

Washington State Dahlia Society

Meeting: Feb 8th!!!

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Our February meeting is going to be one you will not want to miss. Roland Verrone is going to tell us how to take cuttings. We take cuttings from tubers and also from pot tubers that were cuttings the year before. This is an excellent way to take the tuber you paid lots of \$\$\$ for and make many plants from just that one tuber. Once you start taking cuttings then you can make pot roots that will

give you even more cuttings for next year. I believe that Roland started his cuttings in January but it is not too late for you to start. I will not even begin mine until March. I do feel the need to add a warning about taking cuttings. It is a VERY easy procedure and you end up with lots of plants. Now for the warning; this is a highly addictive activity! During March and April I find myself jumping out of bed in the morning and walking quickly to my greenhouse to see how many more cuttings I can take that day. Then I will check again later. After dinner I will check back to see how my day was. I usually produce at least twice as many plants as I could possibly plant! But I can't stop!

I might also add that you

do not need a greenhouse. With some lights and just a little warmth and water they will grow anywhere. In the spare bedroom, the den, or even in the living or dining rooms! At the meeting you will find that people will admit to growing them all over the house and even in the garage. They do not have to remain in a heated area for very long and then they are kicked outside to get their "legs". We have such a mild winter, so far, that plants will probably be outside in April this year.

Come and join us for all your cutting answers PLUS... The raffle, as always and of course some great "goodies" and fun fellowship with your fellow dahlia growers.

Tuber Pack is March 13th

Please mark March 13th, Saturday, for our tuber pack on your calendar! Please join us at the Fircrest Community Center at 9:00 AM. At that time we will pack all of the donated tubers for our sales in the community.

If you have a stapler and would like to bring it, that

would be much appreciated. After we have packed all the different varieties you will have the chance to buy some tubers. This will be at a discounted price and will be our first sales opportunity of the year. You will be getting in on the bottom floor for sure! You could be the first one in your neighborhood to get a

hold of that tuber you wanted last year but could not find! Get it at our tuber pack!

After our work is done we will have a potluck. Bring a dish to contribute and don't forget your own place setting. We will furnish coffee and hot water for tea. See you then!

- PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR TUBERS AND MAKE A LIST FOR LYNNIE. YOU COULD EVEN BRING THE LIST TO THE MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT. OTHERWISE PLEASE E-MAIL IT TO HER AT :

LYNNIE.SPERRING@COMCAST.NET

THE REASON SHE NEEDS THE LIST IS SO THAT SHE CAN MAKE THE LABELS FOR THE TUBER PACK IN MARCH.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR DONATED TUBERS!!!



It is coming!



Soon we will have an announcement from our board members about something special that we will be doing at our meetings. You may hear about this at the Feb meeting. There will be a contest of sorts. And prizes..... every month! Don Filand is in charge of this new venture for our club. We hope you will find this a fun project with some great learning value and also some chances to do some winning.



February Travel

8 of our members will be spending February in New Zealand. The Connells, the Schroeders, the Waltons and the Ensmingers will be touring gardens and visiting some interesting places. We will take tons of pictures and maybe Bob will even make a cool DVD to share at a later meeting. NZ has 2 national shows. One on the north island and one on the south island. We will be attending both.

Federation Workshop and Dahlias of Today

The spring workshop will be in March and I believe it will be in Seattle. Our Federation booklets will be coming to us soon and we can make a note of all the dates and events. Also the judges training will be moving to Olympia this summer. More about both these meetings in our March newsletter.

The Dahlias of Today, the fabulous dahlia publication produced by the Puget Sound Dahlia Association will be available at the March meeting! Be sure to get your copy!!