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|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
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| Individual (3 Years)           | \$84  |
| Dual Membership (1 year) *     | \$36  |
| Dual Membership (3 years)*     | \$99  |
| Life Membership                | \$500 |
| Dual Life Membership           | \$750 |
| Youth - Individual (1 year)    | \$12  |
| Youth - Institutional (1 year) | \$25  |

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- The genus *Hemerocallis*.
- AHS and Region 2 events.
- Region 2 members and hybridizers.

Submissions are encouraged. The editor reserves the right to edit for space, grammar, and content for the three criteria cited above.



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#### Important Notice:

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

You will see Region 2 follow their lead, using  
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# AHS Director Message

By Rhonda Veroeven, Region 2 Director and ADS President



Happy New Year to all my Daylily Family!

It is my sincere hope that no matter how you celebrated, that you enjoyed the winter holidays with family and friends filled with love and laughter. As

I reflect on the last year, I can only smile at all the gardens visited, meetings attended, and visited with more daylily people than I could possibly count. I consider myself so incredibly blessed to have experienced such an amazing year!

Now that daylilies are snuggled into their beds for winter, we can begin to dream of next year, make plans and possibly shop for new acquisitions for the gardens. After over a decade of leadership in my local club, the Wisconsin Daylily Society, I am taking leave from being one of our Board of Directors locally. I also have spent the last four years as your Awards and Honors Chairperson at the National Level, but I am also leaving that position. Not to worry though, I will remain your Director for Region 2. As many of you know, I will add the title of AHS President to my resume. While I will be very busy running the society, I will always keep Region 2 in the forefront as your voice at the table. Do not let the new title cause you pause. Please continue to share successes, challenges, and ideas for the betterment of the society! I represent YOU!

In October, the Fall Board of Directors' meeting was held in Oklahoma City at the site of next year's convention, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Oklahoma City Northwest. The hotel is offering great rates on their all-suites hotel that includes a great cooked-to-order breakfast and a happy hour each night in the cost. I have visited several of the tour gardens, and those alone would be more than worth the price of admission. The gardens, hotel and people of the Oklahoma City area will provide all the attendees with a trip to remember. Make sure to register for the convention quickly; it is almost sold out! Use this link to get to the convention website and register: [www.ads2024convention.org](http://www.ads2024convention.org).

Close to my heart, one of the big items at the Fall Board Meeting is the announcement of many of the Awards & Honors. The individual cultivar award winners were announced on Saturday of the Board Meeting. Please welcome me in congratulating the following individuals: While not in our region, our President Emeritus, Scott Elliott, won the prestigious Stout Silver Medal Award for his daylily, 'Tim Herrington' (Elliott, 2014). We thank him for his service as President and we congratulate him on earning the Stout for his great daylily!

In Region 2 three individuals earned a total of 5 of the 13 Awards of Merit!!! Dianna Gossard earned one for 'Double My Sunshine' (Gossard-D. 2012), Steve Williams earned two for 'Too Cute' (Williams-S. 2012) and 'End of the Tunnel' (Williams-S. 2013), and Jamie Gossard also earned two for his dual registrations 'Spacecoast Tequila Sunrise' (Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2017) and 'Spacecoast The Green Mile' (Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2017).

We also earned five Honorable Mention Awards in Region 2. Steve Williams earned two for 'Bedbug' (Williams-S., 2019) and 'Little Tutu' (Williams-S. 2017). Jamie Gossard earned two for 'Spacecoast Alpha Wolf' (Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2019) and 'Vampire Lady' (Gossard, 2016). Elaine Seifert took home her first national award to my knowledge for 'Wacky Wednesday' (Seifert, 2015).

For Specialty Awards, Elaine Seifert took home the R.W. Munson Award for 'Wacky Wednesday' (Seifert, 2015). Jamie Gossard also took home the Extra Large Diameter Award for 'Cliffjumper' (Gossard, 2017). Photos of these and other award-winners are featured on pages 40 to 47 of this newsletter.

I heartily congratulate all our award winners from the region and hope to see them at the national convention where I will get to hand them their awards this year. Will there be other awards given away at the national convention to Region 2 members? You will have to come to the convention to find out!

Future National Convention Hosts: We are pleased to announce that the 2026 National convention



will be held in Valdosta, Georgia. The Conventions chair is currently accepting applications to host the ADS National Conventions in 2027 and beyond. The convention team is available to help with all aspects of hosting a convention, including an experienced team of hotel and food contract negotiators. Contact Mathew Stafford at [conventions@daylilies.org](mailto:conventions@daylilies.org) for more information.

I know that you have seen this many times, but it is important to repeat the message from the ADS Membership Chair, Steve Amy:

The Board of Directors approved a small increase in the cost of membership to cover the ever-increasing costs of publishing and mailing the Daylily Journal. This is the first increase in dues since 2011. We thought we would be able to avoid increasing the dues for 1-2 more years, but costs have increased too rapidly since 2021 for the Society to remain in the black. Beginning January 1, 2024, the dues will increase according to the following schedule:

- Individual one year from \$25 up to \$30
- Dual one year from \$30 up to \$36

- Individual 3-year from \$70 up to \$84
- Dual from 3-year from \$83 up to \$99
- Youth membership from \$10 to \$12
- Individual Life membership and Dual Life Membership will also be adjusted

Lastly, our technology team is working hard on years of back issues on the website. They are working tirelessly to get all the information up to date. We appreciate your patience as this is a major and time-consuming job! If you notice anything that needs to be updated please email me at [president@daylilies.org](mailto:president@daylilies.org) and/or Rich Crider at [technology@daylilies.org](mailto:technology@daylilies.org) to let us know. It may be something we are aware of and working on or it may be something that we need to know, so we sincerely appreciate your feedback!

Upcoming National Conventions:

- June 12-15, 2024: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- July 9-12, 2025: Seattle, Washington
- 2026: Valdosta, Georgia

## Regional President Message

By Monique Warnke, Region 2 President



As I reflect on the past year, I am humbled by the love and support that Region 2 membership has shown me. I feel fortunate enough to represent this group of like-minded people who come together for the love of one particular plant. I have hope that the world will be an even better

place in 2024, similar to the anticipation us gardeners have every time we plant a bulb, anticipating a beautiful bloom in the spring. This hope is what keeps me positive day to day, which is increased by seeing my friends, who I consider my tribe (yes, I have found you!). I'm honored to work alongside all of the people who help run the meetings, auctions, garden tours and up and coming events - you make the world go 'round!

At this time I ask you to look into the future year: take that garden/exhibition judges' class, join us at the Winter or Shirley Farmer's Meeting, take that trip to the national convention or attend the July Summer Meeting in our very own region. Consider visiting that garden you have wanted to see for years (you won't regret it) and take the time to get to know your fellow gardeners at the aforementioned events, or even volunteer for these events. Volunteers are always needed in every aspect of these events and are always welcome!

If you have any suggestions on how to improve this region, please contact me. My door is always open.

As always keep your shovel in the dirt.

## Region 2 Financial Update

By Bobbi Johnson, Region 2 Treasurer



### Cash Balances as of January 15, 2024

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| General Fund                            | \$ 87,011.49        |
| Youth Fund                              | 6,809.00            |
| Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship | 1,800.00            |
| <b>Total Cash On Hand</b>               | <b>\$ 95,620.49</b> |

### Recent Donations to Region 2

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Wisconsin Daylily Society - Winter Meeting 2024 | \$ 200.00        |
| Wisconsin Daylily Society - Summer Meeting 2024 | 200.00           |
| Grand Valley Daylily Society                    | 250.00           |
| Metropolitant Daylily Society                   | 250.00           |
| Along The Fence Daylilies- Youth Fund           | 100.00           |
| <b>Total Donations to Region 2</b>              | <b>\$ 900.00</b> |

### Memorial Donations To Region 2

| In Memory Of                        | Donor                            | Amount           |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Tom Marling                         | Wisconsin Daylily Society        | \$ 100.00        |
| JoAnn Satterfield                   | Central Illinois Daylily Society | 100.00           |
| Lloyd Van Bergen                    | Chicagoland Daylily Society      | 100.00           |
| Marie Seaman                        | Chicagoland Daylily Society      | 100.00           |
| Donald Morrison                     | Chicagoland Daylily Society      | 100.00           |
| <b>Total Memorial Contributions</b> |                                  | <b>\$ 500.00</b> |

### Newsletter Contributions

| Donor                                    | Amount           |
|--|------------------|
| Wisconsin Daylily Society                | \$ 500.00        |
| Along The Fence Daylilies- Advertisement | 50.00            |
| <b>Total Newsletter Contributions</b>    | <b>\$ 550.00</b> |



# Region 2 2022 Year-End Summary

By Bobbi Johnson, Region 2 Treasurer

| Revenue  | 2022 Actuals        | 2023 Actuals        |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Summer Regional Meeting Registrations            | 14,130.00           | 20,906.00           |
| Summer Regional Meeting Auction                  | 9,499.00            | 17,569.00           |
| Summer Regional Meeting Misc. Revenues           |                     | 566.00              |
| Online Auction                                   | -                   | 7,931.00            |
| Youth Fund Donations                             |                     | 150.00              |
| Contributions                                    | 6,750.00            | 2,900.00            |
| Scholarship - Bob Faulkner & Youth Fund Combined | 1,640.00            |                     |
| Newsletter Advertising                           | 528.80              | 275.00              |
| Newsletter Sales                                 |                     |                     |
| Newsletter Postage Reimbursement                 | 964.50              | 1,476.45            |
| Interest   | 7.66                | 659.65              |
| Winter Symposium Registrations                   | 6,825.00            | 9,360.00            |
| Winter Symposium Auction                         | 18,841.00           | 11,688.00           |
| Winter Symposium-Next Year                       |                     | 2,925.00            |
| Miscellaneous                                    | 110.26              | 109.38              |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                             | <b>\$ 59,296.22</b> | <b>\$ 76,515.48</b> |

| Expenditures                    |                     |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Summer Meeting Support          |                     |                     |
| Mail Auction Bid Refunds        |                     |                     |
| Mail Auction Expenses           |                     |                     |
| Newsletter Printing             | 18,493.43           | 15,417.65           |
| Newsletter Postage              | 1,455.23            |                     |
| Newsletter Editor Expense       | 2,161.56            | 3,053.07            |
| Winter Symposium-Current Year   | 12,641.43           | 8,370.99            |
| Winter Symposium-Auction/Raffle |                     | 233.34              |
| Winter Symposium-Next Year      | 150.00              |                     |
| Summer Meeting Expense          | 11,901.45           | 25,641.11           |
| Summer Meeting Auction Expense  |                     | 1,135.96            |
| Merchant Processing Fees        | -                   | 1,120.63            |
| Office Supplies                 | 163.59              | 2,943.05            |
| Printing & Postage              | 78.50               | 195.40              |
| Regional Director Expense       | 3,031.44            | 3,364.26            |
| Officer Meeting Reimbursement   | 2,135.18            | 5,851.76            |
| AHS Liability Insurance         | 451.00              |                     |
| Contributions                   |                     |                     |
| Software/Website                | 215.64              | 282.96              |
| Faulkner Scholarship Awards     | 250.00              | -                   |
| Public Garden Grant             |                     | 2,135.00            |
| Miscellaneous                   | 395.21              |                     |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>       | <b>\$ 53,523.66</b> | <b>\$ 69,745.18</b> |

|                          |                    |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>NET INCOME/(LOSS)</b> | <b>\$ 5,772.56</b> | <b>\$ 6,770.30</b> |
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## Region 2 Editor

By Sandra Dunn, *Great Lakes Daylily* Editor



It is mid-January as I write this. I just returned from feeding the horses and barn cats and filling the bird feeders. I had to warm my hands up around a cup of tea before typing because the actual temperature was four degrees, with a wind chill so low they canceled schools around here because of it.

