

*Vancouver
Dahlia
Society*

2026

Show Schedules



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VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY (VDS)
September 5th and 6th, 2026
VanDusen Gardens, Vancouver, B.C.

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

Staging and entries may be made6:00 - 8:00 pm
If you need to stage later than 8:00 pm, contact the show chairpersons.

SATURDAY- SATURDAY 5, 2026

Staging and entries may be made7:00 - 9:00 am
Placement9:00 - 9:30 am
Judges' & Clerks' Meeting9:30 - 9:45 am
Judging begins.....9:45 am
Doors open to the public1:00 pm
Show closes.....5:00 pm

A show luncheon will be served following the judging for the show committee, judges and clerks.

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

Doors open to the public11:00 am
Show closes to the public.....2:30 pm

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AFTER THE DOORS CLOSE

NOTE:

If you require cans in order to display your entries please contact the vancouverdahliasociety@gmail.com to make arrangements.

FLORAL ART ENTRIES

Contact Jennifer Zuk at (604) 837-9598 to reserve space. Email jjzuk@telus.net

REMOVAL OF ENTRIES

Exhibitors are requested to leave entries on the tables until after the awards presentation. Those entrants who cannot remove their entries are expected to make arrangements for someone to do so for them.

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DIRECTIONS

VanDusen Botanical Garden is located at 37th Avenue and Oak Street, Vancouver, B.C. For our U.S. visitors, Oak Street may be considered an extension of I-5 (and further extension of Highway 99). Drive 28 miles (45 km) north of the Peace Arch and you will arrive at VanDusen Gardens.

OFFICERS

President	Peter Krueger
Treasurer	Susan Gibbons
Secretary	Carrie Sleep
Directors.....	Betty Girard
	Wally Kurth
	Allison DeVisser
	Evelyn Crawford
	Margaret Crossen
	Jane Sherk
	Ken Birchmore
	Elizabeth Bird
	Susan Birchmore
	Lee Pusch
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SHOW COMMITTEE

Co-Chairpersons.....	Betty Girard
	Jennifer Zuk
	Margaret Crossen
	Sandra Leung
Awards	Selina Wong
Treasury.....	Susan Gibbons
Show Properties & Containers.....	TBA
Show Records.....	Jennifer Zuk
Placement	Judges place the
	Section they are
	judging
Judges & Clerks	Jennifer Zuk
Sale of Cut Flowers.....	Susan Gibbons
Ribbons.....	Betty Girard
Classification.....	Any Senior Judge
Arrangements, Baskets & Bowls (<i>Main show only</i>).....	Jennifer Zuk
Publicity	Evelyn Crawford

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SPECIAL ENTRIES

Novice – Pink Tags; Amateur – Yellow Tags; Open – White Tags

DAHLIA OF THE YEAR
Federation – Sandia Bertha WL PR
(Single-bloom Entry)

NoviceClass 261 A
Amateur.....Class 261 B
OpenClass 261 C

Open To Novice, Amateur, Open - Use White Tags

BOWL OF DAHLIAS.....Class 264

Judged for colour and effect, an all-around arrangement.

Bowls provided by Vancouver Dahlia Society.

To request a bowl, Contact Jennifer Zuk, (604) 837-9598, email jjzuk@telus.net.

VASE OF DAHLIASClass 265

Vase of exhibitor's choice, containing 12 dahlias, with or without greenery, colour variation allowed, type of dahlias may vary. Will be judged as a vase suitable for informal all-around home display.

Note: Definition of a Vase: A container taller than its width.

FLOATING WATERLILYClass 266

A single waterlily, floating in a bowl that is wider than it is tall, in clear water, no greenery or pin frogs allowed.

PEOPLE'S CHOICEClass 267

Single Entry.

Each exhibitor may enter only one entry in people's choice. Winner will be selected by popular vote of the public. Ballots close at 2:00 pm on Sunday.

Open to First Time Exhibitors ONLY - use White Tags

FIRST-TIME EXHIBITORClass 268

Single-bloom entry, any size.

