



NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 14 @ 7:30 @ 9th and Lincoln.

PROGRAM - Mini \$how. The usual categories plus x3 and x5 AND an arrangement! Go for it. We'll look for creativity that showcases our favorite flower. Who will bring goodies??? Any extra veggies or fruits of the season would be oh so welcome by those who do not grow them at home.



CHECK OUT THE SAN LEANDRO LIBRARY:

Exceeding his huge smile, Bill Bagley's Nick Sr. not only won Biggest in Show but also Best AA! Magnificent both! Besides selling cards and calendars, Franck landed Alpen Fury on the Court of Honor for Best Annenome. Tinnee took Best



Collerette with a dainty Pale Tiger. Deborah nailed Best Pom with Irish Miss and Best Peony with wee munchkin, Elise. On the way to Amateur Sweepstakes, Team Stier landed Best in Show, Skipley Bonanza and diminutive NXO, Betty Boop. Kristine Albrecht blazed a pettaled path to Novice Sweeps. With Best Disc, Rio Fiesta, and Best x3 Small, Elfin, Kevin and Karen amalgamated Open Sweepstakes.



Paradise Prodigies covered the rest of the Head Table, including: B-Gloriosa; M-GW Babe; ST-Camano Pet; WL-Bel Fiore; O-Midnight Star;

NX-HH Spiderwoman; and Bext x5 Large-Chimacum Julia. Curtis made sure his Old Fashioned Bouquet smelled as wonderful as it



looked by adding lavender and rosemary sprigs. Bringing his electrical education to bear, Orlando won Most Creative with a spinning water lilly floating atop a florescent blue light.





Taratahi Glow



AC Rosebud



Lupin Shiela



Tahoma Topper



Verone's Richard P

DID YOU SEE?

The first show of the season always anticipates NEW DAHLIAS! The seedling bench displayed an awesome duo from Corralitos: an A or B deep purple sensation and a very cute loose dark blend stellar. Lou P. showed a seedling from So Happy that should be called Even Happier! Besides his winning Skiplely Bonaza, Roy slipped in a darling Brian's Dream, 4010, which won form kudos right off the bat. Living up to its name, Franck's Taratahi Glow really glowed. Where do the Masurats find such cool new dahlias???? Whatever inside sources Ken and Marilyn tap, they surely had 4 eye catchers: Tahoma Topper, Lupin Shiela, AC Rosebud and Verona Richard B. (Next year in MY garden!)

OLD ACQUAINTANCES POSSIBLY FORGOTTEN:

While not NEW New, several cultivars recaptured the imagination starting with the Juul's alien Scott's Alchemy—more an underwater creature than a dahlia. Andrew's Fuzzy Wuzzy resembled a gingham purple and white prom corsage. Kevin and Karen's triple Clara Houstens blazed eyes out. What a mathematically perfect formal dec was Tinnee's Pink Suffusion. Deborah's Clearview Erins showed

both great form and radiant purple. Kristina's Granny Normans rocked.



Kristine's Granny Norman



Tinnee's Pink Suffusion



Andrew's Fuzzy Wuzzy



K&K's Clara Houstens

BOOSTING T'S:



To raise funds and interest for our 2011 National show, Tinee, Randy and Leslie have T-shirts for sale in sizes M-L-XL-XXL for \$15. Support your National Show by buying several and wearing them wherever you can drum up excitement for our 2011 National Show.

BELAY THE MILDEW! HOIST THE HOIST!

Mildew can be a big problem if you haven't been spraying prophylactically for it all along. You still have time for drastic measures: strip off ALL the affected leaves; mix up a cocktail of fertilizer and anti-fungal—preferably systemic fungicide; spray in the early morning every 5 days for 4 sprayings. Rumor has it that a solution of baking powder or milk and cornmeal also thwarts mildew. I tried sulphur many years ago and found it hard to keep

