

2025 CHALLENGE BLOOMS AND PRIZES

ADS National and Midwest Conference Show

| Challenge ID | Challenge Sponsor | Name of Award | Challenge Description | Class | Amount |
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| 2025-01 | Rosemarie Magura | President's Award | Jody Meggos | 3213 | 100 |
| 2025-02 | Central States Dahlia Society | Best US New Introduction | 2025 US New Introduction | | 100 |
| 2025-03 | David Sales | Frank Campise Memorial | Kelvin Floodlight | | 100 |
| 2025-04 | June Leuthner | Schoenlau Memorial | Any AA or A ID Dark Red | | 100 |
| 2025-05 | Midwest Dahlia Conference | Midwest Intro Triple | Any Midwest Intro Triple | | 100 |
| 2025-06 | Midwest Dahlia Conference | Midwest Intro Single | Any Midwest Intro | | 50 |
| 2025-07 | Midwest Dahlia Conference | Tony Evangelista Intro | Carmela Staas | 1109 | 50 |
| 2025-08 | Alberta Dahlia Society | Canadian Intro | Canadian Introduction | | 100 |
| 2025-09 | American Dahlia Society | Eugene Boeke Award | Boeke Introduction | | 1,000 |
| 2025-10 | Jerry and Marian Landerholm | John Thiermann Memorial | 3 Bloom Badger Twinkle | 4213 | 50 |
| 2025-11 | Jim Chuey | Jim Chuey Intro | Carl | 9605 | 100 |
| 2025-12 | Jim Chuey | Jim Chuey Intro | Marcella Louise | 9610 | 100 |
| 2025-13 | Keith and Dikka Berven | Tony Evangelista Intro | Jackie's Red Devil | 6007 | 100 |
| 2025-14 | Friends of Barb and Ron Miner | Ron Miner Intro | Baron Ron | 7005 | 50 |
| 2025-15 | Steve Meggos | Steve Meggos Intro | Nikitas Meggos | 1102 | 100 |
| 2025-16 | Jim Kassner | Allen Manual Intro | Allen's Tsunami | 1106 | 100 |
| 2025-17 | Anonymous | Michelle Pierce Carter Memorial | Skipley Spot of Gold | 4005 | 50 |

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2025 Challenge Bloom Guidelines

2025 US New Introduction

- ADS Trial Garden or Bench Trial approved introductions. Judged in 2024 but available in 2025 and labeled as 2025 in the 2025 ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias (8th column in the Alphabetical Listing of Dahlia Cultivars). In the 2025 CHD, it must also show as introduced by a US Hybridizer. See Abbreviations of Originators and Countries in the CHD to verify originator's country as US.
- Must come from single vase entries in Sections A-B-C-D-E-F1-F3-S-W-X
- Must receive a Blue Ribbon prior to advancing for final judging

Canadian Introduction

- Can be from any year but must be introduced by a Canadian Hybridizer. See Abbreviations of Originators and Countries in the CHD to verify originator's country as Canada.
- Must come from single vase entries in Sections A-B-C-D-E-F1-F3-S-W-X
- Must receive a Blue Ribbon prior to advancing for final judging

Edward A. Schoenlau Memorial

- Any ADS Variety with the ADS Classification of 0107 or 1107
- Must come from single vase entries in Sections A-B-C-D-E-S-W
- Must receive a Blue Ribbon prior to advancing for final judging

Midwest Triple of a Midwest Introduction

- Any ADS Variety Introduced by a Midwest Hybridizer such as Mac Boyer, Tony Evangelista , Steve Meggos, Ron Miner, John Mooney, Bob Romano, John Thiermann, Don Warden, and more.
- Must be shown as a triple in a single vase of the same variety as per Sections F2-F4-G-H-I-S
- Must receive a Blue Ribbon prior to advancing for final judging

Midwest Single of a Midwest Introduction

- Any ADS Variety Introduced by a Midwest Hybridizer such as Mac Boyer, Tony Evangelista , Steve Meggos, Ron Miner, John Mooney, Bob Romano, John Thiermann, Don Warden, and more.
- Must come from single vase entries in Sections A-B-C-D-E-F1-F3-S-W-X
- Must receive a Blue Ribbon prior to advancing for final judging

Eugene Boeke Introduction

- Any ADS Introduction by Eugene Boeke, appears in the CHD with a prefix of Bo- such as Bo-DE-O. There are (10) more varieties listed in the Composite Listing of Dahlias 1976-2022.
- Must come from single vase entries in Sections A-B-C-D-E-X
- Must receive a Gold Ribbon prior to advancing for final judging.
- ADS Eugene Boeke Award 2025 Rules:

ADS Eugene Boeke Award - \$1,000. To be eligible for the Boeke Award, the entry must be a Eugene Boeke introduction having been listed in the ADS Classification and Handbook of Dahlias or the ADS Composite Listing of Dahlias. It must be the best single bloom of its size class in single bloom sections, with the exception that Novice, Junior or equivalent competitions are not eligible. The bloom must have been moved to the Honor Table (Head Table, Court of Honor or similar words). For example: Boeke introduction Bo-De-O (BB-ID-Y, 3102) is selected as the best BB bloom in a single bloom section and is moved to the head table. It will be considered a Boeke Award winner. If there are other Boeke originations from single bloom sections that have been judged best of size and moved to the Honor Table, they also will be considered a Boeke Award winner. In this case, the award shall be split equally between the winning Boeke introductions.

At the 2025 ADS National Show, Sections A, B, C, D, E and X are the eligible sections for the Boeke Award competition. They are single bloom entry sections with substantial competition. Sections A through E are single bloom sections of AA, A, B and BB dahlias. Section X is for single bloom Miniatures, Balls, Miniature Balls, Poms and All Other Types. The Composite Listing of Dahlias lists a Miniature Boeke origination 'Bo Zoe' (M FD L 4008). Sections S (Junior) and W (Novice) as well as all other single bloom sections not listed above are excluded from this competition per the terms of the Eugene Boeke Award.

3 Bloom Badger Twinkle

- Three blooms of variety Badger Twinkle (4213)
- Must be shown as a triple in a single vase of the same variety as per Section G3
- Must receive a Blue Ribbon prior to advancing for final judging

All other named Variety ADS Challenge Blooms are self-explanatory.

- Must come from single vase entries in Sections A-B-C-D-E-F1-F3-S-W-X
- Must receive a Blue Ribbon prior to advancing for final judging