

DAHLIA SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

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2023

State Dahlia Show

MOUNT WAVERLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley
Corner Stephensons Road & Miller Crescent
(Opposite Mount Waverley Railway Station)

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 10.00 am - 3.30 pm

Admission \$5.00 Concession Card \$2.00 Children Free

Joint Show Managers

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NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS

Read the schedule carefully and ask questions if you don't understand. **Pages 3 and 4** will help you understand what each schedule item requires.

Make a checklist of your entries for packing and staging on the show bench.

Pack blooms carefully to avoid damage during transportation to the show.

Allow plenty of time for staging. Don't forget your tools for cutting stems and shaping floral foam, a pen for writing labels and any other items that you will require. There will be tools available if you need something.

Floral foam and **exhibition vases** are provided. Exhibitors must provide their own baskets, bowls or containers for entries in the Just For Fun, Display and Container Sections

On arrival collect your list of entries and pack of exhibitor cards at the entry to the Craft Room. Each **exhibitor card** includes the number and title of the schedule item, the bench place for your entry and space to list the blooms.

Find an area in the Craft Room to prepare exhibits. Use bins to discard waste.

Place your exhibits on the show bench with the exhibitor cards. Check that they comply with the schedule and are in the right place.

Ensure that the card lists the **dahlia types and names** where required (and where possible if not required, for the benefit of the public and other growers).

In schedule items where multiple types are called for, exhibitors are expected to name the blooms and also identify the dahlia types.

Try to leave enough time to do a final check of your entries so everything is "just right" before leaving the hall at judging time.

Experienced growers are usually available to give advice and help.

Exhibitors and volunteers are entitled to **morning tea** and **lunch** when the hall is closed for judging – served in the Meeting Room off the Craft Room.

When the show opens don't hesitate to ask questions of a judge, steward or show manager.

Rules for **Photographic Entries** are on page 16

See the full **Show Conditions of Entry** on page 17

Congratulations on your contribution to the show. **Remember to enjoy it all!**

HOW TO ENTER

Dahlia and Photographic Entries to:

PAM ALBUTT

By email to **pam.albutt@hotmail.com**
with your name, phone, and entry numbers
or telephone **0409 121 767**

Multiple entries are encouraged in all schedule items.

All Entries Close 7.00pm Thursday 23 February 2023

TIMELINE

Staging of Exhibits	6.00 pm Friday (Continues all night)
Staging Concludes	10.00 am Saturday (Display section excluded)
Judging Commences	10.00 am Saturday
Display Staging Concludes	11.00 am Saturday (Items 64 to 66)
Show Opens	1.00 pm Saturday
Awards Dinner	6.00 pm Saturday (Bookings taken on the day)
Official Closing	3.30 pm Sunday

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DEFINITIONS

Type – Types define the standards used in judging. Consult the Society's website or the Standards and Judging Rules of the Dahlia booklet for the standards for each type.

- The types are Formal Decorative, Informal Decorative, Semi-Decorative, Cactus, Semi-Cactus, Waterlily, Ball, Exhibition, Fimbriated, Collerette, Anemone, Stellar, Orchid, Peony and Single and Pompon.
- Entries for Decorative schedule items can contain Formal, Informal or Semi-Decorative types.
- Entries for Cactus schedule items can contain Cactus or Semi-cactus types.
- Any variety not conforming to any of the standards for the types above is deemed Miscellaneous. Miscellaneous types are judged on Form, Arrangement, Condition and Freshness (also see the type standards).
- Miscellaneous types can be entered and staged in schedule items that permit them or in the Garden Display Section.

Variety – A distinct cultivar, usually named. *Embrace, Jan Lennon, Karras 150* are different varieties of dahlias.

- Where three (3) blooms are called for in one vase, they must be the same variety, unless otherwise stated.

Size – Miniature, Small, Medium, Large or Giant relate to specific sizes of dahlias. See page 4 for the allowable sizes for each type.

