



PUGET SOUND DAHLIA ASSOCIATION

50th Anniversary Show

August 22 & 23, 2026

Sky Nursery - 18528 Aurora Avenue N. Shoreline, WA 98133

Saturday, August 22

Entries may be brought to Sky Nursery 7:00 am to 9:30 am
OK to use driveway by back door for drop-off 7:00 am to 9:00 am
Judges and clerks are to organize the section(s) they will judge 9:30 am to 9:45 am
Judges' meeting in show hall by Head Table 9:45 am
Judging of the show will immediately follow the meeting.
Show open to the public 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday, August 23

Show open to the public 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Awards Presentation.....3:15 pm
Show closes, entries may be removed4:00 pm

Entries may not be removed until show closes.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From I-5 southbound

- Take 205th Street exit and go west 1 mile to Aurora Ave N. (Highway 99) and turn south on Aurora.
- Turn left on 185th and then turn left onto Midvale Ave.
- Go 2 blocks and turn through the gate into Sky Nursery.

From I-5 northbound

- Take 175th Street exit and turn left.
- Go 1 mile west to Aurora Ave. N. (Hwy 99) and then turn right.
- Go one mile, turn right onto 185th St and then take first left onto Midvale Ave. N.
- Go 2 blocks and turn left through the gate into Sky Nursery.

Entries may be placed beginning at 7 am; access is at Midvale Ave N (1 block east). Exhibitors are to quickly unload their entries and then move their vehicles to regular parking. Exhibitor Parking: South Parking Lot.

NOTE: Parking will be on the west side of the building, not in front of the main customer entrance to Sky Nursery.

SPECIAL ENTRIES

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

FEDERATION DAHLIA OF THE YEAR -- Sandia Bertha (Single-Bloom Entry)

Novice Class 261A
Amateur Class 261B
Open Class 261C

CHALLENGE FLOWER – Bull’s Blood (Single-bloom entry)

This category is open only to those who have made prior arrangements to enter this class by contacting Art Chmura or by visiting the PSDA online store at www.pugetsounddahlias.com. Those eligible are encouraged to make as many entries of quality blooms as possible. Cash prizes in each class will depend on the number of entrants. In addition, all exhibitors will receive a ticket for each entry. During the awards presentation, one ticket will be drawn for a \$100 cash prize.

Novice Class 262
Amateur Class 263
Open Class 264

50th ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE FLOWER – Cheyenne (Single-bloom entry)

Commemorating the first cover of *Dahlias of Today*. This category is open only to those who have made prior arrangements to enter this class by contacting Joe Morse or by visiting the PSDA online store at www.pugetsounddahlias.com. Those eligible are encouraged to make as many entries of quality blooms as possible. Cash prizes in each class will depend on the number of entrants. In addition, all exhibitors will receive a ticket for each entry. During the awards presentation, one ticket will be drawn for a \$50 cash prize.

Novice Class 265
Amateur Class 266
Open Class 267

SPECIAL ENTRIES

Open To Novice, Amateur, Open
Use White Tag

VARIEGATED Class 268
Single-bloom entry, any size, any type

BICOLOR Class 269
Single-bloom entry, any size, any type

PSDA or SDS ORIGINATION Class 270
Originated by any past or present home member of PSDA or SDS who include (but are not limited to):
Mike Alexander, Tom Ball, Bill Batts, Steve & Sandy Boley, Bill Bonneywell, Emil Budin, Dave Burton, Art Chmura, Ed Corning, Jack Crawford, Bill Dungan, Lou Eckhoff, Walt Jacenko, Anne Maria Jacobson, Al & Michelle Kaas, Cindy Keaton, Jean Knutson, Harold Miller, Vic Pennington, Carl Probizanksi, Bill Schwinck, Roe Shands, Bob Surber, Marge Thatcher, Phil Traff, Annie Walker, Colin Walker, Roger Walker, Dick Williams.

COLLECTIONS

- WATERLILY Collection** Class 271
3 different waterlily dahlias
- BALL, MINIATURE BALL, & POMPON COLLECTION** Class 272
1 each ball, miniature ball, pompon
- SMALL/MEDIUM COLLECTION** Class 273
3 different medium (B) and/or Small (BB) dahlias
- OPEN-CENTERED COLLECTION** Class 274
3 different open-centered dahlias
- PHIL TRAFF ORIGINATION**..... Class 275
Single-bloom entry, any dahlia originated by Phil Traff.
- JACK CRAWFORD MEMORIAL** Class 276
Any informal decorative dahlia.
- FLOATING WATERLILY DAHLIA**..... Class 277
A waterlily bloom with less than a 2-inch stem free floating in clear water in a container.
- VASE WITH A BOUQUET OF DAHLIAS**..... Class 278
Bring a vase suitable for home display or an old-fashioned container such as a jug, urn, or old pot that highlights the presentation and fill with seven or more dahlias. Other flowers and vegetation are allowed but dahlias must dominate. This class will be judged as well as a drawing held from among all entries for a cash prize. Note: Bring as many vases as you would like; a maximum of 4 tickets for the drawing will be allowed per exhibitor.
- 7 BLOOM MARKET BUNCH – AN ANNIVERSARY BUNCH**..... Class 279
Seven blooms of grower's choice suitable for purchase to use in an anniversary celebration. Stem maximum is 14 inches; bunch must be secured with a single rubber band and displayed in a clear 8- to 10-inch heavy weighted container that will not tip over. The container's opening should be narrow enough to sufficiently hold the bunch up without blooms leaning into another entry.
- 10 BLOOM MARKET BUNCH – A BABY SHOWER BUNCH** Class 280
Ten blooms of grower's choice suitable for purchase to use for a baby shower event. Stem maximum is 14 inches; bunch must be secured with a single rubber band and displayed in a clear 8- to 10-inch heavy weighted container that will not tip over. The container's opening should be narrow enough to sufficiently hold the bunch up without blooms leaning into another entry.

