

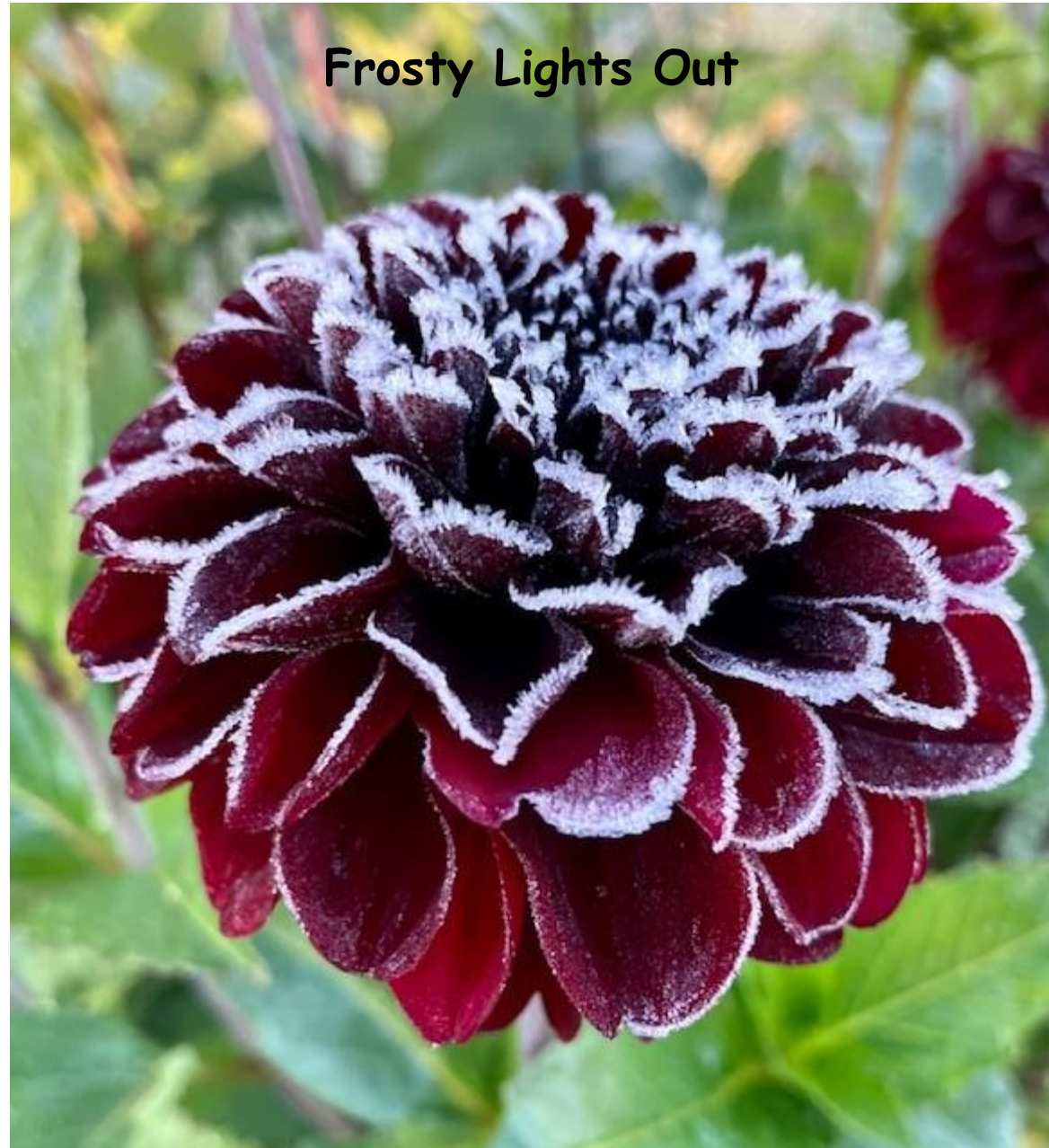
Greater Columbus  
Flora Society





**Some of our members have offered to share their 2024 growing experiences in pictures. In alphabetical order, here are the results of their efforts.**

