The Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society Welcomes you to their 21st Annual

Dahlia Show

August 22, 23, & 24, 2025



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General Show Rules

- 1. All exhibitors must register. Entry tag(s) can be obtained at the registration desk. All information must be recorded and the entry tag properly folded, sealed, and firmly attached to the exhibit.
- 2. For purposes of this show the following definitions will apply: Novice/New grower is an exhibitor who has grown and shown dahlias for no more than three (3) years. Small Grower is an exhibitor growing 1 125 hills of AA, A, B and BB size dahlias. Large Grower is an exhibitor growing 126 or more hills of AA, A, B, and/or BB size dahlias. A hill of dahlias is a single plant regardless of the number of shoots growing directly from the ground. If planting is done with 2 plants to a stake, it is considered to be two hills, not one hill. PLEASE NOTE; A NOVICE/NEW GROWER MAY SHOW IN ANY UPPER DIVISION SECTION. A SMALL GROWER MAY NOT SHOW IN NOVICE OR THE LARGE GROWER SECTION EXCEPT THOSE MARKED OPEN TO ALL. A LARGE GROWER MAY SHOW ONLY IN THE LARGE GROWER AND OPEN TO ALL SECTIONS.
- 3. All specimen blooms must be grown by the exhibitor. A person other than the originator may enter seedling blooms.
- 4. All entries become the property of the MVDS and may not be removed except by direction and consent of the Show Committee.
- Neither MVDS nor its officers/members nor the facility and its management shall be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits, containers, and personal property or for injuries sustained by exhibitors or visitors.
- The Show Committee will furnish containers for all single and multiple-bloom entries. Exhibitors should furnish suitable containers for Section XIX and Section XX and Section XXII entries.

General Show Rules Continued.....

- 7. The use of artificial color or any support above the container except wedges on specimen blooms is prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- 8. An exhibitor may enter a seedling in regular show competition if grown by the exhibitor. The seedling entry must be submitted to the Classification Committee for a class number.
- 9. All dahlias will be entered and judged in accordance with their classification in the current ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias. Varieties not listed in the handbook or present edition of the composite listing shall be referred to the Classification Committee prior to judging. Such entries must be given classification designation by the Classification Committee and the entry tag must show the mark of the Committee. After being classified the entry should be properly placed by the exhibitor.
- 10. Entries must be placed on the proper exhibit table before 9:00 AM Saturday. Those blooms not in place by that time will not be judged. Proper placement is the responsibility of each exhibitor.
- 11. The Judging team and Show Committee may disqualify any and all entries of an exhibitor showing unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 12. Judges must not participate in judging of their own entries.
- 13. Awards can be withheld in any class or section if the blooms are deemed unworthy.
- 14. The judge's decision will be final unless the Show Committee requests a re-judging. Any protests concerning judging and requests for re-judging must be lodged with the show committee within 30 minutes after the close of judging if the entry is in question.

General Show Rules Continued......

- 15. The judge's decision will be final unless the Show Committee requests a re-judging. Any protests concerning judging and requests for re-judging must be lodged with the show committee within 30 minutes after the close of judging if the entry is in question.
- All blooms should have proper balance of foliage and proper stem length in relation to bloom size. Blooms must have at least one set of leaves above the container.
- Largest bloom will be chosen from blue ribbon winners. Size will be determined by measuring extreme diameter and multiplying by the depth.
- 18. When judging miniatures, miniature balls, and poms, the judges should reward diminutiveness.
- 19. The Grand Champion will be selected from all single AA, A and B size dahlias winners on the Court of Honor. The Reserve Champion will be selected from all other single winners on the Court of Honor excluding all BB's on the Court. The Best BB in the show will be selected from all single BB's on the Court.
- 20. Additional rules, regulations and explanations will be found in each section and will be determined by the Show Committee as required. Please read and follow these carefully.
- 21. With the exception of the Youth, Novice and Best ADS Seedling Bench Evaluation, all Court of Honor Winners will receive a cash award. Monetary awards will be mailed to the winners.

