



Dahlia photographers from across the U.S. and Canada brought their best images to this year's national show held at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Approximately 320 photos were displayed in the garden's Krehbiel Gallery, flanking the entrance hall of the dahlia show.



Using his architectural expertise, CSDS Board Member Mike Hartel crafted a series of jigs to ensure the photos would align visually. Tools in hand, our dauntless team of volunteers created an amazing panorama of colors and patterns which enveloped viewers as they walked through the gallery.

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Photo Competition Chair 2025

Our amazing team of volunteers made thousands of loops of painter's tape and lived to tell the tale! Thank you - we couldn't have done this without you! (Pictured from L to R) Lisa Soto, Anne Allodi, Jacqueline Myers, Jenny Krabec, Vida Wu, John Kwak, Ifa Philips. (Not in this photo: Mike Hartel, Paula Sandberg, Dana Clinkman, Jody Sieck, Lorraine Farinella, Gloria Rogers, Irv Marcus, Edith Fehrman, Craig Rogers, Nydia Perez and Fernan Rojas.)

**PHOTO**   
**COMPETITION 2025**





Thank you to our wonderful ADS judges and clerks for the photo section (from L to R): Carrie Walton, Jacqueline Myers, Vicki Baulig, Deborah Pavich, Dave Walton, Erica Lawrenz, and professional photographers: Anne Belmont, Barbara Dunn and Rich Fisher.





*Best Image in Show*



*Congrats*

**Q1 SINGLE**  
**Q2 MULTIPLE**  
**Q3 CLOSE UP**  
**Q4 BLACK & WHITE**  
**Q5 GARDEN**  
**Q6 SHOW**  
**Q7 ARTISTIC & CREATIVE**

**SECTION AWARDS**

**FIRST PLACE**  
 Darcy Dawson  
 Marty Behn  
 Emily Fontes  
 Marty Behn  
 Dawn Wurst  
 Connie Young-Davis  
 Kathleen Walter

**SECOND PLACE**  
 Dawn Wurst  
 Allison Lingbloom  
 Marty Behn  
 Kathleen Walter  
 Barbara Bullock  
 Christine Tareen  
 Kathleen Walter

**OVERALL AWARDS**

**BEST IN SHOW**  
 Marty Behn

**2ND** Marty Behn  
**3RD** Emily Fontes  
**4TH** Kathleen Walter  
**5TH** Dawn Wurst  
**6TH** Darcy Dawson  
**7TH** Connie Young - Davis