94th Annual Fall Dahlia Show
Hosted by the Central States Dahlia Society
September 19 & 20, 2026
Chicago Botanic Garden

Best of the Best

BEST of SHOW	JS JENNY	Kyle Cassidy

Hank Carlson remembers his loving wife Dorothy and son Christopher

Largest Bloom in Show	KA'S KHALEESI	Kyle Cassidy

Dan and Majorie Kaplan sponsor this award in loving remberance of their parents

Most Perfect AA in Show	KA'S KHALEESI	Kyle Cassidy

Lydia and Pris honor the memory of their loving parents.

Most Perfect A in Show	JS JENNY	Kyle Cassidy

Marian and Jerry Landerholm remember Charles Craig, a longtime member of CSDS. Charles was a veteran show participant who also supported our fundraising activities. He willingly mentored our membership and much could be learned from him because of his wealth of experience.

Most Perfect B in Show	ALPEN BILL	Kyle Cassidy

Marian and Jerry Landerholm recognize Henry "Hank" Carlson, friend to all, who is honored for being one of our most dedicated and reliable workers. We laud him for his years of service to CSDS

Most Perfect BB in Show	MANOR JUBILEE	The Ritchies

Barbara Sylvan sponsored this award in memory of her parents, Alex and Sally Jacob

Photo Competition - Best Image	MULTIPLE BLOOMS	Andrea Paradesi

Charles, Lindsay, & Charles Phelps sponsor this award in memory of their beloved son & brother Henry Mitchell Phelps. Henry lives in our hearts and is shared through our love of dahlias as we share them with others with the creation of our hybridizing line in his name Henry blessed us with the miracle of life for 3 hours on Sept 16, 2025- He defied all odds as a preemie at 19 weeks old; We love you sweet boy.

Best Artistic Design	ABOVE THE FRUITED PLAIN	Lindalee Stuckey

Jim and Debbe Kassner recognize Jim's father who imparted the values of discipline, competitiveness & dedication to work.

Challenge Awards

Best U.S. New Introduction	ALLEN'S SASSY	Anne Allodi
Schoenlau Memorial Award	SPARTACUS	Mike Hartel

Mark and Phyllis Sommer honor their grandsons, Max and Elian, on their first birthdays

CSDS President's Award	BARON RON	Lisa Soto

PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Jim and Debbie Kassner wish to honor Jim's mom who loved seeing all the dahlia blooms and hearing about all our endeavors in the dahlia world.

Frank Campise Memorial Award	KELVIN FLOODLIGHT	Daniel Higgins

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Section A 1 - 30 Hills

Best AA	WYN'S NEON DREAM	John Kwak
Best A	VASSIO MEGGOS	John Kwak
Best B	SHAGGY CHIC	Stephen Masalewick
Best BB	COLORADO CLASSIC	David Sales
Largest Bloom	PENHILL WATERMELON	James Kochevar
Sweepstakes Winner	49 Points	John Kwak
Sweepstakes Runner Up	34 Points	Stephen Masalewick

Sweepstakes runner-up receives a medal from the Central West Dahlia Society

Best Form in Each Size

Best AA Formal Decorative	KELVIN FLOODLIGHT	Linda & Joe Kudelka
Best AA Semi Cactus	WYN'S NEON DREAM	John Kwak
Best A Informal Decorative	VASSIO MEGGOS	John Kwak
Best A Semi Cactus	KENORA WILDFIRE	James Kochevar
Best A Laciniated	FELIDA SPLENDOR	Marjorie & Dan Kaplan
Best B Formal Decorative	BRACKEN SARAH	John Kwak
Best B Semi Cactus	CABANA BANANA	Stephen Masalewick
Best B Cactus	AC ABBY	John Kwak
Best B Laciniated	SHAGGY CHIC	Stephen Masalewick
Best BB Formal Decorative	DIVA	John Kwak
Best BB Informal Decorative	COLORADO CLASSIC	David Sales
Best BB Semi Cactus	TAHITI SUNRISE	John Kwak
Best BB Cactus	BROOKSIDE CHERI	Stephen Masalewick

Section B 31 - 60 Hills

Best AA	HOLLYHILL BIG PINK	Keith Hill
Best A	AC RING OF FIRE	Gloria Rogers
Best B	BRIAN R	Mike Hartel
Best BB	DIVA	Gloria Rogers
Largest Bloom	MY HERO	Axel Joob
Sweepstakes Winner	38 Points	Mike Hartel
Sweepstakes Runner Up	32 Points	Keith Hill

