

*Puget Sound Dahlia Association*  
*2021 Photo Competition*



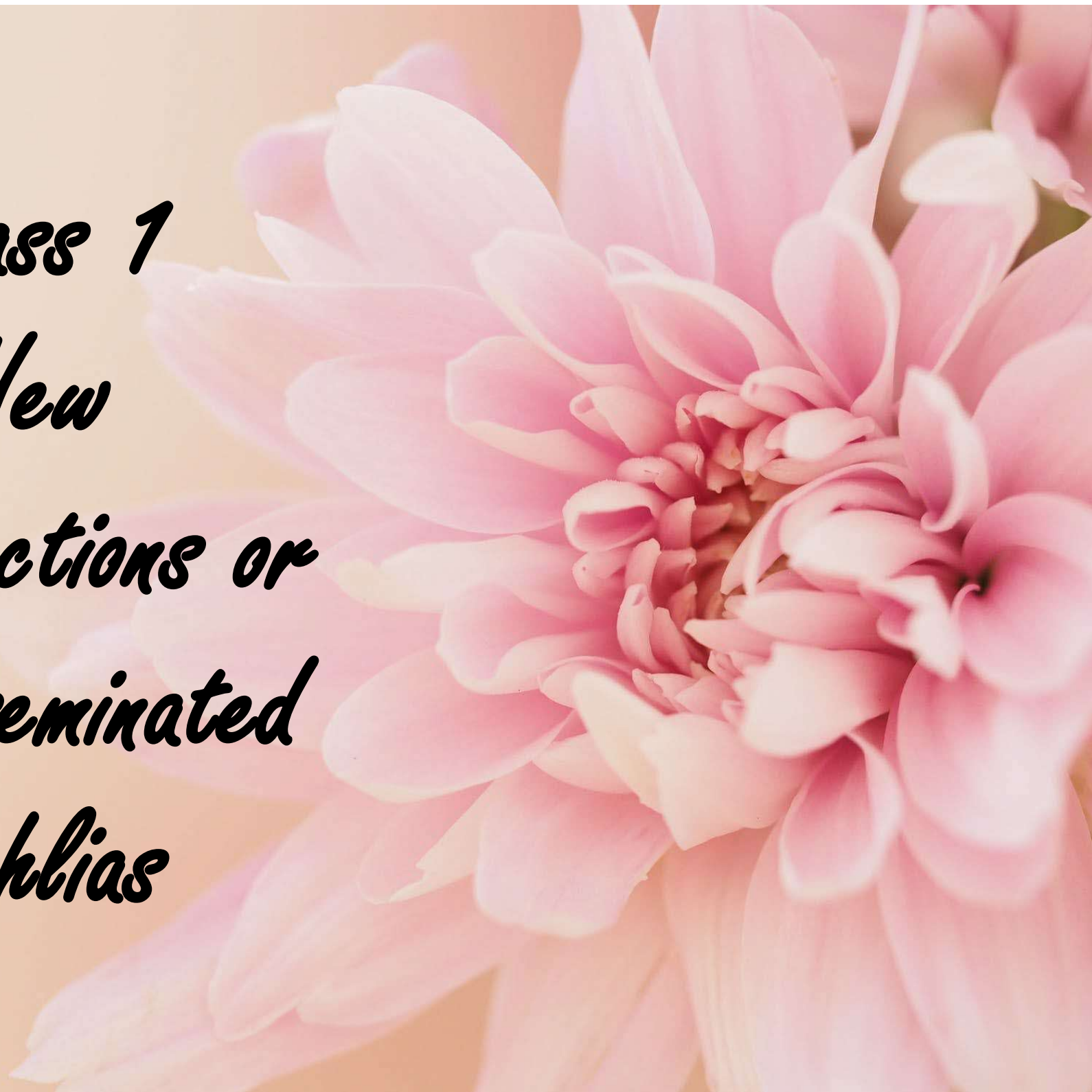


# *Open Division*





*Class 1*  
*New*  
*Introductions or*  
*Undisseminated*  
*Dahlias*





*Peachy Keen*

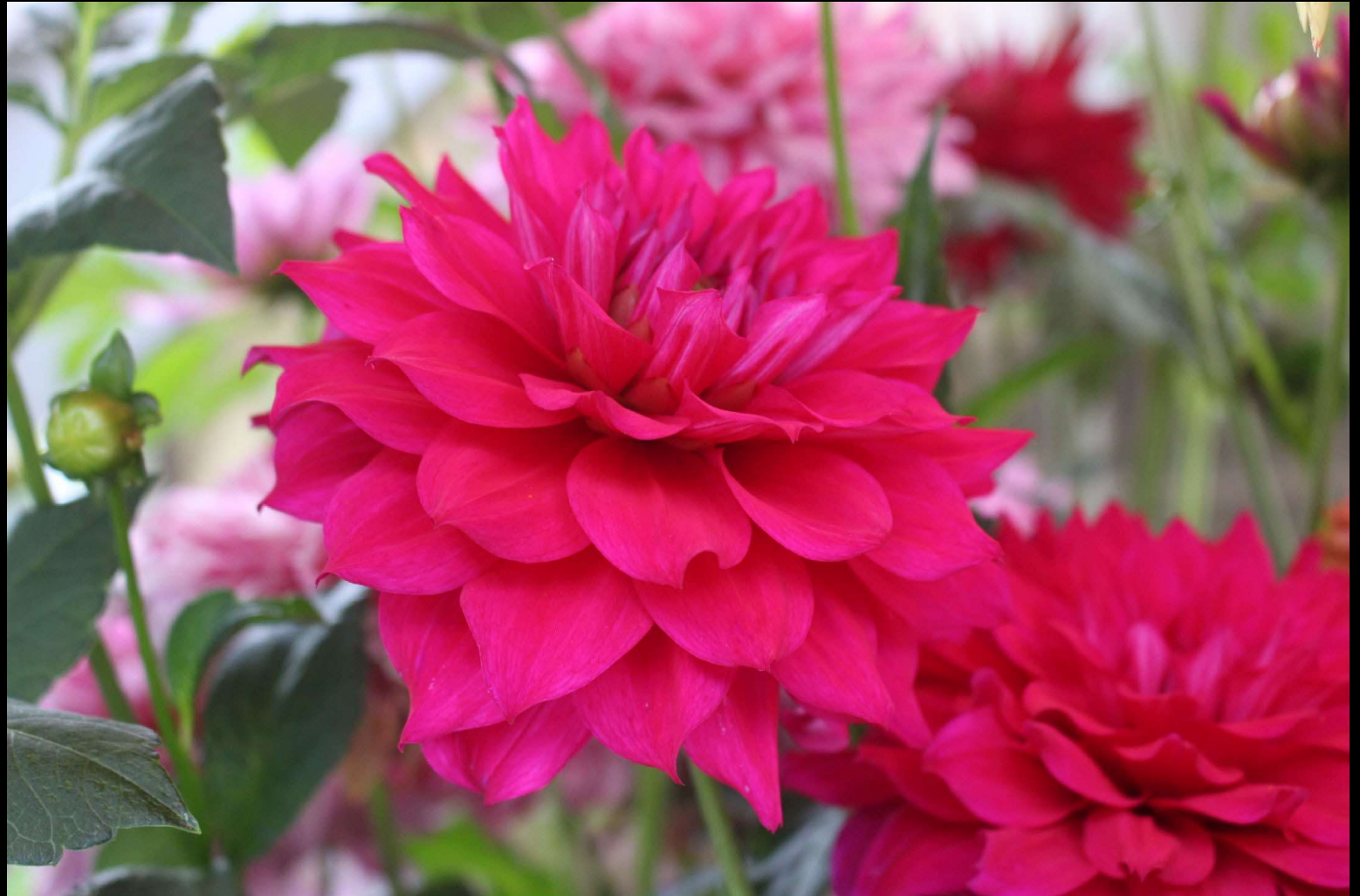
*Image by  
Alysia Obina*

*First Place*





*White and Purple Seeing  
Image by Harvey Tatel*



*Second Place*



*Illuminated*

*Image by  
Alysia Obina*

*Third Place*



*Challenged to  
Bloom*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*Honorable Mention*





*It's a Comet*

*Image by  
Alysia Obina*



*Honorable Mention*

*In Memory Of*

*Image by  
Alysia Obina*

*Honorable Mention*





*Class 2*  
*Dahlia*  
*Portraits*



*Chilson's Pride*  
*Image by Leia Smith*



*First Place*



*Maks  
Marshall*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*Second Place*





*A Gift From  
Another Gardener*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*Third Place*





*Quill Cove*

*Image by  
Alysia Obina*

*Honorable Mention*



*Twisted Sister*

*Image by  
Alysia Obina*

*Honorable Mention*





*You're So  
Dramatic*

*Image by  
Alysia Obina*

*Honorable Mention*



*Class 3*  
*Blooms of*  
*Two or More*  
*Dahlia*  
*Varieties*





*Georgeous Red  
Dahlias*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*First Place*





*Gifts From  
My Garden*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*Second Place*





*When Will I  
Have This Many  
Beauties*

*Image by Leia  
Smith*

*Third Place*





*Red Vase*

*Image by  
Harvey Tatel*

*Honorable Mention*





*Class 4*  
*Dahlia*  
*Gardens*



*Sunset Time At  
The  
Neighborhood  
Garden*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*First Place*





*Neighborhood Dahlia Garden Under a Blue Sky*  
*Image by Leia Smith*



*Second Place*



*Red And White*

*Image by  
Linda Cles*

*Third Place*





*Pink Dahlias*  
*Image by Harvey Tatel*

*Honorable  
Mention*





*Lavender and White*  
*Image by Linda Cles*

*Honorable  
Mention*





*My Favorite Neighborhood Dahlia Garden*  
*Image by Leia Smith*

*Honorable  
Mention*



*Class 5  
Dahlia  
Shows and  
Clubs*





*Sky Nursery Show Beauties*  
*Image by Leia Smith*



*First Place*



*Look at Me, I'm Taller than Them!*  
*Image by Leia Smith*



*Second Place*



*Wenatchee  
Show, Eric &  
Linda*

*Image by  
Harvey Tatel*

*Third Place*





*Rosie and Cisco with Quilt  
Image by Harvey Tatel*

*Honorable  
Mention*





*The Light*

*Image by  
Alysia Obina*

*Honorable Mention*



*Walker's Red  
Micro*

*Image by  
Linda Cles*

*Honorable Mention*





*Class 6*  
*Closeup or*  
*Macro Photo*  
*of a Dahlia*  
*Bloom*



*Red Tips*  
*Image by Leia Smith*



*First Place*



*Steve O  
Closeup*

*Image by  
Linda Cles*

*Second Place*





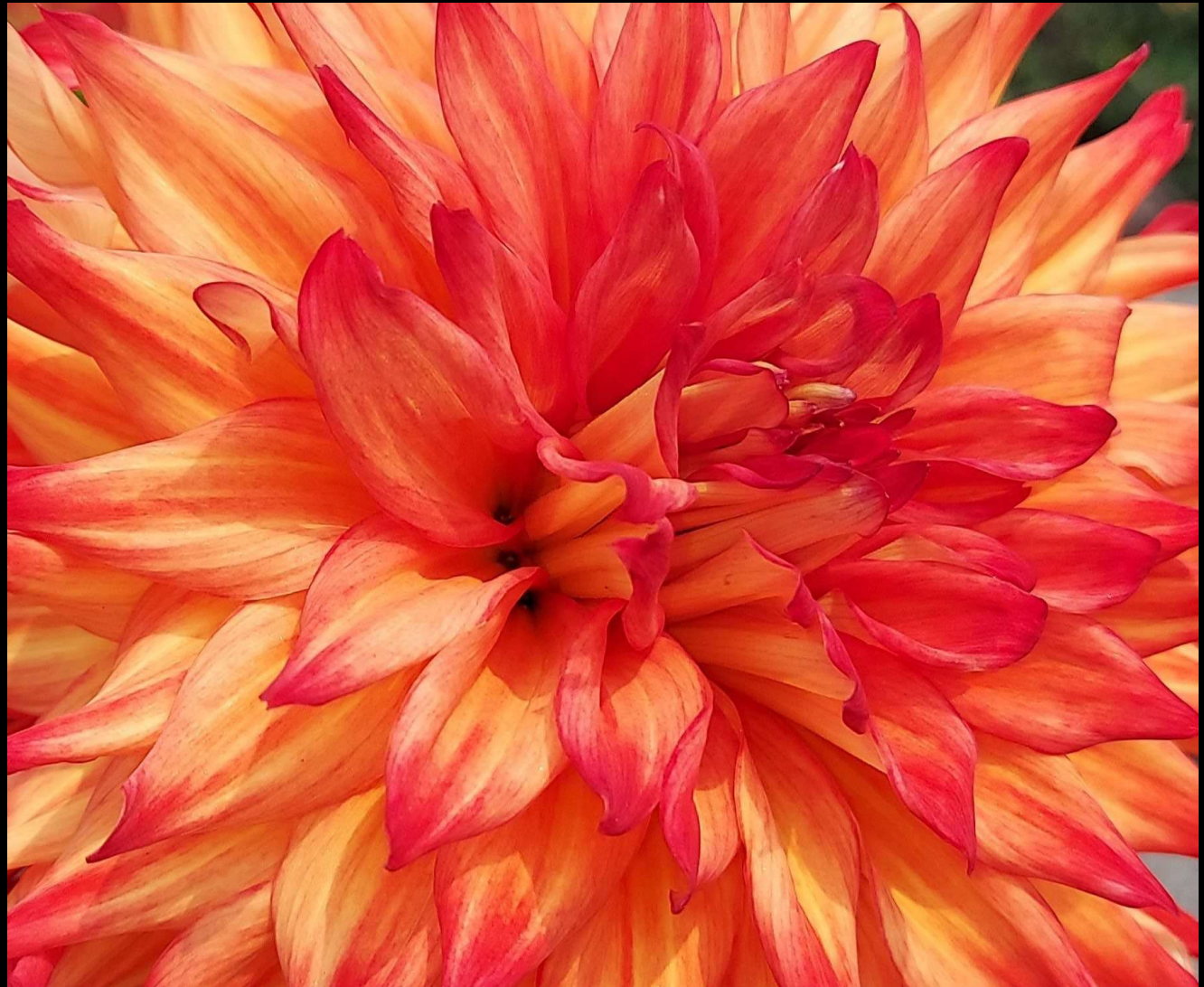
*Heart in the Center*  
*Image by Leia Smith*



