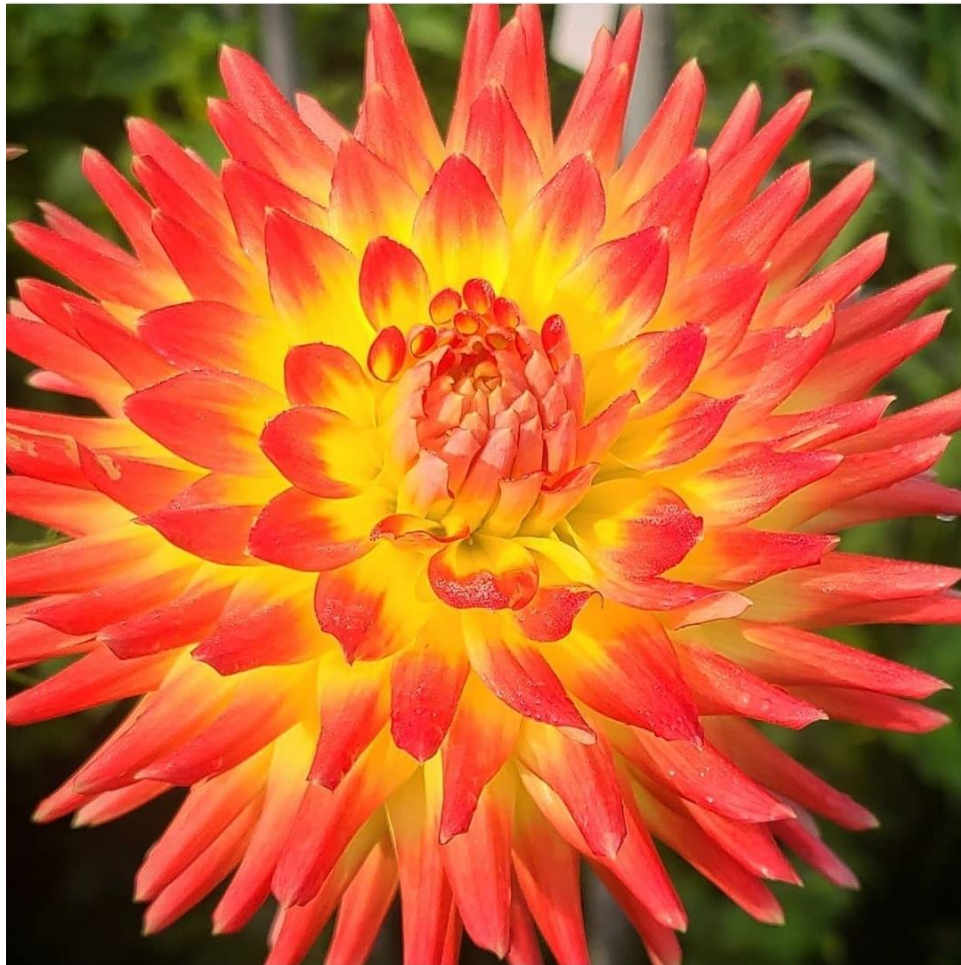


Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society 2021 Dahlia Show



Pittsburgh Botanic Garden
Oakdale, PA

October 2 & 3, 2021

WELCOME!

Welcome to the 83rd Annual Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society ("GPDS") Dahlia Show! We thank the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden for inviting us to hold our show at their new Welcome Center.

We are here to answer your questions. New members are welcome, and we encourage anyone interested in growing dahlias to join our club and attend our plant and tuber sales in the spring. These sales feature show-quality dahlias at reasonable prices. Sunday afternoon at the conclusion of the show many blooms are given away by the exhibitors, you may want to stay for some free flowers.

Mark Floyd
President, GPDS

SHOW SCHEDULE

Set up:	Friday, 1:30 p.m. - 5:00, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - noon
Registration:	Friday, 1:30 p.m. - 5:00, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - noon
Bloom Entry:	Saturday, 9:00 am - 1:00 p.m.
Lunch:	Saturday, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Judging:	Saturday, 1:00 pm
Show closes:	Sunday, 3:00 pm
Clean up:	Sunday, 3:00 pm - Thanks for helping!