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

Best Form in Each Size

Best AA Formal Decorative	WANDA'S AURORA	Jackie Myers
Best AA Informal Decorative	HOLLYHILL BIG PINK	Keith Hill
Best AA Semi Cactus	DANUM METEOR	Mike Hartel
Best A Formal Decorative	KENORA VALENTINE	Mike Hartel
Best A Informal Decorative	AC RING OF FIRE	Gloria Rogers
Best B Formal Decorative	BRIAN R	Mike Hartel
Best B Informal Decorative	GLORIOSA	Axel Joob
Best B Semi Cactus	CORAL GYPSY	Keith Hill
Best BB Formal Decorative	DIVA	Gloria Rogers
Best BB Semi Cactus	JODY MEGGOS	Keith Hill

Section C 61 - 120 Hills

Best AA	WYN'S NEON DREAM	Danny Helgerson
Best A	ALLEN'S TSUNAMI	Kevin Maloney
Best B	SYLVIA CRAIG HUNTER	Kevin Maloney
Best BB	COORABELL ASTRID	Kevin Maloney
Largest Bloom	WYN'S NEON DREAM	Danny Helgerson
Sweepstakes Winner	80 Points	Kevin Maloney
Sweepstakes Runner Up	40 Points	Sonia Harmon

Sweepstakes runner-up receives a medal from the Carolinas Dahlia Society

Best Form in Each Size

Best AA Formal Decorative	KELVIN FLOODLIGHT	Kevin Maloney
Best AA Semi Cactus	WYN'S NEON DREAM	Danny Helgerson
Best A Informal Decorative	JS JENNY	Tom Krewenka
Best A Incurved Cactus	ALLEN'S TSUNAMI	Kevin Maloney
Best B Formal Decorative	SYLVIA CRAIG HUNTER	Kevin Maloney
Best B Informal Decorative	APRIL DAWN	Kevin Maloney
Best B Semi Cactus	WOODLAND'S WILDTHING	Kevin Maloney
Best B Laciniated	HAPET CHAMPAGNE	Kevin Maloney
Best BB Formal Decorative	COORABELL ASTRID	Kevin Maloney
Best BB Informal Decorative	COLORADO CLASSIC	Kevin Maloney
Best BB Semi Cactus	JODY MEGGOS	Sonia Harmon

Section D More Than 120 Hills

Best AA	MY HERO	K & W Dahlias
Best A	VASSIO MEGGOS	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best B	BARGALY BLUSH	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best BB	JODY MEGGOS	K & W Dahlias
Largest Bloom	MY HERO	K & W Dahlias
Sweepstakes Winner	73 Points	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Sweepstakes Runner Up	52 Points	K & W Dahlias

Sweepstakes runner-up receives a medal from the Lane County Dahlia Society

Best Form in Each Size

Best AA Informal Decorative	MY HERO	K & W Dahlias
Best AA Semi Cactus	AC PILLOW	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best AA Incurved Cactus	HOLLYHILL MOONSONG	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best A Formal Decorative	WHITE ALVA'S	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best A Informal Decorative	VASSIO MEGGOS	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best A Semi Cactus	KENORA WILDFIRE	K & W Dahlias
Best A Incurved Cactus	ALLEN'S TSUNAMI	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best B Formal Decorative	BARGALY BLUSH	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best B Semi Cactus	AC CHRISTINE	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best B Incurved Cactus	CLEARVIEW BIRDNEST	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best BB Formal Decorative	SHEVAL MEGAN	Jim & Debbe Kassner
Best BB Informal Decorative	COLORADO CLASSIC	K & W Dahlias
Best BB Semi Cactus	JODY MEGGOS	K & W Dahlias
Best BB Incurved Cactus	PARKLAND RAVE	K & W Dahlias

Section E Open to All

Best AA	KA'S KHALEESI	Kyle Cassidy
Best A	JS JENNY	Kyle Cassidy
Best B	ALPEN BILL	Kyle Cassidy
Best BB	MANOR JUBILEE	The Ritchies
Largest Bloom	KA'S KHALEESI	Kyle Cassidy
Sweepstakes Winner	132 Points	Kyle Cassidy
Sweepstakes Runner Up	56 Points	The Ritchies