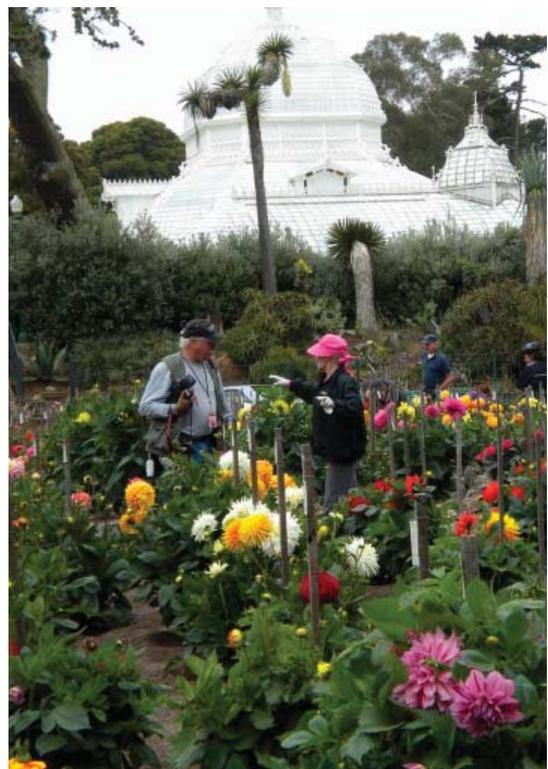


in solution and made a mess on my leaves and didn't do much good. Let me know what your solution is. Mike and Martha in Half Moon Bay (where you can expect fog to foster mildew year round) email, we "have sprayed twice with Hoist and have no signs of the nasty stuff.... It is sold in a ¾ lb pouch (\$75) and inside are 4 smaller 3 oz. pouches. The 3 oz

pouch dilutes into 100 gallons. It is topical. The people at Romeo suggested that for best results we alternate Hoist with a product called Milstop." Hoist sells for between \$45-\$100 per pound. Ask Romeos for your special DSC discount.

DAHLIA DATE BOOK CELEBRITY:

Thanks to Pat, a wonderful article appeared in the Chronicle just in time to urge people to come to our FLORIBUNDA! and visit the Dell at the same time. <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2010/08/18/DD991EIALS.DTL>. Does anyone have ideas for some publicity before our National Show next year?



FABULOUS FLORIBUNDA!

What a show we had in San Francisco and such crowds! Because of Pat's article we had a least double the public attendance as in the past. Congratulations to all the DSCers who brought fabulous flowers. Chloe again triumphed with a huge ribbon for Junior Sweepstakes. Frank Avril, famous for his photography, added Best Floating Waterlilly to his Novice Sweepstakes. Team Dietz amassed Amateur Sweeps with a glowing Best AA, Wyn's Cinnabar; stunning Stellar, Starring; Best Verda and Best Bi-Color, Jessica. Her wee Lerona



Dawn dethroned Betty Boop's 5 year reign as best NXO. Kevin and Karen amazed the crowd with 5 humongous Clyde's Choices in one container—they needed a crane to get it onto the show table. Their new Pom, Elfin continued it's dominance; Ryecroft Sunrise scored best Col; and the Rio's took x3 and x5 open with Rio Fiesta and Rio Fuego to capture Open Sweepstakes. In a hotly contested field, Guy triumphed with Arrangement Sweeps, securing it with his hand hewn Coliseum entry. The crowd loved Devi's Coliseum, with



tall sprigs for the columns and red and green tied sheaves of spaghetti for the Italian flair. Congrats to DJ for sweeping the photography with an especially great Dahlia Gardens entry. What an eye. His Prometheus chained down the Best Paradise Intro, too.



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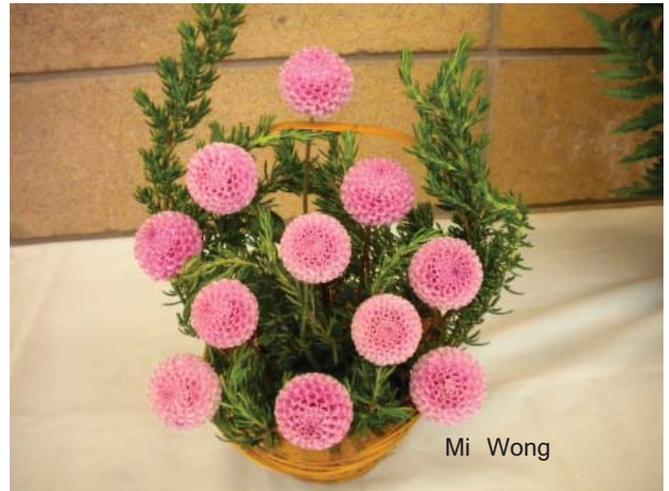