GPDS OFFICERS

President	Mark Floyd
1 st Vice President	Judy Romano
2 nd Vice President	Jennifer Floyd
Treasurer	Heather Ramsay
Corresponding Secretary	Diane Kavchak
Recording Secretary	Katrina Dunderdale

DIRECTORS

Bill Kavchak	Randy Miller	Gwendolyn Ramsay	Bob Romano
Don McIlrath	Harry Nordstrom	Mike Ramsay	John Williams

SHOW COMMITTEE

Judges Chairman	John Williams
Show Chairman	Bob and Judy Romano

GENERAL SHOW RULES

1. Four divisions are available: Novice, Junior, Small Grower, and Open. The requirements for each division are given following the division headings. Exhibitors in the Small Grower and Open Divisions must be GPDS members. Exhibitors should enter only where qualified.
2. All entries shall be in accordance with the current *Classification and Handbook of Dahlias* or be classified as last listed by that publication with appropriate modification to the classification number. If the variety is not known or not listed then it must be referred to the Classification Committee prior to judging. If the originator intends to enter either bench or trial garden then the seedling entered in competition must be identified by an alpha/numeric number prior to being introduced. Misplaced entries may be properly placed by a judge in the correct classification only if that division and classification has not yet been judged.
3. All single entries of Lacinated Dahlias in the Small Grower and Open Sections will be placed in a special designated area, identified by the appropriate ADS classification numbers (0501 - 4515). Gold Ribbon winners in each Class (AA, A, B, BB, Miniature) from both Sections will compete for Most Perfect Single Bloom, Lacinated.
4. All entries must be submitted by Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. EST.
5. The GPDS will supply all entry cards. The exhibitor is responsible for proper identification of all entries with classification number and variety name or seedling number. The entry must also include the exhibitor's name and the tag must be sealed. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Non-competitive and commercial displays are exempt.
6. No one is permitted on the floor during judging except for judges and clerks.
7. The GPDS will supply containers for single bloom and three bloom entries only. Exhibitors must provide their own containers for Baskets, Vases, and Arrangements.
8. One full set of leaves, or enough foliage to acquire balance, is required.
9. All blooms in competition must be grown by the exhibitor except for corsages and arrangements. Violators will be disqualified.
10. Any unfit exhibit will be removed. No awards will be given for unworthy entries.
11. Wedges only are allowed for support. Artificial support of blooms above the top of containers is prohibited except in arrangement division.
12. The GPDS will take reasonable care to maintain exhibits as entered and shall return all personal property when possible. The GPDS will not be responsible for damage to exhibits or containers.
13. No exhibit or part of an exhibit may be removed prior to the close of the show except by special permission of the Show Chairman.

14. First and second place ribbons will be awarded in each class if deemed worthy by the judges. Third place ribbons may also be presented for all Novice, Junior, Arrangements, Baskets and Vases Division classes.
15. A Special Gold Ribbon will be awarded, when worthy, to the best first place winners for each form of each size AA, A, B, and BB, and the best miniature (4001-4515), ball or miniature ball (6001-6115), pompon (6201-6215), and others (7001-9715).
16. Three-bloom entries in each size class will be judged by form. Mixed form is not allowed.
17. Disseminated dahlias will not be disqualified when oversize or undersize. Blooms classified by the ADS as miniature or smaller may have non-oversized blooms given bonus points. All blooms will be judged on their merits or lack of merits.
18. An Exhibitor may enter more than one entry in a class and as many entries as desired of the same variety.
19. At the close of the show on Sunday, the Show Committee shall remove all entry tags and ribbons. Exhibitors may receive tags and ribbons at the registration desk.
20. The exhibitor agrees to abide by all show rules and ADS rules when entering. The Show Committee may make further rules as deemed necessary for proper conduct of the show.
21. The Judges Chairman shall select the Classification Committee. The Judges Chairman shall determine the methodology and standards for selection of the Court of Honor.
22. Judges decisions are final.

NOVICE DIVISION

A Novice is one, other than a professional gardener, who has never received a Gold ribbon in an ADS sanctioned dahlia show, and does not issue lists of any kind of stock for sale. Only one Special Award will be chosen from all Novice Classes for the Court of Honor.

SECTION: *Novice*

CLASS:

- A* One bloom decorative AA or A size (0001-0115, 1001-1115)
- B* One bloom cactus AA or A size (0201-0415, 1201-1415)
- C* One bloom decorative B size (2001-2115)
- D* One bloom cactus B size (2201-2415)
- E* One bloom decorative BB size (3001-3115)
- F* One bloom cactus BB size (3201-3415)
- G* One bloom miniature (4001-4515)
- H* One bloom Ball/Miniature Ball (6001-6115)
- I* One bloom Pompon (6201-6215)
- J* One bloom Other (7001-9715)

JUNIOR DIVISION

A junior is anyone up to and including 16 years old. Only one Special Award will be chosen from all Junior Classes for the Court of Honor.