CLUB TEAM SPECTACULAR CHALLENGEClass 281

Each society may create one display entry to represent their club.

- The exhibit will be entered in the name of the dahlia club and will be judged as a whole. Use white entry tags.
- Blooms must come from a minimum of **three different gardens** with that club's membership.
- Each entry must include any **five categories** chosen from the following:
 - a) Three blooms giant or large
 - b) One vase, three blooms medium decorative (FD or ID)
 - c) One vase, three blooms medium cactus, semi-cactus, or incurved cactus
 - d) One vase, three blooms laciniated
 - e) One vase, three blooms small decorative (FD or ID)
 - f) One vase, three blooms small cactus, semi-cactus, or incurved cactus
 - g) One vase, five blooms miniature decorative (FD or ID)
 - h) One vase, five blooms miniature cactus, semi-cactus, or incurved cactus
 - i) One vase, three blooms waterlily
 - j) One vase, three blooms stellar
 - k) One vase, three blooms novelty
 - l) One vase, five blooms ball
 - m) One vase, five blooms miniature ball
 - n) One vase, five blooms pompon
 - o) One vase, five blooms peony, anemone, or collarette
 - p) One vase, five blooms orchid, orchette, or single
 - q) One vase, five blooms mignon single or micro

Awards: first place \$200, second place \$100, third place \$50.

If you have questions about the club team challenge, please contact Anne Maria Jacobson.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

The entry receiving the most votes from the public will win a \$50 cash prize. The public will be invited to vote for people's choice from among all entries advancing to the head table. This is not a class you can enter separately; only blooms that have progressed to the head table are eligible.

ARRANGEMENT ENTRIES

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

CELEBRATING 50 SPECTACULAR YEARS

GROOVY TIMES Class 30

PSDA was founded in 1976. To celebrate this spectacular occasion, create a circular line featuring intense psychedelic, vivid colors with at least five types, sizes, or varieties of dahlias.

BIG TIMES Class 302

PSDA published the first *Dahlias of Today* in 1981 – it was a big deal. Also huge in this time period were shoulder pads, big hair, big jewelry, and a spectacular local volcanic eruption. Everything was just bigger. Construct a vertical line featuring giant or large or medium dahlias in reds, yellows, oranges, and flame colors. No height limits.

TIME TO HONOR Class 303

PSDA was founded by Phil Traff, one of the greatest innovators to ever rock the dahlia world. Phil passed in 1992: too young and too early. In honor of his innovative and energetic spirit, create your own spectacular design. Designers' choice of types and colors of dahlias. Including a Phil Traff introduction is encouraged but not required. Your finished piece should not exceed 24 inches wide or deep. No height restrictions.

TOUGH TIMES Class 304

The aughts were challenging times for Seattle. The dot com bust, Boeing's HQ relocation, the Nisqually earthquake, and the Mariners went flat. But PSDA continued to shine a bright spot across the landscape with spectacular dahlias. Craft a horizontal line in cheerful colors with micro, miniature, small, and miniature ball, or pompon dahlias. Your arrangement should not exceed six inches in height nor 20 inches in width.

MODERN TIMES Class 305

PSDA is enthusiastically looking towards a spectacular future and the next 50 years of being in full bloom. To celebrate, create a transparency design applying white and/or pastel-colored dahlias of any type and size. (Transparency design is a modern, three-dimensional style that incorporates see through or translucent elements – like mesh, glass, or even plant materials – to allow other parts of the arrangement to be viewed through them, creating depth and an airy feel.)

ARRANGEMENT ENTRIES –JUNIORS ONLY

Want to try your hand at an arrangement? You'll find your designated area on the arrangement table. Use blue entry tags.

PARTY TIME Class 306

What says party to you? Make a festive design and include gold elements. You can use any color of dahlias and your choice of types and sizes of dahlias to create your party arrangement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dahlias must dominate the design. Natural filler and other flowers can be incorporated but dahlias must be the prominent component. Unless otherwise specified, arrangements can have a maximum footprint of 24 inches square. To verify these arrangement lines, go to the arrangement score card section in this *Dahlia Annual*. Please refer to <https://www.nwdahlia.org/judging-classes/> and scroll down to “scorecards and resources for judges” and click on Arrangement Line Characterizations for the descriptions of arrangements and designs featured for these classes.