Northwest Gardens

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DAHLIA PLANTING TIME..... is with us again. West of the Cascades, the increasing numbers of men and women who are putting more dahlias in each season usually reserve the first week in April for setting the fat roots in enriched soil, alongside a stout stake.

On the east side of the mountains, dahlia planting time may be delayed from one to three weeks depending upon the onset of good weather. Visitors from other parts of our country always marvel at the earliness with which dahlias flower for us here in the Northwest.

First show of color from your plants almost always begins in July, about a month in advance of the usual dates in similar latitudes.

THE LONG FLOWREING PERIOD..... from July to frost, is one of the main reasons why the dahlia has become so popular. Of course, it has such a wide range of colors, too, and there are so many different sizes and forms among the flowers, both of which build up the popularity of the dahlia.

Even the small-flowered dahlias are pretty heavy feeders, so the matter of enriching the soil to a good depth before the roots are set is important.

Some of our best growers rely to a great extent on plenty of organic matter like well-decayed manures, leaf molds and composts, working it into the area immediately below the planting depth so that the roots can get into it quickly. It is in this lower section that a good organic base fertilizer should be mixed, too.

MOST DAHLIAS NEED HELP in the matter of support and, since one can do a lot of damage if the heavy stake is driven through the root zone after growth has become advanced, the first operation in the planting should be to drive a stout stake into the bottom of an ample hole which has been dug out to a depth of approximately eight inches.

Set the dahlia root so that the stem end rests close to the stake, for it is from the stem end that the new shoot or shoots will spring.

THE DAHLIA ROOT..... looks for all the world like a sweet potato, doesn't it? Note the thin neck, at the end which is attached to the clump...you MUST NOT break the fat root off at the neck when you are in process of splitting the clump.

Be sure you have (1) the fat root, (2), the thinner neck and (3) a small section of the main stem **WITH AT LEAST ONE BUD ATTACHED,** on every piece that is planted. With some varieties which normally produce massive, jam-packed roots in the clump, it is often impossible to get a bud with everyone of the roots. Those which do not have the bud should be discarded.

You can often make it easier to divide the clump if you put it somewhere where it can be warm and moist for a week, thus enabling the hidden buds to swell and become easily recognizable. Plant at the six inch depth so there will be a good section of strong stem underground, an aid in supporting the plant later.

WOMS IN THE RASPBERRIES and Loganberries, and weevils in the garden peas, (there were lots of them last year) can be prevented by the use of rotenone dusts or sprays. Begin applying when the flowers open, and continue throughout the blooming period, at three to four day intervals. Apply rotenone to the open flowers.

APHIDS REALLY START EARLY, though we may not see them until they build up in numbers later in the year. When the new leaves on spirea are from one-half to one inch long, you can be sure that it is time for the first, general dusting or spraying. An efficient rotenone-pyrethrum spray, or sprays and all-purpose dusts containing lindane may be used very effectively.

Mid-April is not too early to seed corn in many sections. By using a series of the newer hybrids one can be sure of a longer, more stretched-out harvest, which is what we all want.

Try Spancross for early, Marcross or Carmelcross for mid-season, and Golden Cross Bantam for late. Midget-eared varieties are meeting with favor, and can be recommended for the home planting.

It's hard to beat azaleas for showy blooms in the shrub plantings. Hybrids of Oregon Azalea are fine things as are most of the Ghent types as well. A hardy species for inland areas is **Schlippenbachi,** pink-flowered in March and early April.

Young azaleas need protection against strawberry weevil. A dust that can be worked into the soil (the same dust you use in the beds where Fuchsias, Tuberous Begonias, etc. are going) will keep down these serious pests.

Outstanding among newer berries is "Cascade Berry", much used because it comes closest to having the same flavor as the native, wild blackberry.

First flights of flea beetles can be serious on sprouting beans and potatoes. Twisted leaves, with prominent holes, indicate the presence of these small, active pests. Dust with an all-purpose garden mixture to control.

Colorado Columbine, a lovely pale blue, and the Long-Spurred Hybrids, are outstanding among their kind. Plant them in fair-sized masses for really striking effects. Get the plants going as soon as you can, and be sure to use a soil dust to give them protection against the Strawberry Weevil.

