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- · AHS and Region 2 events.
- Region 2 members and hybridizers.

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The AHS is actively promoting the use of American Daylily Society in place of American Hemerocallis Society. This should add clarity when sharing information with the general public.

You will see Region 2 follow their lead, using the names interchangeably going forward.

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Tree Frogs and Daylilies

Summer Meeting 2021 Reflections (Award Winners Sandy Holmes and Jamie Gossard)

2021 Photography Contest Results

On The Front Cover: 'Buttercream Frosting (Gossard-D., 2018) Photo by Mary Ann Cleary On The Back Cover: Stout Medal Bed at Front Porch Daylilies Photo by Saundra Dunn

AHS Director Message

By Rhonda Veroeven, Region 2 Director



A hardy hello from your Region 2 Director.

What an amazing bloom season that is upon us! At the time of writing this, my garden is waking up and greeting me with beautiful blooms that remind me every

day why I love this genus so very much! The variety and beauty are just breathtaking.

The 2021 National Convention took place on May 19-22 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. It was a feast for the eyes and senses. The two clubs that put this amazing event on were the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society as well as The Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society- Co-Chaired by Debbie D. Smith and Chuck Holcomb. A small group of us arrived a few days early to assist where needed. I have learned that one should always beware of offering to help with "anything." I found myself gloriously digging and dumping out pots in the pouring rain, calf-deep, barefoot in the mud breaking apart all of the gift and registration plants. An entire day of glamorous work that I will always remember. The dichotomy of being that deep in muck and then dressing up fancy for evening banquets always tickles me. The gardens and daylilies were absolutely fantastic. I know I added many new cultivars to both my ever-growing wishlist and gardens! If you haven't attended a national convention before, join me next year in Asheville, North Carolina!!!

I was recently asked, "What has ADS done for me?" That question stuck with me, as I know I am working constantly for the society and felt that it would be helpful to share a few things that ADS does for YOU constantly. First of all, ADS has a plethora of resources for ALL of us. There are many committees that are putting together resources that we all can utilize and add to. Just our website alone houses volumes of scientific information, a dictionary of daylily terms, hybridizer source lists, and links to all of the regional pages. ADS also produces four amazing magazines

per year which is a fantastic resource for all of us---did you realize that being an ADS member affords you the opportunity to ALSO receive the amazing Region 2 Newsletter which you are now reading? In addition to the Journal, ADS also publishes great books as well. Hybridizing 101, for example, is the most recent publication and is a great primer for daylily basics that each club should have for their members. It is a musthave for basic daylily information, and is an extremely inexpensive resource at only \$10. Also, a new Mini and Small daylily book is being edited and should be released in early November 2021. I can't wait to get my hands on that one! While those resources should be enough, the connections made and the human resources are unparalleled! Facilitating and supporting regional meetings, having a social media presence, answering questions of members, and making connections with people throughout the nation and beyond are all benefits of being a part of ADS.

We held the ADS Board of Director's Meeting at the convention. Please know that there is a whole board of volunteer directors that make decisions for the betterment of the entire society. Last year our budget was projected at a negative balance, and through generous members of ADS and fundraising efforts, we ended up in the black!!! This year we also had a very successful auction, which many of our regional members donated to. A HUGE thank you for assisting and being a part of that venture. The 100 Giving 100 campaign is also underway and if you would like to be a part of the "club" and receive a beautiful enameled pin, please send your \$100 donation to Mary Ann Duncan, the Endowments Chair (Information is on the ADS website). There were several initiatives that the board is undertaking including an overhaul of the Membership Manager position, instituting a continuity plan, revamping the conventions manual, updating the P&P, changing the membership cycle, and amending some of the Awards and Honors sections. We also have the great news that we have approved the national convention being hosted in Nashville, TN for 2023 with others most likely to host for the following couple of years!!! continued on the next page

RP Message, What's New in Region 2?

By Dr. Charlie Harper, Region 2 President



What a roller coaster summer it's been. For many of us, the bloom has been spectacular, in spite of some of the craziest weather changes in memory. A late snow storm in June had me convinced that I would lose just about every-

thing, but that didn't happen. Perhaps early season hardening off saved the day. But only Heaven knows.

The Summer Meeting in Springfield, IL was well received and enjoyed by the attendees. Four really fine gardens satisfied most of our urges to indulge in daylily adoration. And we had a visit by a very wise, 155 year old man. (You had to be there to appreciate just how moving it was.) Excellent job, Illinois team!

Looking ahead, we have another team that is leading the charge to have a fine Winter Meeting next February in Indianapolis. The speakers list is just about as good as it gets, promising to be informative, with broad interest and varied topics, and just plain fun! We'll be ready for a break from the usual winter funk when the event rolls around. So, sign up now to avoid the rush! The registration form is on page 18.

And next summer, we'll finally get to visit some great gardens in the middle of Ohio, Off the Beaten Path. Kirsten Hatfield and her team had to mothball the planning for 2020, due to Covid, but have it dusted off and underway. Who'll win the next Englerth award? We'll find out in July!

The Faulkner Family is providing the initial funding for a program to provide some financial support to our youth. It is described in detail on page 35 in this edition. Check it out to see if your kid(s) might want to apply.

And I want to extend a special thanks to all of our members who pitch-in to make things happen. We couldn't do it without you.

And in all you do, stay safe.

AHS Director Message (cont)

If you are interested in getting involved on the national level with the American Daylily Society let me know as there are a few open positions needing qualified, enthusiastic members. You can also contact our President, Scott Elliott, at president@daylilies.org.

Region 2 faired very well earning some awards announced at the national convention. Beyond the pyramid awards previously announced, we also had three newsletter award winners:

- Best article about hybridizers or hybridizing by Bob Faulkner for "My Daylily Journey"
- Best article on a daylily personality by Sue Hill for "From Fur to Flowers"
- Best article about daylilies in a non-daylily publica-

tion by Antonio Garabis for "American Daylily Society Display Garden & Daylily Ambassador Programs."

We also announced that Sandy Holmes earned the Region 2 Service Award. Finally, Jamie Gossard won the highly prestigious Bertrand Farr Award for hybridizing excellence. This is a major award! Congratulations to all of our winners!!!

As always, I am available at awards@daylilies.org if you have any questions or suggestions. I have seen many of you recently in the gardens and have a plan to see many more of you. I am hoping to write up an overview of all of the travels I have had this year in an upcoming issue. It is truly an honor to be your director!

Region 2 Summer Business Meeting Minutes

Bruce Wickmann, Region 2 Secretary



Region 2 Officers and Staff present were: Charlie Harper, President; Rhonda Veroeven, Region 2 ADS Director; Barb Buikema, Publicity Director; Bruce Wickmann, Secretary; Bobbi Johnson, Treasurer; Saundra Dunn, Newsletter Editor; Sandy Holmes, Auditor and filling in for Gail Braunstein, Awards and Honors Chair; Pat Titus, Youth Liaison; plus 5 to 6 Region 2 members for a total of 13 attendees.

Charlie Harper called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM on Friday, July 9, 2021, at the Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center in Springfield, Illinois and welcomed every-

one in attendance.

The first order of business was the approval of the Region's last Business Meeting Minutes. Bruce reported that the last business meeting took place on July 12, 2020, via Zoom Meetings and was published in the Summer 2020 issue of the Great Lakes Daylily Journal. Rhonda Veroeven made the motion to accept the minutes as published, and Sandy Holmes seconded the motion. All present voted to accept the minutes as published.

Charlie wanted to let all Region 2 members know that there has been an email hack into the Region 2 email address book that is requesting money or gift cards be sent to someone on Charlie's behalf. Several board members who are familiar with this type of scam said that if it sounds unusual to look closely at the sender's email address which may have Charlie's name on it but from a different provider. When this is verified, Do Not Reply, but mark it as or move it to the Spam folder which will remove it from your inbox. The board will never solicit members to send money or gift cards. Barb Buikema will follow-up with an announcement to Region 2 members regarding the scam emails.

Charlie then asked Bobbi Johnson to give the Treasurer's report. Bobbi stated that she has revised the layout of the of the Income Statement to make it easier to read. Bobbi reported that from January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021, we have had a total revenue of \$11,401.60 with total expenses so far of \$1,746.00, for a net income of \$9,655.60. Combining our Money Market account with our checking and PayPal accounts, we have a total cash on hand of \$66,526.02. Bobbi has not yet seen the invoice for the printing and distribution of the Spring 2021 Newsletter, which will be posted in the next quarter. Bobbi also reported that she printed out a summary of the Spring online auction which netted a profit of \$4,589.70.

Charlie next asked Barb Buikema for an update on the Regional Publicity, including the Popularity polls which are due by September 1st. Barb has received about six mailed in poll forms and several submitted online. Barb has asked Saundra Dunn to include written instructions for submitting the Pop Poll online in the newsletter. Region 2 has held the record for the most polls submitted over the past couple of years, and we are looking forward to doing so again this year.

Saundra Dunn was asked by Charlie to report on the upcoming Summer Newsletter. Saundra stated that she welcomes any feedback from members on the content of the newsletter. Saundra has secured four people to write articles about the four gardens in our Summer Conference. Charlie stated that our Spring Newsletter was one of the best he has seen of all the Regions for quite some time. He has asked Rhonda to let us know when and how we can submit it for an ADS national award.

Charlie asked Sandy Holmes to report for Gail Braunstein on the Awards and Honors for Region 2. Gail reported through Sandy that the five person Howard Hite Award Committee could not come to a consensus

on a clear winner this year and therefore the award will not be given this year. One factor was that the nominators were not specific nor detailed enough in answering the questionnaire to give the committee a nominee who meets the necessary criteria for the award. He stated that most of the known hybridizers in our region have already received the award which can only be given once. Members present were concerned that perhaps the nomination questionnaire is not specific enough for nominators to present the details the Award Committee is looking for in a candidate. Sandy Holmes indicated that the minimum standards should be published (e.g., how long should the candidate have been hybridizing, how many plants have they introduced, have they received any awards for registered plants, have they made presentations at club or regional meetings?) If these are minimum requirements before a nominee is considered, then this information should be provided to the nominators along with the questionnaire. Charlie stated he will take these suggestions back to the committee for more clarification.

Charlie next called on Pat Titus to report on the Youth Programs. Pat introduced her two young granddaughters who are active in the youth program and who also served as plant runners during the auction. They have four youth ADS members listed in the Region. Pat is encouraging clubs to turn in youth members to ADS so that they can benefit from the Youth Program that is in place for them. Also, the Wisconsin Daylily Society is generously providing funds to cover the cost of registration for all youth members planning to attend the National Conference in North Carolina in 2022. There are many national scholarships available to ADS Youth members, so Pat is encouraging the Youth to investigate what may be of benefit to them. Pat further announced that on Saturday evening, during the banquet, there will be a special auction of nine beautifully painted rocks provided by Becky Robinson, depicting flowers that Bob Faulkner created. The proceeds from this auction will go directly to the Youth Programs.

Charlie stated that he had talked with Gary Stickel, the Fundraising Chair, who asked to be replaced for the coming year. Charlie mentioned that thanks to Jacob Braun, who pulled together our current online auction program, we should be set going forward for fund-raising auctions. Charlie is hoping that by next year we will have someone available to oversee the Fundraising efforts.

