



**Central States Dahlia Society
92nd Annual Fall Dahlia Show 2024
Chicago Botanic Garden
September 21 & 22, 2024**

BEST of SHOW

JODY MEGGOS

K&W Dahlias

SUSTAINERS AWARD - Dedicated to the members, past and present, who through their devotion, hard work, and dedication made it possible for the Society to succeed. Sponsored by Jim and Debbe Kassner.

Largest Bloom in Show

NICK SR.

Heinz Pieniak

TRAVELING TROPHY - Founders' Award recognizes those without whom there would be no Central States Dahlia Society. Dan and Marjorie Kaplan sponsor this award in loving remembrance of their parents.

Most Perfect AA in Show

NICK SR.

Heinz Pieniak

VISIONARIES AWARD - This award commends those members, past and present, who have been willing to present positive ideas for change, essential to our continued success. Sponsored by Jerry and Marian Landerholm.

Most Perfect A in Show

SPARTACUS

Sue Fitzgerald

MENTORS AWARD - This award recognizes experienced members who have provided knowledge and time to our new members. Mike and Debi Hartel honor the late Frank Campise for his encouragement, enthusiasm, and overall joy of growing dahlias.

Most Perfect B in Show

AC ABBY

David Sales

EDWARD A. SCHOENLAU AWARD honors one of the original members from 1934 who designed the original emblem for the First International Horticultural Exposition which we still use today. This award is sponsored by Henry "Hank" Carlson in loving remembrance of his wife "Dotty" and his son, Christopher.

Most Perfect BB in Show

JODY MEGGOS

K&W Dahlias

Jume Leuthner sponsors this award in loving memory of her late husband, Thomas Leuthner.

Most Perfect AA or A Dark Red ID SPARTACUS Sue Fitzgerald
Anna and Jan Kivistik, Anne Koons' grandparents, are held in fond remembrance by Anne and George Koons, sponsors of this award.

Best New U S Introduction BULL'S BLOOD Jim Kassner
Kyle Cassidy fondly remembers Randy Siem of the Minnesota Dahlia Society who mentored Kyle in his early years.

Best 3 Bloom Miniature in Section G CLEARVIEW BUTTERSCOTCH Kyle Cassidy
Marian and Jerry Landerholm recognize the 2025 ADS / MDC Show Committee for their dedication in advance of the show.

Most Perfect 3 AA Blooms Section I WYN'S NEON DREAM Tom Krewenka
Clifford Stoll, the father of Conrad Stoll and Linda Kudelka, is held in fond remembrance. He loved gardening and always had many varieties of flowers in his garden. He introduced us to dahlias and the love of watching things grow. Conrad and Janet Stoll and Linda and Joe Kudelka are the award sponsors.

Most Perfect 3 A Blooms Section I VASSIO MEGGOS The Ritchies
Barbara Sylvan sponsors this award in honor of the two important pets in her life, Jake and Jake Jr.

Most Perfect 3 B Blooms Section I BULL'S BLOOD Warren & Rhonda Vigor
Trinidad and Benedicto Andrade and Teodocia and Santiago Marcelo, the parents of Lydia and Priscillo Marcelo, are lovingly remembered by Lydia and Pris, sponsors of this award.

Most Perfect 3 BB Blooms Section I VW VICTORIAN BLUSH Warren & Rhonda Vigor
This award is sponsored by all the CSDS members who have worked in all phases of our show. Thank you!

Best Image in the Show Vida Wu Close-Up View

Special Central States Dahlia Society Competitions

President's Challenge Award BLOOMQUIST JEAN Laura Matz
This award is sponsored by Rosemarie Magura who chose this year's challenge variety.

Frank Campise Memorial Award KELVIN FLOODLIGHT K&W Dahlias
Debi and Mike Hartel honor Romaine Campise for her support of her devoted husband, Frank, and his love of dahlias. She continued his legacy growing dahlias once Frank departed to greener pastures and fields that were certainly filled with dahlias.