World's Largest Bloom

We will be measuring for the World's Largest Bloom to be reported to the ADS. If you are bringing a large bloom and want it measured, please see Randy Foith or Jim Chuey when you arrive at the show. They will measure your bloom and then you can enter it in the show.

Abbreviations:

AN Anemone-Flowered NO Novelty Open (disc) Center BA NX Novelty Fully Double Ball С Orchid - Flowering Cactus 0 Collarette Р CO Pompon FD Formal Decorative PE Peony - Flowered

IC Incurved Cactus S Single

IDInformal DecorativeSCSemi-CactusLCLaciniatedSTStellarMBMiniature BallWIWater LilyMSMignon SingleOTOrchette

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 22nd

Noon – 3:00 PM Set-up – All Help Welcome

3:00 PM – 10:30 PM Registration and Staging of Blooms

Saturday, August 23rd

7:00 – 10:00 AM Registration and staging

10:00 AM Entries Close, Instruction to Judges

10AM – 1PM Judging

1:00 – Close Show Open to Public

Sunday, August 24th

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Show Open to Public Show closes & clean up

Section I – Novice / New Grower Green Section

One Bloom Any Color

A new grower is an exhibitor who has grown and shown dahlias for no more than three (3) years. Exhibitors may have as many entries in each class as desired. Exhibitors in this section have no limits on the number of hills grown. Entries may be exhibited in any or all classes 0001 thru 9715.

From the Blue Ribbon winners in each form (AA-1 thru AA-6 and A-1 thru A-6), select a Special in each form. From those Specials select one Special for the Court of Honor (Best AA-A).

CLASS	N/NG -	AA-1 AA-2 AA-3 AA-4 AA-5 AA-6	FD ID SC C IC LC	0001-0015 0101-0115 0201-0215 0301-0315 0401-0415 0501-0515
CLASS	N/NG-	A-1 A-2 A-3 A-4 A-5 A-6	FD ID SC C IC LC	1001-1015 1101-1115 1201-1215 1301-1315 1401-1415 1501-1515

From the Blue Ribbon winners in each form (B-1 thru B-6), select a Special. From those Specials select one Special for the Court of Honor (Best B).

CLASS	N/NG-	B-1	FD	2001-2015
		B-2	ID	2101-2115
		B-3	SC	2201-2215
		B-4	С	2301-2315
		B-5	IC	2401-2415
		B-6	LC	2501-2515

From the Blue Ribbon winners in each form (BB-1 thru BB-6), select a Special. From those Specials select one Special for the Court of Honor (Best BB).

CLASS	N/NG-	BB-1	FD	3001-3015
		BB-2	ID	3101-3115
		BB-3	SC	3201-3215
		BB-4	С	3301-3315
		BB-5	IC	3401-3415
		BB-6	LC	3501-3515

From the Blue Ribbon winners in each form (M-1 thru O-8-MS), select a Special in each form. From these Specials, select one Special for the Court of Honor (Best M-1 thru O-8-MS).

N/NG-	M-1 M-2 M-3 M-4 M-5 M-6	FD ID SC C IC LC	4001-4015 4101-4115 4201-4215 4301-4315 4401-4415 4501-4515
N/NG-	BA-1		6001-6015
N/NG-	MBA-1		6101-6115
N/NG-	P-1		6201-6215
N/NG-	WL		7301-7315
N/NG-	ST/NX	7001-70	15 & 7601-7615
N/NG-			8001-8015 8201-8215 8601-8615 9001-9015 9201-9215 9401-9415 9601-9615 9701-9715
	N/NG- N/NG- N/NG- N/NG- N/NG-	M-2 M-3 M-4 M-5 M-6 N/NG- BA-1 N/NG- MBA-1 N/NG- P-1 N/NG- WL N/NG- ST/NX N/NG- O-1-PE O-2-AN O-3-NO O-4-CO O-5-ORCI O-6-ORCI O-7-S O-8-MS	M-2 ID M-3 SC M-4 C M-5 IC M-6 LC N/NG- BA-1 N/NG- MBA-1 N/NG- P-1 N/NG- WL N/NG- ST/NX 7001-70 N/NG- O-1-PE O-2-AN O-3-NO O-4-CO O-5-ORCHID O-6-ORCHETTE O-7-S O-8-MS

From the Court of Honor winners (AA-A, B, BB and M-1 thru O-8-MS) select the Best Novice.

