

Theresa Schroeder
2015 Inductee
Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers Hall of Fame

Puget Sound Dahlia Association is proud to nominate one the most active members both locally in the Federation and nationally in the American Dahlia Society. A partial list of Terry's involvement: she is the Federation's Secretary which entails keeping board minutes and producing our quarterly newsletters. She is the *Dahlia Annual* editor and publisher, which includes helping the treasurer/membership chair keep all the members' information correctly recorded. Terry is also the keeper of hall of fame inductees, all the show rules and regulations, and makes sure all the judging requirements are listed correctly. Terry collates all the clubs' show reports and sends the information to the ADS classification chair after each show season (so we can have accurate classification handbooks). She is the keeper of the Federation yearly calendar. She keeps track of the Flower of the Year winners so the treasurer can award medals at our annual meeting. She is co-chair for the Washington State Dahlia Society annual show. And finally Terry is the ADS Secretary, which includes another full slate of duties and responsibilities.

Terry has happily taken on all these responsibilities willingly and without any coercion. She can say "no," but she rarely does. And she is so competent in all her work; she is truly indispensable. I believe Terry is the model for the Energizer Bunny. To replace Terry would require at least four others to step up to the plate and cheerfully and willingly take on some of her jobs.

Terry and her husband, Bob, entered the world of dahlias 1994, joining the Kitsap County Dahlia Society and very shortly were volunteering for everything from president and secretary to show chairs as they helped Kitsap grow and thrive. They later moved onto the Washington State Dahlia Society. Bob and Terry are a team, but each shines in their own area of expertise. They attend and exhibit at most shows during the year and have become senior judges. They have been attending National Shows for a number of years and have been wholeheartedly welcomed into the national arena, each with their own expertise: Terry as ADS Secretary, and Bob as ADS Judges Evaluation Chair.

Organizations such as ours cannot survive without the help and commitment of individuals like Terry Schroeder.