Sweepstakes runner-up receives a medal from the Seattle Dahlia Society

Best Form in Each Size

Best AA Formal Decorative	KA'S KHALEESI	Kyle Cassidy
Best A Informal Decorative	JS JENNY	Kyle Cassidy
Best A Semi Cactus	KENORA WILDFIRE	The Ritchies
Best A Cactus	CLEARVIEW SUNDANCE	Kyle Cassidy
Best A Incurved Cactus	SNOHO STORM	Kyle Cassidy
Best B Formal Decorative	LAKEVIEW LADY	Kyle Cassidy
Best B Informal Decorative	BLOOMQUIST JEAN	Kyle Cassidy
Best B Semi Cactus	ALPEN BILL	Kyle Cassidy
Best B Cactus	CLEARVIEW CAROL MARIE	Kyle Cassidy
Best B Incurved Cactus	ALFRED GRILLE	Kyle Cassidy
Best B Laciniated	JUST MARRIED	Kyle Cassidy
Best BB Formal Decorative	20TH AVE PINK CLOUD	Kyle Cassidy
Best BB Informal Decorative	MANOR JAYNE	The Ritchies
Best BB Cactus	WINKIE NICKEL	Kyle Cassidy
Best BB Incurved Cactus	FERNCLIFF LEMON AURA	Kyle Cassidy

Section F - Micros

Best Single Bloom Fully Double	IRISH GNOME	K & W Dahlias
Best Single Bloom Open Center	ELVIRA	K & W Dahlias
Best Three Bloom Open Center	LO-STAR	Kyle Cassidy

Section G - Three of a Kind Miniatures

Best 3 Bloom Miniature-Formal Dec	FELIDA FRECKLES	Kyle Cassidy
Best 3 Bloom Miniature-Semi Cactus	AGAPE LITTLE D	K & W Dahlias
Best 3 Bloom Miniature-Cactus	GLENBANK TWINKLE	Kyle Cassidy
Three Most Perfect Miniature Blooms	FELIDA FRECKLES	Kyle Cassidy
Sweepstakes Winner	24 Points	Kyle Cassidy
Sweepstakes Runner Up	8 Points	K & W Dahlias

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

Section H - Three of a Kind Balls, Miniature Balls, Poms, and Others

Best Three Bloom - Ball	SNOHO DORIS	Kyle Cassidy
Best Three Bloom - Pom	SB'S KA'S CHOICE	Kyle Cassidy
Best Three Bloom - Stellar	CAMANO PET	Kyle Cassidy
Best Three Bloom - Novelty Fully Double	VALLEY PORCUPINE	Kyle Cassidy
Best Three Bloom - Anemone	SANDIA BROCADE	Kyle Cassidy
Best Three Bloom - Collarette	BARON AUNT DOROTHY	K & W Dahlias
Best Three Bloom - Orchette	RAEANN'S GEMINI	Kyle Cassidy
Best Three Bloom - Mingon Single	BARON ABBIE	K & W Dahlias
Three Most Perfect B, MB, or P	SNOHO DORIS	Kyle Cassidy
Three Most Perfect Other Fully Doubled	VALLEY PORCUPINE	Kyle Cassidy
Three Most Perfect Other Open Center	BARON AUNT DOROTHY	K & W Dahlias
Sweepstakes Winner	47 Points	Kyle Cassidy
Sweepstakes Runner Up	33 Points	K & W Dahlias

Sweepstakes runner-up receives a medal from the Snohomish County Dahlia Society

Section I - Three of a Kind AA - BB

Most Perfect A Blooms	ALLEN'S TSUNAMI	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect B Blooms	BULL'S BLOOD	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect BB Blooms	LAKEVIEW RAZZLE	Kyle Cassidy

Section Q - Photography Competition

Best Single Bloom Image		Jackie Myers
Best Multiple Bloom Image		Andrea Paradesi
Best Close-Up View		Marty Behn
Best Black & Whilte Image		Marty Behn
Best Dahlias in the Garden		John Kwak
Best Artistic/Creative Expression		Michael Linder
Best Image in the Show	Multiple Bloom Image	Andrea Paradesi
Sweepstakes Winner	10 Points	Andrea Paradesi
Sweepstakes Runner Up	9 Points	Marty Behn / John Kwak

Sweepstakes runners-up receive medals from the Minnesota Dahlia Society and the Southeastern Michigan DS

Section R - Artistic Design Competition

First Place	ABOVE THE FRUITED PLAIN	Lindalee Stuckey
Second Place	FOR SPACIOUS SKIES	Andrea Paradesi
Third Place	FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA	Cammi Waggoner
Fourth Place	AMBER WAVES OF GRAIN	Cammi Waggoner
People's Choice	SEA TO SHINNING SEA	Cammi Waggoner

Section S - Junior Competition

Best A	KENORA WILDFIRE	Charles W Phelps
Best Three Bloom Entry	RIVER'S CAN'T ELOPE	Charles W Phelps
Largest Bloom	KENORA WILDFIRE	Charles W Phelps