SECTION: *Junior*

CLASS:

- K* One bloom decorative AA or A size (0001-0115, 1001-1115)
- L* One bloom cactus AA or A size (0201-0415, 1201-1415)
- M* One bloom decorative B size (2001-2115)
- N* One bloom cactus B size (2201-2415)
- O* One bloom decorative BB size (3001-3115)
- P* One bloom cactus BB size (3201-3415)
- Q* One bloom miniature (4001-4515)
- R* One bloom Ball/Miniature Ball (6001-6115)
- S* One bloom Pompon (6201-6215)
- T* One bloom Other (7001-9715)

SMALL GROWERS DIVISION

A Small Grower is anyone growing 100 or fewer hills, excluding seedlings, and does not issue lists of any kind offering stock for sale. Exhibitors must be a GPDS member. Entry tags must have the division identified as *SG*.

A small grower may enter the open division, but must follow all rules pertaining to that division.

SECTION: *SG One Bloom Entry*

CLASS: Sizes AA, A, B, and BB only. The current ADS Classification number (*0001-3415*).

OPEN DIVISION

GPDS membership is required to enter the Open Division.

SECTION: *One Bloom Entry*

CLASS: The class is current ADS Classification number (*0001-9715*)

SECTION: *3AA* 3 Blooms, AA Size

CLASS: ADS Classification Number (*0001-0515*)

SECTION: *3A* 3 Blooms, A Size

CLASS: ADS Classification Number (*1001-1515*)

SECTION: *3B* 3 Blooms, B Size

CLASS: ADS Classification Number (*2001-2515*)

SECTION: *3BB* 3 Blooms, BB size

CLASS: ADS Classification Number (*3001-3515*)

SECTION: *3Min* 3 Blooms, Miniature Size

CLASS: ADS Classification Number (*4001-4515*)

SECTION: *3Ball* 3 Blooms, Ball size

CLASS: ADS Classification Number (*6001-6015*)

SECTION: *3MinBall* 3 Blooms, Miniature Ball Size

CLASS: ADS Classification Number (*6101-6115*)

SECTION: *3Pom* 3 Blooms, Pompon size

CLASS: ADS Classification Number (*6201-6215*)

SECTION: **3Other** 3 Blooms not included above.

CLASS:

- 1 Stellar (7001-7015)
- 2 Water Lily type (7301-7315)
- 3 Novelty Double Center (7601-7615)
- 4 Peony type (8001-8015)
- 5 Anenome type (8201-8215)
- 6 Novelty Open Center (8601-8615)
- 7 Collarette type (9001-9015)
- 8 Orchid type (9201-9215)
- 9 Single types (9601-9615)
- 10 Mignon Single (9701-9715)

SECTION: **Vases**

Must be grown by the exhibitor. One container with no filler allowed. Foliage is required. Blooms may be same or mixed variety, but all must be the same size or type as the class name. Gold Special Awards will be in competition for the Court of Honor.

CLASS:

- 1 5 or more blooms, AA size (0001-0415)
- 2 5 or more Blooms, A size (1001-1415)
- 3 5 or more Blooms, B size (2001-2415)
- 4 7 or more Blooms, BB size (3001-3415)
- 5 7 or more blooms, Miniature size (4001-4415)
- 6 7 or more Blooms, Ball Size (6001-6015)
- 7 7 or more Blooms, Miniature Ball Size (6101-6115)
- 8 10 or more Blooms, Pompon Size (6201-6215)
- 9 10 or more Blooms, Other (7001-9715)

SECTION: **Baskets**

Must be grown and staged by the exhibitor. Filler, including grass and other foliage, with or without berries or small flowers, is allowed. Mixed dahlia varieties are permitted. Baskets must have a handle. Baskets receiving Gold Special Awards will be in competition for the Court of Honor.

