

# State Dahlia Show 2025

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

*65th Anniversary*

*Dahlia Society of Victoria*



## *President's Message*

*Fellow Dahlia Enthusiasts*

I am writing this message in a nod to tradition. Our 1976 Show Schedule (our 6<sup>th</sup> show) had a message from the President calling on all *Fellow Dahlia Enthusiasts* to hope for a bumper season and therefore a bumper show. Bob Rowarth, the President of the time, cited that the main objective of the show was to allow the continual flow of knowledge and to create friendships that enrich the dahlia world and perhaps greater humanity.

His words ring as true today as they did almost 50 years ago.

In a look behind the scenes of that show, it was held in the Victorian Horticultural Hall in Victoria Street, Melbourne from 2.00 - 8.30pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Admission was charged at 30 cents, but children were free. There was an entry fee for exhibitors of 5 cents per entry, except in the main championships which cost between 20 and 50 cents. The reward for the winner of the Victorian Championship - \$12 and a sash. The Victorian Championship was also much more complicated than today, calling for 12 vases, with various stipulations based on size and type. So some things have changed.

I want to highlight that this show schedule is a little different from recent years, my message to start with, but the committee has also reviewed the memorial items and undertaken to ensure that those members who have given service to the dahlia and the society, no matter how many years ago, are remembered. Check out the centre pages of this schedule for our full honour board.

In 2025, I look forward to joining with you and celebrating the Dahlia and our 65 years as a thriving society. So don't forget to enter our Sapphire Anniversary classes featured on page 17.

And signing off as Bob did – *Yours for better dahlias*

*Pam Albutt*



# DAHLIA SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

Registered No. A0010711F

## 2025

## State Dahlia Show Schedule

### MOUNT WAVERLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley

**SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm**

**SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 10.00 am - 3.30 pm**

**Admission \$5.00    Concession Card \$2.00    Children Free**

**Show Manager: Elliot Moore**

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# HOW TO ENTER

All Entries to:

PAM ALBUTT

By email to

[president@dahliasocietyofvictoria.org.au](mailto:president@dahliasocietyofvictoria.org.au)

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 20 February 2025**

## TIMELINE

<b>Staging of Exhibits</b>	7.00 pm Friday (Continues all night)
<b>Staging Concludes</b>	10.00 am Saturday (Display, Floral Art and Cut Flower Sections excluded)
<b>Judging Commences</b>	10.00 am Saturday
<b>Other Staging Concludes</b>	11.00 am Saturday (Items 59 to 62 & 70 to 72)
<b>Show Opens</b>	1.00 pm Saturday
<b>Awards Dinner</b>	6.00 pm Saturday (Bookings taken on the day)
<b>Raffle Draw</b>	3.00 pm Sunday
<b>Official Closing</b>	3.30 pm Sunday

# NOTES FOR EXHIBITORS

**Read the schedule carefully** and ask questions if you don't understand. **Pages 5, 6 and 7** 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.

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 25.

See the full **Show Conditions of Entry** on page 27.

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

## 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 Container, Display and Cut Flower Sections.

**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.

**NND** – Not necessarily distinct.

## 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 in the sections above to an appropriate section it considers consistent with the exhibitor's experience.

All other sections are open to any exhibitor.

Where the item specifies a limit for the number of plants that are grown. The number refers to those plants that are set up for showing. A reasonable additional number of dahlias could be grown as garden plants, or in pots as back up stock.

**EXHIBITORS SHOULD CAREFULLY READ THE DEFINITIONS ON PAGE 6, THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SCHEDULE ITEMS AND THE CONDITIONS ON PAGE 27.**

## 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
- Other awards may also be presented
- 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 and other placegetters in the Open, Intermediate and Novice Championships.

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.

Prize Cards will be awarded for first and second place in each item, except where otherwise noted.

Sapphire Anniversary trophies for the winning entries in Sapphire Anniversary Section.

For prizes for the Australian Championship Section – refer to page 16.





