



51st Annual National Show of the American Dahlia Society

Hosted by the Central States Dahlia Society and the Midwest Dahlia Conference

September 7 – 11, 2017

When most of us look out the window, we see the first signs of spring. Indeed for many of us, another dahlia cycle has already started . waking up our tubers and propagating additional plants. Soon the local plant sales will occur and, shortly thereafter, the plants and stakes will appear in our gardens. Shortly after that, our neighbors will arrive to take a look at this year's beautiful crop of our favorite flower. As always, towards the end of the growing season, the annual ADS National Show will be held. Members of the Central States Dahlia Society (CSDS) have designed an exciting program for the 2017 Show. What follows is a detailed description of all the events. Also included is the show registration form. Additional details and the Show Schedule can be found on the CSDS website, centralstatesdahliasociety.com. Have a great growing season. We look forward to hosting you in September.

Dan Kaplan, Events Chairman

Jim Kassner and Jerry Landerholm, Exhibitor Co-Chairmen

2017 National Dahlia Show Committee

PROGRAM UPDATES SINCE MARCH BULLETIN ARTICLE

There have been a few changes to the 2017 National Show program since we went to press in the March ADS Bulletin. These changes are highlighted here for your convenient reference. The detailed program description and registration form have been revised to reflect these changes.

The destination for Tour #2 on Sunday afternoon has been changed. The tour will now take us to visit Steve Meggosqgarden at his home in Carpentersville, IL. Many of you know that Steve has been an avid dahlia grower for over 30 years. He has commercialized thirteen dahlia varieties. Amazingly, he has 279 (count ~~em~~!) two- to four-year seedlings available for viewing. In addition to viewing his fabulous garden, you will have a chance pick Steve's brain and get answers to your questions as well as picking up some valuable tips to make your dahlia garden thrive. The bus coach will leave the Renaissance Hotel at 1:30 PM. We will return to the hotel by 6 PM. In addition to the fantastic floral display, we will enjoy a picnic lunch in Steve's garden. Including the lunch, the cost of this tour is \$25.

The American Dahlia Society and Midwest Dahlia Conference portion of the agenda for Saturday afternoon has been finalized. The session will start with the ADS Dahlia Judging Seminar and the Midwest Dahlia Conference Annual Meeting. These will be followed by reports concerning the ADS Genome Project and the Washington State University Dahlia Virus Research Project. Kristine Albrecht will introduce the Genome Project and provide some history. Professor Hanu Pappu, Washington State University, will present on dahlia virus research and the National Science Foundation Grant for the Genome Project. All sessions will be held in the Chicago Botanic Garden's Auditorium in the Regenstein Center. The public is welcome to attend.

HOTEL REGISTRATION

The North Shore Renaissance Hotel in Northbrook, Illinois, is the preferred lodging venue for guests traveling from outside the Chicago area. A special rate of \$114 has been negotiated for people attending the Show. You must reserve no later than August 17, 2017 to take advantage of this rate. Please note that there are a limited number of rooms available at the show rate for Thursday and Sunday nights. Simply cut and paste the link below to reach a customized web page with the code already entered in the appropriate field. All you need to do is enter your arrival and departure dates to begin the reservation process. <http://cwp.marriott.com/chinb/centralstatesdahlia/>. The hotel will be providing shuttle service to the show venue at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Additional information about the hotel, transportation from O'Hare airport, and local restaurants can be found on centralstatesdahliasociety.com and select "Hotel Registration."

SHOW REGISTRATION PACKETS

Show registration packets will be available at the Renaissance Hotel for guests who are staying there. Other guests can pick up their packets during set-up hours and show hours at the registration desk outside the show hall at the Chicago Botanic Garden. All registered guests will receive two vouchers. One entitles them to a tram tour of the

Chicago Botanic Garden. The second admits them to the Garden's model railroad garden exhibit.

ENTRANCE TO THE CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

The Botanic Garden management has agreed to waive the parking fee for registered participants. If you wish to drive to the Garden, please inform the parking attendant that you are participating in the dahlia show.

BLOOM STORAGE AND STAGING

For those of you who will be arriving on Thursday or Friday and wish to store your blooms, we have made arrangements to use the Chicago Botanic Garden's cold room. You can gain access to this storage facility between 3 and 10 PM on Thursday and again all day on Friday starting from 6 AM. Bring your blooms to the exhibition area and a member of the CSDS will direct you to the cold storage facility.

The exhibition area will be open starting at 6 PM on Friday for exhibitors to stage their blooms. Staging can be done at any time during Friday night. However, exhibitors must complete the staging of blooms and arrangements before 9 AM on Saturday when the judging will begin.

EXHIBITION INFORMATION

Regulations for displaying blooms and dahlia arrangements can be found in the Show Schedule on the CSDS website centralstatesdahliasociety.com and select "Show Schedule."

