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*Official American Dahlia Society Trial Garden*  
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2008 Dahlia of the Year

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*newsletter*

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**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 10, 2008 7:30 P.M.**  
**Program: TUBER & GLADs AUCTION—Bring tubers!!**  
**HOSTS: Donna Black**  
**WHITE ELEPHANT: Greg & Anita Smith**

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Hello everyone, thank goodness it's April, only problem is we still have snow and in some parts of the county lots of it. Gives us lots of time to plan, but after awhile, I would like to get in the yard and actually do something. It has given me plenty of time to pursue other ideas that I have had for this year's fair, and so far the response has been very good. Once again this year we will have a booth at the fair for the full 9 days. If you are at all interested in wanting to run the booth this year, let me know at the meetings; any days and time you would like would be fine. You will get a ticket to get into the fair for this. I, myself, will be doing the booth every night from roughly 5:00 pm until closing.

Next, for those who haven't heard yet, the Gladiolus Society will be having their show the same weekend with our show. I'm glad that we could get this done, (it took some work) but it should make for a really beautiful show. Don't forget, since I'm talking about gladiolus, this meeting will be our tuber and gladiolus auction. Roy and Lowell will be bringing nice glad bulbs and those of us that want to auction our own tubers, bring them to the meeting. Great time for new members to get their hands on some tubers and some nice stuff.

On an important note: we the society need to do what we can to make available as many of our own tubers for our tuber sale. We can't and shouldn't count on other growers to supply us with tubers. So please go through your tubers and keep the best of what you want and we'll help make this a great 3 weekends of sales for our society. This is the one main income maker for us and lets us do all the other things that we like to do for our members. Thank-you for your help!

Now for some better news having to do with the fair this year. This year there will be more money awards given out for just about everybody to have a shot at. This will also include all the arrangement people. I haven't yet figured where all the prize money will be put, but most will be on specials. The one I know for sure will be Flower of the Year, which is April Dawn, (we will have April Dawn for sale at this meeting), a \$25 prize will be given for this special. More to come in the May newsletter, in fact all the rest will be named in the May newsletter. There will also be prize money for the youth division in novice and for non-members in both youth and adult classes. For all those people that have that gift to do arrangements (because I don't), here is the list for you to know, to start thinking about for this year's fair. There are 11 themes for this year's show. The theme for this year's fair is **We Have A Good Thing Growing!!**

1. The Clock Tower: An arrangement with a vertical design
2. Spokane Falls: An arrangement using waterlily dahlias and featuring water
3. Home & Garden Show: An arrangement with wood and multi-colored dahlias
4. Bloomsday: An arrangement showing movement
5. A Good Thing Growing: Designer's Choice (continued next page)

Fair arrangement themes continued:

6. Lilac City: An arrangement using lavender and purple dahlias
7. We've Got to Grow: An arrangement less than 6" in height and width.
8. The Carousel: A round centerpiece with mixed flowers and dahlias
9. Greenbluff: An arrangement of dahlias with fruits and vegetables
10. Harvesting dahlias: An Arrangement incorporating grains with bronze and orange dahlias
11. Growing Dahlias: An arrangement using three different forms of dahlias

As of now, there will be a \$25 award for #5—A Good Thing Growing: Designer's Choice.

This will be open to all three classes, Novice—Open. One winner for this theme, the rest will be awarded. What is printed in the fair guide. Besides the two \$25 amounts already mentioned above, there will be over \$200 more figured into this show. This is hopefully the start of many years to come with more and more money and gift certificates to be awarded at our show. Remember, this is our show; we can pretty much do what we would like to change things and make things more interesting, etc. One of those changes will be the Gladiolus show with us. Second, we will be changing the style of our rosettes for next year's PNDC (Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference) show. I will hopefully have these rosettes to look at, at this year's fair, but not before.

At last month's meeting, I introduced a brand new President's Award. It will be a plaque that will be used every year with that year's member's name put on the plaque. The winner for 2007 was Mr. Bob Beasley. This isn't an easy award to pick a winner as we do have so many in this society that could easily win it in any given year. I'm sure I'm not the only President nor the last that will have a tough time every winter picking a deserving member for this award. Thanks everyone for making my job so hard. That only means we must be doing something right. That's about all for this letter. Next month we will have all the prizes that need to be mentioned put into the newsletter. I'm hoping for big things at this year's show, so hopefully it all comes together. This meeting we will try doing the tuber and gladiolus auction first thing. So be on time, because I'm never ready, as you all know by now. Remember bring a couple of tubers if you can and have them identified. See you next week.

*Greg Smith*

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#### Minutes of meeting March 13, 2008

Introductions were made with 17 members present. Greg opened the meeting at 7:40 pm. No cheer was sent. The Trial Garden has 30 entries and are expected around April 1st.

Minutes and treasurer's report were accepted as printed.

The Gladiolus Society will be sharing dates at the fair with our show and Roy Barton and Lowell Dubbels were asked to submit their show schedule to the fair. Greg explained he is surveying all the Trial Gardens in the U.S. on their costs to run, with the idea of giving information to Bob Miller at the PNDC Spring Meeting.

Tuber sale flyers and tags for bags were printed and handed out.

Only 20 April Dawn's—our 2008 Flower of the Year—will be at the April meeting. That meeting will also be our Tuber Auction with glads as well.

It was decided to have a raffle at our Christmas Party as a fund raiser.

The information booth is going to be built by the fair and put back into use.

The Trial Garden and VA Gardens are to be planted on May 31st. Put it on your calendar as both need lots of help. Goodies provided!!

Carol Konitzer won the raffle of \$10.

New rosettes for the fair will be ordered in COLORS!

Cutting demo was done by Bob Beasley.

A new award, The President's Award, for 2007 was presented to Bob Beasley in appreciation of all his work with the Trial Garden.

Secretary, Joni Beasley

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needed supplies to start your gardening .

**TUBER SALES:**

- APRIL 26, 2008 North NW Seed & Pet 9 AM
- MAY 3, 2008 E. Sprague NW Seed & Pet 8 AM
- MAY 10, 2008 GARDEN EXPO—Spokane Community College Lair Bldg. All Day

We need workers for all these. PLEASE sign up to work at the sales. There will be sign up sheet at the meeting.

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Dues: Single: \$7  
Family: \$10

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Tip: When bagging dahlias for the tuber sales, check out the prices of "snack bags" at the Dollar Stores. You can get 60 snack bags for \$1 at these stores. Wal-Mart also has 100 bags for a little bit more.