

# Dahlia Legacy Project Profile Interview Template

Interview Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ DLP Interviewee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewed via:  Phone  In-person  Zoom  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Interview Team: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

**Objective:** The output of this interview is a written story (as much as you can learn) about the history of the DLP Interviewee. It is not a question and answer application. The questions on the back are there to help you get the story about the Interviewee's "Dahlia Life" through a conversation. We recommend interviewing with a team (2-4) to help with note taking. In addition, we suggest a separate page for each section for taking notes.

**Section 1: Warmup – Just for Fun, let's get started.** [What is your favorite part of growing dahlias?](#)

**Section 2: Personal History –** [How about some personal facts. Have you always lived in the NW?](#)

**Section 3: Club/Organization Participation –** [What clubs/organizations do you belong to and why?](#)

**Section 4: Dahlia Growing History –** [Let's talk about growing practices - When did you start? Why?](#)

**Section 5: Dahlia Showing Experiences –** [What can you tell us about your showing experiences – Tips?](#)

**Section 6: Dahlia Judging Background –** [Has judging been part of your dahlia life? - Why?](#)

**Section 7: Dahlia Hybridizing Practices –** [Do you hybridize? or We know you hybridize, any tips?](#)

**Section 8:** [What have we forgotten to ask about? Other favorite stories we should know?](#)

### **Just for Fun (Can be used for warmup questions) "Let's get started"**

What is your best advice or tidbit to share with a novice dahlia enthusiast?

What is your favorite part of growing dahlias?

Do you have a favorite tip, trick or practice that you do in your garden?

### **Personal History: (How about a few historical details?)**

Where were you born? Married? Kids? Did you move to the NW?

What did you do/did you do for a living?

### **Club/Organization History: (Now let's talk about your club history?)**

Do you have a home dahlia club? If so, when did you join?

What other dahlia or horticultural clubs have you belonged to?

What motivated you to go to your first club meeting?

What are some of your favorite ways you have engaged with your club?

Who in the dahlia world, do you admire? And why?

### **General Dahlia growing history: (Now let's talk about growing dahlias.)**

When & where did you start growing dahlias?

How big is your dahlia garden? How many dahlias did/do you grow?

Would you describe your dahlia planting routine?

Who helped you along the way?

What is your favorite dahlia variety?

How do you increase your dahlia stock each year?

Do you have set varieties that you plant each year?

How do you water your dahlias?

Do you fertilize your dahlias? With what, and how often? And, why?

Do you dis-bud your dahlias? Can you describe how you do that?

What is your favorite tool?

### **Dahlia shows: (What can you tell us about your showing practices?)**

Do you currently show dahlias?

Do you have a favorite section you like to show in?

What are your most successful show flowers?

Would you describe your show preparations?

How do you stage your dahlias?

How do you prepare your dahlias for transport to the shows?

Any secrets to success you can share?

Have you been to any national dahlia shows? Which ones? Did you show?

What is the farthest distance from your home, that you have shown dahlias?

What is the most interesting dahlia entry you have ever seen?

### **Hybridizing: (Finally, Let's talk about hybridizing)**

Do you hybridize? When did you start hybridizing dahlias?

How many varieties have you introduced?

Which variety is your favorite? And why?

How do you choose the names for your introductions?

Can you tell me the story of how you started growing dahlias?

Do you grow seedlings?

What are your most successful seed parents?

What interests you most about hybridizing?

### **Have we left anything out that is important to tell other dahlia growers?**

#### **Web links, published articles, photos and other:**

Please feel free to add anything else you think will be of interest, or anything you would like to share relevant to dahlias. Please include information for published articles you have written, appropriate photos and video links here.