

The DAHLIA SOCIETY of SOUTH AUSTRALIA Inc. Show and Championships

March 7th & 8th 2026,
Goodwood Community Centre,
32 - 34 Rosa Street, Goodwood, SA.



The Dahlia Society Show and Championships celebrates the beauty, diversity, and excellence of dahlias through competitive exhibitions and community engagement.

This guide provides essential information for participants, including entry requirements, judging criteria, event schedules, and presentation standards.

Major Awards

Grand Champion Dahlia of Show	DSSA Gold Medal & Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Dahlia	DSSA Silver Medal & Rosette
Five Champion Blooms	DSSA Bronze Medal & Rosettes
John Menzel Memorial	Perpetual Shield & Plaque
Type Champions	Champion Certificates
Champion Intermediate Bloom	Medal & Rosette
Reserve Champion Intermediate	Medal & Rosette
Champion Novice Bloom	Medal & Rosette
Reserve Champion Novice	Medal & Rosette
Premier Vase of Show	Rosette
WOW Dahlias Class 1, 2 & 3	Rosette
new Peoples Choice A bunch of dahlias in a vase	Rosette

Entries

Exhibitors must be a financial member of the DSSA Inc. OR your local Dahlia Society affiliated with the DSA.

Championships and Peoples Choice one Entry per Exhibitor per Championship and Peoples Choice. Multiple entries encouraged in all other classes.

Seedlings may be entered in any class.

All vases (including from Championships) are eligible for major awards.

CHAMPIONSHIPS & PEOPLES CHOICE

All entries to the Show Manager

No later than 9pm on **Wed March 4th 2026**

Ph. 08 8563 2146 or Email n.jaeschke@bigpond.com

No prior entry for classes other than Championships is necessary.

STAGING

Exhibitors must use the Society's green horticultural vases, to stage exhibits.

Oasis can be obtained from the Society prior to the show.

Blooms to be named if possible.

EXHIBITORS CARDS to be collected from the Show Manager at the Show.

AWARDS

All prizes and higher awards will be awarded based on the judge's recommendation.

No dispute of the judge's decision will be entertained.

DEFINITIONS & SIZES

WOW Blooms - Dahlias with Visual Impact. Can be bi-coloured, blends, or variegated colours.

NND (Not Necessarily Distinct) means different cultivars are permitted.

SIZES

- Giant 260mm and over
- Large 210mm and under 260mm
- Medium 160mm and under 210mm
- Small 120mm and under 160mm
- Pompon Under 50 mm

NOVICE

Open to all beginner exhibitors with less than 3 years in Novice.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP

Six Blooms Staged Singly - Any type and Any colour.

1st - \$100 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$25

SECTIONS

Na. One Red toned bloom

Nb. One White toned bloom

Nc. One Bi-Coloured bloom

Nd. One Pink toned bloom

Ne. One Yellow/Orange toned bloom

Nf. One Bloom Any Other Colour

Ng. One Seedling

New in 2026 Peoples' Choice Award 'A bunch of dahlias in a vase'

1st - \$50 2nd - \$30 3rd - \$20

- Vase provided.
- 5-9 stems with no additional foliage included.
- Exhibitor number and card to be collected on arrival.
- Points to consider: - Arrangement, quality & condition of blooms, colour blending.

INTERMEDIATE

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

6 Blooms Staged Singly - Any type and Any colour.

1st - \$100 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$25

BRINKLEY ENCOURAGEMENT CHAMPIONSHIP - 4 VASES

3 Blooms Staged Singly and one Vase of three blooms NND.

1st - \$75 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$25

SIX TYPE CHALLENGE

6 Blooms Staged Singly - Each Bloom a Different Type

1st - \$75 2nd - \$50 3rd - \$25

SECTIONS

Ia. Three Decorative blooms NND

Ib. One Decorative bloom

Ic. Three Cactus blooms NND

Id. One Cactus bloom

Ie. Three blooms Any Other Type NND

If. One bloom Any Other Type

Ig. One Seedling

WOW DAHLIAS: OPEN TO ALL EXHIBITORS

Cultivars with visual impact. Can be bi-coloured cultivars, blends or variegated colours.

A: One Vase of three blooms NND

B: One Vase of five or more blooms NND:

C: One Basket of Dahlias NND. Any foliage Permitted.

Basket viewed from the front. Maximum Size 60m

OPEN

A: SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

9 Vases. Any Type.

Blooms over 160mm Staged Singly. Blooms under 160mm 3 blooms per vase.

One Cultivar per Vase.