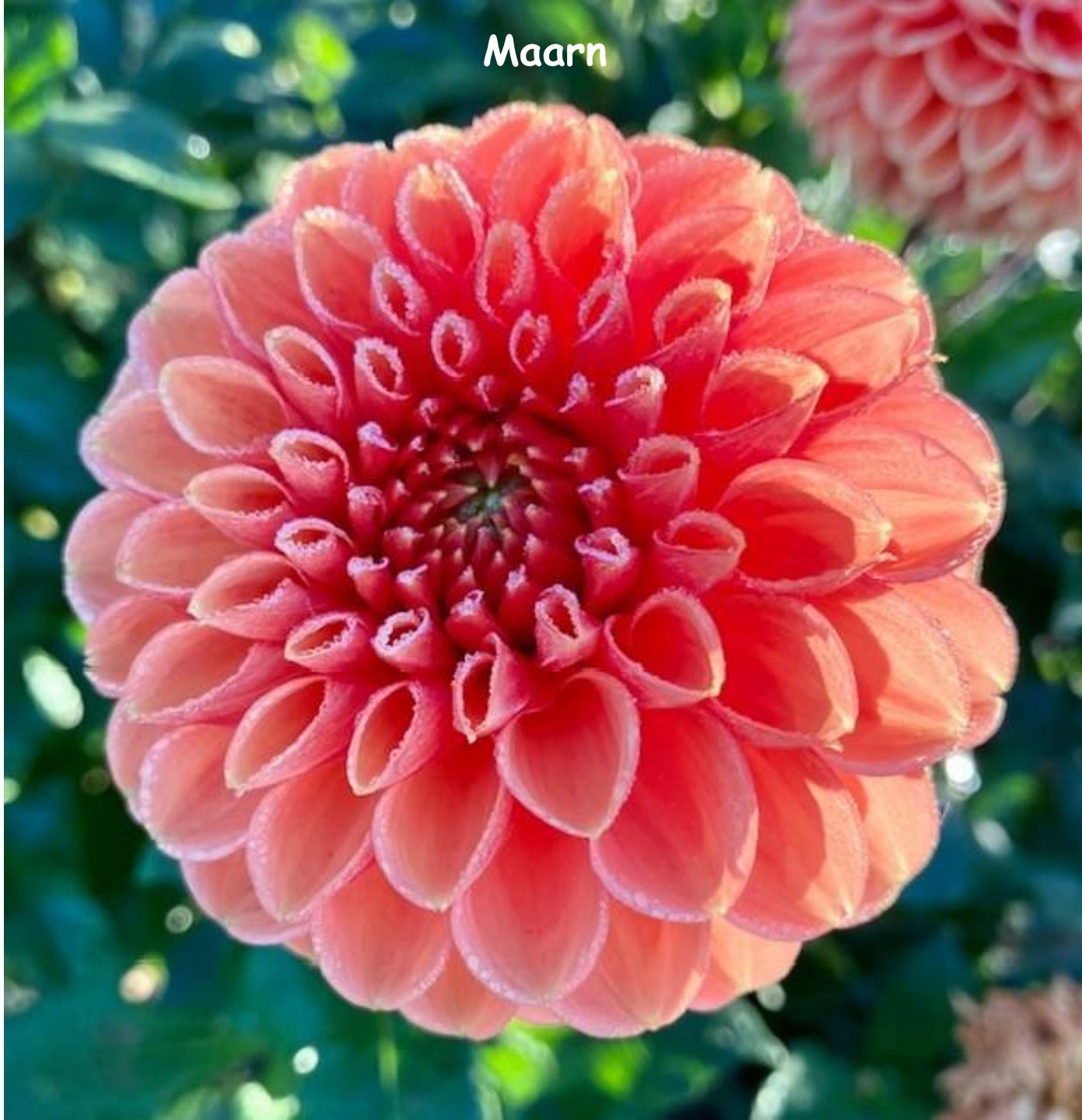
Jeanette Enyart,  
Saint Paris



**Kenora Wildfire**



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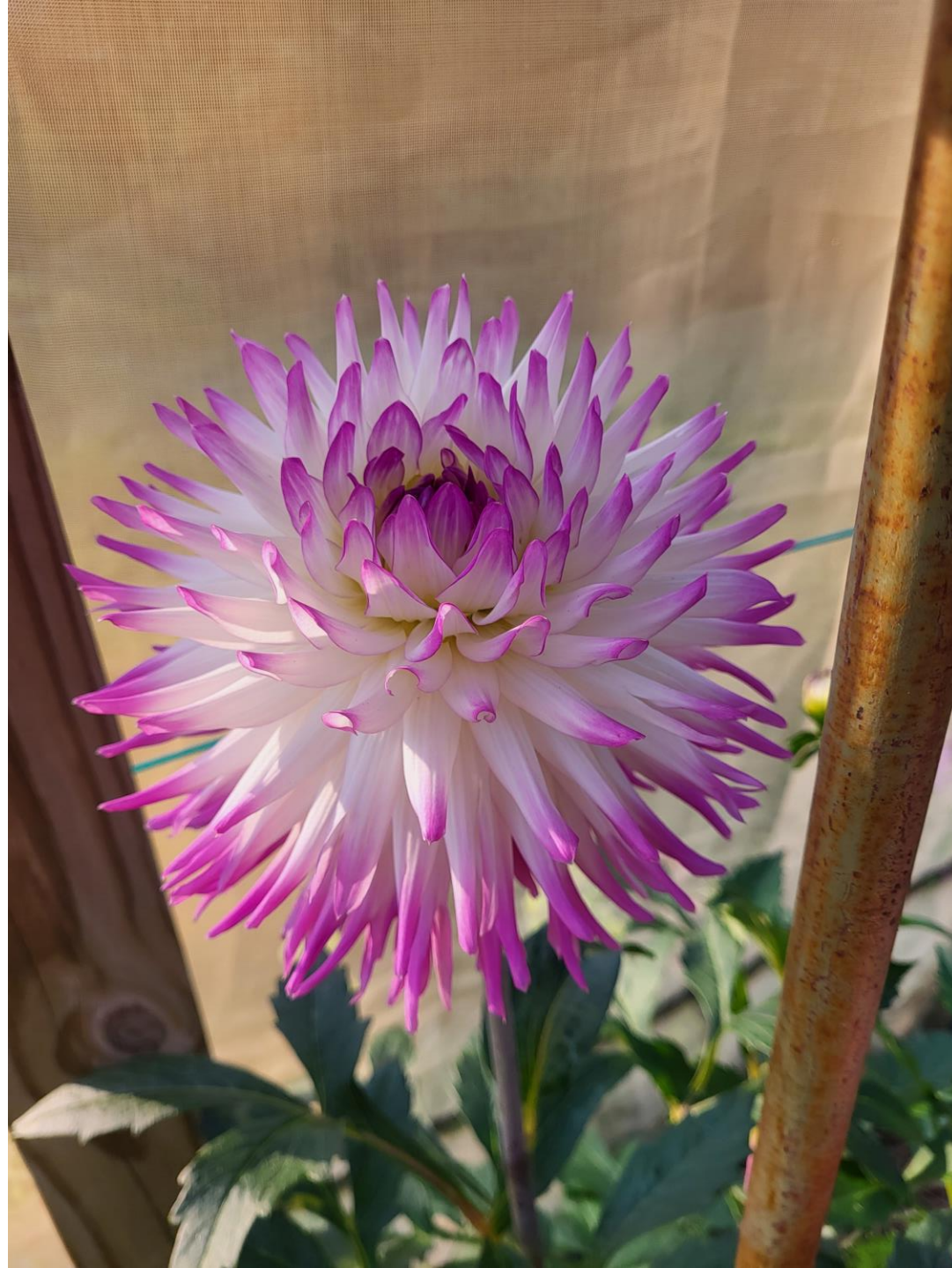
## Peaches and Cream