## OPEN SECTION

### S1. Open Sapphire Anniversary Championship see page 17

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  
1<sup>st</sup> \$150, Ribbon and Bob Trotter Silver Medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75 and Ribbon, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$45 and Ribbon
  
2. **The Victorian Reserve Championship** (*The Joe Daniel 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  
1<sup>st</sup> \$75, Ribbon and RHSV SS McKay Silver Medal, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$40
  
3. **Growers under 150 plants Championship** (*Honouring Joy & Les Lawson*)  
For exhibitors growing less than 150 show 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  
1<sup>st</sup> \$50 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25
  
4. **Growers Choice Championship** (*The Ken Judd Memorial*)  
4 vases of Exhibitors choice – minimum of two different varieties  
If under 160mm, 3 blooms to the vase  
If over 160mm, 1 bloom to the vase  
1<sup>st</sup> \$50 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25

## 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.

1<sup>st</sup> \$50, Trophy and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25

*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

1<sup>st</sup> \$50 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25

*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

1<sup>st</sup> \$50 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25

8. **The One Colour Challenge**

Exhibitor's own choice of colour

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

1<sup>st</sup> \$25 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15

## 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 and Jim Robertson Memorial Championship**

3 blooms over 160mm staged singly

3 vases of 3 blooms under 160mm

Complete exhibit to include at least 3 types

1<sup>st</sup> \$50 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25

### 10. **The Six Dahlia Bloom Challenge**

6 blooms, staged singly

Complete exhibit to include at least 3 types

1<sup>st</sup> \$40 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20

### 11. **Growers Choice Challenge** (*Honouring Dwight King*)

4 vases of Exhibitors choice – minimum of two different varieties

If under 160mm, 3 blooms to the vase

If over 160mm, 1 bloom to the vase

1<sup>st</sup> \$40 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20

## OPEN SECTION (continued)

Ribbonette Winners in the following items contest the

### Single Dahlia Bloom Challenge

*(Andrew McKay Memorial)*

1<sup>st</sup> \$40 and Ribbon

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 type of dahlia, \$5 and Ribbonette**



## OPEN SECTION (continued)

**Ribbonette Winners in the following items will contest the**

### **Triple Dahlia Bloom Challenge**

*(John Menzel Memorial)*

1<sup>st</sup> \$40 and 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**

# DAHLIA SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

Registered No. A0010711F

(Prior to 2013, known as the National Dahlia Society of Victoria)

## ***Celebrating 65 Years of Service to the Dahlia***

### **HONOUR BOARD**

#### **DSV GOLD SERVICE AWARD**

Mr Bob Trotter\* 1985

Mr Les Lawson 1987

Mr Frank Turton\* 1998

Mr Bob Yeomans 1999

Mrs Joy Lawson 2016

Mrs Fran Grylls 2017

Mr Dwight King 2022

#### **DSV SILVER SERVICE AWARD**

Mr H Ballego\* 1970

Mr M Nicholson\* 1971

Mr N Williams\* 1980

Mr A Llewellyn\* 1982

Mr C MacGregor\* 1982

Mr R Rowarth\* 1982

Mr G Parker\* 1993

Mr K Hammett 1994

Mr G Harding\* 1996

## **DSV LIFE MEMBERS**

Mr G Burns\* 1971  
Mr L Lawson 1978  
Mr R Trotter\* 1978  
Mr H Tuskin\* 1978  
Mr J Curley\* 1978  
Mr R Paul\* 1978  
Mrs I Tuskin\* 1979  
Mrs R Brichall\* 1979  
Mrs E Trotter\* 1981

Mr J Robertson\* 1982  
Mr D Powrie\* 1982  
Mr F Rossack\* 1984  
Mr A Hindry\* 1984  
Mr H Sedgewick 1984  
Mr C MacGregor\* 1987  
Mr F Turton\* 1989  
Mrs W Robertson\* 1990  
Mr J Henson\* 1990

Mr R Yeomans 1991  
Mrs J Lawson 1994  
Mr K Bentley\* 1997  
Mr G Andrews\* 2001  
Mr C Michalopoulos 2001  
Mrs F Grylls 2005  
Mr J Clery\* 2009  
Mr D King 2015

## **PAST PATRONS**

Mrs Annette Haynes\* 1976  
Mr Frank Rossack\* 1977  
Mr Arthur Hindry\* 1977  
Mrs Dorothy Paul\* 1989