Here in Michigan, sunshine has been a rare gift. The song "In the Bleak Midwinter" keeps playing in my head.

That is a long preface to why this is a very exciting newsletter to be pulling from a snow-covered mailbox. There is so much color inside! And articles to read as you sip your own warm tea or coffee or hot chocolate. What I am most proud of in this issue is the number of Region 2 member contributions. Looking across the Photo Contest entries that are continued from last time, the ADS awards section, and the "Our Favorite Late Bloomers" article, 85 Region 2 members will see their own words, images, or cultivar creations in print in this issue. Adding in the people mentioned in club reports and other articles, 16 % of our membership is represented in just this one issue! W

If you personally aren't represented here, I am sure someone you know is. And you certainly could be in the next issue. We all have a daylily story to tell! Just contact me at [greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com](mailto:greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com) to share your daylily journey or offer an idea for a future article.

### In This Issue

As I have said before, each issue of *Great Lakes Daylily* comes together in its own way. Annually, the winter issue is a preview of upcoming regional meetings. You can learn a bit about the Winter Meeting speakers and the Summer Meeting tour gardens in this issue. I hope that these articles entice you to register for both!

Our feature article on late bloomers is really a compilation of favorites from so many of you. And if you are looking to extend your daylily season, it can be your shopping list. Mary Kwas proofread that article for me, which inspired her and her husband Bob to write a brief and intriguing follow-up article on late bloomers.

I love reading local club newsletters and I saw an article by Jean Bawden in the Wisconsin Daylily Society's newsletter that I thought would have broad interest across the region. Jean takes meticulous garden notes and noticed some interesting things about the bloom season in 2023. She graciously allowed us to reprint it here.

So many amazing photos are submitted for the Region 2 Photo Contest each year. While the winners and honorable mentions were announced in the late summer/fall edition, there were so many other great photos that they spill over into this and our spring newsletter. They are especially fun to look at "in the bleak midwinter."

Speaking of amazing photos, the ADS Cultivar Awards were published in the last *Daylily Journal*. But I would like to give a special shout-out here to our Region 2 winners. While I am getting better at many parts of this editor role, I don't quite understand the flow of the awards yet. Rhonda is going to help me with that. The Region 2 Service Award and Newsletter Awards were announced at the 2023 National and presented at our own 2023 Regional to those of us who weren't there. But those were actually for 2022. I just didn't want you to be thrown by that date when you see it in this 2024 newsletter!

The first recipients of the Public Garden Grant Program are announced in this issue. We will follow-up with each of the recipients throughout the summer and provide an update in the late summer/fall newsletter. I hope that by reading through the applications here your club will be inspired to apply this year if you support, or would like to support, a public garden project.

And finally, as I am writing about clubs, I truly enjoy working on the Club Report section of this newsletter. From a glimpse at some of the latest introductions from hybridizer speakers to thoughts on the importance of seed-saving, there is a lot to learn from our



Nancy Sniff  
photo  
'Elegant Affair'



club reports. One last note, I know that club leadership positions often change at the beginning of a new year. Please check the inside back cover to see that your club's information is up to date.

### Coming Up In May: Hybridizers, I Need Your Input

Our next newsletter will have a hybridizing focus. The feature article will be on the Shirley Farmer Meeting. If any of you want to share something about your experiences attending or have a particular memory to share, please let me know by the end of February! Why do you attend? What do you take from the meetings? And if anyone has older photos from the meetings, I would love to include a few of those.

We will also be launching a Hybridizer How-To column in *GLD*. We will work our way through a variety of hybridizing topics and will be starting with how you actually tag crosses in the field for record-keeping. I am hoping that for each topic five or six of you will briefly share your own methods-- from paper clips to paper tags to no tags-- and hopefully a photo. Our hope is that this feature will be a support to those just starting their hybridizing efforts. Please email me at [greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com](mailto:greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com).



Another thing that I am quite excited about and think our Region 2 members will love is an article, or more accurately a collection, about 'breakthrough' plants. We discussed this at the last Shirley Farmer meeting. I think the write-up for these could be pretty straightforward and would give readers a glimpse into the true diversity of hybridizing goals in our Region (and our neighboring Regions). The format could be some variation of:

\_\_\_\_\_ was a breakthrough plant in my goal to hybridize for \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

You could add as much or as little detail as you want. It would read something like the example below that I created based on a presentation by Jamie Gossard:

*'Name of plant' was a breakthrough plant in my goal to hybridize for dark or near-black scapes because the scape was more sunfast from fading than other plants I had been working with. Darker scapes just add another layer of interest to the overall look of the plant.*

Finally, our 'What's In A Name?' articles remain one of our most popular features. If any of you would like to share the stories of how a few of your plants got their names, I would welcome more of that. Some people shared their name inspiration for three or four of their introductions. Others talked about themes that they use when naming plants and shared examples. These articles have ranged from one page to three. That is up to you. Of course, including photos is a must!

### Display Garden Articles

I would really like to feature one Region 2 ADS Display Garden in each newsletter, but I have been having trouble finding garden owners willing to do a write-up about their garden or be interviewed by me to write something. Please email me at [greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com](mailto:greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com) if you are interested in having your display garden featured in the spring issue. You can see an example in the Spring 2023 *Great Lakes Daylily*, which can be found on our Region 2 website.

### Check Your Membership Status

One of the very many things I did not know when I took over as editor was that prior to each newsletter mailing, I need to request an updated address list from the ADS membership coordinator, currently Chris Tyler. I just got our list this morning and she highlighted for me that 72 Region 2 members did not renew their membership when it expired on December 31. That is a lot of us! Please check your membership renewal date, which can be found on the mailing cover of the *Daylily Journal*. Regardless, we sent everyone this *GLD* newsletter with the hopes that not renewing was just an oversight that will be fixed by the next newsletter in May. We don't want to lose you!

### Join The Newsletter Team

We have a wonderful team of contributors and proofreaders for this newsletter (see page 32) . If getting a sneak-peek and being a text detective interests you at all, please let me know. We would love for you to join us!

PS. For all of you cat-lovers out there, don't be worried. The barn cats each have their own little heated house within the barn, so they stay quite snug.



# Region 2 Howard Hite Award 2024

by Gail Braunstein, Awards and Honors Chair

## 2024 Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence Nomination Form

During the 1989 Region 2 Summer Meeting, the Southern Michigan Daylily Society announced their sponsorship of the Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence. The award is a free-form, sand-etched glass plate with an engraved image of Howard Hite's H. 'Indonesia'. **THE AWARD IS NOT BASED ON THE QUANTITY OF NOMINATIONS FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL, BUT IS BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S YEARS OF HYBRIDIZING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE DAYLILY CULTIVARS. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO DESCRIBE WHAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS ACCOMPLISHED. CONSIDER LISTING THE # OF REGISTRATIONS, NEW DIRECTIONS OR PROCEDURES ATTRIBUTED TO THE NOMINEE; AHS/REGION 2 HYBRIDIZING HONORS AND NOTABLE SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS TO HYBRIDIZING.**

The criteria for selection of a recipient are as follows:

1. **The award is to honor a Region 2 AHS member who has contributed notable achievements in the field of hybridizing. These achievements have been the results of years of a dedicated hybridizing program, and have greatly influenced the world of daylilies.**
2. The award may be given each year only if a recipient is selected.
3. A person may receive the award only one time.
4. Deceased hybridizers may be considered for the award.
5. Any AHS Region 2 Member (including committee members) **may submit names of possible recipients** to the Awards and Honors Chair before May 1st, of each year. **The final selection will be determined by the Hite Award Committee** composed of four members and the Regional President representing the five states in the Region.
6. Names of past nominees may be considered as possible candidates for future years.

### Previous Howard Hite Award Recipients

1990 Dr. Charles Branch  
1991 No Award  
1992 Bryant Millikan  
1993 Charles Reckamp  
1994 Steve Moldovan  
1995 Howard Hite  
1996 Dr. Robert Griesbach  
1997 Dennis Anderson  
1998 Curt Hanson  
1999 Margie Soules  
2000 John Benz  
2001 Leo Sharp

2002 Walter Jablonski  
2003 Charles Applegate  
2004 Dan Bachman  
2005 Dottie Warrell  
2006 Don Jerabek  
2007 Richard Norris  
2008 Roy Klehm  
2009 Jamie Gossard  
2010 Robert Ellison  
2011 Joel Thomas Polston  
2012 James Marsh  
2013 Martin Kamensky

2014 Sandy Holmes  
2015 Bret Clement  
2016 Phil & Luella Korth  
2017 Bob Faulkneer  
2018 John Kulpa  
2019 Mandy McMannon  
2020 No Award  
2021 No Award  
2022 Gerda Brooker  
2023 Steve Williams

### 2024 Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence Nomination Form

Nominations for the Hite Award are made by Region 2 Members. Use this form and attach any additional documentation, to support your nomination if desired. **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO GIVE DETAILED REASONS FOR YOUR NOMINATION.** This form may be photocopied, and you may send attachments.

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

For the following reasons \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Print Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are You an AHS Member Yes No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this form by May 1, 2024, and mail or scan / email to:**

Gail Braunstein, Region 2 Awards and Honors Chair  
3010 McIntire Road  
Morrow, Ohio 45152  
gailbraunstein@hotmail.com



# **Region 2 Winter Symposium Agenda**

**Friday, March 1 to Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**Courtyard By Marriott Hotel, Lafayette, Indiana**

**Friday, March 1, 2024**

**2:00 p.m. Registration Begins**

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Hybridizer's Forum**

**4:00 p.m. Silent Auction Begins**

**5:00 – 6:45 p.m. Dinner on your own**

**6:45 – 7:00 p.m. State of the Region**

**7:00 – 9:30 p.m. Live Auction**

**9:30 – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Room**

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast – Included with your room**

**8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Welcome**

**8:45 – 9:30 a.m. Jim Murphy – Woodhenge Gardens**

**9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Ann Townsend – Bittersweet Farm**

**10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Chris Wilhoite – Soules Garden**

**11:30 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own**

**1:00 – 1:45 p.m. Bret Clement – Clement Daylily Gardens**

**2:00 – 2:45 p.m. Bart Beck – BX Butte Daylilies**

**3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Region 2 Business Meeting**

**4:00 p.m. Future Summer Garden Tour Meeting**

**5:30 p.m. Silent Auction Closes**

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Social Time**

**6:00 – 6:05 p.m. Invocation**

**6:05 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner**

**7:00 p.m. Finish Live Auction**

**End of Live Auction to 11:30 Hospitality Room**

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast – Included with your room**

# Region 2 Winter Symposium Speakers

## March 1 - 3, 2024 in Lafayette, Indiana

### Jim Murphy, Woodhenge Gardens, North Garden, Virginia

#### "Breeding Daylilies in the Mountains"

I was influenced by my parents and grandmother in growing plants at an early age. I started hybridizing many different genera of plants while in my late twenties and early thirties. I met Margo about 30 years ago, and she, as well as Fred Benzinger, advised me on better hybridizing of daylilies.



Margo and I bought our current property 22 years ago, and have developed it as both a home, with kids and now grandkids, and a daylily farm. There have been many seedlings bred here over the years. Our long-term focus was for colorful unusual forms with great plant habits. I also am breeding doubles, patterns, polys, and now some surprises are coming. I planted 6,000 seedlings this year and have scheduled about 12,000 for next year. I select very few for introduction and make lots of compost!

As a Garden Judge Instructor and an Exhibition Judge, I tend to analyze many factors before introduction. Good branching and bud count, sun resistance, strong scapes, excellent growth in both good and marginal conditions, hardiness in the far north, and excellence in pushing for distinction, are all priorities. I also try to extend the season with earlies, lates, rebloomers, and bud builders. I call it "the checklist". And I always ask myself "does the prospective intro check enough boxes to be worthy of introduction?"