Future Meetings was the next item on the agenda which Charlie addressed. First, the Winter meeting, usually held in February, is planned to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. We currently have a deposit that was extended by the Crown Plaza from 2021 to 2022 due to the Covid-19 shutdown. Due to the contract with the hotel, we are committed to holding our conference in Indianapolis in 2022. However, we currently do not have a group of volunteers to put on the conference. A registrar, someone to set up speakers, and people to be available to greet and hand out packets as attendees arrive, are some of the volunteers needed to run the conference. The Summer Meeting 2022 is being held by the "Off the Beaten Path" group from 2020. Beyond 2022 we have no Winter or Summer Meetings scheduled. We are looking for clubs or groups to step forward and offer to host a future meeting.

Charlie asked someone to Chair the Nominating Committee for Region 2 President. Bob Buikema volunteered, Pat Tutus also offered to be on the committee and will join Gary Stickel who is currently a committee member. All attending voted to accept the two new volunteers to form the nominating Committee.

Charlie called for the meeting to be adjourned and all voted in favor of adjournment at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Wickmann - Secretary

Region 2 Publicity Director Updates

By Barb Buikema



The Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship Award

I had the honor to represent Region 2 at Bob Faulkner's Celebration of Life service in Tipp City, Ohio on September 11. It was a true privilege to participate. We recently received this note from Bob's Family:

Region 2 American Daylily Society Officers and Members,

The Bob Faulkner family has been overwhelmed by the love and caring expressions from so many friends and acquaintances after Bob's passing.

We are especially touched by Region 2's decision to graciously honor his legacy with the Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship Award. This announcement was made by Barb Buikema at Bob's recent Celebration of Life. We can't think of anything else that would exemplify Bob's passion and devotion to the growth of daylily hybridization around the Region.

We will never stop missing him but through this, his memory lives on. Please accept our deepest thanks.

The Bob Faulkner Family



Bob Faulkner Photo by Barb Buikema

You can learn more about the details of this amazing scholarship on page 35 of this newsletter.

Pop Poll Results for 2021

Just two days before this newsletter went to print, we received the official results of the Region 2 Popularity Poll.

The highest vote-getter in our Region was 2020 Stout Medal Winner 'I Lava You!'



'I Lava You' (Holmes-S, 2009) Photo by Saundra Dunn

Here is the top ten list (which includes many ties):

- 1. 'I Lava You' (Holmes-S., 2009)
- 2. 'Carnival In Mexico' (Santa Lucia, 2000)
- 3. 'Bela Lugosi' (Hanson-C., 1995)
- 3. 'Jerry Hyatt' (Hanson-C., 2004)
- 5. 'Shores of Time' (Stamile, 2002)
- 6. 'Almira Buffalo Bone Jackson' (Faulkner, 2010)
- 6. 'Condilla' (Grooms, 1977)
- 6. 'Heavenly Angel Ice' (Gossard, 2004)
- 6. 'Walt Lowry' (Holmes-S., 2011)
- 10. 'All American Chief' (Sellers, 1994)

We will share the top 25 results with photos in the winter edition of Great Lakes Daylily.

Region 2 Financial Update

By Bobbi Johnson, Region 2 Treasurer



A full Treasurer's report for 2021 will appear in the spring *Great Lakes Daylily*. Below is a summary of recent financial transactions.

In Memory Of	Donor	Amount
Bob Faulkner	Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society	\$ 250.00
Dale Coates	Central Illinois Daylily Society	\$ 100.00
Kae Coates	Central Illinois Daylily Society	\$ 100.00
	Total Memorial Donations	\$ 450.00
	Youth Fund	Amount
	Greater Cincinnati Daylily-Hosta Society	\$ 100.00
	Wisconsin Daylily Society	\$ 500.00
	Total Youth Fund Contributions	\$ 600.00
	Bob Faulkner Memorial Scholarship	Amount
	Doug & Cheryl Elson	\$ 100.00
	Phillip Parker	\$ 100.00
	Linda Hellard	\$ 300.00
	Total Scholarship Contributions	\$ 500.00
	2021 Summer Meeting Plant Auction	8,665.00
2021 Summer Meeting Memorial Auction		985.00
	*Rocks painted and donated by Becky Robinson, all funds to be placed in Youth Fund in memory of	



Thank you, Wisconsin Daylily Society for your extremely generous gift of \$5000 to support *Great Lakes Daylily*!

Prior Donations to Region 2 That Have Not Yet Been Acknowledged In The Newsletter

Thank you to the following people and groups for their generous donations to Region 2.

Bob Faulkner

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Donor</u>
\$100.00	James Fitzpatrick	Wisconsin Daylily Society
\$100.00	Bob Faulkner	Central Michigan Daylily Society
\$100.00	Bob Faulkner	Jackie and Gary Barth
\$100.00	Bob Faulkner	Sandy and Mike Holmes
\$100.00	Bob Faulkner	Shirley Farmer Midwest Hybridizers
<u>Amount</u>	Dedicated Purpose	<u>Donor</u>
\$250.00	General Fund	Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society
\$250.00	General Fund	Grand Valley Daylily Society

Region 2 Englerth Award 2021

by Gail Braunstein, Awards and Honors Chair

2021 Englerth Award



Truly, someone is watching over AHS Region 2. It was another near perfect day to visit the beautiful gardens of the summer meeting "Daylily Fun in 2021" in Springfield, Illinois. The Englerth Competition Display was hosted by Lori and Steve Doolin, at their

"Front Porch Daylilies Garden." The display bed was a marvel with a total of 45 entries from 16 different hybridizers. Who among them would take home the coveted "Englerth Bronze Medal?"

Saturday night and the results were in. Sandy Holmes stepped up to the microphone to make the announcement. The room became quiet...

Ginny Pearce Did It Again!

Ginny Pearce, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, had taken first place with her beautiful red seedling #13-56-01 (bed location #31). Needless to say, she was totally amazed, if not shocked. What was not announced was that Ginny had also taken second place with her purple seedling #13-78-05 (bed location #33).

Upon checking the Englerth Award records, it was quickly realized that Ginny is one of only three hybridizers who has won the award more than once. Dennis Anderson received the award in 1988 and the seedling was registered



2021 Englerth Award winner Ginny Pearce *Photo by Gail Braunstein*



Ginny Pearce seedling #13-56-01

Photo by Ginny Pearce

as "Indy Charmer." Five years later Dennis won again with a seedling that was registered as "Indy Seductress." Dan Bachman was the next hybridizer who won multiple times. In 1999 he won and later registered the seedling as "Ben Bachman." Two years later he won and registered his winning seedling as "Coleman Hawkins." Again in 2005 Dan's seedling was selected and he later registered that plant as "Coco Davis."

In 2017, Ginny took first place in the competition with a plum seedling, which was registered as "Plum Thunderstruck." Her 2021 first place winner has yet to be named, but knowing Ginny you can bet it will be a good one. She is narrowing down name ideas for 2022 registration.

Ginny is a great example of what can be done in a small suburban garden. Her botanical background and outstanding record keeping have been the backbone of her hybridizing program. Her love of the large, round, ruffled daylilies and rebloom has not wavered; however, Ginny has been wandering into the world of unusual forms and seems to be gaining momentum. She has been a member of the AHS since 1995, and is a member of the Grand Valley Daylily Society. To date she has registered 36 cultivars, with more to come.

Congratulations, Ginny on a job well done!

Youth Member Andrew Veroeven Takes Third Place In The 2021 Englerth Award Competition

This is the first year Andrew has entered the Englerth Competition and his seedling #AV (bed location #13) certainly shows the branching and bud count he favors. He likes to hybridize tets with big eyes and edges, but has recently been playing with dips as well.



Andrew Veroeven, Region 2 youth hybridizer Photo by Rhonda Vereoven

Andrew is the 15 year old son of AHS Region 2 Director Rhonda Veroeven, and will be a high school sophomore this year. He is a youth member of the AHS and a member of the Wisconsin Daylily Society.

Andrew was taught how to hybridize at the age of four by Rick Kaja and at the age

of five he made his very first cross. His mentors are many: Bob Faulkner, Elliott, Scott Nan Ripley, David Jewel, Paul Pratt, Genni Kleckner, and Darrell Apps, just to name a few.

A well rounded young man, Andrew is a Black Belt in taekwon-



Andrew Veroeven seedling AV Photo by Barb Buikema

do and is currently working towards becoming an Eagle Scout. Like many 15 year olds, he is into video games.

Congratulation Andrew! And to all of our Region 2 members....Take note. Andrew is on his way!

In Search Of Region 2 President for 2023-2024 Term

At the Region 2 Summer Meeting, Bob Buikema was named Chair of the Nomination Committee to find and nominate a new president for our Region. Pat Titus and Gary Stickel will also be serving as committee members. Our current president Charlie Harper is not seeking a second term.

The new president's term will begin January 1, 2023. A candidate must be an ADS member in good standing. He or she must have been an ADS for at least three years. Candidates should be tactful, friendly, dependable and able to commit time to the position. The detailed job description in the Regional Officer's Guide outlines a variety of specific responsibilities. In general, the president presides over and manages financial and membership issues for the Region. The President serves as the goodwill ambassador for the Region and ADS. A candidate needs the ability to attract and utilize volunteers. The term is two years with a maximum of two terms.

If you have an interest in this important position or know of someone who would be a good fit, please contact any of the committee members.

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Region 2 Editor

Saundra Dunn



I have been a special education teacher and a school psychologist for the past thirty-plus years. My students have had wide-ranging needs as well as amazing strengths and talents. The expectations of traditional school have not always been easy for them and yet they have succeeded.

Have I forgotten that this is a daylily journal, you might ask? I have been thinking of my students as I have fully taken over the technical aspects of being the editor, beginning with this issue. And I will share with you that a few weeks ago I was convinced that Region 2 had made a huge mistake in entrusting this role to me. After creating curriculum for my students over the years, I have fully mastered the intricacies of Microsoft Word and Publisher to create documents that looked engaging. And I am familiar with Adobe Photoshop. But Adobe InDesign (the program used to create this newsletter to send to the printer) just seemed amazingly complex and finicky to me even after literally twenty hours of online courses and tutorials. I wanted to create everything in Word, turn it into a PDF, and upload each page to InDesign as an image. I knew how to do those things. I did not know how to do this new thing. So I was reminded of the suggestions I always gave my students when they wanted to give up:

- 1) Identify your resources and use them.
- 2) Ask for help from someone who has already mastered what you are trying to learn.
- 3) Put in the work! Practice. Practice some more. And just as importantly, get feedback on your practice from someone more knowledgeable.
- 4) Recognize your own progress in your journey to master something, small as the steps may be.
- 5) Don't let this one area of struggle keep you from remembering that you have strengths in so many other areas.

I felt like I had done a pretty good job at the first and third strategies. I had created practice flyers and sample newsletters in the online courses. It all made sense as I followed along with the instructors. But when I would turn my attention back to this newsletter, I would hit a glitch that I didn't recall covering in any video or couldn't find in my thirty pages of notes. To say I was overwhelmed and frustrated would be a mild version of my internal state. So I used strategy two and reached out to Claude Carpenter—a lot. Claude is the editor of the amazing Georgia Daylily. You may recall that after Winnie resigned

from this position, then-president Sandy Holmes had the brilliant idea to ask Claude for support until a new editor could be found. Claude was the technical and artistic vision behind our past two newsletters. I cannot tell you how many emails, phone calls, and Zoom meetings Claude and I have had over to past two months. When I hit a big snag, we would meet on Zoom. I would share my screen with Claude and he would problem-solve what step I was missing. I am so immensely grateful to Claude.