Section A 1 - 30 Hills

Best AA	AC BEN	JENNY JONES
Best A	SPARTACUS	SUE FITZGERALD
Best B	AC ABBY	DAVID SALES
Best BB	BOOGIE NITES	DALE CZARNECKI
Largest Bloom	MY HERO	JAMES KOICHEVAR
Sweepstakes	40 POINTS	DAVID SALES
Sweepstakes Runner-up	33 POINTS	ROBIN HILL

Sweepstakes Runner-up receives a medal from the Portland Society

Blooms Receiving Certificates

Best AA Informal Decorative	MY HERO	JAMES KOICHEVAR
Best AA Semi Cactus	AC BEN	JENNY JONES
Best A Formal Decorative	DRUMMER BOY	JOE KUDELKA
Best A Informal Decorative	SPARTACUS	SUE FITZGERALD
Best A Semi Cactus	VERDA	JENNY JONES
Best A Laciniated	SHOW'N'TELL	DALE CZARNECKI
Best B Formal Decorative	BRIAN R	ED ZYCH
Best B Informal Decorative	APRIL DAWN	ROBIN HILL
Best B Semi Cactus	WOODLAND'S WILDTHING	DAVID SALES
Best B Cactus	AC ABBY	DAVID SALES
Best B Incurved Cactus	HOLLYHILL COTTON CANDY	DAVID SALES
Best B Laciniated	HAPET CHAMPAGNE	ROBIN HILL
Best BB Formal Decorative	BOOGIE NITES	DALE CZARNECKI
Best BB Semi Cactus	EMBRACE.	SUE FITZGERALD

Section B 31 - 60 Hills

Best AA	NICK SR.	Heinz Pieniak
Best A	VERDA	Heinz Pieniak
Best B	BLOOMQUIST JEAN	Axel Joob
Best BB	JESSICA	Heinz Pieniak
Largest Bloom	NICK SR.	Heinz Pieniak
Sweepstakes	71 POINTS	Heinz Pieniak
Sweepstakes Runner-up	24 POINTS	Axel Joob

Sweepstakes Runner-up receives a medal from the Southeast Michigan Dahlia Society

Blooms Receiving Certificates

Best AA Formal Decorative	KELVIN FLOODLIGHT	Pedro Nunez
Best AA Informal Decorative	NICK SR.	Heinz Pieniak
Best AA Semi Cactus	DANUM METEOR	Rosemarie Magura
Best A Informal Decorative	SPARTACUS	Heinz Pieniak
Best A Semi Cactus	VERDA	Heinz Pieniak
Best B Formal Decorative	GLORIOSA	Axel Joob
Best B Informal Decorative	BLOOMQUIST JEAN	Axel Joob
Best B Laciniated	CITRON du CAP	Heinz Pieniak
Best BB Formal Decorative	DIVA	Nancy Joob
Best BB Semi Cactus	HOLLYHILL JITTERBUG	Mike Hartel
Best BB Incurved Cactus	JESSICA	Heinz Pieniak

Section C 61 - 120 Hills

Best AA	WYN'S NEON DREAM	Tom Krewenka
Best A	HARVEY KOOP	Tom Krewenka
Best B	BLOOMQUIST JEAN	Laura Matz
Best BB	SHEVAL MEGAN	Kevin Maloney
Largest Bloom	WYN'S NEON DREAM	Tom Krewenka
Sweepstakes	68 Points	Laura Matz
Sweepstakes Runner-up	64 Points	Sonia Harmon

Sweepstakes Runner-up receives a medal from the Inland Empire Dahlia Society

Blooms Receiving Certificates

Best AA Informal Decorative	WYN'S NEON DREAM	Tom Krewenka
Best AA Semi Cactus	AC PILLOW	Laura Matz
Best A Formal Decorative	KETCHUP & MUSTARD	Laura Matz
Best A Informal Decorative	HARVEY KOOP	Tom Krewenka
Best A Semi Cactus	CLEARVIEW JONAS	Tom Krewenka
Best A Laciniated	SHOW'N'TELL	Tom Krewenka
Best B Formal Decorative	EDNA C	Laura Matz
Best B Informal Decorative	BLOOMQUIST JEAN	Laura Matz
Best B Semi Cactus	WOODLAND'S WILDTHING	Sonia Harmon
Best B Laciniated	HAPET CHAMPAGNE	Kevin Maloney
Best BB Formal Decorative	SHEVAL MEGAN	Kevin Maloney
Best BB Semi Cactus	HOLLYHILL JITTERBUG	Laura Matz
Best BB Cactus	BEAR CREEK SUNRISE	Laura Matz

