

Discover the Dahlia & Grasses Garden

The garden includes 7 or more varieties of dahlia and many varieties of grasses. Dahlias have tuberous roots that look like small sweet potatoes. The garden blooms from mid-summer to late fall.

Look for:

- Can you tell the difference in the Dahlia varieties by the difference in their leaves? It is subtle, but take a close look.
- How many different varieties of grasses can you see? Each type of grass adds texture and interest in the garden, and is an especially good addition since deer do not tend to eat ornamental grasses!
- Make sure to come back and visit this garden later in the summer when the Dahlias are in full bloom - it will be well worth your time!

Garden Tips

- Dahlias need warm soil and 8 hours of sun daily.
- Use well-draining soil and occasional fertilizer (such as 5-10-10).
- Use slug bait on new sprouts; voles and gophers also love to eat the tuberous roots. Our solution has been to plant in plastic pots sunk to ground level.
- Deadheading increases the number of blooms.
- After the first frost, cut back to 6-8" stems; add a 4-5" layer of mulch to protect the tuberous roots.
- Wet winters may rot tubers in the ground. Alternatively, dig up the tubers and store in a cool (45 degrees F.), damp medium such as sand, peat moss, or sawdust.