1st \$150 2nd \$75 3rd \$50

B. JOAN MATULICK MEMORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

6 Vases.

3 Blooms over 160mm Staged Singly and 3 Vases of 3 blooms under 160mm.

One Cultivar per Vase.

1st \$100 2nd \$60 3rd \$40

C. JOHN MENZEL MEMORIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

6 Vases.

6 Winkie Raised Cultivars Staged Singly. Any Type and Any Colour.

1st A Perpetual Shield & Plaque Plus \$75 2nd \$50 3RD \$25

D. SELLICK/KAPPLER AUSTRALIAN RAISED CHAMPIONSHIP

6 Vases. All Blooms to be Australian Raised Cultivars

Blooms over 160mm Staged Singly.

Blooms under 160mm staged 3 blooms per Vase. NND

1st \$75 2nd \$50 3rd \$25

E. PARKER/TAPLEY CHAMPIONSHIP

3 Vases

3 blooms per Vase. NND. One Type per Vase.

Selected from Waterlily, Collerette, Single, Anemone, Orchid, Stellar, or Peony.

1st \$75 2nd \$50 3rd \$25

F. NINE TYPE CHAMPIONSHIP

9 Vases

9 Blooms Staged Singly. Each Bloom a Different Type.

1st \$75 2nd \$50 3rd \$25

CACTUS

1. One Giant/Large Bloom
2. One Medium Bloom
3. One Vase of 3 Small Blooms NND
4. One Small Bloom
5. One Vase of 3 Miniature Blooms NND
6. One Miniature Bloom

DECORATIVE

7. One Giant/Large Bloom
8. One Medium bloom
9. One Vase of 3 Small Blooms NND
10. One Small Bloom
11. One Vase of 3 Miniature Blooms NND
12. One Miniature Bloom

BALL

13. One vase of 3 Blooms NND
14. One Bloom

POMPON

15. One Vase of 3 Blooms NND
16. One Bloom

FIMBRIATED

17. One Vase of 3 Blooms
18. One Bloom

INCURVED CACTUS

19. One Vase of 3 Blooms NND
20. One Bloom

WATERLILY

21. One vase of 3 Blooms NND
22. One Bloom

COLLERETTE

23. One Vase of 3 Blooms NND
24. One Bloom

ORCHID

25. One Vase of 3 Blooms NND
26. One Bloom

STELLAR

27. One Vase of 3 Blooms NND
28. One Bloom

ANEMONE

29. One Vase of 3 Blooms NND
30. One Bloom

SINGLE

31. One Vase of 3 Blooms NND
32. One Bloom

PEONY

33. One Vase of 3 Blooms NND
34. One Bloom

SEEDLING

35. One Vase of 3 Blooms NND
36. One Bloom

The Dahlia Society Show and Championships honors the dedication and artistry of growers who cultivate these remarkable blooms. Each entry contributes to the celebration of horticultural excellence and the enduring beauty of the dahlia.

FLORAL DESIGN

AT THE DAHLIA SOCIETY OF SA

SHOW & CHAMPIONSHIPS MARCH 7th & 8th 2026

OPEN TO ALL FLORAL DESIGN ENTHUSIASTS.

DAHLIAS TO PREDOMINATE IN ALL CLASSES.

RULES: The design staged should be the work of the Exhibitor.

Plant material to dominate. No artificial material to be included.

Clean up your area after staging.

ENTRY FEE: \$5 Per Exhibitor.

ENTRIES: Register your entries with the DSSA Show Manager, Elizabeth Jaeschke

E: n.jaeschke@bigpond.com Ph: 08 8563 2146 by 5pm Monday March 2nd.

STAGING: Entries to be staged by 10am March 7th.

Championship area – 1metre x 75 cm. All other classes – 75cm x 75cm

All designs staged on tables covered with green cloths.

FLORAL DESIGN SCHEDULE

A. FLORAL DESIGN CHAMPIONSHIP “Autumn Glory”

Open & Novice Floral designers may enter The Championship

1st Prize \$100 2nd \$50 3rd \$25 Plus Rosettes

OPEN	FLORAL DESIGN	NOVICE
B.	Arrangement incorporating bamboo	N.B
C.	A table Arrangement	N. C.
D.	Side by Side	N. D.
E.	Styled to Impress	N. E.

Champion OPEN Floral Design from sections B.-E. Rosette

Champion NOVICE Floral Design from sections N.B.-N.E. Rosette

Prize Money for each class in both the OPEN & NOVICE Sections 1st \$50 2nd \$25