



### PNDC President's Report by Larry Smith



What a year, like no other! Lives disrupted, club events cancelled, including meetings, sales, and shows. If we are lucky, we can avoid ever having another year like this. ADS has largely drawn a line through 2020 as far as any normal events go. Wake me up when it's over!

Our well-planned and long anticipated meeting at the Oregon Garden resort hotel was postponed and later cancelled. Instead, the Executive Committee cyber-met by Zoom on the first Saturday in June to work on essential business. Attendance was good, participation was lively, and you can find the minutes attached to this issue of Dahlia Times. The first ever PNDC common show schedule, created by Eric Toedtli, was introduced and sent out to all members. Now that our bylaws have been updated, we will be working on a policy manual.

Since the PNDC has purchased access to the Zoom program, we are considering allowing all affiliated societies to be able to use it at no cost to them. The Leadership Team is working to increase benefits to all societies and members. If anyone has ideas of things the PNDC can do to further this goal, let us know.

### PNDC Treasurer Report by Elva Sellens

Beginning Balance 9/15/19: \$14,924.65  
Income  
Society Dues \$125.00  
Member dues \$920.00  
Interest \$1.14  
Total Income \$1,004.14

Expenses:  
#1335 void  
#1336 1/14 Mark Oldenkamp – \$237.50  
Spring meeting room  
#1337 1/23 Staples –receipt book \$9.99  
#1338 3/16 Minuteman Press-125 books  
\$742.06  
#1339 3/23 Mark Oldenkamp-Zoom renewal  
\$74.95  
#1340 5/19 Larry Smith-gold medal awd  
\$48.00

#1342 6/05 Ted Kennedy-website 4/19-6/20  
\$242.85

Total expenses \$1,355.35"

Ending balance as of 6/6/20 \$14,615.44

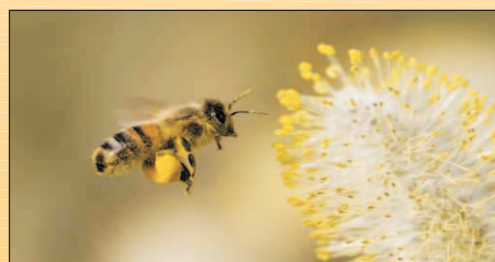
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**There is complete logon information on page 9 of this issue.**





# Join the fun at the "only show" in Roseburg! September 26-27

by Elva Sellens

The Douglas County Dahlia Society would like to invite you to judge or partipate at our 2020 show on September 26<sup>st</sup> and 27th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Roseburg Oregon.

It appears that our show will be the only show in Oregon this year so please consider attending our show. Due to the Coronavirus, we will be doing things different in how we will hold our show. Our show will be closed to the public. Everyone entering the building will be **required** to wear a **mask**. You will need to bring your own mask. We will have plastic gloves and hand sanitizer available. We will be setting up the Open/Advanced Amateur sections on the outer walls of the building.

The AA section will start to the right of the door and the sections will go around the building. There will be a special table for all micro entries after the Mignon Singles. The arrangement tables will be rectangular instead round so we can place them 6 feet apart. We will need to know who is coming and what Exhibitor level that they will be showing in so we know how to set up the rest of the tables. We will also need to know if you are bringing any arrangements or baskets. Please give us an approximate number.

Since ADS is not recording any winners in the show, we do not need any clerks to record the winners. ADS will honor any ADS Seedling bench evaluations though. If you are bringing any seedling, please let me know. We are limiting the judging teams to 2 judges and a standby judge to step in if the team needs a deciding vote and if a judge has to step out.

When you are wearing a mask, you can get closer than 6 feet. If you are not comfortable in getting close to people, you can decline to judge. If you prefer, you can drop off your entries and leave but please come back later to look over the show.

The refreshments and the judges meeting will be outside under the pavilion so we can social distance. We can't hold our normal luncheon

buffet so there will be wrapped sandwiches, individual chips, individual sodas, water, cookies.

Our show theme is "Carnival of Dahlias" – see PNDC Combined Show Schedule/Roster for arrangement themes. Our flower of the year is "Sir Richard". We hope that you will have an entry in flower of the year category. See the Combined Show Schedule for definitions of show exhibitors.