Rivers Yellow Snow



Jason Fairchild,  
East Liberty



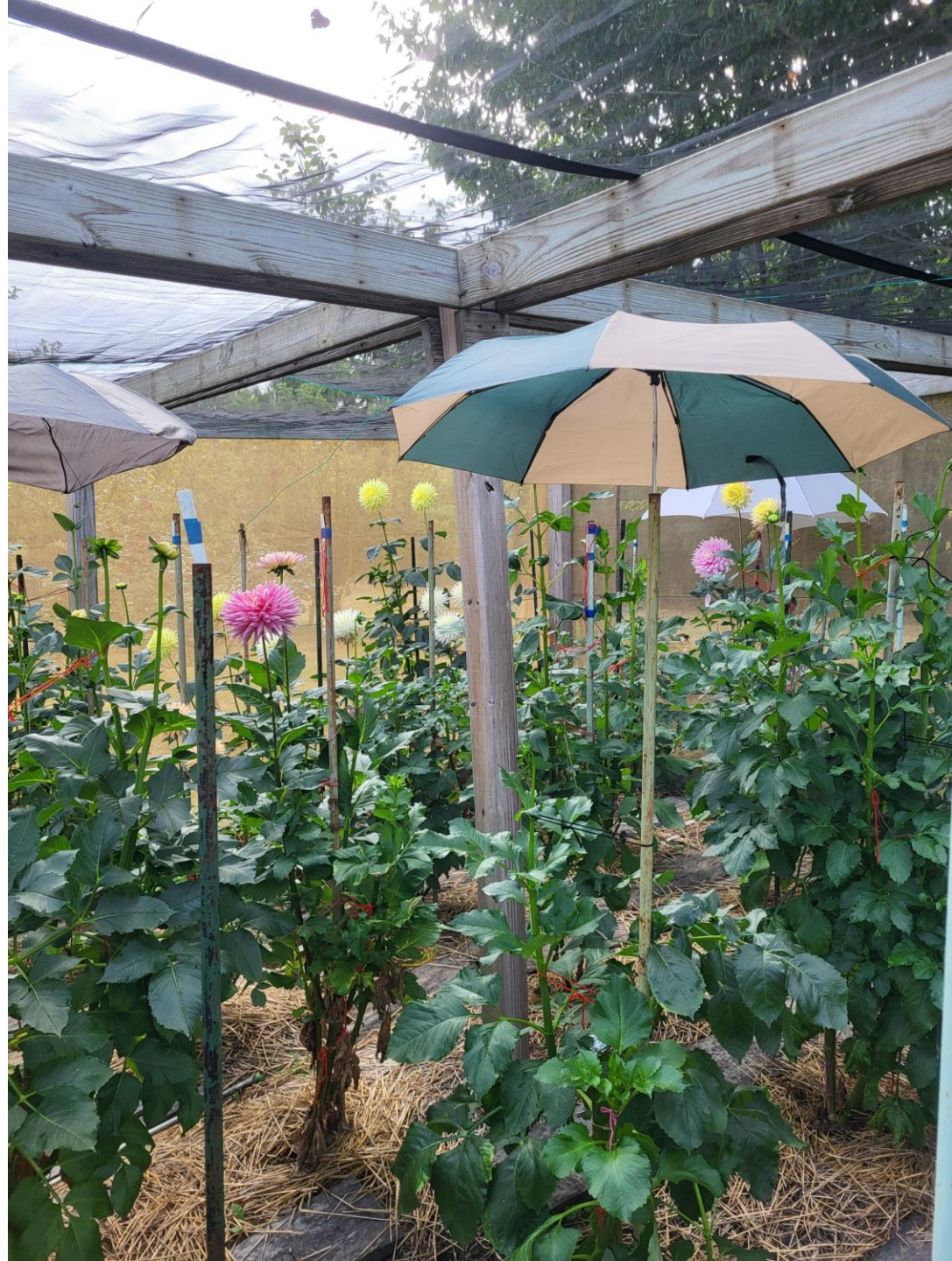














Nancy Freeland,  
Westerville



## Mark Freudenberg, Dublin

In 2024, I joined the Greater Columbus Dahlia Society and I learned how to store and propagate more dahlias with stem cuttings and dividing tubers successfully. The result was a beautiful variety of more dahlias in my garden this year.

It was a pleasure to enjoy the banquet, the picnic, metro garden events, and the dahlia show with other dahlia enthusiasts.

Let's continue to actively build our dahlia gardens and participate in the Greater Columbus Dahlia Society in 2025!

























Jeff & Linda Laine, Westerville

We had an especially challenging growing season due to the critters who enjoyed the tasty dahlia leaves. It seems that there was one particular groundhog that had a great time pulling leaves off our dahlia plants and breaking the stems in the process.

If you look closely at the photo, you will see the bare stem of a Dick Westfall in the oval next to the stake. This was July 18<sup>th</sup> but, as seen on the next slide, the plant recovered and bloomed in September/October.



This is what it looked like on October 26.