### Ann Townsend, Bittersweet Farm, Granville, Ohio

#### "The Poetry of Hybridizing"

Ann Townsend is a poet, essayist, and daylily hybridizer. Her hybridizing focuses on rich color, hardiness, and excellence in plant habit. She has been hybridizing since 2006, and introduced her first four daylilies in 2023. She is the winner of the 2022 Englerth Award for Hybridizing Excellence for her 2023 introduction, 'O Felon Heart.' She sees a strong connection between artistic creativity and the fascinating science of daylily hybridizing. For her, both hybridizing and the writing of poetry are creative acts that make use of many of the same perspectives, tools, and strategies.

She is the author of three collections of poetry and one collection of essays on poetry. Her most recent poetry collection, *Dear Delinquent*, was a *New York Times* Notable Book in 2019. She is at work on her fourth collection of poetry, her second book of essays on poetry and the natural world, and a novel (which may or may not be a mystery set in the world of daylily hybridizing). She is Professor Emerita at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where for over thirty years she taught creative writing, literary translation, and modern and contemporary literature.

### Chris Wilhoite, Soules Garden, Indianapolis, Indiana

#### "Hellebores, Aristocrats of the Spring Garden"

Flowers, gorgeous color, spring blooms, critter resistance, shade loving... uh, not daylilies. I will give a plant profile on all things Hellebore. These wonderful perennials are great additions to that part of the garden where you 'cannot' grow our favorite perennial, daylilies. Hellebores, also known as Lenten Rose, are a good choice for the shade garden and are one of the true harbingers of spring. Hopefully after hearing my talk you might be enticed to add one, or a few.

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Before taking over the day to day operations at Soules Garden with my wife Cynthia, I was the design/art director for *The Saturday Evening Post* magazine. We have been running Soules Garden for 22 years now. Besides daylilies the nursery features hostas, woodland plants, hellebores, ferns, and rare and unusual plants not easily found at nearby nurseries. The nursery will be 67 years old this year and we will continue running it as long as our bodies will allow us.

### **Bret Clement, Clement Gardens, Clarks Hill, Indiana** **“How I Spent My Summer Vacation”**

Bret Clement was born and raised in Wisconsin, obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and his law degree from the University of Michigan. Since that time he has practiced law in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bret Started growing daylilies thirty years or so ago as a solution to a landscaping problem. After a few years he discovered that he had created something beautiful almost by accident and started hybridizing. Bret has introduced approximately 265 daylilies to date.



Most of his introductions have been diploid unusual forms, with a smattering of tetraploid introductions as well. Bret focuses his hybridizing efforts on clear color, interesting form and strong plant performance. In 2015 Bret won the Howard Hite award which is given annually to a Region 2 hybridizer for hybridizing excellence. Bret's daylilies have received five honorable mention awards.

Bret is active in many aspects of the daylily world. He has served in a variety of roles including co-founder of the Hoosier Daylily Society and past president of Region 2. For the past 16 years, he has been general counsel to the American Hemerocallis Society.



### **Bart Beck, Bx Butte Daylilies, Murtaugh, Idaho** **“Sharing my Northwest Hybridizing Program with the Midwest”**

Bart Beck grew up on a farm in south central Idaho. As he shared, “I was lucky to get to work with my father and siblings. I have always loved flowers. I planted things in my mom's flower beds and she would have to ask what was growing there. I think she liked it or she just loved me.

I studied Farm Crops Management in college and farmed full time for 35 plus years. I grew sugar beets, potatoes, dry beans, barley, and wheat. I started to breed daylilies around 1995 when I saw a catalog of new introductions from Pat Stamile and what he was doing with picotee edges. I also snagged a Wimberlyway catalogue and saw the color and size that Bill Munson was getting. That's when I got the daylily fever! I was never cured. Lol. I grew lots of new seedlings each year after that. I retired from farming a few years ago and now daylilies are what I do.

I wish I had a specific type of look that I'm going for, but I like most of them. I tend to be focusing on patterned eyes and toothy ones right now. So I would love a cool patterned toothy one. The bigger the flower the better for me, but sometimes a small one that is outstanding pops up and I keep it. I also love the deep rich dark colors. Since this will be my first in-person presentation in the Region 2 area, I will share an overview of my program, my registrations, and seedlings with promise.”

**Registration Information:** There is still space available for you to join us at the Winter Symposium. But the meeting is coming right up, so register now. All the information you need is available on the Region 2 website: [www.adsregion2.org/winter-meeting](http://www.adsregion2.org/winter-meeting) We'll be looking for you there!

**2024 American Daylily Society Region 2  
Winter Symposium Registration  
March 1 - 3, 2024  
Lafayette, Indiana**



Please send this form and your check made out to **ADS Region 2** to  
**Patti Byerley, Registrar**  
**3680 E Old Goshen Road SE**  
**Laconia, IN 47135**

Registration can also be completed online at the Region 2 website:  
<https://adsregion2.org/about/region-2-winter-meeting/>

**Attendee Information:**

Attendee Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

May we publish your contact information in the attendee list? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

**Conference Registration:** Registration fee includes Saturday dinner. Friday dinner and Saturday lunch are on your own.  
**Hotel is not included.**

\$125/person (before February 14) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$150/person (after February 14) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check here for youth (18 and younger) to request that their registration be paid from our Region 2 Youth Fund.

Name of youth member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If you will have a guest attending the dinner on Saturday night, fill out the area below.

Saturday dinner guest name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per guest

Please note any dietary or mobility/accessibility needs for you or your guests: \_\_\_\_\_

\* \* \* Total check amount (registrations, extra dinners) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \* \* \*

**Symposium Speakers:**

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**Cancellation Policy:** Full refund if notice is received by 2/1/2024. Refund of 50% if received 2/1-2/14. No refund after 2/14 except for health emergencies, but you may transfer your registration to someone if you can't attend. Please let the registrar know ASAP of any changes.

**Hotel Information:** The conference will be held at Courtyard Lafayette, 150 Fairington Ave, Lafayette, Indiana, 47905. Their phone number is 765-449-4800. Mention ADS Region 2 for the reduced rate of \$119 plus tax for a room with two queen beds. The special rate will be available until February 1 or our block of rooms has been filled, whichever comes first. The rooms include a complimentary breakfast. Attendees must book their own rooms. It is advised to book early. Cancellations can be made until 24 hours of your reservation.

Direct ADS-rate link- <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1698258867862&key=GRP>

## Request For Live and Silent Auction Donations

Mike Anders and Greg Beavers will be soliciting daylilies and daylily seeds for the Live & Silent Auction at our 2024 Winter Symposium. Rusty Neal and Cheryl Jenkins will be coordinating the Silent Auction. Contact information for each of us is listed below. The generous bidding from the Live and Silent Auctions last year helped to fund several Region 2 projects, including our award-winning Region 2 newsletter.

New this year will be the request, now, of plants for BOTH the 2024 Winter Symposium in Lafayette and the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Wooster. There are a variety of ways for hybridizers and collectors to donate:

- Plants from all years of introduction will be accepted. The plants to be auctioned live will be determined depending on the total number of donations.
- Daylily seeds were also popular items in last year's Silent Auction. We will gladly accept crosses where both parents are identified.
- Other Silent Auction items are so wide-ranging that it is hard to list them all here, but have included garden sculptures, floral-themed jewelry, garden prints and photographs, food and beverage items, bird baths, and so many other creative donations.

Please contact any of the organizers below to make donations. Thank you!

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Greg Beavers, 812-345-2299, bluebirdbox@gmail.com  
Cheryl Jenkins 812-345-0714, clkwood@hotmail.com  
Rusty Neal 812-327-0693, rustyneal49@aol.com

## In Search of Region 2 President for 2025-2026 Term

Monique Warnke's term as our Region 2 President runs through the end of 2024. She would like to continue as our president through a second term. But others are open to run for the position as well. The Nominating Committee will interview all candidates and make a recommendation to our membership, which will be published in the spring newsletter.

The next president's term will begin January 1, 2025. A candidate must be an ADS member in good standing. She or he must have been an ADS member for at least three years. Candidates should be tactful, friendly, dependable, and able to commit time to the position. The detailed job description in the Regional Officers's Guide outlines a variety of specific responsibilities. In general, the President presides over and manages financial and membership issues for the Region. The President serves as the goodwill ambassador for the Region and ADS. A candidate needs the ability to attract and utilize volunteers. The term is two years with a maximum of two terms.

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

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Bob Buikema  
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Sharon Meyer  
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# Things Were Different in 2023

By Jean Bawden

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I am a plant geek. For many years, I hybridized. Now I just enjoy observing the plants in my gardens.

The year 2023 was a difficult year. Not only did I start writing some notes early in the daylily bloom season, but I also kept meticulous stats on when things started and ended bloom, but also how many blooms each plant had, and how many days each bloomed. I have whittled my collection to around 150 cultivars and many are my own, both registered and not registered. I watered my plants off and on, but with 5 acres of plants and no sprinkler system, it certainly was sporadic. The following are some of my observations.

The droughty conditions started well before the daylily bloom season. The rainfall was spotty. Often if Madison got rain, my nearby town of Rutland might not. I had approximately 1/4 inch of rain from May 1 to June 30. Some of my general observations were that daylilies had fewer buds, and they were congested at the top of the scape, which leads to flowers opening into each other or being contorted. I had a lot of bud drop, even early in the season. Plants that normally are well-branched had little branching. Scapes were shorter than usual and 12 plants did not bloom at all, even though they were established clumps. Twenty additional plants had 10 or fewer blooms, so 15% of my plants had little bloom.



'Aliens in the Garden' (Gossard, 2011)

In 2022, the three most prolific bloomers were a Sheehan seedling known as Yellow Skyscraper with 266 blooms on a single plant, Gossard's 'Aliens in the Garden' with 240 blooms on a single plant, and my own 'Brilliant Explosion' with 218. In 2023, those same plants were Yellow Skyscraper 126, Aliens 122, and Brilliant Explosion 126. That is a profound difference, which I take to mean that sprinkling or hand-watering is no substitute for rain.

In 2022, I had 31 plants with over 100 blooms, and in 2023, I had 13 plants with over 100 blooms. That is another profound difference.

The most bizarre occurrence happened on July 15. My garden had 343 blooms on July 14, which was also a bad air quality day (in the 200 range, I think, which is 'very unhealthy'). The day after the bad air day, the bloom count was 127. On July 15, the air quality improved, and on July 16 the bloom count returned to 365. Since the bloom count usually increases gradually to peak and then gradually recedes, this was a total anomaly, and I can only attribute the incredible drop to air quality.



Yellow Skyscraper (Sheehan seedling)



When compared to 2022, plants in 2023 should have had more blooms because the clumps would have grown more fans. Instead, there were 99 plants that had fewer blooms, 59 that had more blooms, and 12 established plants that didn't bloom at all. The most affected plants were those that had bloomed heavily in 2022. In total, I had 20,655 blooms in 2022, and 8,104 in 2023. Some of the plants that increased bloom in 2023 were plants that had been moved in the fall of 2021, and needed a year to recover.

The number of days in bloom was more consistent. Eighty-two plants bloomed on fewer days in 2023, and 67 bloomed more days, and 10 bloomed on the same number of days. I would assume that plants would bloom more days in 2023, because the clumps would be bigger so there would be more scapes. However, most plants varied from last year by 1-3 days, rather than the vast change in number of blooms.

I think the extreme drop-off in bloom, even with hand-watering, and the probable effect of the bad air day were the most surprising things this year.



