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- Region 2 members and hybridizers.

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







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Summer Meeting 2022 Reflections

2022 Photography Contest Results

On The Front Cover: Kirsten Hatfield seedling *Photo by Saundra Dunn* On The Back Cover: Serenity Garden, 2023 Regional Tour Garden *Photo by Paula Kaye*

AHS Director Message

By Rhonda Veroeven, Region 2 Director



Happy Summer/Fall from your Region 2 Director!

Oh my goodness, this summer was filled with daylily love! I was blessed to attend four regional meetings and a national convention, and to visit

sixty different daylily gardens. To say that I was overwhelmed with daylily love is an understatement. My garden filled me with happiness as well, and it is my hope that your gardens gave you that same sense of joy.

Prior to attending our fantastic regional meeting, I attended the ADS National Convention in Asheville, NC. The gardens were sensational. The first annual hat contest was a blast. And the board meeting was very fruitful. It is hard to believe that a full day meeting could be anything other than boring, but the truth is there are so many talented individuals who are doing amazing work for each of us. Most of them are volunteers and receiving zero compensation for all their hard work!

A few items worthy of discussion that came out of the board meeting are as follows:

1) The implementation of a new "Harassment Policy." This was a collaborative effort between Jacob Braun and me. We were passionate that there was a need for a harassment policy as it was grossly missing from our Policies and Procedures.

2) Awards and Honors Committee has worked directly with the Scientific Studies Committee to work on an updated definition on what constitutes a pattern. Then the R. W. Munson Award was adjusted to match the new scientific definition. The big item to note with this is that color breaks, stripes, stipples, and the like are now considered patterns and qualify for this award!!!

3) We now have a Local Clubs Facilitation Chair-Laura Ross. She is ready to work with RPs and local groups seeking to form new daylily clubs and to work with established clubs to provide effective means for growth. Laura serves as the primary liaison between the ADS and local clubs and is responsible for representing the interests of local clubs at the national level. Below are some of the areas where she can assist: • Provide guidance on the formation of a new daylily club

• Provide guidance for the effective functioning of established clubs

• Provide prospective for new clubs with sample templates for their Constitution and By-Laws

• Provide "templates for success," a packet of information that has proven to be effective in other clubs

- Fundraising
- Membership drives
- Program/speaker selection
- Meeting agendas
- Hosting a daylily exhibition
- Encouraging the growth of established local clubs
- Help local club membership to join ADS for the first time

Contact Laura Ross at localclubs@daylilies.org for more information.

4) We have an Educational Outreach Chair who has been working diligently to grow this new position as well. Region 2 member Linda Shields, along with her committee members, have launched the new Discovering Daylilies Facebook group. This group is open to all and seeks to promote daylilies to the general public. It is full of interesting and informative posts about everything having to do with daylilies. Check it out! This is a great resource for the newer daylily grower and an excellent outreach to the community to spread the joy we have with our favorite flower. If you are interested in learning more about daylilies, or have new or prospective club members wanting to learn more, send them here!

5) The New Garden Judges Workshop 3 Refresher Course is now available! It will replace Garden Judges Workshop 2 as the course senior garden judges need to take to gain recertification. It will have the added advantage that it can be taught entirely online or in-person. This should relieve some of the pressure our garden judges face having to travel long distances to take the old course, and/or the annoyance at having to take time out of the garden tours at national and regional meetings to take the class. Both Garden Judges Workshop 2 and 3 will be accepted for recertification for the next two years. After that, only the new Garden Judges Workshop 3 Refresher Course will be offered for recertification. Contact Debbie Smith at judgeseducation@daylilies.org for more information and to find the dates of classes near you.

6) Our Membership Director, Steve Amy, gave an extensive report sharing with us the fact that there are four regions not in compliance with the Policy and Procedures of the ADS. Three regions have membership that is too low and are struggling to have people represent them from their regions (this is the major issue). And Region 2 has numbers that are too high for a single region. There is a committee that will be formed to look at what, if anything, should be done to address these issues. The Director and RP from each region will be a part of the discussion. There is not an agenda and there is no predetermined outcome. It may be determined that nothing needs to happen. We just have to have the discussion since we know we are not in compliance with membership in four of our 15 regions.

7) We are currently hiring for two positions (which will most likely be filled prior to the publication of this message). The Executive Secretary position and Webmaster Position both need to be filled. We will be interviewing through August and hope to have them filled as soon as possible.

8) There are a few openings on some of the committees and even a few chair positions open. If you are interested in getting involved on the national level you can contact our President, Scott Elliott, at president@ daylilies.org

Our Region 2 members earned many awards that were presented at the national convention. I already shared the Pyramid Award winners in a previous message, with several Honorable Mention Awards, Awards of Merit, and even a Specialty Award given. In addition to those already shared, the following Region 2 members won awards:

• Newsletter Awards. The Best Scientific Article Award was given to Mary Kwas for her article "Tree Frogs and Daylilies."

• David Hall Memorial Awards (commonly known as the Popularity Poll). Sandy Holmes won in Regions 1 and 2 for 'I Lava You.' Jamie Gossard earned several: 'White Eyes Pink Dragon' for Regions 3 & 4, 'Heavenly United We Stand' for Regions 5 & 11, and Neon Flamingo in Region 11.

• Photography and Video Awards. Deborah Scheckle won The Mildred Schlumpf Landscape Award for her photo of "The Garden of Lori and Steve Doolin." The Mildred Schlumpf Single Bloom Award also went to Deborah Scheckle for her photo of 'Beyond the Pale.' ADS Multibloom Award went to Amy McConnel for her photo of 'Candy Colored Curls.'

• Region 2 Service Award. This award was given to Barb Buikema for her years of service to our region, including serving as our Region 2 Publicity Director and co-organizing the 2017 Summer Meeting.

• The Christine Erin Stamile Youth Fund Award. Youth member Andrew Veroeven won this award, which is an ADS Lifetime Membership.

• The only gold medal given in ADS is the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal Award. This is given to a person who has given a lifetime of service to ADS. Region 2's Nikki Schmith won this honor for her meritorious service to ADS for almost her whole life. And she continues to serve!

Congratulations to all of our winners! It was so much fun to present all these awards to so many of our regional members. It is my hope to do the same next year!

The Regional Summer Meeting in the Zanesville, OH area was amazing! We were treated to stunning gardens which brightened our day regardless of the rain. Keynote speaker Curt Hanson's years of hybridizing excellence and knowledge were shared with all of us in attendance. It was such an informative and visually engaging presentation. All in attendance were so lucky. The auctions, both live and silent, were fun. But, to me, the absolute best part was all the people! All the conventions, regional meetings and garden tours are fantastic, but it is truly the people that make it all worthwhile!

Upcoming conventions for ADS will be:

2023 in Nashville, TN

2024 in Oklahoma City, OK

2025 in Seattle, WA

Hope to see you all there!!!

As always, I am available at awards@daylilies.org if you have any questions or suggestions. It is truly an honor to be your director!

Regional President Message

By Dr. Charlie Harper, Region 2 President



Wow, what a trip it's been. Following a Covid-imposed Zoom Winter Symposium, we pulled off three highly successful in-person meetings in two years. But there wasn't very much that was routine. Sometimes it was as hard as pulling teeth, but everything worked out better than many expected. It was all about some outstanding volunteers who stepped up and just made sure that things got done and got done right. My thanks again to everyone who pitched in. You're a great bunch of friends and colleagues.

Looking to the future, I'm confident that our new President, Monique Warnke, will find that same wave to ride. At the time of my first draft of this message, we had not found a site for the 2023 Summer Meeting. Monique has already begun by pulling her first

rabbit out of the hat. She has found a home for the 2023 Summer Meeting! Some "out of the box" thinking was needed for her to bore into the Michigan daylily scene and find the leader who would create a meeting from virtually nothing. Open- mindedness and willingness did the trick. Great job, Monique and Saundra! See page 33 for a bit more information.

If I make it to the end of this year, I'll be 80. I'm looking at volunteer opportunities with our County Committee on Aging and with Kiwanis that will allow to me give more to my senior cohorts and to children. Who knows, I may be able to bring some of them to ADS. And thank you all for allowing me to give some of myself to Region 2. There's likely more to come. We'll see.

Region 2 Publicity Director Updates

By Barb Buikema



So What Does She Do? The Role of the Regional Publicity Director

When I began my position as Region 2 Publicly Director in 2017, I wasn't sure what I was getting into other than managing the Popularity Poll and serving on the Executive Committee.

Well, as the years have progressed, so have I. With social media, I am now informing our region about events from different clubs and committees. This may include daylily sales taking place, special speakers who will be presenting at different clubs in our region, and reminders of voting for officers, photo contests, and other important ADS information and announcements.

Even though the national ADS will no longer be doing the Pop Poll, we would like to continue to hear your thoughts and suggestions on how to improve the Region 2 poll and how we can promote your favorite daylilies. It helps when we get your comments, so if you have any great ideas, please feel free to contact me.

I will continue to send out emails when important events come up, so please stay tuned as there are great new things coming our way in Region 2 and you will be the first to hear!!

Region 2 Financial Update By Bobbi Johnson, Region 2 Treasurer

Cash Balances as of August 31, 2022

Checking Money Market	\$ 10, 541.30 75,158.13
PayPal	
Square	
	\$ 85,699.43



Region 2 Summer Meeting 2022 'Off T	'ne	Beaten Path'
Revenue		
Registration	\$	13,775.00
Live Auction Proceeds		7,525.00
Silent Auction Proceeds		1,974.00
Total Revenue	\$	23,274.00
Expenses		
Hotel	\$	250.00
Coach Buses		3,047.00
Video Production		213.58
Tent Rental		955.17
Catering		6,152.00
Porta Potties		654.23
PayPal Fees		425.31
Square Fees		152.01
Linens		52.92
Total Expenses	\$	11,902.22
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$	11.371.78

Recent Memorial Donations To Region 2

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

In Memory Of	Donor	Amount
Tom Polston	*	\$100.00
Tom Polston	*	100.00
Tom Polston	Southern Michigan Daylily Society	100.00
Winnie Grass	Wisconsin Daylily Society	100.00
	Total Memorial Contributions	\$400.00

*Donor names lost due to technical difficulties. Apologies. Can you please contact Bobbi?

Region 2 Summer Business Meeting Minutes

Bruce Wickmann, Region 2 Secretary

Charlie Harper called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM on Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Coshocton (Ohio) Village Inn and Suites banquet room and welcomed a large audience of conference attendees. Region 2 officers and staff present at the Coshocton Village Inn and Suites banquet room were: Charlie Harper, President; Rhonda Veroeven, Region 2 ADS Director; Barb Buikema, Publicity Director; Bruce Wickmann, Secretary; Bobbi Johnson, Treasurer; Pat Titus, Youth Liaison; Saundra Dunn, Newsletter Editor; Gail Braunstein, Awards and Honors Chair; and Sandy Holmes, Auditor.





Charlie gave a quick lesson on how the officer positions of the Region 2 Board are structured. The Executive Board consists of the President; the Publicity Director, Barb Buikema; and the Treasurer, Bobbi Johnson. The Executive Board are the only members of the regional board who can vote on proposals or changes.

Charlie called on other members of the leadership team in turn to share updates and/or present proposals. Rhonda Veroeven gave an update on the National Conference and the events and changes taking place at the National ADS. Rhonda described herself as our voice at the table of the national organization. She shared that due to an oversight, our region neglected to include the Regional Direc-

tor's position on this year's ballot along with the President's position. As a result of this error, the ADS President Scott Elliott must appoint a Regional Director for the next term of two years. Scott will contact the President Charlie Harper to seek concurrence with his recommendation that Rhonda continue in the position. Charlie asked for an unofficial consensus from the audience for acceptance of Rhonda as our Director for another term, which was overwhelmingly applauded. (Note: Scott did contact Charlie and received approval for her reappointment.)



Rhonda is also the Awards and Honors Chairperson for ADS. She presented the ADS Awards at the national convention to those who were there and at tomorrow's banquet will present them to Region 2 winners in attendance here who have not yet received them. Rhonda is also the National Vice-President. She explained that current dues do not cover the costs at the national level, and a committee has been selected to look at developing a multi-tiered membership system where people can get their Daylily Journals in either printed form or electronic form, which would save a considerable amount of money. This change will need to be an amendment to the by-laws and voted on by all members to be

implemented. We will hear more on this proposal in the future. Rhonda also discussed changes to Garden Judges III Workshop and addressed a rumor that has been circulating that Region 2 is overpopulated as compared to all other



regions and may need to have some portions split off. These details are addressed in her Director's Updates on pages four and five of this newsletter.

