

Hamilton and District Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society

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

Someone had sent me an e-mail mentioning that this was a busy time of the year. Oh how right that statement is!!! Seems everything is backed up and has caused quite a log jam in October! Hopefully this newsletter will help in some ways. It's just a small part (which takes up several evenings) along with the rest of the busy schedule for this fall.

Busy because it's time to lift tubers which was the main subject at the October 5th meeting. It's Oct 27th and I have heard that several lucky members have already dug, separated and put their tubers in storage. All that's left for fall jobs should be just to prepare the garden for winter now. I'm close to 50% complete with the digging, dividing and storing. After all that, then I'll get the garden ready (turn the soil, add compost, leaves, organic material, green cover crop perhaps) for next year.

November 21st is our Awards Night at Nonna's on Plains Rd. Burlington - more information in newsletter. Everybody needs a calendar so there's one available to help our dahlia club members. More info deeper in newsletter.

Some small items for you to read also.

Jim Hall

President's Report

Presidential musings

Dear Members, I guess you are stuck with me as you President for another 2 years when Mike Parish will take over (Thank God). Your new Executive will try and make the time go smoothly as we try and come up with new ideas to stimulate your interest in Dahlias and Chrysanthemums and maybe help you grow bigger and better blooms too.

As you know by now we have lost one of our Members , Stewart Dobson, he will be missed by all as a Judge and a good Club Member too. We have sent our condolences to Rosemary on your behalf.

This morning I was at the farm of Kathie Clark who has donated some 100 large plants to the Club for our April tuber auction which should generate a lot of money for our Bank account, thanks so much Kathie.

Jim Hall and John Mooney were on hand to cut and prep the tubers, thanks for your help as these plants were massive. Jim has some pictures I am sure.

Tanis and I have half of our plants dug, washed and bagged and if the rain will hold off, maybe we can get the other half done. I still have trouble seeing the eyes so we have elected to bag in clumps and deal with them in the spring.

We will have a meeting soon with your new Executive and you will be sent the minutes of that meeting.

Have a great fall season and enjoy the Dinner on Nov21/15 at Nonna's

All the best....Larry Hall President.

New Membership fees

At the October 5th meeting, your executive recommended that the current Hamilton membership be increased by \$5.00

Single memberships will be \$20.00 and Family memberships will be \$25.00. This is the first increase in several years for membership fees which I think is quite an accomplishment. In some organizations you pay more every year!

One of the reasons, if not the main one, for the increase is of course 'the rising US dollar' value. Rising sounds better than our falling dollar. So with this difference comes an increase in the cost of the American Dahlia Society dues. Values of ADS single and family membership are listed on the Hamilton form sent as an attachment. The numbers (\$) were set at the October meeting so if the dollar value has gone up or down – it doesn't matter – it's still stays the same as that set in October.

Two things to remember – if you are a current ADS member - please send your renewal to Carolyn Cutt before Dec. 15 of this year.

Special Offer – if you are not a current ADS member – join before November 20th and you will receive the December 2015 Bulletin ... otherwise if you decide to join in March '16, obviously, you'll be too late for the Dec '15 Bulletin (and the March one as well).

Consider it – I personally think it's worth the extra \$.

Dues will be accepted at the Awards night dinner – or sooner if by mail. Stamp please!!!

Carolyn Cutt is helping with the change-over in regards to everything that is involved with the membership duties to Bernie Hine who will take over the responsibilities of Membership Chairman beginning January 1st

Welcome Bernie to the executive of 2016 - 17

Awards Night

Our annual awards night will be November 21st, 6 pm at Nonna's in Burlington (on Plains Rd just east of the R.B.G.)

The easiest access would be to take #403 (either east or west) and exit at Waterdown Rd. If arriving from the east, turn left, and from the west, turn right onto Waterdown Rd. Go to Plains Rd. and turn right. Once on Plains Rd. at the next stop-light, turn right again and then do a quick left to enter the parking lot for Nonna's (you can access from Plains Rd if you wish).

Please take another look at the menu (see attachment), and notify either Gail Luckhart or Larry Hall regarding your choice for the evening's dinner. This will allow for prompt service so do the above ASAP if you haven't already done so.

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Make plans to attend our year end festivities. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of our members as possible before Christmas.

