

Power of Pink
 Carolinas Dahlia Society Hosts
 2012 Southern States Dahlia Society Annual Show

This is the first year that the CDS is a member of the Southern States Dahlia Society ("SSDS") & hosting conceivably our largest show yet! **The need for all members to participate cannot be over-emphasized.** Our website will shortly have more information about SSDS for you to check out, but for now:

The SSDS Show Schedule ("Rules Book") should be available by late March and we will post them on the website as well as mail them to each member. You will need to look closely at this and get any questions answered early – Talk to Buddy or Allen – They have both exhibited under this system before.

Flower(s) of the Year (both Fully Double and Open Center) will be any PINK flower – Pink, Dark Pink, Blends / BiColors / Variegateds (as long as Pink or Dark Pink is the predominant color, the first color listed in the description): In 4-digit classification code, xx04 or xx05; or xx10, xx13, xx14, xx15 / Pk or DP. Get 'em now – don't rely on our Tuber Sale.

The **theme of our show** is "The Power of Pink".

The Executive Board recognized what the color of pink has meant to many of us – either personally or through family and friends, we have all experienced the effects of cancer and the fight against it – and are dedicating this show to bring further awareness to fighting cancer. A booth will distribute cancer organization and research materials. We will donate half our flower sales proceeds to a yet-to-be-named organization and the remainder to our Treasury. Remember – we are raising money toward the 2016 National Show that we will be hosting.

We are asking for more participation: Donate flowers, Take a vase & donate an arrangement for sale. Enter an Arrangement in the Show and donate it for sale (don't use your favorite container!). We will have Vases available at June & July meetings for interested members.

We will set up again this year on Thursday, but stage all day Friday until 7 pm. This represents an extra expense but members of CDS who are not local or who work, as well as SSDS members will need additional time. Please make yourself available to help less experienced exhibitors as well as anyone arriving late. This help could be completing entry tags, transporting to the correct table or getting coffee or snacks. To facilitate your availability – you may collect Entry Vases at the August meeting to pre-stage as many blooms as possible.

Ken Z, Show Coordinator for 2012

RSVP for MARCH MEETINGS: E-mail or call Cindy L, or Marsha A., or Debbie R., or cdsmembers@comporium.net. Visit the website, www.carolinasdahliasociety.org, (YOU'RE ALREADY HERE!) & click one of the "Contact Us" buttons.

This version edited for website publication – no full names, no personal information.

Save the Dates: Mar 10 & Sep 6-9

March 2012 Meeting: 11 a.m., J & S Cafeteria – Asheville Airport, Fletcher.
Carolinas Hosting Southern States Dahlia Show: NC Arboretum at Asheville.

First of two Business Meetings for 2012

MARCH ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

Business Meeting at 11, followed by Lunch (thru the Cafeteria line), a short break, the 2012 New Introductions Slide Show, March Care & Culture, Dahlias 101. At the break, Allen H. & others will move to the AG Center for the Southern States Dahlia Society's Executive Board Spring Meeting. **PLEASE RSVP IF YOU ARE ATTENDING EITHER OR BOTH MEETINGS – WE NEED AN ACCURATE HEADCOUNT FOR EACH** (see inside).

- **Member Directory** will be distributed at this March Meeting & then mailed as needed.
- **CDS Website** is up-to-date – Please visit it regularly!
- **CDS Facebook** is available & in need of an administrator. Please volunteer! Also, any member may upload photos – and New Zealand dahlia growers say “Lots of Pictures, Please!”
- **NEW INFO re SHOW inside!**

Directions: → I-26, exit 40; Turn toward airport onto Hwy 280 & move into left lane; J & S is opposite Airport, at Fairfield Inn – Fletcher (for GPS)



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