Mrs Emily Trotter\*  
Mrs Win Robertson\* 1999  
Mr George Harding\* 2001

\*Deceased

# **STATE SHOW MEMORIAL CLASSES**

## **CURRENT MEMORIAL RECOGNITION**

Garry Andrews  
Joe Daniel  
Alf Hardingham  
Gladys Johns

Ken Judd  
Andrew McKay  
John Menzel  
Win & Jim Robertson

Bill Sullivan  
Bob & Emily Trotter  
Frank & Eunice Turton  
Les Williams

## **PREVIOUS MEMORIAL RECOGNITION**

Helen Blockley  
Russell Bone  
George Burns  
Jack Curley  
Jim Curtis  
Noel Edge  
Ken Farquahar  
Bill Foster

Paul Gallon  
George Harding  
Annette Haynes  
Arthur Hindry  
Gaynor Parker  
Dorothy Paul  
Richard E Paul  
Eric Paynter

Eileen Perkins  
Lindsay Podger  
David Powrie  
Frank Rossack  
Harold Tuskin  
Bill Waight  
Colin Wilkinson  
Norm Williams

Source: Show Schedules 1976, 1981-3,1990, 1999-2024

# AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION



Open to all Dahlia exhibitors.

Hosted by Tasmania and supported by the Dahlia Society of Victoria

Champion Bloom (\$50 and Rosette) and Reserve Champion Bloom (\$25 and Rosette) will be awarded in this section.

## **N1. The National Dahlia Championship 2025**

6 single blooms (any type, any size) staged one per container.

Must be different varieties.

1 vase of 3 blooms (any type, must be under 160mm). NND.

Can be the same variety as one of the single blooms.

1<sup>st</sup> \$200 and Rosette, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$100 and Rosette, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50 and Rosette, 4<sup>th</sup> \$25 and Rosette

## **THE DAHL AWARDS SUB SECTION**

Trophies to be awarded to each winning entry in items N2 – N6.

### **N2. Dahl Medallist Fran Grylls Award**

1 Orchid dahlia

### **N3. Dahl Medallist Les Lawson Award**

1 Medium cactus dahlia

### **N4. Dahl Medallist Charles Smith Award**

1 vase Miniature decorative dahlias, 3 blooms, NND

### **N5. Dahl Medallist Stephen Wedd Award**

1 Fimbriated dahlia

### **N6. Dahl Medallist John Woodfield Award**

1 vase, Single dahlias, 3 blooms, NND

All entries N1 – N6 will be points judged by the same judges but across two locations. Tasmania (Friday 21 February) and Victoria (Saturday 22 February).

The highest pointed entry over the two locations will be awarded the prizes as set out above.

Limit of one entry per item per exhibitor.



## SAPPHIRE ANNIVERSARY SECTION

In acknowledgement that August 2025, marks the 65<sup>th</sup> or Sapphire anniversary of the Dahlia Society of Victoria the following special section of the show is open to all growers to enter at the level they exhibit at.



### SAPPHIRE ANNIVERSARY SECTION

*(Honouring Chris Michalopoulos)*

**1 white dahlia bloom, any type**

**1 vase of three white dahlia blooms, one variety, any type**

1<sup>st</sup> \$65 and trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$30, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 for each item

- S1. Open Anniversary Championship
- S2. Intermediate Anniversary Championship
- S3. Novice Anniversary Championship

### Save the Date

Dahlia Society of Victoria  
Sapphire Anniversary Celebratory Luncheon  
Sunday 31 August 2025  
Mt Waverley Community Centre

We look forward to sharing this day with all our members and wider Dahlia friends, as we reflect on and celebrate our achievements over the past 65 years.

