

***59th***

DAHLIA SHOW

Aug. 30 – Aug. 31, 2025

***Open to Public:***

Saturday 1 PM to 5 PM

Sunday 1 PM to 4 PM

**Judging** – Saturday 10 to 1 PM

***Show Committee***

 CHAIRPERSON……………….…….……….…..……Gil Graham

 VICE-CHAIRPERSONS…Peg Van Scyoc & Dick Westfall

 JUDGES & CLERKS…………………….………Dick Westfall

 SECRETARY……………………………………………..Phil Hidy

 PUBLICITY………………………….…………….….Gil Graham

 Jeff & Linda Laine

CLASSIFICATION, ADS BENCH EVALUATION, CLASS ORGANIZER………………………………….Ken Redd

SHOW SETUP & TEAR DOWN… All Society Members

 SHOW SCHEDULE……………………………………Phil Hidy

 PHOTOGRAPHY………………..……….Jeff & Linda Laine

 STATISTICIAN………………………………………….Phil Hidy

 REFRESHMENTS………………………………………Lisa Leist

 EVENT COORDINATOR…………………..Lilly Ann Seipel

Dear Members, Exhibitors and Friends:

Join us on Saturday August 30 and Sunday, August 31, 2025 at the YMCA gymnasium in Marysville, Ohio for our 59th show. The gymnasium will be accessible for setup after 5:30 pm Friday evening until 11 pm and 6 am until 9 am Saturday morning. All entries must be in place by 10:00 am, and in addition the set-up area must be cleaned before patrons enter the gymnasium.

For the second year we are going to include an exhibit on dahlia gardens. This is a non-competitive display intended to show how some of our members grow their dahlias. They include pictures of the gardens as the dahlias grow through the season and brief descriptions. Vases of dahlias are included.

This year we have four “Special Award” categories.

Exhibitors may enter multiple entries in any of these

Categories. The “Special Award” is listed the end of the Honor Table listing in the booklet.

See you there!

 Show Chairpersons:

 Gil Graham

 Peg Van Scyoc & Dick Westfall

 ***Gold awards will be paid $10.00***

**GENERAL SHOW RULES**

1. All exhibitors must utilize entry tag(s) obtained at the registration desk. All information must be recorded and the entry tag properly folded, sealed and firmly attached to the exhibit.
2. All specimen blooms, except seedlings, must be grown by exhibitor. A person other than the grower may enter seedling blooms in seedling classes only.
3. No entry fee will be charged.
4. All entries become the property of the show management for the duration of the show and may not be removed except by direction and consent of the Show Committee.
5. The Show Committee reserves the right to remove from display any unworthy exhibit or bloom which detracts from the show.
6. Neither the Show Committee and its representatives nor the YMCA and its management shall be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits, containers, personal property or for injuries sustained by exhibitors or visitors.
7. The Show Committee will furnish containers for all single and three (3) bloom entries. Exhibitors should furnish suitable containers for all other multiple bloom entries.
8. The use of artificial color or any support above the container except wedges on specimen blooms is prohibited and will result in disqualification.
9. An exhibitor may enter a seeding in regular show competition if grown by the exhibitor. The seedling entry must be submitted to the Classification Committee for a class number. The seedling entry must carry a number or name for variety identification as outlined by the American Dahlia Society.
10. All dahlias will be entered and judged in accordance with the current ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias. Varieties not listed In the handbook or present edition of the composite listing shall be referred to the Classification Committee prior to judging. Such entries must be given classification designation by the Classification Committee. After being classified, entry should be properly placed by the exhibitor.
11. Entries must be placed on the proper exhibit table before 10:00 AM Saturday. Those that are not in place by that time will not be judged. Proper placement is the responsibility of each exhibitor.
12. The Judging team and Show Committee may disqualify any and all entries of an exhibitor showing unsportsmanlike conduct.
13. Judges must not participate in judging of their own entries.
14. Awards can be withheld in any class or section if the blooms are deemed unworthy.
15. All judging decisions will be final, unless the Show Committee requests a re-judging. Any protests concerning requests for re-judging must be lodged with the Show Committee within 30 minutes after the close of judging of the entry in question.
16. All blooms should have proper balance of foliage and proper stem length in relation to bloom size. Blooms must have at least one set of leaves above the container.
17. Largest bloom and smallest bloom will be chosen from full double, blue ribbon winners. Size will be determined by measuring extreme diameter and multiplying by average depth.
18. When judging miniatures, miniature balls, and poms, the judges should reward diminutiveness.
19. Additional rules, regulations and explanations will be found in each section. Please read and follow these carefully.