Don't Forget

The web site has been completely re-vamped -

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

You can check on current activities of the club if you lose (delete – but WHY!!!) the newsletter by going to the web site. Pictures are needed for the gallery. Send to Gail luckhart@cogoe.ca some pictures of your favorite dahlias and pictures of your gardens and some of our club activities. Who knows – it just might spike the interest of someone who could become a member.

Next item – American Dahlia Society

In the June '15 ADS Bulletin on page 18, you should have read the notice for the change of the password regarding the **Members Only section** of the ADS web site. That password is still current.

For non-ADS members – you can still visit <http://dahlia.org> and see what the ADS offers. You just can't go to members only page.

All Hamilton Dahlia Society members should visit just to see the 2015 results of the Trail Garden and Seedling Bench Awards.



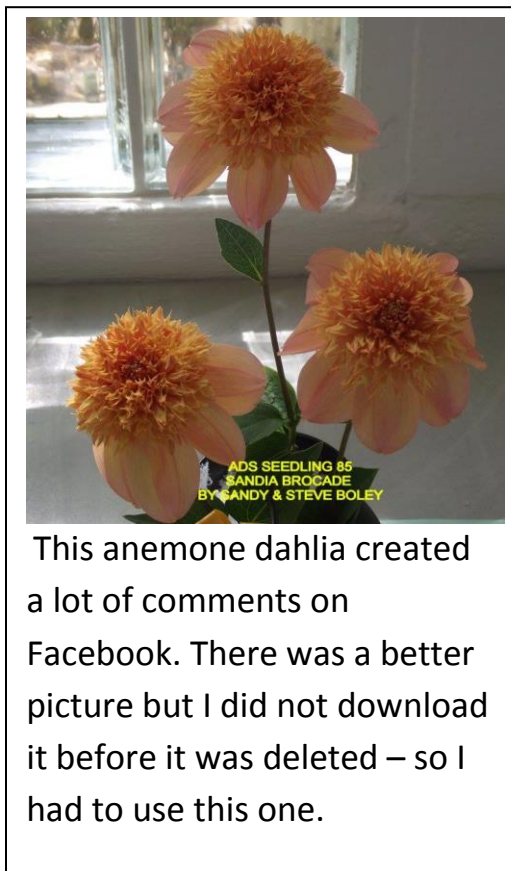
The above pictures are some of the Hart Award winners in the trial gardens. Those are the key words for gardeners – trial gardens – where dahlias are evaluated for the purpose of just the home garden – not the show bench – personally, I'd grow all three to enjoy in the garden and when September arrived, I'd take them to the show if some blooms were available.

There are seven trial gardens throughout the US and one in Alberta. On the A.D.S. web site, you can see just how the dahlias looked in the trial gardens that they were sent to for evaluation.

For the 2015 Seedling Bench entries, I suggest that you download the results since it comprises some thirteen pages.

Consider this – in just under two months – it's Christmas!!!

I put that last statement in bigger type for two reasons. The 1st is in regard to the seedling bench results. The ADS puts out a CD with pictures of the dahlias as they were entered on the Seedling Bench of the current year. Previous years are also available. I think this ideal. You get to see what the dahlia looked like when the originator staged the three blooms used for evaluation. Since I got this new PC, I have been on the ADS Facebook page and I've seen pictures of a few of the top new dahlias and believe me, some will knock your socks off. Several have what is greatly needed to help keep the public interested.



Eye appeal!!!

Now the other item that just might be of interest to all dahlia growers is also available at the ADS Store. Which is the last tab on the tool bar for the ADS web site. It's a book compiled by Harry Risetto called *THE AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY 'The Second 50 Years.'* This book covers the last 50 yrs. It gives highlights of each individual year along with quotes from dahlia personalities, Derrill Hart and Lynn B Dudley Seedling winners (which is interesting as I can easily find the 'new' dahlia that passed the test of time and became a proven, annual winner), fertilizer and growing tips from top, past and present dahlia gardeners.