Our current Covid-19 information for Douglas County is that we have 155 confirmed cases and 17 presumptive cases and only one person hospitalized. There have been 2 deaths – one person was exposed to the virus in Texas and died there. If you have any symptoms of Covid-19 such as fever, dry cough, tiredness, aches/pains, sore throat, diarrhea, conjunctivitis, headache, loss of taste or smell, rash on skin or discoloration of fingers or toes, difficulty of breathing or shortness of breath; or have been recently exposed to someone with the virus- (On average it takes 5 to -6 days from when someone is infected with the virus for symptoms to show however it can take up to 14 days), do not come to the show.

We will be looking forward to your participation and company at our show. Our society will provide a Saturday luncheon for everyone. The luncheon gives everyone a chance to visit with each other and renew our friendships with our fellow dahlia enthusiast. We hope you enjoy the show. Have a good growing season.

Please complete the attached Response to Invitation for Judges and Clerks form to let us know whether or not you will be able to attend our show. We hope to see you at our show.

Directions: I-5 Northbound or Sound bound: take exit #123. Fairgrounds are on the east side of the freeway. Go to the main entrance. We are in the **Floral Building**- 1<sup>st</sup> building on the right. The building will be open no earlier than 7am. Entries can be made between 7am-9am Saturday morning. Judging will start at 9:30am



# Portland Dahlia Society Report

by Larry Smith, Publicity Chair

Planning for the 2020 season had been completed, monthly meetings had begun and then along came a snag named Corona. All activities screeched to a halt. Oaks Park, our meeting and show venue, closed down and will not be hosting events in the Pavilion until at least October. That meant no meetings, no April auction, no May sale. Our other big fund raiser at the Master Gardener sale was first postponed and later cancelled.

Mark Oldenkamp and Larry Smith are on the ADS Board. At the ADS on-line meeting in April, some Board members, most in their 60s and beyond, remarked that this strange time in history was forcing us “old folks” to get educated in technology. Puget Sound Dahlia Association reported that they had set up a sale on the Shopify program. The ideas gained in this meeting sparked creativity and led to a very successful fund raising season in Portland. Oldenkamps volunteered their chicken barn and property to prepare for and host a series of social distancing sales prep work parties. Our first sale was to members only, \$4 per tuber, generating a large

number of orders from grateful members. Next, Mark set up a Shopify sale, \$5 per tuber plus shipping. That generated a bit less than 200 orders from across the country, even though there hadn’t been time to add photos of the varieties on the Shopify site. Members then met at to pack orders for shipping. When the sale was over, we packaged the rest in “grab bags,” random tubers sold at \$20 for 15 tubers plus shipping. The end result was a successful fund raising season, even though we got a late start, with proceeds much better than we would have hoped for and in the range of what we clear from sales in a normal year.

Speaking of technology, PDS has been meeting by using the Pacific NW Dahlia Conference sponsored Zoom program. Not quite the experience of an in person meeting, but after not meeting for four months, members appreciated the opportunity to check in with each other. It was the first experience for some of the members, thus showing that “woof, woof,” you CAN teach an old dog new tricks.



# Wild Rivers Dahlia Society

by Bob Chibante

Not much to report from the Gold Beach. Everyone doing their best to stay healthy. We have had only one meeting since all this madness started. We met outside at the learning garden to clean up the garden and go over what will be happening in the dahlia gardens in the months to come. The thinking was a season lost. I don’t believe that to be the case.

This year is the perfect time to try new or multiple techniques. We get comfortable with our methods used over the years. From planting and blooming time, thru seed collection, here is an opportunity to try something one has read or heard about in the past. Nothing to lose, no worries about show blooms, just grow and learn. Even now through the smoke, we need to continue to moving forward. The garden is a good way to stay healthy for the body and the mind.



## Victoria Dahlia Society - Phil Newton

Victoria, B.C.

The summer of 2020 has been like no other year for garden clubs throughout the northwest - in particular no shows and no meetings. However, in Victoria we did find a few activities to keep our members involved and as well our local judges while meeting lock down concerns. On August 14th, garden visits were arranged to two gardens located on larger properties where there were separate exits and entrances and everyone was informed to meet social distance expectations. Approximately 35 visitors were enthralled by the dahlias on these well manicured properties.

In addition, our club is notified weekly to attend and assist with upkeep at the club sponsored dahlia garden at the Prospect Lake Hall where we also have been holding our annual show. We have actually gained some new members from people who have used our website and attended this weekly activity to learn more about dahlias.