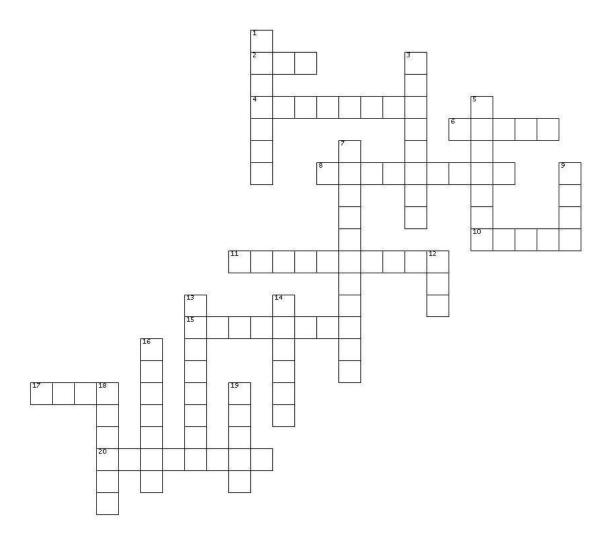
There are so many other people to thank as this newsletter is finally being sent off to the printer tomorrow. To each of you who wrote an article, reflection, or club report for this issue, thank you! I so appreicate our President Charlie Harper for being on call to answer a lot of content-related questions and to provide specific photos when I needed them (as did Debby Monbeck, Claude Carpenter, and Ginny Pearce). I also truly appreciate the willingness and skills of a variety of proofreaders: Mary Kwas, Ginny Pearce, Carole Hunter, Charlie Harper, Sandy Holmes, Barb Brevick, Nancy Cooper, Freda Dunn, and each club president who reviewed their own finished report. And thanks to Mary Ann Cleary for talking me off the edge a couple of times!

It is a process to build the team to produce a newsletter as fine as ours. Here are some specific needs we still have:

- Writers for articles! If you have a story, we'd love to share it. And we have also had a few specific requests for articles on these topics: lesser known daylily growers, display gardens and hybridizers in Region 2, insects and diseases, daylilies with a long bloom season, unusual crosses that worked when hybridizing, a humorous or serious piece on things gardeners would never do again in their daylily growing/hybridizing experience, the spiritual side of gardening, and profiles of people's individual daylily journey.
- Photos! Photos make the stories and news in *GLD* come to life. You know when you take a really good photo. Just send it to me and I'll try to find a way to use it.
- A person or two to check each daylily mentioned in the journal against the ADS database for accuracy of name and registration information
- More proofreaders so that each person is only responsible for two or three sections of the newsletter—and the rest can still be a surprise!

I hope you will consider volunteering your skills to join the *Great Lakes Daylily* team!

Region 2 Daylily Facts and Information Crossword



ACROSS

- 2. American Daylily Society abbry
- 4. Daylily club that hosted the Region 2 Summer Meeting, Central _____ Daylily Society
- 6. Award of _____
- 8. Zone above the throat that is lighter in color than the rest of the segment
- 10. Miniature bloom is less than _____ inches
- 11. More than the normal number of segments in a floral sworl
- 15. 2020 Stout Medal winner (three words)
- 17. Author of this issue's tree frog article
- 20. Current Region 2 Director

DOWN

- 1. Last Region 2 city to host a National Summer Meeting
- 3. First Stout Medal winning daylily
- 5. Zoo at which SMDS maintains a daylily bed
- 7. Site of 2021 National Convention
- 9. Number of states in Region 2
- 12. Typical number of daylily segments
- 13. Road trip destination of WRDS earlier this year
- 14. Current Region 2 President
- 16. This year's Bertrand Farr Award winner
- 18. Stout _____ Medal
- 19. Great _____ Daylily



Tree Frogs and Daylilies

By Mary L. Kwas

The beauty of the daylily garden attracts many visitors, not only adults and children, but also other mammals, insects, and amphibians. Among the most charming visitors to the daylily garden are the Lilliputian tree frogs that snuggle into the blossoms as though they were fairy bowers. These tiny brightgreen frogs are the yearlings of the Grey Tree Frogs.

Except for these youngsters, the frogs are seldom seen during the day, since like chameleons, they have the ability to change their skin color from grey to brown



This tiny frog is well camouflaged in the green throat of 'Love and Dazzle' (Lamb-K., 2006).

to green in order to blend in with their surroundings. The adults also have dark blotches on their backs and legs that even mimic the appearance of lichen on tree bark or old wooden fences.

People are more aware of the nocturnal adult frogs, when their trilled mating calls fill the hours from dusk to midnight during the months of May and June. After the female lays her eggs in wet areas, the tadpoles hatch within a week. Six to eight weeks later, the tadpoles transform into tiny froglets, barely over a half-inch in size, right in time for the peak of daylily bloom season. The new frogs are bright green above with no markings, allowing them to blend with the green leaves of summer plants. One can't help

wonder, however, if the young frogs choose daylilies for their beds knowing how well they blend with the flowers' green throats or unopened buds.

Two species of frogs tree are common in the states of AHS Region 2, living in woodlots.





It's time for this mature frog to get up into the trees and leave the flowers of 'Joan Senior' (Durio, 1977) to the youngsters. *Photo by Paula Kaye*

swampy fields, and well-planted suburban yards. They are the Eastern Grey Tree Frog (Hyla versicolor) and Cope's Grey Tree Frog (Hyla chrysoscelis). The two are sibling species, with the Eastern having split from Cope's in the distant past. To the eye, they are indistinguishable, but their calls are different, with the Eastern giving a loud, musical trill lasting up to three seconds, and the Cope's having a faster, harsher, more nasal trill. You can search their names on-line to hear the different calls.

Left: So light-weight, this yearling enjoys a garden swing on the inside curl of a sepal on the large-flowered 'Carrick Wildon' (Goldner, 1987).

Right: With sticky toe pads, a tree frog can huddle on the backside of 'Tahitian Sunrise' (Bearce, 1990), where it even looks like an unopened bud.

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otherwise noted

The two species can also be distinguished from each other microscopically by blood cell size and chromosome count. Interestingly, the Cope's Grey Tree Frog is a diploid species, while the Eastern Grey Tree Frog is a tetraploid! I don't know if any herpetologists have yet studied whether the two species prefer matching dips and tets in daylilies.

While tree frogs are harmless visitors to the garden, they also pay their way, consuming lots of insect pests, spiders, and snails. When winter comes, they hibernate under logs and leaf litter. After they have passed their second winter, the frogs reach maturity. Females range in size from 1.75 to 2.5 inches, while males are slightly smaller at 1.25 to 1.5 inches.

As cute as they are, be careful if you want to hold one. The little frogs secrete a toxic skin substance that can cause irritation to mucus membranes, so be sure to wear gloves or wash your hands after handling them. Tree frogs can be kept as terrarium pets, and in captivity they live seven to nine years. But since they seem to enjoy living near people and their gardens, why not just enjoy them as frequent and welcome guests.



What's In A Name?

Gathered by Charlie Harper

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

by Dan Bachman

One of my biggest thrills in creating new hybrid daylilies, besides the awe-inspiring thought that you are the first person in the world to see this "one of a kind" flower, is to be able to affix your selected name to your own creation. One attempts to put his/her stamp on their genetic line hoping to create daylilies that are recognizable to daylily enthusiasts as a "Gossard," "Holmes," or even a "Bachman." What a treat to also stamp them with a moniker that is typically yours.

Naming your creations should be a personal decision, using your interests and influences. Karol Emmerich wanted to fill the world with daylilies that have inspirational names. Ted Petit once told that when he was wanting a fitting name, he went to his favorite poetry volume. I go to things that have been a moving force in my life, mostly movies and music. My love of music, although I have absolutely no skills, has contributed to many daylily names. Jazz, blues, and old rock and roll have been a constant source of names. Jazz, to me, is all about the tenor saxophone, giving me such cultivar names as COLEMAN HAWKINS, DEXTER GORDON, BEN WEBSTER, LOCKJAW DAVIS and ZOOT SIMS. I even had to throw in an alto guy in JOHNNY HODGES.



'Coleman Hawkins' (Bachman, 2001) Photo by Deb Monbeck



Dan and Jackie Bachman Photo by Charlie Harper

Sometimes daylilies can be too serious, so I like to go the whimsical route at times. I always considered Gary Larson, creator of the Far Side cartoons, to be a genius and have collected everything I could in that series. One year all my introductions were named after my favorite ones such as BELLY BUTTON SLIPKNOTS, BOBBING FOR POODLES, BONELESS CHICKEN RANCH, CHARLIE PARKER'S PRIVATE HELL, CHEETAH WHEELIES, EAT OUR WAKE PINTAHEADS, FIFI SAVED THE DAY, GOD'S GIFT TO WARTHOGS, JAZZ AT THE WOOL CLUB, and MY BRAIN IS FULL. You can google these names and see the original cartoons if interested.



'Belly Button Slipnots' (Bachman, 2008) *Photo by Deb Monbeck*

Many times you can confuse collectors with your names, even if you describe the reason for the name on your web site. Jackie and I enjoy playing Texas Holdem poker and named two daylilies with terminology from the game. Many people thought that DON'T CHASE THE FLUSH was a reference to some sort of sanitary situation. And RIVER'S A HEARTBREAKER means that if you are waiting for the last card or "river" to make your hand, usually you will lose. Another name

commonly misunderstood is FLUX CAPACITOR, which everyone recalls once, you say "That is what makes time travel possible" (from *Back to the Future*). We named a daylily in honor of CHESTY PULLER, the most decorated Marine in the history of the corps. Many people thought this was named after a stripper.

I am sure hybridizers are constantly besieged with friends saying "have I ever got a name for you!" Sometimes it works out well. One of my early introductions was CHICKEN ON THE RUN, which was a building block of much of my tetraploid breeding and the name of the neighborhood tavern we used to own. One of my favorite daylily friends, Debbie Monbeck, came up with two tie-in names that I used- POULET-ZER PRIZE and a take off of an old Johnny Tillotson song which became POULTRY IN MOTION.



'Chicken On The Run' (Bachman, 2001)

Photo by Deb Monbeck

One warning or caveat to the adventurous daylily namer is that if you are wanting sales, I find that the beautiful, poetic or inspirational name can many times outsell the unique or outside the box name. HEART-BEAT OF HEAVEN can be more desirable than MAS-CARA SNAKE. Of course, not considering the quality of the daylily, both are spectacular names. If you are considering registering your babies, remember they are yours and name them something that fits you.



'My Brain Is Full' (Bachman, 2008) *Photo by Deb Monbeck*



'Ben Webster' (Bachman, 2004) Photo by Deb Monbeck



'Johnny Hodges' (Bachman, 2011) Photo by Deb Monbeck

American Daylily Society

Region 2 Winter Symposium

February 25-27, 2022 Indianapolis, Indiana

Come join the fun, with silent auctions of daylilies and assorted goodies, a hybridizer's forum, an auction of fantastic new varieties of daylilies from top hybridizers, and a hospitality suite. Share the experience with best friends and these outstanding speakers:

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Paul Owen, Slightly Different Nursery
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Carole Hunter, Prairie's Edge Gardens
"Hybridizing for Rebloom in the 'True North'"

Steve Williams, O'Bannon Springs Daylilies "Escape from Daylily Prison"

Mike Anders, ADS Ambassador

"Moldovan's Contributions to Some Modern Daylilies"

Irvin Etienne, Curator of Herbaceous Plants and Garden Design at Newfields, Indiana "Carmen Miranda in the Midwest"

The Winter Symposium will be held at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis-Airport, 2501 South High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46241

Please see the next page for meeting and hotel registration.