**SECTION I – NOVICE / NEW GROWER**

A new grower is an exhibitor who has grown and shown dahlias for no more than three (3) years. Exhibitors may have as many entries in each class as desired. Exhibitors in this section have no limits on the number of plants grown. Entries may be exhibited in any or all classes 0001 thru 9715.

Class:

 N/NG-AA 1 bloom, any form, any color

 N/NG-A 1 bloom, any form, any color

*From blues, select 1 gold for Honor Table.*

 N/NG-B 1 bloom, any form, any color

 N/NG-BB 1 bloom, any form, any color

*From blues, select 1 gold for Honor Table.*

 N/NG-M 1 bloom, any form, any color

 N/NG-BA 1 bloom, any color

 N/NG-MB 1 bloom, any color

 N/NG-P 1 bloom, any color

 N/NG-Other types 1 bloom, any color

*From blues, select 1 gold for Honor Table.*

**Best of the three classes on the Honor Table, winner will receive a trophy and 1 year GCDS membership.**

**SECTION II – SMALL GROWER**

 **- AA, A, B, BB size blooms**

A small grower is an exhibitor growing 1 to 125 plants of AA, A, B and BB size dahlias. Single bloom entries may be exhibited in any or all classes 0001 thru 3515. All other classifications (4001 – 9715) must be entered in Section IV thru IX. An exhibitor who qualifies for Section II may move up to Section III providing all entries of classes 0001 thru 3515 are entered in Section III.

*From blues in each form, select 1 gold award.*

*From golds select best AA for Honor Table.*

*From golds select best A for Honor Table.*

*From golds select best B for Honor Table.*

*From golds select best BB for Honor Table.*

**SECTION III – LARGE GROWER**

 **- AA, A, B, BB size blooms**

A large grower is an exhibitor growing 126 plants or more of AA, A, B, BB dahlias. Entries may be exhibited in any or all classes 0001 thru 3515. All other classification (4001-9715) must be entered in Section IV thru IX.

*From blues in each form, select 1 gold award.*

*From golds select best AA for Honor Table.*

*From golds select best A for Honor Table.*

*From golds select best B for Honor Table.*

*From golds select best BB for Honor Table.*

**SECTION IV – OPEN TO ALL**

**- M, Ba, MB, Pom, ST, WL, NX, MC**

 ***(M)* *Miniature –*** classes 4001 – 4515

*From blues in each form, select 1 gold award.*

*From golds, select best for Honor Table.*

***(Ba)******Ball –*** classes 6001 – 6015

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(MB) Miniature Ball –*** classes 6101 – 6115

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(POM)******Poms -*** classes 6201 – 6215

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(ST) Stellar* –** classes 7001 – 7015

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(WL) Waterlily*** *–* classes 7301 – 7315

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(NX)******Novelty Double Center –*** classes 7601 – 7615

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(MC) Micro*** *–* classes 5001 – 9515

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

**SECTION V – OPEN TO ALL**

**PE, AN, NO, CO, O, OT, S, MS**

***(PE)******Peony –*** classes 8001 – 8015

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(AN) Anemone –*** classes 8201 – 8215

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(NO)******Novelty Open –*** classes 8601 – 8615

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(CO) Collarette –*** classes 9001 – 9015

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(O)******Orchid –*** classes 9201 - 9215

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(OT)******Orchette –*** classes 9401 – 9415

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

***(S) Single –*** classes 9601 – 9615

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

 ***(MS)*** ***Mignon Single –*** classes 9701 – 9715

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

**SECTION VI – Open to All – THREE BLOOMS**

Three blooms of one variety in a single container.

 Class AA blooms 0001 – 0515

Class A blooms 1001 – 1515

*From blues in classes 0001-1515, select 1 gold for Honor Table.*

Class B blooms 2001 – 2515

Class BB blooms 3001 – 3515

*From blues in classes 2001-3515, select 1 gold for Honor Table.*

Class M, Ba, MB, P, ST, NX

 blooms 4001 – 7615

 Class MC blooms 5001 – 9515 (all Micro)

*From blues in classes 4001-9515, select 1 gold for Honor Table.*

Class PE, AN, NO, CO, O, OT, S, MS

 blooms 8001 - 9615

*From blues in classes 8101-9515, select 1 gold for Honor Table.*

**SECTION VII – Open to All – MULTIPLE BLOOMS**

 Class 1: 3 blooms – same size, 3 varieties

 Class 2: 5 blooms – same variety

 Class 3: 9 or more blooms – same variety

*From blues, select 1 gold for Honor Table.*

**SECTION VIII – Open to All– Multiple Forms**

Exhibit three (3) of the six (6) forms (formal decorative, informal decorative, semi-cactus, cactus, incurved cactus and laciniated) in a single container.