Open To Novice, Amateur, Open - Use White Tags

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VANCOUVER DAHLIA SOCIETY CHALLENGEClass 269
Any light or dark blend variety (single-bloom entry)

FLORAL ART

Novice – Pink Tags; Amateur – Yellow Tags; Advanced Amateur – White Tags

All entries in this section must be made by the exhibitor in his/her own container. Some dahlias must be used in all classes. Dahlias need not be grown by the exhibitor. Only one entry per person per class is allowed.

A width of 24 inches is allotted for each exhibit except in class 308.

An exhibit is composed of natural plant material, with or without accessories. Fresh-cut, dried, weathered, or treated plant material, or any combination may be used.

THEME:

THE CONTINENTS OF THE WORLD

AUSTRALIA.....Class 301
A parallel design using bright colours

NORTH AMERICA – Go CANADA GoClass 302
A design of your own interpretation

AFRICA.....Class 303
The dark continent, a design of your own interpretation

ASIA.....Class 304
A design in the oriental manner

EUROPE.....Class 305
A traditional design

ANTARCTICA (Men Only).....Class 306
Interpret the cold

SOUTH AMERICA (Children Only).....Class 307
A design of your own interpretation

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NEW ZEALANDClass 308

Good things come in small packages. An exhibit not to exceed 12 inches in any direction.

Reserve space for floral exhibits by the Thursday preceding the show by contacting Jennifer Zuk (604) 837-9598 or E-Mail jjzuk@telus.net



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One Day Late Show

September 19, 2026
West Coast Gardens
1420 172nd Street, Surrey, B.C.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Entries may be made7:30 - 9:30 am
Judges' & Clerks' Meeting9:30 - 9:45 am
Judging begins.....9:45 am
Doors open to the public2:00 pm
Show closes.....5:00 pm

RESULTS WILL BE POSTED ON: vancouverdahliasociety.ca

**AWARDS WILL BE MAILED TO THE WINNERS
AFTER THE SHOW**

NOTE:

There will be no staging available at the garden. If you require cans in order to display your entries please email vancouverdahliasociety@gmail.com to make arrangements.

REMOVAL OF ENTRIES

Exhibitors are required to leave entries on the tables until show closing at 5:00 pm Those entrants who cannot remove their entries are expected to make arrangements for someone to do so for them.

DIRECTIONS

From the North: Take Hwy 99 south to the 16th Ave. exit (Exit # 4). Go east on 16th Avenue to 172nd and turn Right. The garden is 1 block south of the intersection

From the South: The garden is 5 minutes north of the Pacific Hwy Truck Crossing. Take the Pacific Hwy truck crossing, travel North on Hwy 15 (176th St), turn Left on 16th Ave and turn Left on 172nd. The garden is one block south of the intersection.

The greenhouse can be entered from the main entrance.

Please move your vehicle away from the main entrance once unloaded.

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LUNCH

All judges, clerks and volunteers will receive a small honorarium for their lunch

OFFICERS

See main show above.

SPECIAL ENTRIES

Novice – Pink Tags; Amateur – Yellow Tags; Open – White Tags

DAHLIA OF THE YEAR

Sandia Bertha WL PR (Single-bloom Entry)

NoviceClass 261A
Amateur.....Class 261B
OpenClass 261C

Open To Novice, Amateur & Open Use White Tags

BAKER’S DOZEN VASE OF DAHLIAS.....Class 265

Vase of exhibitor’s choice, containing 13 dahlias, with or without greenery, colour variation allowed, type of dahlias may vary. Will be judged as a vase suitable for informal all-around home display.

Note: Definition of a Vase: A container taller than its width.

HOLLAND CHALLENGE.....Class 266

Any Wayne Holland Origination: Aurora’s Kiss, any Hy or Canoz variety (single bloom entry)

♥ **We would like to thank West Coast Gardens for their** ♥
♥ **generous support and for hosting us for the show** ♥

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HORTICULTURAL SECTIONS

Novice - Pink Tags, Amateur - Yellow Tags, Open - White Tags
 Novice, Amateur, and Open Divisions will use the following show schedule.