2022 American Daylily Society Region 2 Winter Symposium, February 25-27 Registration



Attendee Information:

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Address:					
City:	State:				
Phone: Email Addres	s:				
Symposium Registration (Hotel is not included.)					
Registration Fees (includes Saturday dinner)	\$132.00/person				
Saturday dinner guest	\$55.00/person				
Dinner guest name(s)					
Make checks payable to ADS Region 2 Total check amount and mail to Nancy Watson, 2494 E. Hasselburger Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47805					
Please note any dietary requirements:					

Hotel Information: The symposium will be held at Crown Plaza Indianapolis Airport at 2501 South High School Road, Indianapolis. Please secure your own reservation.

The room rate is \$132.00 (plus taxes) per night, which includes breakfast for up to two people per room if you book before Jan. 26, 2022 and request the ADS Region 2 rate. All reservations made after the cut-off date will be subject to availability and current price.

To reserve a room, call the Crowne Plaza direct at **317.244.6861** and mention the American Daylily Society.

Summer Meeting

Editor's Introduction

by Saundra Dunn

I'll be honest. I have struggled to construct this "Summer Meeting Reflections" section of this newsletter. To start, less than 15% of our Region 2 membership typically attends a Summer Meeting. Those of us who were there and shared that experience can relive parts of it here in these pages. But what do the other 85% of you want to know about those amazing three days in Springfield? I have pondered this question for weeks.

We previewed the gardens in the spring Great Lakes Daylily to entice as many people as possible into attending the Summer Meeting. So I have opted not to repeat much about the 'facts' of the gardens here. What I hope to share instead are a few stories that capture the spirt of our three days in Springfield. And a lot of photos!



Region 2 Summer Meeting - July 9-11, 2021

For Wisconsin Daylily Society member Steven King, this was his first experience attending a Regional Summer Meeting. I so enjoyed reading his reflections and I trust you will as well. I am including his piece first in this collection. It gives a nice step by step of the events of the weekend woven with his personal take-aways. For those of you who weren't able to attend, it will likely help you make sense of the photos and writings that follow it.

This whole newsletter could have been filled just with photos of the flowers and art from each of the five feature gardens. But I have limited those to eight pages. And whether you were in Springfield or not, I know you will enjoy looking at these pictures. Thanks to Pat, Barb, Rhonda, and Charlie for their reflections on their visit to these gardens.

While the gardens are the gems on the crown, there is so much more that goes on at a Summer Meeting as Steven detailed in his article. Several Region 2 members won impressive awards. There were so many interesting things to buy at the Boutique. The daylily auction was lively. Whether or not you actually could outbid Kevin (inside joke, sorry), you got to 'meet' a lot of new and amazing plants. People completed the Garden Judging 2 class. And, in and around all of the activity, was the amazing opportunity to catch up with daylily people in person.

My sincere thanks to the Central Illinois Daylily Society for hosting all of us and arranging these amazing three days. All paths led into the gardens, so let's have a closer look.







Left to right: Handmade stepping stones at the Shull Garden. Kevin Tyler zooming in on a flower close-up.

A mulch path at Oak Hill Daylilies leading you in to explore. *Photos by Saundra Dunn*

Reflections 2021

Summer Fun In 2021

by Steven King

What does it mean to have three days of "Daylily Fun in 2021?" The July 9-11, 2021 ADS Region 2 Summer Meeting in Springfield sponsored by the Central Illinois Daylily Society (CIDS), was my very first Regional Meeting since becoming a general and board member of the Wisconsin Daylily Society (WDS). There are special times throughout the year. However, one of my favorites is the period that we all wait and long for... daylily bloom season and sharing it with friends.

On this particular weekend, our day one fun began when we boarded a chartered Wisconsin Badger Party Bus in Madison, WI, and headed for Springfield, IL. The weekend got off to a very good start as we greeted and caught up with fellow WDS members after a 16-month Covid19 absence of personal/physical contact other than Zoom meetings.

Our first treat was a garden visit stop in Goodfield, IL. Lake House Gardens is Penny and Daryl Wilkendorfs' gorgeous setting with spacious and well-designed beautiful daylily gardens, metal art, statuary and a well-stocked fishing pond. It pays to have your own bus because you don't have to strictly adhere to anyone else's time schedule. We Wisconsin Badgers like to have a little independence in what, where and when we do things. After visiting with the Wilkendorfs, we had a delicious lunch at the Busy Corner Restaurant in Goodfield where both the food and pies were scrumptious!

We arrived at our host hotel, the Northfield Inn & Suites in Springfield, just in time to check in before visiting the beautiful boutique area, checking out the fantastic raffle



Steven King admiring blooms at Lake House Gardens. *Photo by Rhonda Veroeven*

sale items and attending the hybridizers' forum. Next up was the Region 2 Business Meeting, followed by the daylily plant auction which ran from roughly 7:00-9:30 pm. The bidding on the estimated 137 daylily plants was robust and moved swiftly at times with fierce but friendly competition. Auctioneers Nikki Schmith and Rhonda Veroeven did an outstanding job of keeping things moving and selling all of those plants. My bidding paddle was #1, but I quickly realized that this premium number







Left to right: Orchids for sale in the Boutique area. Nikki Schmith delivering an overflowing pot of 'Phill Warbasse' to Steven. One of many lovely donated Lucky Draw auction items. *Photos by Saundra Dunn*

Summer Fun In 2021 continued

didn't offer me any special perks! I bid on many wonderful plants but was only successful with item #130, a generous pot of 'Phill Warbasse' (Doorakian, 2012) that seven fortunatebidders and I won and created a quick \$800 to delightfully benefit the Region 2 youth education treasury.

Day two started off with a better than average complimentary buffet. We were treated to scrambled eggs and sausages which were dutifully presented by a friendly attendant who made sure that the buffet items were fresh and hot. We couldn't wait to begin seeing and exploring the beautiful gardens. After all, they were the **showcases** of the day. The weather was cloudy with periodic light sprinkles and a few heavier showers. But the rain didn't dampen our spirits since we're a rather determined and hardy bunch of fanatics, hybridizers, judges and collectors of fine daylilies.

Our first garden was the eclectic plant, metal art and peaceful Gabriel Gardens in Rochester, which was nestled in a wooded area with a nearby pond and gazebo. Sandy and Dick Gabriel's garden features daylilies and hundreds of companion plants of hosta, poppies, iris, columbines and more.

We then moved on to the Shull Garden located in Middletown. Don and Sandy Shull have a beautiful daylily collection. Incredible metal sculptures made by Don are displayed throughout their property, which is surrounded by beautiful pristine rows of corn fields. Don is quite the inventor and is widely known for his invention of the daylily divider which a few of our members purchased at their garden. I was fortunate to obtain a daylily divider directly from Don at the 2019 Wisconsin National Daylily Convention in Madison. I highly recommend this product which, in addition to splitting daylilies, works well for hosta, too.

Our next stop was Oak Hill Daylilies in Athens. Bonnie Nichols has a well-planned and beautiful garden with a large variety of daylilies in a fenced area due to a daylily hungry local deer population. This arrangement was unique and my first experience of being in an enclosed garden space.

We then traveled to the Washington Park Botanical Gardens where we viewed the grounds and enjoyed our lunches. There was a huge downpour while we were there so it was a perfect time to lunch inside.







Top to bottom: Garden art from farm equipment at the Shulls.

Waterlilies at Front Porch Daylilies.

Sandy Holmes (right at podium) announcing
Ginny Pearce as winner of the Englerth Award.

Photos by Steven King and Saundra Dunn

After lunch, we went to the gorgeous Front Porch Daylilies in Winchester, where Lori Doolin has beautiful and perfectly manicured grounds filled with daylilies, hosta, an assortment of other plants, and an enviable pond filled with waterlilies.

It was at Lori's garden where the Englerth Award daylily plants were grown and lovingly cared for over the last two years. Over 30 daylilies were being judged and voted on to win the 2021 Englerth Award. Named for Lawrence and Winfred Englerth, this award began during 1987 for amateur and professional hybridizers to encourage and promote Region 2 hybridizers and hybridizing excellence. Although all entrants who contributed daylily plants to the Englerth Garden are winners, the top popular vote for the 2021 Englerth Award went to Ginny Pearce of Grand Rapids, MI. Congratulations to Ginny and all of the other contributors who made the competition a learning experience for the rest of us. It was a highlight of this Summer Meeting for me spend time at the Englerth Garden discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the daylilies with other like-minded people in search of excellence. I'm a newbie hybridizer and I had not yet taken any judging classes so I found the conversations enlightening and enjoyable. I have since become a Garden Judge and value Englerth Garden experience even more.

We returned to the host hotel, freshened up and made our way down to the banquet room. Following the delicious dinner, there was a tribute auction for the late daylily and youth education promoter Bob Faulkner. Nine hand painted rocks



of Bob Faulkner cultivars were created and donated by the talented and most generous artist, Becky Robinson.



The auction was followed by our historically informative and humorist guest speaker, the one and only 16th President of the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln. This talented speaker was very engaging and fun. "That reminds me of a story," he would begin and then he would tell another one. He also alllowed time for questions at the end, never breaking character as he answered.

The Awards and Honors presentations were too long to individually list here. However, Jamie Gossard of Galloway, OH, was one of the top award winners of the evening.

Day three found us both sad that the wonderfully full weekend was coming to a close but happy to give hugs and well wishes to both new and old friends.



There was a Garden Judges 2 clinic but those of us on the Badger Bus we were anxious to continue visiting the gardens of Theresa Roth and Carole Hunter. "Daylily Fun in 2021" certainly lived up to its name. It was an awesome and memorable first-time experience. Special recognition and our thanks to the CIDS team members who diligently and creatively planned over a two year period to provide us with a three-day weekend of Daylily Fun. They executed the plan flawlessly. To quote the late Bob Faulkner, "You come for the daylilies, but you stay for the friends." Thank you, Bob. You are so right!

Left column, top to bottom:
One of the amazing rocks painted by Becky Robinson.
The display of all nine rocks prior to the auction, with the artist.
Above: Rhonda Veroeven presenting Jamie Gossard with an
Award of Merit certificate for "Big Bird's Friend' (2003).
Below: A colorful, panoramic view at Roth Daylilies.

Photos by Steven King and Saundra Dunn



Sandy and Dick Gabriel's Garden: Beauty In All Directions

Reflections by Rhonda Veroeven

This beautiful garden is owned and maintained by the lovely Sandy Gabriel and her husband Dick. Sandy shared that when they moved into their property over 40 years ago, they had a completely blank slate. That is hard to believe, considering the amazingly lush gardens that presently fill their mature property.

Upon entering their very impressive acreage, I walked to the back of the house first. I enjoyed the creatively planted shade gardens throughout the entire area. The more I looked, the more fun surprises were found. There were hostas intermingled with a wide variety of shade loving perennials and so many fun yard art pieces. I was taken by how well the daylilies that were interspersed throughout the shade were flourishing. There was even a fun area filled with cacti and a great cactus statue standing proudly in the background.

