

# **DAHLIA DIGEST**

## ***DAHLIA SOCIETY OF OHIO***

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***DSO PICNIC***  
***Sunday, AUGUST 22***



***Midwest Show***  
***Planning***  
***Friday, August 20***  
***7:00 pm***  
***Busch Community Room***

## President's Notes

Hi Gang,

Hope your summer is going well. Spending over a week in June in Colorado and a couple weeks in July in Europe has my dahlias yelling for some TLC attention on my part! I trust that you are doing better than I and are starting to get some gorgeous blooms to share with us and others.

Some dates to keep in mind:

- Show dates—see page 4.
- Picnic at the Vuletichs—see page 8.
- Final planning meeting for the Midwest Show - all are welcome—we need **your** help and input. Please attend the meeting at our regular Busch site, **7:00 pm**, usual third Friday, August 20.

Other items to keep in mind:

- Last call for your favorite recipes—see page 3.
- The ADS Bulletin has some great articles in it. Think about joining ADS and enjoy! Page 11.
- And as always , Ron has provided a very informative Judge's Corner. Pages 6-7.

See you August 20 or 22. Jerry



**VISIT YOUR DSO WEBSITE  
SHARON SWANEY, WEBMASTER  
[WWW.DAHLIASOCIETYOFOHIO.ORG](http://WWW.DAHLIASOCIETYOFOHIO.ORG)**

**LAST CALL**



for  
**RECIPES**  
of ANY KIND

for our  
**MIDWEST SHOW RECIPE BOOK**

Please send to:  
**MaryAnn Moreno**  
**8232 Westhill Drive**  
**Chagrin Falls 44023**

or email  
**maryannjerry@windstream.net**

On behalf of all who enjoy  
eating great food

***THANKS FOR YOUR ENTRIES!***

## Dahlia Shows in 2010



### **August 14-15 Cuyahoga County Fair**

A wonderful opportunity to get involved in showing, especially for first-timers. Set-up Sat morn from 8:00 am. Park in Flower Barn lot. Call Dave 440-888-5589 or Jerry for details.

### **August 27-29 Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society**

Call Randy Foith for details. 330-584-9002

### **Sept 3 Geauga County Fair**

Pre-registration by August 11 is required.  
Details at [www.geaugafair.com](http://www.geaugafair.com)

### **Sept 4-5 Columbus Dahlia Society**

Call Lilly Ann Seipel for details 614-471-7268

### **SEPTEMBER 10-12 MIDWEST/DSO**

Need help anytime after 1:00 pm Friday  
Try to attend the planning meeting Aug 20.  
We need EVERYONE to do s LITTLE bit.

### **Sept 18-19 East Liverpool Dahlia Society**

### **Sept 23-26 National in Chattanooga, Tennessee**

See [dahliasocietyofgeorgia.com/2010Show.htm](http://dahliasocietyofgeorgia.com/2010Show.htm)

### **Sept 24-26 Pittsburgh Dahlia Society**

### **October 2-3 Pettiti's Oakwood**

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## NEED YOUR HELP FOR MIDWEST



If you can get a business or nursery to donate any sort of door prize for the Midwest Show, (\$20-\$50 in worth, say), that would be terrific. Their name will be acknowledged in the Show Schedule for all to see their contribution. Let Barbara Hosta, Sharon Swaney, or me know. Thanks, Jerry

## **The JUDGE's Corner**

**Ron Miner - [baronminer@aol.com](mailto:baronminer@aol.com)**

The season is underway! I rediscovered a reason to enjoy the open-centered cultivars; I had several blooming in my garden when we got back from vacation last week. They extend the season since they are, in general, several weeks earlier than their fully double cousins.

Our first opportunity to show off our dahlias will be August 14 at the Cuyahoga Fair. If you've never shown a dahlia, this is the perfect place to start: easy and convenient staging, free entry to the fair, and a highly appreciative audience! Surely you will have a couple blooms you would be willing to share with the fair-goers! If you are planning to judge the show, did you read the Guide to Judging Dahlias over the winter? If not, now is the time to do it. Remember the story of Mr. Big Shot (BS) and Miss Milktoast I wrote in this column a couple years ago? The bottom line was that knowledge of the Judging Manual outweighs the confidence and bluster of a self-proclaimed "expert."

The next local judging opportunity will be at our Midwest Show on Sept. 11. All DSO judges should participate inasmuch as this will be an excellent time to interact with judges from all over the Midwest. This has the potential to expand your perspective and your skills substantially! Besides, we will need all our judges to meet the requirements of a big show!

One highlight of last year's judging season was the process of judging the open-centered seedlings at Petitti's. We had some very good quality seedlings as well as some excellent candidates for the worst seedling award! We will repeat that best open-centered seedling competition at the Petitti Show this year. None of my first year OC seedlings germinated this year and I don't know why. However, I kept some of the best from last year; I hope you did the same thing. Please bring a few to the show! Bring those cultivars with hairy stems, particularly! If we have enough, we will separate them into a different class and find the best cultivar with hairy stems!