The rules for the Photographic Competition are in the Show Schedule. Please note that you do NOT have to register for the show in order to enter your photographs. Entries should be properly identified and timely mailed to Mr. Frederick Brill, 1762 Azalea Place, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Exhibitors who wish to have their photos returned may pick them up at the close of the show on Sunday at 5 PM. Photos not picked up on Sunday will become CSDS property subject to any use we wish to make of them including their sale for fundraising.

DAHLIA BOUTIQUE

CSDS members will operate a dahlia boutique in the Garden's Pullman Room. A wide variety of arts and crafts will be available for sale at very reasonable prices. Many of these items will have a dahlia theme and will make great additions to your collection or gifts for the holidays. The boutique will be open to the public from 10 AM to 4 PM on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

8 PM . 10 PM Guests who choose the full registration option are invited to join us at the Renaissance Hotel for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

Tour #1 . Today's tour will take us to the Milwaukee, WI area. First, we will visit the S.C. Johnson Company headquarters in Racine, WI. The main attractions are two Frank Lloyd Wright-designed buildings: the Research Tower, which was extensively restored in 2013, and the Administration Building which is celebrated as one of the Top 25 buildings of the 20th century. The tour continues to Milwaukee's, more than 100-year old, world-renown Mader's German restaurant. Long gone are the original 3-cent beers and the 20-cent dinners, but an extensive buffet awaits us. Before returning to the hotel, we will stop at the Jelly Belly factory where we will ride the Jelly Belly Express Train through the warehouse and see how these treats are manufactured. The tour will depart from the Renaissance Hotel at 9 AM and will return about 5 PM. The cost for this tour is \$35 per person.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

The big day has finally arrived !!

9 AM . 9:30 AM	Instructions to judges and clerks in the exhibition area
9:30 AM . noon	Judging of entries
Noon . 5 PM	Exhibition areas in Burnstein Hall, Nichols Hall, and Greenhouse Gallery are open to the public.
Noon . 2 PM	A box lunch will be served to registrants on the Chicago Botanic Garden's outdoor McGinley Pavilion. The lunch is included in the registration fee. When completing your registration form, please indicate your choice of the following options: grilled flank, steak, herb-roasted turkey, breast, or grilled Portobello mushroom.
Noon . 5 PM	Tram tours of Garden available. Included in the registration fee.
1:30 PM . 2:15	ADS dahlia judging seminar in the Auditorium.
2:15 PM . 2:45	Annual meeting of the Midwest Dahlia Conference will be conducted in the Auditorium.
2:45 PM . 4:30	ADS technical seminars concerning the ADS Genome Project and the Washington State University Dahlia Virus Research Project. Kristine Albrecht will introduce the Genome Project and provide

some history. Professor Hanu Pappu, Washington State University, will present on dahlia virus research and the National Science Foundation Grant for the Genome Project. All sessions will be held in the Chicago Botanic Garden's Auditorium in the Regenstein Center. The public is welcome to attend.

6 PM . 7 PM Cocktail hour at the Renaissance Hotel. A cash bar will be available during the cocktail hour as well as during the banquet which follows.

7 PM . 10 PM Banquet and presentation of awards. Choices for your entrée are: sirloin steak, chicken reggiano, seared grouper, or steamed vegetables and pasta. If you have a special dietary requirement, please indicate that on the registration form, and we will contact you so that we can accommodate your need.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

8 AM . 9 AM ADS Classification Committee Meeting at the Renaissance Hotel

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10 AM . 5 PM Exhibition areas in Burnstein Hall, Nichols Hall, and Greenhouse Gallery are open to the public.

Noon . 5 PM Tram tours of Garden available. Included in the registration fee.

5 PM Show closes and blooms are available for sale to the public.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

Tour #3 . For those who wish to stay over and do a little sightseeing in Chicago, we have arranged a tour to the downtown area. The first stop will be at Navy Pier, the single-biggest tourist attraction in Chicago. You can choose to ride the recently enlarged Ferris wheel, shop for a souvenir of your Chicago visit, or merely stroll along

the pier and enjoy the views of Lake Michigan and the Chicago skyline. You may decide to enjoy lunch at one of the many restaurants. At 1 PM, we are booked to take a cruise on Lake Michigan. After the cruise, the bus coach will take us to Millennium Park where you will have 1½ hours to explore at your leisure. Anish Kapoor's famous sculpture called Cloud Gate, but known to Chicagoans as "The Bean," the Frank Gehry designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion and BP Bridge, and the Lurie Garden are some of the major attractions. The tour will leave from the Renaissance Hotel at 10 AM and return by 5 PM. The cost for this tour is \$25 per person.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Please contact us at centralstatesdahliasociety@gmail.com if you need any additional information.