Along the side of the home was a large pond surrounded by mature trees and shrubs, even more hostas, and other perennials. They were married beautifully and decorated with very fun art. I especially loved the large frog, crocodile, and fish.

Moving into the sunshine, visitors were wowed by hundreds of amazing clumps of registered daylilies, all fantastically grown. Mixed into the beautiful clumps were other perennials such as poppies, irises, columbines, bear's breeches, echinacea, and crocosmia to name just a few. The daylilies were a fantastic highlight in the garden. There was an incredibly wide variety of forms, sizes, colors, and a mix of older and newer cultivars. There was literally something for everyone. Walking through the gardens it was fun to hear everyone gasping at their favorites. I must admit that I had my favorites and just had to add a few more to my ever-growing wish list.

The whimsy and creative art that filled the garden was especially impressive throughout the shade garden, but then in the sunny area, there were even more very striking pieces. An artistic birdhouse was a focal piece and the talk of the bus after we left!

Speaking of leaving, when our "bus captain" announced that we only had five minutes left, I felt like I could have spent a few hours in order to truly take in all that the garden had to offer. There just had to be vignettes I hadn't seen. What did I miss? There were so many fun surprises and I know that even though I was trying to take it all in, I am sure I missed some fun hidden gems. This garden was a treat for all of us in attendance!







Top to bottom: Sandy Gabriel. Fun garden art. Clump of Heavenly Dragon Fire (Gossard, 2004). *Photos by Charlie Harper*







Some of the many whimsical art surprises throughout the garden *Photos by Rhonda Veroeven*





Sandra and Don Shull's Garden: A Bit Of Heaven On The Hilltop

Reflections by Charlie Harper

Don and Sandy Shull (right) have created a little bit of Heaven on their hilltop. They have a first class daylily garden, complimented with unique garden art and historically interesting bits and pieces.

Their journey together started in 1954. Along the way, they've raised four kids and have four grandkids and a couple of great grandkids. But, what of the daylilies?! That's Sandy's realm. She got the spark that started her journey into hybridizing after she and a gardening friend visited Dr. Charles Branch, one of the Illinois daylily pioneers. They got to discuss hybridizing with him and he gave her two daylilies and some pollen to encourage her to get started. Her interest gradually grew as did the number of daylily beds Don built and edged for her, a total of eight. She currently has around 350 cultivars, including eight registrations and numerous seedlings. More are on the way. The various beds ring the crest of the hill around the house, filling a part of the scene in every direction. Simply beautiful!

Don has a natural talent for construction and metal fabrication, largely self-taught. He and his son built the house, using as many local materials as they could find. The stone used for pathways and



Shull Garden continued

portions of the house came from an abandoned grist mill located in a stream at the bottom of the hill. He has fashioned numerous pieces of yard art, many from scrap farming materials. His largest piece is a giant 'flower' about 10 feet high. It was formed using hay rake tines, welded to a circular, central ring. The effect suggests a huge daisy. One special technique he has used is welding metal washers together over a wooden form to produce a metallic mesh with the form's shape. There are other sorts of imaginary critters throughout the garden, entertaining visitors at every turn. He designed and built a pergola, incorporating the salvaged window frames and corbels from a nearby Italianate mansion that had been demolished. When Don noticed how Sandy struggled dividing daylily clumps, he designed and built 'Don's Daylily Divider' for her. It's now a popular tool for daylily gardeners throughout the ADS.

Together, the Shulls have created a fascinating garden experience. We thank them for sharing it with us.













From top, left to right: Jamie Gossard admiring one of the many mixed daylily/perennial beds. Don's largest flower sculpture. Greg Beavers with Don's 'see-through' dog made of welded washers. Farm equipment flowers. A giant spider sculpture climbing the barn wall. Sandra Shull (left) showing some of her seedlings to Diane Wickmann, Debra Miller, and Bruce Wickmann.

Photos by Charlie Harper, Lezlie Myers, and Saundra Dunn

The Springfield Botanical Gardens: An Oasis For Lunch And So Much More

Reflections by Saundra Dunn

The rain that had threatened off and on all day came down in force as we arrived at the Washington Park Botanical Gardens. In fact, a couple of claps of thunder made me worry for the kind CIDS member Jean Little as she pointed the way to our lunch venue. With the unique to 2021 combination of only two busses and everyone else driving separately or car-pooling, folks came and went from lunch throughout the time I was eating.

The exhibit hall provided a much-appreciated indoor lunch venue. CIDS was as organized about the lunch arrangements as they had been about all of the other details of our Summer Meeting. I particularly enjoyed meeting cochair Margaret Santos for the first time as she directed us through the lunch routine.

The skies cleared after lunch, giving us the opportunity to explore the gardens. I am so glad that the Botanical Garden was included as one of the tour gardens. It would have been a missed opportunity not to explore this 20 acre gem so close to our hotel. As much as I adore daylilies, it was lovely to spend time in the Conservatory amidst 150 exotic and commercially important plants arranged by geographic region—and not just because it was raining outside!

As Carol Riehl shared in the spring newsletter garden previews, CIDS created and maintains four daylily beds on the grounds, in partnership with the Springfield Park District. I especially enjoyed the newer bed in memory of hybridizer Steve Varner. I still grow a few "Illini" plants so it was nice to make that connection. But the doubles bed was perhaps my favorite of the daylily areas. Everything seemed to be at peak bloom.

My time at the Washington Park Botanical Gardens seemed to be over much too quickly and I regret not making it over to the Rees Memorial Carillon. But time passed so quickly in each of the gardens we visited. I left them all hoping one day to return!







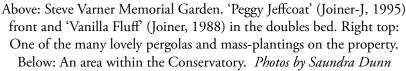


Left: Lunch at the Washington Park Botanical Gardens From top to bottom: Park entry sign. CIDS member Jean Little directing us to lunch. Margaret Santos (Summer Meeting Co-Chair) with her mother Ann Stier, also an active CIDS member. *Photos by Saundra Dunn*

Springfield Botanical Gardens continued





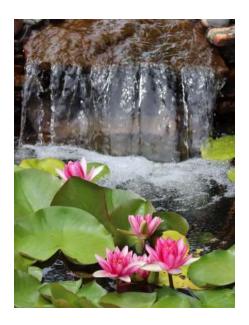






Lori and Steve Doolin's Front Porch Garden: A Peaceful Place To Sit and Enjoy

Reflections by Barb Buikema







Above left to right: Waterlilies at the Doolin pond. Gnome House from a fallen Tulip Poplar tree. 'Faerie Storie Grumpy' (Faulkner, 2015), one of the many Faerie Storie plants surrounding the Gnome House. Opposite from top: Lori Doolin (second from left) with her 'volun-told' helpers- daughters Kristen, Bethany and Mindy. 'Jesse Warren' (Ford-N., 1996) in Lori's special Nola Ford bed. The Watson family enjoying some time on the porch swing. The Englerth Bed (background). *Photos by Barb Buikema and Saundra Dunn*



As we pulled up to the Front Porch Daylilies, a peace and serenity surrounded me. From Lori's original ten Nona Ford daylilies to now over 450 registered cultivars, her beautifully manicured beds are a feast for the eyes. To complement the daylilies, Lori has several really beautiful pieces of garden art in the garden.

There are so many spectacular vignettes of daylilies on their six acre property. One of these is an awesome hobbit house. Lori shared that it was a very large Tulip Poplar tree that had been struck by lightning and had to be removed. She requested that the stump be left and the top be angled. "I'm sure the tree trimmer thought I was crazy," Lori mused. But she turned it into an amazing Gnome House surrounded by Bob Faulkner's Faerie Story collection, as well as many other cultivars.

Adjacent to the Gnome House is a beautiful waterfall and pond! The original pond was built in 2000 to hold Lori's mom's goldfish after she had passed away. The pond is now larger and the waterfall has been added.

Behind the house, Lori has established a Stout Medal bed. What a sight to see so many classic and recent award-winning daylilies growing together.

Our 2021 Englerth Bed was set up at the Front Porch Daylily Garden. All the cultivars in this garden were space perfectly and each was able to be seen for its own beauty. Thank you for all your hard work on the Englerth Bed!

Lori and Steve enjoy sitting on their front porch swing enjoying the peace and tranquility of the sights and sounds of their gardens! Lori credits the "quiet neighbors" next door (a cemetery!) as adding to that feeling.

It was a total joy to be able to take in this fantastic garden on our Summer Fun in 2021!

We are so grateful to Lori, Steve and their fabulous girls (who did all the delicious food goodies). Thank you for sharing Front Porch Garden with all of us in the Land of Lincoln!









Bonnie and Charlie Nichols' Oak Hill Daylilies: A Paradise For Photographers

Reflections by Pat Titus

Oak Hill Daylilies was a bright spot on the Region 2 summer meeting garden tour. Owned by Bonnie and Charles Nichols in rural Athens, Illinois, this garden is packed with 1100 daylilies of differing colors, sizes, and forms. Annuals of double poppies and larkspur freely seed themselves to enhance the garden. The abundant Oriental and Orienpet Liliums were also putting on a colorful and scented show during the tour. Other perennials are thoughtfully placed throughout the garden, including hosta, heuchera, cone flowers, bee balm, Crocosmia, ferns, hydrangeas, Lythrum and foxglove. A few small trees provide some cooling shade.

As a daylily seller on the internet (https://oakhill.plantfans.com/) and other social media platforms, Bonnie is well known across the country for the quality of daylilies she sells. She suspended her sales this spring so that she could focus on getting the garden ready for the tour. As Bonnie shared, "It felt like company was coming and I wanted my 'house' to be clean and presentable. I had a lot of rearranging and sprucing up to get accomplished to try to turn my working garden into a display garden."

The garden features wide aisles of landscape fabric and paths of mulch from the hundreds of wheelbarrows Bonnie and Charlie hauled into the garden to prepare for the tour. After repeated flower foraging by deer from the woods behind their property, Bonnie and Charlie added a 10 fence around the garden last year. Bonnie says the fence has given her peace of mind and that it is wonderful to finally be able to see all of the blooms on every perennial from the Columbines to the Lilium this season.

Oak Hill Daylilies is a paradise for photographers. Colors and textures explode throughout the garden. Michigan daylily hybridizer Ginny Pearce was excited to view the Bonnie's garden for the first time. Like so many other Region 2 guests, Ginny was familiar with Bonnie from purchasing daylilies and chatting with her online. "I knew her garden simply had to be lovely, and it was great to meet her in person," Ginny said. Being a photography buff, Ginny felt there were opportunities for photos in every direction in the garden. She praised the wonderfully grown plants and as a result of her visit, she has added some new wish list additions.

Thank you, Bonnie and Charlie, for sharing your garden with Region 2 members.















Opposite, top to bottom: Bonnie's impressive clump of 'Pray Without Ceasing' (Emmerich, 2019) was an attention-getter. So many photo opportunities, including this one that Elizabeth Trotter captured of Ansley and Evelyn. 'Pink Expression,' one of many true lilium clumps throughout the garden. A kaleidoscope of color in all directions. Above, left to right: 'Cosmic Blast' (Salter, 2011) putting on quite a show. Bonnie Nichols, at home in her garden. 'Velvet Handcuffs (Rice-JA, 2009), one of the many daylilies grown to perfection at Oak Hill. *Photos by Pat Titus, Bonnie Nichols, and Saundra Dunn*

Meanwhile, Back At The Hotel...







