

The 87th Annual Show
of the
Midwest Dahlia Conference

hosted by the
Elkhart Dahlia Society

SEPTEMBER 9 - 11, 2022

Dahlias Exhibited at
Farmstead Expo Barn
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday – September 9, 2022

3:00 pm - Staging of entries begins,
and continues through the night

Saturday – September 10, 2022

9:00 am - Staging ends, Entries Close

9:15 am - Judges Meeting, Judging begins

11:00 – Lunches available

Noon - 4:30 - Show opens to the public

1:30 - Midwest Dahlia Conference Meeting

6:00 pm - Awards Banquet

Sunday – September 11, 2022

9:00 am – Show Opens to the public

1:30 pm - Show ends, Clean up begins

Need Help? Look for members wearing green aprons.

GENERAL RULES GOVERNING THE SHOW

1. Any dahlia grower may exhibit in the show.
2. All specimen blooms entered for competition must be grown by the exhibitor, with an exception for seedlings and arrangements. A person other than the originator may enter seedling blooms in seedling competition.
3. Containers will be provided for single bloom entries and three bloom entries. Exhibitors must furnish suitable containers for all other multiple bloom entries.
4. Any entry considered unfit by at least two of the Show Committee (officers) for exhibition may be removed at any time during the show.
5. Any artificial support on a bloom (excluding arrangements) disqualifies the flower from consideration by the judges.
6. When entered, all flowers become the property of the show management and may not be removed before the close of the exhibition except by direction and consent of the Show Committee.
7. The MDC, EDS and show venue assume no responsibility for containers or other personal property of exhibitors.

JUDGING AND AWARDS RULES

8. Every entry must be identified using the show tags provided, with all information recorded, and tag properly **folded**. This includes arrangements and photographs. Use of return address labels is encouraged.

9. All dahlias shall be entered in accordance with the American Dahlia Society Official Class Numbers. Use current ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias for verification. Dahlias not listed **must** have approval from the judges' chairman or his designee prior to being placed in the show.
10. Entries misplaced as to color, type or size may be properly placed or reclassified by the section judges prior to judging.
11. Any, or none of three places may be awarded in any class at the discretion of the judges.
12. The judges' decision will be final. Consensus is the goal. Pull out the scorecard if necessary.
13. To qualify for any prize, award or trophy, an entry must have won a blue ribbon. Blooms eligible for Grand Awards shall come from Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, Novice, 9, 12, and 13.
14. Judges may award in each class the following places and points:

	SECTIONS	SECTIONS	SECTIONS
	1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13 & Novice	5, 11	6, 10
Blue, 1st	3	6	9
Red, 2nd	2	4	6
Yellow, 3rd	1	2	3
Higher Award	5	5	5

15. In case of a tie for sweepstakes, the exhibitor with the largest number of blues and specials will be declared the winner.

SECTION SIZE RULES

16. Size rules do not apply to the Novice grower. The Novice Section is for any exhibitor who has never won a Novice Sweepstake. Hill Count does not apply. Single bloom entries of all class numbers can be shown in Novice. If entering blooms from class numbers above 5000 seek advice from a Show Chairman. You might want to enter in Sec 12 Open to All, or Sec 13 Micros.
17. In Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, the section in which an exhibitor shows is determined by their Hill Count. A "hill" of dahlias is a plant grown from a tuber or cutting. If planting is done so there are two plants to a stake this counts as two hills. Only AA's, A's, B's, BB's and Miniatures, excluding seedlings, are included in the Hill Count. All classes above 5000 are shown in Open Sections 12 and 13.

SECTION 1- SMALL GROWER-Amateurs growing from 1 to 50 hills.

SECTION 2- MEDIUM GROWER-Amateurs growing from 51 to 150 hills.

SECTION 3 – LARGE GROWER-Amateurs growing 151 to 300 hills.

SECTION 4- OPEN TO ALL-More than 301 hills. Growers that have cloth enclosures or who are professional growers must exhibit here.

18. The number of dahlia hills planted in the initial planting shall determine the section the exhibitor shall enter. Plants that stunt, or are damaged by insects or other acts of violence too late to be replaced, cannot be deducted from the original number of hills to gain admittance into a lower section.
19. An exhibitor may elect to enter a section higher than the number of hills grown, but then ALL entries (except seedlings) must be entered into that same section.
20. A grower with a cloth enclosure must show in Open to All, regardless of Hill Count. A cloth enclosure is a framework to which is attached, or suspended, material which covers the top AND any part of the sides.