**All these critters enjoyed our gardens!**



Hamilton Lillian





Midnight Moon



Dzivite

A prolific bloomer





Baron MI Jeff





Jackie Evangelista

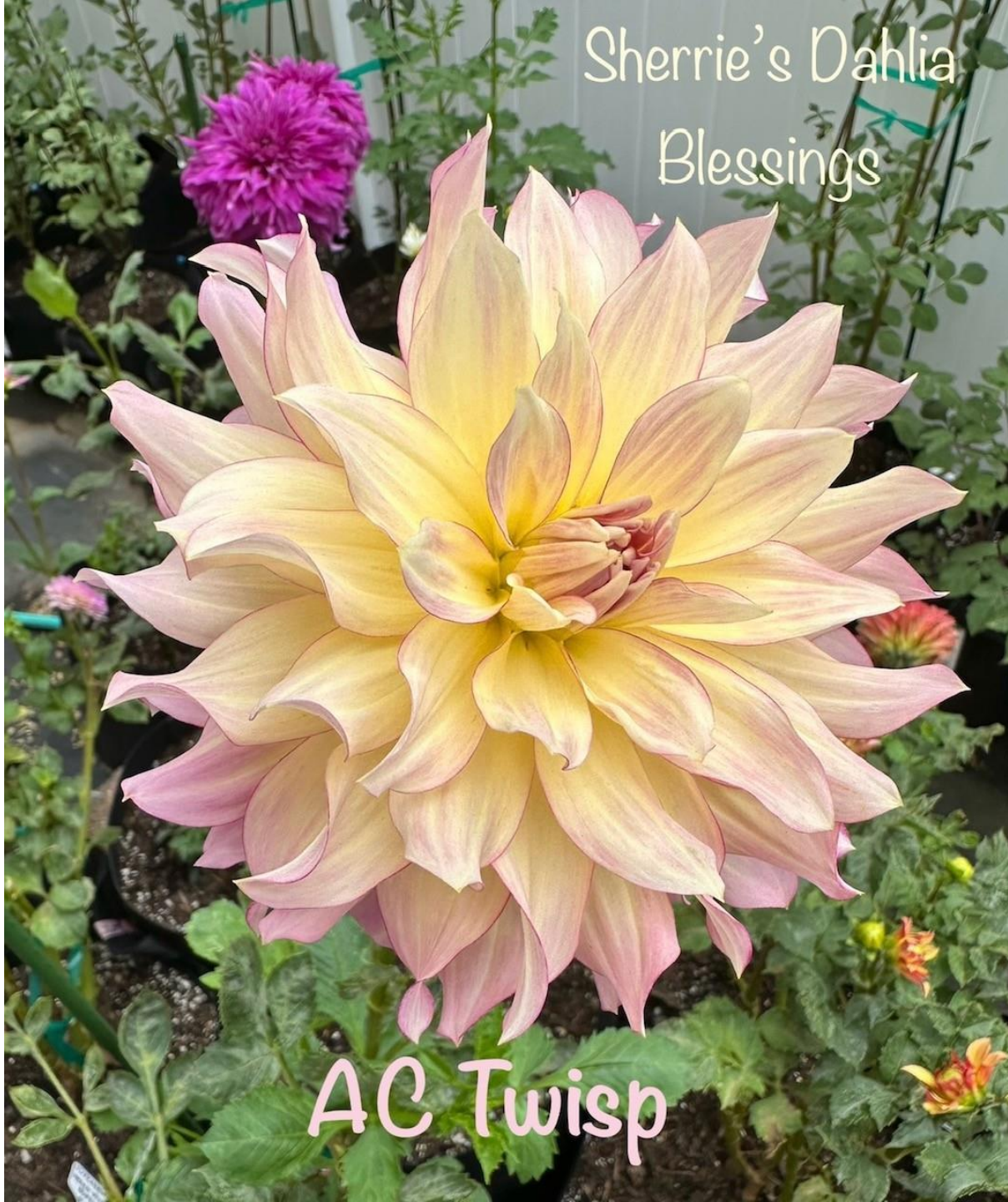


My name is Sherrie Mahel and I live in Grove City. I have shown dogs for the past 20 years, but was a former florist and worked in a greenhouse also. I was introduced to dahlias a couple years ago and now they have taken over our front, side, and back yard. I did so much reading and studying and recently joined Greater Columbus Dahlia Society in 2024 and also ADS





Sherrie's Dahlia  
Blessings



AC Twisp

# Bloomquist Pleasing

Sherrie's  
Dahlia  
Blessings





Granny Norman

Sherrie's Dahlia

Blessings













My Forever

Sherrie's Dahlia

Blessings



# Summit Festival

Sherrie's Dahlia  
Blessings



Brian & Jan Moody,  
Richwood

Allen's Fireball





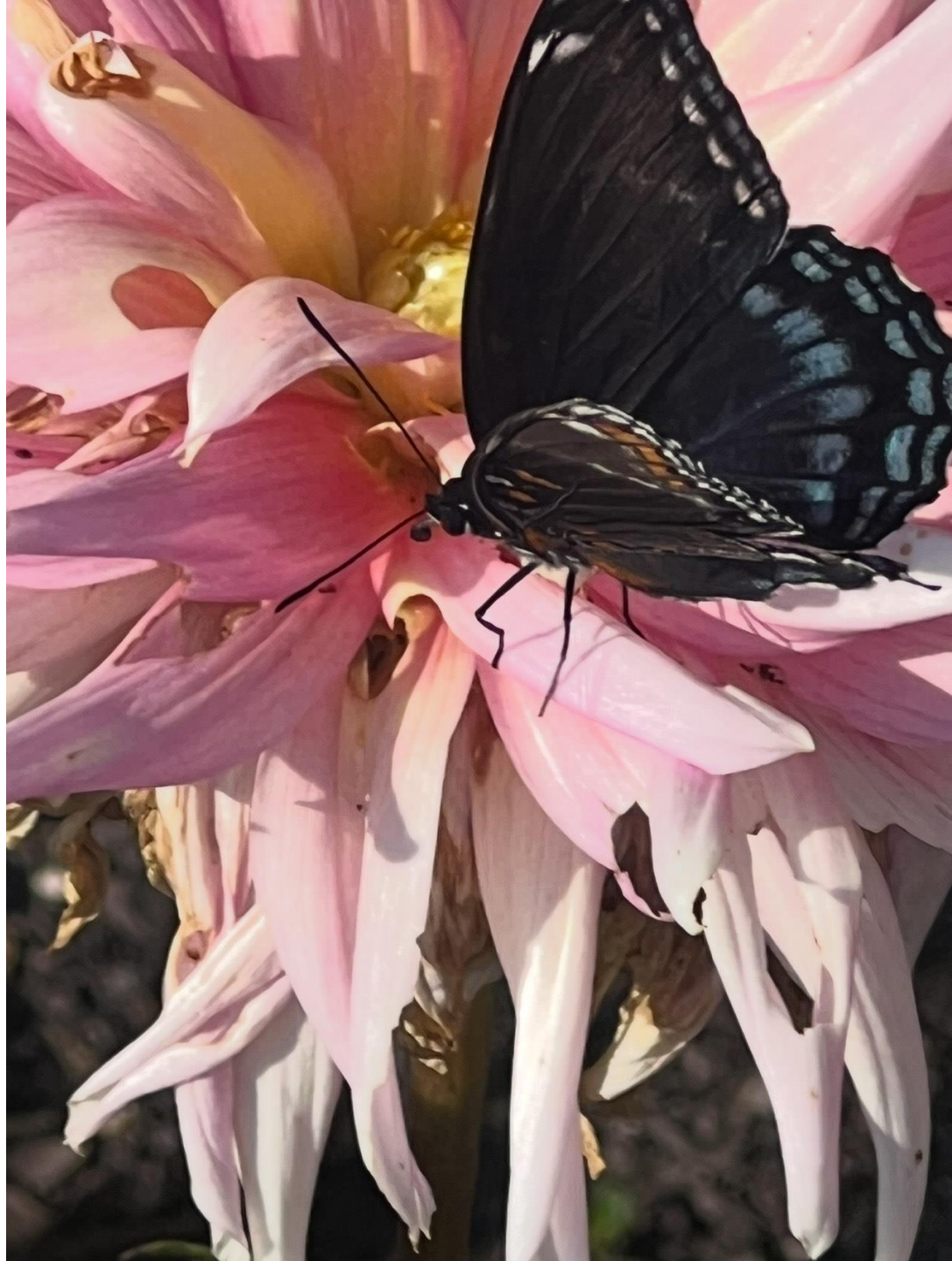
Blizzard



Flower show at the Richwood  
Independent Fair ( Blizzard Dahlia )