'Brilliant Explosion' (Bawden, 2015)

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# “Es-Scape to Ohio”

## 2024 Summer Meeting Preview

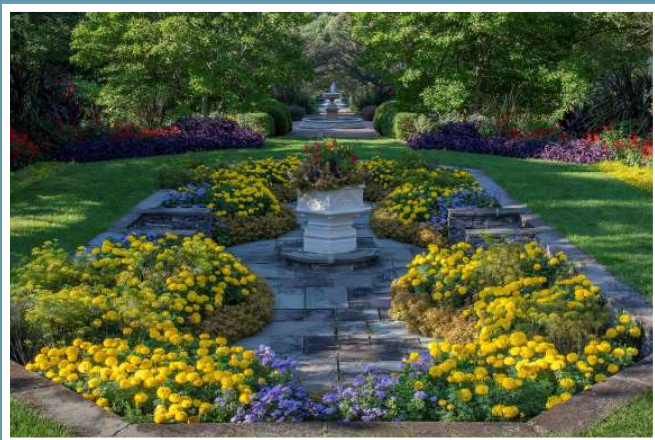
Please join us July 19-21 for visits to beautiful gardens, an auction of fantastic new daylily varieties from top hybridizers, a silent auction of daylilies and other assorted goodies, a robust Englerth Bed, and a hospitality suite. The full schedule and registration information are posted on our website: <http://www.adsregion2.org/about/region-2-summer-meeting/>. Here's a preview of the glorious gardens that will be on tour.

## Kingwood Center Gardens

### Mansfield, Ohio

Kingwood Center Gardens is an exquisite garden estate on 47 acres in what was once the home of the innovative industrialist Charles Kelley King. Kingwood opened as a public garden in 1953 and is renowned for its distinctive floral displays, unique plant specimens, woodland trails, historic mansion and gardens, display greenhouse, duck pond, and peacocks. A few guest favorites include Mr. King's Formal Gardens, the Terrace Garden, Woodland Garden, Herb and Trial Gardens.

Kingwood celebrated the opening of the Garden Gateway in October 2020, a visitor center with a café, garden and gift shop, ballroom, exhibit gallery, and guest amenities. The Garden Gateway Project transforms the guest experience and includes the Grand Perennial Garden with Perennial Pavilion, the new Draffan Fountain Terrace, and Nature Pond. Kingwood Center Gardens hosts the Summer Meeting 2024 Englerth Seedling Bed and also continues to display the majority of Charles Applegate's cultivars. Kingwood Center Gardens is open year-round. Learn more at [kingwoodcenter.org](http://kingwoodcenter.org).



Photos by Kingwood Center staff



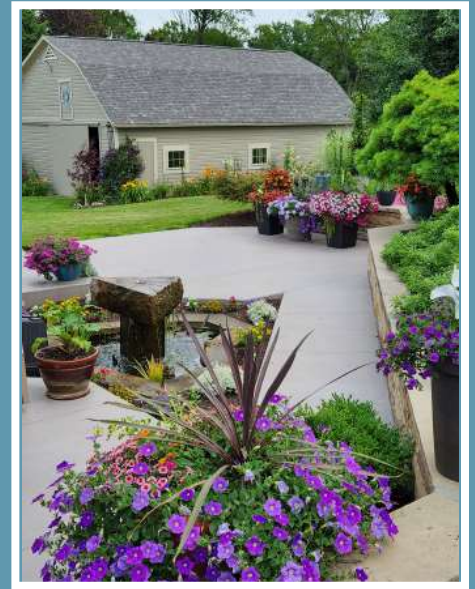
# Blanchard Gardens

## Cynthia and Ken Blanchard, Apple Creek

Ken and Cynthia Blanchard's daylily garden in Apple Creek, Ohio, consists of about 400 cultivars with a mix of different forms. Their garden area is about three acres in a lush rural setting. Besides daylilies, they grow around 135 named hostas and numerous perennials in semi-formal designed beds. In the summer, large pots of annual flowers, 10 to 12 bonsai trees, many low succulent pots, and a small water garden can be viewed in their yard. There is a large vegetable patch with a cutting flower bed. They also have a small selling garden with approximately 80 daylily cultivars offered for sale.

The Blanchards do some hybridizing and make approximately 200 to 300 crosses each summer. The resulting seedlings are kept for evaluation for two to four years. They have 17 of their named introductions growing in their beds.

Ken and Cynthia have recently become intrigued with conifers, especially some of the miniature varieties. They have a hillside conifer collection that was planted a couple years ago. They also have conifers growing among their daylilies and other perennials.





# Daffodil Hill Gardens

Alice Sanz and Doug Conrad, Lakeville

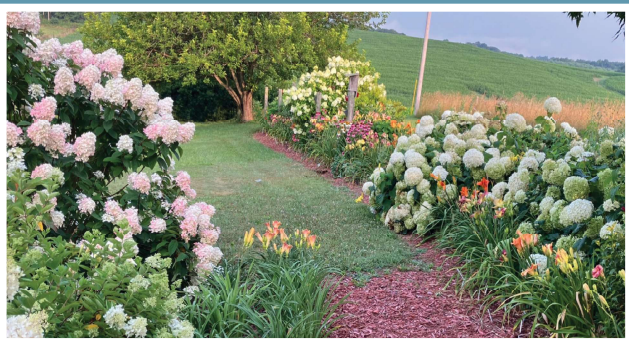
Alice and Doug's garden is a humble country cottage style with many annuals, perennials, ornamental shrubs and trees, in addition to the 300 hybridized daylilies. Alice's first love is daffodils. She and Doug have planted many thousands of bulbs over the last 30 years, so Doug named their gardens Daffodil Hill and had the sign made for Alice's birthday this past fall. But ruffled daylilies are next on her list, along with hostas and hydrangeas! Also peonies and iris, gosh, it is hard to devote enough attention to so many "loves!"

Pollinators and native plants like valerian, milkweed, feverfew, chamomile, mullein and cardinal flower flourish in our rural setting. We also have many asiatic lilies, poppies, hibiscus, coneflowers and hostas. Also interspersed are flowering shrubs like butterfly bush, lilacs, ninebark and hydrangeas.

Tree varieties include Buckeye, Butternut, Mulberry, Dogwood, Honeysuckle and Hickory Nut. Our garden feeds the birds, bees, and butterflies. Blackberries, blueberries, raspberries and elderberries, along with a large bed of asparagus and a vegetable garden feed us too!



Photos by Alice Sanz and Doug Conrad



My (Alice's) interest in growing daylilies began with the "Bulldozer Bed" which surrounds the butternut tree. My sister-in-law's mother was a member of ODS and an avid collector of daylilies. When she passed away, the daylilies needed to be rehomed. Doug and I began transplanting them. On the morning the bulldozer was coming, we were digging as many clumps as fast as we could, filling the bed of our pickup truck. Now where were we going to put them?? After some research, I found that daylilies can tolerate the jugalone in the dirt from the butternut tree (similar to the black walnut tree) so we planted them all there, hence the name!



# Walkabout Daylily Gardens

Sara and David Martin, Mansfield



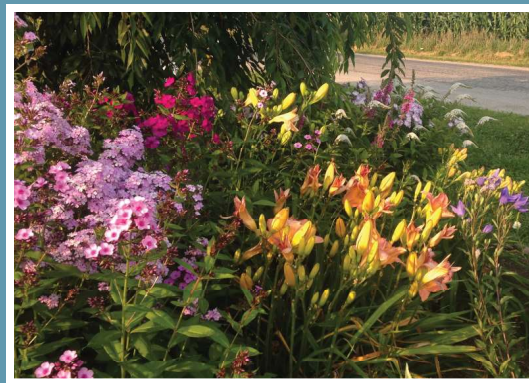
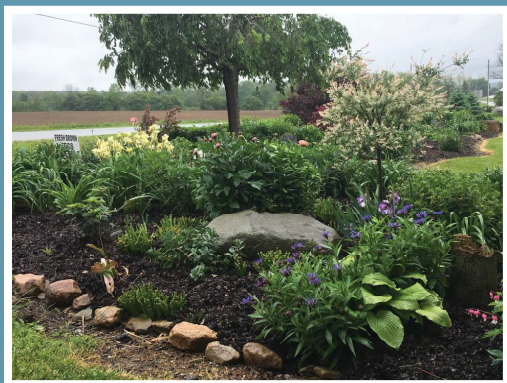
We grow over 900 cultivars in a country setting near Mansfield Ohio. The daylilies range from very old (1951) to very new, but most fall in the middle.

Our collection includes over 160 historical daylilies. We originally had a few daylilies from garden centers, but then visited the nearby Blanchard gardens and we were hooked. We kept adding a large variety of other perennials, but the daylily population grew the most. We especially enjoy the cultivars hybridized by 10 members of the Ohio Daylily Society-- our local daylily club and this year's host club.

The many perennials and ornamental shrubs make a pleasing combination with an eclectic collection of garden art of various glass, metal, rust, wood and cement, notably cows, peacocks and herons.

David is a beekeeper. The gardens and the beeyard complement each other. David and grandson Noah sell honeybees, queen bees, and honey. Often when people stop by to pick up something bee-related, they end up in the gardens and vice versa.

Walkabout Daylilies features a sales garden with about 200 cultivars. There will be a plant list available at the tour. We have met so many lovely people through our bee-keeping and gardening adventures and look forward to getting to know more of you this summer.



Photos by Sara Martin



# Mohican Cottage Gardens

Sharon and Jim Brewer, Perrysville

Sharon and Jim Brewer started their daylily gardens around 2012. Sharon was inspired by her dad, Ohio Daylily Society member John Ullman, who had developed an extensive spread of daylilies at his home. An early part of that inspiration was 'Thelma Toms' (Rice-J, 2000), a daylily named after her grandmother (photo below).

The Brewers' country home is surrounded by Mohican State Park, one of the largest and most visited state parks in Ohio. To counter the marauding deer from the nearby forests, Jim and Sharon moved all of their daylilies close to their house and garage and encircled both with an electric fence. Deer are still a problem, but the electric fence does an admirable job of protecting most of the daylilies.

The Brewers built their home in the mid-1980s, starting out with flower beds filled with annuals and gradually planting perennials with them. By the time they started with daylilies, they had stands of bee balm, coneflowers, hydrangeas, phlox, butterfly bushes, butterfly weed, and peonies already growing in their beds. Today they serve as compliments to the collection of over 400 registered cultivars and a scattering of unnamed ones. Favorites for Sharon are spiders and unusual forms, while Jim has an affinity for miniatures.

On your way to the Brewer gardens, take in the beauty of the Mohican Park area. You might try sweet-talking your bus driver into stopping at the nearby Gorge Overlook for a spectacular view of where the glacier stopped 14,000 years ago.



Photos by Sharon and Jim Brewer

# A Few Summer Meeting Items of Note

July 19 - 21, Wooster, Ohio

## Open Gardens

Many folks enjoy stopping at other gardens on their way to and from the Summer Meeting. If you are willing to open your garden for visitors before or after the meeting, please send the following information to [greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com](mailto:greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com). We will be compiling a list to include with registration materials.

- \* Your name and garden name (if applicable)
- \* Your address
- \* Date(s) and times your gardens will be open
- \* The best way for people to contact you (e.g. email address and/or phone number)
- \* Any other details you would like to have included
- \* One or two photos- to entice people!

We are also compiling a list of local attractions so that Summer Meeting attendees can make a true vacation of the experience if they choose.

## Youth Registration Fees To Be Reimbursed From The Youth Fund

One of our Region 2 goals is increased youth involvement. We have dedicated funds from the past two regional auctions to the Youth Fund.

To facilitate greater youth participation in the Summer Meeting, their registration fees will be reimbursed from the Youth Fund when they check in at the event. Youth attendees simply need to check a box on the registration form to request that their registration be reimbursed to them from the regional youth fund. Please note that hotel costs are not covered.

What young person can you invite?

## Garden Judges Workshops

The specific offerings and times will be included in the registration materials once the overall schedule is finalized. These will be posted on our regional website and published in the spring newsletter.