**In Horticultural Sections, each division will be judged separately.
 For triple entries, place a T in front of the Section.**

SECTION	Entry	Description	ADS Class
1	Single Entry	Giant (AA) Dahlias	0001 to 0515
2	Triple Entry	Giant (AA) Dahlias	0001 to 0515
3	Single Entry	Large (A) Dahlias	1001 to 1515
4	Triple Entry	Large (A) Dahlias	1001 to 1515
5	Single Entry	Medium (B) Dahlias	2001 to 2515
6	Triple Entry	Medium (B) Dahlias	2001 to 2515
7	Single Entry	Small (BB) Dahlias	3001 to 3515
8	Triple Entry	Small (BB) Dahlias	3001 to 3515
9	Single Entry	Miniature (M) Dahlias	4001 to 4515
10	Triple Entry	Miniature (M) Dahlias	4001 to 4515
11	Single Entry	Ball (BA) Dahlias	6001 to 6515
12	Triple Entry	Ball (BA) Dahlias	6001 to 6515
13	Single Entry	Min Ball (MB) Dahlias	6101 to 6115
14	Triple Entry	Min Ball (MB) Dahlias	6101 to 6115
15	Single Entry	Pompon (P) Dahlias	6202 to 6215
16	Triple Entry	Pompon (P) Dahlias	6202 to 6215
17	Single Entry	Stellar (ST) Dahlias	7001 to 7015
18	Triple Entry	Stellar (ST) Dahlias	7001 to 7015
19	Single Entry	Waterlily (WL) Dahlias	7301to 7315
20	Triple Entry	Waterlily (WL) Dahlias	7301to 7315
21	Single Entry	Novelty (NO/NX) Dahlias	See current CHD
22	Triple Entry	Novelty (NO/NX) Dahlias	See current CHD

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SECTION	Entry	Description	ADS Class
23	Single Entry	Peony (PE) Dahlias	8001 to 8015
24	Triple Entry	Peony (PE) Dahlias	8001 to 8015
25	Single Entry	Anemone (AN) Dahlias	8201 to 8215
26	Triple Entry	Anemone (AN) Dahlias	8201 to 8215
27	Single Entry	Collarette (CO) Dahlias	9001 to 9015
28	Triple Entry	Collarette (CO) Dahlias	9001 to 9015
29	Single Entry	Orchid (O) Dahlias	9201 to 9215
30	Triple Entry	Orchid (O) Dahlias	9201 to 9215
31	Single Entry	Orchette (OT) Dahlias	9401 to 9415
32	Triple Entry	Orchette (OT) Dahlias	9401 to 9415
33	Single Entry	Single (S) Dahlias	9601 to 9615
34	Triple Entry	Single (S) Dahlias	9601 to 9615
35	Single Entry	Mignon Single (MS) Dahlias	9701 to 9715
36	Triple Entry	Mignon Single (MS) Dahlias	9701 to 9715
37	Single Entry	Micro Peony (MPE) Dahlias	8101 to 8115
38	Triple Entry	Micro Peony (MPE) Dahlias	8101 to 8115
39	Single Entry	Single Entry Micro Collarette (MCO) Dahlias	9101 to 9115
40	Triple Entry	Triple Entry Micro Collarette (MCO) Dahlias	9101 to 9115
41	Single Entry	Single Entry All Other Micro (MC) Dahlias	See Current CHD
42	Triple Entry	All Other Micro (MC) Dahlias	See Current CHD

NOTE: CLASS NUMBER IS THE SAME AS ADS CLASSIFICATION NUMBER

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SECTION 55 - FIVE BLOOM ENTRIES

OPEN TO ALL - Use White Tags

ENTRY	ENTRY
Giant (AA) Dahlias	Peony (PE) Dahlias
Large (A) Dahlias	Anemone (AN) Dahlias
Medium (B) Dahlias	Collarette (CO) Dahlias
Small (BB) Dahlias	Orchid (O) Dahlias
Miniature (M) Dahlias	Orchette (OT) Dahlias
Ball (BA) Dahlias	Single (S) Dahlias
Miniature Ball (MB) Dahlias	Mignon Single (MS) Dahlias
Pompon (POM) Dahlias	Micro Peony (MPE) Dahlias
Stellar (ST) Dahlias	Micro Collarette (MCO) Dahlias
Waterlily (WL) Dahlias	All Other Micros (MC) Dahlias (See CHD)
Novelty (NX or NO) Dahlias	

