ANNE MARIA JACOBSON
2026 Inductee
Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers Hall of Fame

Anne Maria Jacobson is recognized for her remarkable energy, organizational expertise, boundless creativity, and her exceptional ability to work with and inspire others. The KCDS proudly nominates Anne Maria, expressing gratitude for her ongoing support and her unwavering readiness to assist whenever needed. Anne Maria began her journey in the dahlia community as a Novice in 2016. Demonstrating rapid growth and consistent achievement, she advanced to Amateur status in 2019 and, due to her impressive record of accomplishment, was invited to compete at the Open level in 2023. She is recognized as an outstanding exhibitor, particularly noted for her talent in floral arrangements, and has been actively showing for over a decade.

Anne Maria has served as an invaluable resource for new arrangement classes and played a pivotal role in helping KCDS design special arrangements for its 100th Show. Her skills and dedication have earned her the best in show awards and a place on the head table at more than 20 shows.

Since 2024, Anne Maria has been an active member and co-chair of the Education and Training Committee. Her willingness to lead educational efforts dates back to at least 2020, when she began regularly stepping up to teach and facilitate workshops.
Serving as Innovation Committee Chair since 2021, Anne Maria initiated and led the design and development of the Dahlia Legacy Project (DLP). Her outreach to local dahlia pioneers and leaders established a strong foundation for preserving the heritage and fostering the growth and legacy of the Federation of Northwest Dahlia Growers. She continues to guide the DLP through regular quarterly meetings and is currently overseeing the addition of an essential search function for the project's website and serves as editor for the quarterly newsletter.

Anne Maria released two new dahlia varieties in 2026: Lucky Jill and Lucky Madison. She is also actively working on developing several more varieties. As the creator and driving force behind the Dahlia Legacy Project, Anne Maria directed fundraising efforts that raised $15,000 to support future development. She oversaw the creation of the DLP website and has taken on leadership roles in PSDA fundraisers, including tuber sales and auctions, helping to streamline organizational structures throughout her involvement. Her leadership, time, and personal resources have benefited many, and she has championed incentives and recognition programs for PSDA members and DLP volunteers to inspire continued engagement. Anne Maria excels at volunteer coordination and consistently rises to meet challenges with determination.

Anne Maria's progression to Senior Judge began in 2016 and followed the established path through candidate and accredited levels. She completed the requirements to become a Senior Judge in 2024, and in 2025 earned the role of senior judge for the ADS. She is now regarded as one of the most respected judges in the organization. Anne Maria has served as PSDA President since 2023, following her term as vice president in 2022 and as director from 2020 through 2022. She also served as the Federation Representative for six years. She led the rebranding of the PSDA logo and is currently organizing PSDA's 50th anniversary celebration with plenty of additional show elements. Now in her third year as president, Anne Maria has also taken on various chairperson roles, including co-chairing tuber sales, acting as an innovation specialist, and supervising arrangements.

After a career change in 2025, following 13 years in her previous profession, Anne Maria embraced her passion for dahlias and launched Lucky Dahlias LLC in 2026, marking her entry into the dahlia sales business. Anne Maria became involved with the Federation in late 2015 when the national show committee began preparations for the 2020 national dahlia show in Wenatchee, WA. From the outset, she contributed her insights and support wherever needed. Federation records confirm she has been an active member since 2016.