Meanwhile, to help our judges with their skills, as well as showcasing our seedling growers, we held a three hour afternoon judging session on August 21st with 7 of our 10 judges in attendance to evaluate seedlings from 4 different growers. There were 11 triple seedlings

and 9 singles to evaluate from the gardens of Barry & Mary Willoughby, Paul McKittrick, Cathy Featherby and Phil Newton and Teresa Thom. Three teams were created and most were able to evaluate 5 entries or more.

In the last half hour, we met together and compared results. Three triples by consensus had the most promise while one single was considered the best overall entry. The best three triples included a SR from Phil and Teresa which garnered much discussion because of its eye zone which is bright yellow. Is it a red or flame? By the present ADS rules, it is red. As well, Paul had a nice WLDP and one from the Willoughby's was a twisty BICDR.

The best single seedling by far however was one that Cathy brought that was a beautiful BBLCY which had a perfect lacinated form and could win best in show. Cathy is particularly interested in the lacinated types and this has to be one of her best. All who could attend really enjoyed this opportunity to practice their judging skills and we all brushed up on how to evaluate color and form.

## Nanaimo Dahlia Society

by Julie Mervyn

The evenings here on Vancouver Island are cooling down. Fall is in the air and our Dahlia gardens are thriving!

Nanaimo Gladiolas and Dahlia Society have cancelled all meetings and events until further notice. We have been busy this year trying to find ways to continue with some club events. Members sold tubers thru local swap and shop type of web sites or road side stands. Many members donated half of their sales to the club. We sure appreciate their generosity!

We have had a few zoom meetings and one social distancing meeting at a members Ranch. It was nice to see those that attended . We had discussed having a Parlor show just amongst members. This was brought forward to members and was voted a majority No. Our Covid numbers have increased recently and it felt we should just wait until next year.

Our club had two more members write the candidate judge exam and are now candidate judges.

### **Congratulations to Don and Nora Moslin!**

I find it funny that this year I have more show blooms in my garden then I have ever had. I just have no where to show them. In talking with other members, they have experienced the same thing. It is nice to see these beautiful show blooms and look forward to next year's shows.

Take care everyone and happy gardening!

Julie Mervyn, President  
Nanaimo Gladiolus and Dahlia Society



### **PNDC Spring Meeting Minutes**

Thank you to Larry Smith for taking the PNDC minutes at the June 6th 2020 PNDC Spring meeting. This is a job that no one wants to do but Larry did a great job!. You will receive the minutes with this newsletter as a pdf attachment or as an enclosed hard copy.



## Clover Redfern - Gone but not Forgotten

by her Husband, Art

Clover Redfern (80 years) died peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on July 17, 2020. She was born to Max Asbahr and Frances Heard in 1940. Clover had been a resident of Corvallis for over 60 years. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Arthur Redfern. She also is survived by her two daughters, Machel and Tracy. She is survived by one son, Russell. Another son, Dean, predeceased her in 1994.

She was a homemaker for her family and also worked from home typing college papers for numerous students at Oregon State University. She was a well known typist for the students in the Math Department and her name is acknowledged in many books published at Oregon State University.

Her love for plants and flowers gave her so much pleasure. Clover spent endless hours grooming in the major form of disbudding. It was because of Clover's grooming that her husband Art's beautiful dahlias did so well every year when he entered them in the Lane County Dahlia Show. Their gardens at their home displayed so many beautiful flowers. She was an excellent seamstress and taught her daughters the skill of sewing. The family enjoyed camping and boating when the children were younger. She always enjoyed being outside. Family was important to Clover and most of her time was spent with her family. Clover is also survived by one brother and three sisters.



## Spring Tuber Sale a Success *Thank you Roseburg DS!*

by Cheryle Hawkins

Shortly after the Roseburg tuber sale, held in May, Elva Sellens offered up the remainder of their dahlia tubers to our dahlia society. At that time we had no tuber sale event planned due to the Campbell Center closing their doors because of corona virus protocols. How could I possibly turn down her offer?! I drove down to Roseburg and picked up boxes of tubers and crammed them into my car.

I reached out to our members Jeff and Tina Davidson (Lazy Day Dahlias in Pleasant Hill) who helped sort the tubers into boxes according to varieties and sizes. Imagine doing this outside, at their farm, on a sunny day with tables setup and lots of room. It was awesome. Four hours later, my car was really crammed since the tubers were now sorted into many labeled boxes. Returning to Eugene and with the help of Camille and Deb, we wrote names on bag labels, sorting varieties into the bags, and storing them on cardboard trays.

