts or other. So as not to end up with a really unbalanced menu please indicate first and second choices so that we can work with it and respond back what the end result is.

Regards,

Marion and Keith Flowers

So let me count these – June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 20<sup>th</sup> – and this notice.

Please give Marion a quick e-mail [marion@flowersfamily.ca](mailto:marion@flowersfamily.ca) (just hit the link and start typing – I'll attend bringing \_\_\_\_\_)

- One more item – bring your own beverage of choice and chairs.

Water can be obtained from garden hose!!!!!!

## American Dahlia Society Members:

In your last bulletin (June 2015), you should have read the notice for the change of the password regarding the Members Only section of the ADS web site. The new password can be found on page 18 of that ADS Bulletin and not this newsletter!!!

## The Garden Tour – August 22 – 2015

The tour starts at 1:00 pm – first stop – the home of

Gail and Bob Luckhart (905)681-3271  
863 Eagle Drive, Burlington, ON L7T 3A3

For our members I suggest the following – use Hwy. #403 (east or west) and take the exit at Waterdown Rd.

#403 East – you'll turn right onto Waterdown and then turn Left onto Plains Rd. (first stoplight)

#403 West – you'll turn left onto Waterdown Rd. and then turn left on to Plains Rd (second stoplight)

Continue on Plains Rd. and turn right onto Shadeland Ave.  
(I believe that's the first stoplight)

Turn left at the first intersection (street should be Townsend Ave.)

Go to the end of Townsend and turn right onto Eagle Dr.

House #863 will be on your left – just down a short way.

Leaving at approx. 2pm or shortly thereafter to our next stop -  
Which will be the home of Bill and Kate Sault: 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Bill and Kate Sault (905)336-8455  
2500 Newport St. Burlington, ON L7M 3X7

Make your way back to Plains Rd and turn right (east)  
Take either Brant St or Guelph Line (turn left onto either street)  
– continue north to hwy. #5 and turn right.

- Once over the 407, the first street on your right should be Northhampton Blvd. (you turn right here)
- The second intersection on Northhampton should be a Tee – intersection – turn right onto Headon Forest Dr.
- Turn left (the only way you can turn) onto Newport St.
- Bill and Kate’s house (#2500) and garden will be on your right side.

The final stop (and dinner) will be the home of –

Marion and Keith Flowers  
457 Canterbury Crescent, Oakville, ON L6J 5K8  
(905) 842-8836

From Bill and Kaye’s house, go back to #5, turn right – follow until you get to Walker’s Line, turn right to go down to QEW. Take the Toronto exit.

Leave QEW at Royal Windsor/Ford Drive exit.

Once on Royal Windsor, follow until you meet Ford Dr. (third intersection) and turn right onto Constance Dr.

The third and fourth intersections on Constance are both Canterbury Crescent. Turn right at the fourth one - #457 will be on your right side.

Trip time should be around 20 to 30 minutes – someone will be keeping an update for traffic on QEW. (I hope)

## Annual Show Sept 9, & 10<sup>th</sup>

It's customary for me as Co-Show Chairman to ask for volunteers at our show. This year, the extra help will be greatly appreciated since the show is mid-week.

Clerks will be needed Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am (Clerks and Judge's meeting).

Tear down will be Sept 10. Along with the auction of the flowers. Final times (such as set-up) have not been established but you will be notified ahead of the show.

Received the following while putting the newsletter together – a nice drive?

### **Elkhart Dahlia Society Picnic and Midwest Dahlia Conference Dahlia Judging Seminar Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Bonneyville Mill Park--Bonneyville Trial Garden Bristol, Indiana**

The Midwest Dahlia Conference, in conjunction with the Elkhart Dahlia Society and the Bonnevillle Trial Garden, is pleased to announce a Dahlia Judging Seminar.