The other seedling competition at Petitti's promises to be even more exciting because it is very likely that we will have a

few show quality cultivars among the seeds/seedlings provided by Steve and Sandy Boley! The source of their seeds was their wonderful new introduction, Irish Pinwheel, ST FL. I hope you are having good success with those plants in your garden! Remember that the only requirement for getting those seeds was that you bring bloom(s) to the show

(s)! Of course, for those of you who are new to showing dahlias, I hope that when you start showing blooms you will also want to learn more about how they are judged. The seminar and the



joint judging process for those ST seedlings will be an excellent way to do so! Join the fun!

The Stellar form is among the newest to the ADS and the ideal definition for the form is still evolving. Please read the most recent definition in your 2010 Classification and Handbook of Dahlias. The key points in the definition are narrow, pointed, partially involute ray florets recurving toward the stem with “open space” between them. The depth should be greater than half the diameter. The modification in this definition was implemented to better separate the ideal ST from the ideal FD definition. Further, the new ST definition aims toward Alloway Candy as the ideal example to envision in comparing forms, rather than some of the more recent ST cultivars with great depth and a ton of ray florets, like Camano Pet. Of course, adherence to the ideal form is just one relatively small piece of the evaluation of an entry (5 points out of a total of 28 designated to form). (But you already knew that, right?)

I look forward to seeing you at the Cuyahoga Fair!



## **PICNIC**

**1:00 pm SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

**STAN and LINDA VULETICH**

**15914 Berlin Station Road**

**Berlin Center OH**

**330-547-8025**

### **BRING:**

**Dish to share (casserole, salad, dessert) with a serving utensil. ALSO, bring a lawn chair.**

### **DSO WILL PROVIDE:**

**Paper and plastic ware, beverages, fried chicken.**

#### **Before the picnic:**

**11:30-12:45**

**Visit Randy and Kathy Foith's garden.**

**8646 State Route 224, Deerfield OH**

**330-584-9002**

#### **After the picnic:**

**Visit the ADS Dahlia Trial Garden at Fellow's Riverside Gardens maintained by our wonderful Mahoning Valley Dahlia Soc. colleagues**

**123 McKinley Ave Youngstown**

**330-740-7116**

**From points west to Stan and Linda's:**  
East on I-76  
Take the OH-534 exit 54 toward Newton Falls/Lake Milton .3 mi  
Turn RIGHT onto N Pricetown Rd/OH 534, 6.4 mi  
Turn RIGHT onto Berlin Station Rd/CR 90, .2 mi  
15914 Berlin Station Rd is on the right.

**From points west to Randy and Kathy's via I-76E:**  
East on I-76  
Take the OH-14 exit 43 toward Alliance, .4mi  
Turn RIGHT onto OH-14, 7.8 mi.  
Enter next roundabout and take 1st exit onto US-224/Waterloo Rd. 1.6 mi  
8646 State Route 224.

**From points west to Randy and Kathy's via I-480E:**  
East on I-480.  
Merge onto OH-14 E via EXIT 21 toward Youngstown. 34.5 mi  
Enter next roundabout and take 1st exit onto US-224/Waterloo Rd. 1.6 mi.  
8646 State Route 224.

**From Foith's to Vuletich's (11 minutes):**  
Start out going East on US 224/Waterloo Rd, 1.6 mi.  
Enter next roundabout and take 2nd exit onto US-224. 5.5 mi.  
Turn RIGHT onto S Pricetown Rd/OH-534. 1.0 mi.  
Turn RIGHT onto Berlin Station Rd/CR-90.  
15914 Berlin Station Rd is on the Right.



## ORGANIC Garden Additive...

### Used coffee grounds

Adapted from an ADS article

We as a country and as individuals drink a lot of coffee. The remains of all this brewing are usually just thrown out with our waste. But wait, these used grounds are a wonderful organic fertilizer for our garden. Check out local deli or Starbucks for acquiring many pounds of spent coffee grounds. Spread them on the surface of the garden and work them in lightly. Don't worry about the filters as they are paper and soon are eaten by the worms (who by the way love coffee grounds).

Used coffee grounds contain about 2% nitrogen, about 1/3% of phosphoric acid and 1% potash. Please note most of the nitrogen will be available pretty fast. So use several small amounts over the season. Analysis of coffee grounds also shows that they contain many minerals including trace minerals and carbohydrates. **HOW MUCH?** Use about 6-8 tablespoons per plant dug in around the roots--or spread 1/4" - 1/2" on the surface of the garden and work it in thoroughly in the top of the soil. Do this 3 times a season.

*Join DSO for \$10*

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*Join DSO and ADS for \$33 (family)*

Send name, address, email address  
and check made out to  
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If you aren't a member of the American Dahlia Society, please give it some serious thought. The ADS Bulletin publication comes out four times a year. The June issue contained many interesting articles: Cut flower vase life improvement project; super fertilizers; compost tea; dahlia culture; average time for buds to open; dahlia fertility research report; composting with coffee; an article on the Weeping Tree Dahlia, a recently discovered tree dahlia from Oaxaca, Mexico; and as they say, much, much more.

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