

46th American Dahlia Society National Show

Hosted by the Portland Dahlia Society

Members of the Portland Dahlia Society invite you to start making plans now to attend the 2012 ADS National Show in Portland, Oregon. The show will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Columbia Red Lion Hotel on the River on Labor Day weekend, September 1 and 2. Red Lion is offering special room rates for those attending the show. Backdropped by the floor to ceiling views of the river, this event boasts 18,000 square feet of exhibit space dedicated to our favorite flower.

Optional bus tours will be available at a reasonable price. On Thursday, August 30, we will travel one hour to The Oregon Garden in Silverton. The Oregon Garden features 80 acres of specialty gardens and a 30 minute narrated tram tour upon entrance. There will be a stop at a vineyard/winery for optional tasting and a lovely vista. On Friday, August 31, three member gardens of terrific quality will be visited, all within a 30 mile radius of the hotel. On Sunday, September 2, we will board buses for the Swan Island Dahlia Festival and Canby Trial Gardens, about 30 minutes from the hotel. Swan Island is the largest dahlia grower in the Western Hemisphere with over 40 acres of dahlias. The basement of their barn features over 400 baskets and arrangements of our favorite flower! On Monday, September 3, we will travel 30 minutes to Hollyhill Dahlia Farm. Operated by Ted and Margaret Kennedy, Hollyhill has become of the most influential hybridizers in the business. Margaret has an amazing flair for design and you will want to see her hanging baskets and a great variety of all things colorful. Lunch will be provided alfresco so all can enjoy the quiet beauty of the Hollyhill gardens.

Seminars will be presented on Saturday afternoon, including Eleanor Shantz's famous tutelage on creating the perfect dahlia basket. A Northwest hybridizer's panel and tips on the ins and outs of photographing dahlias as presented by Roger Walker will take place as well.

If you enjoy the outdoors, Portland is a short drive from the famous Oregon coast, the Columbia River Gorge, and scenic Mount Hood. Championship golf and tax free shopping are a short distance from our show site as well.

Early bird registration is \$139 for the full package and \$89 for the partial package. For more information, you may visit our website at www.portlanddahlia.com. We look forward to providing you with a spectacular dahlia show event!