SHOW SECTIONS

NOVICE SECTION

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SECTION 5 – OPEN TO ALL, THREE BLOOM ENTRIES

All Classes. The three blooms must be the same cultivar.

SECTION 6 – OPEN TO ALL, 5 and 10 BLOOM ENTRIES

All classes, 5 bloom same cultivar, 10 bloom, preferred same cultivar, mixed acceptable.

SECTION 8 – SEEDLING CLASS

Judges will determine the class numbers of all entries during judging. This section is for first year seedlings and fourth year seedlings only. Second and third year seedlings may be shown in Open to All (Sections 4, 12, 13) or Novice.

First year seedlings - 1 bloom

Best 1st year seedling to court of honor

2022 ADS Bench Evaluation Fourth Year Three Blooms

The 2022 American Dahlia Society Seedling Bench Evaluation is offered in cooperation with the American Dahlia Society. Open to all exhibitors. Show officials and exhibitors must read and adhere to the rules for entries and judging as printed in the 2022 ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias.

SECTION 9 – CHALLENGE CLASS

2022 Introductions and Challenge blooms must be entered in Section 9 to compete for these awards.

9001 – Best 3 Bloom Entry of a Midwest origination Sponsored by Midwest Dahlia Conference	\$100
9002 – Best 2022 Introduction Sponsored by Elkhart Dahlia Society	\$50
9003 – Best Michigan Introduction Sponsored by Michigan Dahlia Association	\$100
9004 – Best Badger Twinkle Sponsored by Rusty & Anita Ritchie in honor of John Thiermann	\$50
9005 – Best “Blue” Dahlia Create a blue dahlia. Rules don’t apply. People’s Choice. Sponsored by Steve & Mona Kuiper in honor of Sylvia Bradburn, who always wanted a blue dahlia	\$50
9006 – Best Crazy4Jessie In honor of Louie LaPlante, sponsored by his family	\$50
9007 – Best Ferncliff Midnight Sponsored by Marcia Nellans in honor of her beloved companion, Midnight Nellans	prize
9008 – Best Islander Sponsored by Steve & Mona Kuiper in honor of Wanda Erikson	\$50
9009 – Best JS Jerry Sponsored by JS Dahlias	\$50

9010 – Best Kelvin Floodlight	\$50
Sponsored by Jim Kassner in honor of Frank Campise	
9011 – Best Manor Jayne	\$50
Sponsored by Mac Boyer	
9012– Best Manor Jubilee	\$50
Sponsored by Mac Boyer	
9013 – Best Marcella Louise	\$50
Sponsored by Rusty & Anita Ritchie in memory of Jim Chuey’s mother, Marcella Louise, and his brother, Dr Carl Chuey	
9014 – Best Nellie & Grace	\$50
Sponsored by Bud & Dianne Ervin	
9015 – Best Nellie & Wes	\$50
Sponsored by Bud & Dianne Ervin	
9016 – Best OldDoc Introduction	\$50
Sponsored by Jan & Kathy Gawthrop	
9017 – Best Rock Run Introduction	\$50
Sponsored by Rusty & Anita Ritchie in honor of Jerry & RuthAnn Wittrig	
9018 – Best Vernon Rose	prize
Sponsored by Marcia Nellans in honor of Linda Rose Polver Jackson	
9019 – Best AC Ben	\$50
Sponsored by West Michigan Dahlia Society	

SECTION 10 – FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Open to all exhibitors. Limit one per class.

RULES:

1. Scale of Points:

Creativity/Adherence to theme	30
Condition of fresh materials	30
Balance and Rhythm, Proportion, and Technical Aspects	20
Color Balance & Selection	20
2. The exhibitor must make the arrangement; however, the plant materials do not have to be grown by the exhibitor.
3. Dahlias must be predominant, but other flowers and plant materials may be used. No artificial plant material should be used.
4. Accessories may be used to carry out the theme of the class.
5. Containers and other properties used must be furnished by the exhibitor and should be marked with the owner's name. No backboards will be available at the show. While reasonable care will be taken, the Elkhart Dahlia Society, Midwest Dahlia Conference, and Farmstead Expo Barn will not be responsible for the loss, damage, or breakage of such materials.
6. All entries must be in place by 9:00 am on the opening day (Saturday), and not removed until the show closes. The exhibitor is responsible for the prompt removal of the entry at the show's close. Please make plans for removal if you will not be present at closing.
7. No arrangement is to be disqualified, but might be downgraded.
8. Limit one entry per class.
9. Please follow the theme and parameters given for each Class. Some classes have restrictions on dahlia size, spacing of blooms, and angle of view.