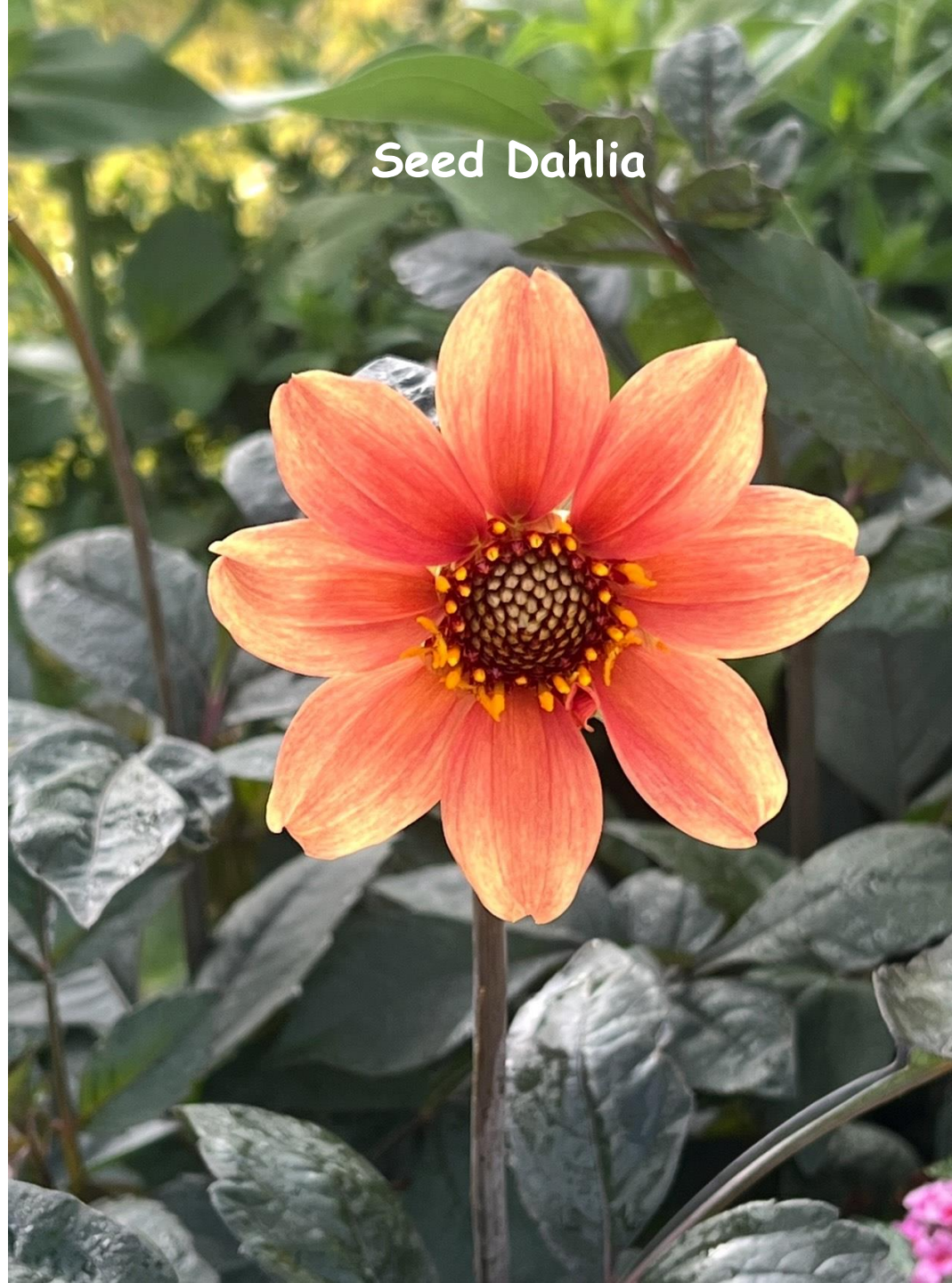
Seed cactus Dahlia as a pollinator. Great way to use a dahlia in a vegetable garden.