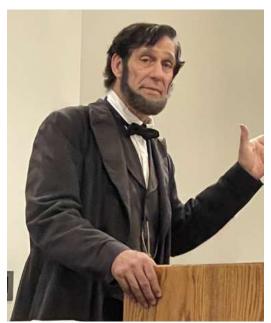


Clockwise, from top left:
Region 2 President Charlie Harper
sharing opening remarks. Lovely centerpieces with gorgeous flowers and
the AHS logo. Ginny Pearce hearing
that her seedling won the Englerth
Award. Several of the awesome Lucky
Draw prizes. ADS Registrar Elizabeth
Trotter, Region 2 Director Rhonda
Veroeven, CIDS members and key
Summer Meeting organziers Jacob
Braun and Jim Cruise.



Other Weekend Highlights

With comments by Saundra Dunn



Our Keynote Speaker Mr. Lincoln

How fitting in the Land Of Lincoln that the Summer Meeting organizers included Abe himself as our Saturday night speaker. For those 45 minutes or so that he spoke, it truly was like being transported back in time through stories intergrated with excerpts of actual speeches made by Lincoln. Personally, I found him to be mesmorizing.

"Mr. Lincoln" never broke out of character, even during the Q & A period following his speech. But I did want to share his contact information here in case anyone wants to send him a note of appreciation or schedule an event with him, which I know he would appreciate. He travels!

Randy Duncan, 217 416-3871, no_malice03@yahoo.com *Photo by Charlie Harper*

Awards And Honors

Region 2 Director Rhonda Vereoven presented several awards at the Saturday banquet. The entire list will be presented in the winter edition of *Great Lakes Daylily*. Two national awards were presented. Sandy Holmes (left) won the Region 2 Service Award and Jamie Gossard won the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal, awarded for excellence in hybridizing.

Photo by Saundra Dunn







Garden Judging 2 Workshop

Sandy Holmes led a Garden Judging 2 Workshop on Sunday morning, with Saundra Dunn and Gus Guzinski on hand for small group discussions. Rich Ford graciously offered his garden in Petersburg as our meeting site. Left to right: Saundra Dunn, Jon Minard, Debbie Hurlbert, Greg Beavers, Peggy Allen, garden host Rich Ford, Lezlie Myers, and Debra Miller.

Photo by Sandy Holmes

And All Of Those Photo Opportunities!

Photos of photographers by Saundra Dunn









Photographers clockwise from top left: Theresa Schwandt, Rhonda Vereover, Roger Becker, Pat Sturdevant, Jeanne Murphy, and Barb Buikema (focused on what was later announced as the Englerth Award-winning seeding).







Kirsten Hatfield Zanesville, OH

Dorsets N Daylilies features over 1000 named daylilies plus thousands of seedlings. Specializing in double daylilies.



Amy Zahner Fresno, OH

A drive it yourself garden sited at the top of a hill overlooking a beautiful pond. Site of the Garden Judges II class.



Jill Yost Pataskala, OH

Award-winning hybridizer's garden filled with daylilies and unusual shrubs and trees.



Sunny Caldwell Alexandria, OH

Innovative garden specializing in hybridizing sculptural forms, and, in particular, the cristate form.



Ann Townsend & Martijn Steger Granville, OH

Bittersweet Farm features rare perennials and trees and specializes in hybridizing unusual forms.

REGION TWO SUMMER

MEETING

"Off the Beaten Path" July 15-17, 2022

> Special Guest: Curt Hanson



For questions, contact Kirsten Hatfield, 3660 Big B Road, Zanesville, OH 43701

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The Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship Award

At the Celebration of Life for Bob Faulkner in September, Barb Buikema announced, on behalf of Region 2, the establishment of the Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship Award (BFMYSA). This scholarship will honor Bob for the many roles he played: daylily hybridizer, youth mentor, beloved brother, and special friend.

Bob Faulkner's family has generously donated \$1,000 to establish this scholarship, working with a Region 2 Scholarship Committee to establish the details. The Scholarship is intended to provide financial support to help our Region 2 youth develop their love of daylilies in whatever way feels meaningful to them. The scholarship application is structured in into two tiers.

The first scholarship level is intended to support someone age 18 or under to attend their FIRST Regional Meeting. The winner(s) of this scholarship will have their registration paid for or reimbursed to attend either a Summer or Winter Meeting (currently \$50). Hotel and transportation costs are not included in this scholarship.

The second scholarship level, up to \$100, is intended to support someone age 18 or under to expand their daylily knowledge and/or experiences. Examples could include:

- funding to purchase daylilies to begin or expand their hybridizing program
- funding to purchase educational materials, such as any of the ADS publications
- funding to attend an ADS National Convention
- support for opportunities yet to be envisioned

Our sincere thanks to the entire Faulkner family for reaching out to our Region to initiate this amazing tribute to Bob. If any other Region 2 members would like to donate to the BFMYSA, your support would be appreciated. You can make your checks out to AHS Region 2, with BFMYSA in the memo line. Please send your donation to our Region 2 Treasurer Bobbi Johnson (include address). Our vision is that this scholarship will grow and evolve as our youth participate and help us to understand their needs.



Participants at the Summer Meeting holding rocks with the images of several of Bob Faulkner's introductions or seedlings, These rocks were painted and donated by Becky Robinson. Funds from the auction of these rocks will benefit youth activities in the Region. Left to right back row: Charlie Harper, Gerry Delano, Gayle Story, Sandy Holmes, Barb Buikema, Bruce Wickmann, Cynthia Vandeveer, and Pat Titus. Front row: Ansley Titus and Evelyn Titus.

2021 REGION 2 PHOTO CONTEST

BEST SINGLE BLOOM PHOTO



Winner: Christine Haynam, Cortland, OH 'Hungry Heart' (Howard-R., 2018) Prize: 'Cherry Popsicle' (Story, 2021), donated by Gayle Story



ABOUT OUR JUDGES

Regina Stout is a much sought-after community event photographer and daylily enthusiast.

Joe Cleary is an active social media photographer, Science/Tech/Engineering/Math (STEM) teacher and school librarian.

Charlie Harper is an award-winning daylily photographer and current Region 2 President.

Runner-up: David Winter, Olmsted Township, OH

'Mary Goose and Uncle Buck' (Winter, 2021) Prize: \$50 Gift certificate to Along The Fence Daylilies

HONORABLE MENTION: SINGLE BLOOM



Bobbi Johnson, Rockland, WI Seedling, unregistered



Beth Veldey, Lewis Center, OH 'Siloam Olin Frazier' (Henry-P., 1990)



Amy McConnell, Sherrodsville, OH 'Northwood Blutopia' (Seifert, 2018)



Ginny Pearce, Grand Rapids, MI 'Marse Connell' (Connell, 1952)



Barb Brevic, Dansville, MI 'Pink Stripes' (Derrow, 2006)



Jill Ann Ladrick, Pickerington, OH 'Water Spirits' (Hanson-C., 1996)

BEST MULIT-BLOOM PHOTO



Winner: Vickie Goedde, Elberfeld, IN

'Doctor Who' (Gossard, 2010)

Prize: 'What You Think' (Story, 2021), donated by Gayle Story



Runner-up: Karen Scott, Bucyrus, OH

'Gryphon Chinese Fire (Stelter, 2009) Prize: \$50 Gift certificate to Along The Fence Daylilies

This year we received 121 entries from the following Region 2 participants, some of them new to the contest. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos. The judges were very impressed! You made their job difficult. If this list doesn't include you, please consider participating in 2022!

Amy McConnell, OH Barb Brevick, MI Barbara Klein, IL Barry Rowe, WI Beth Veldey, OH Betsy Brubeck, IN Bobbi Johnson, WI Christine Haynam, OH David Winter, OH Ginny Pearce, MI Jeanie Stevens, OH

Jill Ann Ladrick, OH Karen Scott, OH Kelly Williams, OH Lee Miller, OH Mary Kwas, MI Nancy Sniff, MI Pat Sturdevant, WI Paula Currie, MI Sandra Shull, IL Vickie Goedde, IN

HONORABLE MENTION: MULTI-BLOOM



Kelly Williams, Lucas, OH 'Cat Dancer' (Moore-G., 1992)



Christine Haynam, Cortland, OH 'Pumpkin Kid' (Spalding-W., 1987)



Nancy Sniff, Grand Rapids, MI 'Worthy Of Distinction' (Brunetti, 2007)



Amy McConnell, Sherrodsville, OH 'Exotic Starfish' (Gossard, 2013)



Christine Hayman, Cortland, OH 'Dianne R'eaves' (Douglas-C., 2017)



Amy McConnell, Sherrodsville, OH 'Candy Colored Curls' (Herr-D., 2010)

BEST ARTISTIC/CREATIVE PHOTO



Winner: Nancy Sniff, Grand Rapids, MI 'Divine Inspiration' (Doorakian, 1999)
Prize: 'Man Of Thunder' (Story, 2021), donated by Gayle Story



Runner-up: Barbara Klein, Belleville, IL 'Spacecoast Blood Diamond' (Kinnebrew, J., 2007)
Prize: \$50 Gift certificate to Along The Fence Daylilies

Thank you, Gayle Story, for donating these 2021 introductions of yours for our first place prizes!



'Cherry Popsicle'





'What You Think' 'Man of Thunder'



HONORABLE MENTION: ARTISTIC/CREATIVE



Sandra Shull, Middletown, IL 'Chang Dynasty' (Stamile, 2007)



Jill Ann Ladrick, Pickerington, OH 'Wonder of Wonders' (Joiner-J, 1999)



Kelly Williams Lucas, OH 'Her Best Bloomers' (Herr-D., 2001)



Ginny Pearce, Grand Rapids, MI 'Whithersoever' (Veurink-S., 2020)



Christine Haynam, Cortland, OH 'Good Golly Miss Molly' (Shooter, 2014)



Sandra Shull, Middletown, IL 'Bermuda Coral' (Marvin, 1986)

Region 2 Club Reports

Central Illinois Daylily Society

by Lori Doolin

Summer Fun in 2021! Region 2 Summer Meeting

Central Illinois Daylily Society has successfully, in our opinion, hosted a Region 2 Summer Meeting! CIDS members came together to make this event something we can all be proud of having hosted. Words cannot express the appreciation and respect I have for the club's organizers - Margaret Stier Santos, Jacob Braun and Jim Cruise. Your contributions to this event made it come together flawlessly.

CIDS would like to thank everyone who registered and attended the Summer Fun in 2021 Region 2 Summer Meeting. Without all of you, the work club members put into this event would have been for nothing. THANK YOU. Your support was very much appreciated!

Thank you to hybridizer Sandy Holmes who generously donated one of her creations as our host plant. I hope all of you enjoy "Summer Fun In Twenty One" daylily in the years to come. I know I will.



Jacob Braun sharing the plant auction final income.

The plant auction made over \$8,600 for Region 2 thanks some verv generous bidders! Ginny Pearce did amazing job commandeering daylilies the auction from many awesome hybridizers. Thank you to auctioneers

Nikki Schmith and Rhonda Veroeven for their skill in selling them.