Section D More Than 120 Hills

Best AA	KELVIN FLOODLIGHT	K & W Dahlias
Best A	VERDA	K & W Dahlias
Best B	SYLVIA CRAIG HUNTER	K & W Dahlias
Best BB	COLORADO CLASSIC	K & W Dahlias
Largest Bloom	AC YOUGE	K & W Dahlias
Sweepstakes	83 Points	K & W Dahlias
Sweepstakes Runner-up	55 Points	Jack Vugteveen

Sweepstakes Runner-up receives a medal from the Dahlia Society of Wisconsin

Blooms Receiving Certificates

Best AA Formal Decorative	KELVIN FLOODLIGHT	K & W Dahlias
Best AA Informal Decorative	AC YOUGE	K & W Dahlias
Best AA Semi Cactus	AC PILLOW	Jack Vugteveen
Best A Formal Decorative	KENORA VALENTINE	K & W Dahlias
Best A Semi Cactus	VERDA	K & W Dahlias
Best B Formal Decorative	SYLVIA CRAIG HUNTER	K & W Dahlias
Best B Semi Cactus	MAKS MARSHALL	Jack Vugteveen
Best B Cactus	AC ROW'S END	Jack Vugteveen
Best B Laciniated	HAPET CHAMPAGNE	Jack Vugteveen

Best BB Formal Decorative
Best BB Informal Decorative
Best BB Incurved Cactus

GAYLEN ROSE
COLORADO CLASSIC
HOLLYHILL PEACHY KEEN

Jack Vugteveen
K & W Dahlias
Marcia Nellans

Section E Open to All

Best AA	BODACIOUS	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best A	VASSIO MEGGOS	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best B	SANDIA ICICLE	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best BB	CLEARVIEW DAVID	Warren & Rhonda Vigor
Largest Bloom	BODACIOUS	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Sweepstakes	83 Points	Warren & Rhonda Vigor
Sweepstakes Runner-up	82 Points	Kyle Cassidy

Sweepstakes Runner-up receives a medal from the Minnesota Dahlia Society

Blooms Receiving Certificates

Best AA Informal Decorative	BODACIOUS	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best AA Incurved Cactus	CLARA HUSTON	Kyle Cassidy
Best A Formal Decorative	KENORA VALENTINE	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best A Informal Decorative	VASSIO MEGGOS	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best A Semi Cactus	CLEARVIEW LEROUX	Warren & Rhonda Vigor
Best A Incurved Cactus	MEL'S LOUISA	Kyle Cassidy
Best B Formal Decorative	AVOCA AMANDA	Warren & Rhonda Vigor
Best B Informal Decorative	BLOOMQUIST JEAN	Warren & Rhonda Vigor
Best B Semi Cactus	AC JEREMY	Kyle Cassidy
Best B Cactus	AC ABBY	Kyle Cassidy
Best B Incurved Cactus	SANDIA ICICLE	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best B Laciniated	HAPET CHAMPAGNE	Warren & Rhonda Vigor
Best BB Formal Decorative	CLEARVIEW DAVID	Warren & Rhonda Vigor
Best BB Informal Decorative	WV VICTORIAN BLUSH	Warren & Rhonda Vigor
Best BB Semi Cactus	FELIDA SOLAR FLARE	The Ritchies
Best BB Cactus	WV GUSTAR	Warren & Rhonda Vigor
Best BB Incurved Cactus	JESSICA	The Ritchies
Best BB Laciniated	BEL MARA	Jenny Jones

