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**MARCH 20
MEETING**
7:30 p.m.
Busch Community Room
7501 Ridge Road, Parma
Just south of Pleasant Valley Road

SUE CINDRIC
Eagle Creek Garden Center
Integrated Pest Management

Also, NEW INTRODUCTIONS

President's Notes

Folks,

According to the calendar, Mother Nature should soon be loosening her grip on our wintery weather. Warmer days are ahead!

Don't forget to start "waking up" your tubers. With our annual DSO tuber sale scheduled for April along with our sales at Pettiti's that same month, we are going to need tubers from our membership to again make these events successful. We'll gladly start accepting tubers at this month's meeting. Please make sure the tubers are clean and correctly identified with name and classification. Thanks.

We've started our propagation project at Willoway Nursery again this year with approximately 120 tubers in our first planting; a second will start soon. Thanks to Tom Demaline for allocating space at the greenhouse for us and thanks to Doc Hemminger for his help in starting this project.

Looks as though DSO will be hosting the 2010 Midwest Show at the Independence Holiday Inn. Through the hard work of Jerry Moreno, who has spent numerous hours in researching possible sites, we've come up with what we think will be a good venue for the show. Further info to follow. Thanks Jerry!

That's it for now. Looking forward to seeing you all at the March meeting. Bring any questions or problems to the meeting and we'll see if we can help you.

Mike



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PROGRAMS for 2009

Refreshments for March:
Barbara Hosta



March 20	New Intros; Pest Management
April 17	DSO Annual Tuber Auction
May 15	DSO Annual Plant Auction
June 19	Demo on Container Gardening
July 17	Speaker tba
August	Combined tour/picnic
October 16	Speaker tba
November 20	Photo Contest; Speaker tba
December 5	Holiday Dinner Meeting



NOTES

- The site for DSO hosting the Midwest Conference Dahlia Show for 2010 is the Holiday Inn in Independence located at the Rockside Road exit of I77. The show and Court, artistic design, photography, boutique, maybe even container gardening (!) as well as the luncheon and banquet and the Midwest Business meeting will all be together in their ballroom. Having everything in proximity makes for a terrific event. As needs arise both this year and next year for sure, please be open to giving a couple hours of your time to making the show a great success. The Midwest Conference show this summer is in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Don't forget that our DSO Flower of the Year for 2009 is **VALLEY PORCUPINE**. Please bring any extra tubers of this variety to the March meeting so that we can take cuttings and make plants available at our plant sale in May. It would be terrific to have lots of entries at our Parmentown Show in September. Thanks.

DATES to KEEP IN MIND
TUBER SALES/AUCTIONS

*Important
DATE!*

PETTITI's OAKWOOD	APRIL 25	10:00 to 4:00
PETTITI's AVON	APRIL 26	10:00 to 4:00
HOLDEN	MAY 1, 2, 3	10:00 to 4:00
ROCKEFELLER	MAY 15, 16, 17	10:00 to 4:00

Please let Dave Cap know when you will be able to spend a couple hours to help your DSO sell tubers. We need everyone to donate a little time.



CAN YOU NAME THESE DAHLIAS?



SHOW DATES for 2009

- 1. Cuyahoga County Fair...August 15-16**
- 2. Mahoning Valley DS...August 21-23**
- 3. Midwest (Grand Rapids).August 28-30**
- 4. Geauga County Fair...September 4-6**
- 5. Columbus DS...September 5-6**
- 6. DSO.,...September 11-13**
- 7. Pittsburgh...September 18-20**
- 8. East Liverpool...September 26-27**
- 9. Pettiti's Oakwood...October 3-4**

Was your New Year's Resolution to enter a show this year—even with just one bloom? Good for you! We are looking forward to see-

The JUDGE's Corner

Ron Miner baronminer@aol.com

Another season is approaching and I am ready! Well, I guess I'm ready in spirit at least. The garden, the tubers, the pots, the lights, the basement still need "a little" attention. Some of you no doubt have many of those things already behind you.

There is one more thing I would like to encourage you to add to your dahlia to-do list – that is the Judging Manual. For you judges out there, it will be a revisiting process; but for some, it will be a first look. While it is not necessarily the first step in becoming an official ADS judge, reading the manual is an important early step. The DSO needs new judges; why not give it a try? You will find that the process of becoming a judge will be a very enjoyable learning experience. You will have the opportunity to interact with knowledgeable, capable growers with lots of useful experiences to share. You will learn the characteristics that make some show entries head table candidates and others destined for the back of the show table. You will have the opportunity to interact with internationally known experts at regional and national shows. You will have some added responsibilities, but the rewards in knowledge, experience, and friends make the effort very worthwhile. It is an easy and enjoyable process, please join us as a candidate judge this year! Send me an email message to let me know that you are interested.

Last spring, I tried to distribute seedlings that would become entries in a judging experiment and seminar at the Pettiti show. If anyone got those seedlings to

grow, you had better success than I did. I got zero germination and imagine that I had the trays too wet. In any case, I would like you to reserve a few spaces in your garden for the experiment again this year. My standard dahlia mindset says, as usual, that next year will be better!

Last year I planted Norma Wills, Pooh, Alpen



Cherub, and Marie Schnugg in proximity with one of the original species dahlias, *D sorensenii* hoping for some healthy cross pollination. I've gathered seeds from the former dahlias. Depending on the timing of the meetings

and our return to Cleveland, I will distribute either small plants or the seeds to those of you who are interested. We will target a special section of our Pettiti show for whatever first year, open-centered seedlings are produced. As many of you know, the open-centered cultivars tend to produce a lot of seeds—now let's hope I can get some to germinate!

By the way, I wrote an article for the ADS March Bulletin that discusses a rather interesting feature that occurred on a seedling I grew from *D sorensenii* last year, "Hairy Stems." Watch for the article. This unusual stem feature could produce some very interesting seedlings in our experiment. I hope that you will join the fun; become a judge; grow some of these seedlings; perhaps you will get a successful one that you can name! Wouldn't that be neat?

I have a belated new year's resolution for you, not to be broken.

Repeat after me:

“To promote the dahlia, I've shared my dahlias with others and have enjoyed their beauty in my garden, but I have never/seldom entered a bloom in a show and this year I'm going to do it!”

Great! I really do hope that you are wanting to expand your appreciation and promotion of the dahlia by sharing your efforts with the



general public by entering a show, any of the shows, all of the shows, but at least one—preferably the Parmatown Show. Make that a goal for this year. You'll have

lots of support and colleagues to help you. Is that a promise? Terrific!! See you at the Cuyahoga Fair Show, Geauga Fair Show, Mahoning Valley, or our own Parmatown or Pettiti's shows.

Jerry

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