



2021

The Greater Philadelphia
Dahlia Society
Annual Dahlia Show



LONGWOOD
GARDENS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

is proud to present
THE 2021 ANNUAL DAHLIA SHOW.

We're back! After a long "winter" that lasted a year and a half, the Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society will have a competitive show in the Longwood Gardens Ballroom this September. We are so lucky to have their support, with the wonderful location and their waiving the entrance fee for entrants and volunteers. Make sure you take the time to enjoy all Longwood has to offer while you are visiting and helping at the show.

There will be some changes, like eliminating the flower of the year this time, and temporarily replacing the judged arrangement categories with an expanded Dilly Dahlia...ing open competition. Longwood also has some special instructions due to the "Longwood Reimagined" construction, but that is easy for us to work around while we just stay excited about finally being able to compete again.

It will be a very busy and long weekend starting with Friday setup through the show and takedown on Sunday evening, but it is so worth the effort to spend the time with good friends, beautiful blooms and a spectacular setting. I personally believe that a lot is added to a show like this when veterans and amateurs (like me!) comb their gardens for lovely examples and bring them in. So even if you were "just" volunteering to help, and we so appreciate that effort, bring in some blooms, too.

Let's get involved, have fun, take lots of pictures, share beauty and friendship and have a great comeback show!

Beth MacMillan
President, The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

Show Schedule

Friday, September 10, 2021

- 12 to 2 pm Set up
- 2 to 9 pm Staging

Saturday, September 11, 2021

- 6 to 10:00 am Staging

Exhibits **MUST** be ready for judging by 10:00 am.

Judges should be ready for their responsibilities by 10:15 am.

- 10:15 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 9 pm Show open to public
- 8:15 pm Illuminated Fountain Show

Sunday, September 12, 2021

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

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 —

409 Conservatory Road, Kennett Square PA

For the main entrance —

1001 Longwood Road, Kennett Square PA

Information for Exhibitors, Judges and Members

All exhibitors, judges, and members must initially enter Longwood Gardens via the Business Entrance in order to avoid paying the Gardens entrance fee. The Business Entrance is located on Conservatory Road. Due to the on-going construction project, signs will direct you to the left (instead of the usual right). You will be directed via a round-about route to the usual staging area on the Music Room patio. Longwood students will assist with unloading your car.

At the staging area, sign in and receive your wrist band. Since there is no parking near the staging area, immediately move your car to the main entrance parking lot. Use your wrist band to re-enter Longwood Gardens via the Visitor Center.

Note: There will be a few handicap parking spaces near the staging area. Contact Wes Bowers before the show to arrange handicap parking.

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

If you need additional information, have any questions about how to get to Longwood Gardens, or for any emergency, please call Wes Bowers at 610-314-1528. Wes can also be reached at wesleybowers@msn.com or 101 Mill Top Drive, Kennett Square PA 19348.

For more information about Longwood Gardens, 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. PACHYSANDRA, CHRYSANTHEMUM, BOXWOOD, and FRAGRANT SWEET BOX may NOT be brought in to 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.

DIVISION I OPEN TO ALL

Single Bloom SECTION	CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS	Three Blooms SECTION
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Section AA	0001-0515	3 AA
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Section A	1001-1515	3 A
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Section B	2001-2515	3 B
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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
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Section M	4001-4515	3 M
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Section BA	6001-6015	3 BA
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Section MB	6101-6115	3 MB
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Section P	6201-6215	3 P
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Section ST	7001-7015	3 ST
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Section WL	7301-7315	3 WL
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Section NX	7601-7615	3 NX
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Section PE	8001-8015	3 PE
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Section AN	8201-8215	3 AN
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Section NO	8601-8615	3 NO
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Section CO	9001-9015	3 CO
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Section O	9201-9215	3 O
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Section OT	9401-9415	3 OT
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Section S	9601-9615	3 S
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Section MS	9701-9715	3 MS
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Section Micro	{ 5001-5515	3 Micro
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7101-7115

7401-7415

7701-7715

8101-8115

8301-8315

8701-8715

9101-9115

9301-9315

9501-9515}

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	5001-5515	MC
		6201-6215	P
		7101-7115	MST
		7401-7415	MWL
		7601-9715	NX,MNX,PE, MPE, AN, MAN, NO, MNO, CO, MCO, O, MO, OT, MOT, 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,NX	One bloom 6201-6215, 7001-7015, 7301-7315, 7601-7615
Section 5 All others	One bloom 5001-5515, 7101-7115, 7401-7415, 7701-9715

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 current edition of the American Dahlia Society's *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. The best entry of each section receives a Rosette and goes to the Court of Honor.

SECTION	CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS
Section I	
AA and 3AA	0001-0515
A and 3A	1001-1515
B and 3B	2001-2515
Section II	
BB and 3BB	3001-3515
M and 3M	4001-4515
BA and 3BA	6001-6015
MB and 3MB	6101-6115
P and 3P	6201-6215
Section III	
ST and 3ST	7001-7015
WL and 3WL	7301-7315
NX and 3NX	7601-7615
Section IV	
MC and 3MC	5001-5515
MST and 3MST	7101-7115
MWL and 3MWL	7401-7415
MNX and 3MNX	7701-7715
PE and 3PE	8001-8015
MPE and 3MPE	8101-8115
AN and 3AN	8201-8215
MAN and 3MAN	8301-8315
NO and 3NO	8601-8615
MNO and 3MNO	8701-8715
CO and 3CO	9001-9015
MCO and 3MCO	9101-9115
O and 3O	9201-9215
MO and 3 MO	9301-9315
OT and 3OT	9401-9415
MOT and 3MOT	9501-9515
S and 3S	9601-9615
MS and 3MS	9701-9715

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.

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, fragrant sweet box, and boxwood may not be used.

The winner of each section will be chosen in a "People's Choice" competition, voted on by visitors to the show. A ribbon will go to each of the winners.

Section 1 TINY TREASURE

A small design of your choice. Not to exceed 15" in any direction.

Section 2. FESTIVE FALL HOLIDAYS

A design of your choice reflecting Halloween or Thanksgiving. Space allotted is 24" x 24". No height restrictions.

Section 3. ANYTHING GOES

A design of your choice. Space allotted is 24" x 24". No height restrictions.

Court Of Honor

BEST SINGLE FULLY DOUBLE BLOOM IN SHOW

BEST 3 FULLY DOUBLE BLOOM IN SHOW

BEST SINGLE OPEN CENTER 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)

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)
BEST MICRO BLOOM
BEST 3 BLOOM MICRO

TO APPROPRIATE SECTION FOR FINAL JUDGING

BEST SMALL GROWER ENTRY FROM DIV. IV (0001-2515)
BEST SMALL GROWER ENTRY FROM DIV. IV (3001-6215)
BEST SMALL GROWER ENTRY FROM DIV. IV (7001-7715)
BEST SMALL GROWER ENTRY FROM DIV. IV (8001-9715)
BEST JUNIOR ENTRY FROM DIV. II

TO COURT OF HONOR

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

The Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

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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.dahliaaddict.com—a list of varieties with suppliers

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 Rick Lazarick, 8 Blackwood Dr, EWING NJ 08628-2601, ricklazarick@gmail.com, 609-433-1793.

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.

