

Welcome Dahlia Exhibitors and Enthusiasts,

On behalf of the members and Board of Directors of the Portland Dahlia Society, I welcome you to the 46th annual American Dahlia Society National Show. Our national show committee has put in countless hours of planning to insure your experience will be interesting, educational, and most of all, memorable!

First, I need to gratefully acknowledge the tremendous support Portland has received from other Societies, Associations, and Conferences throughout the Western Region. Most notably the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers and the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference have been most generous with their financial support, time, talent and participation. We also appreciatively acknowledge all those who have contributed to cash awards, raffle donations, and other support to our endeavor.

By way of a brief overview, we have scheduled a tour of the Oregon Garden on Thursday. Thursday evening there will be an evening reception where attendees can mix and mingle while enjoying hors d'oeuvres. On Friday we have on tap a tour of some private local dahlia gardens. At the show venue we will have seminars available on Saturday afternoon and the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. The ADS Classification Committee will convene on Sunday morning followed by the ADS Fall Meeting. A tour of Swan Island Dahlia Gardens and the Canby Trial Garden will follow on Sunday afternoon. The owners of Swan Island Dahlias, the Gitts Family, have a long history of support for the Portland Dahlia Society. They both sponsor the Canby Trial Garden as well as serve on the PDS Board. Blessed as we are with a three day holiday weekend, we have a tour of Hollyhill Dahlias scheduled for Monday. With over forty Hollyhill introductions under her belt, the "pollinator - in - chief" may reveal a bit about how she works her magic. We plan a lunch al fresco as we enjoy the garden's charm and beauty.

A dahlia boutique and a raffle of various fabulous items will be available for people to shop from or try their luck at winning a great item. These areas will be adjacent to our show hall for easy access.

Our show theme of "Follow the Oregon Trail of Dahlias" implies a destination well worth exploring. The Columbia River Gorge, Multnomah Falls, Timberline Lodge and the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry are just a few examples of easy day trips from the Red Lion Hotel. Our 2012 National show website, www.portlanddahlia.com has more in depth details as well as suggestions for other points of interest in and around Portland. Thanks so much for your part in making our 2012 National Show a resounding success!

Sincerely,

Mike Riordan
President, Portland Dahlia Society