Show bloom – An individual flower head.

A bi-colour bloom has two clearly defined and sharply changing colours on the face of the florets forming a regular pattern.

A blended bloom has two or more colours that merge gradually to intermingle but are distinguishable from two metres.

Seedling – Seedlings are plants grown from seed

- A seedling may be in the seedling class for 3 years and then named.
- Any Seedling or New Cultivar exhibited in the Open Section that wins a Trophy or a Blue Ribbon must be named.
- Miscellaneous dahlia seedlings can be entered in the seedling section for assessment.

A container can contain any number of stems unless otherwise stated.

A pot means a growing plant/s in a growing medium contained in a pot.

SIZE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR DAHLIA SHOWING

The Judging Standards incorporate the following size definitions:

- Giant 260mm and over
- Large 210mm and under 260mm
- Medium 160mm and under 210mm
- Small 120mm and under 160mm
- Miniature under 120mm

Formal Decorative, Informal Decorative, Semi-Decorative, Cactus, Semi-Cactus, Exhibition Cactus and Fimbriated dahlias come in any of the above sizes.

Ball dahlias come in the following sizes above:

- Small
- Miniature

Waterlily, Collerette, Anemone, Stellar, Orchid, Peony, and Single type dahlias should be under 160mm.

Pompon dahlias should be under 50mm

EXHIBITOR SECTIONS

The **Home Gardener Section** is for newcomers who grow a few dahlias.

A **Novice exhibitor** may remain in the Novice Section until they have won the Victorian Novice Championship.

An **Intermediate exhibitor** may remain in the Intermediate Section until they have won the Victorian Intermediate Championship three times providing, they have not won any Open Championship at the State Show.

The **Open Section** is open to **all exhibitors**, except where stated.

The Show Committee reserves the right to assign an exhibitor to an appropriate section it considers consistent with the exhibitor's experience

EXHIBITORS SHOULD CAREFULLY READ THE CONDITIONS AND DEFINITIONS FOR THIS SHOW AS PRINTED IN THIS SCHEDULE

SHOW TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A Gold Ribbon may be awarded to the Best Dahlia Exhibit in the show.

Blue Ribbons may be awarded for:

- Best dahlia over 160mm
- Best Vase of dahlias
- Best dahlia under 160mm, staged singly.

The following may be awarded:

- **DSV Gold Medal** may be awarded to the best multiple vase exhibit in the dahlia section if deemed by the judges to be of exceptional merit.
- Bob Trotter Silver Medal
- RHSV SS McKay Silver Medal
- RHSV Medal
- DSV President's Trophy
- DSV Award of Merit Cards may be presented in each Type/Size.
- Rosettes, Ribbons or Ribbonettes for the best entry in a schedule item or set of schedule items.

Exhibits staged in the Seedling Section are only eligible for the following awards:

- Seedling certificates will be awarded to blooms gaining 80 points or more
- The highest pointed seedling over 80 points will be awarded the Perpetual Kiwi Trophy.

DSV GOLD SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Mr. Bob Trotter (Dec.), Mr. Les Lawson, Mr. Frank Turton (Dec.),
Mr. Bob Yeomans, Mrs. Joy Lawson, Mrs. Fran Grylls, Mr. Dwight King

DSV LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. L. Lawson, Mr. H. Sedgewick, Mr. R. Yeomans, Mrs. J. Lawson,
Mr. C. Michalopoulos, Mrs. F. Grylls, Mr. J. Clery, Mr. D. King