The talented Becky Robinson painted some beautiful depictions of Bob Faulkner daylilies on rocks, which were auctioned to benefit the American Daylily Society youth fund. Thank you!





Over 20 unique items were collected from generous donors by Pat Titus for the Lucky Number Draw. Pat's granddaughters Ansley and Evelyn (above), as well as Patty Kilby and Don Berndt helped her set them up and sell the tickets. Thank you!

Thank you to the hybridizers who sent their seedlings to be planted in the Englerth bed. There were 45 lovely entries this year and the winner, by the vote of summer meeting attendees, was #31 entered by Ginny Pearce.



Our guest speaker, President Abraham Lincoln, was simply awesome! Our club went out on a limb to have a non-daylily speaker ... the limb did not let us down. Mr. Lincoln personally told me that it was a good evening and that he really enjoyed it. And many attendees shared that his speech was a highlight of the meeting for them.

The gardens of Sandra & Don Shull, Bonnie and Charles Nichols, Sandy and Dick Gabriel, and Steve and Lori Doolin - Oh My Goodness! They were spectacular from all the dedicated work the owners put into showing and sharing them! Thank you!

THANK YOU to so many club members for taking on extra responsibilities: Tom Janssen for hosting the online sale "bag and tag" and for giving the invocation; Chriss Musser for single handedly creating the beautiful table centerpieces; Ann Stier & Brenda Kistler for registration, Deb and Dave Miller for being bus captains; Jean Little for obtaining the vendors; and to ALL club members who helped in the gardens and in so many other areas to make this meeting a success.





CIDS Host gardeners. Back row: Dick Gabriel, Don Shull, Lori Doolin, and Bonnie Nichols.

Front row: Sandy Gabriel and Sandra Shull.

Photos by Lori Doolin, Margaret Santos, and Saundra Dunn

Southern Michigan Daylily Society

Article and photos by Marietta Crabtree



John Kulpa with 'Al's Red Tower' (Goldner-Davisson, 2007) and 'Briana Joy' (Balash-Bailey, 1994) at the Detroit Zoo bed



'Every Which Way And Loose' by SMDS member Pat Salk (2007)

Michigan Hybridizer Daylily Garden at the Detroit Zoo

SMDS established a Michigan Hybridizer's Daylily Garden at the Detroit Zoo in 2015 by utilizing the zoo's adopt-a-garden program. (The Detroit Zoo is actually located in Royal Oak.) The daylily garden displays 57 different varieties of daylilies, representing 18 Michigan daylily hybridizers.

The garden was especially gorgeous this year with the abundance of rain and its dedicated maintenance by SMDS member John Kulpa, along with his sister and husband, Beverly and Lee Leitch.

They are certified Detroit Zoo Volunteers who weeded, watered and mulched the garden. A great big thank you to them and all the SMDS members who helped establish and maintain the garden during past years. Thanks to their efforts, thousands of visitors to the Detroit Zoo have enjoyed the beauty of the daylily garden.

For more information about the Michigan Hybridizer's Garden contact Marietta Crabtree at marietta. crabtree@gmail.com



'Sunny Intervals' (Goldner, 1979) behind the SMDS zoo bed sign

Celebration Picnic

SMDS held a picnic on July 17, 2021 to celebrate getting together again after a year and a half without meetings due to the Covid 19 pandemic. It was a joyful experience to visit together. The weather

was great and the food was delicious. The picnic was held in the beautiful garden of Phyllis and James Cantini. Phyllis grows 1,100 varieties of daylilies which include 315 varieties of spider forms and 456 unusual forms. Phyllis gifted a daylily clump to each member attending. Thank you for your generosity, Phyllis.



Club members choosing gift plants from Phyllis

Two special guests, ADS President Scott Elliott and Region 2 Director Rhonda Veroeven, also attended the picnic. It was a very enjoyable experience to be able to visit with them. Scott Elliott was also the auctioneer for the SMDS fundraising auction which raised \$800 to help with medical expenses for an ill member. A big surprise...Scott gave each SMDS member a beautiful tote bag containing a Scott Elliott registered daylily plant! Thank you for your thoughtfulness, Scott.

SMDS members also celebrated the awarding of Honorary Life Membership to member John Kulpa. John received the award for his outstanding hybridizing program with over one hundred registrations; for being recipient of the Howard Hite Award and Englerth Award; for being a mentor to other hybridizers; and for his generosity and outstanding service to SMDS including service as a former President. He specializes in hybridizing daylilies with toothy edges.

It was a perfect picnic day!



SMDS club members along with ADS President Scott Elliott, Region 2 Director Rhonda Veroeven, and picnic host Phyllis Cantini (with garden fork)



One of Phyllis' lovely border beds



Scott Elliott offering daylily gift bags to each SMDS member



'Free Wheelin" (Stamile, 2004), one of Phyllis' many spiders



John Kulpa receiving his Honorary Life Membership to SMDS

Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society

by Charlene Patz



BSHDS members at Saturday volunteer daylily workday *Photo by Jonathan Milbrodt*

We are busy planning to resume our regular meeting schedule for the remainder of the year since the mask mandates and meeting restrictions have been lifted for Ohio.

What a great turnout the morning of August 17th when we held our annual Daylily Garden Work Day prior to our daylily auction. It was a very sunny 90° morning, but we still got a lot of work done in a couple of hours! Helping to clean up the daylily beds were Libby Boldt, Rich Nagy, Linda Scheuerman, Lisa and



Daylily beds at the Toledo Botanical Garden *Photo by Eileen Hoffman*

Jerry Marlatt, Mary Abbott, Karen Centers, Dianna and Arnie Vasquez, Eileen and Harold Hoffman, Lance Wehrle, Deb Kessell, Charlene and Frank Patz, working from 9 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. Jonathan Milbrodt, Lead Horticulturist at Toledo Botanical Garden and Black Swamp member, coordinated the Work Day and provided gardening tools, tarps, and shovels for us to use and took care of cleaning everything up after the beds were done. A number of daylily clumps were divided, as well as cutting back the foliage on all of the cultivars to clean up the garden for fall.

The daylily beds that we work at are located at Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark, and were originally started by Black Swamp as part of our 21st Century Project. The daylily beds at TBG became an American Hemerocallis Display Garden in 2001, and in 2007 the historical display was awarded American Hemerocallis Display Garden status. Black Swamp volunteers help the Metropark staff maintain the Daylily Walk during the summer by spraying Liquid Fence to keep the deer from enjoying the flowers before they bloom, trying to keep up with the weeds, and deadheading. Jonathan Milbrodt designed and laid out the Daylily Walk along the Perennial Garden Path through the Botanical Garden.

Following the work day we had a fantastic daylily auction chaired by Micheal Anders, who was assisted by his very capable committee members consisting of Don and Ann Bixler, Pam Murphy, Sharon Supinski, Judy Hersch, and Shelly Abramczyk!! A special "thank you" goes out to our members who donated daylilies to be auctioned off in addition to those that our members brought back from our Daylily Host program. Donations were received from Charlie Harper, Lisa and Jerry Marlatt, Ann Brickner, Mike Anders, and Helen Hundsrucker. Following the auction, plants for our Daylily Host program purchased from Curt Hanson, Crintonic Gardens, were distributed to members who will grow them for two years, and return them for our 2023 auction. Thank you to Mike, Don, Ann, Pam, Sharon, Judy and Shelly for all of your work before and during the auction to make it run like clockwork again this year!!



Mike Anders (red shirt) serving as auctioneer Photo by Eileen Hoffman

Two new members joined our society at the daylily auction too! Welcome to John Heinze from Toledo and Cheryl Merritt from Carleton, MI.

We have meetings scheduled in the Conference Center at Toledo Botanical Garden for September 18th and October 9th, providing everything continues to stay safe for groups to meet at the Metroparks' buildings. Charlie Harper has re-scheduled Curt Hanson from Crintonic Gardens for our October meeting and is working on lining up a speaker for our September meeting. Our infamous year-end potluck is scheduled for November 13th!! Everyone looks forward to getting together for the potluck and visiting with members before the busy holiday season begins. Since we haven't had a lot of chances to get together this year, the potluck will be a wonderful time to reconnect with everyone.

Earlier this year we had our first Zoom meeting with daylily hybridizer Ginny Pearce from Garden Path Perennials in Grand Rapids, MI, who shared some of her favorite pictures of outstanding hostas and hosta gardens, along with a wide variety of her eye candy daylily seedlings. It was good to see faces of our members who were able to join the meeting!

And in July, the 6th Annual Flag City Daylily Tour featuring seven gardens in and around the Findlay, OH, area started on Friday and ran for three days. The tour was free and you traveled at your own pace. Black Swamp members included on the tour were Mike & Denise Anders, organizer; Sharon & Ron DeCooman; Ann, George & Michelle Brickner of Perennial Plant Peddler, and Linda & David Spahr. There were lots of beautiful daylilies to see!!

If you are in our area during any of our events, we would love to have you join us! All of our meetings are held in the Terrace Room of the Conference Center at Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark unless a different venue is given.

Be sure to "friend" us on our Facebook site and visit our website:

https://www.facebook.com/blackswamphostaanddaylilysociety/

https://blackswamphostaanddaylilysociety.weebly.com/

Eileen Hoffman does a great job keeping the information current on these sites for our society.

Membership is \$10 per garden per year expiring December 31st. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society, feel free to contact Charlene Patz, President, Tele: 419-874-8964, Email <cfpatz@att.net> or Phil Parsons, Membership, Tele: 419-256-7246,

Email <mpparsons@centurylink.net> for a membership application.



Another view of the Toledo Botanical Garden daylily beds *Photo by Eileen Hoffman*

Central Michigan Daylily Society

by Tom Lucious and Teresa Dillon



The John C. Blanchard House in Ionia, Michigan, was such an elegant site for the first in-person gathering of CMDS since the pandemic. On June 27, members and guests of the club met at the Blanchard House. What a beautiful location! The historic Blanchard House is a gorgeous Italianate architecture home built in 1880. It sits on an acre which includes a carriage house, a running creek and gardens that are being completely recreated. Hosts Kathleen and Greg Cook live next door to the Blanchard House and have been instrumental in its renovation and preservation. CMDS member Steve Reiger (left)has been



overseeing and working on replanting of the gardens including a daylily bed along the creek area. A variety of hybridizers and collectors have donated daylilies to this project.

The June meeting included a delicious lunch, daylily raffles and auctions, and a guided tour of the Blanchard House and gardens. CMDS members were mesmerized by this glimpse into the past.

Kathy is the director of Blanchard House; her husband Greg is the property caretaker and maintenance man for the home. Entering through the double sets of doors that are heavy wood and with elaborate carving, you are made aware that you are in for a treat. The home has a large, beautiful parlor with huge, shuttered windows that was the location of our meeting today. The dining room was the location of our food setup. It is another magnificent room, with large, curved windows. As one club member shared, "I feel underdressed in this elegant room. Look there are linen tablecloths and flowers on the tables!" The basement of the house is also a museum for the Ionia County Historical Society and includes many antiques and articles of interest from early residents to the nearer past. For more information on this amazing home, visit www.ioniahistory.org/theblanchard-house/.



Above: CMDS members in the formal dining room. Below left: One of the elaborate winding staircases at Blanchard House. Right: Host Kathy Cook.