Section II - Small Grower Red Section

One Bloom Any Color

A small grower is an exhibitor growing 1 – 125 hills of AA, A, B and BB size dahlias. Single bloom entries may be exhibited in any or all classes 0001 – 7315. All other classifications (7601 – 9715) must be entered in section IV thru XII.

From the blue ribbon winners in each form, select one special award. From the specials select one from each size and form (FD - ID), (SC-C-IC-LC) to the Court of Honor.

Section III - Large Grower Black Section

One Bloom Any Color

A large grower is an exhibitor growing 126 hills or more of AA, A, B, and BB dahlias. Entries may be exhibited in any or all classes 0001 thru 7315. All other classifications (7601 – 9715) must be entered in Section IV thru XII.

From the blue ribbon winners in each form, select one special award. From the specials select one from each size and form (FD - ID), (SC-C-IC-LC) to the Court of Honor

Section IV – Open to All Black Section Novelty Fully Double

One Bloom Any Color 7601 – 7615

From the blue ribbon winners in this form a special will be selected for the Court of Honor.

Black Section

Peony

One Bloom Any Color

8001 - 8015

From the blue ribbon winners in this form a special will be selected for the Court of Honor.

Section VI – Open to All

Black Section

Anemone

One Bloom Any Color

8201 - 8215

From the blue ribbon winners in this form a special will be selected for the Court of Honor.

Section VII - Open to All

Black Section

Novelty Open Center

One Bloom Any Color

8601 - 8615

From the blue ribbon winners in this form a special will be selected for the Court of Honor.

Section VIII - Open to All

Black Section

Collarette

One Bloom Any Color

9001 - 9015

From the blue ribbon winners in this form a special will be selected for the Court of Honor.

Section IX - Open to All

Black Section

Orchid

One Bloom Any Color

9201 – 9215

From the blue ribbon winners in this form a special will be selected for the Court of Honor.

Section X - Open to All Black Section

Orchette

One Bloom Any Color

9401 - 9415

From the blue ribbon winners in this form a special will be selected for the Court of Honor.

Section XI - Open to All Black Section

Single

One Bloom Any Color

9601 - 9615

From the blue ribbon winners in this form a special will be selected for the Court of Honor.

Section XII - Open to All Black Section

Mignon Single

One Bloom Any Color

9701 – 9715

From the blue ribbon winners in this form a special will be selected for the Court of Honor.

For Micro-mini's please go to Section XXIII

Section XIII - Open to All Black Section

Three (3) Blooms

Three blooms of one variety in a single container.

CLASS 0001 - 1515 AA/A

CLASS 2001 - 2515 B

CLASS 3001 - 3515 BB

CLASS 4001 - 4515 M

CLASS 6001 - 6015 BA

CLASS 6101 - 6115 MB

CLASS 6201 - 6215 POM

CLASS 7301 - 7315 WL

CLASS 7001 - 7015 ST

CLASS 7601 - 7615 NX

CLASS 8001 - 8015 PE

CLASS 8201 - 8215 AN

CLASS 8601 - 8615 NO

CLASS 9001 - 9015 CO

CLASS 9201 - 9215 O

CLASS 9401 - 9415 OT

CLASS 9601 - 9615 S

CLASS 9701 - 9715 MS

The best entry in each of the 18 classes will receive a Special Ribbon and advance to the Court of Honor.

Section XIV – Open to All Black Section Multiple Blooms

Five (5), seven (7) or nine (9) blooms of one variety (depending on class) in one container.

