



2015

The Greater Philadelphia  
Dahlia Society  
Annual Dahlia Show

and  
5th ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC  
CONFERENCE SHOW



LONGWOOD  
GARDENS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



# The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

is proud to present

## **THE 2015 DAHLIA SHOW and FIFTH ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE SHOW.**

If it is September, it must be exhibition and competition time. We are having our show one week early this year for all those who always complain that their blooms were better last week. Actually that isn't the real reason, which is that the 100th anniversary show for the American Dahlia Society is happening on our usual weekend. For those who have had a great growing season, it is time to show your stuff.

We encourage all growers to attend The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Show and to participate. We have multiple levels, including Amateur Grower for those who grow less than 75 plants, Novice for those who have not won a blue ribbon in artistic design in a GPDS show, and Junior for those under 18. Don't forget that we also have some very talented design people who love to set up exhibits which are not just dahlias. All in all, there are many great opportunities to compete, make new friends, and learn more about the flower we all love to nurture. You don't have to be a member of the GPDS to participate in the show. We welcome newcomers, and hope you will join, continue to contribute to enjoyment of all, and have a good time. The price is right (it's free) and Longwood Gardens is a great friend to the gardening community. It is truly a win-win situation. It's especially nice when you go home with a ribbon for your efforts!

We hope to see you all on the weekend of September 12th and 13th.

Mike Horn

President, The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

# Show Schedule

## Friday, September 11, 2015

- 4 to 7 pm Staging

## Saturday, September 12, 2015

- 6 to 11 am Staging

Exhibits **MUST** be ready for judging by 11 am.

Judges should be ready for their responsibilities by 10:45 am.

- 11 am to 1 pm Judging

Only judges and clerks will be allowed on the floor during judging.

Judges may not participate in decisions involving their own interests or entries; judges must step out and get a substitute judge.

- 1 pm to 6 pm Show open to public

## Sunday, September 13, 2015

- 9 am to 6 pm Show open to public
- 6 pm Show closes with tear-down

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# Information for Exhibitors, Judges and Members

All exhibitors, judges, and members may enter Longwood Gardens via the Business Entrance in order to avoid paying the Gardens entrance fee. The gated Business Entrance is located on Conservatory Road.

The gate attendant will point you in the general direction. There will be signs marked “Flower Show Exhibitors” (or something to that effect!). Follow the signs to the bloom unloading area. Longwood students will assist you with loading your cart and getting everything to the staging area. As soon as you unload, move your car to the parking lot; you will be directed to the appropriate lot.

Coffee and snacks will be served Saturday morning near the staging areas.

If you have any questions about how to get to Longwood Gardens or for any emergency, please call Brent Grant at 610-388-6317 (home) or 610-368-9967 (cell).

## **DIRECTIONS TO**



**LONGWOOD  
GARDENS**

Longwood Gardens is located on US Route 1, about three miles northeast of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. It is easily accessible from I-95 or Route 926.

For GPS or Google Maps/Mapquest/internet mapping, use the following addresses:

For the business entrance —

471 Conservatory Road, Kennett Square PA

For the main entrance —

1001 Longwood Road, Kennett Square PA

For more information about Longwood, including detailed directions on how to avoid tolls if arriving from the south, visit [www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org) or call 610-388-1000.

# Rules of Exhibition

1. ALL EXHIBITORS must register for a number and leave their name and address at the registration desk.
2. UNIFORM ENTRY TAGS must be used. Tags can be obtained at the Show or by contacting the Show Secretary. Tags must be completely filled in, top and bottom, with variety name or number, class number, and exhibitor's name and number to qualify for an award.
3. NUMBER OF EXHIBITS. Any person may have any number of different varieties in any class, but no more than two may be of the same variety. Each exhibitor in Division II, Juniors, may have an unlimited number of entries.
4. BLOOMS shown in competition must be grown by exhibitors entering them, except in the design classes.
5. A SMALL GROWER grows plants for pleasure, does not sell for a profit, has never been employed as a gardener, and grows less than 75 hills.
6. CONTAINERS will be supplied by Show Committee, except in basket and vase section. (Some baskets are available.)
7. CLASSIFICATION. All entries in the show will be judged in accordance with the current official American Dahlia Society classification as to size, type and color.
8. SUPPORTING STEM. The use of any material to support dahlia stems above the container will disqualify the exhibit.
9. ALL THREE BLOOM ENTRIES must be of same variety.