Bob Buikema, chairman of the Presidential Nominating and Election Committee, presented the committee's results. All of the ballots that they received were unanimous to elect Monique Warnke as the next Region 2 President beginning January 1, 2023. Monique made a few comments regarding her hopes and plans for Region 2. She wants to put more emphasis on developing youth groups in each state with a liaison representing each. She also stated that she will work hard for our region and is very open to ideas and suggestions.





Bobbi Johnson, Region 2 Treasurer, provided an updated financial report at the time of this meeting. The Region has \$80,787.26 in our general operating fund and \$5,335.00 in the Faulkner Youth Scholarship Fund for a total of \$86,122.26.



Barb Buikema gave her update to the group, noting that all members should be receiving periodic updates from her. Members not receiving updates from her need to contact Chris Tyler, ADS Membership Manager, with a correct email, which will be passed on to Barb. She then talked about the Bob Faulkner Youth Fund that was set up by his family for the benefit of youth, 18 years old and younger, who are interested in daylilies. The Faulkner Family initially donated \$1000 to set up the Scholarship Fund in memory of Bob. The fund is set up in two tiers. The first level is assisting our youth to attend their first summer or winter regional meeting and will cover the cost of registration only. The second level is to assist a youth, up to \$100, to develop a love for daylilies in whatever way is meaningful for them, like purchasing daylilies or seeds, educational material from ADS, or funding to attend an ADS National conference in addition to their registration paid for by the Wisconsin clubs which sponsored 27 youth to this year's national. Barb emphasized how important it is for all of us to work together to inspire young people to become interested in daylilies.



Saundra Dunn thanked everyone for their contributions of articles, ideas, proofing, and suggestions for our newsletter. She stated that the more people who get involved, the better the newsletter will be. Saundra made a proposal for the Region to give anyone who authors an article an additional copy of the newsletter as a way to thank them. Often, people will ask for additional copies as a keepsake. The additional cost would be the \$7 for the copy and \$2 for postage. Charlie asked what our expense per year would be if we implemented this policy. Saundra estimated the maximum expense would be \$200 per year. Charlie then asked the executive committee if they would be willing to vote on this proposal at this time. Barb Buikema moved that one additional copy of the newsletter be sent to the author of an

article for the newsletter at no charge. Bobbi Johnson seconded the proposal and all three members voted to approve the policy.



Gail Braunstein, Honors and Awards Chairperson, updated attendees on the Howard Hite Award, which is given to an individual who shows excellence in daylily hybridizing and can only be given to an individual once in their lifetime. Most winners have spent years developing a hybridizing program and it is not an easy award to attain. The criteria have been updated to better help people who nominate a candidate to understand what qualifies as an awardable program of hybridizing. Gail is asking nominators to be as specific as possible with as much detail about the hybridizer and why one would purchase their plants. Gail then discussed an issue we are facing with the Englerth Award, which is a unique Region 2 award

for an outstanding seedling as voted on at the Summer Meeting. The Region has only three of the award medals left to give out. Gail has not found anyone who would be able to make a small quantity to last the next 25 years. Rhonda stated that she knows someone who made award medals for the National who could possibly help us out and will work with Gail to get this issue resolved.



Pat Titus began her discussion of the Youth Program by saying that of the 25 sponsored youth who attended the National Conference, seven were from Region 2. Pat gave kudos to Wisconsin for the wonderful program of sponsoring the registration fee to youth all over the country. Pat invited each of us to encourage youth to get involved in daylilies, noting that "they don't have to be just your own grandchildren."

Charlie mentioned that when he took over the leadership of our region we were in strong financial condition. Through programs such as our online auctions and live auctions at winter and summer meetings,

we have been able to improve our financial condition even more. With over \$80,000 in our treasury, Charlie feels we should look for ways to help with community outreach to provide a method for clubs to work with their local gardening community in promoting the growing of daylilies. One such method would be for a club to submit a proposal for a \$500 grant to put daylilies in a public garden for public display, or to maintain such a display. Charlie selected a committee of representatives from each state in our region to work out a plan on how this could be implemented. The criteria for the grant and application were distributed to all attendees in a document labeled "AHS Region 2 Public Daylily Garden Assistance Grant Program". The grant application was printed on the back side of the description. This program was reviewed by the region's legal council and approved. Charlie provided more detail about the program, which can be found on page 13 of this newsletter. The proposal was voted on by the executive committee and passed by two yes votes and one abstained.



Lori Doolin shared that the Central Illinois Daylily Society will host the 2023 Winter Meeting. The event will be in the same location as the 2021 Summer Meeting, at the Northfield Inn and Suites in Springfield, IL, February 17-19, 2023.

Charlie stated that we do not have a location for the 2023 Summer Meeting. It is getting more difficult to find clubs to host a meeting. Recently it has been a small group of people who get together to organize and host a regional meeting. Charlie addressed the President-Elect Monique Warnke and pledged

his support to help solve this problem. One attendee suggested that perhaps the National Conference should be a biannual event and with Regional Conferences on the alternate years. This way Regions are not competing with the National for attendees. Charlie suggested that this be brought to ADS National by our Regional Director for further discussion.

Having no further business to discuss, Charlie called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Region 2 Englerth Award 2022

by Gail Braunstein, Awards and Honors Chair



So...off we went, excited for another great Region 2 Summer Meeting. "Off the Beaten Path" was the name of this year's event, and we were looking forward to seeing all of the beautiful gardens. Travel day was Friday, and the weather was near perfect. Little did we

know that on Saturday morning Mother Nature would be pulling a prank. It didn't just rain, well it started with a sprinkle and then the heavens opened.

But the rain did not dampen our spirits as we toured three gardens before arriving at Kirsten and Jason Hatfield's Dorsets and Daylilies, the host garden for the 2022 Englerth Competition. The rain had begun to subside by the time the buses dropped us off right next to the Englerth Display. Decision making had begun. There were many great entries to choose from, as this year there were 36 entries from 13 different hybridizers. Several hours later the winner would be announced.





Photos by Gail Braunstein

Third Place: Andrew Veroeven Seedling #AV-13, Englerth Entry Number 22 (top)

Second Place: David Winter Seedling #17-14-28, Englerth Entry Number 04 (above, lower)

Ann Townsend

Wins Coveted 2022 Englerth Award Bronze Medal

Professor of English at Denison University, author of three collections of poetry and one book collection, Ann is now an Englerth Award Winner. Ann and her husband Martijn Steger live on ten acres which they call Bittersweet Farms in Granville, Ohio. Rounding out the household is a Sheltie named Teddy, a number of cats and a pond (not in the house) of Koi.

In a phone interview, I asked Ann how she got started in daylilies. She told me she had been a gardener all of her life, but it was not until she met Dottie Warrell that she caught the daylily bug. Her first daylily purchase was Curt Hanson's 'Joan Derifield' (2000). Included in the list of her mentors are Dottie Warrell, Richard Norris, and Mike and Sandy Holmes, to name a few.

In 2006 she made her first cross, hoping to fulfill her dreams of plants with great habit. branching and bud count. Ann still loves the big round ruffled daylilies, but finds unusual forms are working their way into her heart. Ann plants about 500 seedlings a year and these seedlings are on a four year rotation. She finds culling of plants to be one of the most difficult parts of hybridizing.



Ann in her seedling bed Photo by Saundra Dunn

A quote from Ann: "I am so grateful for the daylily community and those who have been so generous with their plants and mentoring."

Congratulations, Ann. Well done.



Townsend Seedling 12-12, Englerth Entry Number 31 Photo by Ann Townsend

Region 2 Howard Hite Award 2022

by Gail Braunstein, Awards and Honors Chair

Gerda Brooker Awarded Howard Hite Award For Hybridizing Excellence



Over the past ten years, Gerda Brooker has been nominated for the Hite Award numerous times. Each year the nomination forms gave more and more details. This year the selection committee could not deny Gerda's accomplishments.

It was 1994 when Gerda and her late husband, Malcolm, first met Steve Moldovan and the start of Victo-

Gerda Brooker Photo by David Winter

rian Gardens in Strongsville, Ohio, began. Steve became Gerda's mentor and along the way she became friends with Bill Munson, David Kirchhoff, the Salters, the Stamiles, Curt Hanson, and others. Trips to Florida led to Kinnebrew and Larry Grace.

It was in 1995 that Gerda decided she was going to give hybridizing a try. Gerda knew how to select great parent plants. Over the years, she selected over 60 cultivars to use for parents, and of those, 41 have won at least one level of the ADS award pyramid, including three Stout Medal Winners. She brought Southern genetics into Victorian Garden and her goal, like that of her mentor Steve Moldovan, was to create large / extra-large blooms with full form and ruffled edges, all while breeding for northern hardiness. Gerda's use of conversions was instrumental in pushing tetraploid daylilies forward. The use of the tetraploid conversion of 'Lavender Blue Baby' in her program resulted in six cultivars: 'Born to Tango,' 'Midnight in the Garden,' 'Reach for the Sky,' 'Victorian Garden Dancing Waters,' 'Victorian Garden Michael Rocks,' and 'Victorian Garden Oh Happy Day.'

To date, Gerda has registered 69 cultivars in her name and 17 in Malcom Sr.'s name following his passing in 2002. Not to be left out, Malcolm Jr. also introduced two plants. When speaking to Malcolm Jr., he confirmed a story I had been told. When Gerda and Malcolm first started hybridizing, they often wanted to set pod on the same plant. It all depended on who was in the garden first in the morning as to who would make the cross on the one open bloom. They solved the problem in an amical way. Gerda and Malcom would sometimes buy two of the same plant so there was



'Michael Bennett' Photo by Lori Doolin

no conflict. When asked if Gerda had a favorite daylily, Malcolm Jr. said two of her favorites are 'Michael Bennett' (Brooker-G, 2005) and 'Gerda Brooker' (Morss, 1995).

Gerda has received Honorable Mention on four of her cultivars: 'Belle Cook' (2001), 'Mildred Brooker' (2001), 'Michael Bennett' (2005), and 'Victorian Garden Star Bright' (2007). Belle Cook also received an Award of Merit in 2008. Gerda's influence in the world of daylil-



have used the Brooker daylily genetic gene pool. In addition to the 36 second generation introductions from the Gerda's own breeding program, the Brooker daylily gene pool has passed its heritage onto 166 kids, 159 grandkids and 56 great-grand kids.

ies is well documented.

To date, 44 hybridizers

'Belle Cook' Photo by Polly Thomas

Before announcing the Hite Award on Saturday evening of the Region 2 Summer Meeting, I was able to contact Gerda and tell her she had won. Needless to say, she was overjoyed. Gerda said that never in her lifetime would she have expected to win the Hite. The pure joy of growing daylilies and the friends she has met along the way are things she will always treasure.

Congratulations, Gerda! We all wish you well and thank you for all the beautiful daylilies.

Thanks to John Hric and David Winter who delivered the Hite Award to Gerda.

Note: The nomination form for the 2023 Hite Award can be found on our Region 2 website and will appear in print in the Winter edition of this newsletter.

Region 2 Editor

Saundra Dunn



This issue of *Great Lakes Daylily* has been both an editor's dream and nightmare. In its current form in your hands or on your computer screen, I have no doubt that only the amazing parts will be evident! To start, Region 2 member participation in the production of this newsletter con-

tinues to grow, which is one of my personal goals for this *GLD*.

- 31 people contributed narrative content
- 54 people participated in the photo contest
- 26 people provided photographs for articles
- 12 people proofread articles

Often, I solicit articles or ask directly for people to step forward and contribute, as in the Summer Meeting Reflections you will read on pages 22 to 32. But for this particular edition, I received three articles out of the blue. What a delight! As I repeatedly say, we all have a daylily story to tell. I hope that more and more of you will continue to share your stories with the rest of us.

I also just wanted to share how one idea can spark a collection of articles. In the last issue, that happened as a result of Sue Hill sending me an article about how to become a display garden. This current issue features a collection of brief articles about daylily shows that happened over the summer that were triggered by Greg Beavers sending me the results of their Indiana Daylily-Iris Society show. What could your idea spark?

It is truly a wonderful problem to have when there is more great content than can fit in one newsletter! I have already had to defer two articles to the winter edition. As we head into the respite time from the physical labor of gardening, if an idea for an article occurs to you, please contact me at GreatLakesDaylily@gmail.com. I want to help you bring your idea to print, as well as save space in an upcoming issue for it. Just for perspective, I start blocking out the pages for each newsletter months in advance since we do have financial constraints on the number of pages we can print. I am beyond thrilled that we more than doubled the participation in the Region 2 Photography Contest relative to last year. There were so many amazing pictures that the judges had a very difficult time determining this year's winners. You are in for a visual treat on pages 34-43. I was disappointed with the smaller, final size of these photos in the print edition where we are constrained to a certain number of pages. They were so lovely that they deserved to be bigger. So I have enlarged them a bit in this digital version.

