



2017

The Greater Philadelphia
Dahlia Society
Annual Dahlia Show



LONGWOOD
GARDENS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

is proud to present
THE 2017 ANNUAL DAHLIA SHOW.

There's an old saying, "What a difference a year makes." This is certainly true with respect to the growing season this year compared to last. Although there have been hot spells, we have been blessed with higher than normal rainfall totals. Our dahlias are thriving and soon we will all be inundated with blooms.

I hope that you will consider entering some of your flowers in our show. Since our show dates conflict with those of the 2017 American Dahlia Society National Show in Chicago, Illinois, we expect some of our regular exhibitors to be absent. This is a great opportunity for you to fill the gaps in our classes and maybe reap a first place winner or even make the Court of Honor.

Although somewhat hectic, Saturday and Sunday are fun days for most of us. It's rewarding to see so many people involved and working together to produce a truly spectacular dahlia show. When you have a few of your blooms entered it makes the day even more exciting. So plan to come, plan to help out, but especially plan to bring some blooms!

And don't forget that The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society is fortunate to be able to present our blooms amongst the beauty of Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. If you help or enter blooms, your entrance fee is waived. The gardens are spectacular and then there are beautiful dahlias on display; what better way to spend a day or two?

Dana Miller
President, The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

Show Schedule

Friday, September 8, 2017

- 4 to 7 pm Staging

Saturday, September 9, 2017

- 6 to 10:30 am Staging

Exhibits **MUST** be ready for judging by 10:30 am. Judges should be ready for their responsibilities by 10:45 am.

- 10:45 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 10, 2017

- 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 or call 610-388-1000.

Rules of Exhibition

1. ALL EXHIBITORS must sign in at the registration table.
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, section, class number, and exhibitor's name 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 Division VI and Division VII.
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, design, and Dilly Dahlia...ing divisions. (Some baskets and vases 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, form 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. NO PACHYSANDRA, CHRYSANTHEMUM, OR BOXWOOD may be brought into Longwood Gardens.
12. THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL.
13. UNWORTHY ENTRIES. Judges will withhold award when they consider any entry unworthy.
14. TRI-COLOR will be awarded for each form where applicable and worthy.
15. 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%
16. REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS. No exhibit may be removed at any time during the show except by permission of the Show Committee.
17. 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.
18. 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, 2017.
Contact: Susan Bunkin
204 Cafferty Road, Pipersville PA 18947
215-297-8653 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. Boxwood, pachysandra and chrysanthemum may not be used.
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 8 from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday, September 9, between 6 am and 10:30 am. Exhibits must remain in place until the close of the show at 6 pm, Sunday, Sept.10, 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, 11, 16, 17 and 18 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

Single Bloom SECTION	CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS	Three Blooms SECTION
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 ONLY (AA,A,B)		
Six forms ONLY (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

SECTION FLOWER OF THE YEAR 2017
CLEARVIEW DANIEL 6002 BA Y

DIVISION I OPEN TO ALL (continued)

Basket or Container

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

Baskets may be mixed colors but must be of the same form. 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)

SECTION	CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS
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 2017 *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.

SECTION	CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS
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

DILLY DAHLIA...ING

This division allows dahlia lovers to demonstrate the simple and abundant beauty of dahlias in their favorite containers. Space allotted is 24" x 24". Container to be provided by exhibitor. Foliage and filler allowed as long as dahlias predominate. Rules of Exhibition 1, 2, 11, 16, 17 and 18 apply. Note especially that pachysandra, chrysanthemum and boxwood may not be used. Winner will be chosen in a "People's Choice" competition, voted on by visitors to the show. A ribbon will go to the winner.

DIVISION VII

ARTISTIC DESIGN

See Rules of Exhibition for Artistic Design on page 6.

Class 901 JUST HANGING AROUND

A hanging design in a standing frame 20" wide x 30" high. Frames are provided by the committee. Limited to four (4) entries.

**For Classes 902 through 906, space allotted for each is 24" x 24".
No height restrictions.**

Class 902 UP AND AWAY

A design of your choice.

Class 903 BY THE SEA...BY THE SEA

A design of your choice using shells, driftwood, etc.

Class 904 WELCOME TO MY WORLD

An arrangement for an entryway. Designer's choice of style.

Class 905 GOING 'ROUND IN CIRCLES

A design of your choice.

Class 906 JUST THE TWO OF US

A design featuring two containers.

Court Of Honor

BEST SINGLE FULLY DOUBLE BLOOM IN SHOW

BEST SINGLE OPEN CENTER BLOOM IN SHOW

BEST 3 FULLY DOUBLE BLOOM IN SHOW

BEST 3 OPEN CENTER BLOOM IN SHOW

KING OF THE SHOW

BEST AA DECORATIVE BLOOM
BEST AA CACTUS BLOOM
BEST 3 BLOOM AA
BEST A DECORATIVE BLOOM
BEST A CACTUS BLOOM
BEST 3 BLOOM A

QUEEN OF THE SHOW

BEST B DECORATIVE BLOOM
BEST B CACTUS BLOOM
BEST 3 BLOOM B

PRINCE OF THE SHOW

BEST BB DECORATIVE BLOOM
BEST BB CACTUS BLOOM
BEST 3 BLOOM BB

PRINCESS OF THE SHOW

BEST MINIATURE (M) DECORATIVE BLOOM
BEST MINIATURE (M) CACTUS 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)

Court Of Honor

DUKE OF THE SHOW

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

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

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More Information

For additional information about growing dahlias, check out:
www.philadahlia.org—the website of The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society
www.dahlia.org—the website of The American Dahlia Society
www.dahlias.net—the website of The Colorado Dahlia Society.

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.

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.