10. SETS OF LEAVES. All blooms should have at least ONE set of leaves.
11. THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.
12. UNWORTHY ENTRIES. Judges will withhold award when they consider any entry unworthy.
13. TRI-COLOR will be awarded for each form where applicable and worthy.
14. BASKET SCORECARD: Baskets are judged on the quality of the blooms and of the arrangement.
  - a. Quality of blooms 50%
    - 1) Color 10%
    - 2) Form 10%
    - 3) Substance 5%
    - 4) Stem and foliage 5%
    - 5) Uniformity 20%
  - b. Quality of arrangement, proper balance 30%
  - c. Distinction—overall effect, including color harmony, artistic application of all the materials used in the entry 20%
15. REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS. No exhibit may be removed at any time during the show except by permission of the Show Committee.
16. ADDITIONAL RULES. The Show Committee reserves the right to make additional rules and classes, to change the schedule as becomes necessary, to remove from the table before or after judging any exhibit it considers to be in poor condition, or to make such further rules as it deems necessary for the proper conduct of the Show.
17. LIABILITY for loss or damage is disclaimed by The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society.

# Rules for Artistic Design Exhibitors

1. Advanced registration is required by September 1, 2015.  
Contact: Susan Bunkin  
204 Cafferty Road  
Pipersville PA 18947  
215-297-8653                      E-mail — [bhive@ptd.net](mailto:bhive@ptd.net)
2. The dahlia is to be the predominant flower in each design. Secondary flowers and foliage may be used to complement the dahlias unless otherwise noted.
3. An exhibitor may enter only one design in a class, but may enter more than one class.
4. Entries must be designed by the exhibitor.
5. A novice is anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in a design class at a Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society show.
6. Staging is on Friday, September 11 from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday, September 12, between 6 am and 11 am. Exhibits must remain in place until the close of the show at 6 pm, Sunday, September 13, and then be removed promptly.
7. Exhibits will be displayed on 8-foot tables with table covers. Accessories, backgrounds and mats are permitted in all classes unless otherwise stated.
8. List plant varieties on a 3" x 5" card placed by the design.
9. The artistic designs will be judged by accredited flower show judges from The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania.
10. General Exhibition Rules 1, 2, 15, 16, and 17 apply to Artistic Design as well.

While every effort will be made to protect the exhibits, neither The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society nor Longwood Gardens will be responsible for their safety, either during or at the closing of the show.



# KEY to 4-Digit Class Numbers

**Every dahlia cultivar is classified by a four-digit class number defined by American Dahlia Society specifications.**

## FIRST AND SECOND DIGITS

FOR SIZED DAHLIAS, the first digit is determined by the size and the second digit is determined by the form.

FIRST DIGIT (SIZE)	AA 0	SECOND DIGIT (FORM)	FD 0
	A 1		ID 1
	B 2		SC 2
	BB 3		C 3
	M 4		IC 4
			LC 5

FOR ALL OTHER DAHLIAS, the first two digits are assigned according to their form:

BA 60	ST 70	PE 80	CO 90
MB 61	WL 73	AN 82	O 92
P 62	NX 76	NO 86	OT 94
			S 96
			MS 97

## THIRD AND FOURTH DIGITS

FOR ALL DAHLIAS, the third and fourth digits are determined by their color, using the following chart:

White 01	Purple/black 09
Yellow 02	Light blend 10
Orange 03	Bronze 11
Pink 04	Flame 12
Dark pink 05	Dark blend 13
Red 06	Variegated 14
Dark red 07	Bicolor 15
Lavender 08	

EXAMPLE: Windhaven Highlight is size B, Incurved Cactus form and yellow. B is 2, IC is 4, Yellow is 02. The 4-digit class number is therefore 2402.

## DIVISION I    OPEN TO ALL

<b>Single Bloom SECTION</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS</b>	<b>Three Blooms SECTION</b>
Section AA	0001-0515	3 AA
Section A	1001-1515	3 A
Section B	2001-2515	3 B
Single Bloom entry: use ADS classification numbers		
Three Bloom classes: For the above sections <b>ONLY</b> (AA,A,B)		
Six forms <b>ONLY</b> (FD,ID,SC,C,IC,LAC), all colors in one class		
Section BB	3001-3515	3 BB
Section M	4001-4515	3 M
Section BA	6001-6015	3 BA
Section MB	6101-6115	3 MB
Section P	6201-6215	3 P
Section ST	7001-7015	3 ST
Section WL	7301-7315	3 WL
Section NX	7601-7615	3 NX
Section PE	8001-8015	3 PE
Section AN	8201-8215	3 AN
Section NO	8601-8615	3 NO
Section CO	9001-9015	3 CO
Section O	9201-9215	3 O
Section OT	9401-9415	3 OT
Section S	9601-9615	3 S
Section MS	9701-9715	3 MS