Meanwhile, an opportunity was offered up by Penney, the owner of The Organic Market, located on River

Road and Chambers and is a busy intersection. She asked if we would like to hold our sale along the side of her store and offered the use of a large canopy in case it rained. Yay!

As things fell in place, Dick Bach sent out an email to our membership, publicizing our June 7<sup>th</sup> Tuber sale. I reached out to several members who offered to volunteer and also placed a classified ad. The response was amazing! Once volunteers arrived we soon had canopies set up, tables laid out, and tubers organized with signs indicating the varieties and sizes. Next arrived the customers who were quickly buying the tubers like hotcakes! Our treasurer Phyllis Shafer handled the cashbox and it was challenging as lines of customers lined up to purchase tubers.

According to Phyllis we made \$4000.00 that day! The rain made an appearance as well but we didn't mind a bit! It's amazing how volunteers make the difference in coordinating a tuber sale. Thank you to everyone for your willingness and generosity – YOU made this a success!

# Banannas and Dahlias

by Ted Kennedy

If you have read about the history of the banana, you know that the banana we buy at the store is the Cavendish banana. It replaced the previously most popular variety, the Gros Michel back in the 1950s. The Gros Michel had succumbed to fungus blight and the shortage of Gros Michel bananas had inspired a song sung by the Marx Brothers that goes. "But yes, we have no bananas, We have no bananas today" .



modular and could be mass produced and used to build just about any sized building much as we use Legos to build just about anything. The building was named the Crystal Palace and it was the site of the most famous and successful exposition

Bananas are: "the most popular fruit in the world: in fact, over 100 billion bananas are eaten around the world every year" This is probably a low estimate. And we need to connect bananas with dahlias.

The English people in the 1700s and early 1800s, had a passion for plant collecting. Adventurers would journey into the explored and unexplored regions of the world for years at a time collecting plant specimens. They would pack up the seeds and live plants and bring back to England to sell to the rich plant collectors. . At this time Great Britain was awash in money and many of the rich had huge estates and extensive gardens and greenhouses and loved to brag that they had the biggest, best collection of plant species. Plant collecting in the wild s was exceedingly dangerous and many plant collectors lost their lives. They explored nearly all of the world for useful plant specimens and the so called Cavendish banana plants were sent to the conservatory at Chatsworth in England, where our hero of this article was the manager of the gardens for Lord Cavendish. But still no connection the dahlia.

From his bio on Google: "In 1826 a 23-year-old named Joseph Paxton, who had been trained at Kew Gardens, was appointed to be the head gardener at Chatsworth: "The 6th Duke had inherited Chatsworth fifteen years earlier and had previously shown little interest in improving the neglected garden, but he soon formed a productive and extravagantly funded partnership with Paxton, who proved to be the most innovative garden designer of his era, and remains the greatest single influence on Chatsworth's garden. " And what does this Joseph Paxton dude have to do with our favorite flower, the dahlia? We are getting there.

In 1850 there was a competition for the design of a building suitable for a world exposition. All of the submissions were rejected by the ending date but one more proposal was accepted for review. Joseph Paxton had designed greenhouses for the Chatsworth estate. His clever design used cast iron as a framework to hold the glass and was also a structural element to hold up the greenhouse. These panels were

in the world up to that time in 1851 and it was called the Great Exposition. This greenhouse styled glass building was 1851 feet long(note that was the year of the exposition) and tall enough to contain full size English Elm trees that were over 100 feet tall. The building covered over 21 acres of space. Can you imagine a greenhouse that covers nearly 22 acres AND has a height inside of over 100 feet? Queen Victoria knighted Joseph Paxton for his work on the building and he became Sir Joseph Paxton.

And now we are getting back to dahlias. Sir Joseph Paxton was what we call today a "dahlia addict." He wrote one of the first books on our flower in 1838 and it was called "A Practical Treatise on the Cultivation of the Dahlia.." Dahlias had been brought into the UK many years before and they had become an exceedingly popular flower. This book is available on line for free through Google books and can be read online. It is amazing to me that they knew so much about dahlias back in 1838.

Sir Joseph Paxton could be said to be famous (my opinion) for three lifetime achievements. He introduced our favorite banana, the Cavendish. He designed the structure of the Crystal Palace and it was the site of the most famous and successful exposition in the world up to that time. He was knighted by Queen Victoria for this accomplishment. And finally his third achievement was that he was the world expert on dahlias. Bananas and World expositions are nice but being the world's expert on our favorite flower is a stupendous achievement.



