

Calling all dahlia growers, floral designers, and lovers of Highlands. Highlands Historical Society's 14th annual Dazzling Dahlia Festival, "FLOWER POWER" will be held September 6th & 7th. Our single bloom, garden club of America judged, dahlia bloom competition will be held at the Bascom on Friday September 6th, & 7th. Flowers will be accepted at the Bascom FRIDAY September 6th from 8:00-10:00am. After judging, the show will be open to the public from 1:00 - 4:00 Friday, and from 10:00 - 4:00 Saturday. The fee is 1 bloom for \$5.00, 3 blooms for \$10.00, and up to 8 blooms for \$20.00.

There are 2 divisions, amateur and professional, each judged separately. We will be awarding a \$100 Best of Show in both amateur and professional divisions.

The dahlia vignette festival will be held on Saturday September 7th, with floral vignettes all over Highlands. There is no fee to enter the contest, and the assignment is to present a floral vignette which is half dahlias and half non-invasive native plants, representing "FLOWER POWER." We will be proudly featuring our area nonprofits in Kelsey Hutchinson Founders Park. Dazzling Dahlia vignettes have evolved into a competition of creativity, floral style & design and beauty. There are anonymous judges who will select a "Best of Show" they will be awarded \$500. The public may vote online for "People's Choice" winners.

The single bloom competition is Friday September 6th, with viewing also September 7th. The vignette competition is Saturday September 7th, with winners announced Saturday evening during the concert in the park, where high energy dance band Steel Toe Stiletto will take the stage. The single bloom Best of Show winners will also be awarded at the concert.

Friday September 6th Kelsey Hutchinson Founder's Park will be the Dahlia Depot. From 8:00-12:00 please drop any type of non-invasive flowers or greenery by the park. All the flowers we use are donated, and it takes sooooo many flowers to drape Highlands in flowers, so please share anything you have growing and we will share it with vignette makers and use them to make the mason jar arrangements we sell. Dahlias, daisies, hydrangeas, zinnias, and greenery we would love to have all of it. Enter your best blooms in the single bloom at the Bascom Friday btwn 8-10, then donate the rest to the Dahlia Depot. We can have somebody come and cut your flowers for you if you would like. If you want somebody to cut your flowers to use for the dahlia festival then email: highlandsdahlia@gmail.com

Saturday the Historical Village on 4th Street will be buzzing with music, storytelling, food, docent tours and more, so visit the vignettes, stop by the historical village & dust off your gogo boots for "Flower Party" dance party in the park.

Dazzling Dahlia Festival is a success because of the talent and generosity of our everybody in our community. Please enter the competition, do a vignette, donate your flowers, or simply come and enjoy the beauty. All events are complimentary to attend. The deadline to enter the vignettes is August 1st. For entry forms and more information go to highlandshiptory.com or use the QR code below. For questions: highlandsdahlia@gmail.com