

The Connecticut Dahlia Society

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August 2025 Newsletter

Date: August 16, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: Prospect Library Community Room
17 Center Street, Prospect, CT

President's Message:

Hi Members,
Is it really August already? I can't believe how fast this Summer is going! It sure has been a hot one! Last week we had another heat wave and sporadic rainfall in our area. Some folks got too much while others got too little. The dahlia garden showed stress from the excessive temps and dry conditions. Extra TLC was needed to keep the plants happy. Doing daily scouting of your dahlia plants is your best defense in thwarting off problems before they get out of control! Tying, disbudding, insect and disease prevention are all part of the ongoing care and health of your plants!

Our dahlia show is fast approaching!! It will be held August 23, at the Pond House in Elizabeth Park. Please try to volunteer for part or all of the day to help our show be a success and to help with the set up and breakdown chores! Visitors also have lots of questions and it's always helpful to have members on hand to answer questions and talk about the care and cultivation of our beautiful flowers!

The August meeting will be our preshow final checklist and there will also be a demonstration on preparing and transporting your blooms to a show.

Please mark your calendars for the 16 & the 23!!!

Sincerely,
Kevin
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Meeting Dates For 2025

No Meeting in September

October 18

November 15

All at 10:00 am at the Prospect Library

Our show flower is any Waterlily

2025 CDS Dahlia Show

On Saturday, August 23rd we hold our show in the Pond House at Elizabeth Park. We are excited to announce the addition of **several new categories and prize levels**. The annual CDS show is our opportunity to showcase and promote dahlia growing in Connecticut.

We will hold a pre-show meeting at the Prospect Library one week prior to the show on Saturday, August 16 at 10 AM. This meeting will focus on show tasks as well as tips and help on exhibiting your blooms at the show.

Entry details and show rules can be found in the Show Schedule available at the show or at our website, www.ctdahlia.org.

We encourage everyone to bring blooms to the show. We even have a special show class (novice) for new exhibitors so don't feel intimidated. If you have never exhibited and feel that you would like help setting up that day let me know ahead of time and I'll make sure someone will be there to help you. Join the fun and plan to bring a bloom or two or to the show.

If you can work at the show, we are always in need of volunteers

Show set-up will be on Saturday morning starting at around 6:30 AM. Volunteers are always needed to help set up the show hall on Saturday morning and to help tear down on Saturday afternoon. Volunteers do not need to be dahlia growers however some of the work does require some lifting. The show is really made up of many smaller tasks that an individual or couple of people can work on. Please help if you can...the more volunteers, the faster the jobs are accomplished. For the newer members, we always have things you can do to help, and all CDS members have the opportunity to participate in judging at the show as either Clerks or Student Judges. This is a great way to learn about showing dahlias and what makes one stand out from the others. Please contact the Show Chairman if you can help.

Jesse Peterson, Show Chairman
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Summer Shows

Southern Tier Dahlia Society - August 12th and Sept. 6 - both at the Steuben County Fairgrounds

Nova Scotia Dahlia Society - August 13th - 16th at Halifax County Exhibition

Connecticut Dahlia Society - August 23rd at Elizabeth Park, West Hartford, CT

Long Island Dahlia Society - August 30th and 31st at the Bayard Arboretum

Rhode Island Dahlia Society - Sept. 6th and 7th at Mount Vernon Masonic Lodge

Mid Island Dahlia Society - September 13th and 14th at the Planting Fields Arboretum

Rochester Dahlia Society - September 13 at the Albersgate United Methodist Church

Greenwich Dahlia Society - September 20th at the Greenwich Botanical Center

New England Dahlia Society - September 27th at Tower Hill Botanical Garden

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