One of the challenges from this increased participation was amount of time it took to download each contributor's photos, rename the files when needed, and set up Google folders for the judges (who evaluate the photos independently and do not know who took which photos). Is anyone aware of an app or a software program to manage a photo contest? It is my winter project to research that, but if any of you can speed up that process by referring me to something, please let me know!

Another challenge was keeping up with late-breaking content. But that is not a complaint! The Winter Meeting speaker list was finalized and that flyer sent to me. What a great meeting that will be! See page 17 for information.

And the other big news is that there will be a Summer Meeting in 2023 after all. I'll tell you that whole story in the next issue. For now, just save the date: July 21-23, in mid-Michigan. There is not much information yet, but what we have is shared on page 33.

Finally, I just really need to give a big shout-out to our amazing team proofreaders. They do so much more than change our typos. They reword the slightly awkward sentences, catch punctuation misuses, notice and correct poor transitions of thought, and double-check each plant reference against the ADS online database. For this issue, our remarkable proofreaders were Barb Bischoff, Barb Brevick, Charlie Harper, Ginny Pearce, JoAnne Frederick, Laurel Richardson, Lezlie Myers, Marietta Crabtree, Mary Kwas, Nancy Cooper, Nancy Secrist, and Sharon Vander-Wilp. I am so grateful to each of them. If you would like

Attention Garden and Exhibition Judges

There will be a series of trainings in October for judges who need to renew. Please contact ADS Judges Education Chair Debbie Smith at exhibitionjudges@daylilies. org or judgeseducation@daylilies.org. 10/24 Monday - Garden Workshop 1 10/25 Tuesday - Exhibition 1 10/26 Wednesday - Garden Workshop 3 10/27 Thursday - Exhibition 3 All at 7 pm CENTRAL time.

Announcing The Region 2 Public Daylily Garden Assistance Grant Program

by Charles Lucius, Committee Chair

Region 2 leadership recently approved the establishment of a new Public Garden Assistance Grant Program. This program has been established to provide the opportunity for Region 2 daylily clubs to apply for Regional funds in support of public daylily gardens.

This new program recognizes that the display of daylilies in a public garden venue aligns with the overall mission statement of the American Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society (AHS/ADS) – to promote awareness of the beauty, versatility and diversity of the modern daylily. Leadership also recognized that establishing and maintaining a public daylily garden may impose challenges on local club financial resources. Region 2 will allocate up to a maximum of \$5,000 annually to the grant program, based on the overall Region budget and financial stability. Individual club applications will be for \$500, with a maximum of 10 grant awards made on an annual basis. Only one award per specific public garden is permitted per year. Previous grant awardees are not excluded from eligibility in future years.

The grant application will be available on the Region 2 website. A committee will review and evaluate applications, and will rank and prioritize recommended awardees based on how well the application aligns with the grant criteria. Grant applications will be due by November 30th (in the year prior to award). Annual grant awards will be made at the end of January.

To be eligible for an award, the application must meet the following criteria:

a) Be associated with a specific public garden where daylilies are a featured item. Garden must be located on public property.

b) Be submitted by a recognized AHS Region 2 Daylily Club President.

c) Clarify how the money will specifically be spent. Materials/plants, labor, advertising are examples of acceptable expenses.

d) Clarify when the money will be spent and how the expenditure will be accounted for. Summary/receipts for expenditures are to be sent to the Region 2 Treasurer.

e) Indicate the estimated number of public visitors expected during the bloom season, and

f) Indicate how visitors to the garden will be able to get additional information about daylilies (signage indicating the name/website of the local club, for example).

Annual awards will be announced through email communication from the Regional President to the Local Club President. The complete list of annual awards will be published in the Regional Newsletter. Clubs receiving awards will also be asked to submit a summary of their grant-funded activity, and the positive impact, to the Region 2 Newsletter Editor.



Toledo Botanical Gardens Photo by Eileen Hoffman

My Love Affair With The Praying Mantis



Article and photos by Carole Hunter



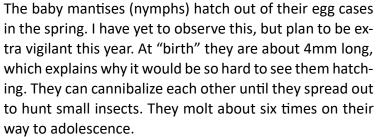
The first time I saw a praying mantis in my garden, I was blown away. It looked and moved like something out of Star Wars. Although they appear awkward, mantises can move with the agility of a cat, contorting their bodies in midair to land with precision on their target. This skill aides them in keeping pesky insects under control. I mentioned to Sandy Holmes that I was thinking of buying some to stock both of my seedling patches, but she told me that "If you don't use chemicals, they will come." Boy, was she right. In six years, my herd grew from just a few to too many to keep track of.

The highlight of my "mantis watch" last summer was coming upon a female laying her eggs. As she expanded and contracted her abdomen, a white foam emerged. Daylily scapes are a favorite "nesting" spot. The egg case hardens after being laid and can contain up to 400 eggs, each in a separate compartment.



The female dies after laying her eggs. The daddy mantis has likely already been dead for a while, because mom often bites off his head and eats him. My research indicated that this increases the number of eggs that mom then lays. Now that's tough love.









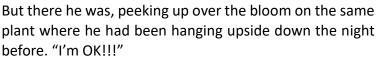
in the spring. I have yet to observe this, but plan to be extra vigilant this year. At "birth" they are about 4mm long, which explains why it would be so hard to see them hatching. They can cannibalize each other until they spread out to hunt small insects. They molt about six times on their

They will molt a couple more times before they reach adulthood. They hang upside down as they shed their old skin, using gravity to help with their exit. They are vulnerable to critters that prey on them (birds, frogs, bats) while they are suspended there. It

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takes 20 minutes or so to shed the exoskeleton, and then one to four days for the new one to dry and harden. Also, if it is very dry when they molt, there is the risk of getting stuck in their old exoskeleton and dying. I witnessed a molting for the first time one evening last summer and worried about this young adult all night. I rushed out in the morning to see how he had fared and saw a dried up form on the ground.

Oh, no!!!



A mantis's color can camouflage it for protection from predators or help it to stealthily stalk an intended victim. There are over 2400 species of mantises. A brown mantis can pass for a twig or dead daylily scape, a green one for a leaf. Some even look like flowers, and strike unsuspecting visitors when they land for a sip of nectar.

The mantis has 3D vision that gives it depth perception, very handy for detecting prey. How-

ever, it only works when its intended victim is moving. The mantis can also turn its head, something no other insect can do. Being able to rotate its head 180 degrees allows it to observe its prey without moving its body. Hmmm...so often when I photograph them, they turn their heads toward me and stare. I always thought they were posing, but are they considering capturing a double whopper meal?!? I'd better stand very still.

Mantises only eat live food. They patiently stalk their prey, then attack with lightning speed. They use the spikes on their forelegs to skewer and pin their prey, which they prefer to eat while it is still moving. Gross, yes, but that's nature. Unfortunately, they don't limit themselves to skewering pests. They can also eat small birds, spiders, lizards, mice, tree frogs, and butterflies.

In spite of this, I find that mantises are worth encouraging in a perennial garden. As I noted at the beginning of this article, organic gardens provide the best habitat for mantises. Because of their ability to camouflage, you may already have them amidst your daylilies without realizing it. If not, they can be enticed with plants such as marigolds, roses, and raspberry canes, as well as with low shrubbery that offers shady hideouts. Females often lay their eggs in the protection of shrub branches, with a hardened casing to protect them through the winter. I have also found them attached to the back side of my daylily nametags. If you find an egg casing in an open or grassy area, you can cut the leaves to which it is attached and relocate it to a more protected area. I hope that you enjoy your praying mantis observations as much as I have!

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Youth Seedling Contest 2025 ADS National Convention Hosted by Puget Sound Daylily Club, Seattle, WA

Requirements:

- * Participants must be an ADS member at the time of entrance to the contest through the time of the 2025 Convention.
- * Participants must be 18 or under when entering the contest.
- * All seedlings must be entered on or before May 15, 2023.
- * Each participant is limited to three seedling entries.
- * If you want your seedling returned, you must pay for the postage.
- * Participants do not need to attend to win.
- * Participants must have provided complete contact information in order for winners to receive their prizes.

For more information on entering and where to send entries, please contact:

> Leigh Ann Hines 21510 NE 133rd St Woodinville, WA 98077 Leighann.hines@gmail.com (919)824-4505

First place prize: Registration fee paid to ADS 2026 National Convention Second place prize: \$250.00 gift certificate to Browns Ferry Gardens Third place prize: \$100.00 gift certificate to Browns Ferry Gardens

The convention will be in mid July, so mid-late and late season seedlings will be most likely to bloom during convention.







Seedling of youth member Gwyn Duray



Seedling of youth member Andrew Veroeven

Region 2 Winter Meeting February 17 to 19, 2023

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thleen Nordstrom and Mike Grossman Northern Lights Daylilies Jim and Sharon Prochaska Foxwood Gardens

to register, go to ADSRegion2.org/Winter/Me

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Our Adventures In Asheville

article and photos by Theresa Schwandt

Ever since I learned of Blue Ridge Daylily Garden, I have always promised myself I would go there to see it. With the 2022 ADS Convention planned for Asheville, North Carolina, I just had to go! I decided to plan a "girls" trip down to the convention with my two

daughters, Delainey age 13 and Samantha age 11. What a fantastic way to spend time with my girls as well as show them my passion for daylilies and give them a glimpse of my enjoyable I took a lot of hobby. time planning our journey including stops along our 12+ hour road trip. Thank you to the Wisconsin Daylily Society for donating funds for youth like Delainey and Samantha to experience an ADS National Convention.



Our adventure started very early Wednesday morning. All three of us were excited about what we would see and who we would meet on our excursion south. Our first break came in Indiana at Fair Oak Farms which is a huge dairy farm. Much like a small city in itself, it features a "Cowfe" to eat, a gift shop, a visitor center, and farm tours. It was a nice place to relax for a little while before continuing on. A friend of mine recommended that a must-see stop for my horse-loving daughter, Delainey, was Keeneland Racetrack Park in Kentucky which was right on our way. They offer a self-guided tour of the racetrack and stables which proved to be the perfect walk to work out all of the stiffness from sitting in the car for eight hours. The visit to the beautiful grounds was enjoyable but extremely hot at 98 degrees! The



Keeneland Park also featured the Keeneland library which is one of the largest collections of thoroughbred horse racing history in the world. I think we could have spent a whole day there exploring but we needed to press on.

The last leg of the trip to Asheville was upon us and as we got closer, we began to see more mountainous views that were absolutely breathtaking. The only part I didn't appreciate were the tunnels that I had to drive through. Even though I had mentally prepared myself for the tunnel challenge, I am definitely not a fan. Needless to say Delainey and Samantha were thoroughly entertained as I drove white knuckled through each one. I will probably never live that down. We arrived in Asheville that evening as planned, located our hotel and found the hotel pool. As the girls enjoyed the pool, I took some time to relax and review the itinerary for the next day.

Morning came again quite early as we arrived at the Crowne Plaza to check in. We were very warmly greeted by our fellow ADS members and then found some WDS friends. lt is always good see friends to when far away from home. The girls and I got



our check-in bag and wonderful gift plants. Since there wasn't too much planned for that morning, we ventured out to explore what the Asheville area had to offer. Our first stop was Chimney Rock State Park. The park, which is located about 45 minutes from Asheville, features stunning mountain top views, beautiful hiking trails, a waterfall, as well as a fantastic gift shop. To get to the gift shop we opted to take the elevator that lies at the end of a 198 feet carved rock tunnel into the mountainside. The rest of the ascent up the mountain



was all flights of stairs. We went all the way up and all I can say is, "that's a lot of stairs!"

After we explored the beauty only nature can provide, we were hungry and headed back to downtown Asheville for our lunch. Since Delainey loves ducks and raised

Call ducks as a project for 4-H, we could not possibly pass up eating lunch at the White Duck Taco Shop. From there we set out on our downtown Asheville adventure. At the Asheville Bee Charmer we did "honey





tasting" which was а delicious and fun experience especially to Samantha, my "beelover". There were many art galleries, bronze sculptures, colorful and murals throughout downtown with local artists being featured. Being a family very involved in poultry, the girls had to check out the iconic "Chicken Allev" which is home to a beautiful mural featuring a ginormous chicken.

After our downtown experience, we headed back to the Crowne Plaza for the girls to participate in the Youth Meet and Greet. There they met Kathy D'Alessandro, the AHS Youth Chair and her helpers, along with almost 30 other youth attendees. They explained to the new youth participants (and their parents), what to expect during the convention and the various activities that they would have the opportunity to participate in including running plants at the live auction, bidding on plants at the youth auction, and scavenger hunts for goodies in the tour gardens. Lots of fun and educational opportunities for ADS Youth! That evening was a spirited live plant auction and both Delainey and Samantha helped run plants. Their reward for helping came in the way of youth daylily dollars to use for the youth auction later in the week. They did a great job running plants and were amazed at how high the prices went.