Chrysanthemums: Hope some of our members managed to attend the mum show at Cage Park Greenhouses. I had the following web address sent to me regarding the National Chrysanthemum Show 2015 of the US.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/at-national-chrysanthemum-societys-annual-show-a-hobby-slowly-fades-into-the-past/2015/10/26/746f9e2e-7b47-11e5-beba-927fd8634498_story.html

The aforementioned Harry Risetto was a featured speaker at the show. Follow some of the links in the article - an interesting read, especially about membership and loss of Chrysanthemum societies across the US.

So I've mentioned chrysanthemums, a CD about dahlias and the Centennial Book about the ADS. When you put dahlias and chrysanthemums together, you can get a reminder of our hobby every month.

And that's exactly what our member Rae Pemberton-Billing has done. Rae did a great job putting last year's 50th Anniversary Show in a calendar and she has done the same for 2015.

Welcome to the 2015 edition of **'Hello Dahlia! Calendar'** in TWO sizes (see below). The half size is very popular as it works great on the fridge or kitchen table. And the small size is ideal for **Real Estate Agents**.

This year, be unique with your calendar gift for your clients. Give them something that they will truly love and support local art at the same time.

The Hello Dahlia! Calendar includes local photography of dahlias and chrysanthemums taken at the **Hamilton and District Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society Show** at the **Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington Ontario** in September of 2015.

Bright and colourful, it will cheer up any kitchen or office through the winter months.

Attached is a PDF of the calendar cover that shows all twelve images. It comes professionally printed on glossy 100lb stock with 12pt glossy cover and shrink-wrapped.

You can pre-order now. Delivery is 2-3 weeks and *\$1 from every calendar goes to the local Hamilton and District Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society here in Hamilton.*

There are two sizes:

Hello Dahlia! 2016 Calendar

LARGE - 11"x8.5" (full size)

\$20/each (includes HST and shipping) **THREE OR MORE \$15/each**

SMALL -8.5"x5.5" (half size) *great as a stocking stuffer*

\$14/each (includes HST and shipping) **THREE OR MORE \$10/each**

Call or email for a special quote on bulk orders.

Can order through the website at this [link](#).

Or you can send an email to this address with size and quantity.

rae@stylindesign.ca

Cheers!

Rae Pemberton-Billings

I have included a pdf attachment of the calendar cover for 2016 with the original e-mail of this newsletter – Jim Hall

List of players 2016-17

Our membership elected the following executive and directors for the next two years. Please feel free to contact them at any time about any concern you have with the club. Helpful ideas are always welcome too!

Larry Hall	President	905-575-3941	larry@larryhall.ca
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	Show Co-Chairman	905-523-8933	daninkster@hotmail.com
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	Publisher		
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Malachy Byrne	Director at Large	905-648-8860	malob@sympatico.ca

Hope you all read the above list very carefully. There's one name missing –

Larry Hall has some nice and kind words about it.

You all probably realize that Ralph Suttell is stepping down from the Executive after more than 35 years of continuous service to our Club, his wisdom and experience will be truly missed but he will continue to help with the Judging at our Shows for sure.

Ralph has been a mentor to many of us rookies over the years and always was available to assist when needed.

He encouraged members to become Judges and helped with the learning needed to become a Judge.

It has been a pleasure to work with Ralph and Elizabeth since Tanis and I were fortunate enough to join this Club and we wish them all the best in the future.

I am sure that you will all stand and toast Ralph at the Awards Dinner on Nov 21/15

Well done Ralph and thanks from all of us.

The Executive and Directors would also like to thank Kathie Clark for her contribution of dahlia tubers for the club sale in April '16.

John Mooney and my-self spent 'several hours' splitting and dividing then putting the tubers in bags with shavings for storage.

And yes - the tuber clumps were that big.

All are safely in storage at this time and will be ready for the April Auction.



And the final page is simply a cut and paste from the last Newsletter... but it means so much ... so please continue reading!!

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

Or regular mail:

Jim Hall
53 Ann St.
Dundas, ON L9H 2N4

Regarding the New Varieties in the garden. I'll try to do a small write-up about the varieties that were new to me sometime before the end of the month so members can make a decision before you order (can't say they will all be available in April)
Did you have new varieties – write about them for other members.

See you at Awards Night and if I don't

is this too soon – ‘Happy Holidays’ _____ *Jim Hall*

This just in from the ADS – sorry no room for your full show report. For those that this effects - I can't say I'm sorry!!!