Bristol Fleckcopy

Congrats to the Cornishes for a regal Colorado Classic and to Marcia for a cute Bristol Fleck. Devorah's AL George Harrison and Lou L's Stillwater Brilliant caught many ahs. Tinnee triumphed with both first year open and double seedlings, as well as Best Peony, Henry and Best O, Midnight Star. She grew the Best Dark Horse—albeit with distinct Monterey coloring. Gerda, aided by her son and daughter-in-law, staged Best MBa, Juul's Pearl and a jolly basket full of Mi Wongs. Mr. Big, Roy Stier, scored Largest with a honking Bryn Terful but also Best x1 and 3 Open Flowers of the Year, Stillwater Plum.

Smallest Pom went to Masurats with Pop Willo as

well as the Best Open Centered in Show: Stillwater Plum. Delighted, Curtis won Best Hall of Fame for his lovely Verda, as well as staging a daunting display with Aitara Diadem and his third year seedling.



Mi Wong



Colorado Classic

Just about everything else was won by Lou Paradise including a real triumph when his third year seedling won both Best A and Best Large Seedling. We loved his M, Glenbank Twinkle; Nx, Hollyhill Spider Woman; S, Bishop of Auckland, and his Best x5 Kenora Jubilee. Everyone was so happy to see Lou win Best x3 Bi-color with So Happy!



Stillwater Brilliant

[Click here for the full results from the San Francisco show](#)

NEW AND COOL:

First sightings of Skipley Bonanza caused instant greed. Trelyn Rhionon, B C DB, made DJ proud. Tinnee had two tantalizing seedlings, one a dark Elizabeth Taylor Purple single on dark stems and a triple single with transparent petals. The Juuls debuted a

scrumptious single with two magenta stripes bordering a dark pink strip. MM-
MMM...

Roy won lots with his new (2513) pale pink cactus with magenta tips. But everyone buzzed with the NEED for Roy's magnificent Harvey Koop, 1114, a snarling tiger sport of Meggos' Spartacus. Wow!!!



SF BEHIND THE SCENES:



Spectacular shows like this could not happen without remarkable teamwork and dedication from great DSCers. Hefty gratefulness goes out to Lou L, John D, and all the others who helped arrange the tables. Likewise weighty praise to Baker Bill for trucking around the screens for the Photo Exhibit. Tinnee's great noshes sustained stagers all Friday night and Orlando's coffee maintained them through teardown. Special thanks to Lou P. for organizing the whole Judges' Luncheon and to his brilliant other half, Linda, for computerizing all the results. We loved digging into Pat's birthday cake. Elsie, yet again, chaired



our show as a whole with Tinnee running all kinds of interference months in advance. Thanks to Pat and Kathy and Deborah who answered questions and accepted email names for our tuber sale next year. People join DSC for the dahlias, but they stay for our great members!



MEALS ON WHEELS:

If the Dahlia Dell is a feast for the eyes, the group Frank invited from the Mission Clinic enjoyed a sumptuous repast.



SUMPTUOUS SEPTEMBER!

Have a glorious time photographing and giving away your beautiful dahlias. Remember to cut down to new growth well below the first set of leaves. If you cut too high, the bush will think it's done growing, stop making buds, and turn brown prematurely. If you continue disbudding and deadheading assiduously, you should be able to grace your Thanksgiving table with our favorite flower. You will be amazed at the resurgence of beauty! Gopher patrol: Those who have used gopher cages to protect their tubers this season have reported back that they have lost NONE to these rapacious wretches. Little caterpillars result from lovely butterflies and moths this time of year. You can try to spot them from their droppings (little black poop dots on the leaves below them) and pick them off. I have heard that a solution with a lot of cayenne pepper or hot sauce will discourage their appetite ??? (Let me know if you try it.) Or you can escalate to BIG GUNS and use something systemic or topical in a spray form. (I alternate between Malethion and Orthene which I combine with a water soluble fertilizer and HOIST for mildew.) The last Dahlia Show of the year is at Westgate Mall in San Jose, Sept. 11-12. Bring dahlias; volunteer to clerk or run—it's so much more fun to participate than just watch. Throw a garden party! Enter the mini show at your DSC meeting. Celebrate bloomosity.

Yours in Dirt,

Deborah

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