Stay tuned for more information!

## Ohio Daylily Society Plant Sale!

Each year at the Summer Meeting, the live auction provides funds to support regional activities. Besides registration fees, there are two opportunities for the sponsoring club to recover their expenses in hosting a summer regional. One is the Silent Auction. We would welcome your individual and club donations for the Silent Auction.

The other is by hosting a plant sale. We will be offering Ohio Daylily Society member-donated plants for sale. The specific times of operation will be shared as soon as our overall schedule is finalized. What a great way to add some new cultivars to your garden.

## Registration Information

Registration information can be found on our Region 2 website: <https://adsregion2.org/about/region-2-summer-meeting/>

The hotel has been reserved, with a room rate of \$101.99 plus tax for our group. We will be staying at the Best Western Plus Wooster Hotel & conference Center, 243 E. Liberty Street, Wooster, OH 44691. Their phone number is (330) 264-7750. Remember to indicate that you are with the ADS Region 2 Summer Meeting.



# Public Garden Grant Update

by Sandra Dunn, application review committee member

It's funny how you can start in the present and then connect the dots back through a few Region 2 presidencies. One of Sandy Holmes' many legacies during her four years as our president was to focus on the financial well-being of the Region. That left us in a good place for Charlie Harper to propose and implement a legacy of his own—the Public Garden Grant Program. And this year, Monique Warnke had the pleasure of contacting our first recipients of these grants.

In 2022, Charlie gathered a representative from each state in our region to help bring his vision to fruition, including establishing program guidelines and the application process. Committee members were: Charles Lucius, chair and amazing leader (Ohio), Laurel Richardson (Indiana), Lori Doolin (Illinois), Sandra Dunn (Michigan), and Steven King (Wisconsin).

This announcement was part of an article in the 2022 late summer/fall edition of the *Great Lakes Daylily*: “This Public Garden Grant 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 up to \$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.”

In fall 2023, we had our first five applications! Our review committee met to discuss each application, primarily weighing the proposed use of the funds against the guidelines for the program (which can be found on our Region 2 website under the Awards tab). We are thrilled to announce that all five applying clubs were awarded the full amount of \$500 to use toward their public garden projects. We look forward to sharing photos from these projects in the late summer newsletter. We hope these specific descriptions will inspire other clubs who support a public garden project to apply. All information provided below comes from the grant applications.

## **Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society (BSHDS)**

### **Plant purchases for the daylily beds at the Toledo Botanical Garden**

Background: Toledo Botanical Garden (TBG), which started as Crosby Park in the 1960s, is a public garden with free admission owned and operated by Metroparks Toledo since 2017. TBG features over 9,000 accessioned plantings spread over 60 acres of displays and collections with an annual visitation of over 500,000.

TBG has an AHS Display Garden--The Daylily Walk--designated in 2011. The collection includes over 400 different daylily cultivars, all labeled, recorded, and GIS mapped. Volunteers from the BSHDS, founded in 1995, have worked with staff at TBG on developing The Daylily Walk starting in 1998.



Intended Use of Funds: To acquire more AHS award-winning daylilies to fill designated spaces within each award section, which includes 14 AHS awards as well as sections representing Species, Historics, and Ohio Hybridized



daylilies. TBG has a panel about The Daylily Walk on its main kiosk, explaining designation, award sections, and number of daylilies.

### **Ohio Daylily Society (ODS)**

#### **Plant purchases for an Ohio Daylily Society Hybridizer Bed at the Kingwood Garden Center**

Background: Kingwood Center Gardens is an exquisite garden estate on 47 acres in Mansfield, OH, that once was the home of the innovative industrialist, Charles Kelley King. Kingwood is renowned for its distinctive floral displays, plant specimens, woodland trails, historic mansion and gardens, display greenhouse, and duck pond.



A large section of Kingwood Center Gardens is dedicated to daylily display gardens. Due in part to the work and personal interest in hybridizing daylilies, Charles Applegate was employed for almost 50 years as ‘head gardener’ where he oversaw the planting of thousands of daylilies. Presently there is a dedicated garden to the memory of Charles that contains specimens of almost all of his AHS registered daylilies—43 identified and marked plants!



Kingwood Center Gardens will be the site of one feature of the 2024 Region 2 Summer Conference by hosting the Englerth Bed. Kingwood gardeners, with our input, designed the bed within the daylily section. 60 seedlings were planted this summer to be voted on by conference participants in July! Our proposal is that when the summer conference is over, this bed will then become the Ohio Daylily Society Hybridizer Bed.

Intended Use of Funds: To purchase plants for no more than \$50.00 per double fan for display purposes. ODS will purchase signage to identify individual plants/hybridizers. ODS currently has at least 20 men and women who have registered plants with AHS (or have seedlings to be registered). Most of the grant money will be used to purchase plants with the hopes that some of our members will be ‘gifting’ those specimens to us. Future money might be used to purchase signage for these daylilies.

### **Southern Michigan Daylily Society (SMDS)**

#### **Fertilizer and weed inhibitor for the Michigan Daylily Hybridizer Bed at the Detroit Zoo**

Background: The Detroit Zoo SMDS daylily garden is part of the zoo’s adopt-a-garden program. The garden is located in front of the very popular camel exhibit on the main zoo concourse. Approximately 35,000 to 50,000 zoo visitors view the garden each WEEK during the summer. All of the daylilies in the garden were hybridized by 20 Michigan hybridizers, with 60 varieties displayed.

The garden serves as a tribute to Michigan daylily hybridizers who donated the daylilies and helps to educate the public by providing a variety of daylilies to increase public awareness about daylilies. The Adopt-a-Garden Program sign includes the SMDS name and website address for more information.

Intended Use of Funds: To maintain the bed with fertilizer and weed prevention products.



## Wisconsin Daylily Society (WDS)

### Maintenance of the Daylily Display Gardens at the UW Madison West Madison Agricultural Research Station

Background: West Madison Agricultural Research Station is an All-America Selections location showcasing the best of both ornamentals and vegetables. There are areas for easy-care perennials, rain gardens, organic vegetable production, many fruit trees, and vines. The gardens are maintained by summer interns sponsored by the Brittingham Trust and CALS-Demeter. Volunteers and Master Gardener apprentices assist during the off-season. WDS currently maintains and displays five large gardens filled with hundreds of daylilies, all marked and labeled with names, years, and hybridizers; and a youth member made two large benches for the public to enjoy. The gardens are open to the public from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. Thousands visit annually.



Intended Use of Funds: To purchase mulch, weed control, soil amendments, updated markers, and other products for maintaining the gardens.

### Wisconsin Daylily Society/Glacier Creek Middle School Plant Club (WDS) Establishment of an educational garden bed at Glacier Creek Middle School

Background: Glacier Creek Middle School has hosted the Wisconsin Daylily Society's Adoption Auction Program for the past two years. The school decided to form a Plant Club, and the club received permission from the district grounds crew, district administration, and the building administration to build and fill a new garden to span the entire length of a wing of the school. This garden will contain minimally 100 donated daylilies from WDS, native plants to encourage pollinators, and companion plants to benefit the local fauna. Currently, the garden is a blank slate, and the Plant Club advisors are housing daylily donations to be added as soon as the ground is broken.



The students have created a plan to fill the garden with native plants, the donated daylilies, walkways, benches, mulch, and a fun stepping stone project. The students also have determined that all plants will have name markers so that other students and the public know what the plants are and how beneficial each plant is. It will be interactive and a learning outdoor classroom.



First and foremost, the students will be creating the gardens. The students will be completing the work, purchasing the needed materials, and doing all of the work other than using heavy equipment. This will be a fantastic service project that will span several years, with the main work in the spring after the snow thaws. The science teachers are collaborating to determine how to incorporate the new garden into the curriculum for all grade levels (5-8). The garden is on public property, and the community will be welcome to visit. Staff can use it for an outdoor classroom and a restful place for breaks and mindfulness activities.

Intended Use of Funds: The students have created a budget of \$2500 (\$500 from this grant) to build, fill, mulch, and plant the garden, and purchase native plants and signage. The students have been tasked with fundraising, as money is not budgeted to cover the project. The Youth Board assisted with writing the grant application.

# 'In This Issue' Crossword

All of the information to solve this puzzle is found within this issue of *Great Lakes Daylily*.

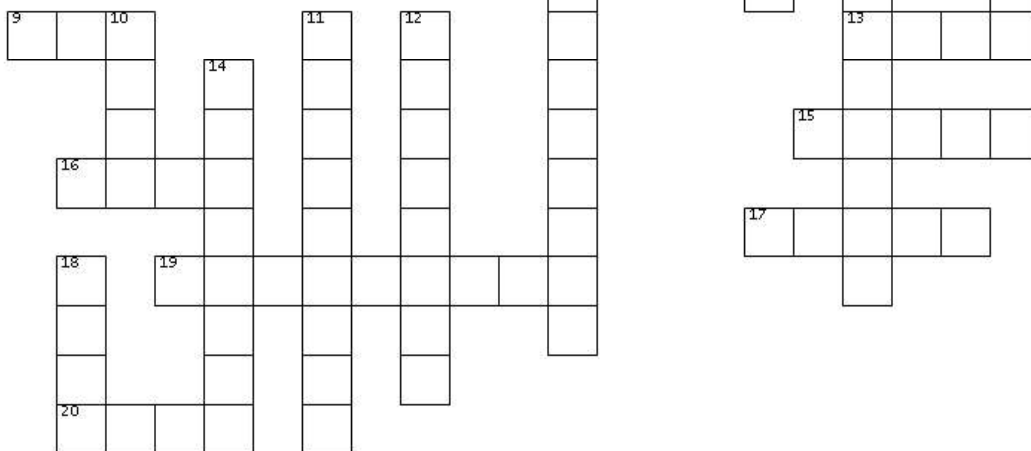
(Note, the flowers aren't clues. Just decorations!)



'Sophie Kulpa'



'Mount Helena'



'Emerald Starburst'

## ACROSS

2. Seifert award-winner \_\_\_\_ Wednesday
3. Midwinter Meeting speaker from outside Region 2
6. Site of 2024 Englerth Bed
8. Home state of the Smoulders (abbr.)
9. Regional base of new ADS President
13. Number of Region 2 2023 Award of Merit winners
15. Author of our 2023 Annual Financial Report
16. Number of 2023 cutivar award winners for Steve Williams
17. Late bloomer nominated by two people: Olallie \_\_\_\_
19. Location of 2024 Midwinter Meeting
20. Club recipient of a Public Garden Grant Award



'Flying Fortress'

## DOWN

1. Laura Shultz' cultivar nominee for favorite late bloomer (two words)
4. Winner of 2023 Extra-Large Diameter Award
5. \_\_\_\_ bloomers are the focus of page 31 feature article
7. Tour garden named for a non-daylily plant
10. Where to 'Es-Scape' to for the 2024 Summer Meeting
11. Most recent Region 2 service award winners
12. Cover photo hybridizer
14. Speakers at GVDS October meeting
18. Co-author of late bloomer article



'The Senator'



# MORE LOVELY PHOTOS FROM THE REGION 2 CONTEST:

## SINGLE BLOOM CATEGORY (continued from the Late Summer/ Fall 2023 edition)



Christine Haynam  
'New Paradigm'  
(Stamile, 2008)



Amy McConnell  
'Long Legs Louise'  
(Hatfield-K., 2019)  
\*correction on photographer



Charlie Harper  
'Sticky Wicket'  
(Selman, 2013)



Sandra Shull  
'Stenciled Infusion'  
(Pierce-G., 2013)



Sandi Rockwell  
'Cliffjumper'  
(Gossard, 2017)



Debbie Scheckel  
'Late To The Party'  
(Crichton, 2004)