Red Cornell in a refrigerator  
magnet bud-vase



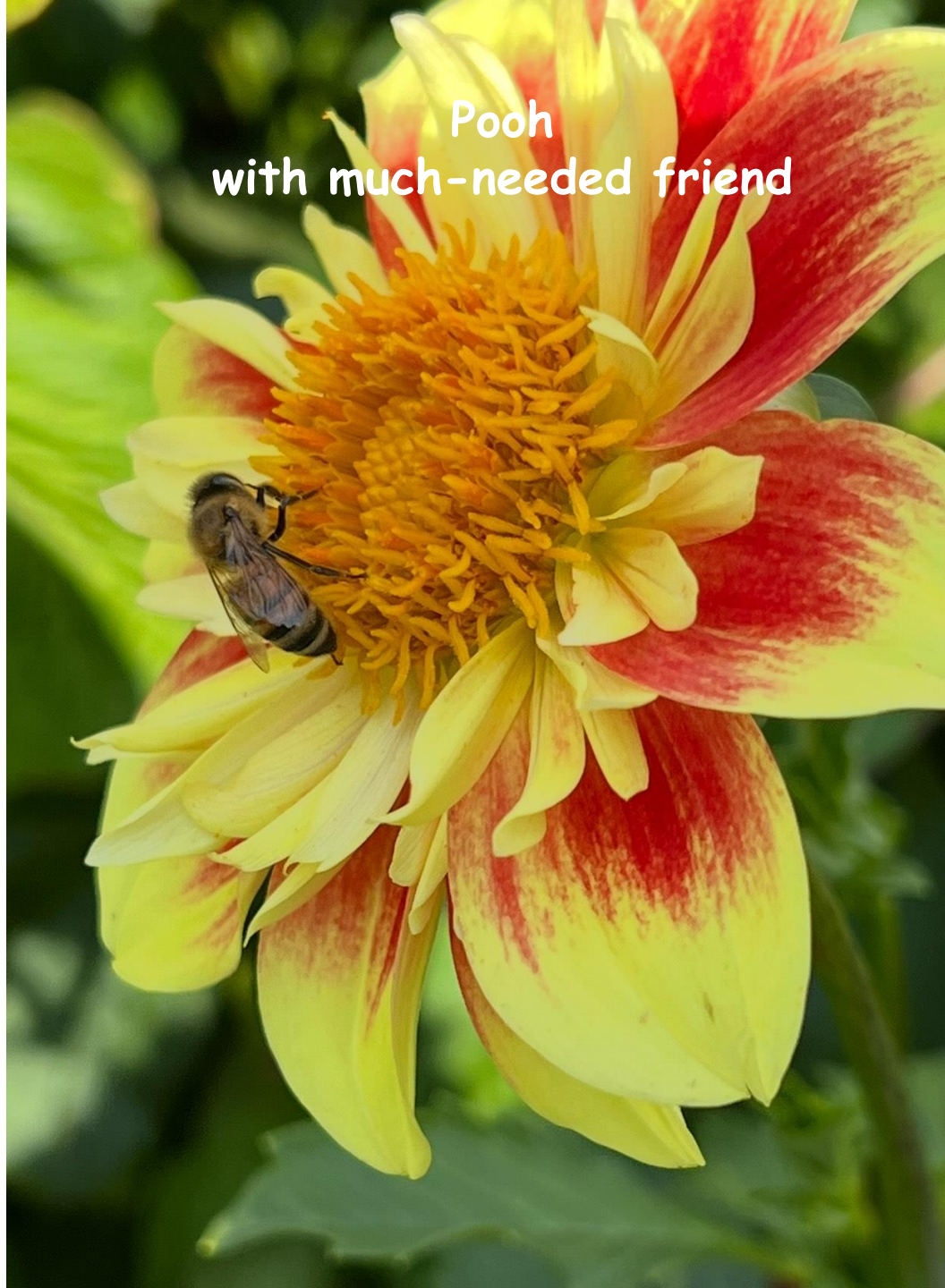
Seed Dahlia



Flower design from the  
Richwood Independent Fair  
( AC-CJ Dahlia )



Pooh  
with much-needed friend



Invanetti





Wyn's N.E.W. Pastel



I have been growing dahlias for many years in the gardens, mainly the front yard, of my suburban Worthington home. I was introduced to these amazing flowers when I was drawn in by Luther Havens to the GCDS display at a spring Plantland exhibit and I've been hooked ever since.

Isla Murden

















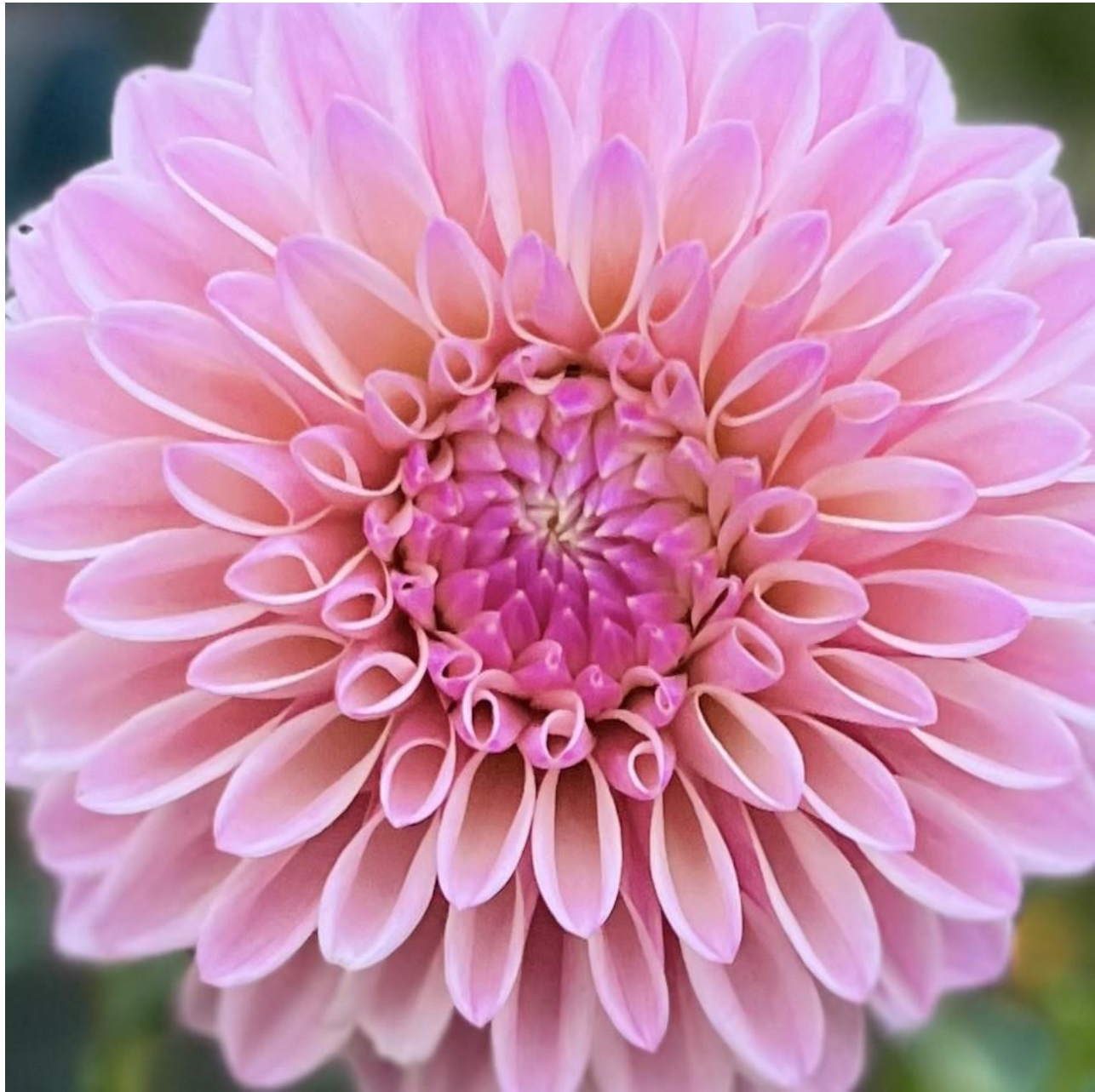














Hi all,  
My name is Jill Parak from Worthington, Ohio. I've been growing dahlias for 15 years. This is the first year I grew some dahlias from seed and had beautiful results. Peaches n Cream was my favorite this year. I grew in 2 community garden spaces and my home garden, shared with lots of people, both plants and bouquets. I had a lot of pest damage this year and the drought affected color, size and quality too, but when it rained, watch out, they were stunning!