0001 – 1515	AA/A	5 blooms
2001 – 2515	В	5 blooms
3001 – 3515	BB	5 OR 7 blooms
4001 – 4515	M	5 OR 7 blooms
6001 – 6115	BA/MB	5 OR 7 blooms
6201 – 6215	POM	5, 7 OR 9 blooms
7301 – 7315	WL	5, 7 OR 9 blooms
7001 – 7015 & 7601	1 – 7615 ST, NX	5, 7 OR 9 blooms
8001 – 8215	PE, AN	5, 7 OR 9 blooms
8601 – 9415	NO, CO, O, OT	5, 7, OR 9 blooms
9601 – 9715	S, MS	5, 7, OR 9 blooms
	2001 - 2515 3001 - 3515 4001 - 4515 6001 - 6115 6201 - 6215 7301 - 7315 7001 - 7015 & 760 8001 - 8215 8601 - 9415	2001 – 2515 B 3001 – 3515 BB 4001 – 4515 M 6001 – 6115 BA/MB 6201 – 6215 POM 7301 – 7315 WL 7001 – 7015 & 7601 – 7615 ST, NX 8001 – 8215 PE, AN 8601 – 9415 NO, CO, O, OT

Best entry in each of the eleven (11) classes will receive a special ribbon and advance to the Court of Honor.

Section XV – Open to All Black Section Multiple Formation

Three (3) different forms from within the six (6) forms (FD, ID, SC, C, IC & LC) all the same size in a single container.

CLASS	0001 – 1515	AA/A
CLASS	2001 – 2515	В
CLASS	3001 – 3515	BB
CLASS	4001 – 4515	M

From the Blue Ribbon winners in each of the four (4) classes select a special. From the specials select one (1) for the Court of Honor.

Section XVI - Open to All Black Section Any Form, Any Size, One Color

Three (3) or more blooms in one container, any formation, any size, but only one color.

From the blue ribbon winners in the class choose a special and send to the court.

Section XVII - Open to All Black Section Best ADS Seedling Bench Evaluation

This section is open to dahlias grown from seed sown three or more years ago and not yet offered for sale. This section is offered in cooperation with the American Dahlia Society. Show officials and exhibitors must read and adhere to the rules for entries and judging as printed in the latest edition of the ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias. Three blooms are required and must be staged in a single container.

Each entry scoring 85.0 or more points shall receive an ADS Seedling Award Ribbon. The entry with the highest average of all varieties scoring over 85.0 points shall receive the ADS Achievement Award Ribbon and taken to its place on the Court of Honor.

Section XVIII - Open to All Black Section First, Second and Third Year Seedlings

Class 1 – One bloom of first year seedling grown from seed sown this year.

Class 2 – One bloom of second year seedling grown from seed sown last year.

Class 3 – One bloom of third year seedling grown from seed sown two years ago.

Blue Ribbons only. Judges will award as many blue ribbons as deemed necessary.

Spread the Dahlia Love

Dahlias are a great way to congratulate, cheer, thank, ask forgiveness from, encourage, celebrate or show sympathy to – a friend, colleague, shut-in, public servant, family member, or special someone. In this category create a modest (up to and including 20 inches) bouquet or basket that could be used to "Spread the Dahlia Love".

- Use a simple florist vase or basket (handle or not)
- Exhibitor may enter a basket and/or vase
- Entry must be created by exhibitor, but flowers need not be grown by exhibitor
- Show good design principles, balance, proportion, contrast, rhythm
- Use quality plant material. Dahlias must be prominent but filler and other secondary flowers are permitted
- No painted or treated material and no cut fruit will be permitted
- Containers and other properties used must be furnished by the exhibitor. Neither the Show Committee nor the show facility will be responsible for any loss, damage or breakage. Please place name and address on the bottom of container
- All entries must be in place by 10:00AM Saturday and cannot be removed until the show closes on Sunday. The exhibitor or his agent will be responsible for prompt removal at Sunday's closing time.
- List the occasion for Dahlia Love on your entry ticket