OPEN SECTION

- 1. The Victorian Dahlia Championship** (*The Bob & Emily Trotter Memorial*)
5 blooms over 160mm, staged singly
4 vases of 3 blooms under 160mm
Must include Large or Giant and Medium blooms
Complete exhibit to include at least 4 types
Exhibitors MUST identify each bloom type and name each variety
1st \$150 plus Ribbon and the Bob Trotter Silver Medal, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$45
Sponsored by Pam and Les Albutt
- 2. The Victorian Reserve Championship** (*The George Harding Memorial*)
3 blooms over 160mm, staged singly
3 vases of 3 blooms under 160mm
Complete exhibit to include at least 3 types
Exhibitors MUST identify each bloom type and name each variety
1st \$75 plus Ribbon and RHSV SS McKay Silver Medal, 2nd \$40
- 3. Growers under 200 plants Championship** (*The Eric Paynter Memorial*)
For exhibitors growing less than 200 plants
4 vases of Exhibitor's choice - 4 different varieties
If under 160mm, 3 blooms to the vase
If over 160mm, 1 bloom to the vase
1st \$40 and Ribbon, 2nd \$20
- 4. Growers under 100 plants Championship** (*The Jim Robertson Memorial*)
For exhibitors growing less than 100 plants
4 vases of Exhibitors choice – 4 different varieties
If under 160mm, 3 blooms to the vase
If over 160mm, 1 bloom to the vase
1st \$40 and Ribbon, 2nd \$20

OPEN SECTION (continued)

5. **The Nine Dahlia Bloom Championship** (*The Gladys Johns Memorial*)

9 blooms, staged singly

Complete exhibit to contain at least 6 types

Exhibitors MUST identify each bloom type and name each variety.

1st \$40, Trophy and Ribbon, 2nd \$20

Sponsored by Bill McDonald

6. **The Pompon Dahlia Championship**

(The Frank and Eunice Turton Memorial Championship)

4 vases of 3 blooms, at least 2 varieties

1st \$40 and Ribbon, 2nd \$20

Sponsored by The Daughters of Frank and Eunice Turton

7. **The One Type Challenge**

Exhibitor's choice of Anemone, Collerette, Orchid or Waterlily

1 vase of 3 blooms and 3 blooms staged singly, all of one type, one or more varieties

1st \$40 and Ribbon, 2nd \$20

Sponsored by Deb and Barry Collett

8. **The One Colour Challenge**

Exhibitor's own choice of colour

1 dahlia over 160mm, 1 vase of 3 blooms under 160mm

1st \$20 and Ribbon, 2nd \$1

OPEN SECTION (continued)

The following three items are open only for those growers who have **not** previously won the Open Dahlia Championships Items 1 or 2.

9. **The Win Robertson Memorial Championship**

3 blooms over 160mm staged singly

3 vases of 3 blooms under 160mm

Complete exhibit to include at least 3 types

1st \$50 and Ribbon, 2nd \$25

Sponsored by Fran and Rod Grylls

10. **The Six Dahlia Bloom Challenge**

6 blooms, staged singly

Complete exhibit to include at least 3 types

1st \$40 and Ribbon, 2nd \$20

11. **The Under 160mm Challenge**

2 vases of 3 blooms under 160mm

3 blooms under 160mm, staged singly

1st \$40 and Ribbon, 2nd \$20

OPEN SECTION (continued)

Ribbonette Winners in the following items contest the Single Dahlia Bloom Dwight King Challenge

1st \$40, Ribbon and RHSV Trophy Medal

12. Giant or Large decorative dahlia

13. 1 Medium decorative dahlia

14. 1 Small decorative dahlia

15. 1 Miniature decorative dahlia

Best decorative dahlia of items 12 to 15, \$5 and Ribbonette

16. 1 Giant or Large cactus dahlia

17. 1 Medium cactus dahlia

18. 1 Small cactus dahlia

19. 1 Miniature cactus dahlia

Best cactus dahlia of items 16 to 19, \$5 and Ribbonette

20. 1 Giant, Large, Medium or Small fimbriated dahlia

Best fimbriated dahlia, \$5 and Ribbonette

21. 1 Waterlily dahlia

Best waterlily dahlia, \$5 and Ribbonette

22. 1 Small or Miniature Ball dahlia

Best ball dahlia, \$5 and Ribbonette

23. 1 Any other type of dahlia

Best other types of dahlias, \$5 and Ribbonette

OPEN SECTION (continued)