This is me in 2023, I guess I didn't get a great pic of me with flowers this summer.







Floret seedlings Mar 2025

Peaches n Cream 🍑



Her majesty herself, Diva



A Floret shooting star seedling



Another seedling





Cornel Bronze + celosia  
on my kitchen windowsill

Not quite fully bloomed,  
but vibrant colors of this  
Floret petite seedling.

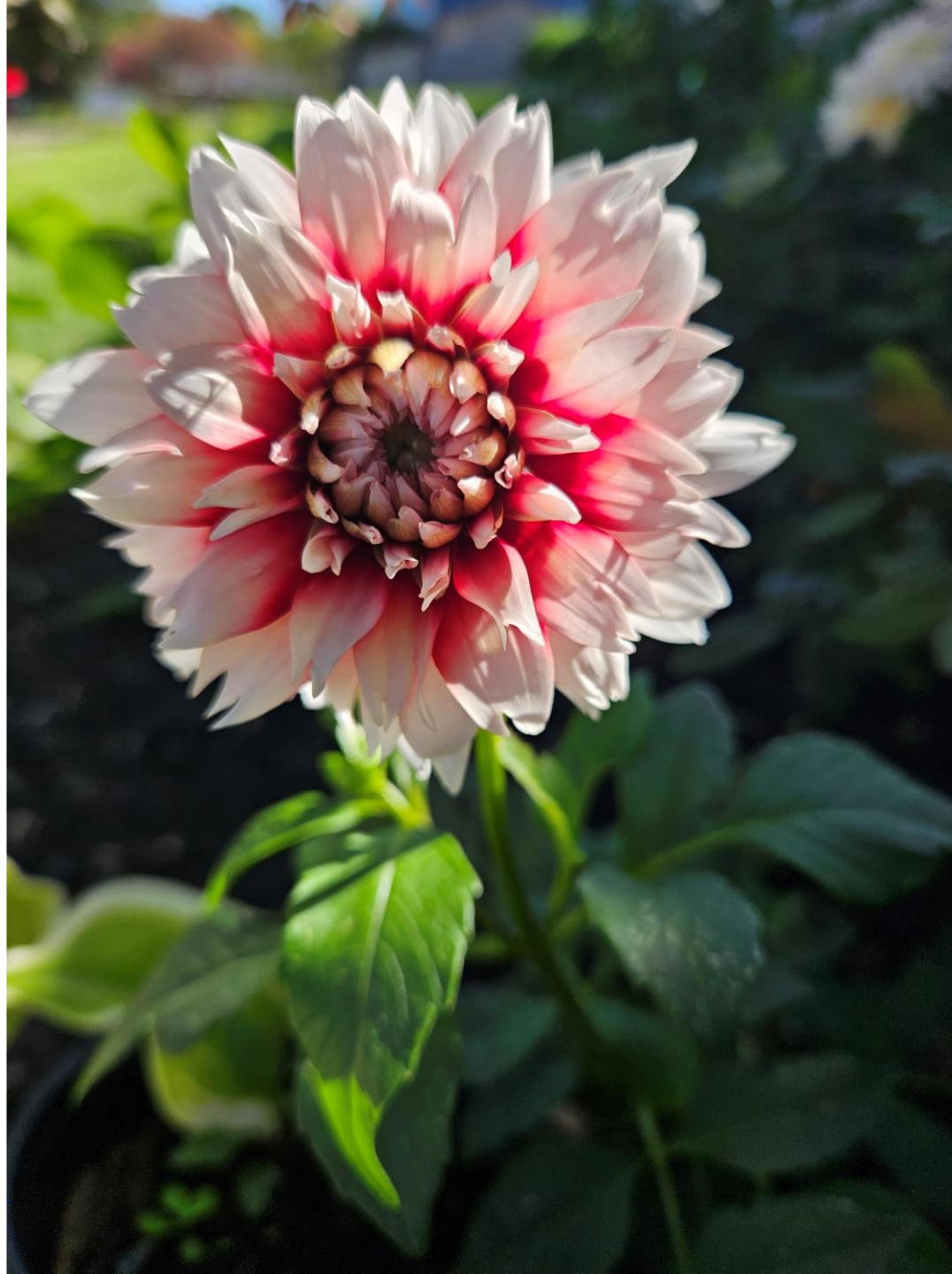


Here I have some Dahlias that bloomed in our garden this Summer 2024. All of September we traveled out of United States. We returned during the first week of October. These are the left over blooms that we enjoyed during the month of October.

We enjoyed watching all the flowers that was presented by the Society members.

Thank you.

Mano and Johnson Varatharaj





























John Wheatley, Worthington

Last year I enjoyed sending you some great pictures of several outstanding dahlia blooms from my garden. This year, the following photo says it all. So, my operative word for 2025 is: PROTECTION!