*Third Place*



*We Shall Overcome*  
*Image by Alysia Obina*

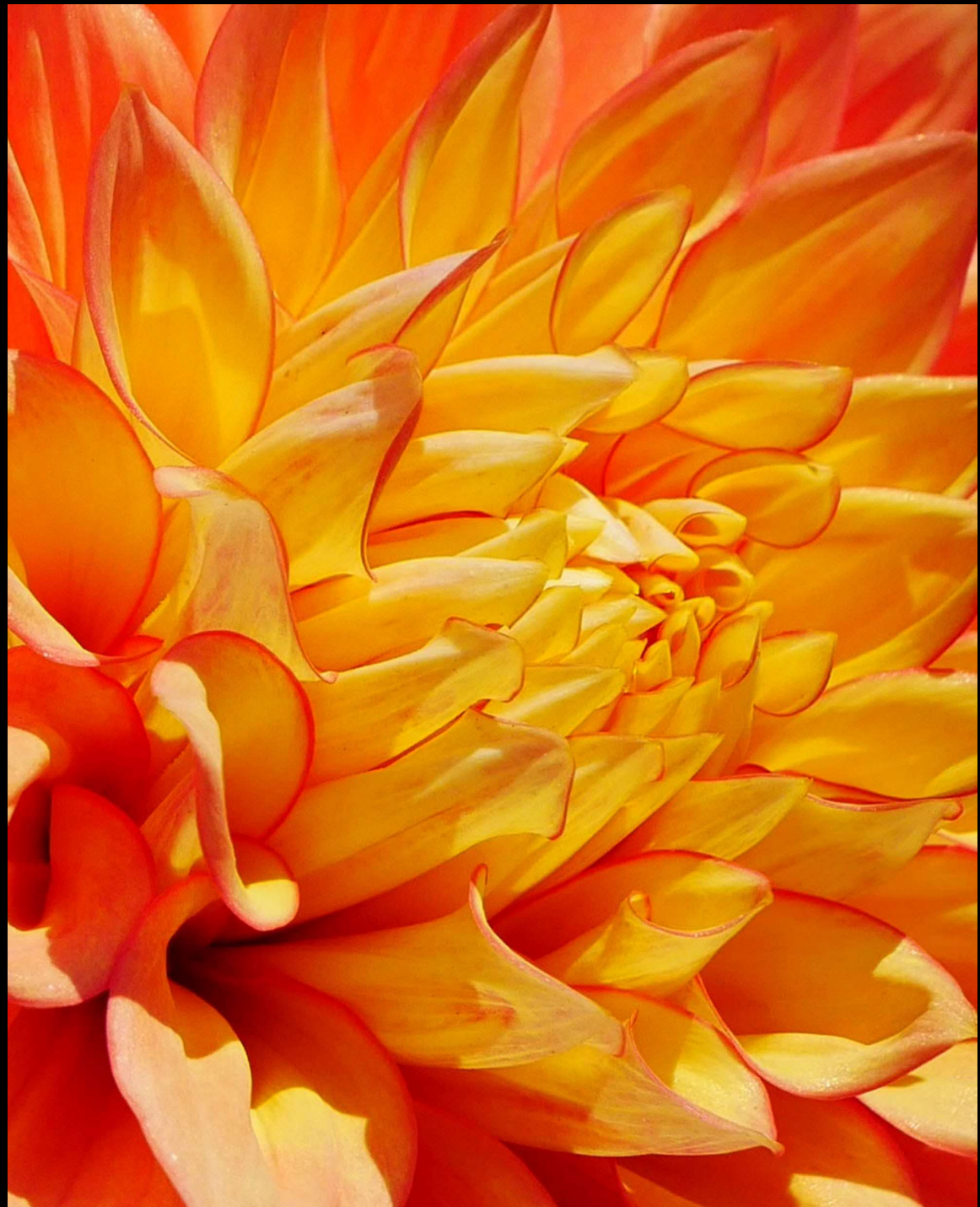


*Honorable  
Mention*

*Golden Fire*

*Image by  
Linda Cles*

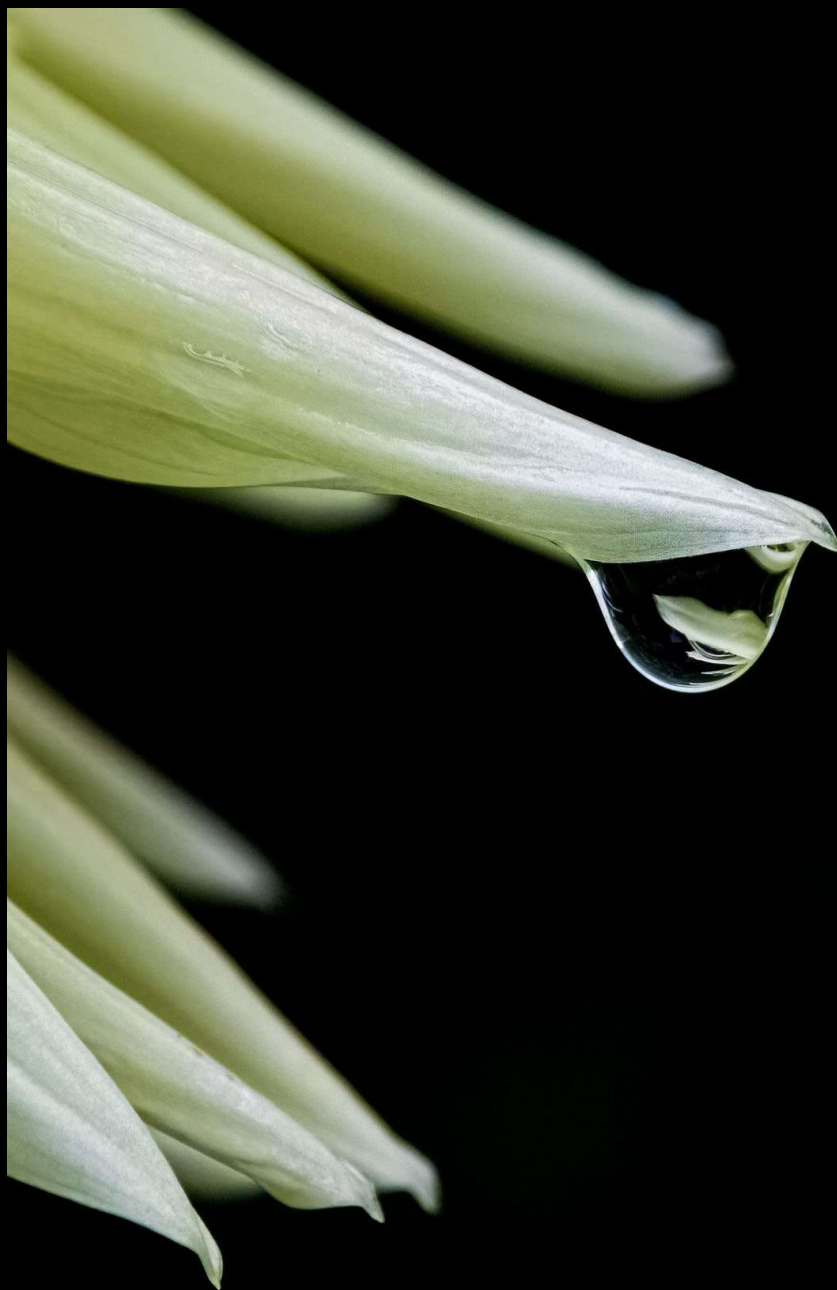
*Honorable Mention*





*Reflection of  
Dahlia Petals*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*



*Honorable Mention*

*Bud and Kelgai Ann*  
*Image by Harvey Tatel*

*Honorable  
Mention*





*Bee  
Yellow*

*Image by  
Harvey Tatel*

*Honorable Mention*



*Class 7*  
*Kids and*  
*Critters*

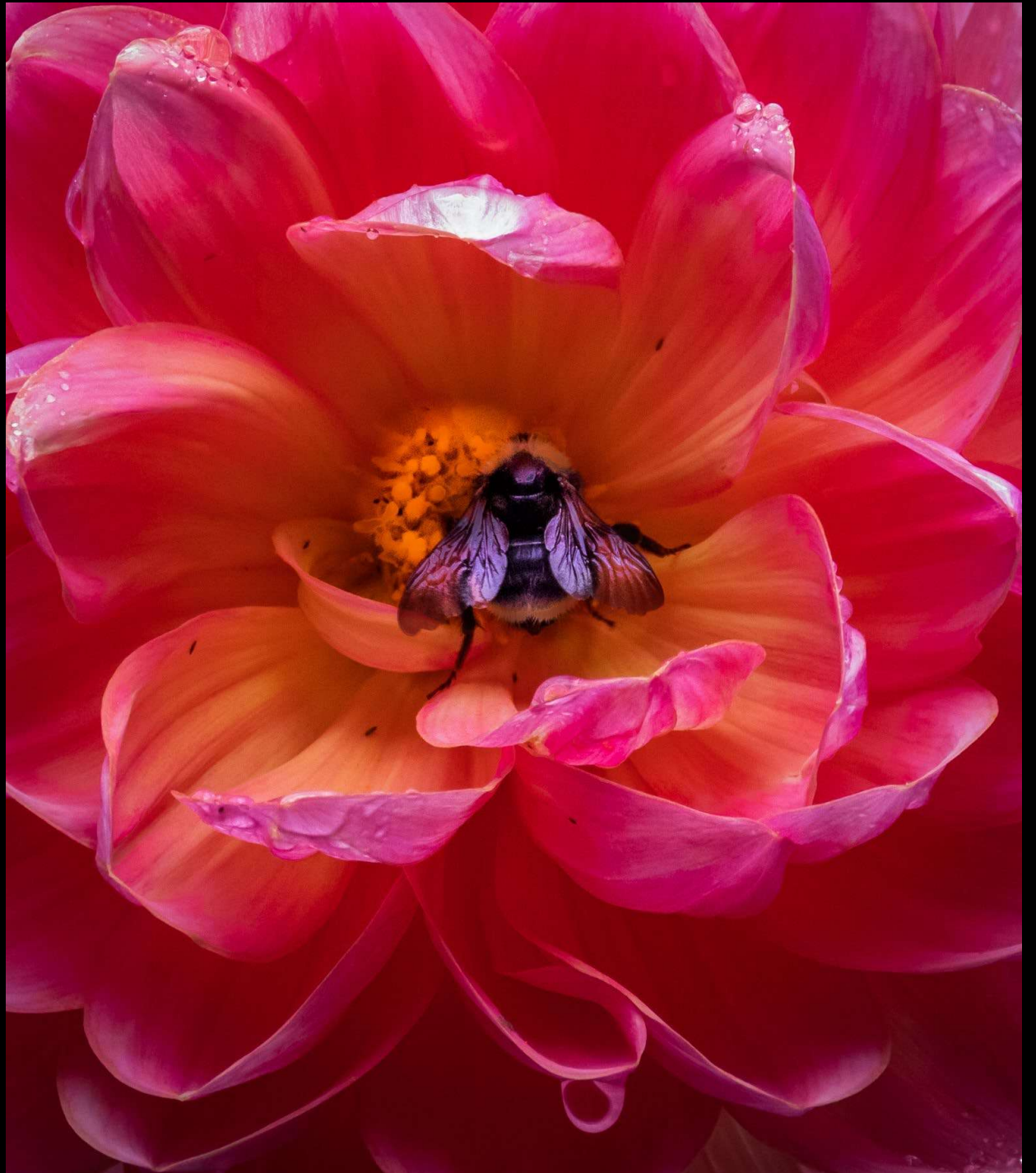




*Up Close and  
Personal*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*First Place*



