



Carolinas Dahlia Society
From the Desk of The President
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This will be the first part of a two part series of emails and I will detail the meeting more specifically when I receive one more email. I will then send out info on the agenda.

If anyone would like to add something to the agenda please send an email by Saturday afternoon and I will put it with other ideas.

I want to thank Bob Goehring for sending the most up to date show schedule so we can work toward a finalization.

The February meeting will be held at the Bullington Center in Hendersonville. Thanks to Brian Killingsworth for setting this up. The first phase of events will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. with a committee meeting for the National show. I ask that all committee members attend or please submit a progress report to know where you stand and what steps need to be taken in the next month. Any non-committee members are also welcome to attend and I would encourage this to see where our efforts have been focused as of late. I want this to end at promptly noon so we can move on to other things.

At noon we will break for lunch and that is the time we will take off National Show hats and put on CDS hats for the rest of the day. **Lunch will be provided to all members attending by CDS funding as long as you RSVP through the website.** Please go to our site and let Isabelle Garren (Hospitality) know if you are attending and what your choice of meal will be. It will be boxed lunches from Subway. Drinks will also be provided by the Society. Also while you are on the website

browse around and see what other things you can find. Deb H has made changes to facilitate the upcoming show and I want to send her a big thank you right now for helping us in this capacity.

We usually start our programs in March but this year we are going to start a month early. **Feb 13 Saturday is now dubbed as a Lunch & Learn.** While the Executive Board has a brief meeting at noon the rest of the society will venture to the greenhouse to enjoy an informative and fun afternoon learning about spring soil prep, tuber division and getting your garden ready to go for the season taught by Brian Killingsworth and a couple of other experienced growers.

This is also the first time that **we will give away tubers to new and novice growers.** Jack Leatherwood is bringing tubers and we will give some away to get you started and build excitement for the Big Show. So please attend and bring a potential new member. **BUT REMEMBER THAT ALL ATTENDING MUST RSVP if they want lunch!**

OK folks this is the start of the big push for the National Show. It's the big talk of the town in societies nation wide. I get several emails a week asking for details. Plans are almost complete and volunteers are going to be needed to fill several positions. We have been working on this for almost 5 years but in October we can go back to being us. Meetings can be held at members' houses, programs can be directed towards CDS and the spotlight of the National Show will finally be off of us.

So please attend on the 13th and let's all come together as a family to finish with a bang. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Not all help needed is going to be of the physical nature. A smiling face is all that we need in several places.

So come on Saturday to the Lunch and Learn and we will wrap things up by about 2:30 so everyone can get back home before it gets dark. See everyone on Saturday the 13th but watch for a follow-up for details of the meeting.

Buddy
President & National Show Chair