Steve Williams  
'Explosion in the Paint Factory'  
(Howard-R., 2013)



JoAnne Frederick  
'Sweet Goldoni'  
(Petit-Goff, 2014)



Paula Currie  
'Are You Kitten Me?'  
(Simpson-E., 2021)



# MULTIBLOOM CATEGORY (continued from the Late Summer/ Fall 2023 edition)



Cheryl Jenkins  
'Adamas'  
(Stamile, 2002)



Kelly Aschenbach  
'Ruby Spider'  
(Stamile, 1991)



Amy McConnell  
'Bromance'  
(Bremer, 2014)



Patricia Jacko  
'Spacecoast Velvet Valentine'  
(Kinnebrew-J., 2010)



Mary Kwas  
'Dorothy and Toto'  
(Herrington-K., 2003)



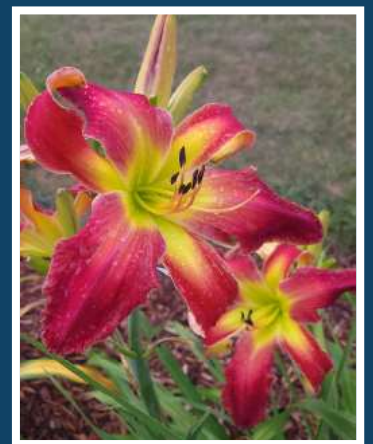
Richard Stevens  
'Beth's Beloved'  
(Shooter, 2000)



Karen Scott  
'Larry's Twilight Bite'  
(Gossard, 2012)



Pat Sturdevant  
Unnamed Daylily  
(Gossard, 2012)



Theresa Schwandt  
'Fire Blast'  
(Gossard, 2011)



# CREATIVE CATEGORY (continued from the Late Summer/ Fall 2023 edition)



Vickie Goedde  
'Carol Sing'  
(Saxton, 1981)



Barb Buikema  
Hot Air Balloon Over  
'Lava Flow'  
(Smith-FR, 2005)



David Winter  
'Clark Gable'  
(Kirchhoff-D., 2004)



Theresa Schwandt  
Seedlings on Driftwood  
(at Region 2 meeting)



Elizabeth Veldey  
'Bullfrog Smooch'  
(Harry-P., 2012)



Barb Brevick  
'Dancing in a Pink Dress'  
(Bachman-Strope, 2008)



Christine Haynam  
'Lillian's Vapor Trail'  
(Manning, 2011)



Sandi Rockwell  
'Torpedo Fish' (Gossard, 2011)  
and 'Fuchsia Sunrise' (Bell-T., 2009)



Debby Scheckel  
'Simply Michigan'  
(McMahon, 2017)

# 2024 Region 2 Photo Contest

Winter is a great time to look through daylily photos. And it is also a good time to study last year's winning images from our Region 2 Photo Contest and decide how to improve your own photos for the upcoming season. Besides those in the past three pages, you can find more lovely photos in the last issue of *Great Lakes Daylily* and on our Region 2 website. This year the categories are Best Single Bloom, Best Multi-Bloom/Clump and Best Artistic/Creative Photo. Composition, lighting, color accuracy, perspective, uniqueness, and artistic quality count!

First place winners in each category will each receive a generously donated Sandy Holmes introduction. Please visit the Riverbend Daylilies website to learn more about these gift plants and other Sandy and Mike Holmes introductions ([www.daylily.ws/](http://www.daylily.ws/)). The runners-up will each receive a \$50 gift certificate from Along the Fence Daylilies in Dansville, Michigan.

## General Contest Rules

- Any AHS Region 2 member of any age can enter up to two entries per class for a total of six entries.
- The entries must have been taken by the member submitting them.
- The photos must have been taken in 2024.
- High resolution digital files in .jpg format are preferred (not to exceed 7 MB), but film prints are accepted.
- Submissions must be e-mailed by September 1, 2024 to Region 2 Editor Sandra Dunn at [greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com](mailto:greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com) or mailed to 3035 Parman Road, Dansville, MI, 48819 in time to arrive by September 1, 2024.

## Photo Guidelines

- All submitted images must include all or part of a daylily bloom and may also include other types of flowers, garden art or garden critters. Images should not include people.
- Submissions must include the category, name of the featured cultivar or seedling notation, the hybridizer and the year of introduction, if applicable. Please rename image files to include your name, category, and cultivar name.
- Minor photo editing, such as cropping and minor color and light correction, is allowed. Please use caution to avoid overmanipulation and enhancement of images. No borders or text should be used.
- Submitting an entry grants the American Daylily Society (ADS) and its Regions the right to reprint or republish submitted photograph(s) in any of the newsletters or journals published by ADS or any of its Regions; to publish such photograph(s) on any website maintained by or on behalf of ADS or any of its Regions; and to publish such photograph(s) in any other publication published by ADS or any of its Regions.
- Images will be judged by an independent panel of three to four judges. Selections will be made on the basis of photographic quality including light and color accuracy, focus, composition, visual appeal and originality.
- A prize will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each category.
- In addition, the winners (and others) will be included in a future issue of the Region 2 *Great Lakes Daylily*.

## Awesome Prizes !



**'Michigan Farm Girls'**  
(Holmes-S., 2023)

Donated by Riverbend Daylilies

**BEST SINGLE BLOOM PRIZE**



**'Just For Kevin'**  
(Holmes-S., 2023)

Donated by Riverbend Daylilies

**BEST MULTI-BLOOM PRIZE**



**'Lizard Thief'**  
(Holmes-S., 2023)

Donated by Riverbend Daylilies

**BEST CREATIVE PRIZE**

Runners-up in each category will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Along the Fence Daylilies in Dansville, Michigan



# Region 2 Recipients 2022 ADS Personal Awards

## Regional Service Award Winners: Diane and Bruce Wickmann

As the name suggests, this award is given for outstanding service to ADS at the regional level. This award is voted on by the ADS Board of Directors and was presented at the 2023 National Convention.

Examples of Diane and Bruce's Daylily-Related Service Activities:

- \* Co-coordinators of the 2017 Regional Summer Meeting, including planting and maintaining the Englerth Bed at their home
- \* Worked with others on the planning committee to create guidelines for hosting a summer meeting
- \* Bruce served as Region 2 Secretary for five years
- \* Diane served as registrar for the 2017 and 2022 Summer Meetings
- \* Diane and Bruce routinely step up to help with whatever tasks need to be accomplished for local club and Regional events
- \* Diane and Bruce are active in two local daylily clubs, including being very generous plant donors for auctions
- \* Bruce has served as Grand Valley Daylily Society Treasurer since 2015
- \* Diane and Bruce are genuinely nice and helpful people

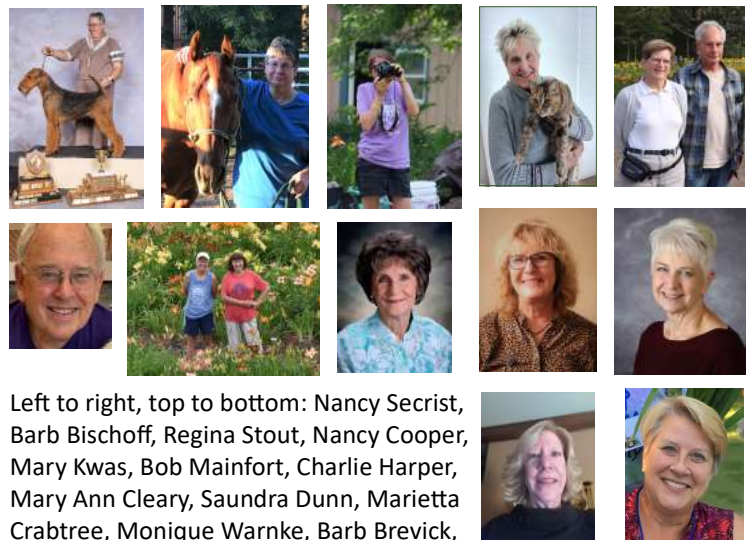


## Region 2 Recipient 2022 ADS Newsletter

A plaque is given annually to the editor of the best regional newsletter. But this editor is fully aware that it is great content and a skilled team of proofreaders and other volunteers that earned us this award!



***Great Lakes Daylily:***  
**Sandra Dunn, editor**



Left to right, top to bottom: Nancy Secrist, Barb Bischoff, Regina Stout, Nancy Cooper, Mary Kwas, Bob Mainfort, Charlie Harper, Mary Ann Cleary, Sandra Dunn, Marietta Crabtree, Monique Warnke, Barb Brevick, Sharon VanderWilp, Ginny Pearce (not pictured: Lezlie Myers and JoAnne Frederick)

# Region 2 Recipients

## 2022 ADS Newsletter Awards continued

### Best Article from a Non-listed Topic: by Vickie Goedde



### **"Belle of the Ball: An Interactive Fairy Tale"** *Great Lakes Daylily* Winter, 2022

### Best Article About a Daylily Personality: by Sandra Dunn



### **"If One is Good..." (exploring the Suttters' farm)** *Great Lakes Daylily* Spring, 2022



# Region 2 Hybridizers 2023 ADS Cultivar Awards

## Award Of Merit 2023

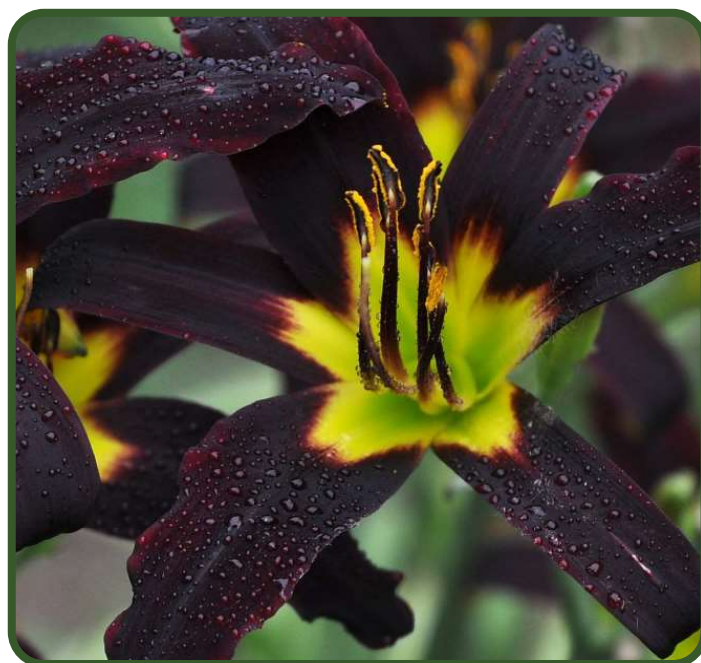
Award Of Merit winners will appear on the Stout Silver Medal Ballot in 2025



**'Double My Sunshine'**

(Gossard-D., 2012)

*Photo by Dianna Gossard*



**'End of the Tunnel'**

(Williams-S., 2013)

*Photo by Susan Okrasinski*



**'Spacecoast Tequila Sunrise'**

(Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2017)

*Photo by Jamie Gossard*

**'Spacecoast The Green Mile'**

(Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2017)

*Photo by Claude Carpenter*



**'Too Cute'**

(Williams-S., 2012)

*Photo by Steve Williams*



# Region 2 Hybridizers

## 2023 ADS Cultivar Awards continued

### Honorable Mention 2023

These daylilies will be candidates for the Award Of Merit in 2026



**'Bedbug'**

(Williams-S., 2019)

*Photo by Steve Williams*



**'Little Tutu'**

(Williams-S., 2017)

*Photo by Steve Williams*



**'Spacecoast Alpha Wolf'**

(Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2019)

*Photo by Jamie Gossard*



**'Vampire Lady'**

(Gossard, 2016)

*Photo by Bonnie Nichols*



**'Wacky Wednesday'**

(Seifert, 2015)

*Photo by Elaine Seifert*



# Region 2 Hybridizers

## 2023 ADS Cultivar Awards continued

### Extra Large Diameter 2023

to recognize outstanding flowers with extra large diameters



**'Cliffjumper'**  
(Gossard, 2017)  
*Photo by Jamie Gossard*

### R.W. Munson, Jr. Award 2023

for the most outstanding distinctly patterned daylily



**'Wacky Wednesday'**  
(Seifert, 2015)  
*Photo by Elaine Seifert*

# Florida Sunshine Cup 2023

for best small or miniature flowered clump observed by attendees at the National Convention



**'Baby Bear'**  
(Apps, 1995)  
*Photo by Darrell Apps*

## Junior Citation 2022

presented at the 2023 National Convention



**'Mary Jane Meadows'**  
Seedling 15-29d-2  
(Hatfield-K., 2022)  
*Photo by Kirsten Hatfield*



**'Sitting on Pins and Needles'**  
Seedling 16-22-2  
(Hatfield-K., 2022)  
*Photo by Kirsten Hatfield*



# Our Favorite Late Bloomers

Gathered by Sandra Dunn

Late-blooming daylilies have long been a passion of mine. Years ago, before opening *Along The Fence Daylilies* derailed my hybridizing efforts, my focus was to create late-blooming daylilies in colors other than yellows and golds. While I have produced only a few of my own, I have collected about 300 late-bloomers over the past 20 years. I just don't want the season to end!