*Melancholy,  
featuring  
Isabel*

*Image by  
Alysia Obina*

*Second Place*

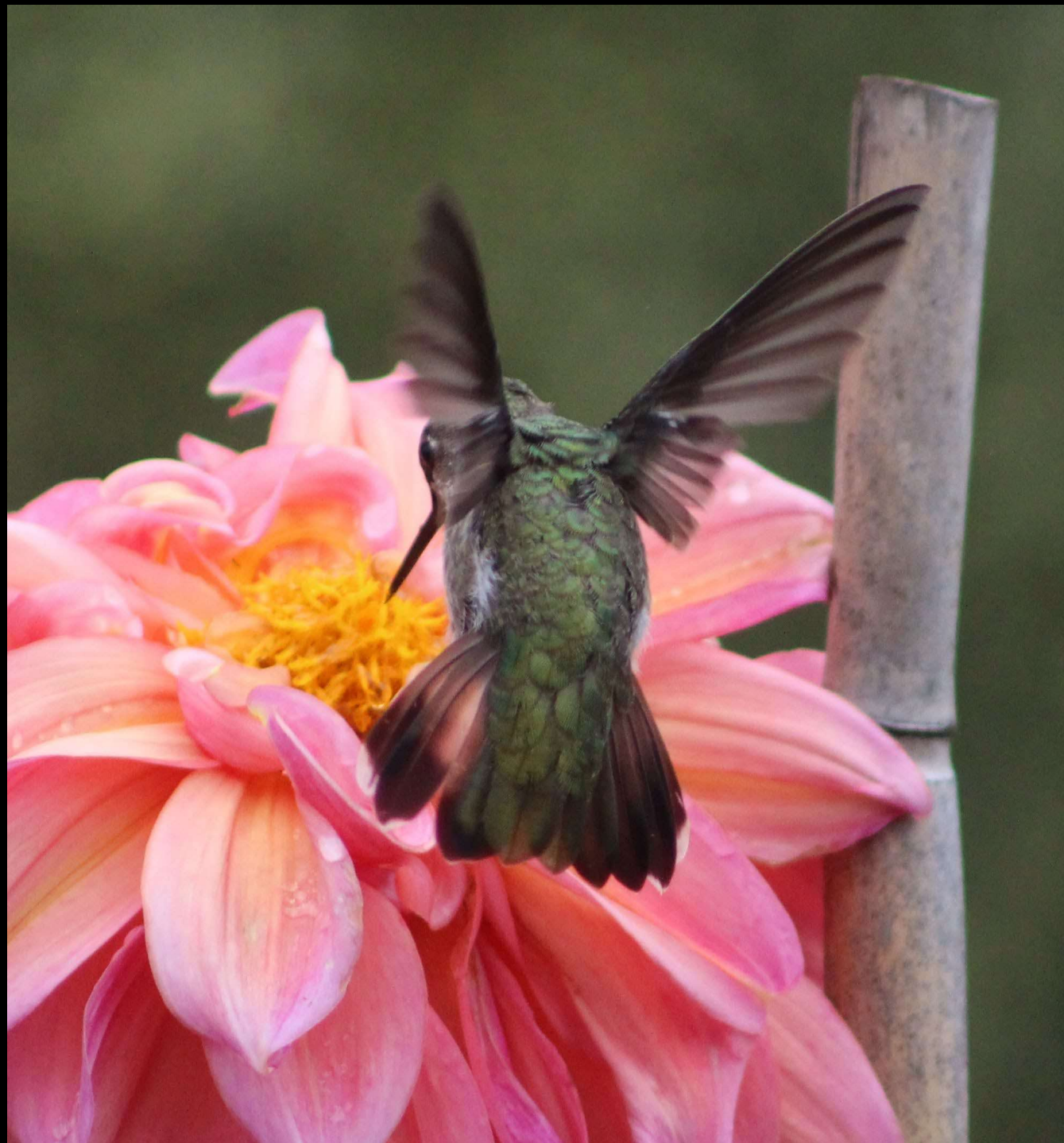




*Hummingbird*

*Image by  
Harvey Tatel*

*Third Place*



*White Helmet Nova*  
*Image by Harvey Tatel*

*Honorable  
Mention*





*Whitley Girl with Clearview Edie*  
*Image by Harvey Tatel*



*Honorable  
Mention*



*Bee Mine*

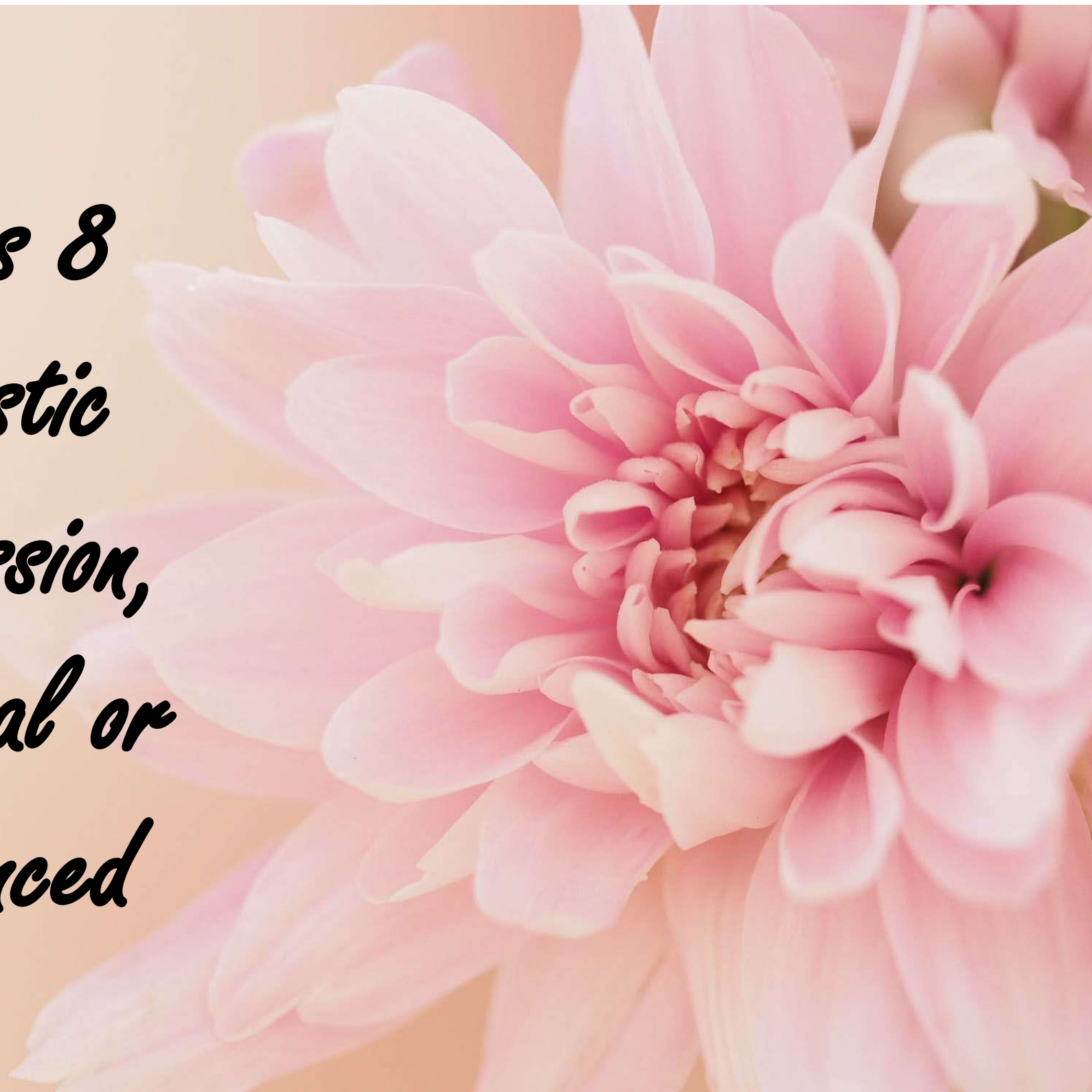
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Alysia Obina*

*Honorable Mention*





*Class 8*  
*Artistic*  
*Impression,*  
*Original or*  
*Enhanced*



*Blue Plate Special*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*First Place*





*Sumi*

*Image by  
Linda Cles*

*Second Place*





*Beauty in a  
Basket*

*Image by  
Alysia Obina*

*Third Place*





*Golden Dahlia With Raindrops*  
*Image by Leia Smith*



*Honorable  
Mention*



*Steve O*

*Image by  
Linda Cles*

*Honorable Mention*





*Sephia Featuring  
Isabel*

*Image by  
Alysia Obina*

*Honorable Mention*



*On Bended Knee  
Featuring Aiden*

*Image by*

*Honorable Mention*

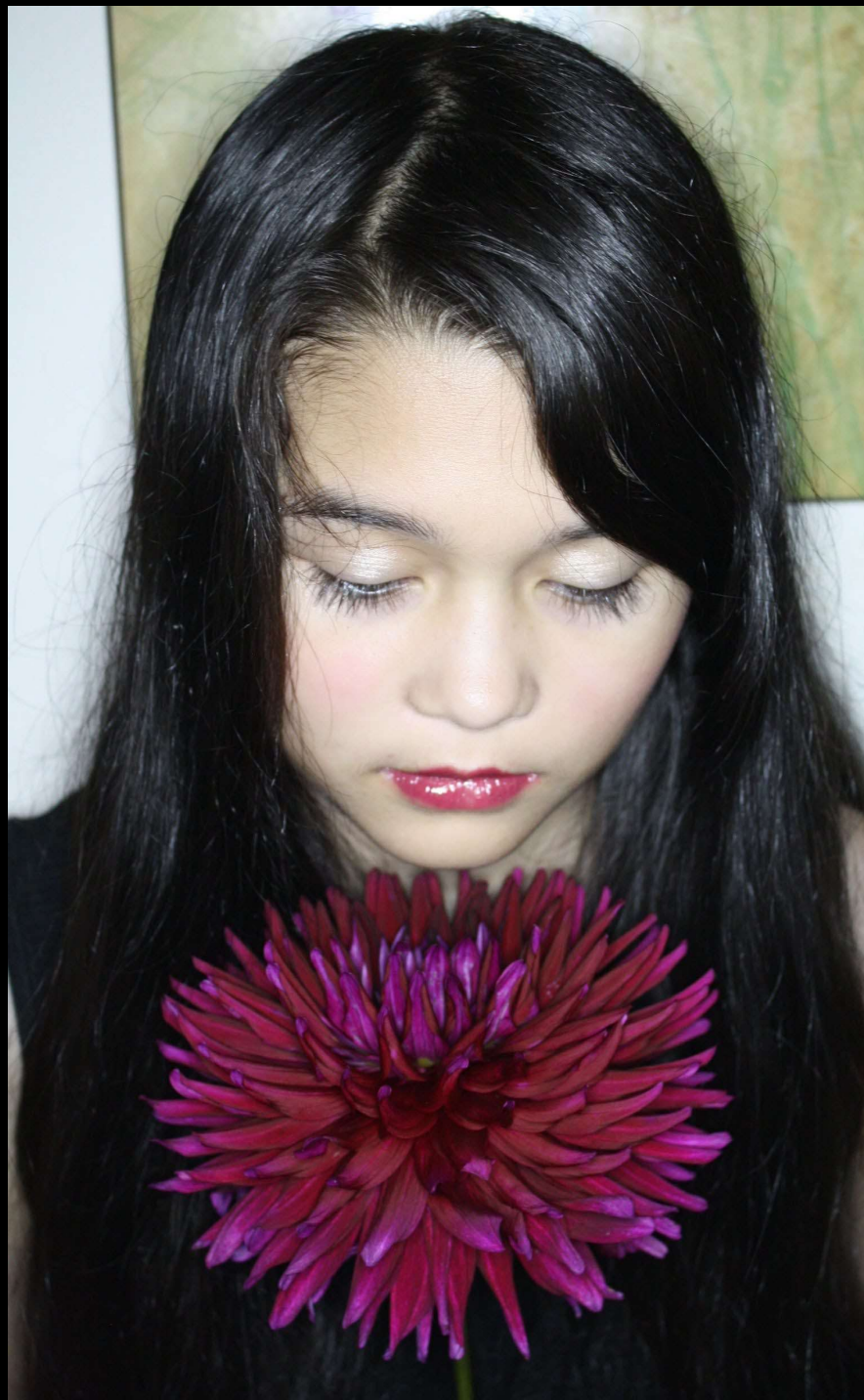




*Beauty and the  
Beast, Featuring  
Isabel*

*Image by  
Alysia Obina*

*Honorable Mention*



*Class 9*  
*Dahlias in*  
*Another*  
*Setting*





*Autumn Dahlia*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*First Place*





*Mom, Why Is  
There a  
Dahlia on My  
Collar*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*Second Place*