SECTION 56 - UNDISSEMINATED DAHLIAS

Use 1-10 Scoresheet for Judging

SINGLE BLOOM ENTRY

OPEN TO ALL - Use White Tags

ENTRY	ENTRY
Giant (AA) Dahlias	Peony (PE) Dahlias
Large (A) Dahlias	Anemone (AN) Dahlias
Medium (B) Dahlias	Collarette (CO) Dahlias
Small (BB) Dahlias	Orchid (O) Dahlias
Miniature (M) Dahlias	Orchette (OT) Dahlias
Ball (BA) Dahlias	Single (S) Dahlias
Miniature Ball (MB) Dahlias	Mignon Single (MS) Dahlias
Pompon (POM) Dahlias	Micro Peony (MPE) Dahlias

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ENTRY	ENTRY
Stellar (ST) Dahlias	Micro Collarette (MCO) Dahlias
Waterlily (WL) Dahlias	All Other Micros (MC) Dahlias (See CHD)
Novelty (NX / NO) Dahlias	

SECTION 57 - ADS SEEDLING BENCH EVALUATION

TRIPLE BLOOM ENTRY - Use White Tags

ADS SEEDLING BENCH EVALUATION

This class is offered in cooperation with the American Dahlia Society.

Open to all exhibitors. Show officials and exhibitors must read and adhere to all rules for entries and judging as posted on the ADS website.

For mignon single and micro dahlias, there will be a ¼" tolerance on size, as long as they have the overall look of a mignon single or micro dahlia.

SECTION 58-BASKETS

Novice - Pink Tags; Amateur - Yellow Tags; Open - White Tags

A novice is someone who has shown baskets in 10 or fewer shows.

Exhibitors continue as an amateur until they have won a total of 10 Best in Show basket awards, at which time they move up to open.

(One or more varieties are allowed in all classes)

ENTRY	ENTRY
Giant (AA)	Peony (PE)
Large (A)	Anemone (AN)
Medium (B)	Collarette (CO)
Small (BB)	Orchid (O)
Miniature (M)	Orchette (OT)
Ball (BA)	Single (S)
Miniature Ball (MB)	Mignon Single (MS)
Pompon (P)	Micro Peony (MPE)
Stellar (ST)	Micro Collarette (MCO)

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ENTRY	ENTRY
Waterlily (WL)	All Other Micros (MC) (See CHD)
Novelty (NO/NX)	Mixed Dahlias (MIXED)

A balance of blooms is desirable, with a minimum of at least 3 blooms of each type or size in a mixed basket.

1. Foliage must be natural.
2. Staging material must be concealed.
3. Basket must have handle.
4. Exhibitor must grow the blooms (#6 Showing Rules)

SECTION 59 - SPECIAL ENTRIES

Open to Novice, Amateur & Open unless otherwise designated
See individual Society/Association selections

SECTION 60 - ARRANGEMENTS

Novice - Pink Tags; Amateur - Yellow Tags Advanced Amateur - White Tags

A novice is someone who has shown arrangements in 10 or fewer shows. An exhibitor then moves up to amateur and continues as amateur until s/he is winning consistently in the arrangement section; they will then advance to advanced amateur.

Rules governing entries in the arrangement/floral art section are:

1. Check each society's rules for registering ahead of time.
2. Use the appropriate colour tag for novice, amateur, or advanced amateur.
3. Plant material need not be grown by the exhibitor, but all exhibits must be arranged by the exhibitor.
4. Any flower, foliage, and accessories including dried, treated, or painted material may be used. Artificial flowers and/or foliage may not be used.
5. All arrangements must feature dahlias as the predominant flower.
6. Dahlias must have good colour and substance and be free of insect and mechanical damage.
7. Designs should be finished on all sides.

For more information and judging criteria, see pages 126 to 128.