"Yvette"  
by Mike Iler



# Fall 2020 ADS Report

By Mark Oldenkamp ADS Regional VP - PNDC

For all of us 2020 has been very different than what we are used to and what we were thinking about when we started our dahlias. Most shows are cancelled and in person meetings are rare. This is true across the country. My garden is very colorful with more blooms than ever, largely because I have not been disbudding as much as normal.

From an ADS perspective the only reasonably normal activity is the trial garden program. Because the input from trial garden directors was that “the gardens are planted and we plan to get them judged”, the trial garden reporting will continue for this year. Trial garden results will be compiled, and the plan is to award the top scoring varieties under normal rules.

The Canby Trial Garden still needs much judging to happen and judges are encouraged to make an effort to help. I plan to get some judging done in the last half of September. Members need to be aware that because of no show reports being compiled for 2020, there will not be a new classification handbook published for 2021. The 2020 book will be what you use next year. The typical compilation handbook was due for an update in 2021 and this will be delayed until 2022. Trial garden and very limited seedling bench results will be published in some form so that hybridizers and dahlia enthusiasts can have that information for new introductions. There is a possibility that the introduction of some new cultivars may be delayed because of the lack of evaluation opportunities.

Portland has been holding online zoom meetings with good attendance. For the September meeting, Portland is holding a virtual show with limited classes. I understand Douglas County is planning to host a fairly normal show with special consideration to exhibitor safety.

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ADS has made an investment in scanning decades of historical ADS Bulletins. Recently many more were added; this time for years 1930 to 1964. Our webmaster is working to implement an enhanced tool to aid in keyword searching of the electronic Bulletins to aid the finding of information pertaining to a certain search criterion. All new Bulletin publications have been posted to the website for the past couple of years shortly after the release of the publication.

I hope that all societies are making their members aware of the opportunity to use Amazon Smile to benefit the American Dahlia Society.





# Not So Secret Confessions of a Show Junkie

by Larry Smith

There are many reasons why someone would join a dahlia society. Some do it simply for love of the dahlia, some for the educational value, others for the social aspects. While I enjoy all of the aforementioned benefits, you wouldn't be reading this article if not for the show side of the dahlia world. I would never have joined a dahlia society without that as a lure.

I have been entering county fair competitions since 1967. My grandparents grew a fair number of street view dahlias. In June, I would help Grandma tie them to makeshift stakes with strips of cloth made from old clothing. During the bloom season, I would help her with deadheading. As a benefit, I was allowed to pick a few to enter in the county fair. Right before we headed to the fair to make entries, I would pick several blooms and plunge the stems into cold water from the outdoor faucet. This was done in late afternoon in very warm temperatures and transported in a hot car with the windows open. By the time we reached the fairgrounds, the blooms were hopelessly wilted. I tried putting the blooms into cold water to rehydrate them. If the bloom didn't snap clean off, some of them would regain turgor by morning in time for judging. We got a few ribbons, even an occasional blue. There was a little ol' lady (probably younger than I am now) who took most of the blues. One day, I had the courage to ask her secret. With an impish grin, she said, "Join the Portland Dahlia Society. We'll teach you everything you need to know."

When I got my own place in the early 80s, I grew three dahlias. Every year, I would dig them up (I thought that was mandatory), put them in paper bags, and store them in my basement. Bad idea, the furnace was down there and dried the clumps to a disgusting horror. Every year, I would replant the clumps and get blooms. In 1991, I decided to expand and ordered a few tubers. Later in the year, I saw an announcement of a dahlia show in Canby and decided to peek in. Sitting at the hospitality table was that lady from the fair, Myrtle Holland, who handed me a membership form and said, "What took you so long? I knew I would get you eventually, but you're stubborn." I joined on the spot.

Next spring, I went to the Portland Dahlia Society sale. I had no idea what to look for. I said I was

interested in showing and, from that point, Gordon Jackman took over, filling a bag for me. I entered the show that year, for the first time, 16 entries and 9 blue ribbons. I was shocked to do so well, and at an actual dahlia show, where people knew what they were doing! Yes, I was only a first time Novice, but that year Eric Toedtli was a Novice and no way was I going to be able to beat him on anything. No worries, from that moment, I was hooked. Feeding my addiction was Bob and Myrtle Bloomfield, who actually lived on my street about six blocks away and kept giving me dahlias. When I would tell Bob I didn't have room for any more, he said, "You are young, you have a rototiller, and you have too much & \$#\*@!! lawn anyway!"