*Floating With the Birds*  
*Image by Leia Smith*



*Third Place*



*Vase at Museum Door*  
*Image by Harvey Tatel*



*Honorable  
Mention*



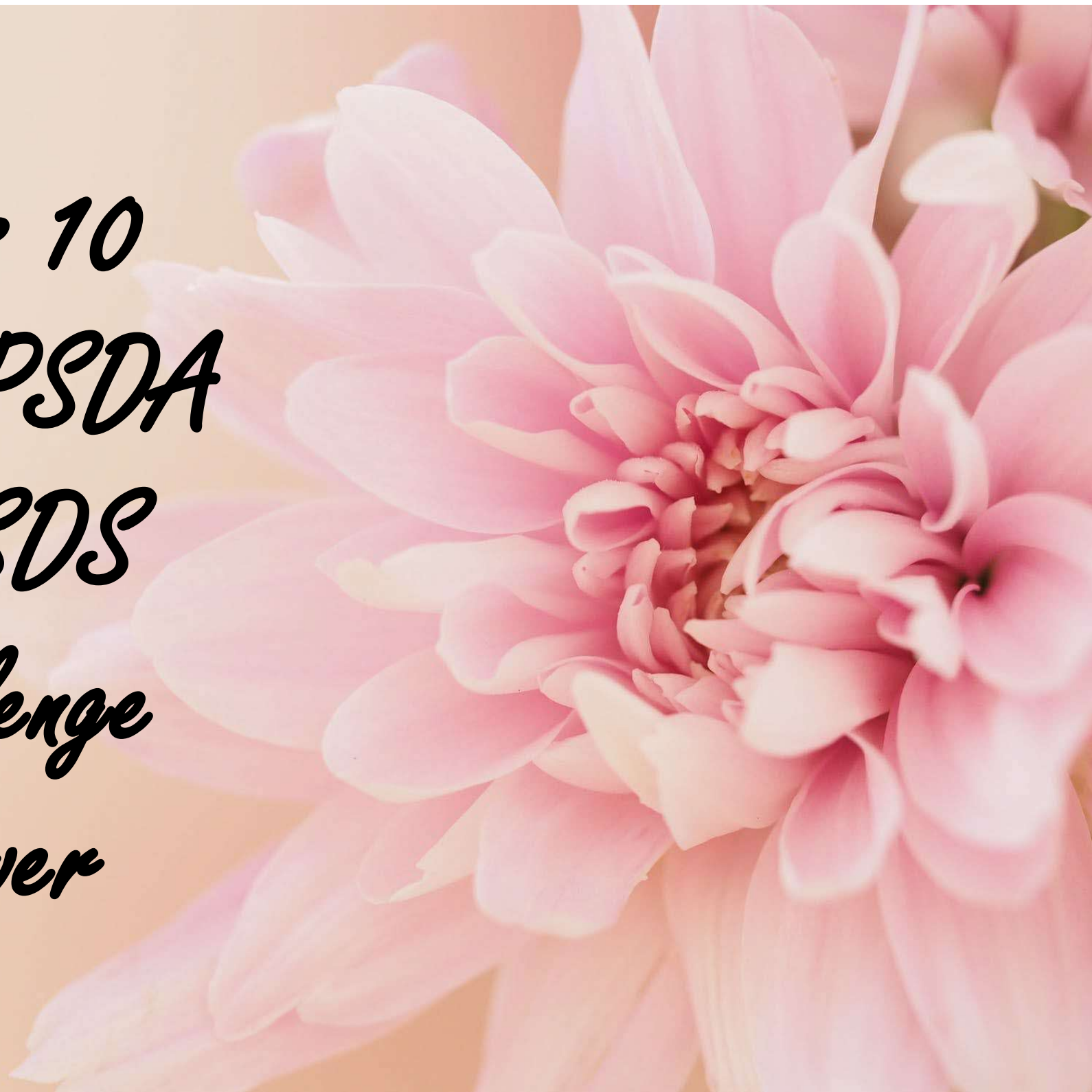
# *Dahlia Stand*

*Image by  
Harvey Tatel*

*Honorable Mention*



*Class 10  
2022 PSDA  
and SDS  
Challenge  
Flower*

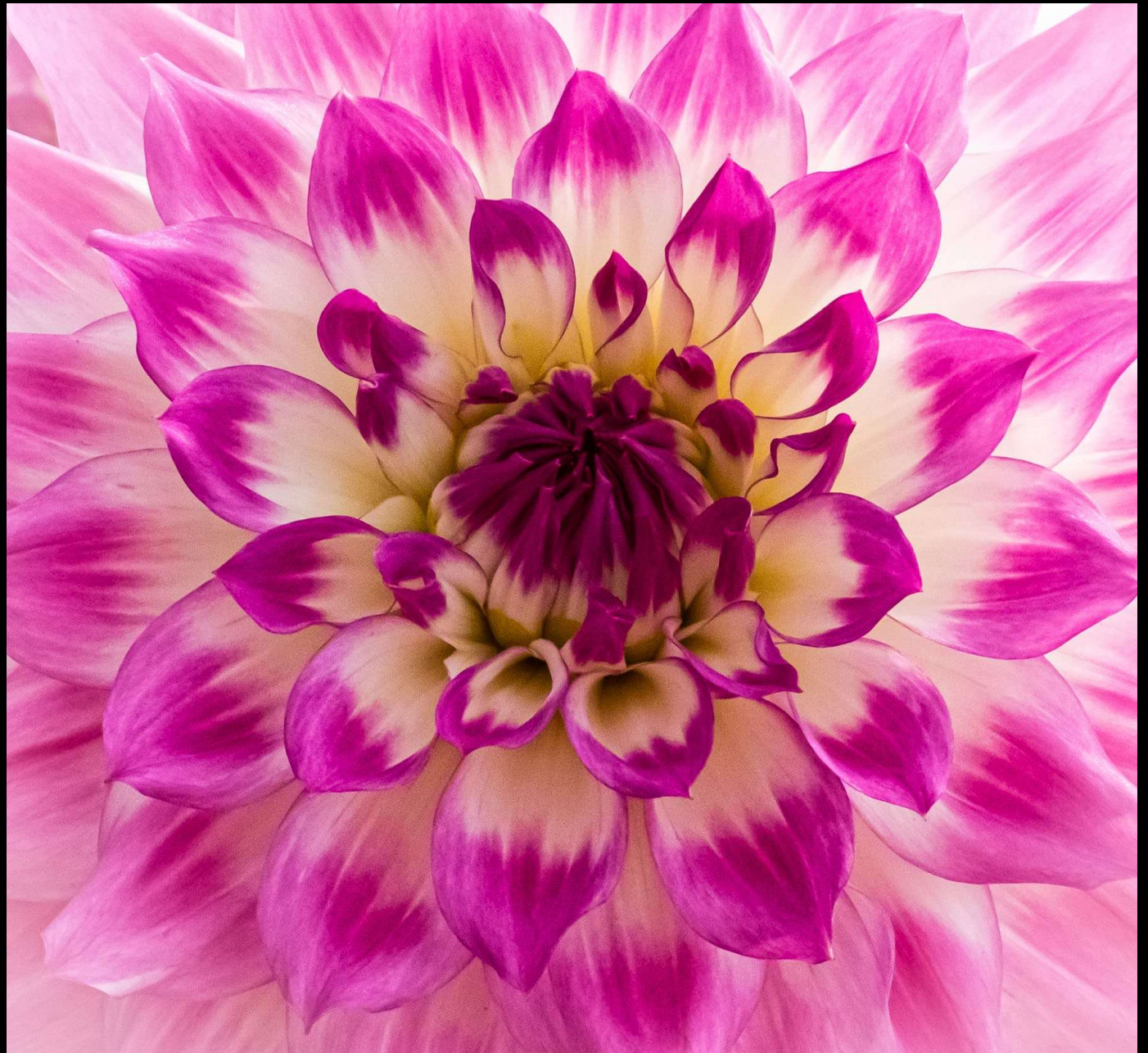




*April Dawn  
Beauty*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*First Place*





*April Dawn 4*

*Image by  
Harvey  
Tatel*

*Second Place*





*When the Dawn  
Comes*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*

*Third Place*



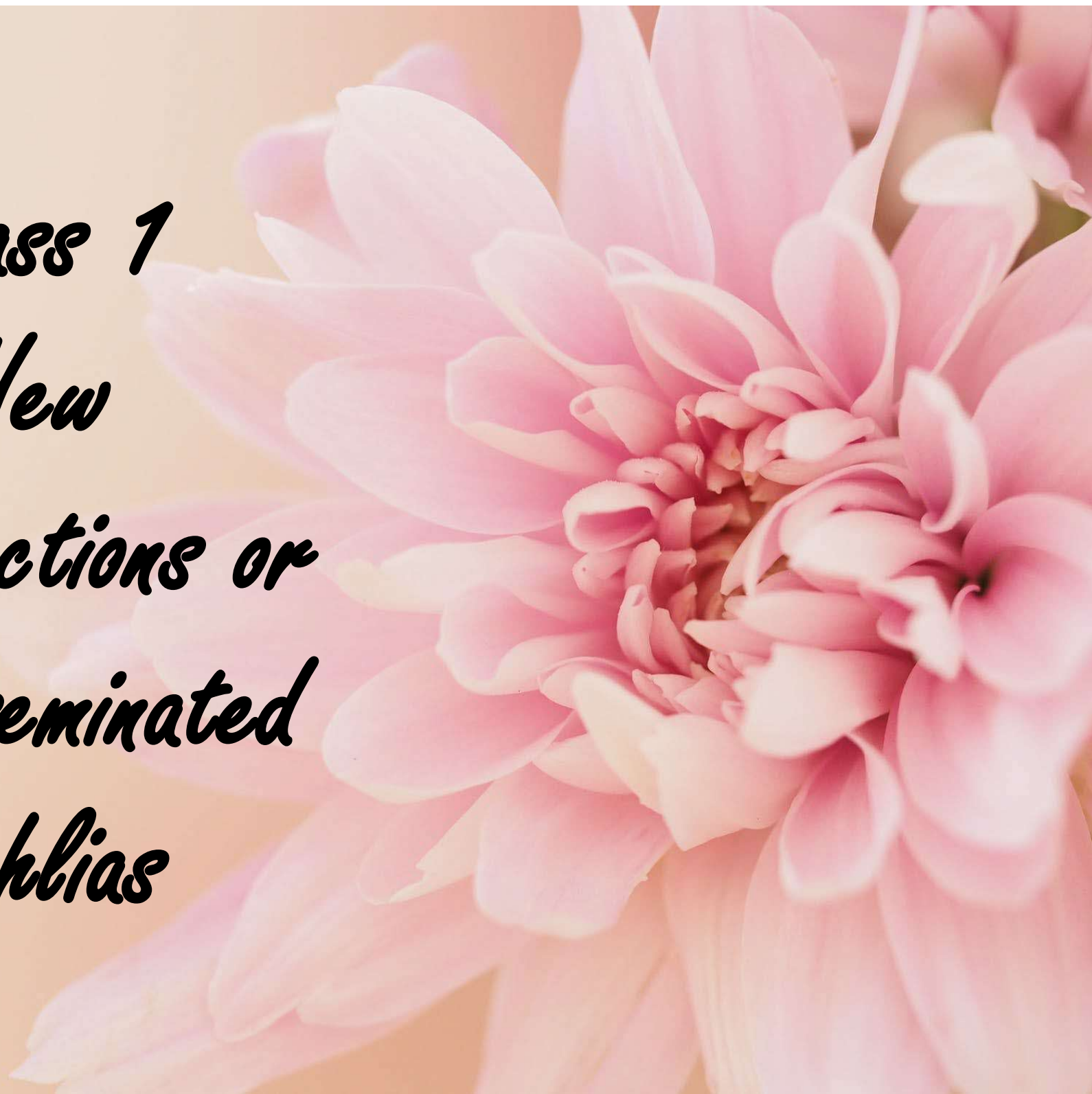


# *Amateur Division*





*Class 1*  
*New*  
*Introductions or*  
*Undisseminated*  
*Dahlias*



*Redwood  
Honeybee*

*Image by  
Brad Freeman*

*First Place*





*First Year Seedling*  
*Image by Ann Maria Jacobson*



*Second Place*



*Joey Mirella*  
*Image by Stacy DeKoekkoek*



*Third Place*



*Class 2*  
*Dahlia*  
*Portraits*



*Hollyhill  
Serenity in the  
Garden*

*Image by  
Kathy  
Hargrave*

*First Place*





*Black and  
White*

*Image by  
Ann Maria  
Jacobsen*

*Second Place*



*Barmera*

*Image by  
Kathy  
Hargrave*

*Third Place*





*KA's Cloud*  
*Image by Kay Mackey*



*Honorable  
Mention*

*Clearview Lily*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*Honorable Mention*





*Clearview Royal*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*Honorable Mention*





*Hollyhill  
Black Beauty*

*Image by  
Clare Clutier*

*Honorable Mention*





*Maks Georgia*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*Honorable Mention*



*Class 3*  
*Blooms of*  
*Two or More*  
*Dahlia*  
*Varieties*





*Tahoma Surething  
and  
Clearview Lily*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*First Place*





*Redwood Honeybee,  
Clearview Cameron,  
Hapet Perfekt,  
and Skipley Bonanza*

*Image by  
Brad Freeman*

*Second Place*





*Ruthie G and Millenium*  
*Image by Ann Maria Jacobson*



*Third Place*



*Bouquet Closeup*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*Honorable Mention*





*Glencoe Gold*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*Note: Category Question*

*Honorable Mention*





*Multiple Blooms*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*Honorable Mention*





*Class 4*  
*Dahlia*  
*Gardens*





*Back Garden*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*First Place*





*Heritage Garden 2*  
*Image by Brad Freeman*



*Second Place*



*Stoneleigh Joyce*

*Image by  
Ann Maria  
Jacobson*

*Third Place*





*Clearview Dahlia's Garden*  
*Image by Ann Maria Jacobson*

*Honorable  
Mention*





*Redwood Honeybee in Bloom*  
*Image by Brad Freeman*

*Honorable  
Mention*





*Point Defiance  
Dahlia Garden*

*Image by  
Clare Coutier*

*Honorable Mention*





*Class 5  
Dahlia  
Shows and  
Clubs*





# *PSDA Sky Nursery Show*

## *Image by Kay MacKey*



*First Place*



*Annie and Roger Walker*  
*Image by Ann Maria Jacobson*



*Second Place*



*Freeman's First ADS Bench Win*  
*Image by Anne Maria Jacobson*



*Third Place*



# *PDSA Sky Nursery Show*

## *Image by Kay MacKey*

*Honorable  
Mention*





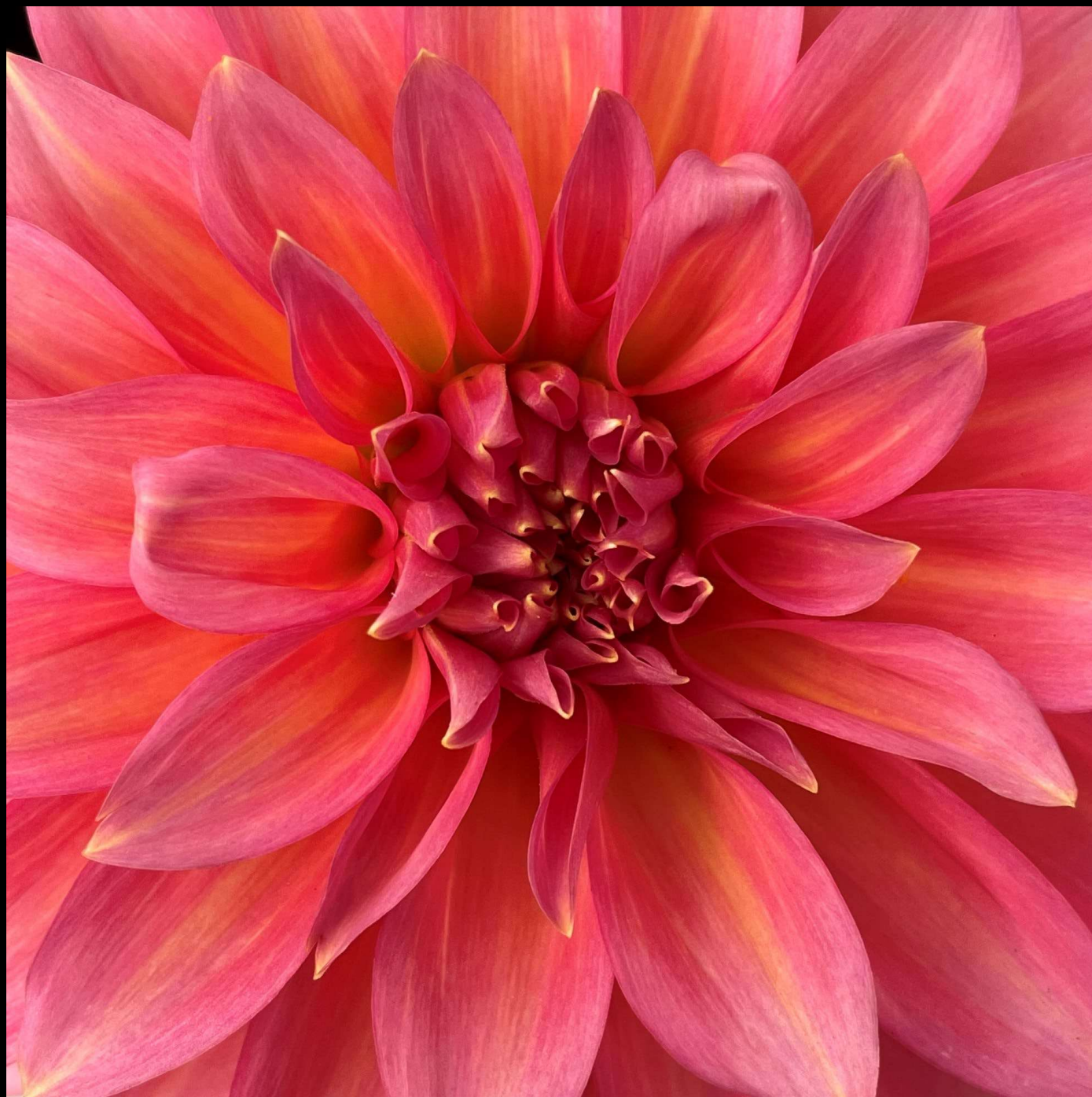
*Class 6*  
*Closeup or*  
*Macro Photo*  
*of a Dahlia*  
*Bloom*