Section V - Multiple Bloom Entries of Same Variety

V3 - 5 Blooms AA or A	KELVIN FLOODLIGHT	Daniel Higgins
V15 - 5 Blooms Ball, Mini-ball, Pom	SNOHO DORIS	K & W Dahlias
V16 - 20 Blooms Any other type	ELVIRA	K & W Dahlias
V17 - 10 Blooms Any other type	LO - STAR	Kyle Cassidy
V18 - 5 Blooms Any other type	CAMINO CADE	Kyle Cassidy
V21 - 5 Most Perfect Blooms AA - BB	KELVIN FLOODLIGHT	Daniel Higgins

Anna and Jan Kivistek, Anne Koons' grandparents, are held in fond rememberance by Anne and George Koons, sponsors of the award

Sweepstakes Winner	9 Points	Kyle Cassidy
Sweepstakes Runner Up	7 Points	Daniel Higgins

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

Section W Novice Growers 1 - 60 Hills

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

Best AA	KELVIN FLOODLIGHT	Daniel Higgins
Best A	ISLANDER	Marty Behn
Best B	AGAPE TONY E	Anne Allodi
Best BB	BLOOMQUIST ALAN	Anne Allodi
Largest Bloom	ISLANDER	Marty Behn
Sweepstakes Winner	77 Points	Anne Allodi
Sweepstakes Runner Up	42 Points	Daniel Higgins

Sweepstakes runner-up receives a medal from the Southtown Dahlia Club

Best Form in Each Size

Best AA Formal Decorative	KELVIN FLOODLIGHT	Daniel Higgins
Best AA Informal Decorative	BELLE OF BARMERA	Daniel Higgins
Best AA Semi Cactus	AC BEN	Marty Behn
Best A Formal Decorative	KETCHUP & MUSTARD	Marty Behn
Best A Informal Decorative	ISLANDER	Marty Behn
Best A Semi Cactus	CHI EF 25	Anne Allodi
Best B Formal Decorative	BARON CHAD	Anne Allodi
Best B Informal Decorative	BLOOMQUIST JEAN	Daniel Higgins
Best B Semi Cactus	AGAPE TONY	Anne Allodi
Best B Incurved Cactus	BULL'S BLOOD	Anne Allodi
Best B Laciniated	HAPET CHAMPAGNE	Anne Allodi
Best BB Formal Decorative	BLOOMQUIST ALAN	Anne Allodi
Best BB Informal Decorative	DADDY'S GIRL	Steph Rosenberg
Best BB Semi Cactus	DADDY'S LITTLE GIRL	Lisa Soto
Best BB Cactus	TUTTI FRUTTI	Daniel Higgins
Best BB Incurved Cactus	BED HEAD	Eva Hyndman

Section X Single Bloom 4000 - 9715

Most Perfect Miniature Formal Dec	CLEARVIEW JENNAE	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Miniature Informal Dec	SH TINY BALLERINA	Sonia Harmon
Most Perfect Miniature Semi-cactus	HALEY'S DREAM	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Miniature Cactus	JOSUDI HERCULES	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Miniature	CLEARVIEW JENNAE	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Ball	SNOHO DORIS	K & W Dahlias
Most Perfect Miniature Ball	IRISH LITTLE RED	Steph Rosenberg
Most Perfect Pom	TINY	K & W Dahlias
Most Perfect Ball, Mini Ball, or Pom	IRISH LITTLE RED	Steph Rosenberg
Most Perfect Stellar	BLOOMQUIST PUMPKIN	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Waterlily	CAMEO	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Novelty Fully Doubled	VALLEY PORCUPINE	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Other Fully Doubled	BLOOMQUIST PUMPKIN	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Anemone	SANDIA BROCADE	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Collarette	BLOOMQUIST SWEET	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Orchid	DESTINY'S BLESSINGS	Daniel Higgins
Most Perfect Orchette	RAEANN'S GEMINI	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Single	APOPA SKY	Kyle Cassidy
Most Perfect Mignon Single	BARON ABBIE	K & W Dahlias
Most Perfect Other Open Center	BLOOMQUIST SWEET	Kyle Cassidy
Sweepstakes Winner	128 Points	Kyle Cassidy
Sweepstakes Runner Up	80 Points	K & W Dahlias

Sweepstakes runner-up receives a medal from the Inland Dahlia Society

Section Y - Market Bunch

Similar Color 5- Stem	Steph Rosenberg
Mixed Color 5-Stem	Steph Rosenberg