 Class 1 – AA and/or A blooms

 Class 2 – B blooms

 Class 3 – BB and/or M blooms

*From blues, select 1 gold for the Honor Table.*

**SECTION IX – Open to All – SPECIMEN BASKET**

Exhibitor must furnish their own container and the basket must have an attached overhead handle. Entry must be arranged entirely by the exhibitor. (Judging criteria as given in ADS Guide to Judging Dahlias)

*Best entry to Honor Table*

**SECTION X –Open to All– 1st & 2nd Year Seedlings**

Class 1 – One bloom of first year seedling grown from seed sown this year.

Class 2 – One bloom of second year seedling grown from seed sown last year.

*Blue ribbons only. Judges will award as many blue ribbons as deemed necessary.*

**SECTION XI – A.D.S. Seedling Bench Evaluation**

This section is open to dahlias grown from seed sown two or more years ago and not yet offered for sale. This section is 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 latest edition of the ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias. Three blooms are required and must be staged in a single container.

Each entry scoring 85.0 or more points shall receive an A.D.S. Seedling Award Ribbon. The entry with the highest average of all varieties scoring over 85.0 points shall receive the A.D.S. Achievement Award Ribbon and taken to its place on the Honor Table.

**SECTION XII – Artistic Arrangements– open to all**

1. Exhibitors permitted only one entry per class.
2. Exhibits must be arranged and staged by the exhibitor; however flowers or other plant material used may have been grown by others.
3. Dahlias must predominate the arrangement. Other flowers and plant material may be used with the exception of artificial or painted fresh material. Dried material is permissible along with accessories.
4. Containers and other properties used must be furnished by the exhibitor. Neither the Show Committee nor the YMCA will be responsible for any loss, damage or breakage. Please place name and address on container bottom.
5. All entries must be in place by 10:00 AM Saturday and cannot be removed until the show closes on Sunday. The exhibitor or his agent will be responsible for prompt removal at Sunday’s closing time.
6. The scale of judging points will be:

*POINT SCALE:*

Design 40

Condition 30

Interpretation 20

Distinctiveness 10

 100

**Artistic Arrangements – OPEN TO ALL**

***Vacation Destinations***

Entrants may furnish their own backdrop or use one provided. Please note that the display table space allotted per arrangement is 33” by 33”.

This is no height limit.

Class AR1: **Our Great National Parks**

A floor design (no height restriction)

Class AR2: **Seaside Resorts**

Any design type – open to interpretation

Class AR3: **Landmarks of the World**

Any design type – open to interpretation

Class AR4: **Amusement Parks**

 Any design type – open to interpretation

Note: All arrangements may use any container.

*From Blues, select “Best of Show Artistic Arrangement”.*

***$10 Award for winner of each class***

***$50 Award for Best of Show Artistic Arrangement***

**Section XIII – Photography – OPEN TO ALL**

Entries must be received no later than August 22, 2025. Entries must be 5” x 7” matted and centered on black card stock measuring 7” x 9”.

**No previously entered photos are to be used.** Your **Name** and **Class** should be clearly written on the back of the cardstock matting and mailed in an envelope to:

Phil Hidy

291 Weymouth Lane

Columbus, OH 43228-1392

Digital enhancements are permitted only for sharpening, brightness and contrast.

Limit of 2 photos per class, per person.