*Hillcrest  
Kismet*

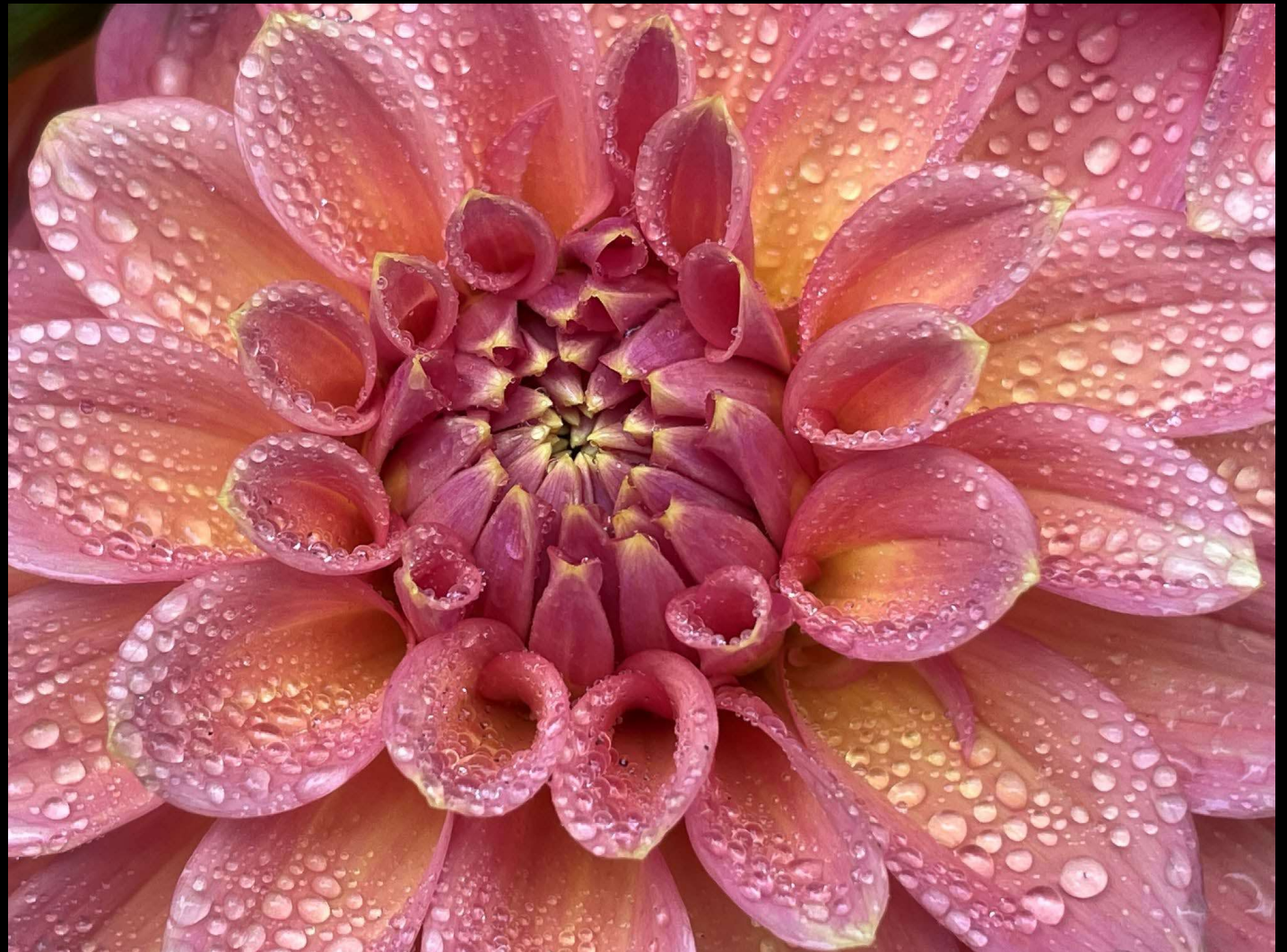
*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*First Place*





*Undisseminated Variety—Peach Parade*  
*Image by Stacy DeKoekkoek*



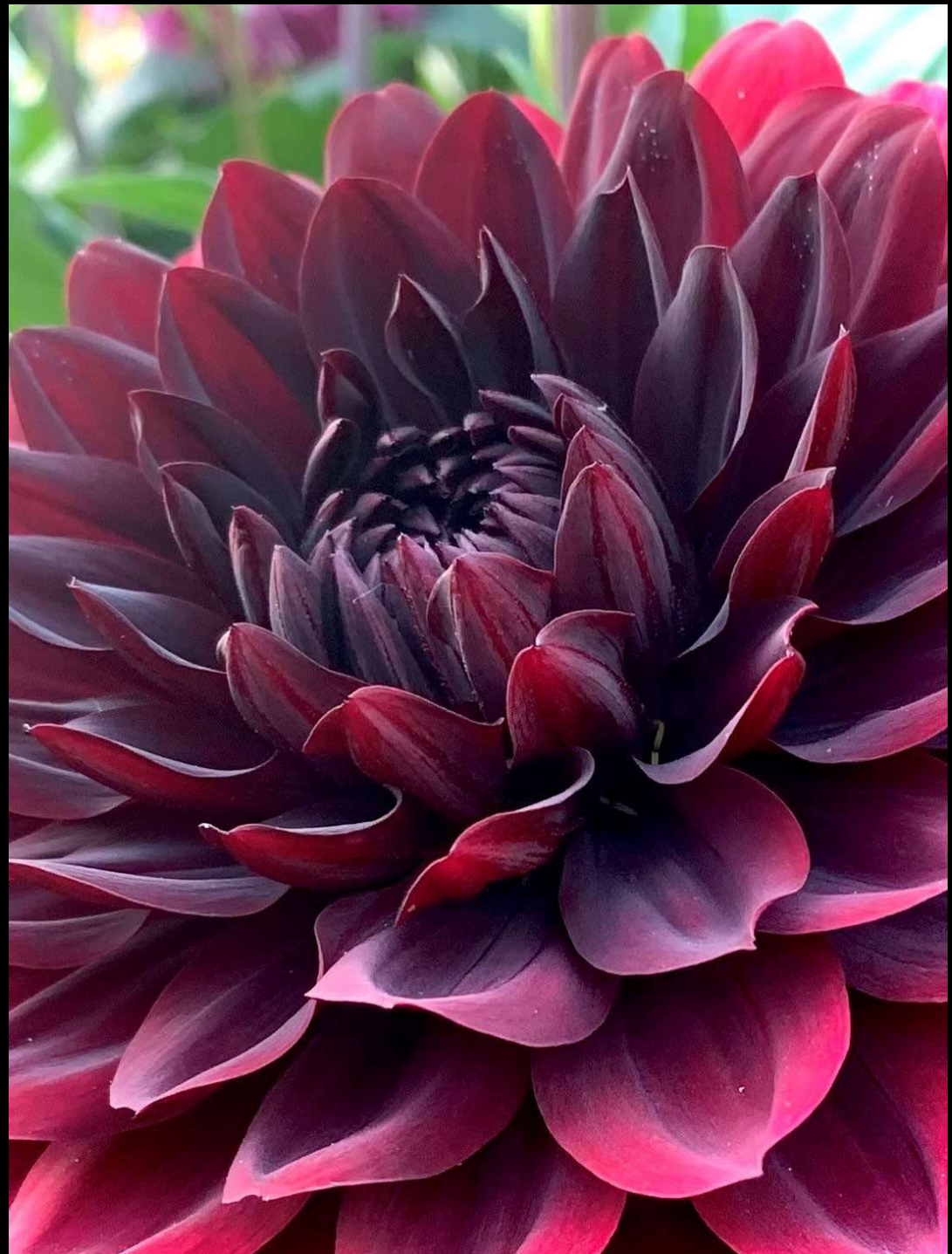
*Second Place*



*Karma  
Chocolate*

*Image by  
Ann Maria  
Jacobson*

*Third Place*

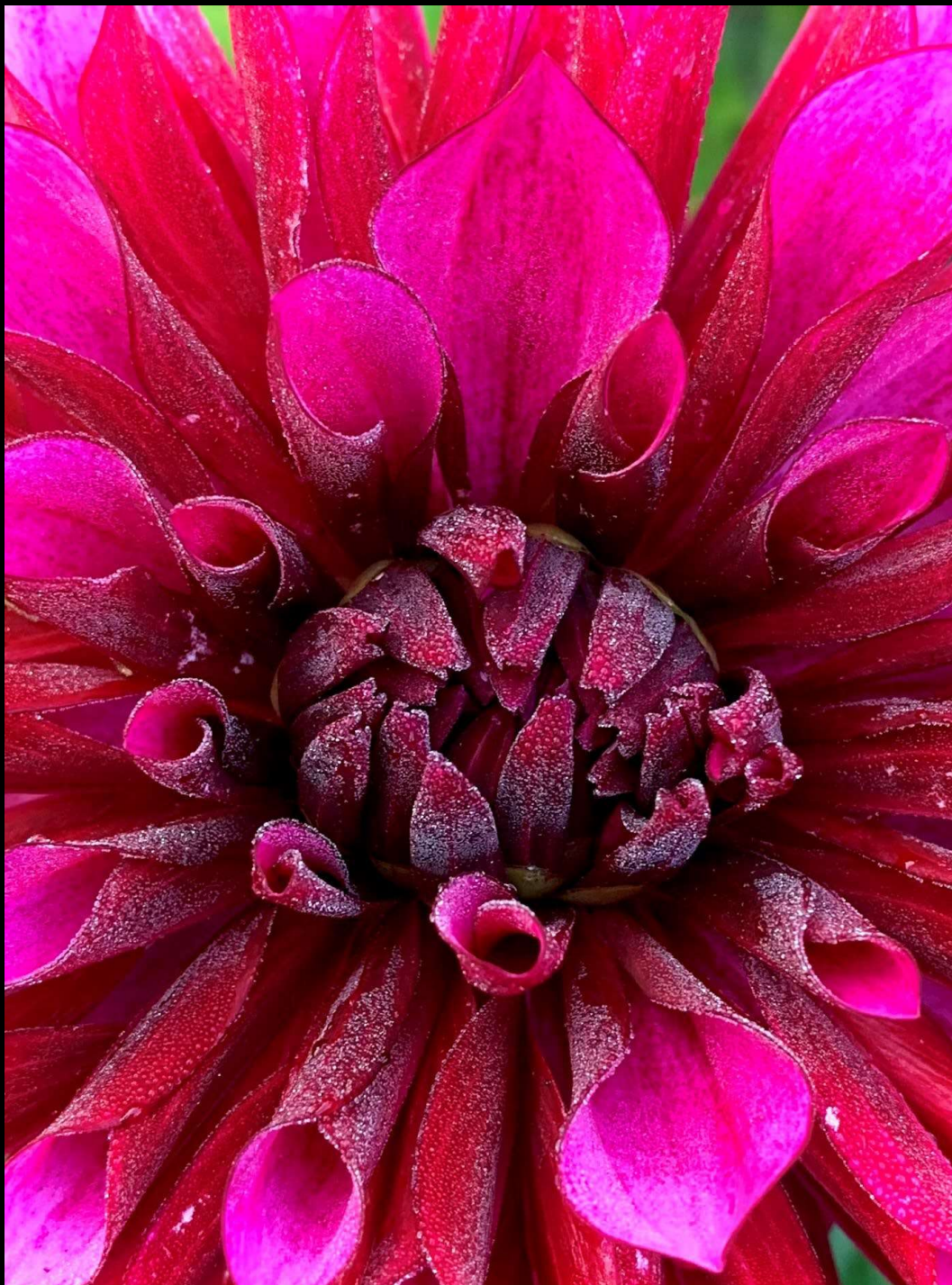




*1<sup>st</sup> Year Seedling*

*Image by  
Ann Maria  
Jacobson*

*Honorable Mention*





*Myrtles Folly*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*Honorable Mention*