Flash forward to 2020, I grow about 100 varieties and around 175 plants. While I know dahlias are a thing of great beauty, to me they are a crop. I frustrate a lot of my dahlia pals when I tell them if it wasn't for the show aspect, I wouldn't grow more than 20 or 25 plants. They are a lot of work, especially the micros, which need deadheading at least twice a week. I don't bring dahlias into the house, don't make bouquets, I like them outside. I only cut them to take them to shows or give them away. I am sure that I frustrate my Eugene friend, Deb Gilmer, when I tell her that my being a dahlia grower is similar to that of a farmer who raises stock. The farmer appreciates the animals finer aspects, but ultimately are raising them for their market value. I grow so many dahlias for a specific purpose and that is to show them.

This is a strange year, with most fairs and dahlia shows cancelled. When I heard, "Lets refocus our efforts on appreciating their beauty," that doesn't compute for me. Deb and many who do show have a much better balance in their reason for growing dahlias, that is something I need to work on. I am certainly not missing the time consuming work of disbudding and micromanaging the dahlias. I won't miss the lack of sleep and all of that driving during show season. It doesn't hurt to have a year off from winning rosettes that I am running out of places to display. I will most miss the opportunities to hobnob with my dahlia buddies from around the region. Wishing you all good health until we meet again.

## ADS Members Meeting Sept. 13th on Zoom

By Mark Oldenkamp, ADS Rep.

As everyone is aware, 2020 has not been a normal year resulting in the cancellation of the National show in Wenatchee. The normal practice of holding the annual meeting of the American Dahlia Society during the National Show therefore cannot happen. We still need to conduct the annual meeting. The Executive Committee and the Board have made plans to do this on what would have been the normal day, but we will use ZOOM for this online meeting. Below is the meeting invitation and I will attach the meeting agenda. The agenda covers the topics that traditionally are handled at an annual meeting. Hopefully 2021 will give us the opportunity to return to our regular planning process. The membership meeting is open to all members, so this invitation should be shared with all members who are welcome to join. Sunday September 13, 2020. There is a call-in option as well as the online format.

### Subject: ADS Annual Meeting

When: Sunday, September 13, 2020 1:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where:

Here is the information for the ADS Annual Meeting via Zoom Conferencing

The meeting will be at 4 pm EDT, 3 pm CDT, 2 pm MDT and 1 pm PDT.

### Join Zoom Meeting

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## Judges Accreditation News

By Larry Smith,  
PNDC Accreditation Chair

ADS has indicated that judges will not be required to turn in reports for 2020. Your records as of the 2019 season will be frozen. That said, this odd year presents a great opportunity for any judge who has fallen short of keeping up requirements to get back into compliance and retain or regain your accreditation. All show or trial garden judging and training you complete will be included in your records. To get credit for your work, you will need to return a judging report to Larry Smith by October 15.

Some judges have commented that Canby is too far to go for Trial Garden judging. There is a way around that. If you can't make it to an actual Trial Garden or are not able to judge ADS Bench entries or seedlings, you can set up mock judging with a Senior Judge in your area. Societies without seedling bench evaluation entries or trial gardens reasonably close by, may have judges fulfill their requirements by:

a. Working with a Senior Judge, using the ADS score card, score disseminated cultivars set up as seedling entries at a training class or seminar, or done one on one in a mentorship role.

b. If there is no Trial Garden nearby, a garden of a society member may be used, working with a

Senior Judge, when two or more disseminated cultivars of the same variety are grown side-by-side and scored using the appropriate ADS score sheet, provided there are at least 6-8 blooms and the scores are reviewed by the Judging Chair.

In addition, Trial Garden experience in judging six seedlings to the satisfaction of a Senior Judge may be counted toward your judging record in lieu of one show.

Judging chairs and senior judges, please be proactive about working with your society's judges in presenting these opportunities! We need all of the judges we have. Kudos to Barry Willoughby, Victoria DS, for putting together a mock ADS Bench judging workshop and to Vern and Judy Stephens, Nanaimo DS, for recruiting and mentoring some new Candidate Judges.

Thank you to Mike Riordan for taking the time to send the Fall 2020 PNDC Dahlia Times to our membership!.