Friday morning came quickly enough, early to rise and prepare for a day filled with garden tours! Our first stop was at Blue Ridge Daylily Garden and found not just one but four gardens nestled down in the valley. The first garden I tackled was a huge collection of cultivars from many different hybridizers. I carefully navigated up and down each row to make sure I didn't miss a single variety. Delainey and Samantha were led off by Kathy and her crew along with the rest of the youth garden adventure seekers. While I was in my own little heaven viewing and photographing the most beautiful blooms imaginable in a setting that was almost magical, the girls got to participate in some educational offerings so they could learn about the importance of garden judging, branching, bud count etc. The youth then set out to find various prizes that Kathy and the Youth crew had hidden throughout the garden along with more daylily dollars. Knowing that I would have the opportunity to visit Blue Ridge again on Saturday, I took my time and worked my way through the vast sea of blooming beauty. In between two of the gardens is a lovely little creek with a wooden bridge across it. Garden art could be found throughout. I especially enjoyed all of the "alien" themed works of garden art. Very fitting since Bob Selman has a collection of "Alien" themed introductions. I was delighted to finally



meet Bob Selman in person. Both Bob and Eric Simpson were very busy making sure that we all had the best experience Blue Ridge. visiting Thev also worked hard throughout the convention to ensure all the attendees had a most memorable ADS National Convention experience.

The second garden on tour for the day was Sacred Circle Farm, a modern-day sustainable farm, spiritual



and wellness venue. It features beautiful hillside views that overlook a vallley. The perfect location for the gorgeous stone firepit gathering area. As we walked up to the house, we found daylilies that lined the driveway, a garden pond water feature, a few honey bee hives, and a small vegetable garden. I can see why this very peaceful and relaxing environment makes a perfect spiritual retreat.







The third and final garden on tour for the day was Faer Hill Gardens, which showcased how a garden can be an extension of a living space with a layout of various outdoor "rooms". These rooms were made up of not only wooden fence, carefully decorated with garden art, but also living fence, provided by plants, shrubs and trees. The gardens surrounded quaint cottage-like а house that was perched high on top. As we ventured through these meticulously planned areas filled with blooms and many textures of vegetation, we also came upon a small pond surrounded by a rock walkway made up of twoinch pebble rocks laid in an intricate pattern. cannot imagine the time

and talent needed to create such a work of functional art. Found in the corner of that pond were really cool pitcher plants and a frog water fountain.

After our garden tours for the day came to a conclusion, the girls and I headed back to the hotel to get ready for our upcoming night of excitement, more specifically, the first ever Hat Contest and Parade! Like the almost 100 others that participated, we decorated and fancied up our hats, wore them at the evening dinner and paraded around the banquet hall to some very fun music just hoping for votes to win the coveted award for Best Hat! It was very silly but also so much fun! That evening, the Regional awards took place and our Region 2 was well represented. We are fortunate to live in an area where daylilies are so popular and the people involved in daylilies so impressive.



Saturday morning began much like the day before as we woke up bright and early to catch the garden tour bus. Our first garden tour adventure was really that, an adventure! If riding up the mountain side on the narrow zig-zag roads with no guard rails and steep drop offs didn't test your faith in a higher power or at the very least, your faith in a bus driver, I don't know what would. Trillium Falls Garden was absolutely worth the "fear factor" involved in the trip getting there. We made our way down a rock stairway and came upon a pond water feature filled with colorful Koi fish, complete with a mermaid sculpture and a waterfall. I enjoyed the relaxing sound of the water as we meandered along a trail, surrounded on both sides by blooms of daylilies and companion plants, that led around the house. A firepit and tall balconies were located in the front of the house, which overlooked an unbelievably stunning mountain view. There was also a stone retaining wall which held "shelves" of gardens filled with plants including daylilies that decorated the





stone with splashes of greens and blooms. As you walked past the front of the house, there was yet another path that led down through the trees into a winding nature trail lined in hostas which led to a charming little garden house. A colorful dragon statue stood out amongst the sea of greenery. The sounds of the forest were all around and gave a calming feeling. The trail continued up to the house and brought vou back to that serene waterfall area. The layout of the gardens, use of nature, water, stone and vast mountain views surely made all who experienced it a garden to remember.

Then we were off for our second visit to Blue Ridge Daylily Garden. When we arrived at Blue Ridge that afternoon, I quickly set out to see the rest of the gardens that I had not seen the day prior. I found myself crossing the small wooden bridge over the little creek and into a garden with all Selman and Simpson introductions. The rows of plants were in full bloom and again I slowly moved through each row's splashes of color. This area of the gardens was where the Guest Plants and Region 15 Seedling Beds were found. Beyond this second garden was also another seedling garden and beyond that was another hillside garden with more registered cultivars. The rest of the afternoon spent at Blue Ridge Daylily Garden was easily used viewing all of the beauty captured in this valley of blooms.

Again, it was time to load the buses back to the Convention Center. When we returned, it was quickly time for the Youth Auction which was a lot of fun for the kids. I enjoyed watching the spirited bidding and excitement when those bidding ended up winning



the plant that they were hoping for. Delainey and Samantha came home with some exciting new plants for their garden.

Spending the week with my girls and watching them meet new daylily youth friends from all over the country was really enjoyable. Saturday evening we enjoyed our last night of daylily camaraderie at the ADS Awards Banquet before setting out for our trip home in the morning. We enjoyed the amazing ADS Convention experience, the new friends we met and memories that my girls and I made on our "once in a lifetime trip" to Asheville.



Summer Meeting Reflections 2022

Editor's Introduction

by Saundra Dunn

I am so thankful to this group of women (and their families) who were ready to have us visit in 2020, waited out the pandemic, and reopened their gardens to us this July. Though you will see many rainy photos in the pages ahead, the overall feeling was that everything worked out just right for the 2022 Summer Meeting. I fully recognize that Covid is still with us, but it didn't really intrude on our time together. There is something so comfortable to me about this group of 100 people or so who I may only see once a year, or twice if we attend the Winter Meeting. It was so pleasant just to spend time with them. From truly delicious food to five extraordinary gardens, the whole weekend was lovely.



Kirsten Hatfield, Amy Zahner, Sunny Caldwell, Jill Yost, Ann Townsend

In the pages ahead, several Region 2 members share their impressions and reflections about the tour gardens. I truly appreciate their willingness to do this and love how each one captured some essence of the garden in their writing. Not everyone is able to attend our Region 2 Summer Meeting gatherings. I hope that the pages ahead will give all of our members a glimpse into these truly gorgeous 'off the beaten path' treasures.

While the garden tours would be enough, so much more goes on at these meetings. If you already read through Bruce Wickmann's thorough summary of the business meeting and Rhonda Veroeven's discussion of ADS award winners from Region 2, you have an idea of some of the other events of the meeting. Curt Hanson's keynote presentation was visually engaging and so thought-provoking about the inspirations, challenges, and creative wonders of his hybridizing journey. Another part of the appeal for me is the variety of dinner and bus conversations with old friends and people I have never met before. If you ever have the opportunity, I highly encourage you to attend a Region 2 Summer Meeting! And, if that isn't possible, you can always count on *GLD* for a few reflections and a brief photo recap.



The Coshocton Inn and Suites was also a gem, and so cozy that we took over the entire place.



"Off The Beaten Path" logo



Speaking of 'off the beaten path,' I loved this animal fountain in Mt. Vernon, on my way to Coshocton!

Sunny Caldwell's Garden: Such Captivating Seedlings Reflections by Lisa Marlatt

The first stop on the bus tour was at the peaceful country home of Sunny Caldwell in Alexandria, Ohio. What a backdrop for the colorful daylily collection! The rain was coming down quite steadily, but that didn't stop the daylily enthusiasts who just pulled out their ponchos and umbrellas and started to ex-



plore after enjoying refreshments in the garage. What an amazing view overlooking a field of soybeans!



Her century old home was once a thriving working farm that had the most amazingly extensive corn crib. Now the farm is home to hundreds of captivating daylily seedlings and registered cultivars. When asked what her hybridizing focus was, it was a quick reply of pleated and cristate. What I found was not one or the other, but both pleated and cristate on the same bloom. I had never seen this, nor had many others in attendance by the many attendees snapping close-up photos.



We were not the only visitors who were as impressed with the scapes as with the blooms.



on so many of Sunny's seedlings More than one guest was heard referring to these scapes as 'trees' as they pulled another visitor over to examine them.

The garden was beautifully maintained. I didn't see a single weed. The yard is surrounded by a split rail fence to protect her two dogs, who faithfully keep deer from nibbling on daylily buds. She also grew sunflowers for the late summer gold finches, milkweed for monarch butterflies, and dill and bronze fennel for swallowtails. The property is also a haven for wildlife, including boxes for bluebirds.



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Top photos: Lisa and Jerry Marlatt admiring the tree-like scape of a seedling.

Left: Sandy Holmes and Sunny Caldwell.

Photos by Lisa Marlatt or Saundra Dunn

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Sunny Caldwell Garden continued

Thank you, Sunny, for sharing your beautiful garden and your innovative hybridizing program with Region 2 daylily enthusiasts.



Jill Yost's Garden: An Artist's Work Comes To Life Reflections by Debbie Hurlbert-Minard

Riding along on the "Badger Bus" at the Region 2 Summer Meeting on July 16, our second stop was the garden of Jill Yost. I might add it was pouring rain!



Jill and her husband Rick began collecting daylilies in 1980. Rick also hybridized, registering 60 plants before he passed away eight years ago. Today Jill has no idea of the number of cultivars that have been amassed in the gardens spanning the five acre property. There must have been several hundred along with the many perennials, conifers and specimen trees mixed in for a very pleasing aesthetic approach to a country garden.



Jill taught art in the public schools for 36 years and at the college level for six. Her creativity really shows in how her gardens were laid out with so many complementary shapes and textures. As I was talking with Jill about her gardening philosophy, a hummingbird flew by. W I thought 'she is letting nature be ultimate artist.'





Jill is a member of the American Daylily Society and the Granville Garden Club of the Ohio

Association of Garden Clubs, where she was the Treasurer for many years and is now the Vice-President.

I asked Jill if she hybridizes. Her response was, "A little." She has three earlier introductions and will be naming new daylilies after her grandchildren, to complement those already registered by Rick, such as 'Braden's Tattoo' (2009) and 'Sheza Cheek Pincher' (2009). Her favorite hybridizer is Oscie Whatley. Her favorite daylily is one of his introductions named 'Pastor James'

(1998) because it is a huge yellow with a green throat that starts blooming in the mid-season and continues for a very long time. It is a sibling to Whatley's wellknown cultivar 'Butter Cream' (1998).







Jill pointed out some of Rick's introductions throughout the gardens, including his award-winning 'George Jets On' (1999). His last introduction, 'Annabelle's Fishing Lure' (2013, left), was growing in a beautiful clump.

We climbed back on the

bus soaking wet, but I was so that glad we got to view such dynamic gardens near Pataskala, Ohio.















Photos counter-clockwise from top left: Jill with 'Pastor James' (Whatley, 1998) foreground and 'Strider Spider' (Durio, 1998) behind. 'Annabelle's Fishing Lure' (Yost, 2013) (*Photo by Theresa Schwandt*). Lovely snacks and Krista, the snack delivery fairy.

Guests admiring a giant crocosmia plant. 'Herbgirls Cherry Moonshine' (Yost, 2002). Debbie Hurlbert-Minard taking notes for these reflections. This much sought after Giant Coneflower (Rudbekia Mixima) was a popular topic of discussion, with Jill sharing where to purchase it. One of the many textural garden vignettes. Jill Yost (left) with friend Richard Norris. Photos by Debbie Hurlbert-Minard and Saundra Dunn, except as noted.

Ann Townsend & Martijn Steger's Bittersweet Farm: The Allure Of That White Picket Fence Reflections by Nancy Secrist

Bittersweet Farms of Granville, Ohio, was the third garden tour stop during the Region 2 Summer Meeting. Established in 2006, the rolling and mostly wooded ten acres are profusely adorned with a wide variety of unusual trees, hostas, and iris in addition to dozens of daylily cultivars.



Ann and Martijn have created many idyllic garden beds to wander through, but I, along with many others, was strongly drawn to a little picket fence enclosure dedicated to Ann's seedlings. Guests were enthralled with the beautiful flowers atop well-branched and prolific scapes. Large and unusual form flowers in rich colors with gorgeous watermarks were in abundance.



None of the eye-catching potential introductions have yet been registered. That may change in 2023. Quite a few inquiries were directed to specific plants. Peak season blooming really topped off the great scapes and bud counts under the flowers!

I was also impressed by the fishline used above the very modest picket fence to protect the daylilies from the ever-roaming deer. Ann confirmed it to be a very effective deterrent! I was also intrigued that the six inch raised beds for the seedlings



are held neatly by a manufactured composite decking which is impervious to rot and held by stakes of rebar. The beds have been in place for a number of years and will continue to be for sometime! Low maintenance always appeals to me.