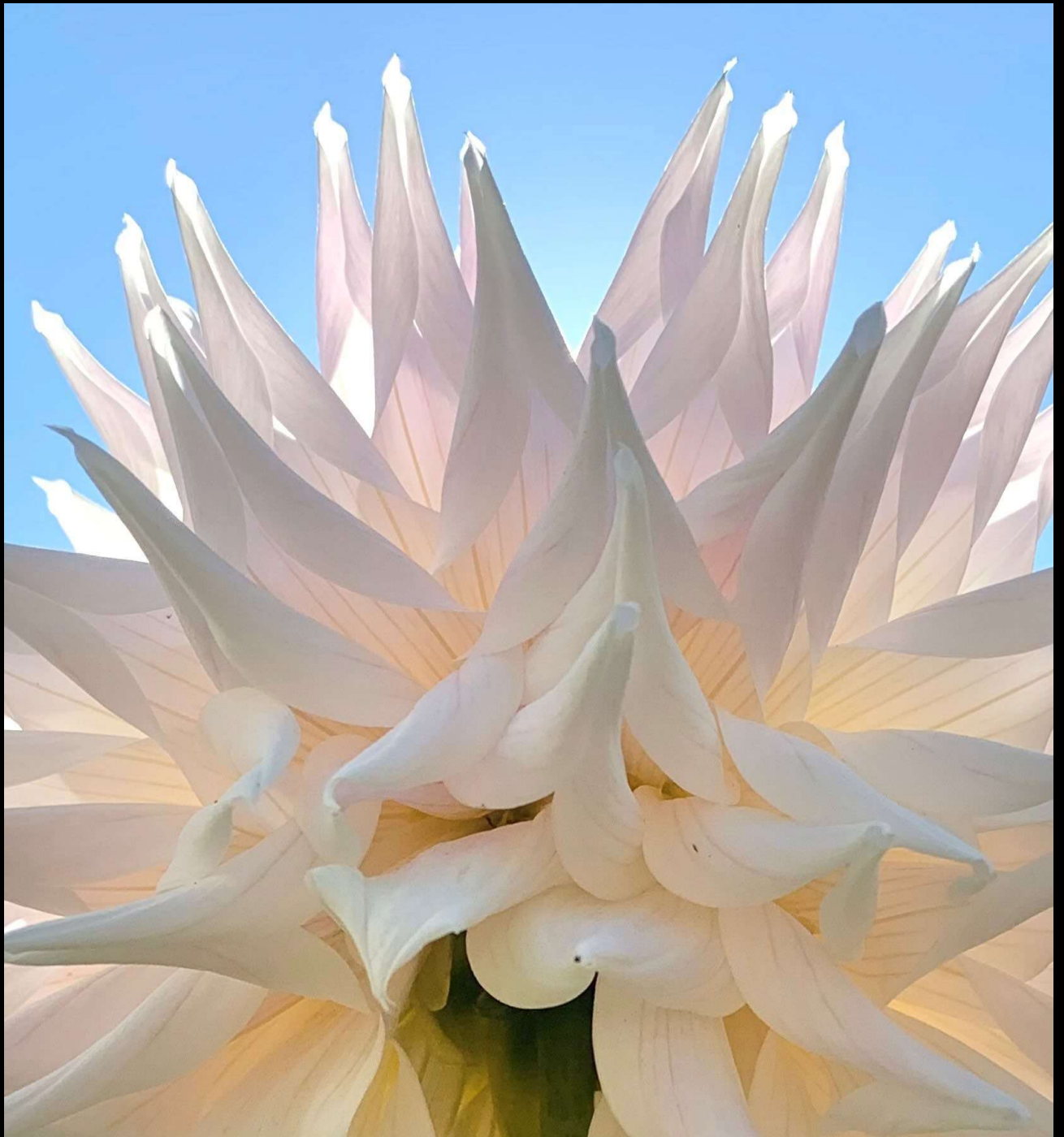




*Clearview Edie*

*Image by  
Ann Maria  
Jacobson*

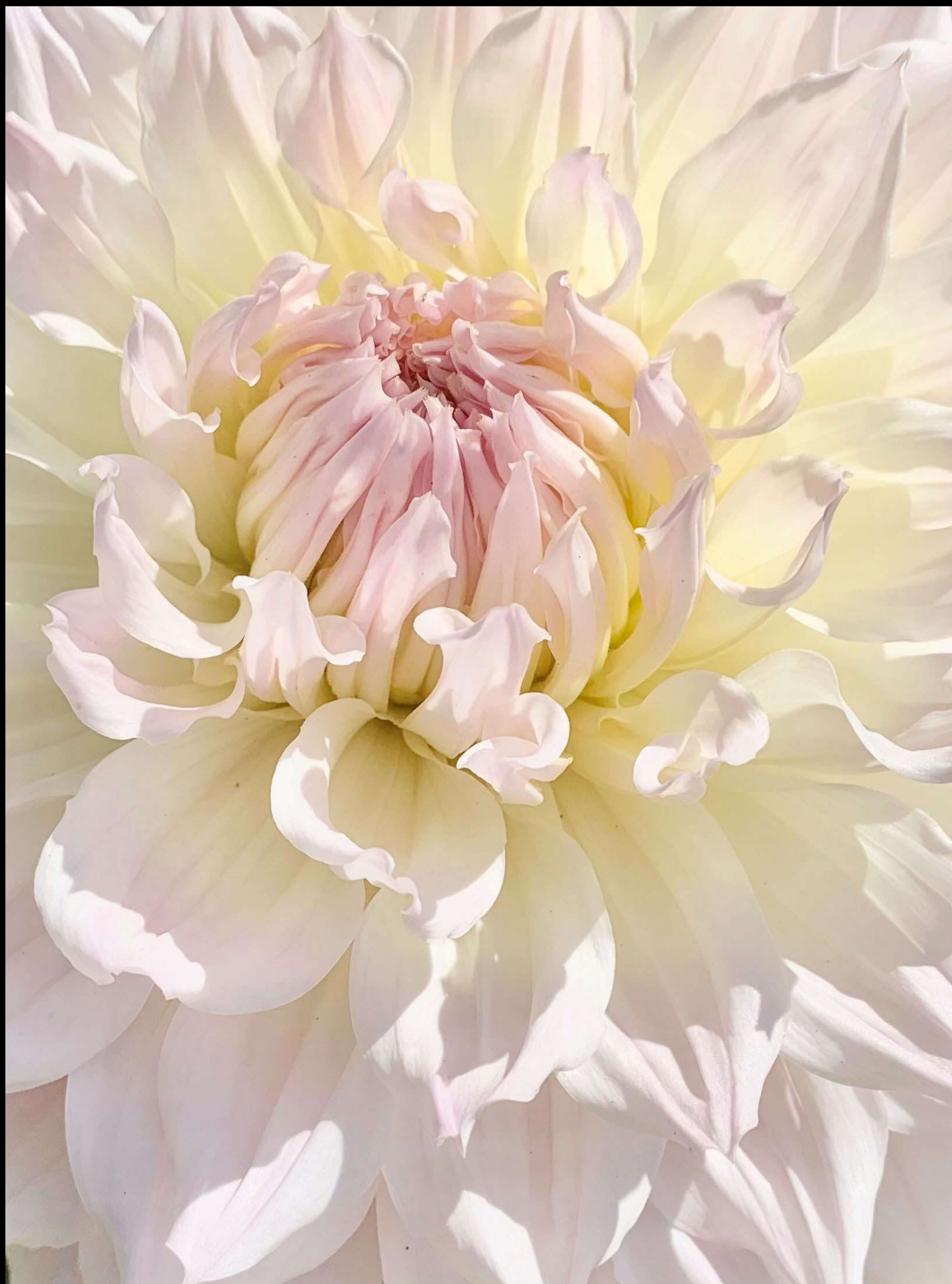
*Honorable Mention*



*KA's Cloud*

*Image by  
Anna Maria  
Jacobson*

*Honorable Mention*





*Hoolykill  
Snowfire*

*Image by  
Kay Mackey*

*Honorable Mention*



*Solar Flare*

*Image by  
Kay MacKey*

*Honorable Mention*

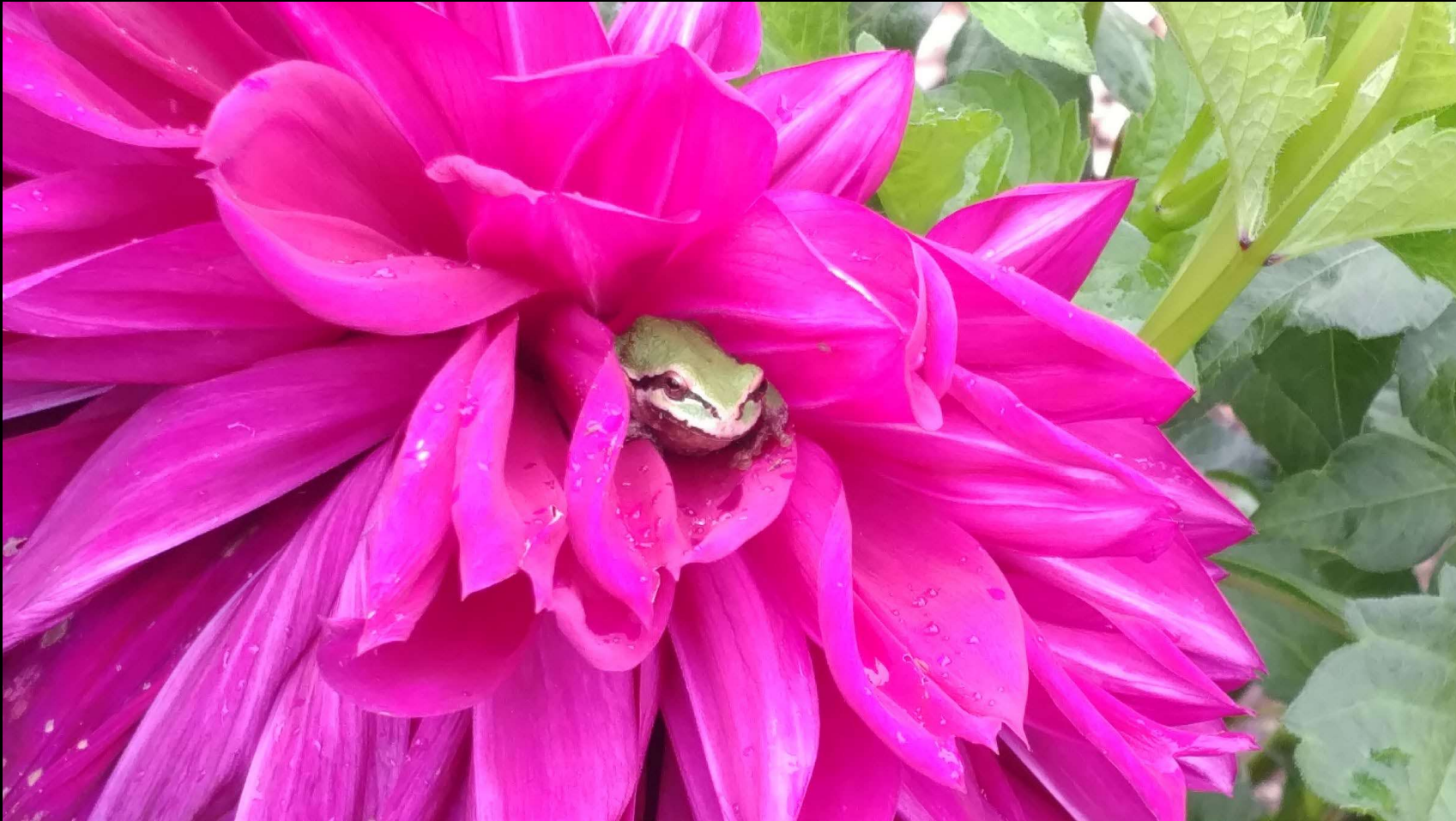




*Class 7*  
*Kids and*  
*Critters*



*Frog peeking out of Thomas Edison  
Image by Brad Freeman*



*First Place*



*Rabbit with  
Irish  
Blackheart*

*Image by  
Stacy  
DeKoekkoek*

*Second Place*



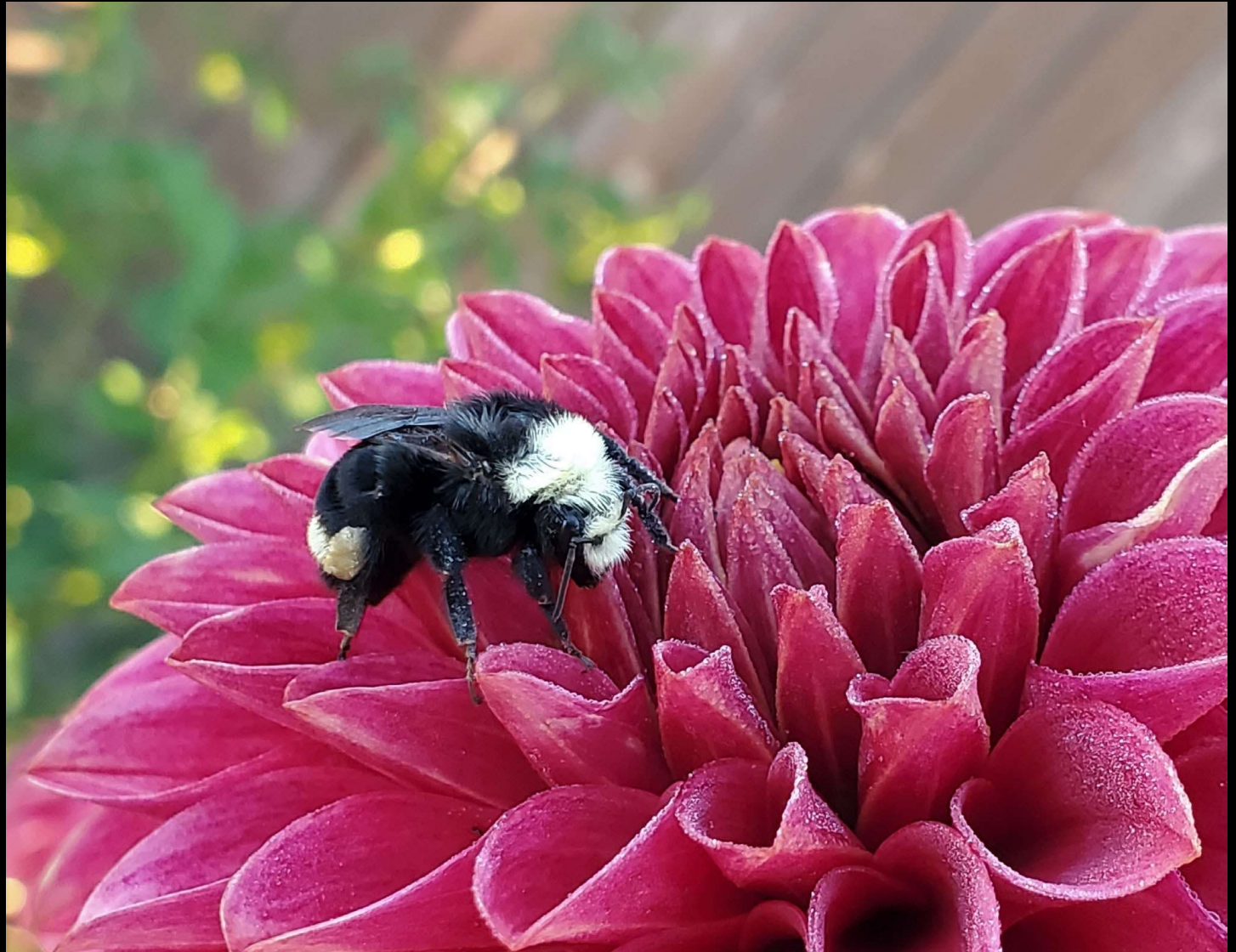
*Spider Friend*  
*Image by Stacy DeKoeckoeck*