Best entry advances to the Court of Honor

Section XX – Open to All Black Section Artistic Arrangements

- 1. Exhibitor permitted only one entry per theme.
- 2. Exhibits must be arranged and staged by exhibitor; however flowers or other plant material used may have been grown by someone else.
- 3. Dahlias must dominate the arrangement. No paint or treated fresh materials and no cut fruit will be permitted.
- 4. Containers and other properties used must be furnished by the exhibitor. Neither the Show Committee nor the show facility will be responsible for any loss, damage or breakage. Please place name and address on bottom of container.
- 5. All designs should not exceed 28" wide by 40" high.
- 6. All entries must be in place by 10:00 AM Saturday and cannot be removed until the show closes on Sunday. The exhibitor or his agent will be responsible for prompt removal at Sunday's closing time.
- 7. Groups defined as follows:

Group A:

A designer who is a florist, flower show judge in design, or someone who has won two (2) or more blue ribbons or the top award in the design section. Entry card should read Group A.

Group B:

All designers not in Group A. Entry card should read Group B.

A point scale scoring system will be used as follows:

Conformance (to schedule requirements)	20
Design (Elements, Balance, Proportion, Contrast, Rhythm)	50
Artistic Concept (Selection and Organization)	15
Expression (Interpretation of class by exhibitor)	15

The judges' decisions are final. First, second, and third awards will be made in each Class.

The first award in each Class in Group A will compete for Best Artistic Design/Court of Honor Group A (Barb Willet Memorial Award).

The first award in each Class in Group B will compete for Best Artistic Design/Court of Honor Group B (Linda Vuletich Memorial ward).

Sheila Bowman People's Choice Memorial Award

All arrangements in Section XX, Group A and B, will compete for this award. Each arrangement will be assigned a number. All show visitors may vote once (honor system), by number, for their favorite.

Artistic Design Theme Hobbies and Pastimes

We occasionally do something other than dahlias!

CLASS 1 – **Art** (painting, drawing, ceramics, etc.): Create a colorful design with a distinct line. Check out this website for a good definition and tips on "line":https://oliveandjuneflorals.com/the-art-of-lines-in-floral-design-a-deep-dive-into-balance-and-beauty/

CLASS 2 – **Reading:** Pick a favorite book, magazine, or poem ad say it with flowers. Put the name of the book, magazine, or poem on the Entry Tag.

CLASS 3 – **Being Out in Nature** (hiking, climbing, camping, communing, bird watching, etc.): Create a design with a strong emphasis on natural elements (wood, stone, cattails, thistle, etc). Give your design a title on the Entry Tag.

CLASS 4 – **Play Ball:** Build a design that depicts any sport that uses a ball (baseball, football, soccer, ping pong, pickleball, etc.). Make us laugh!

CLASS 5 –**20,000 Dahlias Under the Sea**: This class represents all the fun we can have in and on the water. Make a design with dahlias under water (completely submerged, maybe less than 20,000) and some above if you wish

Section XXI Youth Section

- 1. Must be grown and staged by the exhibitor.
- 2. Exhibitor must be 16 years of age or younger.
- 3. Exhibit must be a Dahlia single bloom with at least one set of leaves.

The judges' decisions are final. Judges will award as many blue ribbons as deemed necessary. One of the Blue Ribbon Winners will be chosen as Best Youth for the Court of Honor.

Section XXII - (open to All) Floating Waterlily Dahlia

- Use a single waterlily-type dahlia.
- The flower should have less than a 2-inch stem.
- Float the dahlia freely in clear water—do not anchor it with oasis, kenzan, or any other support.
- The water must be complete clear, with no stones, greenery, dyes, or any other additions.
- Use a water-tight bowl or container.
- The container must be non-footed and non-stemmed (i.e., it should sit flat and not be elevated or supported by a pedestal or legs).
- Choose a container that is proportional to the flower:
 - The flower should not overwhelm the container there should be visible water space around the bloom
 - The container should not overpower the flower the bloom should be a clear focal point.