My concluding thought was that Bittersweet Farm would be an amazing refuge at the end of the day, with views of the pond from a firepit circle, gathering with friends and beverages of choice, and enjoying the thriving daylilies. Bittersweet Farms is open to visits next season with a call ahead of time.









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Bittersweet Farm continued







Left, top and bottom: A variety of Ann's lovely seedlings. Above: The seedling that would later in the day earn the Englerth Award. Right: Martijn and Ann celebrating this achievement at the banquet that evening.





Dorsets and Daylilies near Zanesville, Ohio, is the scene of all things diversified on an Ohio farm. From the road, a few daylilies are spotted. But as one drives down the lane to the farmstead, beds of daylilies of every color, shape, and form greet visitors.





Kirsten and Jason Hatfield have built a country life of farming here on the property previously owned by his parents. In addition to raising two daughters, they raise two breeds of sheep (Dorset and White Dorper) along with Angus cattle. They grow corn, soybeans, and alfalfa, and sell seed corn and live-stock feed. All that in addition to daylilies!

The garden was the site of the Englerth Bed which was carefully placed toward the start of the lane. The bus dropped visitors by the bed so entries could be viewed and ballots completed. Walking up the lane was a visual overload! Over 1,000 named cultivars are placed around the house with seedling



beds alongside of the driveway and behind the farm shed. Lining-out beds and selection beds are at the

southeast corner of the yard. Even though Kirsten's hybridizing program emphasis is double daylilies, she has registered over 30 daylilies of various ploidies, colors, and forms. Photo right is 'Long Legs Louise' (2019) and far right are several of Kirsten's seedlings.

A delicious lunch was catered on-site at the Hatfields. This gave attendees additional time to take in the sites at the farm. Youngest daughter Hainsley (a.k.a. 'Long Legs Louise) brought one of the show sheep around to visit with guests.







Kirsten later reflected, "It was a really wonderful event in spite of a few showers. It was great to see everyone and hear the positive feedback from them. It was well worth the effort," she concluded.







Above: Signs throughout the property shared farming information with attendees. Below: Kirsten, Jason, and Hainsley Hatfield. *Photos by Pat Titus and Saundra Dunn*





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Amy Zahner's Garden: A Tranquil Place To Take In The Views











Amy Zahner, Jerry and Lisa Marlatt, Sandy Holmes, Jacki and Gary Barth.

Reflections by Saundra Dunn

If "Off The Beaten Path" had been able to occur in 2020 as originally planned, Amy Zahner's home would have been one of the Saturday tour gardens, But recent construction on their property now makes it impossible for a bus to turn around on the long uphill driveway. So Amy opened her gardens to visitors on Sunday following the Summer Meeting. I was glad to see so many people taking advantage of the offer when I stopped since it was truly a beautiful setting.

The word that recurred as I wandered Amy's gardens was "tranquil." Her home nearly defines "off the beaten path" since my GPS lost its signal. Thankfully, the Barths in the car ahead of me knew where we were going. Flowers surround the house and the huge outdoor patio space, which looks out over a pond and the neighbor's barn. The expanse of farmland around them added to the peaceful feeling.

Mature daylily clumps put on a show of vivid colors. They provided focal points within beds textured with a variety of shrubs and other perennials.

I was particularly drawn to the many garden art pieces throughout the flower beds. These also reflected the surrounding farming community. Amy's dogs wandered from guest to guest, making me personally feel right at home. That porch swing was just so inviting. But I eventually said my goodbyes to Amy and to the 2022 Summer Meeting. I made my way down the winding driveway and toward home, grateful for the beautiful Ohio farm country along the way.







'Red Kangaroo' (Gossard, 2005)



'Willie Markus' (Kinnebrew-J., 2006)



Ramsey, the daylilysniffing Shepherd



Libby, the loveable Lab

Meanwhile, Back At The Hotel...



First, a bit of housekeeping. Barb Buikema correcting the 'Welcome' sign spelling.



Once inside, attendees were greeted by registrar Diane Wickmann and Bruce.



Then there was the stop for bus sign-up with Barb Buikema (left), chatting here with Gail Braunstein.



Friday evening opening remarks by Region 2 President Charlie Harper.



Who wouldn't want to have a fancy dinner with this bow-tied trio? John Dillon, Jerry Marlatt, and Gary Barth.



A round of applause for those attending a regional meeting for the first time!







All photos by Barb Buikema and Saundra Dunn



Did everyone get their picture taken with Richard Norris? Far left, top, with Jamie Gossard. Far left, bottom, with Carole Hunter. Center, with Curt Hanson. Above, with Joe Monnin, Lori Doolin, and Ray Rayburg.

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Other Weekend Highlights



Thanks to Pat Titus for once again organizing the silent auction-- and to the many generous donors!! The silent auction raised nearly \$2000!



Wally Thomen was recognized as the oldest attendee.







This amazing quilt made by Jenny Grunberg caused quite a bidding war! There were so many wonderful donations to both the live plant and silent auctions. And thanks to our generous bidders we raised a total of \$9,500!







Our keynote speaker Curt Hanson was captivating as he shared some of his inspirations for the wide variety of daylilies he has hybridized. Below with Sunny Caldwell.



Photo left: Exhibition Judging 3 Workshop participants: Laurel Richardson, Doug Cellars, Jane Adkins, Karen Ciula, and Mark Druckenbrod. Sandy Holmes and Saundra Dunn also facilitated a Garden Judging 1 Workshop on Friday.



ADS Awards and Honors Chair Rhonda Veroeven presented several awards at the Saturday banquet. The entire list will be presented in the winter edition of *Great Lakes Daylily*. Barb Buikema received the Region 2 Service Award. Above, she is with three women she credits as her mentors in the daylily world. Left to right: Rhonda, Barb, Sandy Holmes, and Monique Warnke.



Tech team Charlie Harper and Bruce Wickmann.

Thank you to the "Off The Beaten Path" team! What an amazing weekend of memories!



Lisa and Jerry Marlatt



Kirsten Hatfield and Ann Townsend

The Umbrellas (and People) of Region 2



Sandy Holmes and Sunny Caldwell



Kirsten Hatfield



Carole Hunter and Lori Doolin



Curt Hanson



Greg and Elizabeth Trotter



Bob Buikema



Shoshana Wodzisz (first time attendee!) and Terry Hanson



Pat Titus, with Karen Ciula passing behind



Sandi Rockwell and Bobbi Hoersdigfirst time attendees!



Ray Rayburg, Sunny Caldwell, and Joe Monnin

Late Breaking News!

In The Middle Of The Mitten Region 2 Summer Meeting July 21-23, 2023

Decisions have just been made and details are still coming together as this newsletter is going to print. More information will follow in the Winter *GLD*.











Daniel Greiner and Michael Crowley Limberlost Gardens Mulliken, MI

Three acres of gardens designed in a Victorian theme, containing a rich mix of tropicals, herbaceous perennials, and hundreds of daylilies, as well as a distinct cut-flower garden.

Michigan State University (tentative) Horticultural and Children's Gardens East Lansing, MI

Fourteen acres of diverse garden displays including rose, annual, and outdoor succulent trial beds, water features, unique trees and shrubs, ornamental grasses, and an engaging children's space.

Jane Hamelink and Ron Dlouhy Three Crane Farm Gardens Williamston, MI

Forty years of daylily, iris, and perennial collecting exhibited in numerous free-form beds on a historic farm property. We'll be among the first to tour the beds at their newly-constructed home.

Saundra Dunn and Mary Ann Cleary Along The Fence Daylilies Dansville, MI

While not as showy as the other gardens on this tour, we do grow over 2200 varieties of daylilies. We also maintain a Stout bed in chronological order, a Michigan hybridizers bed, and a Region 2 hybridizers bed.

Nancy Cooper Serenity Gardens Gregory, MI

Two picturesque acres filled with hundreds of hosta, daylilies, ornamental grasses and numerous other perennials, shrubs, and conifers. Surrounded by water on two sides, the gardens remain lush from spring through fall.

2022 REGION 2 PHOTO CONTEST BEST SINGLE BLOOM PHOTO



Winner: Vickie Goedde, Elberfeld, IN 'Lydia's Regal Robe' (Waldrop, 2008) Prize: 'Grapefruit League' (Adams-R, 2020), donated by Ric Adams



Runner-up: Valerie Engel, South Bend, IN 'Tessa Ann' (Hansen-D, 2013) Prize: \$50 gift certificate to Along The Fence Daylilies

ABOUT OUR JUDGES

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

Joe Cleary is an active social media photographer, creating many innovative hiking and biking trail images.

Mary Kwas has been a frequent contributor and winner of the Region 2 photo contest, but volunteered to judge this year instead.

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

BEST MULIT-BLOOM PHOTO



Winner: Vickie Goedde, Elberfeld, IN 'Clarification' (Norris-R, 2002) Prize: Cousins Combo, see below, donated by Ric Adams



Runner-up: Jennifer Seely, Trenton, IN 'Denim Sky' (Simpson-E, 2018) Prize: \$50 gift certificate to Along The Fence Daylilies Thank you, Ric Adams, for donating your intros for our first place prizes!

'Grapefruit League' (2020)



Cousins Combo: 'Ava Victoria Adams' (2020) & 'Stella Jane Webb (2013)

> 'Sloan Chandler Harris' (future introduction)





And thank you Along The Fence Daylilies for our second place prizes!

BEST ARTISTIC/CREATIVE PHOTO



Winner: Lori Doolin

Winchester, IL 'Carol Sing' (Saxton, 1981) Prize: 'Sloan Chandler Harris' (Adams-R, 2022)

What a joy to have well over twice as many people participate this year compared to 2021! How awesome it would be to double our participation again next year!!



Runner-up: Bobbie Craig, Osgood, IN 'Black Eyed Stella' (Roberson, 1989) Prize: \$50 gift certificate to Along The Fence Daylilies Amy Martinez, IL Amy McConnell, OH Angie Maly, OH Armand Aronson, MI Barb Brevick, MI Barb Buikema, MI Betsy Brubeck, IN Carol Koch, IL Bobbie Craig, IN Brian Donahue, OH Christine Haynam, OH Conrad Wrzesinski, WI David Winter, OH Debbie Hurlbert, OH Deb Scheckel, IL Debby Colvin, OH Deborah Crumpler, IL Elaine Seifert, IN Elizabeth Veldey, OH Gayle Story, IL Ginny Pearce, MI Greg Beavers, IN Gus Guzinski, MI Jean Little, IL Jeanie Stevens, OH Jennifer Seely, IL Jill Ann Ladrick, OH

JoAnne Frederick, OH Jon Minard, OH Karen Ciula, OH Karen Stevens, OH Kelly Williams, OH Lezlie Myers, IN Lisa Blocker, IN Lori Doolin, IL Mary Jo Wilhelms, OH Michelle Rodgers Monique Warnke, WI Nancy Shack, IL Nancy Sniff, MI Pat Sturdevant, WI Patricia Adrian, WI Phil Korth, WI Rich Surmont, MI Sandi Rockwell, OH Sandra Shull, IL Sharon Prochaska, WI Sheila O'Brien, Shirley Toney, IN Theresa Ryan-Mitlyng, MI Theresa Schwandt, WI Valerie Engel, IN Vickie Goedde, IN Wendy Jones, OH

HONORABLE MENTION: SINGLE BLOOM



Barb Buikema Grandville MI 'Honey Crunch Cupcake' (Herrington-T, 1999)



Debbie Scheckel New Lenox, IL 'Apple Peaches Pumpkin Pie' (Schindler, 2004)



Ginny Pearce Grand Rapids, MI Seedling 15-25-01 (Pearce-G, unregistered)



Barb Brevick Dansville, MI 'Wild Horses' (Trimmer, 1999)



JoAnne Frederick Upper Sandusky, OH 'Prickly Sensation' (Maryott, 2011)



Sandra Shull Middletown, IL 'Blue Martini' (Stamile-Pierce, 2012)

HONORABLE MENTION: SINGLE BLOOM







Debbie Scheckel New Lenox, IL 'Four Eyes' (Lambertson, 2011) Debbie Hurlbert Howard, ,OH 'I Luv Lucy' (Wilkerson, 2008) Theresa Schwandt Reeseville, WI 'David Jewell' (Simpson-E, 2020)

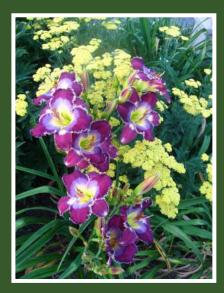
HONORABLE MENTION: MULTI-BLOOM



Angie Maly West Chester, OH 'Arctic Tern' (Lambertson, 2006)



Lori Doolin Winchester, IL 'Jesse Warren' (Ford-N., 1996)