*Third Place*



*KA's Rosie Jo with Bee*  
*Image by Kay Mackey*



*Third Place*



*Hummingbird and Dahlia Beds*  
*Image by Ann Maria Jacobson*



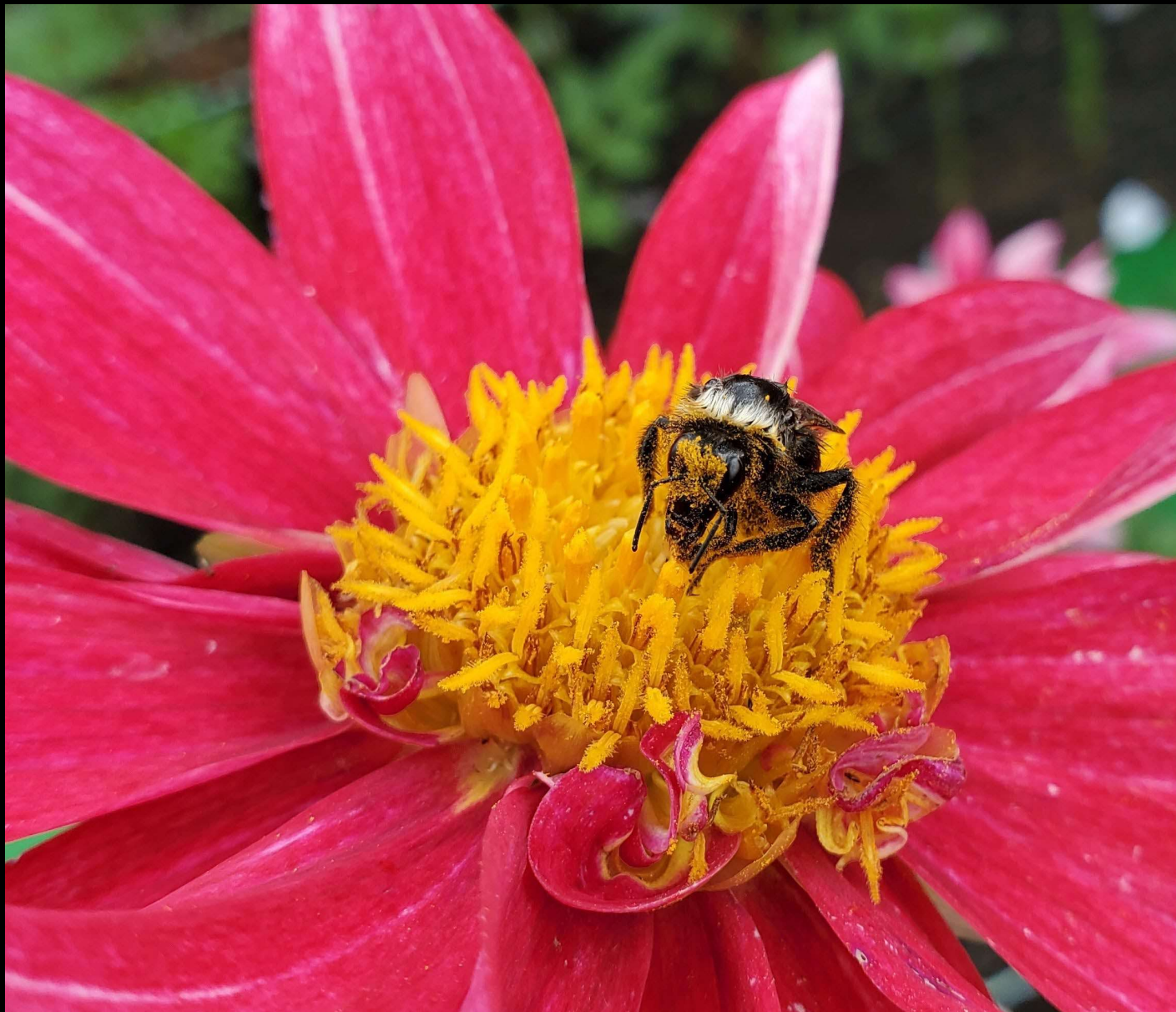
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Mention*



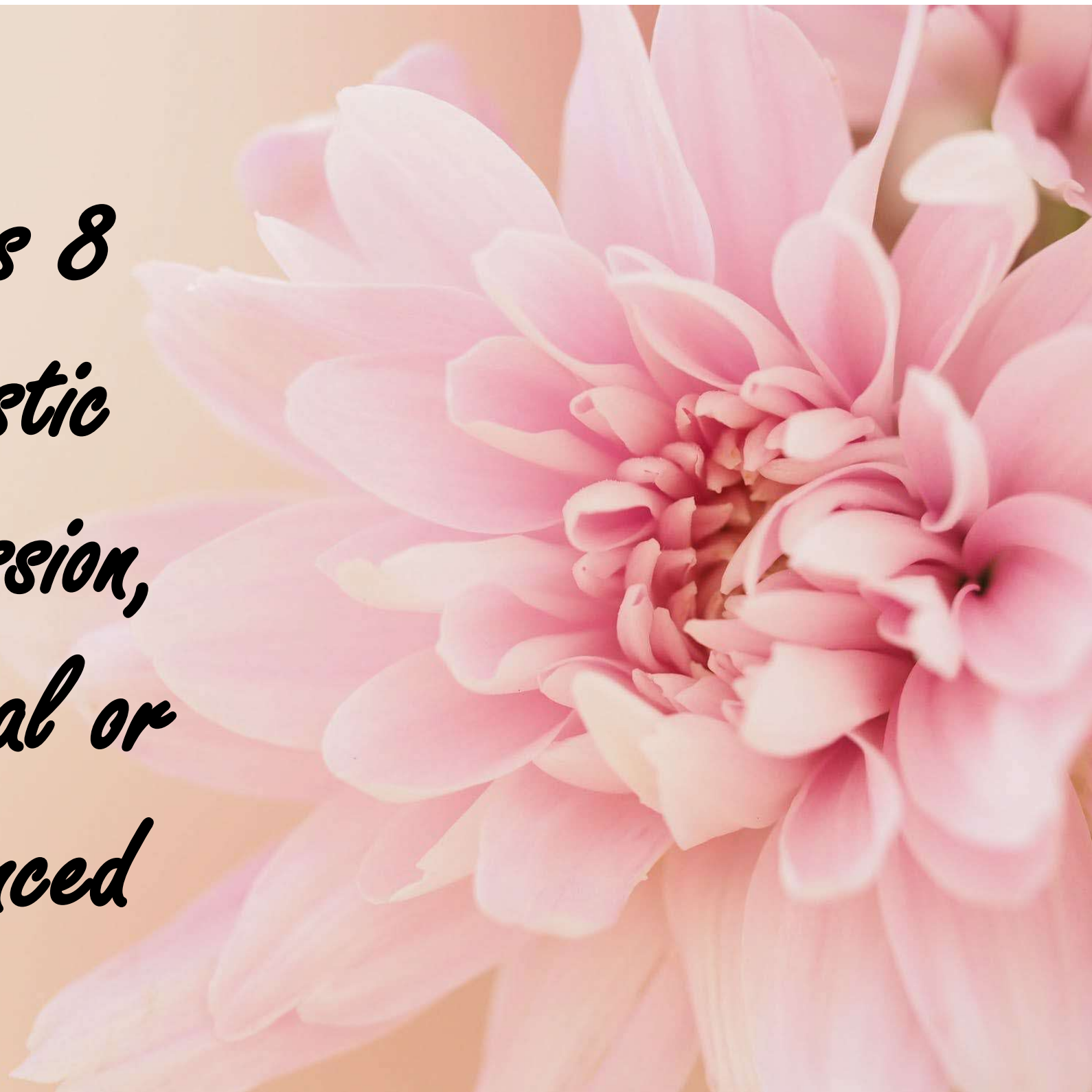
*Pink Seeding  
and Pollen  
Covered Bee*

*Image by  
Kay Mackey*

*Honorable  
Mention*



*Class 8*  
*Artistic*  
*Impression,*  
*Original or*  
*Enhanced*





*Yvonne*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*First Place*





*Rithie G and Millexium Graphic  
Image by Ann Maria Jacobson*



*Second Place*



*Clearview Edie*

*Image by  
Ann Maria  
Jacobson*

*Third Place*





*Kelsey Dwarf*  
*Image by Ann Maria Jacobson*



*Honorable  
Mention*



*Kelsey Aria*

*Image by  
Kay Mackey*

*Honorable Mention*





*Dick Parshall  
Inspecting His  
Blooms*

*Image by  
Ann Maria  
Jacobson*

*Honorable Mention*





*Jenny Maria*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*Honorable Mention*



