The Connecticut Dahlia Society

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October 2025 Newsletter

Date: October 18, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Prospect Library Community Room

17 Center Street, Prospect, CT

President's Message:

Hi Members,

Welcome to Fall and farewell to a challenging Summer!!! Hot, dry, and unpredictable weather kept the Dahlia growers on their toes and wondering if the plants were ever going to start to grow and flower!!!

They did eventually, and the flowers were spectacular!!!! Rain remained scarce, but the cooler temps brought the growth on and the plants responded.

First frost is in the forecast and with that the growing season will come to an end. Please check your plants to make sure they are all properly labeled and tag plants with possible virus or poor growth to discard and not save. Once the plants are blackened by frost they all look the same and hard to tell apart!

Our October meeting will have a dividing and storage of dahlias tubers as well as a refresh and critique of our dahlia show held back in August. We usually also have a small dahlia show but that depends on whether members still have flowers to bring.

Please join us on the 18th! We had no meeting in September because of show month so there is a lot to share and talk about.!!

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely, Kevin kevinwas@live.com



Best Floral Arrangement Pam Bosward

October Bloom Competition:

For those members who are new, this is a small in-house competition – always fun to see the last blooms of the season.

All blooms must be shown in your own vases none will be available at the meeting!!,

All entries must have at least one pair of leaves. Blooms without leaves will not be eligible for prizes.

One prize will be awarded for the best **single** bloom in each category below:

AA/A

В

BB / Ball

Best <u>3 bloom entry</u> in any of the <u>other</u> formations.

A special prize will be awarded to the best entry out of the four winners. Each entry must be staged in its own container, and should include the name of the flower and classification information. We can provide the classification information if you know the correct name for your blooms. Tags will be provided for your entries,

Thank you to all who entered and congratulations to our winners.

Also attached is our Show Report.

Next Meeting Date

November 15

10:00 am at the Prospect Library

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