I am always eager to learn about new (to me) late cultivars-- plants that brighten the garden after peak bloom. So I asked folks to share one or two of their favorites and why they still grow them. Their responses and accompanying photos are shared in the pages that follow. If you are looking to extend the bloom season in your own garden, they have given you a wide variety of options. I am so appreciative of such a great response! We learn from each other.

If this collection of recommendations and reflections from other Region 2 members and friends inspires you to share your own favorite late-blooming cultivar, please email me a photo and why you still grow it. There are so many other lovely lates that we may need to do a follow-up article next year. You can reach me at [greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com](mailto:greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com).



**'August Cheer'**  
(Goldner, 1990)



**'Sandra Elizabeth'** (Stevens-D., 1983)

An amazing addition to the late bloomers for me! I am so impressed with the tall, sturdy scapes and awesome branching. It adds a cheery color to the landscape.

Vickie Goedde  
Elberfeld, Indiana

I just love her big, cheerful, yellow flowers, and so many of them. By the end of her bloom season, that is the only color left in my daylily garden.

Freda Dunn  
Colliers, West Virginia

'Painted on Jeans' is an eye catcher as I'm strolling through my garden. From the yellow-green throat to the blue velvet eye to the stunning rose pink petals. It's a lovely addition to my daylily collection.

While not a true late, 'Painted on Jeans' is one of the latest in my garden.

Amy McConnell  
Sherrodsville,  
Ohio



**'Painted on Jeans'**  
(Rich, 2014)

I love 'Late to the Party' as it adds a very bright, sunfast splash of color to the garden late in the season. It blooms for 4-6 weeks for me starting around the first or second week of August (depending on the year). The clear, white midribs and the rich, red tone make it one of my favorite reds in our garden, and its late arrival in the blooming season is definitely a bonus!



**'Late to the Party'**  
(Crichton, 2004)

Julie Irwin  
Bolingbrook, Illinois



**'The Fat Lady's Encore'**  
(Winter, 2016)

My preference in daylilies tends toward pastel colors. This late-blooming pink bitone with a pale ruffled edge on the petals was an instant keeper when it showed up in my seedling bed. It usually blooms into September.

David Winter  
Olmsted Township, Ohio



**'Morningcloud Marmalade'**  
(Schindler, 2008)

Besides being both a unique and beautiful flower with frilly edges, it produces amazingly unusual progeny often with the same frilly edges.

Greg Schindler  
Sterling Heights, Michigan

I still highly enjoy and will always grow the late bloomer 'Holiday Joy.' It is a tall red with a long bloom season. It really makes a statement in my garden.

Lori Hankinson  
Hudsonville, Michigan

**'Holiday Joy'**  
(Albers, 1994)



**'Yada Yada Yella'**  
(Davisson-J., 2015)

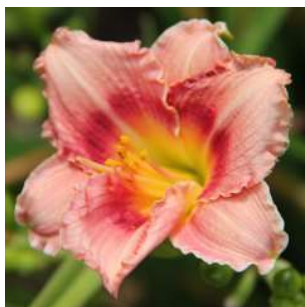
This Davisson, which is registered as Very Late, is one of my last to start blooming. With its bright color and huge 10" blooms on sturdy scapes, it stands out like a beacon in the garden. Great late bloomer and has instant rebloom here too!

Laura Schultz  
Brighton, Michigan

My 'Siloam Joan Senior' bloomed pretty vigorously all season long. She was the last to give up, in early November.

Margaret Neterer  
East Lansing, Michigan

**'Siloam Joan Senior'**  
(Henry-P., 1982)







**'After Awhile Crocodile'**  
(Reed, 1997)

Just when you think your daylilies are done for the summer, 'After Awhile Crocodile' starts blooming! Mine bloomed beginning August 20 through September with multiple blooms every day! I love it!

Barb Brevick  
Dansville, Michigan



**'Royal Jester'**  
(Kennedy-Allgood, 1991)

Royal Jester is loaded with bright blooms at a time when there is not a lot of color in the garden. The abundant flowers show up from a long distance.

David Winter  
Olmsted Township, Ohio

This one is in its prime right when others are finishing up for the season.

Lisa Marlatt  
Blissfield, Michigan

**'Woof Returns'**  
(Rinke-K., 2014)

'Woof Returns' just keeps sending up new scapes one after the other. I love that it has so many colors in it and just doesn't want to stop—it's like a carnival in one plant. Over the past four

years, it has averaged 87 bloom days. It begins blooming in early-to-mid July and consistently goes to September and sometimes even reaches November.

Mary Kwas, Lansing, Michigan



**'Jan Zoo'**  
(Goldner, 1987)

Beautiful orangish-reddish blooms and tons of them-- 'Jan Zoo' blooms for a really long time. It has nice dormant foliage and increases well, so there are a lot of fans and a lot of scapes. I always look forward to seeing this beauty blooming in the late season.

Laura Shultz  
Brighton, Michigan



**'Last Blast'**  
(Davisson-J., 2011)

Between the late bloom and then rebloom, I had flowers into November before a freeze ended the show!

Kathleen Devlin  
Milan, Michigan

'Last Blast' is hands-down the best scape in our field of 1,600 plants. That it is a huge flower and such a late bloomer only adds to the show!

Saundra Dunn  
Dansville, Michigan

Truly a beautiful flower on well-branched and budded scapes. I always remember it is a late bloomer because I get frustrated having to wait to start dabbing on it.

Ginny Pearce  
Grand Rapids, Michigan



**'Desire of Nations'**  
(Emmerich, 2008)

### 'Pee Wee's Big Adventure'

(Hanson-C., 2003)  
Mary Kwas photo

Who needs another late blooming yellow? YOU do! For starters, it's a Curt Hanson plant. 'Nuff said. Plus, 'Pee Wee's' bloom season averages over 70 days. We have "Pee Wee" in a grouping with two other late bloomers, 'Cake Plate' and 'Tahitian Sunrise.'

Bob Mainfort, Lansing, Michigan



**'Bobbing for Poodles'**  
(Bachman, 2008)

'Bobbing for Poodles' is such a fun name for a daylily. The blooms look like bouquets for several days in mid-late July.

Vickie Goedde  
Elberfeld, Indiana

This is a special cultivar in my opinion. While it doesn't have an abundance of flowers at any one time throughout the blooming cycle, its claim to fame is the length of bloom. It often starts in mid-June and continues until frost takes out the last buds. The scapes just continue to grow due to bud building.

Ginny Pearce  
Grand Rapids, Mich.



Bud photo taken Sept. 15



**'Keepsake Rosie'**  
(Pearce-G., 2015)

'Jack's Caboose' is a cheery autumn color, with blooms starting in mid-August. It blooms much taller than its registration height. I enjoy daylilies that bloom after peak 'overload.'

Lori Hankinson,  
Hudsonville, Michigan



**'Jack's Caboose'**  
(Harmon-Couturier, 1988)



'Tom and Doug' is a dormant, extremely fertile daylily that produces many seeds. The beautiful very toothy blooms are great for hybridizing for teeth.

John Kulpa  
Warren, Michigan

**'Tom and Doug'**  
(Kulpa, 2017)



**'Pause Before Fall'**  
(Prochaska-D., 2018)

One of my favorite late bloomers is 'Pause Before Fall.' It is nice to see the colorful blooms while most of the garden is done. And I enjoy seeing flowers my son has hybridized!

Sharon Prochaska  
Green Bay, Wisconsin



With 9" blooms on a 34" scape, this daylily is a real treat at the end of the season! When established, the blooms will just keep coming in abundance!

Sandi Combs  
Columbus, Michigan



**'Get'R Done'**  
(Gossard-R., 2006)

What can I say? It is quite a favorite. It blooms from July until a hard frost. And the masses of small blooms always look so cheerful.



**'Marietta's Favorite'**  
(Kamensky, 2011)



This one is just unique, even as stripes become more common. I like the fall-colored look. Garden guests are taken by it as well.

Mary Ann Cleary  
Dansville, Michigan  
**'Michigan Fall Color Update'** (Rinke-K., 2017)

This one really does stretch the season! This photo was taken on October 10. It was still blooming in November!



Marietta Crabtree  
Shelby Township, Michigan

**'Stretching the Season'**  
(Kamensky, 2012)

Late blooming white daylilies are uncommon. In our garden, 'Lyonnesse' usually blooms well into September, and as a bonus, her typical bloom season lasts for over two months.

Bob Mainfort  
Lansing, Michigan



**'Lyonnesse'**  
(Millikan-B., 1990)  
Mary Kwas photo



**'Sailor Sky'**  
(Pearce-G., 2011)



**'Last Man Standing'**  
(Benz, 2000)  
Ed Wheeler photo

I do enjoy 'Last Man Standing' and it usually is! I originally bought it for the name because my husband loves the TV show. I'm glad I did!

Lise' Dibert  
Bath, Michigan

'Sailor Sky' is a benchmark for late season color. The color is so unique and it grows and blooms in abundance. It really becomes the showpiece of the late garden.

If I got to pick just 10 daylilies to take to heaven with me, this one would be on the list.

Charlie Harper  
Bowling Green, Ohio



In just two years, 'Bermuda Coral' has done fantastic here in my zone 6b garden, blooming for four weeks between mid-July until mid-August. I love the branching, sturdy scapes and that lovely peachy-pink color.

Vickie Goedde  
Elberfeld, Indiana



**'Bermuda Coral'**  
(Marvin, 1986)



**'Cake Plate'**  
(Goldner, unreg)  
Mary Kwas photo



Like so many of Bret's plants, 'Crookwood Mule' is like a firework display in the late season. I just love it!

Saundra Dunn  
Dansville, Michigan

Nikki Schmith photo

**'Crookwood Mule'** (Clement, 2014)



**'Late Adagio'**  
(Bristol, 2004)

I had intended to feature only registered cultivars that are relatively easy to obtain for those wanting to extend their bloom season. But when three different people nominated this one, I just had to include it.

Saundra Dunn  
Dansville, Michigan

This tall, bright red-and-yellow daylily dances in the wind on its long scapes. Over the past five years, it has averaged 75 bloom days in our yard, starting in mid-July and going into September, and sometimes even October.

