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HIGHLANDS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

Dazzling Dahlia Festival

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Calling all dahlia growers, creative types, floral designers, and lovers of Highlands! Highlands Historical Society's 13th annual Dazzling Dahlia Festival will be held Saturday, September 9th. Once again our single bloom, garden club of America judged competition, will be held at the Bascom. Entries will be accepted at the Bascom between 8:00-10:00am. After judging, entries will be available for viewing from 1:00-5:00 pm. New this year is a professional category for our professional growers. Amateurs will be judged separately! Entry fee is \$20, with a maximum of 8 dahlias. For more information go to www.highlandshistory.com.

We are announcing an exciting change to the Dahlia/Native plant vignette competition throughout Highlands. This year the winner of "Best of Show" will receive a \$500.00 prize. The 2nd and 3rd place winners, as well as the People's Choice winners will be awarded ribbons as in the past. Also this year there is no charge to enter the competition. We are doing this to encourage creativity and high style design. We believe the money should be spent on your vignette. Dazzling Dahlia Festival Vignettes has evolved into a floral design competition with qualified judges that complements the single bloom competition held at the Bascom. The prize money will be awarded Saturday evening during the concert in the park, which begins at 6:00 pm, and will feature Steel Toe Stiletto, an exciting 10-piece dance band.

The theme this year is "SEASONS OF HIGHLANDS" and you are required to use half dahlias and half locally grown native plants. We will also feature our nonprofits in KHFP, to help promote the vast range of nonprofit support on the plateau.

The deadline to enter is August 5th. For entry forms and more information go to www.highlandshistory.com; or use the QR code below.

On Friday September 8th, Highlands Historical Village will again be the Dahlia Depot. Please drop off any dahlias or flowers from your garden that you are willing to share. We can use ALL THE FLOWERS WE CAN GET! People doing vignettes will have first choice of these flowers. Then our volunteers make up 100 Mason jar arrangements to sell during the festival. We want dahlias, daisies, hydrangeas, zinnias, coneflower, and greenery, anything from your gardens! We need lots and lots of flowers and greens to use in the arrangements. All the flowers we use are donated, so please share your flowers on September 8th. This flower sharing is an essential part of dahlia festival, and we need all flowers we can find.

Dazzling Dahlia Festival is a success because of the talent and generosity of people; so enter the competition, share your flowers, or come and enjoy the beauty. You can find more information at www.highlandshistory.com

