

Dahlia Society of Ohio (DSO) Minutes

April 17, 2009

Call to Order: President Mike Weber

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40 p.m. Location – Community Room at Busch Funeral Home, Parma, OH. Approximately 49 members and guests were in attendance.

Mike recognized:

- New member, Debbie McKinney
- Guests, Doris and Bud Anderson

Recording Secretary's Report: Sharon Swaney

Minutes from March were approved. Minutes are published in the Digest and may also be found on our website.

Treasurer's Report: Joann Bendokaitis

Joann provided a full report on all our holdings. See Joann for details.

Membership Report: John Bendokaitis

Seven additional members paid during the last month and more paid at the meeting.

First Vice President's Report: Barbara Hosta

Please sign up for refreshments – sign-up sheet was circulated.

Barb reminded us that next month is the plant and tuber auction. June will be a presentation on container gardening. Hopefully the presentation will be outside.

Second Vice President: Dave Cap

Dave reviewed the schedule for tuber sales. Please sign up to help at the sales – sign-up sheet was circulated. Dave reminded us that the Rockefeller Gardens do not have concessions nor any close restaurants, so if you are working at this sale bring food/beverages as needed.

We need extra tubers for the sales. Take them directly to the sales or get them to Dave or another member going to the sales.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Mary Ann Moreno

Mary Ann sent out 130 Bulletins. Digests will only be sent to paid members.

Digest/ADS Report

Please submit articles for the Digest. Also, let Jerry know what you'd like to see in the Digest.

Jerry provided a wall chart and the booklet Raising Beautiful Dahlias the Easy Way to our new member and guests.

Jerry also contributed 2 calendars as raffle prizes.

Sunshine Report: Elaine Bebenroth

Elaine is now on the job. Let her know of any events that the club should recognize.

Web Site: Sharon Swaney

Nothing new.

Botanical Gardens Report: Marge Janki

Marge reviewed upcoming events at the garden. Affiliates Day is April 30th. You have until April 23rd to sign-up. Agendas for the day were available.

Other upcoming events include Earth Day, Mothers Day, and Memorial Day Weekend (free admission). Jerry noted that our own Bob Rensel is a horticulturist at the garden.

Old Business

Plants continue to grow at Willoway – approximately 200 tubers are in place, 105 cuttings have been taken, 60 are potted already.

New Business

John Learner will be at the Botanical Garden, Labor Day weekend, for the Octoberfest with his gingerbread houses. He also plans to have a dahlia display with flowers and information. Please help out with some flowers. More info will be provided closer to the event.

The Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society will have a tuber sale Sunday April 19, 10 am–4 pm (but come before noon!). They will have 1200 tubers. They will have their plant sale on May 17, 10 am–4 pm. Both events are at Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Dahlia Questions?

The group discussed recognizing tuber eyes and reviving dried out tubers.

Looking for a picture of a dahlia variety? Try www.dahlia.org (ADS site), www.dahlia.net (Colorado Society) or just "google" the variety name with the words dahlia and photo (or picture), for example "Kelvin Floodlight dahlia photo".

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were provided by Mary Ann Moreno, Shannon Fee, Kathy Foith and Linda Vuletich. Beverages by Don Sopko. Thanks folks!

Raffle

50-50 was won by our new member, Debbie McKinney. Two calendars were also raffled.

Program

Tuber sale. Mike Weber and Chuck Janki officiating, assisted by Barbara Hosta and Marilyn Weber.

Next Meeting – May 15, 2009 – Tuber/Plant Auction

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Swaney
Recording Secretary