Ass'n of Oregon Counties Studies Cost Accounting

Emphasis of cost accounting along with adminstrative and engineering methods will feature district meetings of the Association of Oregon Counties, which will analyze recommendations made by a special committee of county judges, commissioners and roadmasters on the road problems. Herman D. Kerkman, of Washington county, is a member of the special panel.

The committee feels that any taxpayer should be able to know the exact cost per mile of county construction, something which requires detailed cost accounting and engineering reports. Also available, it adds, should be a comparison of costs between contract and county methods.

The recommendation for heavier construction of roads for present-day traffic, which promises to cut maintenance costs, will be submitted to district meetings, along with the suggestion that counties cooperate on the concept of an inter-county, through road system constructed to a common standard.

In the matter of finance, the committee asks that the legislature increase gas tax allocation by $10,000 to each county, in addition to the present 19%, to enable the setting up of administration, engineering and cost accounting standards.

District 6, of which Washington county is a part, will meet in Portland April 11, to act on the special committee's recommendations.

District 1 includes: Baker, Grant, Malheur, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties; District 2, Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake; District 3, Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler.

District 4 is comprised of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties; District 5, Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion and Polk and District 6, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Yamhill and Washington.

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NOTICE OF BOND SALE

Sealed proposals will be received by WOLF CREEK HIGHWAY WATER DISTRICT, Washington County, Oregon, for the purchase of NINETY THOUSAND and NO-100 ($90,000.00) DOLLARS, par value, General Obligation Bonds of said District, in denominations of ONE THOUSAND and NO/100 ($1,000.00) DOLLARS each, dated May 1, 1950, bearing interest from date thereof and maturing as follows:

$2,000 on July 1st of each year, 1951 to 1957, inclusive.
$3,000 on July 1st of each year, 1958 to 1969, inclusive;
$4,000 on July 1st of each year, 1970 to 1979, inclusive.

All bonds maturing after July 1st, 1960, shall be subject to call and redemption, in inverse numerical order, at par, plus accrued interest, on any interest paying date, on or after July 1, 1960, upon publication at least Thirty (30) days prior to contemplated redemption date, of one notice of intended redemption in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Washington, State of Oregon. Interest paying dates on said Bonds shall be January 1st and July 1st of each year.

Bidders shall name the rate or rates of interest bid on said Bonds, and the District will furnish the legal opinion of Winfree, McCultoch, Shuler and Sayre, Attorneys, Spalding Building, Portland, Oregon. Bids must be delivered to the undersigned at 1110 Equitable Building, Portland, Oregon, by 5:00 o'clock P. M. Monday, April 24, 1950, or at the District Office, Cedar Mill, Oregon, within the District, by 8:00 o'clock P. M. Monday, April 24, 1950, and must be accompanied by a Certified Check in the sum of EIGHTEEN HUNDRED and NO/100 ($1,800.00) DOLLARS, as a Good Faith Deposit. Bids will be opened at a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, on Monday, April 24, 1950, at the District Office, Cedar Mill, Oregon, within the District, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., reserving the right to reject any and all Bids.

WOLF CREEK HIGHWAY WATER DISTRICT
By: ROBERT P. DAWSON, Secretary.

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Date of Last Publication, April 21, 1950.

LEGAL NOTICE

No. 6973
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

In the Matter of the Estate of REVA R. BROWN, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Reva R. Brown, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same to me at Tigard, Oregon, with vouchers and duly verified, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published April 14, 1950.

Date of last publication May 12, 1950.

Elwood M. Brown, Administrator of the Estate of Reva R. Brown, Deceased.
ALLEN & ROBERTS, Attorneys for Administrator, 712 Swetland Building, Portland, Oregon.

LEGAL NOTICE

Estate of EDWARD HAHN
THURLOW WEED
Attorney at Law
Beaverton, Oregon
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Edward Hahn, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the above entitled Court of the State of Oregon for the County aforesaid, Administratrix of the Estate of Edward Hahn, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice at the office of Thurlow Weed, 237 Farmington, Beaverton, Oregon.

Dated April 7, 1950.

Anna Margaret Beglinger, Administratrix
THURLOW WEED, Attorney.

Date of first publication, April 7, 1950.
Date of last publication May 5, 1950.

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