Shirley Toney Franklin, IN 'Changed in a Moment' (Emmerich, 2020)

HONORABLE MENTION: MULTI-BLOOM



Bobbie Craig Osgood, IN 'Grey Witch' (Reed 1999)



Vickie Goedde Elberfeld, IN 'Back Scratcher' (Hansen-D., 2006)



Phil Korth Suamico, WI 'Healing Waters' (Korth-P.-Korth-L., 2015)



Bobbie Craig Osgood, IN 'Spacecoast Black Knight' (Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2013)



Jeanie Stevens Carrollton, OH 'Spacecoast Eye of the Tiger ' (Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2016)



Amy McConnell Sherrodsville ,OH 'Intelligent Design' (Emmerich, 2003)

HONORABLE MENTION: ARTISTIC/CREATIVE



Jennifer Seely Trenton, IN 'Elizabeth Hewitt' (Selman, 2010)



Nancy Sniff Grand Rapids, MI 'White Chocolate' (Reed, 2009)



Amy McConnell Sherrodsville ,OH Celebration Of Life



Armand Aronson Lowell, MI Seedlling 12-28-01



Ginny Pearce Grand Rapids, MI Seedling 15-35-01

HONORABLE MENTION: ARTISTIC/CREATIVE



Debbie Scheckel New Lenox, IL 'Fanciful Candy' (Stamile, 1997)



Vickie Goedde Elberfeld, IN 'Carol Sing' (Saxton, 1981)



Barb Buikema Grandville, MI Anders Garden Findley, OH



Christine Haynam Cortland, OH 'Heavenly Angel Ice' (Gossard, 2004)



Jean Little Palmyra, IL 'Prime Example' (Pierce-G., 2017)

AND SO MANY OTHER LOVELY PHOTOS (with more to follow in the winter newsletter)



Jeanie Stevens Box Of Blooms



Nancy Shack 'Herbgirls Cherry Moonshine' (Yost, 2002)



Greg Beavers 'Mystic Butterfly' (Petit, 2011)



Brian Donahue 'Little Miss Understood' (Selman, 2013)



Kelly Williams 'Pretty Lady' (Stutson, 1977)



Sandi Rockwell 'Lipstick Jungle' (Hanson-C., 2018)



Wendy Jones 'Michael Bennett' (Brooker-G, 2005)



Jill Ann Ladrick 'Blizzard Bay' (Salter, 1995)



Michelle Rodgers Seedling 22-9 (Rodgers, unreg)



Gayle Story 'Mouse Trap' (Salter-E.H., 2021)



Elaine Seifert 'All Our Tomorrows' (Seifert, 2022)



Lezlie Myers 'Stunningly Different' (Maryott, 2013)



Elizabeth Veldey 'Swallow Tail Kite' (Hanson-C., 1998)



David Winter Seedling 17-15-04 (Winter, unregistered)



Bobbie Craig 'Buddy's Megan' (Hall-J., 2016)



Theresa Ryan-Mitlyng 'Ruffled Rainbow Gem (Klehm, 2003)



Christine Haynam 'Rose Masterpiece' (Stamile, 1998)



Jon Minard Unnamed daylily

Speaking Of Daylily Photos...

Some daylilies are just so distinctive that you know them when you see them. Test your daylily recognition skills on these classic plants.

































Hint: These are in alphabetical order (left to right, top to bottom).

Answers are on page 61 Photos by Mary Ann Cleary or Saundra Dunn

2022 Daylily Show Stories

Editor's Introduction by Saundra Dunn

For this issue, I received several articles related to daylily exhibition shows held over the summer. Rather than present them each as individual articles, I have grouped them here as a collection. The brief history of the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society below provides a general background about ADS- accredited daylily shows for those of us less familiar them, as well as specific background about their club. A short description of several summer shows follows, highlighting the wide-variety of venue options. On page 48, I have compiled a list of winning entries for each judged show. For those of us who are not (yet) exhibitors, the list of winners may serve as a shopping list for next summer additions to our gardens! I also wanted to highlight here that many clubs host non-accredited shows as a way to connect with the general public. So while a show may not be ADS-accredited, it is still another valuable tool to help engage and educate the public.

Accredited Daylily Shows hosted by the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society by Debby Colvin

The Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society has a long history of holding accredited daylily shows, which means that most show divisions are judged by ADS accredited judges and ADS ribbons can be awarded. A show schedule must also be produced and approved before the show can go forward. Traditionally, the shows were held at our meeting venue, the Franklin Park Conservatory in downtown Columbus, OH. These shows usually included a floral design division, in addition to the on-scape horticulture division. Often, members from local garden clubs partnered with MCDS to design floral arrangements judged by National Garden Club judges. Individuals who entered floral designs could use blooms from the daylily beds that the club maintains on the grounds of the Conservatory.



MCDS Co-chairs Gail Johannes and Arielle Lucius

During the Covid pandemic, public meetings were cancelled at the Conservatory, so no shows could be held. After two years without a show, the club decided to find another venue for our show. We found a perfect location in the Upper Arlington Library – in a large atrium filled with light from floor to ceiling windows. Although the club decided to again have an accredited show, the design division was dropped for this year, but an off-scape division was included (see photo.) While this is not a judged category, this type of display allows exhibitors to



MCDS Off-scape exhibits

bring one or more individual blooms, without having to groom a scape. In addition to the National award ribbons available for winning daylilies, the club also sponsors additional awards for: the runner-up of Best in Show (called "King of Show"); the William Johannes Sweepstakes Award (a silver bowl awarded to the Sweepstakes winner); a Novice Award for the first-time exhibitor who has the best horticulture entry; and a Peoples Choice Award for the on-scape and offscape daylily blooms receiving the most visitor votes. In addition to ribbons, the club provides gift certificates to the winners which can be used for future club daylily sales/auctions. This year, 144 scapes were entered, and 111 off-scape blooms exhibited.(See our MCDS article on page 56 for more information). Sixteen individuals entered on-scape entries, and 15 individuals entered off-scape entries.

Indiana Daylily-Iris Society

by Show Co-Chairs Greg Beavers and Lezlie Myers

On July 2, Indiana Daylily-Iris Society hosted an ADS-accredited daylily show at Sullivan's Hardware and Garden Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Senior judges Jacob Braun, Nikki Schmith, Jim Cruise, and Patricia McCollum (photo right) evaluated 116 entries from nine exhibitors. We were excited to have three new exhibitors this year, Cheryl Jenkins, Kari Brubeck, and Sandy Pedrick. Sandy exhibited her marvelous seedlings, competed in the Achievement Medal section and won an Achievement Medal! Many thanks to all the volunteers and exhibitors for making the event a tremendous success!



Head Table at IDIS Show



Best In Show 'Adavier'





Sandy Pedrick's Achievement Medal entries

Southern Indiana Daylily, Hosta, Daffodil & Iris Society

by Greg Beavers, chair, and John Simpson, co-chair

On June 28, 2022, the Southern Indiana Daylily, Hosta, Daffodil, and Iris Society hosted a daylily show at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, Bloomington, Indiana. Hybridizer Frank Nyikos evaluated ninety entries from seven exhibitors. We were excited to have club member Larry Weingartner exhibit his seedlings this year. We couldn't have had such a successful show without so many dedicated volunteers and exhibitors! A hosta exhibit was also presented on show day and club members were on-hand into the evening to answer questions on growing plants and to promote our upcoming sale. The show was at the start of the fair, so blooms were available for viewing the entire week.



Larry Weingartner with his seedling awards



Head Table at SIDHDIS Show



(left to right) Bert McConnel, Nancy Deckard, Rusty Neal, and Greg Beavers (division winners)

Daylily Social By Laurel Richardson (Photos by Nikki Schmith)

It was a privilege to judge the ADS-accredited Daylily Social show in Worden, Illinois, with Kathy Pinkas and newly appointed Exhibition Judges Jim Cruise and Jacob Braun. Nikki Schmith took Best in Show with an exquisitely grown and groomed specimen of 'Opa Klaus' (Waldrop, 2015). One of the highlights was the amazing off-scape display on artist palette supports made by Jim Cruise. Perhaps he will share his creative secrets for these in a future article!



Nikki Schmith with 'Opa Klaus'



Creative off-scape palette display



Judges reviewing on-scape entries

Grand Valley Daylily Society

By Nancy Sniff

On July 23, we had our first GVDS daylily show at Frederick Meijer Garden in two years. Yay! There was concern that we might not have enough blooms, but members did a great job bringing in a variety of wonderful flowers. There was an impressive display of registered cultivars and seedlings which were displayed both on- and off-scape.



Rich Surmont seedlings on display



Volunteer members had fun talking with people and introducing them to the world of daylilies that so many of them never knew existed. Visitors were absolutely impressed. We were amazed at the number of adults as well as children who sat down and did the daylily coloring and activities. I guess we are all kids a heart?

This was a record breaking event for us. The FMG auto-count showed 811 visitors to the hosta and daylily shows (the shows were next to each other). We had two new members sign up at the show and two other people take applications to be returned later. In terms of our goal of community outreach, this event checked all of the boxes!

The young at heart with their completed daylily art

A few crowd favorites among the off-scape cultivars (left to right): 'Isabelle Rose' (Laprise, 2009) 'Larry's Twilight Bite' (Gossard, 2012) 'Soul Whisper' (Pearce-G., 2015







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2022 Daylily Show Results

(If we have missed your show, please let me know and we can share results in a future GLD)

	Daylily Social	Indiana Daylily-Iris Society	Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society	Southern Indiana Daylily, Hosta, Daffodil & Iris Society
Section 1:	'Sharyn Lianne'	'Larry's Twilight Bite'	'Voracious Vixen'	'Tuscawilla Tigress'
Extra Large	Jean Little	Greg Beavers	Kathleen Dillon	Bert McConnel
Section 2:	'Cameron's Glory'	'Ashwood Summer	'She-Ra'	'Angel's Share'
Large	Nikki Schmith	Sunshine' John Everitt	Charles Lucious	Bert McConnel
Section 3:	'Julie Covington'	'Night Dreams'	'Lights in the Shadows'	'Strawberry Candy'
Small	Nikki Schmith	John Everitt	Angie Maly	Nancy Deckard
Section 4:	'Bedbug'	'Little Tawny'	'Tinker Bell'	'Burgundy Babe'
Miniature	Lori Doolin	Greg Beavers	Steve Williams	Greg Beavers
Section 5:	'Opa Klaus'	'Dagny Hooks'	'Four Are Wild'	'Lucky Pierre'
Dble, Multi, Poly	Nikki Schmith	Greg Beavers	Sharon Johnson	Rusty Neal
Section 6:	'Susan Heimerdinger'	'Out of Sane'		'Licorice Twist'
Spider	Kathy Slater	John Everitt		Greg Beavers
Section 7:	'Blue a Fuse'	'Adavier'	'Adavier'	'Adavier'
Unusual Form	Kathy Slater	Greg Beavers	Steve Williams	Greg Beavers
Section 8:				
Youth				
Section 9:		Sandy Pedrick		Larry Weingartner
Seedling				
Section 10:		Sandy Pedrick		
Ach'vement Medal				
Sweepstakes	Lori Doolin	Greg Beavers	Sharon Johnson	
(most ribbons)				
Reserve Grand				'Tuscawilla Tigress'
Champion				Bert McConnel
Best In Show/	'Opa Klaus'	'Adavier'	'Lights in the Shadows'	'Adavier'
Grand Champion	Nikki Schmidt	Greg Beavers	Angie Maly	Greg Beavers

Resources to Learn More

If these articles have intrigued you, there are a variety of resources to help you learn more about daylily exhibitions and shows:

* ADS publication *Daylily Exhibitions: A practical handbook for daylily exhibitors, judges, and show chairs.* Available throught the ADS Online Store on at daylilynetwork.com



* The Exhibition Judges Home Page (https://www.daylilynetwork.org/page/ExhibitionJudging) on the ADS website

* Upcoming online Exhibition Judges 1 Training on October 25 or Exhibition Judges 3 Refresher on October 27. Each will begin at 7:00 pm Central time. Contact Debbie Smith at exhibitionjudges@daylilies.org

- * Laurel Richardson, Regional Exhibition Judges Co-Liaison: lhabitat@aol.com
- * Nikki Schmith, Regional Exhibition Judges Co-Liaison: daylilyenews@daylilies.org

Region 2 Exhibition Judges

Below is a list of our student, junior, and senior exhibition judges for Region 2 as of January, 2022. Check out the ADS website for updates. Thank you all for your service!