**CLASS A – Single Dahlia**

**CLASS B – Macro (close-up of part of a dahlia)**

**CLASS C – Multiple Dahlias (e.g. in garden, vase,**

 **arrangement, etc.)**

**CLASS D – Dahlia(s) with Critters and / or**

 **pets or people**

***$10 Award for winner of each class***

***$50 Award for Best Photo (That photo will be used for 2026 GCDS Brochure with photo credit.)***

**ABBREVIATIONS**

AN Anemone-flowered

BA Ball

C Straight Cactus

CO Collarette

FD Formal Decorative

IC Incurved Cactus

ID Informal Decorative

LC Laciniated

MB Miniature Ball

MC Micro

MS Mignon Single

NO Novelty Open (Disc) Center

NX Novelty Double Center

O Orchid

OT Orchette

P Pompon

PE Peony

S Single

SC Semi-Cactus

ST Stellar

WL Waterlily

**KEY TO 4-DIGIT CLASS NUMBERS**

 **Table 1** **Table 2**

Sized Dahlias Other Forms

Size 1st# Form 2nd# Form 1st 2nd #’s

AA 0 FD 0 BA 60

A 1 ID 1 MB 61

B 2 SC 2 P 62

BB 3 C 3 ST 70

M 4 IC 4 MST 71

MC 5 LC 5 WL 73

 MWL 74

 **TABLE 3** NX 76

COLOR LAST 2#’S MNX 77

White 01 PE 80

Yellow 02 MPE 81

Orange 03 AN 82

Pink 04 MAN 83

Dark Pink 05 NO 86

Red 06 MNO 87

Dark Red 07 CO 90

Lavender 08 MCO 91

Purple/Black 09 O 92

Light Blend 10 MO 93

Bronze 11 OT 94

Flame 12 MOT 95

Dark Blend 13 S 96

Variegated 14 MS 97

Bicolor 15

**Table 1 is for Sized Dahlias.** The Left portion of the table shows the Size and corresponding 1st digit. The Right side shows the Form and the corresponding 2nd digit.

**Table 2 is for Other Forms.** Because there is no size involved, each

Form has its own corresponding 2 digits.

**Table 3 is for Color**. This table is used in conjunction with Table 1 or Table 2.

**HONOR TABLE**

***All Honor Table entries are awarded $25***

Best Novice/New Grower – AA/A

SECT I

Best Novice/New Grower – B/BB

Best Novice/New Grower – other forms

Best Novice/New Grower – Trophy & Cash Award

Best Small Grower AA – FD,ID,SC,C,IC,LC

Best Small Grower A – FD,ID,SC,C,IC,LC

SECT II

Best Small Grower B – FD,ID,SC,C,IC,LC
Best Small Grower BB – FD,ID,SC,C,IC,LC

Best Large Grower AA – FD,ID,SC,C,IC,LC

Best Large Grower A – FD,ID,SC,C,IC,LC

SECT III

Best Large Grower B – FD,ID,SC,C,IC,LC

Best Large Grower BB – FD,ID,SC,C,IC,LC

Best Miniature – single bloom (all forms)

Best Micro – single bloom (all classes)

Best Ball

Best Miniature Ball

SECT IV

Best Pompon – single bloom

Best Waterlily

Best Stellar

Best Novelty Double Center

Best Peony

Best Anemone

Best Novelty Open

Best Collarette

SECT V

Best Orchid

Best Orchette

Best Single

Best Mignon Single

Best Three Blooms – AA, A

Best Three Blooms – B, BB

Best Three Blooms – M, MC, BA, MB,

SECT VI

 P, ST, WL, NX

Best Three Blooms – PE, AN, NO, CO, O,

 OT, S, MS

Best Multiple Blooms SECT VII

 SECT

Best Multiple Forms SECT VIII

 SECT VII

Best Basket SECT IX

Best ADS Seedling Bench Evaluation SECT XI

Best Artistic Arrangement SECT XII

**Award is $50**

**Award for winner of each class $10**

Best Photography SECT XIII

 **Award is $50**

**Award for winner of each class $10**

[*from Single Bloom on Honor Table*]

***(Selected from ALL Sections)***

**Best AA – Award $25**

**Best A – Award $25**

**Best B – Award $25**

**Best BB – Award $25**

***(Selected from ALL Sections)***

**Smallest Bloom – Award $25**

(must be Blue Ribbon Winner)

**Largest Bloom - Award $25**

(must be Blue Ribbon Winner)

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[*from Single Bloom on Honor Table*]

***King of Show – AA,A,B = Award $200***

***Queen of Show – BB,M,MC,BA,MB,P,WL,ST,NX***

 ***= Award $150***

***Princess of Show – PE,AN,NO,CO,OR,OT,S,MS***

 ***= Award $100***

***ALL Special Awards are “OPEN TO ALL”***

***(Selected from ALL Sections)***

***Special Award*** - **$150 -** Best **Zorro**

 - single bloom

 - in memory of Wilbur Seipel

 - sponsored by Lilly Ann Seipel

***Special Award*** - **$100**  - Best **Marcella Louise**

 - single bloom

 - sponsored by Jim Chuey

***Special Award*** - **$100** - Best **Carl**

 - single bloom

 - sponsored by Jim Chuey

***Special Award*** - **$50** - Best **Jackie’s Red Devil**

 - single bloom

 - sponsored by Chris Bryant family

**DIRECTIONS:**

The facilities are easy to reach by taking the US Route 36 exit off of US Route 33 and going west toward downtown for about two blocks and turning south (left) (Colemans Crossing Blvd.) at the traffic light.

You will see signs for dropping off blooms.

Motels and restaurants are all located within a half-mile of the show facilities on the eastern edge of Marysville on State Route 36.

 YMCA

 1150 Charles Lane

Marysville, OH 43040

***For other information please call:***

 Peg Van Scyoc – (614) 890-1562

 - *or* –

 Gil Graham – (614) 832-3512