Section F - Micro Blooms

Best Single Bloom Open Center	ELVIRA	Laura Matz
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Section G - Three Bloom Miniatures

Best 3 Bloom Miniature-Formal Dec	CLEARVIEW BUTTERSCOTCH	Kyle Cassidy
Best 3 Bloom Miniature-Semi Cactus	BADGER TWINKLE	Kyle Cassidy
Best 3 Bloom Miniature-Cactus	HOLLYHILL AMBIANCE	Kyle Cassidy
Three Most Perfect Miniature Blooms	CLEARVIEW BUTTERSCOTCH	Kyle Cassidy

Section H - Three Blooms Other Forms

Best Three Bloom - Ball	JESSIE G	Rosemarie Magura
Best Three Bloom - Mini-Ball	BLOOMQUIST PAUL JR	The Ritches
Best Three Bloom - Stellar	RIVER'S SNOWCONE	Kyle Cassidy
Best Three Bloom - Waterlily	HOLLYHILL SWEET 16	David Sales
Best Three Bloom - Novelty Fully Double	VALLEY PORCUPINE	Kyle Cassidy
Best Three Bloom - Anemone	MEXICO	David Sales
Best Three Bloom - Orchid	SB'S STAR	K & W Dahlias
Best Three Bloom - Single	RAEANN'S ALYXANDRIA	Laura Matz
Sweepstakes Winner	Kyle Cassidy	53 Points
Sweepstakes Runner-up	K & W Dahlias	12 Points

Sweepstakes Runner-up receives a medal from the Washington State Dahlia Society

Section J - Six Blooms

Most Perfect 6 Different BBs	JODY MEGGOS	K & W Dahlias
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Section Q - Photography Competition

Best Single Bloom Image	Jackie Myers	
Best Multiple Bloom Image	Vida Wu	
Best Close-Up View	Vida Wu	
Best Black & White Image	Marcia Nellans	
Best Dahlias in the Garden	John Kwak	
Best Dahlias in the Show	John Kwak	
Best Image in the Show	Vida Wu	Close-Up View
Sweepstakes	Vida Wu	17 Points
Sweepstakes Runner-up	John Kwak	12 Points

Sweepstakes Runner-up receives a medal from the Dahlia Society of California

Section R - Artistic Design Competition

First Place	OLYMPIC RINGS	Bill Hessel
Second Place	GOLD MEDAL	Sheila Kanak
Third Place	OLYMOIC RINGS	Lindalee Stuckey
Fourth Place	SILVER MEDAL	Lindalee Stuckey
Fifth Place	SILVER MEDAL	Sheila Kanak
People's Choice	OLYMPIC RINGS	Debbe Kassner

Section V - Multiple Blooms

V3, V6 & V9 - Best 5 Bloom Entry	ISLANDER	The Ritches
V12 - 5 Blooms Miniature	WESTON SPANISH DANCER	K & W Dahlias
V14 - 10 Blooms Ball, Mini-ball, Pom	SNOHO DORIS	K & W Dahlias
V15 - 5 Blooms Ball, Mini-ball, Pom	LISMORE MOONLIGHT	Kyle Cassidy
V18 - 5 Blooms Any other type	BRENDA SUE	The Ritches
Sweepstakes	8 Points	The Ritches
Sweepstakes Runner-up	6 Points	K & W Dahlias

Sweepstakes Runner-up receives a medal from the Badger State Dahlia Society

Section W Novice Growers 1 - 60 Hills

David Sales honors his mentor, Frank Campise, by supporting the Novice Section.

Best AA	AC BEN	Keith Hill
Best A	VASSIO MEGGOS	Jackie Myers
Best B	WESTERTON LILIAN	Herb & Lynn Gunner
Best BB	KA'S BLOOD ORANGE	Eva Hyndman
Largest Bloom	AC BEN	Keith Hill
Sweepstakes	27 POINTS	Jackie Myers
Sweepstakes Runner-up	25 POINTS	Keith Hill

Sweepstakes Runner-up receives a medal from the Elkhart Dahlia Society

Sweepstakes runner-up gets a book entitled "Dahlias: Seed to Bloom. The Dahlia Grower's Companion"

This award is sponsored by Rosemarie Magura.