CLASS:

- 1 5 or more blooms, AA size (0001-0415)
- 2 5 or more Blooms, A size (1001-1415)
- 3 5 or more Blooms, B size (2001-2415)
- 4 7 or more Blooms, BB size (3001-3415)
- 5 7 or more Blooms, Miniature size (4001-4415)
- 6 7 or more Blooms, Ball Size (6001-6015)
- 7 10 or more Blooms, Miniature Ball (6101-6115)
- 8 10 or more Blooms, Pompon (6201-6215)
- 9 10 or more Blooms, Other (7001-9715)

SECTION: *Arrangements*

Fresh foliage and flower spikes are allowed, but dahlias must predominate. Flowers used in the arrangements need not be grown by the exhibitor. No state conservation material will be permitted, such as trailing arbutus or ground pine.

SECTION: *Photography*

All pictures must be taken by the exhibitor. All entries can be prints of any size up to 8 x 10", may be matted or unmatted, and should not be framed. The exhibitor should write their name, class and dahlia variety (where available) on back of the picture. Each exhibitor may enter no more than two (2) pictures per class. The best overall picture from all classes shall receive a Special \$25 Cash Award donated by Katrina Dunderdale.

Class A: *Dahlia Portrait*

One bloom or multiple blooms of one variety, with no other plant matter prominently displayed. Photo may be taken inside or outside, but entire bloom must be unobstructed and within the boundaries of the photo. This is meant to be distinguished from an arrangement photo.

Class B: *Dahlia Garden*

Outdoor photo may include humans and/or critters, but dahlias must figure prominently. This is for showing off dahlias in the place they grow and the joy of dahlia gardening.

Class C: *Artistic*

Includes arrangements, macro photography, creative photo processing, B&W, and dahlias with other props. Be creative, but dahlias must figure prominently.

Class D: *Show Photos*

GPDS show photos that do not fit the portrait category. May include humans and/or critters.

Note: Judges may decide to divide classes into subclasses as needed.

SECTION: *Club Flower* - William Kavchak, Sr. Memorial

One bloom entry of Windhaven Firelight. Multiple entries allowed. Best bloom will receive a Special \$25 Cash Award donated by Bill and Diane Kavchak.

SECTION: *Hi Neighbor*

Offered to the best entry, any size, type, color, number of blooms, etc., from any exhibitor whose home society is not the GPDS. The winner will receive a Special \$25 Cash Award donated by Heather and Mike Ramsay.

SECTION: *ADS Seedling Bench Evaluation*

Offered in cooperation with the American Dahlia Society. Show officials and exhibitors must read and adhere to the rules for entries and judging as printed in the ADS Handbook and Classification of Dahlias.

CLASS: *No. 1 ADS* Three blooms in either one or three containers

CLASS: *No. 2 ADS* One bloom, first year seedling

SECTION: *People's Choice*

One bloom entry, any size, type, color, etc. to be voted on by the public. One entry per exhibitor. Winner will be determined by the most votes submitted by 3:00 pm Sunday. Winning entry will receive a Gold Special Award.

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Largest Bloom Must be a blue-ribbon winner
Most Perfect Single Bloom AA, Decorative or Cactus, Small Growers Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom A, Decorative or Cactus, Small Growers Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom B, Decorative or Cactus, Small Growers Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom BB, Decorative or Cactus, Small Growers Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom AA, Decorative, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom AA, Cactus, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom A, Decorative, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom A, Cactus, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom B, Decorative, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom B, Cactus, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom BB, Decorative, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom BB, Cactus, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom, Ball, Miniature Ball, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom Miniature, Decorative, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom Miniature, Cactus, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom, Pompom, Open Division
Most Perfect Single Bloom, Laciniated, All Divisions
Most Perfect Single Bloom, Other, Open Division
Most Outstanding Junior Division Entry (trophy award)
Most Outstanding Novice Division Entry (trophy award)
Most Perfect Three Bloom AA
Most Perfect Three Bloom A
Most Perfect Three Bloom B
Most Perfect Three Bloom BB
Most Perfect Three Bloom Ball/Miniature Ball
Most Perfect Three Bloom Miniature
Most Perfect Three Bloom Pompon
Most Perfect Three Bloom Other Type
Most Perfect Vase
Most Perfect Basket
Most Perfect Arrangement
Most Perfect Photography
King of the Show Best AA or A entry (*ADS Classification no. 0001-1415*)
Queen of the Show Best B or BB - (*2001-3515*)
Prince of the Show - Miniature on down (*4001-9715*)
Princess of the Show - Arrangements, Vases, Basket and 3 Bloom