

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF OHIO

Minutes of the March 15, 2019, Meeting

Introduction: 23 members attended. President Jerry Moreno welcomed all including a new member, Pat Spicuzza, his son-in-law. He provided free copies of several past Puget Sound *Dahlias of Today* publications while Randy and Kathy Foith took orders for the new 2019 DOT, price \$12. He also thanked Pat Sadataki, Sharon Swaney and Kathy Foith for providing refreshments. Jerry announced that the Board decided not to have a Flower of the Year at this year's local show as that section has not been well populated the past few years. Finally, Jerry congratulated Nancy Riopelle for winning eight of the 36 awards in the 2018 ADS Photo Contest: <https://dahlia.org/news/photo-contest/>.

Treasurer: Given that long time society treasurer, Sharon Swaney, wanted to retire, Rob Swaney nominated and Dave Cap seconded Anna Kandra for the position. Motion passed without objection. Anna reported that our checking account balance is \$7,340 with \$848 in the Memorial Fund, which is enough for us to give a scholarship. She reported that there is \$12,742 in the money market fund. At present we have 83 members, 43 also belonging to the ADS.

Membership: Chair Nancy Riopelle sent Jerry a report that DSO has 86 individual members.

Corresponding Secretary: MaryAnn Moreno told Jerry that 36 Digests were postal mailed in March.

Holden Flower & Garden Representative: Barbara Hosta reported that the Affiliates Day meeting is April 11 and will feature a program by Lisa Ward of Pot & Box about a fascinating Detroit project. Read more about it and register here if the bulletin arrives before April 11: <http://www.cb garden.org/support/affiliated-garden-clubs/affiliate-bulletin-board.aspx>. Barbara also mentioned that HB&G is asking its Affiliates to vote for one of four themes for their 2019 GLOW program. We chose option #3: Winter's Palette - Sights and Sounds of the Forest and Garden. Barbara will submit our vote. We hope to decorate a wreath for this year's GLOW.

Library: New members especially should be aware that the society has a library of books and DVDs that may help them in learning more about how to grow and show dahlias. She agreed to provide a list of library books and disks she has for members to borrow. She generally brings all the disks to meetings.

Refreshments: Let Pat Sadataki know if you will join Marilyn Weber in bringing refreshments for the April meeting.

Root Sales: Dave Cap reported that our first tuber sale will be from 9 to 3 on April 13 at Petitti's Oakwood. Please let Dave or Jerry know if you have tubers to donate to the sale. Please make sure your tubers are clean, correctly identified by name, size, form, and color. They will pick them up from you if you are not able to make the sale.

Propagation: Mike Weber reported that about 200 tubers have been started at Willoway Nursery. A few have shown signs of growth. Cuttings will be taken. Jim Thompson was given seeds from species dahlias from Mexico to start as part of the Genome Project. He reported about half of the 40 or so seeds have germinated. He also mentioned that Angelo Petitti has offered to have DSO tour his 27 acres of plants at the Columbia Station site. The membership expressed interest. Jim and Jerry will choose a date sometime in late April or early May. Jim also provided many plant tags to take.

Midwest Show: It is right for societies in the Midwest Conference to support whoever is hosting the Midwest Show. Jim Thompson moved that DSO donate \$300 to the West Michigan DS, host of this year's Midwest show. Mike Weber seconded. Motion passed without objection.

Virus Brochure: Randy Foith asked if DSO was interested in joining the Mahoning Valley DS and the Greater Columbus DS in printing color copies of the new virus brochure. The membership was in favor. Details will be worked out between Randy and Jerry. Estimated cost is \$180 for 500 copies.

Judging Seminar: Randy also mentioned that there will be a judging seminar at the Bonneville TG in Elkhart on August.

DSO Picnic: Debbie Findlay, who is coordinating the picnic, asked what date members would prefer for the picnic. She will contact the Moebius Nature Center to see what dates are available. (It was later decided that the picnic will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3, as reported in the *Digest*.)

New Introductions: Barbara Hosta showed the ADS New Introductions for 2019.