VASES

Class 1. OMG! Use a large vase to show off multiple blooms. Viewed from one side.

Class 2. SAY IT WITH FLOWERS Use a medium vase to send a message. Viewed from all sides.

Class 3. TABLE FOR TWO A table centerpiece, not to exceed 8" in height or width. Blooms must measure 4 inches or less.

BASKETS (with or without handles)

Class 4. SUNSET A mass arrangement using the colors of a beautiful sunset. Viewed from one side. Blooms may be any size and may touch.

Class 5. BASKET OF CHARM A basket to be viewed from all sides. Use dahlias under 4 inches. Blooms should not touch.

Class 6. BASKET OF BEAUTY A basket to be viewed from one side. Use blooms 4 inches or larger. Blooms should not touch.

ARTISTIC DESIGNS

Maximum space allowed is 30" x 30". Viewed from one side. Backboards may be used, but are not provided nor required.

Class 7. STAR GAZING Let your inspiration come from the night sky.

Class 8. MOTHER NATURE Let your inspiration flow from the natural environment (no artificial materials).

Class 9. MAGIC MOMENT An arrangement to celebrate of one of life's magical moments.

SECTION 11 – PHOTOGRAPHY

1. Open to all.
2. Entries should be images photographed in 2022.
3. 4 x 6 photos or 5 x 7 photos only, and matted. Mat not to exceed 8x10.
4. Limit of two entries per class.
5. Please put exhibitor name on back of photo.
6. Each entry must have a Show Tag. Tag must specify the Class number. Identify the blooms present, if known.

Class 1. Dahlia portrait (one bloom - entire bloom visible)

Class 2. Dahlia close up (an intimate focus on its' beauty)

Class 3. Dahlias in the garden (multiple blooms visible)

Class 4. Dahlias on display (at a show, event, wedding, etc)

Class 5. Dahlias and critters

Class 6. Dahlias and people

Class 7. Special Effects (alter the photo in a visible way)

SECTION 12 – OPEN TO ALL

Single bloom entries of all classes 5000 and up, except Micros.

SECTION 13 – MICRO DAHLIAS

Single bloom entries of all classes of Micro dahlias.

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World's Largest Dahlia

Entries for this competition will be all large dahlias and may not necessarily be a show quality bloom. Any contender in this competition must be measured by at least two Senior Judges at any time the entry is brought to the show. Entry into one of the show sections is not required.

All largest dahlia measurements to be sent, along with the judges' names, to: Ken Masurat – dahliaken@yahoo.com

SHOW AWARDS

SECTIONS 1 TO 6

	NOVICE & SECTIONS 1,2,3,4	SEC. 5 & 6	SEC. 12	GRAND AWARD
Largest Bloom	\$10, medal			\$50##, medal
Best AA Size	\$10, medal	\$10		\$50*, medal
Best A Size	\$10, medal	\$10		\$50#, medal
Best B Size	\$10, medal	\$10		\$50#, medal
Best BB Size	\$10, medal	\$10		\$50+, medal
Best Miniature	\$10, medal	\$10		\$50++, medal
Best Micro		\$10		
Best Ball		\$10	\$50**	
Best Miniature Ball		\$10	\$25	
Best Pompon		\$10	\$50***	
Best Stellar		\$10	\$25	
Best Waterlily		\$10	\$25	
Best Novelty, Double		\$10	\$25	
Best Peony		\$10	\$25	
Best Anemone		\$10	\$25	
Best Novelty, Open		\$10	\$25	
Best Collarrette		\$10	\$25	
Best Orchid		\$10	\$25	
Best Orchette		\$10	\$25	
Best Single		\$10	\$25	
Best Mignon Single		\$10	\$25	

* Sponsored by Pamela Moore Kunkel in honor of JC “Bud” Moore

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SECTION 8 – SEEDLING

First Year Best Bloom

Rosette Ribbon

Best Fourth Year A.D.S

The ADS Seedling Award

(grown three years prior to entry)

SECTION 9 - CHALLENGE CLASS

See Challenge Class description pages.



September 22- 25, 2022

**56th American Dahlia Society National Show
10th Mid-Atlantic Conference Dahlia Show
87th National Capital Dahlia Society Annual Show**

Each year the American Dahlia Society (ADS) has a National show. The 2022 will be hosted by the National Capital Dahlia Society and will take place at the Sheraton Reston located in Reston, Virginia (near Dulles Airport). The show is open to the public and free of charge. For members, the Annual Meeting of the ADS will be held as well as other informative meetings, gatherings, and more!

For more information, visit
<http://2022-national-dahlia-show.org/>

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