## 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.

### **Ribbon for Best Vase (either single or triple) in this Section**

#### **S2. Intermediate Sapphire Anniversary Championship see page 17**

#### **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

1<sup>st</sup> \$50 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25 and Ribbon, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15 and Ribbon

#### **37. The Intermediate Under 160mm Challenge**

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

1<sup>st</sup> \$25 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15

#### **38. The Intermediate One Colour Dahlia Challenge**

Exhibitor's own choice of colour

1 bloom over 160mm

2 blooms under 160mm, staged singly

1<sup>st</sup> \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10

39. 1 Miniature dahlia, 1<sup>st</sup> \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5

40. 1 Small dahlia, 1<sup>st</sup> \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5

41. 1 Medium dahlia, 1<sup>st</sup> \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5

42. 1 Giant or Large dahlia, 1<sup>st</sup> \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5

43. 1 vase dahlias under 160, 3 blooms, one or more varieties, 1<sup>st</sup> \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$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.

### **Ribbon for Best Vase (either single or triple) in this Section**

**S3. Novice Sapphire Anniversary Championship** see page 17

**44. The Victorian Novice Championship** (*The Alf Hardingham Memorial*)

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> \$40 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20 and Ribbon, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 and Ribbon

**45. The Novice One Colour Dahlia Challenge**

Exhibitor's own choice of colour

1 Dahlia over 160mm

1 Dahlia under 160mm, staged singly

1<sup>st</sup> \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10

46. 1 Dahlia under 160mm, 1<sup>st</sup> \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5

47. 1 Dahlia over 160mm, 1<sup>st</sup> \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5

48. 1 Vase of dahlias, 3 blooms, 1 type, 1 or more varieties, 1<sup>st</sup> \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5

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

## 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.

### **Ribbon for Best Exhibit in this Section**

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

- 49. 1 Dahlia – any type, 1<sup>st</sup> \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5
- 50. 2 Dahlias, staged singly, one or two types, 1<sup>st</sup> \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5
- 51. 1 Vase, 2 or more varieties, any number of dahlias, 1<sup>st</sup> \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5

## SEEDLING SECTION

*(The Garry Andrews Memorial)*

A Ribbon and the Perpetual Kiwi Trophy will be awarded to the highest pointed seedling. (Minimum 80 points required). The winning bloom must then be named. Certificates will be awarded to all blooms gaining 80 points or more. No prize cards will be awarded in this section.

- 52. 1 dahlia bloom

## THE LES WILLIAMS SUNDAY SPECIAL

**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.

- 53. 1 dahlia bloom, 1<sup>st</sup> \$50 and ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10



## **THE FLOWER OF THE YEAR SECTION**

### **Glenmarc Margaret**

**A bloom bred by the late Alf Hardingham, that has enjoyed success across Australia.**

Separate Items for Open, Intermediate and Novice Exhibitors

1<sup>st</sup> \$20 and ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5 in each item

- 54. 1 bloom *Glenmarc Margaret* – Open
- 55. 1 bloom *Glenmarc Margaret* – Intermediate
- 56. 1 bloom *Glenmarc Margaret* – Novice

## **JUST FOR FUN SECTION**

Will be voted by the public during the show - one vote each. Any foliage allowed. The use of dye is not permitted, except for item 58 where it may be applied prior to the show, but no dye in the water at the show allowed. Space available 45cm per entry.

(Voting closes at 2 pm Sunday)

- 57. Dahlia/s in an interesting container, 1<sup>st</sup> \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5
- 58. Dahlia/s go Blue, 1<sup>st</sup> \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5

## **CUT FLOWER SECTION**

**Exhibits are to be staged by 11 am Saturday.**

For the current or aspiring Flower Farmer. To be judged by a Florist. A Wholesale Bunch, means a bunch that would be purchased by a florist to be incorporated into their work. A Market Bunch, means an enticing bunch that would be purchased by the end customer.

### **59. 1 Wholesale Market Bunch of Dahlias**

A tied bunch, blooms head to head, five stems if larger dahlias, 10 stems if smaller dahlias, staged in the provided black display vase. Minimum length of stems 35cm, one variety.

1<sup>st</sup> \$30 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20

### **60. 1 Saturday Market Bunch of Dahlias**

Minimum of five stems, tied, staged in the provided black display vase. Mix of varieties allowed.

1<sup>st</sup> \$30 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20

### **61. 1 Saturday Market Mixed Bunch**

Maximum of ten stems, tied, staged in the provided black display vase. May include foliage and other flowers but dahlias to dominate.