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>FLOWER OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>2015</b>
	AC ABBY    2312    B    FL	

## **DIVISION I OPEN TO ALL (continued)**

### **Basket or Container**

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>CLASS</b>	<b>SIZE/Form</b>
C5	5 or more	0001-1515	AA, A
C7	7 or more	2001-3515 6001-6015 7001-7015 7301-7315	B, BB BA ST WL
C9	9 or more	4001-4515 6101-6115	M MB
C11	11 or more	6201-6215 7601-9715	P, NX, PE, AN, NO CO, O, OT, S, MS

Baskets may be mixed colors but must be of the same type.  
Other foliage is permitted.

Each winner of the Basket Section receives a Rosette.

Best Basket of the Sections goes to the Court of Honor.

## **DIVISION II JUNIORS (under age 18)**

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS</b>
Section 1 AA-A	One bloom 0001-0515, 1001-1515
Section 2 B-BB	One bloom 2001-2515, 3001-3515
Section 3 M-BA-MBA	One bloom 4001-4515, 6001-6015, 6101-6115
Section 4 P-ST-WL	One bloom 6201-6215, 7001-7015, 7301-7315
Section 5 All others	One bloom 7601-9715

## **DIVISION III AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY SEEDLING BENCH EVALUATION**

Offered in cooperation with the American Dahlia Society.  
Open to all exhibitors. Entries consist of three blooms from  
the same seedling grown for at least three years. Exhibitors,  
show officials and judges must read and adhere to the rules  
for **Seedling Bench Evaluation** printed in the American Dahlia  
Society's 2015 *Classification and Handbook of Dahlias*.

## **DIVISION IV    SMALL GROWERS**

Open to those who qualify under Exhibition Rule #5.  
Persons who qualify under this rule may also exhibit in other divisions of the show.

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS</b>
Section AA-3AA	0001-0515
Section A-3A	1001-1515
Section B-3B	2001-2515
The best entry of the above receives a Rosette and goes to the Court of Honor.	
Section BB-3BB	3001-3515
Section M-3M	4001-4515
Section BA-3BA	6001-6015
Section MB-3MB	6101-6115
The best entry of the above receives a Rosette and goes to the Court of Honor.	
Section P-3P	6201-6215
Section ST-3ST	7001-7015
Section WL-3WL	7301-7315
Section NX-3NX	7601-7615
Section PE-3PE	8001-8015
Section AN-3AN	8201-8215
Section NO-3NO	8601-8615
Section CO-3CO	9001-9015
Section O-3O	9201-9215
Section OT-3OT	9401-9415
Section S-3S	9601-9615
Section MS-3MS	9701-9715
The best entry of the above receives a Rosette and goes to the Court of Honor.	

## **DIVISION V    UNDISSEMINATED CULTIVARS** One bloom

## **DIVISION VI**

## **VASE**

This new division allows dahlia lovers to demonstrate the simple and abundant beauty of dahlias in their favorite vases.

Space allotted is 24" x 24". Vase to be provided by exhibitor.

Foliage and filler allowed as long as dahlias predominate. Rules of Exhibition 1, 2,, 15, 16, and 17 apply.

Each entry will be entered in a lottery for the "crystal vase" award and a gift certificate for four tubers from The GPDS.

## **DIVISION VII**

## **ARTISTIC DESIGN**

## **WILD ABOUT MOVIES**

Space allotted for each design is 24" x 24". No height restrictions.

### **Class 901 Toy Story**

A novice class, open to those who have never won a blue ribbon in a design class at a Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society show. Designer has complete freedom of design.

### **Class 902 Into the Woods**

Incorporate into the design a piece of wood that you might find on a walk in the woods.

### **Class 903 Frozen**

Designer has complete freedom of design.

### **Class 904 Man of Steel**

A line-mass arrangement.

### **Class 905 Lord of the Rings**

Use hoops, circles or rings in a design interpreting the movie.

### **Class 906 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**

Designer has complete freedom of design.

