

# **Dahlia Society of Ohio (DSO) Minutes**

## **March 20, 2009**

### **Call to Order: President Mike Weber**

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:35. Location – Community Room at Busch Funeral Home, Parma, OH. 27 members were in attendance.

Mike welcomed everyone back for the new year. We have one new member, Tom McClements. Welcome Tom.

### **Recording Secretary's Report: Sharon Swaney**

Sharon Swaney will be the Recording Secretary.

### **Treasurer's Report: Joann Bendokaitis**

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

### **Membership Report: John Bendokaitis**

81 DSO Members  
33 ADS

We're sending out 104 Digests. The next Digest will be the last sent to those who haven't paid their dues.

### **First Vice President's Report: Barbara Hosta**

Tonight's program will be the New Introductions and a presentation on pesticides from Sue Cindric of Eagle Creek.

April's meeting will be the tuber auction and May the tuber/plant auction. Barb hopes to have a speaker on container gardening for June. August will be a picnic or bus trip...Barb should have more info soon. Other meetings are still in the planning stage.

Thanks Marilyn Weber and Linda Vuletich for tonight's refreshments. See Barb to sign up to bring refreshments for other meetings.

### **Second Vice President: Dave Cap**

Dave provided a schedule of the shows and sales on the back of tonight's agenda. The last show, at Pettiti's (Oakwood) is missing. It will be October 3.

Bring tubers to the April meeting for the auction and the sales following.

Please sign up to help at the sales. You don't have to commit to all day.

Don't forget – we will be doing the Midwest Show in 2010, September 10-12!

### **Corresponding Secretary's Report: Mary Ann Moreno**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **ADS Report**

Nothing to report. Don't forget to give Jerry info for the Bulletin.

Jerry had some Hilltop and SeaTac catalogs to distribute.

### **Sunshine Report : Mike Weber**

Katie Janda will not be able to continue in this position. She has done a nice job. Thanks Katie.

Elaine Bebenroth volunteered to take this role. Thanks Elaine.

### **Web Site: Sharon Swaney**

If you didn't get an e-mail from Sharon around March 7<sup>th</sup>, you are not on the DSO Emergency e-mail list. See Sharon or go to the news section of the website to signup.

Sharon received a request for a Suppliers List. Rather than put one on our site we will redirect folks to [www.dahlia.net](http://www.dahlia.net).

Randy shared that the Elkhart site has some how-to videos. Their site is: [www.midwestdahliaconference.org/EDS/](http://www.midwestdahliaconference.org/EDS/)

### **Old Business**

Jerry announced the site for the 2010 Midwest Show – Holiday Inn in Independence. It should be a very nice venue. The layout will be very accommodating. We will need lots of workers.

Jerry and Dave did a presentation for the Conneaut Garden Club and received a donation which will be the first donation to our fund for the 2010 Midwest Show.

### **New Business**

The Cleveland Botanical Garden would like us to do a show sometime. It would not have to be a formal show – just some flowers and info. Mike and Dave will pursue.

Marge Janki gave an update on the Botanical Garden. An orchid show is now in progress and Marge says it is quite something. Affiliates day will be April 30<sup>th</sup> (Thursday). Last year's event included speakers, a lunch and a scavenger hunt. It is a fun day to learn and meet people. Consider attending.

Joann Bendokaitis announced the Garden Club of Ohio's District Meeting on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Woodside. Deadline for registering is May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Plant propagation in progress at Willowick. 200 tubers started. Some cuttings already. We need some more A and AA tubers. Get them to Doc

Hemminger or Dave Cap within the next two weeks. We're getting some good results on Valley Porcupine - the flower of the Year.

Motion passed to donate \$150 to Grand Valley for the 2009 Midwest Show. We will also, hopefully, have some plants to donate to the Midwest Dahlia Auction at the Midwest Business Meeting, Goshen, Indiana.

John Learner will have a gingerbread house exhibit at the Cuyahoga County Fair. They have asked him to also do a Dahlia display. More info next month.

### **Dahlia Questions?**

Dave demonstrated cutting apart tubers to some attendees.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were provided by Marilyn Weber and Linda Vuletich. Beverages by Don Sopko. Thanks folks!

### **Raffle**

50-50 was won by Rob Swaney. Many other prizes were provided by Eagle Creek and members. Lots of winners! Thanks to those who donated prizes.

### **Program**

Sue Cindric from Eagle Creek provided an informative presentation on Integrated Pest Management.

Jerry shared the New Introductions DVD with us.

### **Next Meeting – April 17, 2009 – Tuber Auction**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Swaney  
Recording Secretary