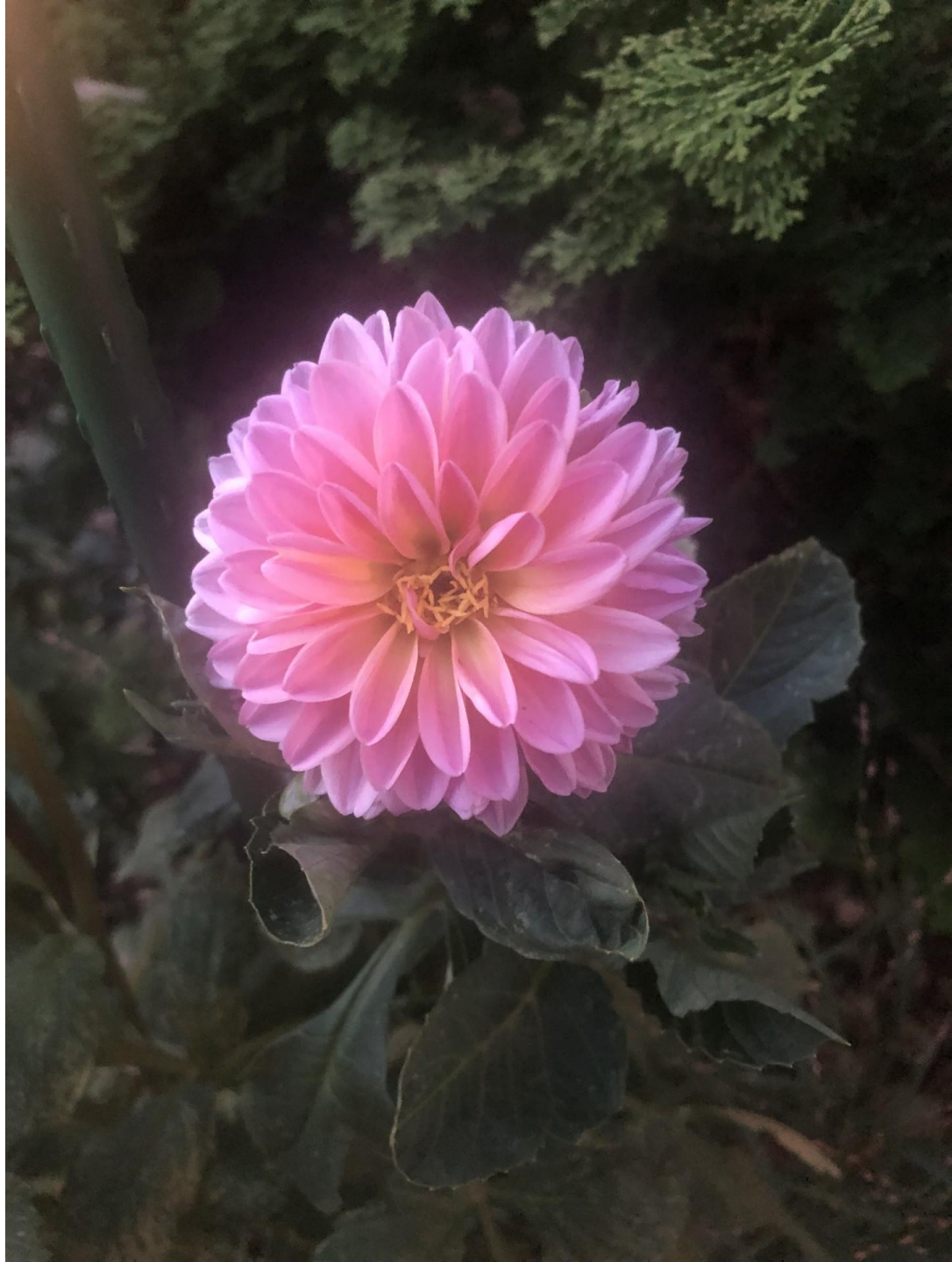




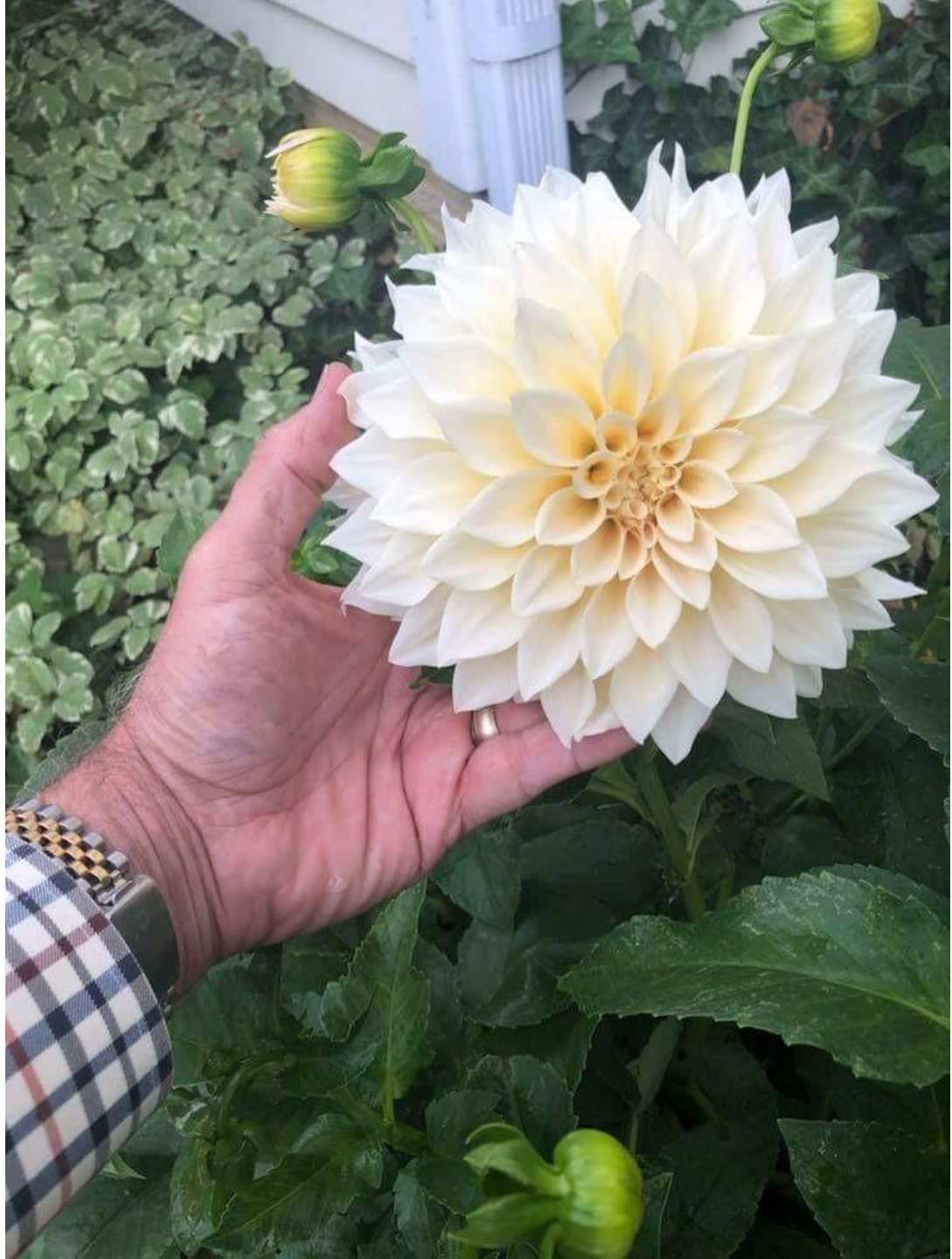
I know this isn't a dahlia,  
but the deer missed this  
bloom—almost every bud  
on my new Rose of  
Sharon was consumed—  
sadly!











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