Blooms Receiving Certificates

Best AA Formal Decorative	KELVIN FLOODLIGHT	Herb & Lynn Gunner
Best AA Semi Cactus	AC BEN	Keith Hill
Best A Informal Decorative	VASSIO MEGGOS	Jackie Myers
Best B Formal Decorative	GLORIOSA	Keith Hill
Best B Informal Decorative	WESTERTON LILIAN	Herb & Lynn Gunner
Best B Semi Cactus	CLEARVIEW PASTELLE	Vida Wu
Best B Incurved Cactus	HOLLYHILL MARGARITA	Amy Jarett Clancy
Best B Laciniated	HAPET CHAMPAGNE	Dana Clinkman
Best BB Formal Decorative	KA'S BLOOD ORANGE	Eva Hyndman
Best BB Informal Decorative	CRAZY LOVE	Erin Maxen Lewis
Best BB Semi Cactus	JUST PEACHY	Mimi Goodrich
Best BB Incurved Cactus	PARKLAND RAVE	Andrea Paradesi
Best BB Laciniated	PEACH FUZZ	Eva Hyndman

Section X Single Bloom Entries

Most Perfect Miniature	CLEARVIEW BUTTERSCOTCH	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Ball	CLEARVIEW DANIEL	Heinz Pieniak
Most Perfect Miniature Ball	20TH AVE INGRID	Jenny Jones
Most Perfect Pom	POPPET	K & W Dahlias
Most Perfect Stellar	SKIPLEY REBOOT	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Waterlily	SANDIA GOLD	Warren & Rhonda Vigor
Most Perfect Peony	BISHOP OF LLANDAFF	The Ritchies
Most Perfect Anemone	MEXICO	Kevin Maloney
Most Perfect Collarette	KELSEY ANNIE JOY	Kevin Maloney
Most Perfect Orchid	RAEANN'S ALCOR	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Orchette	RAEANN'S HAMAL	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Single	APOPA SKY	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Mignon Single	KELSEY DWARF	The Ritchies
Sweepstakes Winner	109 Points	Kyle Cassidy
Sweepstakes Runner-up	85 Points	K & W Dahlias

Sweepstakes Runner-up receives a medal from the Michigan Dahlia Society

CENTRAL STATES DAHLIA SOCIETY'S SPECIAL ANNUAL AWARDS

FOUNDERS AWARD - The Founders Award recognizes those individuals without whom there would be no Central States Dahlia Society. They organized the Society during the early 1930's. Their original intent was to form the "World's Fair Dahlia Society." They planned and developed a dahlia garden at the site of Chicago's two-year "Century of Progress World's Fair." From this beginning, the Society evolved into a thriving organization. It remains so today.

SUSTAINERS AWARD - The Sustainers Award recognizes the many members, past and present, who through their dedication, devotion, and hard work have made it possible for the Society to succeed. These have been people willing to "roll up their sleeves" to get the job done. This award recognizes those members who have done what is necessary to sustain the Society.

VISIONARIES AWARD - Central States Dahlia Society owes much to those members who, over the years recognized the need to move the organization to new heights. The Visionaries Award commends those members, past and present, who have been willing to present positive ideas for change. These people have been essential to our continued success.

BENEFACTORS AWARD - Much of the Society's good fortune has resulted from the special generosity of its members. The Benefactors Award honors our members, past and present, who have gone beyond the basic financial requirements of membership to provide the Society with the extra funds necessary to perpetuate its many purposes and programs.

MENTORS AWARD - Providing instruction and information to new growers is key to the continuing success of the Society. The Mentors Award recognizes our experienced grower/members who give their valuable knowledge and time to assist people who are new to dahlia growing and to anyone seeking to learn more about our flower. There is no higher calling in our Society than the willingness to promote the love of dahlias.

All traveling trophies except the "Largest in Show" were retired in 1974.