



POTLUCK: Thanks for hosting Cory! About 30 or so attended. Was nice to see our Canadian friends too! The turkey was yummy and the gravy was a nice touch! Maybe mashed potatoes next year!

TREASURE'S REPORT: \$10, 683

AUGUST PROGRAM: "Show Staging" Learn how to stage dahlias to show. Lynden Fair is August 14th and our show is Sept. 9-10. Steve & Sandy Boley will give a hands on demonstration of how to present your prize dahlias! Never showed before? Beginners are always welcome!

WATERING: My dahlias are all up and established now. Only a couple of no shows. Mine are in pots, so I just give them a good soaking 1-2 times a week. For the rest of ya'll, dahlias like a deep watering 2-3 times a week, 30-60 minutes. Delivery methods vary, soaker hose, drip lines, T-tape, etc. Overhead watering is OK, but probably best early in morning to allow for drying and avoid noon burning.

PINCHING: Since my dahlias are in pots, I'm pinching them to help keep the plants shorter. I won't be staking them and I still have room in the pots to back-fill and mound up a bit. Pinching stops the center of the plant from growing and diverts the growth into the laterals. Ya'll will still get plenty of blooms!

PESTS: Since I've moved to Birch Bay, my pest problem has been snails, not too many slugs actually. So I'm using Sluggo Plus. I put it right in the pots and the perimeter. Sluggo Plus works on earwigs too. This might be your time to reapply something? It's easy to forget. I have Bayer Granules in my pots.

FERTILIZER: This is also a good time to side-dress with 5-10-10, 10-20-20, or even 16-16-16 is OK.

WEEDS: Don't use Preen type products or weed killers as they may weaken the tubers or accidentally kill your plants. Hand weed with care. Dahlias like mulch too. It may be too soon to pinch off lower leaves. I pinch off lower leaves when plant is well established. This gives the plants more air and keeps the mold and mildew down. Bayer products also take care of mold and mildew.

LOOKING AHEAD...Nothing new on the calendar for now. Stay tuned.

FEDERATION CHALLENGE BLOOM: Chimacum Troy

WHATCOM CHALLENGE BLOOM: Irish Glow



My name is ...

REFRESHMENTS:	PROGRAM:	PRIZES:	NAME TAGS:
~ August ~ Junquist & Chapman Thank-Yum!	"Show Staging" Presented by Steve & Sandy Boley	White Elephant Drawing... Bring something and Win something. Yaa!	Who are you? Want a name tag? Sign up at a meeting or email Ed at: wcdspublicity@gmail.com