Starting around 9 or 10 AM in the morning, groups of dahlia growers will discuss the fine points of judging a dahlia correctly. This is an excellent time for new members to come and participate. By judging dahlias, discussions will center around how to grow the dahlias, trim them properly, and diagnose any problems that might be occurring. Experienced growers are always pleased to assist new growers in the groups.

About noon, we will break for a pot luck lunch. The members of the Elkhart Dahlia Society will bring the meat, while others from far away can bring salads in a cooler or

desserts. Please remember to bring your own table settings. Some drinks will be provided, but you may wish to bring your favorite. Following lunch, there will be a symposium made up of teams of dahlia growers. They will be given a dahlia bloom or maybe even a three-some. The team will judge the quality of the bloom, its stem, and its leaves. A short report will be given by a member of each group. Please let new members of your club know about this opportunity, as we are seeking new growers especially.

**Address of the Park:** Bonneville Mill Park, 53373 County Road 131, Bristol, Indiana

**Directions:**

**To get to Bonneville Mill Park from the West:** Get on Tollroad 80-90 and head East. Get off at Exit 101 (Bristol/Goshen). Turn left onto CR 15 and go 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Vistula Road (IN 120) and go 2.7 miles. Turn right onto CR 131 and drive a half mile into the Park.

**To get to Bonneville Mill Park from the East:** Take the 80-90 Toll road west and get off at Exit 107 (Constantine/Middlebury). Turn left onto CR 13 and go 1.7 miles. Turn left onto CR 120 (Vistula road) and go 4 miles. Turn left onto CR 131 which leads right in to Bonneville Park (1/2 mile).

**To get to Bonneville Mill Park from the North:** Take 131 across the border into Indiana (131 becomes IN-13). Go about 4 miles and turn right onto IN-120 (Vistula Road) and head west for 4 miles. Turn left onto IN-131 which takes you in to Bonneville Park (1/2 mile).

Jerry and Ruth Ann Wittrig are opening their garden to any Elkhart Dahlia Society members interested in topping, timing, disbudding, they are welcome to come to my garden any time. Their phone number is (574) 533-2408.

Hope to see you at the dahlia shows!

Cammi Waggoner  
Secretary  
(574) 535-8883

ALWAYS IN NEED OF ARTICLES.

Do you have new Varieties in the garden? If so - tell all! Write a small review of that variety so other members can make a decision to purchase it.

An article of any nature – such as – I purchased a dahlia at three locations – all with the same name – all are different – full report in ‘October’ when and if they bloom.

The members must be getting tired of JUST my words.

Please send some to me – e-mail [jhall31@cogeco.ca](mailto:jhall31@cogeco.ca)

Or regular mail:

Jim Hall

53 Ann St.

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Got the following but I forgot to use it in another edition...

Appropriate considering the dahlias I have lost this summer.

Caterpillars, young and old, from moths to Butterflies – they like to eat dahlias this year ...

## DEATH OF A DAHLIA

Your Honour, I stand before you a sad and guilty Dahlia grower,, but I did not mean to kill it.

Please let me explain before you impose sentence!

I left it in the ground until the freezing temperatures turned its leaves black and then I cut off its stock.

Then I left it in the ground until it was nearly frozen.

But I did not intend to kill it.

Then I dug it up with my pitch fork and washed it in freezing water and left it on the ground to dry. But I did not intend to kill it.

Then I took a very sharp knife and cut it into pieces and rubbed it with sulphur on the exposed flesh. But I did not intend to kill it.

Then I put it in a semi sealed plastic bag with vermiculite and put it in a cold, dark place. But I did not intend to kill it.

Then I let it stay there for 4 months without food or light.

But I did not intend to kill it.

Then I took it out and smothered it in dirt-less dirt, whatever that is and then put it under heavy duty lights. But I did not intend to kill it.

After 2 weeks of light and water there were no signs of life.

Your Honour, I guess I killed it!

It never had a chance!

I guess I am guilty as charged.

Please be kind with your sentence!

By Larry Hall President. Hamilton Dahlia Society