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The N.C. Arboretum Hosts Dahlia Society Show this Weekend

ASHEVILLE, NC – The North Carolina Arboretum will host the 25th Annual Show of the Carolinas Dahlia Society Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11. Hundreds of dahlias in every shape, size, and color will be on display. The show will be open to the public from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Exhibitors from five states, including commercial and amateur growers from our local mountains, upstate South Carolina, Metro-Atlanta, southeast Tennessee, southwest Virginia, and the North Carolina Piedmont, will participate. The Flower Displays will contain blossoms in every color except black, blue or green; in every size from ¾ inch to over 12 inches in diameter; in over 17 distinct forms recognized by the American Dahlia Society.

Dahlia Society members will answer questions and offer advice on cultivating dahlias, and flowers will be available for purchase while supplies last. The Carolinas Dahlia Society was featured in the August 2011 issue of *Southern Living*, and will be hosting the 50th National Dahlia Show in September 2016.

The Dahlia Society Annual Show is one of the most popular events hosted by The North Carolina Arboretum. Each year more than 376,000 visitors experience the Arboretum's gardens, trails, exhibits, shows and expos, educational programs, demonstrations and lectures. The Arboretum's ability to meet its mission and enrich the visitor experience is made possible by a community of supporters—from members, volunteers and staff to state and local funds, tribute gifts, grants, and community partners.

The show is free for Arboretum Society members or with the standard parking fee (\$8 per personal motor vehicle). For more information, call (828) 665-2492 or visit www.ncarboretum.org. The central mission of The North Carolina Arboretum, an affiliate institution of the 17-campus University of North Carolina system, is to cultivate connections between people and plants.

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The NC Arboretum is located next to the Blue Ridge Parkway entrance at Milepost 393. From I-26, take Exit 33 and follow Blue Ridge Parkway signs for two miles to the entrance ramp. Visit www.ncarboretum.org/plan-a-visit for parking fees, property hours and building hours. For general information call (828) 665-2492 or visit www.ncarboretum.org.