

***The Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society***

***Welcomes you to their***

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

**Dahlia Show**

August 21, 22, & 23, 2026



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# Boardman Park

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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:
  - A. Novice/New growers are growers who feel they have not yet gained sufficient experience to show as a Small or Large Grower. This section is really designed for the dahlia grower who is beginning to exhibit. In any case a Novice grower may not exhibit in this section for more than three years. The Novice must show all of their blooms in the Novice Section (0001-9715). However, they are free to enter any of the open multiple bloom classes as well as the arrangement section.
  - B. Small Grower is an exhibitor growing 1 – 124 plants of AA thru BB (excludes seedlings) size dahlias. The Small grower may not show in Novice or Large grower section except those marked Open to All.
  - C. Large Grower is an exhibitor growing 125 or more plants of AA thru BB (excludes seedlings) size dahlias. The Large Grower may show only in the Large Grower section and the Open to All Section.
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.
5. 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.

## General Show Rules Continued.....

6. 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
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 9:30 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. 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.
16. Largest bloom will be chosen from blue ribbon winners. Size will be determined by measuring extreme diameter and multiplying by the depth.
17. When judging miniatures, miniature balls, and poms, the judges should reward diminutiveness.
18.
  - A. The Grand Champion will be selected from all single AA, A and B dahlias (Sections 1, 2, 3) on The Court.
  - B. The Reserve Champion will be selected from all Single Miniature thru Waterlily dahlias (sections 1, 2, 3) on the Court
  - C. The Distinguished Champion will be selected from the NX thru Mignon Single and Micro Single (sections 4 thru 12 and the Micro Single) on the Court
  - D. The Best BB will be selected from all single BB's on the Court.
  - E. The Best Novice is selected from all Novice on the Court.
19. 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.
20. 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	Ball	NX	Novelty Fully Double
C	Cactus	O	Orchid - Flowering
CO	Collarette	P	Pompon
FD	Formal Decorative	PE	Peony - Flowered
IC	Incurved Cactus	S	Single
ID	Informal Decorative	SC	Semi-Cactus
LC	Lacinated	ST	Stellar
MB	Miniature Ball	WI	Water Lily
MS	Mignon Single	OT	Orchette

## **Schedule of Events**

### Friday, August 21st

Noon – 3:00 PM

Set-up – All Help Welcome

3:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Registration and Staging of Blooms

### Saturday, August 22nd

7:00 – 9:30 AM

Registration and staging

9:30 AM

Entries Close, Instruction to Judges

10AM – 1PM

Judging

1:00 – Close

Show Open to Public

### Sunday, August 23rd

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Show Open to Public

3:00 PM

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	FD	0001-0015
		AA-2	ID	0101-0115
		AA-3	SC	0201-0215
		AA-4	C	0301-0315
		AA-5	IC	0401-0415
		AA-6	LC	0501-0515

CLASS	N/NG-	A-1	FD	1001-1015
		A-2	ID	1101-1115
		A-3	SC	1201-1215
		A-4	C	1301-1315
		A-5	IC	1401-1415
		A-6	LC	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	C	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	C	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).

CLASS	N/NG-	M-1	FD	4001-4015
		M-2	ID	4101-4115
		M-3	SC	4201-4215
		M-4	C	4301-4315
		M-5	IC	4401-4415
		M-6	LC	4501-4515

CLASS	N/NG-	BA-1		6001-6015
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CLASS	N/NG-	MBA-1		6101-6115
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CLASS	N/NG-	P-1		6201-6215
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CLASS	N/NG-	WL		7301-7315
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CLASS	N/NG-	ST/NX		7001-7015 & 7601-7615
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CLASS	N/NG-	O-1-PE		8001-8015
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		O-2-AN		8201-8215
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		O-3-NO		8601-8615
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		O-4-CO		9001-9015
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		O-5-ORCHID		9201-9215
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		O-6-ORCHETTE		9401-9415
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		O-7-S		9601-9615
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		O-8-MS		9701-9715
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From the Court of Honor winners (AA-A, B, BB and M-1 thru O-8-MS) select the Best Novice.