# Court Of Honor

## BEST SINGLE BLOOM IN SHOW

## BEST 3 BLOOM IN SHOW

## KING OF THE SHOW

BEST AA BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM AA  
BEST A BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM A

## QUEEN OF THE SHOW

BEST B BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM B

## PRINCE OF THE SHOW

BEST BB BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM BB

## PRINCESS OF THE SHOW

BEST MINIATURE (M) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM MINIATURE (M)  
BEST BALL (BA) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM BALL (BA)  
BEST STELLAR (ST) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM STELLAR (ST)  
BEST WATERLILY (WL) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM WATERLILY (WL)

## DUKE OF THE SHOW

BEST MINIATURE BALL (MB) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM MINIATURE BALL (MB)  
BEST POMPON (P) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM POMPON (P)

# Court Of Honor

## **DUCHESS OF THE SHOW**

BEST NOVELTY DOUBLE CENTER (NX) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM NOVELTY DOUBLE CENTER (NX)  
BEST PEONY (PE) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM PEONY (PE)  
BEST ANEMONE (AN) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM ANEMONE (AN)  
BEST NOVELTY OPEN CENTER (NO) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM NOVELTY OPEN CENTER (NO)  
BEST COLLARETTE (CO) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM COLLARETTE (CO)  
BEST ORCHID (O) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM ORCHID (O)  
BEST ORCHETTE (OT) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM ORCHETTE (OT)  
BEST SINGLE (S) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM SINGLE (S)  
BEST MIGNON SINGLE (MS) BLOOM  
BEST 3 BLOOM MIGNON SINGLE (MS)

## **TO APPROPRIATE SECTION FOR FINAL JUDGING**

BEST SMALL GROWER ENTRY FROM DIV. IV (0001-2515)  
BEST SMALL GROWER ENTRY FROM DIV. IV (3001-6115)  
BEST SMALL GROWER ENTRY FROM DIV. IV (6201-9715)  
BEST JUNIOR ENTRY FROM DIV. II  
BEST "FLOWER OF THE YEAR"

## **TO COURT OF HONOR**

LARGEST BLUE RIBBON BLOOM  
SMALLEST BLUE RIBBON BLOOM  
BEST BASKET OR CONTAINER  
BEST UNDISSEMINATED CULTIVAR

# AMERICAN DAHLIA SOCIETY

## SIZE CLASSIFICATION OF DAHLIAS

SIZE	DIAMETER
AA (Giant)	over 10 inches
A (Large)	over 8 to 10 inches
B (Medium)	over 6 to 8 inches
BB (Small)	over 4 to 6 inches
M (Miniature)	up to 4 inches
BA (Ball)	over 3.5 inches
MB (Miniature ball)	over 2 to 3.5 inches
P (Pompon)	up to 2 inches
S (Single)	over 2 inches
MS (Mignon Single)	up to 2 inches

## KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

AN	Anemone-flowering	BI	Bicolor
BA	Ball	BK	Black
C	Straight Cactus	BR	Bronze
CO	Collarette	DB	Dark Blend
FD	Formal Decorative	DP	Dark Pink
IC	Incurved Cactus	DR	Dark Red
ID	Informal Decorative	FL	Flame Blend
LC	Laciniated	L	Lavender
MB	Miniature Ball	LB	Light Blend
MS	Mignon Single	OR	Orange
NO	Novelty Open (Disc) Center	PK	Pink
NX	Novelty Double Center	PR	Purple
O	Orchid-flowering	R	Red
OT	Orchette	V	Variegated
P	Pompon	W	White
PE	Peony-flowering	Y	Yellow
S	Single		
SC	Semi-cactus		



# The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

[www.philadahlia.org](http://www.philadahlia.org)

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# The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society is a non-profit organization formed in 1948 for the purpose of stimulating interest in and promoting the culture and development of the dahlia, disseminating information relating to the dahlia, and giving public exhibitions.

We solicit the aid of all flower lovers. Further information about the Society will cheerfully be given by members in attendance at the Dahlia Show. You may also want to visit [www.philadahlia.org](http://www.philadahlia.org).

For information about membership in the Society, please contact John Edwards, 610-593-7390, 71 Village Dr, COCHRANVILLE PA 19330-9770.

Annual dues are payable by September 30 for the following year. Applicable membership rates are:

GPDS Family / Single	\$15.00
GPDS Senior (65+) / Junior (<18)	\$12.00
GPDS with ADS Single	\$39.00
GPDS with ADS Family	\$42.00
GPDS Senior/Junior with ADS Single	\$36.00
GPDS Senior/Junior with ADS Family	\$39.00

All GPDS memberships include the quarterly publication of *Dilly Dahlia...ing*.

GPDS with ADS memberships also include membership in the American Dahlia Society, which entitles the member to the quarterly ADS bulletin and the *Annual Classification and Handbook of Dahlias*.

The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society meets quarterly. March, May, and November meetings are held at Longwood Gardens. We conduct a tuber sale for the May meeting; we sell dahlia tubers at the Longwood Main Entrance. The August meeting is a pot-luck picnic at a member's home.