1<sup>st</sup> \$30 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20

## **FLORAL ART SECTION**

Let your creativity reign. Horticultural material must dominate. If materials have been dyed, no dye to remain in the water used in the hall. To be judged by an accredited VFAA Floral Art Judge, under AFAA rules. Area allowed 75cm.

Dahlias must be used but do not need to dominate.

**Ribbon and \$50 awarded for Best Exhibit in this section, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10**

**Exhibits are to be staged by 11 am Saturday.**

### **62. Sapphire Celebration**

## CONTAINER SECTION

*(Honouring Fran Grylls)*

*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 65 only Dahlias may be used but any foliage is permitted.

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

1<sup>st</sup> prize in each item \$10 and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in each item \$5

63. 1 Container of 5 dahlia blooms, using 5 dahlia types/varieties
64. 1 Arranged basket of dahlias own choice, any number of stems
65. 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)
66. 1 Container of Bedding and/or Border dahlia blooms
67. 1 Waterlily dahlia floating in a container supplied by exhibitor
68. 1 Dahlia plant growing in a pot. Maximum pot size 25cm
69. 1 Container of "Tiny Tot" dahlias

## **DISPLAY SECTION**

*(Honouring Bob Yeomans)*

*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.**

### **70. 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 metres on a flat table (full table).

1<sup>st</sup> \$40 and Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$15

### **71. 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).

1<sup>st</sup> \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$10

### **72. 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.

1<sup>st</sup> \$40 and Ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$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**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize in each item \$10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in each item \$5

73. **DAHLIA PORTRAIT** – single bloom of any dahlia
74. **DAHLIA BLOOMS** – may be shown in a vase, bunch, mass planting, etc.
75. **DAHLIA EVENT** – photo of a club event or any dahlia exhibition  
*(No photos of individual exhibits)*
76. **MACRO VIEW** – a close up of part of a dahlia plant or bloom, may include insects or other interesting elements relating to dahlia culture.
77. **KIDS OR CRITTERS** – dahlias must be prominent in the image.
78. **DIGITAL DARKROOM** – creative use of dahlia photography using software applications to enhance the image to form a special effect.
79. **DAHLIA PERSONALITY** – any clearly recognized dahlia person.
80. **DAHLIA/S AND ME** – a “selfie” type photograph
81. **MAGAZINE COVER SHOT** – portrait orientation, no text. Exhibitors are expected to make a digital copy available for use in the Society’s DAHLIAS magazine.

### 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.

## **JUNIOR SECTION**

Ribbonettes will be awarded in each item for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Preschool and Prep**

82. A character made from dahlia/s, using vegetables and/or fruit, may include any other materials as embellishments.
83. Posy of flowers, presented in a jam jar or other recycled food or beverage container. (Label may be removed and the jar decorated)
84. Floral carpet – using a recycled flat container filled with moist sand (or other water holding material) insert dahlias and other horticultural materials into the sand to create a pleasing design.
85. Get creative – using dahlias as a theme, make a fun artwork (maximum size A4)

### **Grades 1 and 2**

86. A character made from dahlia/s, using vegetables and/or fruit, may include any other materials as embellishments.
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88. Floral carpet – using a recycled flat container filled with moist sand (or other water holding material) insert dahlias and other horticultural materials into the sand to create a pleasing design.
89. Get creative – using dahlias as a theme, make a fun artwork (maximum size A4)

### **Grades 3 to 6**

90. A character made from dahlia/s, using vegetables and/or fruit, may include any other materials as embellishments.
91. Posy of flowers, presented in a jam jar or other recycled food or beverage container. (Label may be removed and the jar decorated)
92. Floral carpet – using a recycled flat container filled with moist sand (or other water holding material) insert dahlias and other horticultural materials into the sand to create a pleasing design.
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# 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/her 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 endeavour 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 unless specified otherwise.
- 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 \$20 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 \$20 if it considers the protest frivolous.
- 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 authorised to make alterations to this schedule in extraordinary circumstances.
- All prize money to be collected from the Treasurer before the close of show, money not collected will revert to the society's funds.
- 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.

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Thanks to all who help with everything from organising, assembling, donating flowers, 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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