Best entry advances to the Court of Honor.

Section XXIII

CLASS 1 – Best "Marcella Louise" - \$50 award sponsored by Jim Chuey in memory his mother Marcella Louise Chuey

CLASS 2 – Best Carl \$50 award sponsored by Harriet Chandler and Jim Chuey in memory of Jim's brother Carl.

CLASS 3 – Best Micro-Mini Single goes to Court of Honor

CLASS 4 – Best Micro-Mini Multiple Blooms goes to Court of Honor

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Grand Champion	\$100.00
Reserve Champion	\$100.00
Best BB	\$100.00
Best Youth	Vase
Best Novice	\$30
Best Novice AA/A	Gift
Best Novice B	Gift
Best Novice BB	Gift
Best Novice M-1 thru O-8-MS	Gift

For all remaining Court of Honor winners unless otherwise stated the award is \$30

Large Grower

AA – FD, ID	AA – FD, ID
AA – SC, C, LC	AA – SC, C, LC
A - FD, ID	A – FD, ID
A - SC, C, LC	A – SC, C, LC
B – FD, ID	B – FD, ID
B – SC, C, LC	B – SC, C, LC
BB – FD, ID	BB – FD, ID
BB – SC, C, LC	BB- SC, C, LC
Best Miniature	Best Miniature
Best Ball	Best Ball
Best Miniature Ball	Best Miniature Ball
Best Pompon	Best Pompon
Best Stellar	Best Stellar
Best Water Lily	Best Water Lily

Court of Honor Continued

Open to All

Best Novelty Fully Double

Best Peony

Best Anemone

Best Novelty Open Center

Best Collarette

Best Orchid

Best Orchette

Best Single

Best Mignon Single

Best Marcella Louise (\$50 award)

Best Carl (\$50 award)

Best Micro-Mini Single

Best Micro-Mini Multiple Bloom

Best Three (3) Blooms of the Same Variety in One Container

AA/A

В

BB

Ball

Miniature Ball

Miniature

Pompon

Water Lily

Stellar

Anemone

Novelty Fully Double

Peony

Novelty Open Center

Collarette

Orchid

Orchette

Single

Mignon Single

Court of Honor Continued

Best Multiple Blooms		5, 7, or 9 in One	5, 7, or 9 in One Container	
CLASS	0001 – 1515	AA/A	5 blooms	
CLASS	2001 – 2515	В	5 blooms	
CLASS	3001 – 3515	BB	5 OR 7 blooms	
CLASS	4001 – 4515	M	5 OR 7 blooms	
CLASS	6001 – 6115	BA/MB	5 OR 7 blooms	
CLASS	6201 – 6215	POM	5, 7 OR 9 blooms	
CLASS	7301 – 7315	WL	5, 7 OR 9 blooms	
CLASS	7001 – 7015 &	7601 – 7615 ST, NX	5, 7 OR 9 blooms	
CLASS	8001 – 8215	PE, AN	5, 7 OR 9 blooms	
CLASS	8601 – 9415	NO, CO, O, OT	5, 7, OR 9 blooms	
CLASS	9601 – 9715	S, MS	5, 7, OR 9 blooms	

Best Multiple (Three (3) Different Forms, Same Size)

Best Any Formation Any Size (only One (1) color)

Largest Bloom (Must be Blue Ribbon Winner)

Best ADS Seedling Bench Evaluation

Best Cut Flowers (in Vase or Basket)

Best Floating Waterlily Dahlia

Best Artistic Arrangement – Group A (Barb Willett Memorial Award)

\$50 Sponsored by Chuck Willett

Best Artistic Arrangement – Group B (Linda Vuletich Memorial Award) \$50 Artistic Arrangement – People's Choice (Sheila Bowman Memorial Award) \$50 Notes:

Thank you for attending the Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society Show

The MVDS Executive Board and Show Committee would like to thank all those members and non-members who displayed blooms and helped with judging and clerking. Your participation is much appreciated. We hope you enjoyed the show.