For glossary of terms and line descriptions please go to www.nwdahlia.org

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JUNIOR ARRANGEMENTS

Use BLUE Tags

Check for individual Society/Association descriptions.
Must follow the Arrangement Rules

SECTION 61 - JUNIOR SECTION

Use BLUE tags

Open to exhibitors 16 years and under.
All worthy entries will receive a blue ribbon.
The best of each class will win a Best of Type ribbon.

JUNIOR SECTION JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS

Organize the entries by class.

Award a blue ribbon to every worthy entry. Note: virtually every entry will be worthy and will receive a blue ribbon. There will be multiple blue ribbons in each class; there may be a few red ribbons.

Award a best-of-type or section champion ribbon (whatever is allocated by show officials) to the best entry in each class.

Choose the best entries from among the class winners; these will include:

- Best Junior Fully Double Single Dahlia
- Best Junior Open-Centered Single Dahlia
- Best Junior Fully Double Triple-Bloom
- Best Junior Open-Centered Triple-Bloom

All four entries described above will go to the head table as Best Junior Entries and will be considered for best-in-show awards.

The overall effect will be a sea of blue ribbons, perhaps a few reds, and when necessary, a few no awards.

The purpose of this section is to encourage junior exhibitors.

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SECTION 61 - JUNIOR SECTION

Use BLUE tags

Junior Section Classes

Entry	Colour & Form	CLASS
Single Bloom Giant (AA)	Any colour or form	Class G
Single Bloom Large (A)	Any colour or form	Class LG
Single Bloom Medium (B)	Any colour or form	Class MED
Single Bloom Small (BB)	Any colour or form	Class SM
Single Bloom Miniature (M)	Any colour or form	Class MIN
Single Bloom Ball (BA)	Any colour	Class BA
Single Bloom Miniature Ball (MB)	Any colour	Class MB
Single Bloom Pompon (P)	Any colour	Class POM
Single Bloom Waterlily (WL)	Any colour	Class WL
Single Bloom Steller (ST)	Any colour	Class ST
Single Bloom Novelty (NO/NX)	Any colour, NO or NX	Class NO/NX
Single Bloom Peony (PE)	Any colour	Class PE
Single Bloom Anemone (AN)	Any colour	Class AN
Single Bloom Collarette (CO)	Any colour	Class CO
Single Bloom Orchid (O)	Any colour	Class OR
Single Bloom Orchete (oT)	Any colour	Class OT
Single Bloom Single (s)	Any colour	Class S
Single Bloom Mignon Single (MS)	Any colour	Class MS
Single Bloom Micro Peony (MPE)	Any colour	Class MPE
Single Bloom Micro Collarette (MCO)	Any colour	Class MCO
Single Bloom All Other Micros (MC)	Any colour	Class MICRO

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JUNIOR SECTION SPECIALS

ENTRY	DESCRIPTION	CLASS
Triple-Bloom Fully Double	Same Variety, Any Colour or Form	Class 3-DBL
Triple-Bloom Open-Center	Same Variety, Any Colour or Form	Class 3-OC
Basket of Dahlias	Colour Variation Allowed	Class BASKET
Five Bloom	Same Variety, Any Colour or Form	Class 5-Bloom
Arrangement	See Arrangement Section from each show for Junior details—if offered.	

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FEDERATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **EXHIBITORS:** Each exhibitor without Federation show numbers must register before making entries and will be given an exhibitor's number. There is no entry fee.
2. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** There will be no limit on the number of entries an exhibitor may enter in any class unless otherwise specified.
3. **CLASSIFIED DAHLIAS:** Dahlias will be exhibited as classified in the most recent issue of the ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias or the Federation's supplemental listing in the most recent ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias or the current year's Federation Dahlia Annual & Combined Show Schedule. The Federation supplement will take precedence in cases of conflict. A minor fault will be assessed for undersized or oversized blooms.
4. **UNCLASSIFIED DAHLIAS:** Dahlias not listed in the classification books will be shown in the appropriate size, type, and colour class. Size categories are:

Giant (AA) Dahlias	over 10"
Large (A) Dahlias	over 8" to 10"
Medium (B) Dahlias	over 6" to 8"
Small (BB) Dahlias	over 4" to 6"
Miniature (M) Dahlias	over 2" to 4"
Ball (BA) Dahlias	over 3 ½"
Miniature Ball (MB) Dahlias	over 2" to 3 1/2"
Pompon (P) Dahlias	2" and under
Mignon Single (MS) Dahlias	2" and under
Micro Dahlias (MCO, MPE, MC)	2" and under

Exhibitors unsure of proper classification should have the entry tag signed by the CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE or ANY SENIOR JUDGE. ***An entry cannot be disqualified for incorrect classification if it is so marked.***

5. **SUPPORTING STEMS:** The use of any material above the top of the container to support dahlias will disqualify the entry.
6. **SHOWING RULES:** Except in the arrangement and seedling sections, all blooms shown in competition can be entered with either a name or number, and must be grown by the

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exhibitor. Blooms must be shown disbudded and with at least two leaves that complement the bloom.

- ENTRY TAGS:** Entry tags supplied by the show committee must be completely filled out (including true name of dahlia) by the exhibitor and attached to each entry. Exhibitors will use the following colour code:

Novice - Pink Tags; Amateur - Yellow Tags;
Open & Advanced Amateur - White Tags
Junior - Blue Tags

- JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS:** The judges chair shall instruct each judge which classes s/he shall judge. The judges will follow the standard system of judging as defined by the American Dahlia Society (refer to the Guide to Judging Dahlias, a Manual of the American Dahlia Society) unless other provisions are stated in this schedule. No person shall judge any class in which she has a special interest, but shall step aside until judging of such class is complete.
- DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES:** The decisions of the judges are considered final; however, the judges chair may call for the re-judging of any class. This can be done within two hours following the conclusion of judging and only if a signed complaint has been registered with the judges chair.
- FILLER:** Each exhibitor will be responsible for the filler used in his containers.
- RIBBON PRIZES:** The ribbons will be blue for first and red for second except in seedling sections. (The judges may give no award or only a second award if no entry merits a first, per current judging standards.) Only blue ribbon winners will be eligible for further awards. Best-of-type and section champion ribbons will be awarded where designated.
- BEST DAHLIA IN SHOW:** The Best Dahlia in the Show will be selected from the best single entry in all sections except undissemated, baskets and arrangements. Best triple entry in show will be selected from the best triple entry (of same variety) in all sections except ADS bench, baskets and arrangements.
- MULTIPLE-BLOOM ENTRIES:** All blooms in any multiple-bloom entry such as triple entries or five-bloom entries (arrangements not included) must be one variety unless otherwise stated.
- BASKETS:** No minimum number of blooms is required in any entry, unless otherwise specified, but the number of blooms must be in proportion to the size of the basket. The blooms in a basket are not required to have a set of leaves; other greens are allowed. One or more varieties are allowed in all classes. A balance of blooms is desirable, with a minimum of at least 3 blooms of each type or size in a mixed basket. Baskets are required to have a handle.

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15. **SEEDLINGS:** Seedlings and undisseminated dahlias entered in the seedling sections shall be judged on their individual merits and not in competition with each other. The judges shall award a SEEDLING OF MERIT ribbon to each worthy entry in undisseminated dahlias. American Dahlia Society ribbons will be awarded in ADS seedling bench evaluation competition. Once a seedling is entered in ADS competition at any dahlia show, it is no longer eligible to compete in undisseminated dahlias. There is a 1/4" tolerance for size on mignon single and micro dahlias.
16. **REMOVAL OF ENTRIES:** No exhibit or any part of an exhibit may be removed at any time during the show; however, the show committee reserves the right to remove any exhibit which is inferior in condition, detracts from the general quality of the show, or is exhibited in a leaking container.
17. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The club shall not be responsible for loss or damage to the exhibits or the exhibitor's personal property; however, the utmost care will be exercised for same.
18. **ADDITIONAL RULES:** The show chair may make additions or changes in the rules which are deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the show. Any rules so made shall be as binding as though they were a published part of these rules.