Blanchard House photos by Bob Guiliani except Kathy Cook photo by Teresa Dillon





July we met for a potluck social at the home and gardens of Tom and Carolyn Lucius in Chesaning, MI. The food was delicious and the cold drinks were necessary on this hot July day. The garden art on display in these gardens is fantastic. Tom is a daylily hybridizer and viewing his daylily creations was a treat for all in attendance. The look of the gardens changed since our last visit due to the removal of some trees on the Lucius property and the neighbor next door. More sunshine and happy plants! Thank you, Tom and Carolyn, for sharing your gardens with CMDS. A plant and garden art auction topped off the day.

In August CMDS members met for a tour of Midland Dow Gardens. Built in 1899 as the home of the Grace and Herbert Dow, the gardens now span 110 acres. The gardens include the country's longest canopy walk- 1400 feet long and at times 40 feet above the ground. It was an extremely hot day and we all welcomed the shaded areas. The various gardens were beautiful and were enhanced by the glass art works of Craig Mitchell Smith, such as

the 'Orange Blossom' tree to the right. The bridge walk amongst the trees was fun and many of us would like to return again in the fall. Lunch followed at Old Chicago Pizza. After the tour, several members gathered for lunch at Old Chicago Pizza. Lunch was delicious, and air conditioning felt so good that we sat and enjoyed time socializing.









On September 18 we will return to our monthly in-person meetings with a club member Bob Guiliani sharing his photographs of the Wild Horses of Assateague Island.

October 16: Angela Nelson on utilizing native plants

Nov. 20: Chad Bush on his hybridizing program

Dec. 11: Christmas Party at Cheers

Jan. 15: Joe Rogers on birds of prey

Feb. 19: Matt Meadows on his hybridizing program

March 19: Ben Cohen on seed gathering

April 16: TBD

Left: The Rose Garden at the Midland Dow Gardens.
Above Top: Artwork at the Lucious' gardens.
Above Mid: CMDS Co-President Jerry Brown talking with club members at the Lucious' gardens.

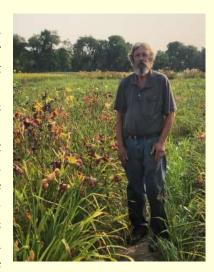
Photos by Teresa Dillon

Indiana Daylily Iris Society

Article and photos by Lezlie Myers

Indiana Daylily Iris Society (IDIS) started the season with a Zoom meeting from our own member, Bret

Clement (photo right). Bret has hybridized over 200 daylilies over 20 years. Check out his website Clement-Garden.com. He has some beautiful ones. Bret, within the past few years, has moved his program to the fields of fellow member, Gregg Sutter. This allows Bret to spread out so he can hybridize more beauties!



In April we were finally able to meet in person again!

It was so nice to see everyone. We had another semi-local hybridizer, Lana Wolfe, (photo right) from Fort Wayne. Lana is interested in not only daylilies and iris but a variety of plants. She showed pictures of her favorites.



Next up in May our very own Peggy Allen (photo left) presented a program on her garden. Peggy is very interested in preserving historic iris. She has a beautiful garden filled with iris. Peggy is interested in daylilies, as well. She is growing her collection. She even attended the Region 2 Summer Meeting.



In early June, Phil Korth (photo above right) spoke in person to our club. Phil has a wonderful northern hardy hybridizing program. It was nice to hear the story behind the some of the daylily names. I always wondered how they got their names. Phil has beautiful daylilies and he brought a few for club members to purchase.



Phil Korth noting that both he and Luel have to agree on selected plants before jointly introducing them.

We were able to have a daylily show later in June! We had over 120 daylilies from 8 exhibitors. Our grand winner was 'Brookwood Wow' exhibited by Greg Beavers. It is a little cutie! Our sweepstakes winner





with over 35 daylilies exhibited was our president, Rod Maust. There were lots of wonderful daylilies exhibited. Our members grow such a great variety! This of course, started many conversations about sharing daylilies and garden visits. That's the best part of the show.

We had a few members who attended the Region 2 Summer Meeting earlier in July. What a great time! The gardens were gorgeous. We saw so many different daylilies! I heard someone say that they were 'daylily drunk.' That was so true. It is always great to spend time with others who are just as obsessed with daylilies as myself.

We look forward to Don Wolff from Louisville, KY speaking to the club in August. Then we have our big sale August 14th at Sullivan's Hardware. It's hard to believe that another season has come and gone! Enjoy the blooms while you can!

Right: Club members Peggy Allen, Greg Beavers, Lezlie Myers, and Holly Brunner at the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Springfield



Metropolitan Daylily Society

by Debby Colvin and Karen Ciula

It goes without saying that 2021 has been a strange year. The COVID 19 outbreak continues to be newsworthy, as a new strain (Delta) again causes cases to rise, espe-

cially among the unvaccinated. Happily, most of our club members have been vaccinated, and club activities are beginning to normalize. Due to the meeting restrictions at our usual location, the Spring Auction happened online. Prior to the sale individuals dropped off their returning plants to an outside location with COVID protocols in place. At the time the returning plants were collected, club members also received their guest plants for the next 3-year cycle. Then, plants that had been received were divided into two groups; one - direct-sale, and one - on-line bidding. President Charles Lucius directed the zoom meeting/ auction, while others assisted with record keeping and tabulations. The sale was a success, and all plants were sold. continued next page



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society continued







In June, a group of Garden Judges from MCDS was able to renew their AHS Garden Judge credentials at Jamie Gossard's Heavenly Gardens. Those renewing their certificates were (left to right) Kit Walter, Oksana Tadich, Brian Burley, Gail Johannes, Jamie Gossard, Jeff Kerr, Karen Ciula, Bob Cochran (not pictured,) and Debby Colvin (not pictured.) Our Garden Judge instructors were Karen Ciula and Dick and Pat Henley.

In July, the club was still unable to meet at its usual location, so our club officers decided to organize an ice cream social on the grounds of Franklin Park. Turnout was very good – over 35 individuals participated. It was wonderful to see friends in person, and to discuss all things daylily. Of course, there were thirteen daylily beds to admire that the club maintains on the grounds.

Also in July, the Ohio Daylily Society invited a full team of our Exhibition Judges to participate in their show on Sunday, July 18. This gave all of our Junior Exhibition Judges the opportunity to work toward their certification as Senior Exhibition Judges in 2022. Many of us had not seen the beautiful new Garden Gateway facility or the redesigned perennial gardens at Kingwood Center Gardens. The Society also provided a delicious lunch at the Gateway Cafe' after the judging. ODS hosted the only certified daylily show in Ohio this year, so we were fortunate to be able to participate. Individuals as pictured, left to right - Arielle Lucius, Gail Johannes, Jane Adkins, Pat Crooks Henley; Left to right back row - Melinda Hoffman, Karen Ciula, Kit Walter, Oksana Tadich, Robert Johnson, Sharon Johnson, and Richard Henley. (Photo credit unknown photographer from Kingwood)

As the club heads into August, we are planning on returning to our normal schedule, which includes a public daylily sale and club auction at the Franklin Park Conservatory. The Conservatory is again allowing club meetings inside, for which we are very grateful.

Lastly, we will combine our October and November meetings into a year-end potluck get-together at Franklin Park Conservatory's Wells Barn, a free-standing meeting venue on the grounds.

Grand Valley Daylily Society

by Claire Sheridan

In April the Grand Valley Daylily Society was delighted to welcome Charlie Harper, our Region 2 President, for a Zoom presentation on how to improve our garden and nature photography. We learned that he now uses his phone for most of his photos instead of a camera because of the quality of the photos that it can produce. He also gave many other tips on ways to take photos that will work well, illustrating each with several of his own photos as examples.

In May the club was given a Zoom presentation by Rebecca Finneran of the MSU Extension Service. She spoke about the many ways that bulbs can give season long color. She showed the club how she uses bulbs in her garden and especially recommended some, such as alliums. Rebecca reminded us that floering bulbs can be an important early food source for bees and other pollinators.

In July several members opened their gardens for other members to tour. Kay Anderson, Ginny Pearce, Peggy Pike, Nancy Sniff, and Bruce and Diane Wickmann generously invited members to see their gardens during the month of July when daylilies are at their peak bloom.

Sadly the club lost one of its founding members when Roger VanderVelde passed away on June 30. A donation has been given to the ADS in his memory.



Daylily bed along the driveway at Nancy Sniff's.

photo by Nancy Sniff



One of the many mixed perennial gardens at Kay Anderson's.

photo by Kay Anderson





Back (left) and front (above) gardens at the Wickmann's. photos by Diane Wickmann



Front gardens at GVDS President Peggy Pike's house. photo by Peggy Pike

Western Reserve Daylily Society

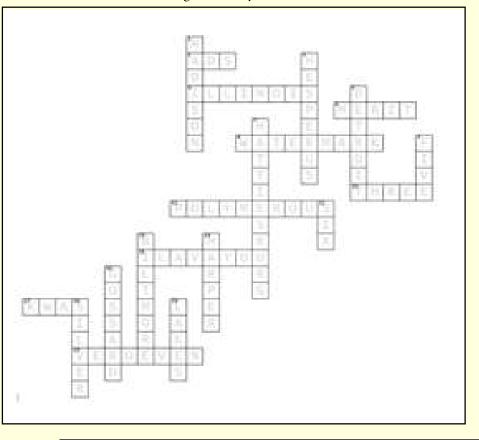
by Sheryl Miller

The love of gardening and sharing daylilies with club members has brought the Western Reserve Daylily Club back together after a year off from meetings. We first met in April just to catch up and decided at that time not to hold our annual sale. We did plan a trip during May to the Amish gardens in Geauga County followed by lunch at Mary Yoder's. We have made this an annual activity because all members enjoy purchasing hanging baskets.

Later that month several members took a trip to the Biltmore gardens in North Carolina. Daylilies were not in bloom yet but we enjoyed the hydrangeas, roses, wisteria and the garden's glorious glass-topped conservatory. From the summer annuals to the walled gardens of perennials, it was a spectacular sight.

Finally, our last activity was digging daylilies to donate to the Friends of Recovery Home in Lake County. We received a picture of all daylilies after they were planted and they plan to send us one when they bloom.

> Below: Solution to Crossword Puzzle, page 13 Formatting enabled by PuzzleMaker.com







Top: The Conservatory and surrounding beds Bottom: Club members Janice and Tom on the Biltmore trip photos by Sheryl Miller

HELP, PLEASE!

In the next issue of Great Lakes Daylily, we are going to include a collection of articles around the theme of ADS DISPLAY BEDS in our Region.

What we need:

- * ADS Display Bed hosts to write about their experiences or be interviewed by someone else who will write an article
- * Stories from the perspective of Display Bed visitors. Where have you visited? What inspired you?
- *Photos, lots of photos!!

Please contact me at greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com to help. Thank you.

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2022 REGION 2 WINTER MEETING

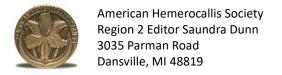
Where: Indianapolis, Indiana When: February 25 - 27, 2022

2022 REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING

Where: Zanesville, Ohio When: July 15 - 17, 2022 website coming soon

2022 ADS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Where: Asheville, North Carolina When: July 6 - 9, 2022 https://ahs2022national.com/



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'Webster's Pink Wonder' (Webster-Cobb, 2003) in the foreground of the Stout Medal Bed at Front Porch Daylilies

Photo by Saundra Dunn at the 2021 Summer Meeting