Ribbonette Winners in the following items will contest the Triple Dahlia Bloom John Menzel Challenge

1st \$40, Ribbon

24. 1 vase Decorative dahlias over 160mm, 3 blooms, 1 variety

25. 1 vase Small decorative dahlias, 3 blooms, 1 variety

26. 1 vase Miniature decorative dahlia, 3 blooms, 1 variety

Best vase of items 24 to 26, \$5 and Ribbonette

27. 1 vase Cactus dahlias over 160mm, 3 blooms, 1 variety

28. 1 vase Small cactus dahlia, 3 blooms, 1 variety

29. 1 vase Miniature cactus dahlias, 3 blooms, 1 variety

Best vase of items 27 to 29, \$5 and Ribbonette

30. 1 vase Fimbriated dahlias, 3 blooms, 1 variety

Best vase, \$5 and Ribbonette

31. 1 vase Pompon dahlias, 3 blooms, 1 variety

Best vase, \$5 and Ribbonette

32. 1 vase Waterlily dahlias, 3 blooms, 1 variety

Best vase, \$5 and Ribbonette

33. 1 vase Ball dahlias, 3 blooms, 1 variety

Best vase, \$5 and Ribbonette

34. 1 vase Collerette dahlias, 3 blooms, 1 variety

Best vase, \$5 and Ribbonette

35. 1 vase Any other type of dahlias, 3 blooms, 1 variety

Best vase, \$5 and Ribbonette

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

This section is for exhibitors with limited experience who are no longer eligible to exhibit as a novice. An exhibitor may remain in this section until they have won the Intermediate Championship up to three times or any Open Championship at the State Show or are regarded as an Open Grower.

The Committee reserves the right to ask any exhibitor to exhibit in the Open Section.

36. The Victorian Intermediate Championship (*Bill Sullivan Memorial*)

2 blooms over 160mm, staged singly

2 vases of 3 blooms under 160mm, 2 varieties.

3 blooms under 160mm, staged singly

Complete exhibit to include at least 2 types

1st \$40 and Ribbon, 2nd \$20

Sponsored by Paul and Glenys Humphrey

37. The Intermediate Under 160mm Challenge

6 blooms under 160mm, staged singly, at least 3 varieties

1st \$20 and Ribbon, 2nd \$10

38. The Intermediate One Colour Dahlia Challenge

Exhibitor's own choice of colour

1 bloom over 160mm

2 blooms under 160mm, staged singly

1st \$20, 2nd \$10

39. 1 Miniature dahlia, 1st - \$5

40. 1 Small dahlia, 1st - \$5

41. 1 Medium dahlia, 1st - \$5

42. 1 Giant or Large dahlia, 1st - \$5

43. 1 vase dahlias under 160 3 blooms, one or more varieties, 1st - \$5

NOVICE SECTION

A Novice Exhibitor may remain in the Novice Section at this State Show until they have won the Victorian Novice Championship.

The Committee reserves the right to ask any exhibitor to exhibit in a higher section.

44. The Victorian Novice Championship

2 blooms over 160mm, staged singly, one or two varieties.

4 blooms under 160mm, staged singly, at least 2 varieties

1st \$35 and Ribbon, 2nd \$20

Sponsored by Mt Joy Cottage

45. The Novice One Colour Dahlia Challenge

Exhibitor's own choice of colour

1 Dahlia over 160mm and 1 Dahlia under 160mm staged singly

1st \$10, 2nd \$5

46. 1 Miniature dahlia, 1st - \$5

47. 1 Small dahlia, 1st - \$5

48. 1 Medium dahlia, 1st - \$5

49. 1 Vase of dahlias, 3 blooms, 1 type, 1 or more varieties, 1st - \$5

An Encouragement Award of dahlia tubers donated by
DEVON DAHLIAS may be allocated in the Novice Section

SEEDLING SECTION

A Ribbon and the Perpetual Kiwi Trophy will be awarded to the highest pointed seedling. (Minimum 80 points required). Certificates will be awarded to all blooms gaining 80 points or more. The winning bloom must then be named.