*Class 9*  
*Dahlias in*  
*Another*  
*Setting*





*CSA Bouquet*  
*Image by Stacy DeKoeckoe*



*First Place*



*Bouquet*

*Image by  
Clare  
Cloutier*

*Second Place*

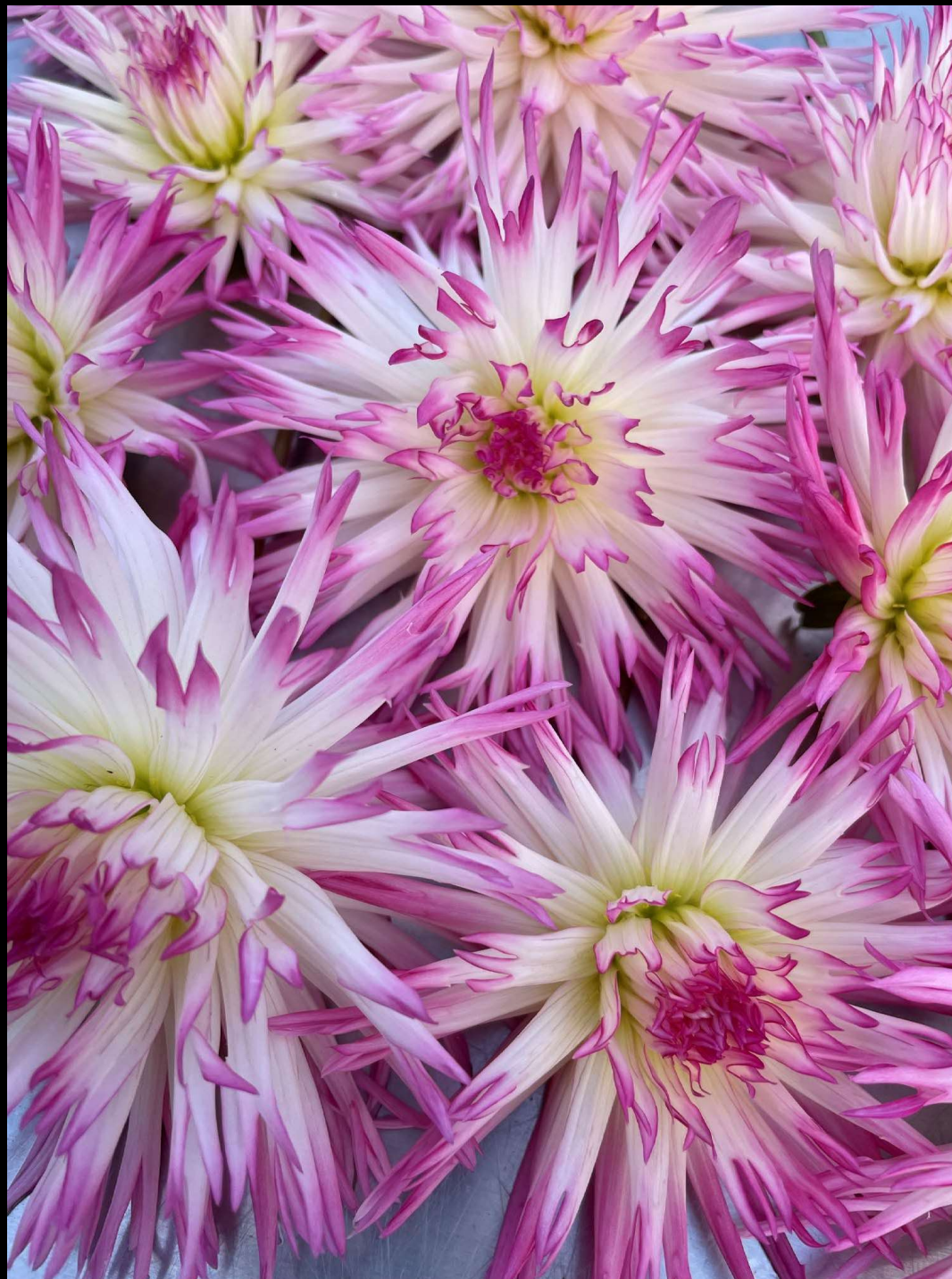




*Marlene Joy*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*

*Third Place*





*Taratahi Ruby in the Pond*  
*Image by Kay Mackey*

*Honorable  
Mention*





*Bouquets*  
*Image by Clare Cloutier*



*Honorable  
Mention*

*Various Varieties  
at Work*

*Image by  
Kay Mackey*

*Honorable Mention*





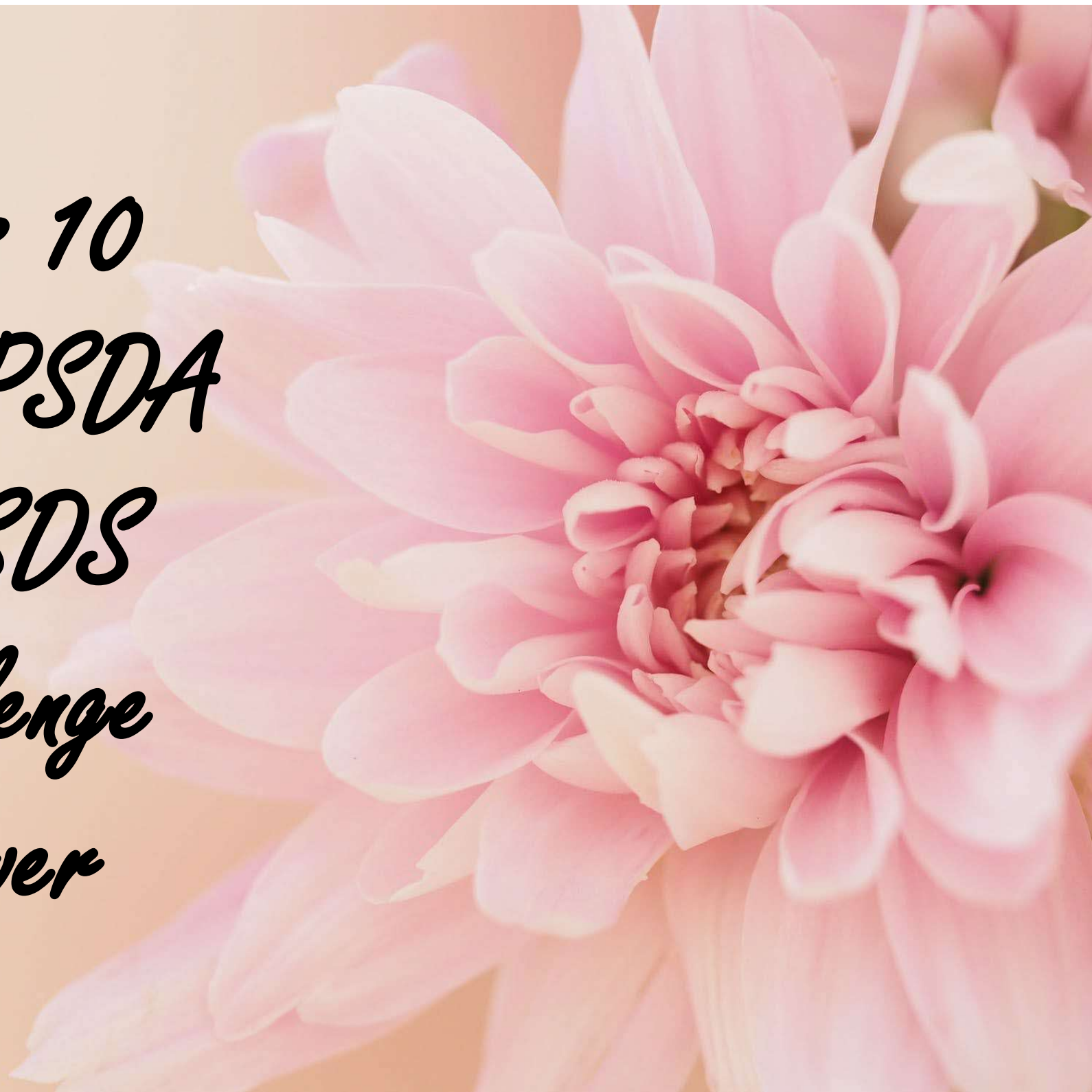
*Pile of Blooms  
Cut Before  
Digging Dahlias*

*Image by  
Kathy  
Hargrave*

*Honorable Mention*



*Class 10*  
*2022 PSDA*  
*and SDS*  
*Challenge*  
*Flower*





*April Dawn*  
*Image by Brad Freeman*



*First Place*

# *Our Winners*





*Third Place*



*Tahoma Surething  
and  
Clearview Lily*

*Image by  
Clare Cloutier*



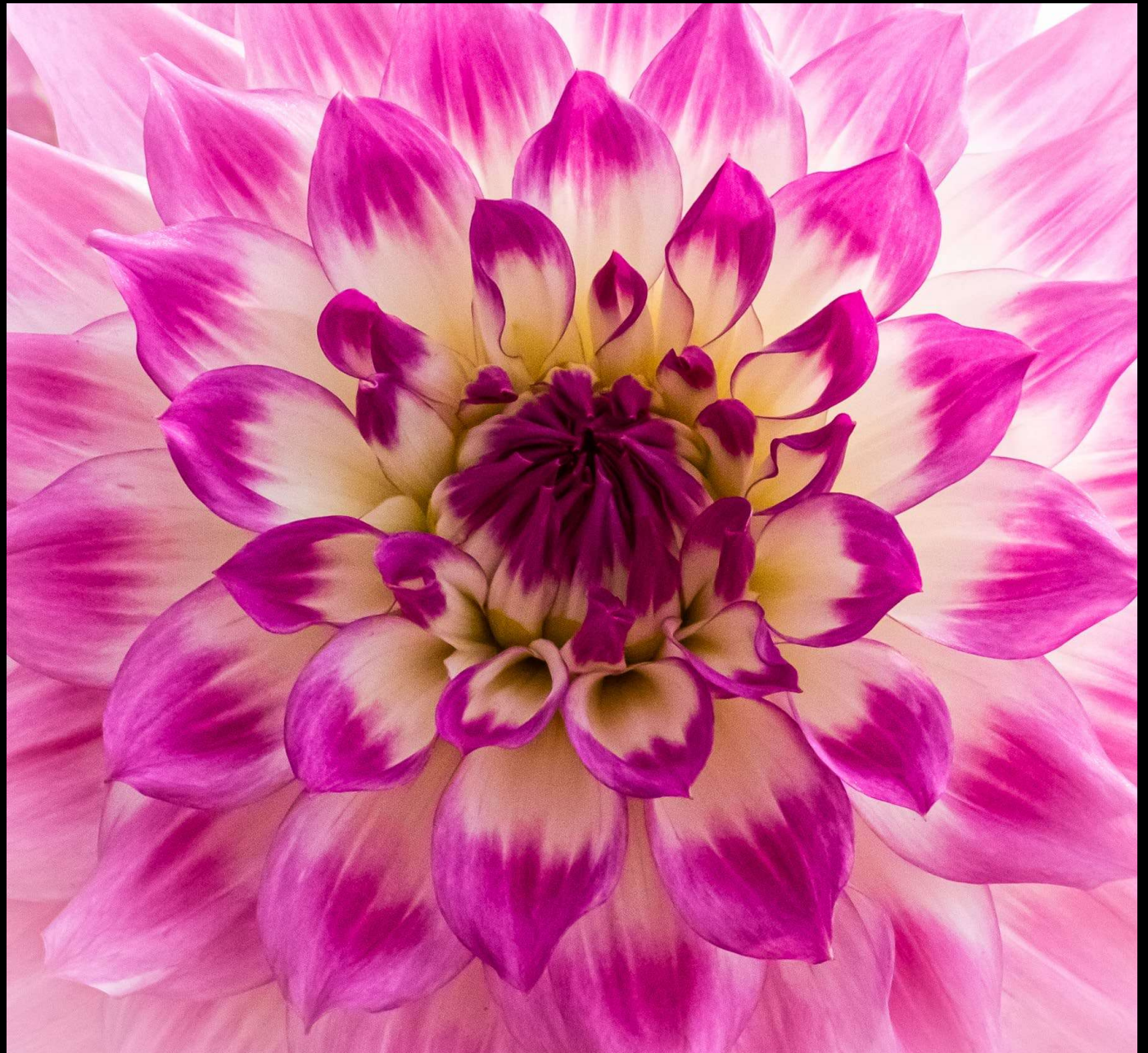


*Second  
Place*



*April Dawn  
Beauty*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*





*First Place*



*Blue Plate Special*

*Image by  
Leia Smith*





# *Judge's Recommendations*



*This year's judge is Kathy Admire. Kathy has judges for us before and has experience with judging other photo contests. These are Kathy's general comments:*

*Composition.* *A huge number of the dahlias submitted by your members were absolutely stunning. Images were sharp with great detail, nice patterns, etc. However, in photography ALL elements in a photograph are just as important as the subject (dahlias). The photos that won top honors had few or no distractions - dirt, signs, people, etc. It is really important to have no distractions in the background as this detracts from the subject. Simplicity is also usually really important for a winning composition.*



Lighting. Flowers are best photographed in bright overcast sky conditions or situations where lighting is even. Shadows on petals usually don't enhance flower images. Favorable lighting conditions are critical to award winning photos.

Critters. When including bees, birds, etc. in a composition, try to capture the critter from the front, top or side - not from the back. Including a visible eye, preferably with a highlight, is critical.

*Our judge says the composition is good but the image is a little dark.*



*I was able to fix this by simply increasing the light levels using a function in Adobe Elements.*







*Original Image adjusted to judge's recommendation—remove blue sky*



*Nice composition, a  
little bright*



*Decreased  
brightness of high-  
lights. This can be  
done without  
considering the  
image as enhanced.*







*Judges recommendations—include  
overexposure and cropping  
instructions. I was unable to change  
the lighting on indicated distracting  
dahlia..*





*When  
photographing  
images, attempt  
to fill in blank  
area in center  
front. This may  
be accomplished  
by adjusting the  
angle the photo  
was taken at.*







*Our judge recommends filling the frame with the dahlia to  
minimize distractions*





*A beautiful image without distractions can still be improved by cropping ... this improves the composition.*





*Even some winning images can be improved by some minor judicious cropping; in this case, removing white building edges from the image.*



*Crop to a  
panorama,  
removing stakes,  
which are  
distracting.*



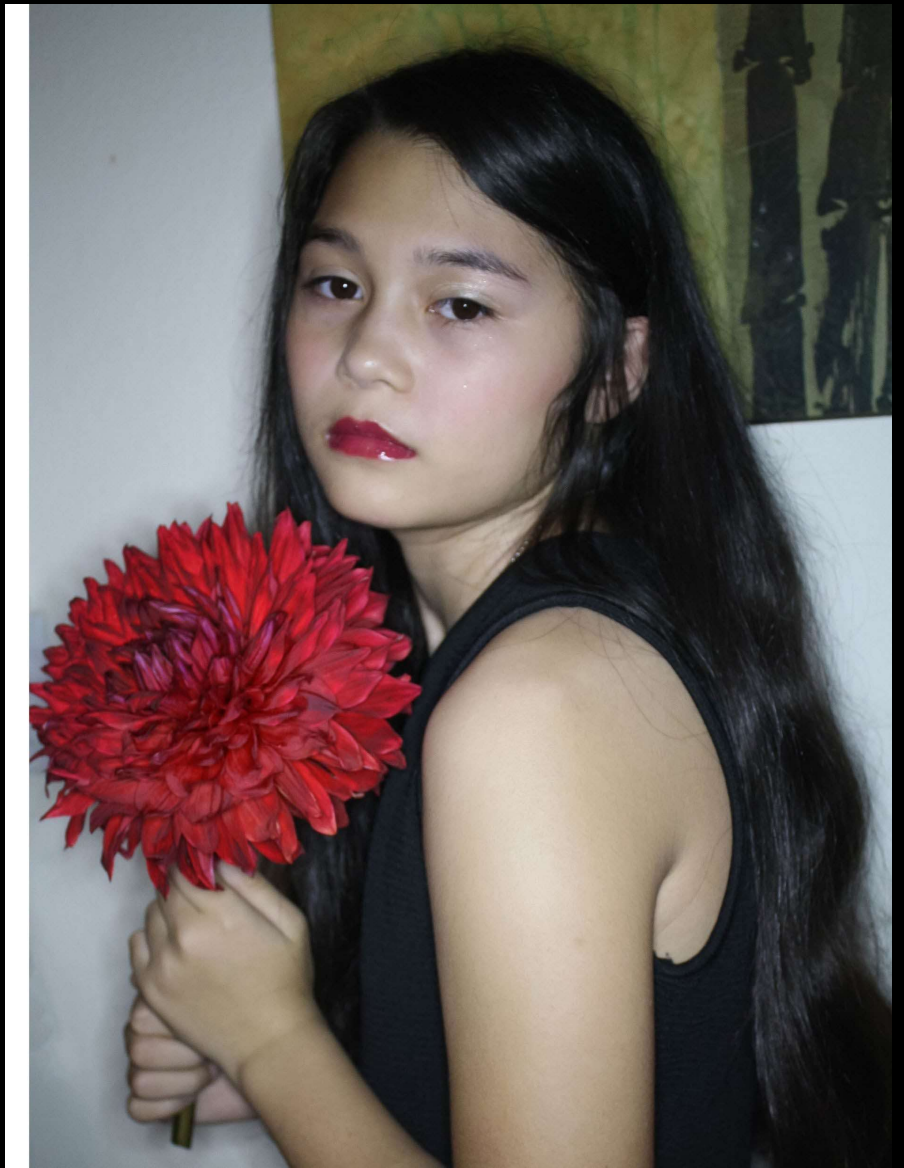
*Note— loses  
some clarity of  
focus so  
I would use the  
same technique on  
an image with  
more pixels.*







*Composition can be a problem when you forget your subject—in this case dahlias. The quilt image of a flower seems to be growing out of Cisco's head. This distracts you from the true subject.*



*Composition: This is a winning image that can be improved by removing bright spots and not cropping so close on the left. This would result in a photo that can be entered in the enhanced category. As a posed image, removing the artwork behind would help.*





*This image has been converted to black and white...cropping tighter and increasing the images contrast was suggested by our judge.*



*The End*