**Section V – Open to All                      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.

Micro-mini's

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

**Section XIII – Open to All Black Section**

**Three (3) Blooms**

Three blooms of one variety in a single container.

CLASS 0001 – 1515AA/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

CLASS Micro-mini

The best entry in each of the 19 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.

CLASS	0001 – 1515	AA/A	5 blooms
CLASS	2001 – 2515	B	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
CLASS	Micro-Mini		5, 7, OR 9 blooms

Best entry in each of the twelve (12) 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	B
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, must be 3 or more different forms 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. All designs will compete in one section

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 following special awards will be presented

### **Barb Willet Memorial Award**

All entries will compete for the Best Artistic Design/Court of Honor

### **Linda Vuletich Memorial Award**

All novice entries (unless they have won the Barb Willet Award above) will compete for the Best Artistic Design/Court of Honor  
Novice

Novice is defined as someone who is not a florist, not a flower show judge in design, has not previously won a top award (Willet, Vuletich, or People's Choice) or more than two blue ribbons in this contest, or has entered this contest for more than three years. All youth under 18 years old will be considered Novice.

### **Sheila Bowman People's Choice Memorial Award**

All arrangements 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 God Bless America**

Classes are as follows:

### **CLASS 1 Land that I love**

Use a red, white, and blue color scheme to create a patriotic themed design. Note: the prohibition on coloring fresh flowers is suspended for this category only.

### **CLASS 2 Guide Her through the night with a light from above:**

Create a design with upward movement and reflective or light-oriented elements such as lanterns, LED candle lights, glittery items, shiny ribbons, mirror-finished items..

### **CLASS 3 – From the mountains.**

A tall, vertical design evoking mountain majesty.

### **CLASS 4 – To the prairies**

Create a colorful floral design inspired by the beauty and abundance of America's prairies and heartland. Emphasize natural movement, texture, and warm prairie color. Employ dried, natural elements.

### **CLASS 5 –To the oceans white with foam**

Reviving last year's successful underwater designs-create a design with at least some flowers underwater.

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 wins the Joyce Habeger Memorial Award and advances to the Court of Honor.

**Court of Honor Table****Sponsored by**

Grand Champion	\$100.00
Reserve Champion	\$100.00
Distinguished 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**

**Small Grower**

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

**Large Grower**

AA – FD, ID  
AA – SC, C, LC  
A – FD, ID  
A – SC, C, LC  
B – FD, ID  
B – SC, C, LC  
BB – FD, ID  
BB- SC, C, LC  
Best Miniature  
Best Ball  
Best Miniature Ball  
Best Pompon  
Best Stellar  
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 Micro-Mini Single

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

- AA/A
- B
- BB
- Ball
- Miniature Ball
- Miniature
- Pompon
- Water Lily
- Stellar
- Anemone
- Novelty Fully Double
- Peony
- Novelty Open Center
- Collarette
- Orchid
- Orchette
- Single
- Mignon Single
- Micro Mini

*Court of Honor Continued*

<b>Best Multiple Blooms</b>	<b>5, 7, or 9 in One Container</b>
CLASS 0001 – 1515	AA/A 5 blooms
CLASS 2001 – 2515	B 5 blooms
CLASS 3001 – 3515	BB 5 OR 7 blooms
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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
CLASS Micro-Mini	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 (Joyce Habeger Memorial Award) \$50

Best Artistic Arrangement – (Barb Willett Memorial Award)

\$50 Sponsored by Chuck Willett

Best Artistic Arrangement – Novice (Linda Vuletich Memorial Award) \$50

Artistic Arrangement – People’s Choice (Sheila Bowman Memorial Award) \$50

**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.*