50. 1 dahlia bloom

HOME GARDENER SECTION

This Section is for people who grow a few dahlias in their garden and would like to enter a dahlia or two in our show.

Best Exhibit in receives a \$25 credit for use at DSV dahlia auctions.

and the exhibitor is then promoted to the Novice Section next year.

All other entrants receive a \$10 credit.

51. 1 Dahlia – any type

52. 2 Dahlias, staged singly, one or two types

53. 1 Vase, 2 or more varieties, any number of dahlias

JUST FOR FUN SECTION

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Will be voted by the public during the show - one vote each. Any foliage allowed. The use of dye is not permitted. Space available 45cm per entry
(Voting closes at 2 pm Sunday)

54. PEOPLE'S CHOICE

1st \$10, 2nd \$5

LUCKY DIP DISPLAY

Each Exhibitor is limited to 2 entries. This item is not judged.

The winner of the \$20 prize is decided by a lucky ticket draw, each entry having been allocated a ticket. Entered on the day and staged by noon Saturday.

55. A vase of dahlias, 3 or more blooms, mixed types and varieties permitted.
Sponsored by Neil and Anna Cameron

THE LES WILLIAMS SUNDAY SPECIAL

56. **For that bloom, you always find Sunday morning!**

A Bloom, Any Size, Any Type, Any Colour To be entered and staged between 10 am & Noon **Sunday** morning on a separate table.

1st \$20, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5

CONTAINER SECTION

To be judged on the Appeal of the exhibit (30 points), Arrangement (30 points), Condition and Freshness of blooms (20 points) and the use of Colour (20 points). The mixing of Dahlia Types and Varieties is permitted.

Own containers of all kinds including baskets permitted. A mixture of types and varieties is allowed. A container may have any number of stems unless otherwise stated.

Except for Item 59 only Dahlias may be used but any foliage is permitted.

Ribbon and \$25 awarded for Best Exhibit in this section.

1st prize in each item \$10 and 2nd prize in each item \$5

57. 1 Container of 5 dahlia blooms, using 5 dahlia types/varieties
58. 1 Arranged basket of dahlias own choice, any number of stems
59. Dahlias in a container of exhibitor's choice
Arranged as you would for enjoyment in the home (other foliage and types of flowers permitted – but dahlias must predominate)
60. 1 Container of Bedding and/or Border dahlia blooms
61. 1 Waterlily dahlia floating in a container supplied by exhibitor
62. 1 Dahlia plant growing in a pot. Maximum pot size 25cm
63. A pot of "Tiny Tot" dahlias. Maximum pot size 25cm

DISPLAY SECTION

To be judged on the Appeal of the exhibit (30 points), Arrangement (30 points), Condition and Freshness of blooms (20 points) and the use of Colour (20 points).

The mixing of Dahlia Types and Varieties is permitted. Other foliage permitted.

These items are to be staged by 11 am Saturday.

64. Display of Dahlias

Own containers and/or props allowed, containers of all kinds, including baskets, are accepted, pots of dahlias grown by the exhibitor allowed.

Space allowed 1.77 meters on a flat table (full table).

1st \$40 and Trophy, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

65. Small Display of Dahlias

Own containers and/or props allowed, containers of all kinds, including baskets, are accepted, pots of dahlias grown by the exhibitor allowed.

Space allowed 73cm on a flat table (1/2 table).

1st \$20, 2nd \$10

66. Display of "Tiny Tot" Dahlias

Own containers and/or props allowed, containers of all kinds, including baskets, are accepted, pots of dahlias grown by the exhibitor allowed.

Space allowed 50cm x 50cm on a flat table.

1st \$40 and Ribbon, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

Sponsored by Bob Yeomans

PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION

Deliver entries to photographic section table during staging time.