ILLINOIS

Jacob Braun Stanley Courtney James Cruise Lori Doolin Mary E. Duggan Nikki Schmith Carol Wallace

INDIANA

Greg Beavers Patricia Byerley Lezlie Myers

INDIANA continued

Laurel Richardson Jackie Schroeder Steven Thompson

MICHIGAN Patrice McCollum LaVere Webster

OHIO

Jane Adkins J.R. Blanton Doug Cellar

OHIO continued Karen Ciula Robert Cochran Mark Druckenbrod Patricia C. Henley Richard Henley Melinda Hoffman Debbie Hurlbert Gail Johannes Sharon Johnson Robert Johnson Arielle Lucius

OHIO continued

Oksana Tadich Kit Walter Steve Williams

WISCONSIN

Rhonda Veroeven Monique Warnke

WASHINGTON, DC

Barbara K. Chang (honorary)

A Tribute To Don Herr, Friend of Region 2

by Amy McConnell



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A Personal Remembrance Of Eric Denham

by Saundra Dunn

I am, by most measures, among the least qualified people to write a tribute to Eric Denham. I only met Eric once, at a regional meeting whose location I can't even remember now. I truly enjoyed our conversation, whether it was at dinner or on the bus. I don't remember that either. I was just so glad to have met this kind and humble man. When one of Eric's plants was auctioned later in the evening, I bought it. And I so vividly recall Eric carrying 'Give Me Fuel' (2002) to me and thinking 'that plant must need a lot of fuel' because it was, and still is, the largest potted daylily I had ever seen. The wide leaves were well over three feet in length. To this day, it is still one of my all-time favorite daylilies (photo, right).





'Mom Is Late' (2003)



'No Such Zone' (2013)



'Dowis Cranberry Merchant' (Stackman-Denham, 2001)



I communicated with Eric a few more times when I bought other plants from him, but never saw him in person again. Yet I thought of him so often because his plants have brought me so much joy over the past twenty years. It's a funny thing, this relationship we have with our plants and their creators. When I read of Eric's death,

Perhaps members of the Chicagoland Daylily Society will write more about Eric in their next club report because they knew him so much better. But I couldn't let his

it was painful in a way that felt more like losing a close friend.

passing go unmarked in this edition of the Great lakes Daylily.





'Quench My Thirst With Gasoline' (2009)

The foliage of Thirst 'Variegated Jackpot' 'Caugh '(2009) (Stackman-Denham, 2001) is consistently variegated All photos by Debbie Scheckel and Saundra Dunn

'Caught In A Trance' (2007)

Obituary for Eric: https://www.sealscampbell.com/obituary/eric-denham Obituary for Don: https://www.thegroffs.com/obituaries/Donald-Herr/#!/

Region 2 Club Reports

Northeast Ohio Daylily Society by Julie Gridley

Another glorious summer! Those few months of the year we dream and plan for during the long midwest winter, while wrapped in blankets sipping hot drinks, have come and largely gone. And, as usual, they sped away much too quickly. We tried to make the most of bloom season, however.

We held an outdoor plant sale in June at a local garden center. The plants came from a holding bed of previous donations, so the digging and other prep work was a group effort and gave us a chance to catch up on each others' lives. The sale itself was an opportunity to meet new people, talk daylilies, bolster our bank account, and add a few new club members!

Then, in July, we took advantage of the regional summer meeting being just two hours away, and several of us made the trip. We thoroughly enjoyed touring the fabulous gardens, being entertained by our lively bus captains, taking countless photos, and cheering on our club founder who was the keynote speaker, Curt Hanson! If you were there, you're now aware of the wealth of plant knowledge and travel experience he has.

In August, we held our annual club picnic at Curt's place, Crintonic Gardens. It's always a highlight of the year. Imagine viewing row upon row of colorful, robust, late-blooming daylilies and then sitting in the shade with a plate of tasty potluck dishes, chatting about the summer. It's a memorable way to cap off the daylily season.

If your travels bring you near Cleveland on Saturday, September 24, please join us at our next meeting. Mike Anders is coming as a guest speaker and will share the results of his extensive research into daylily geneology. Check our Facebook page for details (neodaylilysociety).



NODS club members at their annual picnic at Curt Hanson's Crintonic Gardens. Photo by Colleen Kochevar

Indiana Daylily-Iris Society Article and photos by Lezlie Myers

What a busy time of year!

IDIS was fortunate to have Dan Hansen, from Florida, travel to Indiana to present at our June meeting. Dan grows beautiful daylilies, as he says, the old fashion way out in a field. So, many of his beautiful daylilies are northern hardy. Dan was gracious enough to bring several daylilies for an auction.





Also in July, a few of us were lucky to make it to Off the Beaten Path. the region 2 summer meeting. On the way, we stopped at Heavenly Gardens. We toured the gardens with Jamie and visited with Matt Meadows, too. Then back on the road. Personally, I will never use WAZE, a GPS app, again. It took us to some really, really remote parts of Ohio! Once we arrived at the hotel, we had a wonderful weekend. We saw gorgeous gardens and had a great time, despite the rain. Thank you all!

several new exhibitors. Greg Beavers, an IDIS member, won Best of Show with 'Adavier,' introduced by Region 2 member Steve Williams (2012). For more information, please see the daylily show article on page 45.

In July we had our daylily show.

We had a good turnout with





Photos, top to bottom: Dan Hansen presenting at IDIS. 'Adavier' (Williams-S, 2012). Club members Mary Vinson and Greg Beavers with Jamie Gossard at Heavenly Gardens. Mary, Greg and Lezlie Myers at the Summer Meeting August brought Sandy Holmes to our club meeting. Several of us enjoyed a dinner with Sandy before she shared her hybridizing program with the club. It was a great presentation. I learned some things! Sandy also was gracious enough to



bring daylilies for an auction. Sandy has many beautiful daylilies and is a multi-award winner!

Our annual sale was held in mid-August in a new location, Allisonville Home and Garden by Sullivan, in Fishers, Indiana. In preparing for the sale, volunteer crews grabbed their shovels and dug plants from donor gardens. IDIS club members Chuck and Barb Bunnell





are downsizing and donated iris and daylilies. Shirley Toney, a long-time honorary member of IDIS, also donated several clumps of daylilies. Thanks to plant donors, volunteer workers, and those who purchased plants, we had a very profitable sale.

We have one event left for the year. It's hard to believe the season is over. It always goes too quickly. However, this year, with it being so hot and dry in central Indiana, I'm almost ready for cold weather. No, not really!

Photos, top to bottom: S. Holmes seedling *(hybridizer photo).* Club members taking a break from digging and preparation for the sale. Sales crew members Rod Maust, Mary Vinson, Tom Bohn, Greg Beavers, and John Everitt.

Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society by Charlene Patz

Wow! What a great year this has been for daylily gardens! With all the rain this spring and warmer than usual temperatures this summer, the daylilies have been fabulous in Ohio!

Our 13th Biennial Daylily Expo held on Sunday, July 24 at the Toledo Botanical Garden was wonderful. The conference room looked spectacular with all the beautiful blooms. We had great publicity from the local newspapers before, during, and after this event so we reached people who knew little, if anything, about the fabulous daylily! Jerry and Lisa Marlatt had a spectacular display about hybridizing and daylilies in general featuring our members and their introductions. Tables of daylilies were expertly exhibited by the Marlatts, Dawn Dennis, Phil and Marian Parsons, Charlie Harper, and Linda Hoffman. Shelly Abramczyk



worked days on her beautiful garden wedding displays. And Charlene Patz supplied daylily soup and salad that our visitors, many of whom didn't know you could eat daylilies, enjoyed tasting. Charlie brought a beautiful daylily arrangement and a fabulous hosta floral arrangement for the welcome table.

Guests enjoyed a dividing demonstration by Jerry Marlatt, Charlene Patz, and Linda Scheuerman and got to take home several divisions for their own gardens. Mary Abbott led a tour of the American Hemerocallis Display Garden that our society





helps maintain at the Toledo Botanical Garden. Each visitor received at least one daylily, donated by the Marlatts, the Parsons, and Linda Hoffman, as a door prize. Winner of "Pick your Favorite" was Jerry Marlatt with "Well, Hello, Bright Eyes" which he introduced in



Photos, counter clockwise from above left: Shelly Abramczyk and her garden wedding display. Hybridizers of Ohio display board. Display of daylily introductions by Larry Schultz and Jerry Marlatt. Charlie Harper with his daylily display. The hosta and daylily decorated welcome tablle for the event. *Photos by Frank Patz*



Above, top: Phil Parsons putting the final touches on his and Marian's display. Lower: Guests enjoying the expo. *Photos by Frank Patz*

2020. We even had three visitors join our society that day, and one member rejoined for ten years!

Linda and Rich Nagy, Betty Moore, Pat Colpaert, and John Heinz volunteered for miscellaneous jobs during the expo. Frank Patz did a wonderful job taking pictures of the expo for us that have been posted to our Facebook page and website. Thanks go to our wonderful chairs, Dianna & Arn Vasquez, who organized the event AGAIN for us this year.

Being a dual hosta and daylily society, we paid tribute to Phil Hollenbaugh, (photo right) one of our loyal volunteers who maintains the "Hosta Glen", an American Hosta Display Garden in Bowling Green, Ohio, that our society helps maintains. Phil "works in the garden just about every day in the summer," his wife Joan said during a ceremony to honor him. The hosta H.



Phil Hollenbaugh- the person and the hosta. Photo by Charlie Harper

Phil Hollenbaugh, hybridized by Butch Graves was presented to Phil as thanks for his volunteer work.

Our fabulous Vice-President and Program Chairman, Charlie Harper, has lined up great programs for this fall. Dr. Laura Deeter aka "The Garden Hoe" returns on Saturday, September 17. Following our business meeting, Dr. Deeter, will entertain us with her program titled *'Hortus Mustus: Plants you Gotta Have': What's New in the Horticultural World?* Dr. Deeter is a Ph.D. Professor and Coordinator of Landscape and Horticulture and Horticultural Science at The Ohio State University's Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Ohio. The program should be of interest to just about everyone!

On Saturday, October 8, Bret Clement of Clement Daylily Farm in Indiana will be our guest speaker. Bret has been hybridizing daylilies for more than 15 years and is best known for his often humorous daylily names. He won the Region 2 Howard Hite Award for excellence in hybridizing in 2015. Bret also serves as Chief Counsel for the American Daylily Society.

We will wrap up our gardening year on Saturday, November 12 with our year-end potluck. No program — just time to sit and visit with each other and talk about what a great year 2022 has been for our society!

If you are in our area during any of our events, we would love to have you join us! We meet 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 to visit our website: FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook. com/blackswamphostaanddaylilysociety/?fref=ts>

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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,

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Central Michigan Daylily Society article and photos by Teresa Dillon

CMDS members were incredibly happy to be able to meet this summer, tour gardens, and feel somewhat "normal" again.

In the month of May we had our annual summer kickoff event with a potluck social and cookout at Phil and Ginger Lisik's home, gardens, and greenhouses. This is always a treat since we get to be outdoors with fellow plant lovers. We have a delicious meal, and an auction of plants and garden related items that are all donated by members.





We get to view the spacious gardens, the beautiful stream with а gorgeous bridge inspired by the Monet painting of a bridge in his gardens. We enjoy the vast variety

of trees and plants that share this delightful plot on earth. And we get to go plant shopping. Thank you, Phil and Ginger!

We had a little hiccup in the plans to meet for our June event. It turned out the location was double booked. Missing out in June made us even more anxious for our July event.

We met at the home and gardens of Dennis and Janis Pardeik in Flushing, Michigan, for our July meeting and potluck social. We walked the hills and paths of the shade garden, the vegetable garden, and the daylily seedling beds. We toured the immaculate flower beds that include a variety of lilies, daylilies, and various other plants. There are thousands of plants and many varieties of trees, all growing healthy, huge, and happy because they are well-tended by both Dennis and Janis.

Chad Bush drove a long distance to this event. He delivered his daylily introductions won by CMDS members at the auction when he was our



speaker in November 2021. The were big, beautiful, healthy, and still blooming daylilies.

In August we had a surprise weather change, and after many days of hot humid weather, we had a cool misty day. Still, we had a fun time at Harmon Partridge Park in Owosso, Michigan, right alongside of the Shiawassee River. Members brought passing dishes and we all enjoyed wonderful home cooked food and a lovely visit with our fellow members. There was not much discussion about daylilies at this event since most have gone dormant here for the season. We had had so much hot dry weather that the daylilies look as they usually do in October.

There were many beautiful sights along the river with lots opportunities of for pictures. On this day we saw may varieties wildflowers, of some hummingbirds, and squirrels. A great blue heron flew up from the river and landed high in the top of a dead tree.



We found Monarch caterpillars, and two members took them home to allow them to safely grow into butterflies.

September will bring us back indoors. Our first speakers this fall will be daylily hybridizers Doug and Sandy Veurink from Byron Center, Michigan. the owners of New Every Morning Daylily Gardens www. (neweverymorningdls.com).

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Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society by Debby Colvin and Gail Johannes

The Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (MCDS) has been very busy the last several months. The MCDS Daylily show was held at the Upper Arlington Library on June 25, 2022. There were 144 scapes entered and 111 off-scape flowers shown. There were many blue and purple ribbons given to the beautiful flowers. It was a wonderful venue with great light and our visitors enjoyed seeing the various forms and colors of the flowers. Please see page 48 of this newsletter for a list of winners.





Photos above, left to right: Angie Maley, Best Of Show winner. Sharon Johnson, Sweepstakes winner.

Next came the National Convention in Asheville, NC, from July 6th to 9th, where four of our m e m b e r s attended.



National Convention attendees: Oksana Tadich, Gail Johannes, Annette Dillon, and Melinda Hoffman The following week (July 15-17) saw the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Coshocton, Ohio. A total of 26 members from our club made the trip – a group that comprised nearly 25% of the total number in attendance at the convention.



On August 3, our club held its summer meeting and auction of club guest plants. At a pizza lunch before the meeting, we held a pop-up sale of recent daylily introductions graciously donated by hybridizer Richard Norris (right) for our club



members. Our current meeting venue (Franklin Park Conservatory) is still not allowing public meetings, so this sale was in lieu of the public plant sale normally held at this time.

Throughout August, several work days were held at the Conservatory grounds to clean and trim the foliage and remove spent scapes in the daylily that the club maintains.



Work crew at the Conservatory: Greg Cliffel, Debby Colvin, and Jerry Colvin

Finally, in October, we are looking forward to our endof-year meeting with a speaker and holiday meal.

Central Illinois Daylily Society article and photos by Lori Doolin

Are you kidding me? This year's daylily season is just about over, it has gone by way too quickly! Central Illinois Daylily Society has had a full schedule this summer and we are thankful to have several new members this year.

The club events started Monday, June 20th with a bus trip to southern IL and MO. We visited the garden of Nikki Schmith in Worden IL, then to Mike and Katy Slater's Rosewood Daylily Garden. We stopped at Josephine's in Godfrey IL for a delicious lunch. Definitely a place to try, if not for lunch, then for dessert! Once we were all loaded back on the bus the next stop was Sugar Creek Gardens in Kirkwood MO. Looks small from the road but packed with lots of plants and trees! I will admit, several of us took at least one thing home. The last stop before heading home was Kinder Place Gardens, the home and garden of Dan and Jo Ann White in Glen Carbon IL. Two of my personal favorite cultivars of theirs are 'Tiki Flame' (2009) by Jo Ann and 'Saved Soul' (2015) by Dan. That was a full day, but definitely enjoyable!





Above: Scenes from Nikki Schmidt's garden, including a Brookwood seedling in the foreground. and 2nd place winners. 'Bach Cantata' (Maryott, 2013) and 'Midnight Castle' (Pierce-G, 2013) each earned the most votes. The second place honors went to 'Citrus Ferriswheel' (Pierce-G, 2015) and 'Mississippi Memories' (Stamile 2005).

In July several members of CIDS were able to attend the ADS National Convention in Asheville NC. Stunning views, beautiful gardens, all around amazing!

Also in July was the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Zanesville OH. Again, stunning views and beautiful gardens - you can't get too much of it! If you have never attended a National Meeting or a Regional Meeting, you should add it to your bucket list.

To round out our daylily season, CIDS held their annual daylily sale at the beginning of August. Sale plants were checked in that morning and buyers were lined up waiting for the sale to open at noon. The sale ended at 3:00 with only a few unsold plants, but it didn't take long to find good homes for them. We all know daylilies soon become an addiction; you can't just have one.

It's almost time for fall clean-up (if you do that) and thoughts of what can I add to my garden in 2023! Happy gardening, everyone!



National Conference attendees-Front row: Ansley Titus, Evelyn Titus, Nikki Schmith, Jacob Braun. Back row: Pat Titus, Gerry Delano, Don Shull, Sandy Shull, Lori Doolin and Jim Cruise

The club held an off scape bloom show on June 25th at the Washington Park Botanical Garden in Springfield IL. Participants brought in a total of 223 blooms! Visitors to the well attended show took part in a popularity poll to see which bloom(s) were the most popular. There were ties on both the 1st



Photo by Sandy Shull

Grand Valley Daylily Society by Claire Sheridan



Nancy Sniff was the club secretary for many years and in appreciation of all the work she did for the club, she received a gift certificate to a local garden store when she retired in 2021. She loves garden art and added a bluebird solar light, among other things, to her garden using the certificate.

The Grand Valley Daylily Society met at the home of Laraine Facca in June. The members enjoyed viewing her beautiful garden beds. After the meeting there

was a plant exchange and everyone who brought a plant went home with a new plant for their own gardens.



The club held a daylily show at Meijer Gardens in mid-July. Many members brought flowers and the club gained two new members from the event. Over 800 people attended the daylily show and the hosta show being held at the same time. The children's activities were thoroughly enjoyed by families who attended the shows (photo below. Read more on page 47).



Several members of our GVDS club attended the Regional Summer Meeting in Ohio. In fact, our own Diane Wickmann was the registrar and she and Bruce were

on hand to greet each participant. Barb and Bob Buikema served as bus captains. Peggy Pike, Nancy Sniff, and Diane and Bruce organized silent auction baskets from the club which brought in nearly \$300 at the auction. And Saundra Dunn took over 500 photos to get just the right shots for this newsletter.



Photos clockwise from top left: Bruce and Diane Wickmann. Bob and Barb Buikema with bus driver Wilma. Saundra Dunn and the Hatfield's cat Brownie. The silent auction table. GVDS members at the Regional. Garden art created by Peggy Pike.

In July, Bruce and Diane Wickmann and Ed and JayLynn Wheeler opened their gardens to the club. The Wickmann garden, named Flight Pattern Farm for Bruce's many years as a pilot, has many showpiece garden beds as well as Bruce Wickmann's own seedlings.



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Ed Wheeler is a hybridizer as well and a visit to his garden is to see beds packed with daylilies from his program focusing on lavender, pink and purple, and the crispate forms he loves. Ed's Facebook page 43 North Daylilies is a good introduction to his work.



Path Perennials website is a further look at the work Ginny is doing to develop northern hardy reblooming daylilies.



The August meeting was held at Ginny Pearce's garden and featured an ice cream social. Members enjoyed seeing the mid-late and late daylilies from Ginny's hybridizing program. Many gained ideas for extending the daylily bloom season in their own gardens. The Garden The club is looking forward to the annual fall auction in September and the farmer's market sale the following Saturday. In October Matt Meadows from Regal Daylilies in Ohio will be visiting the club to talk about his hybridizing program.



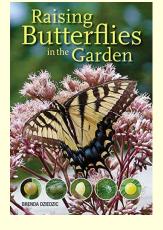


Southern Michigan Daylily Society article and photos by Marietta Crabtree

This has been a busy spring and summer for SMDS with the happy return of added indoor events. The Wildlife Recovery Association presented an April program about owls and falcons which included a live Peregrine Falcon, Merlin Falcon, Screech Owl, Barred Owl, and Saw-Whet Owl. They medically treat, rehabilitate, and release injured birds of prey. Birds that have injuries too severe for release are permanently cared for and serve as ambassador birds for educational programs. Joe and Barb Rogers presented the program and have devoted much of their lives to caring for the birds.

Brenda Dziedzic presented the June program, "Attract Butterflies to Your Garden." The program included the necessary components of a butterfly garden and plants for attracting many different types of butterflies. Brenda is author of the nationally recognized expert butterfly garden book, *Raising Butterflies in the Garden*. Both the host

plants necessary for the caterpillar stage and the nectar plants necessary for the adult butterfly stage are listed for forty types of butterflies and moths.





Southern Michigan Daylily Society continued

July was a month of garden visits. On the 16th, members enjoyed a "Dining in the Daylilies" picnic hosted by

Marietta Crabtree in her lovely, serene garden. Marietta grows five hundred different varieties of daylilies. The daylilies were gorgeous and the weather was perfect for a fun-filled day.



Only two SMDS members were able to attend the Regional Meeting in Coshocton, Ohio, during that same weekend-- Greg Schindler and Saundra Dunn. Both

thoroughly enjoyed visiting the tour gardens. Greg also sent seedlings for the Englerth Bed, which is a friendly seedling display and competition.



Nancy Cooper's gorgeous garden on Joslin Lake was revisited on July 23. Nancy grows 800 varieties of daylilies, 500 varieties of hostas and 70 varieties of ornamental grasses, accompanied by hundreds of annual and perennial companion plants. Again, the weather was perfect for a delightful daylily day.



Members enjoyed a return visit to Jim Slezinski's amazing Lake Orion Tropical Garden on August 11. Jim graciously gave members a personal two-hour tour. The garden has hundreds of annual and perennial plants as companion plants to the gorgeous, exotic tropical plants. A new addition to the garden this year is an upper pond that flows into ten water falls that empty into a large lower pond- so very beautiful and unusual. Weather was perfect again, so lucky, for a joyous, informative garden visit.

Two daylily programs are planned for fall with two Michigan hybridizers. Ginny Pearce will share her new intros and promising seedlings on September 10. Chad Bush will present about his hybridizing program on October 8.

For more information contact Marietta.crabtree@gmail.com





Photos, right: Scenes from Lake Orion Tropical Garden, with owner Jim Slezinski top right and immediate right. Center: Katherine Delaforterie taking photos at Jim's garden. Below: SMDS members with Jim, garden host.





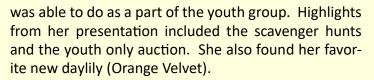
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Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society Article and photos by John Seely

It has been a busy start to 2022 for the Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society. We began the year with a new meeting location and a new website (swildaylily. org). At our May meeting we had our annual companion plant sale, set up a photo contest, and planned our plant sale for the end of the month. We also started a Don't Leave Empty Handed Trivia question that we are going to continue to do every meeting. One member at each meeting will be giving a trivia question to everyone in attendance. The member who is correct or closest leaves with a daylily that the question maker divided from their garden.

Many club members came together to help with our annual daylily sale at the Carlinville Spring Heritage Days. Club members dug, divided, and cleaned 80 different daylily cultivars that were up for sale. Club members dressed in period attire and provided daylily planting advice.

One family in our club made the drive to attend the National Convention in Asheville, NC. They were able to tour four gardens including Blue Ridges Gardens. At our August meeting our youth member, April Ramirez, gave all our club members a presentation on what she



Our August meeting was our annual return plant auction. We saw plants returned from club members from hybridizers Paul Owen and Michael Bouman. We also were able to auction off some daylilies from Scott Elliott and Tom Smoulder to our members. Business wise we started discussing our Fall Daylily Sale at the Carlinville Heritage Days Fall Festival.

Many members are very excited about our upcoming October meeting. This will be the first year of hopefully many where we are going to be putting on a photo contest. Members submitted their photos and we will be doing a popularity poll of members to determine the winners in our three categories (single daylily cultivar, daylilies in landscape, living being with daylilies). Winners will be announced at the end of our October meeting and will receive a gift card depending on the category they won.





Our club is working hard to expand our membership and would love to see new members. We have made a lot of changes throughout the year and are looking forward to an action packed 2023 with speakers, new contests, and of course DAYLILIES! Please look us up on our new website: swildaylily.org

Scenes from our Heritage Days sale, left to right: Club members Eunice Weber, Phil Embree, Mark Phelps, and Rosie Phelps in period costumes. Customers pondering their selections.

Answers To Interactive Quiz, page 44

- 1. Ahoya (Gabrielson, 1964)
- 2. Autumn Jewels (Trimmer, 2000)
- 3. Beautiful Edgings (Copenhaver, 1989) 9
- 4. Carnival In Mexico (SantaLucia, 2000)
- 5. Cradle of Bethlehem (Shooter-E., 2007)
- 6. Destined To See (Grace, 1998)
- 7. Erin Farmer (Childs-F., 1961)
- 8. Galaxy Explosion (Burris, 2003)

- 9. Heavenly Curls (Gossard, 2000)
- 10. Kindly Light (Bechtold, 1950)
- 11. Matchless Fire (Schindler, 2004)
- 12. Pink Stripes (Derrow, 2006)
- 13. Siloam Double Classic (Henry, 1985)
- 14. Skinwalker (Roberts-N., 1997)
- 15. Trahlyta (Childs-F., 1982)
- 16. Webster's Pink Wonder (Webster-Cobb, 2003)

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2023 REGION 2 WINTER MEETING

Where: Springfield, Illinois When: February 17 - 19, 2023 See registration information page 17 or the Region 2 Website.

2023 REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING

Where: Lansing, Michigan When: July 21-23, 2023 More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Where: Nashville, Tennessee When: June 15-17, 2023 https://ahs2023national.com/

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Nancy Cooper's Serenity Gardens, one of our 2023 Summer Meeting tour gardens See page 33 for late breaking news! Photo by Paula Kaye