The images will be assessed on their PHOTOGRAPHIC EXCELLENCE including Appeal, Presentation, Composition, Exposure and Technique.

Ribbon and \$20 awarded for Best Exhibit in this section

1st Prize in each item \$5

Sponsored by Kim and Trish Newby

67. **DAHLIA PORTRAIT** – any single dahlia
68. **DAHLIA BLOOMS** – may be shown in a vase, bunch, mass planting, etc.
69. **DAHLIA EVENT** – photo of a club event or any dahlia exhibition
(No photos of individual exhibits)
70. **MACRO VIEW** – a close up of part of a dahlia plant or bloom, may include insects or other interesting elements relating to dahlia culture.
71. **KIDS OR CRITTERS** – dahlias must be prominent in the image.
72. **DIGITAL DARKROOM** – creative use of dahlia photography using software applications to enhance the image to form a special effect.
73. **DAHLIA PERSONALITY** – any clearly recognized dahlia person.
74. **DAHLIA/S AND ME** – a “selfie” type photograph
75. **MAGAZINE COVER SHOT** – portrait orientation, no text

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

MAXIMUM OF 5 ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR PER ITEM

- All images must be created by the exhibitor.
- Total size of entry, including mount, not to exceed 20cm x 25cm (8” x 10”). No glass or frames permitted.
- All exhibits must have the exhibitors name and the item number on the back
- Captions on prints or mountings are encouraged and may be considered when judging.
- Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, colour and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified except for “Digital Darkroom” item.

SHOW CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- All exhibits must be made in the name of the bona fide actual grower.
- Two or more persons may not separately exhibit the same type of exhibit for the competition from the same garden.
- Children and teenagers may show separately if exhibits are grown in a separate plot.
- Exhibitor cards are to be collected and placed in front of exhibits prior to judging.
- No exhibitor will be allowed in the hall whilst judging is in progress unless authorised.
- The judges' decisions are final.
- The judges may withhold prizes from exhibits that are not of sufficient merit.
- The Show Manager has the right to reject, refuse or relocate any exhibit which in his opinion is not eligible or worthy of showing.
- All exhibits shall be considered the property of the Society until the close of the show.
- The Committee will endeavor to care for all exhibits but will not be responsible for the loss of or damage to any exhibit.
- The Committee may request an exhibitor to submit his or her garden for inspection before or after the show.
- Wiring (or any artificial support) of exhibits is prohibited.
- Standard vases are provided and must be used unless otherwise specified.
- Where tables are tiered no other item of staging is permitted.
- Where an exhibit is marked Not According to Schedule (NAS) it takes no further part in any award.
- Any exhibitor desiring to protest must lodge such protest in writing with \$5 to the Show Manager by 5 pm on the first day of the show. A protest will only be considered on the grounds of the non-accordance of an exhibit with the schedule. All disputes will be determined by a panel of three Committee members and the Show Manager.
- The panel is empowered to determine any protest and to retain the \$5 if it considers the protest frivolous.
- Prize money will be distributed by Electronic Funds Transfer following the show. Exhibitors must provide bank details to the Treasurer in order to receive their winnings.
- The Dahlia Society of Victoria Inc. is not liable in any way if the show is cancelled for any reason.
- The Show Manager and Show Sub-Committee are authorized to make alterations to this schedule in extraordinary circumstances.
- The Show Manager reserves the right to relocate entries after judging.
- The Committee reserves the right to ask any exhibitor to exhibit in a higher section.
- Exhibitors are **asked** to name all blooms and identify types.

NOTES

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The Society proudly acknowledges the following companies and thanks them for their generous sponsorship to the Society and Show.

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President Pam Albutt and the Committee, on behalf of the Society, also proudly acknowledge and thank those who have provided financial sponsorship for various championships items.

Thanks to all who help with everything from organising, assembling, running, and participating in the show as well as the clean-up when all is finished. Special thanks to the catering team for keeping the helpers and the public refreshed.

Congratulations to all!



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