Mary Kwas  
Lansing, Michigan



**'Boogie My Woogie Baby'**  
(Bachman, 2003)

Late Adagio is one of my last to bloom, but worth the wait. It has a gorgeous blend of amber and lavender. The color is really unique, I haven't seen any quite like it. It also consistently produces many blooms, even though I planted it in one of the shadier spots in my yard. This year my plant bloomed earlier than I expected (mid July!) but it kept blooming all through August. I've had this plant since 2010 and every year it continues to impress me. Even now that I have grown over 40 varieties, it is still my favorite.

Lauren Henderson, Stafford, Virginia



**'Olallie Keith'**  
(Darrow, 1981)  
Saundra Dunn photo

This gives such stunning color as a late bloomer, and its size makes it stand out in the garden.

Cathy Stevenson  
Williamston, Michigan

'Olallie Keith' stands out with my Knock Out roses!

Jaime Busby  
Mason, Michigan



**'The Jury's Out'**  
(Apps, 2000)  
Mary Kwas photo

This is just a classic for late-season color. It doesn't even start blooming here until mid-August. We get about 50 buds per scape!!

Saundra Dunn  
Dansville, Michigan





**'Dublin Elaine'**  
(Joiner, 1987)

Though registered as a mid-season bloomer, this beauty doesn't really put on her show until the late season here in Michigan. And what a show it is! The color is just yummy. (And putting this collection together, I realized this is the only double that was nominated.)

Saundra Dunn, Dansville, Michigan

'Suzy Cream Cheese' bloomed a lot more peachy this year. It makes a lot of blooms and has a long bloom period starting in mid-August. I enjoy seeing this one along with my fall perennials and shrubs.

Lori Hankinson  
Hudsonville, Michigan



**'Suzy Cream Cheese'**  
(Bachman, 2001)



**'Lord of Autumn'**  
(Marvin, 2005)

'Lord of Autumn' is an outstanding late summer daylily that has a golden glow in the slanting sunshine of the August and early September garden. Is it elegant? No. Is it delicate? No. However it's a daylily totally in tune with the late summer season and one that has gained fans in the daylily world. It may be difficult to find but it's worth the hunt.

Claire Sheridan  
Nunica, Michigan

Words just can't describe the velvet richness of this big deep red bloom. We grow over 300 lates and this one is in my top five. RIP, Eric Denham. You created a stunner.

Saundra Dunn  
Dansville, Michigan



**'Give Me Fuel'**  
(Denham-E., 2002)

One of my best kept secrets is the late bloomer 'Fire Fountain.' With 60 inch scapes and 8.5-inch bright red and yellow blooms, this one takes center stage and is a prize possession!

Charlie Harper  
Bowling Green, Ohio



**'Fire Fountain'** (Bremer, 2011)



**'Sunset Mesa'**  
(Hanson-C., 2015)

Sunset Mesa looks like a lovely southwestern sunset. It starts off slow with just a few blooms at the end of June, but by mid July it really comes alive. The past couple of years it has bloomed from mid-July to mid-August. Consistent four-way branching.

Vickie Goedde  
Elberfeld, Indiana

# But Wait, There's More! Late Bloomers in Mid-Michigan

By Bob Mainfort and Mary Kwas

In this part of the country, July is peak daylily bloom season, and we all anticipate the explosion of color that fills our gardens. Except—we don't want it to end! Luckily, daylilies are accommodating plants and offer us the joy of late-blooming varieties. You have just enjoyed a feature of late-blooming favorites nominated by readers. Here we present some observations about late-blooming daylilies, using data that we collected at Mary Ann Cleary and Sandra Dunn's farm, Along The Fence Daylilies (ATFD).

ATFD is located about 25 miles southeast of Lansing, Michigan, and within Zone 6a on the 2023 USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map. Every year ATFD offers about 1,600 daylily cultivars for purchase. For the last eight years, we have visited ATFD on or within a day or two of August 31 and recorded the name of every daylily that was either in bloom or had at least one viable bud. We made no distinction between plants that rebloomed, ones that began blooming later, or continuous-blooming plants. If they were blooming on or about August 31, we counted them.

During the past eight years, we observed a total of 529 different cultivars blooming on the date of visitation. Well over half of these, 320, bloomed that late for only a single year, followed by 97 that bloomed for two years, 43 for three years, and 21 for four years.

We now come to the plants that might be called the Late-Blooming Superstars—those that were still producing flowers at the end of August during five or more years. With a drumroll, here they are:

## 5 years (22 daylilies):

After A While Crocodile (Reed, 1997)  
August Ruby (Viette, 1970)  
Bitsy (Warner, 1963)  
Carol Sing (Saxton, 1981)  
Fall Farewell (Peck, 1975)  
Fuzz Bunny (Lenington, 1976)  
Going Places (Lenington, 1981)

Hard Times (Murphy, 2009)

Jean Walsh Goldner (Goldner-Webster, 2011)

Joyful Returns (Kaminsky, 1989)

Last Blast (Davisson-J., 2011)

Orange Velvet (Joiner, 1988)

Patience Of A Saint (Hanson-C., 2001)

Peach Float (Warrell, 1994)

Quench My Thirst With Gasoline (Denham, 2009)

Sandra Elizabeth (Stevens, 1983)

September Winner (Saxton, 1972)

Solaris Orbit (Bremer, 2003)

Stella's Ruffled Fingers (Crichton, 1999)

Three Seasons (Sobek, 1990)

Zella Virginia (Kropf, 1982)



'Autumn Minaret' (left) and  
'Stella's Ruffled Fingers'  
Photos by Mary Kwas and  
Sandra Dunn

## 6 years (8 daylilies):

Awesome Candy (Stamile, 2000)  
Budd Lite (Goldner, unregistered)  
Fox Ears (Roberts, 2002)  
Jedi Catherine Seale (Wedgeworth, 1991)  
Late Embers (Bristol, 2004)  
Pee Wee's Big Adventure (Hanson-C., 2003)  
Woof Returns (Rinke-K., 2014)





'Awesome Candy' (left) and 'Fox Ears'

### 7 years (16 daylilies):

Autumn Minaret (Stout, 1951)  
 Banana Buds (Couturier, 1995)  
 Boogie My Woogie Baby (Bachman, 2003)  
 Challenger (Stout, 1949)  
 Evening Tulip (Goldner, 1990)  
 Fat Lady Sings (Shooter, 2000)  
 Forsyth White Buds (LeFever, 1995)  
 Frosty Lemon Puffs (Kamensky, 1995)  
 Michelle Buyaki (Goldner, unregistered)  
 New Guinea Jungle (Mahieu, 2003)  
 Olallie Mack (Darrow, 1978)  
 Princess Irene (Zager, 1952)  
 Prissy Peekaboo (Joiner, 1987)  
 Suzy Cream Cheese (Bachman, 2001)  
 The Jury's Out (Apps, 2000)  
 VT A Ripe Peach (Darrow, unregistered)

### 8 years (4 daylilies):

Cake Plate (Goldner, unregistered)  
 Shirley Bixler (Bachman, 2003)  
 Tahitian Sunrise (Bearce, 1990)  
 VT RR Red (Darrow, unregistered)

Of course, the success of late bloomers depends, not just on genetics, but also on growing conditions: soil quality, amount of sunshine, precipitation, temperature, and Zone location. Just at ATFD, we saw considerable variability in the number of late-blooming daylilies by year, which ranged from lows of 77 in 2016

and 90 in 2023 to highs of 184 in 2020 and 195 in 2019. We may explore the reasons for this variation in a later article.

It is not enough to have late-blooming daylilies, however, if they are all just yellow or gold. So you will be happy to know that the flowers on this list show a full range of colors. There are 14 that are yellow/gold, but 12 in shades of red, some of which are quite bold. Among the rest are lavender, pink, cream, peach, and melon, as well as bitones and varieties with eyes and halos.

Late-blooming daylilies have been produced by many hybridizers, as can be easily seen from the list above. But several hybridizers are standouts in the late-blooming field. You might consider the plants of Al Goldner, who has five on the list, as well as Dan Bachman and George Darrow, both of whom have three. Noteworthy are also the two very old daylilies hybridized by Arlow Burdette Stout, for whom the Stout Silver Medal is named.

Late-blooming daylilies are a must-have in the garden, extending daylily season into September and October. But as Al Goldner noted about his daylilies: "They would never make the typical mid-July flower show dates. The solution will be some late summer Hem shows." He's got a point. Perhaps it's time to introduce an occasional late-season show for these late-season sparklers.



'Cake Plate'



'Shirley Bixler'



'Tahitian Sunrise'



VT RR Red

# Region 2 Club Reports

## Grand Valley Daylily Society

by Claire Sheridan

The Grand Valley Daylily Society held their fall auction in September. A varied selection of newer daylilies, donated by club members, was auctioned to support club activities. Members also donate plants they have in abundance to be sold at the Rockford Farmer's Market the Saturday after the club sale.



In October, Lisa and Jerry Marlatt (left) of Ogden Station Daylilies, presented their program "Keeping Odgen Station on the Map, One Daylily at a Time." They talked about the history of their family centennial farm in southeastern Michigan and how they started raising and hybridizing daylilies. Their interest in daylilies began in 2007 and now the collection includes over 2000 registered cultivars plus Jerry's thousands of seedlings. He has 87 introductions at this point. Jerry shared helpful information both on growing and hybridizing daylilies. They both also talked about their use of native plants for pollinators. Jerry and Lisa generously donated 10 of Jerry's introductions to auction at the meeting and donated the proceeds to the club. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational evening.



'Special Attraction'  
(Marlatt-J., 2023)



Marlatt seedling 21-26,  
voted Most Unique Sdlg  
and Personal Favorite at  
2023 R2 Summer Meeting



Club members  
enjoying time  
together at the  
November  
Harvest Dinner.

*Photo by  
Peggy Pike*

Our November Meeting was our Harvest Dinner which was held at Cascade Christian Church. The dining room was decorated with an "Autumn Leaves" theme, featuring gorgeous handmade table runners from Peggy Pike. The club provided bacon wrapped chicken tenderloins and attendees brought a dish to share. There was a wonderful variety of very tasty food and we had a great time visiting with daylily friends.

The club is looking forward to a Zoom presentation in January by Bart Beck (right) of Bx Butte Daylilies. This will be his first presentation in the Midwest and we are quite excited to learn about Bart and his hybridizing program. Many of us in GVDS are growing his plants through our Fan Club grow-and-divide program, but we will not get to see them bloom until next summer. Region 2 members and friends attending the Winter Symposium in Lafayette, Indiana, will also have the chance to see Bart's presentation in person.



'Laser Face'  
(Beck-B., 2022)

It has become a club tradition in recent years for Sandra Dunn to present our February program via Zoom. She is the co-owner of Along the Fence Daylilies and editor of the Region 2 newsletter. This year she will share some of her new favorite hybridizers, telling us the story of how she "discovered" them and sharing several photos of their plants that she grows.



Beck 'Limon Raspberry'  
seedling

Our 2024 calendar and club newsletters can be found on our website: <http://grandvalleydaylily.org/>.



# Wisconsin Daylily Society

## Article and photos by Steven King

Winter-- a time for our gardens and ourselves to take a well-deserved break from the hustle and bustle of the growing season. As we wrap up 2023 and plan/prepare for the 2024 growing season, much of Wisconsin is still experiencing drought conditions and facing a winter that is projected to be warmer and drier than usual. *If* we receive and experience colder temperatures, I sincerely hope that we will have sufficient snow cover for our gardens. The 2023 drought has had major effects on the survival of many of our beloved daylilies with many only reaching roughly two thirds of their regular height and unfortunately producing fewer blooms during this past summer season.

The Wisconsin Daylily Society (WDS) is a very vibrant and active club with activities scheduled from January through November. In **January** (when it's cold out and snow is blanketing our gardens), we begin with our annual Hybridizers' Showcase, where our club hybridizers group, headed by Carole Hunter, presents PowerPoint slides and narrative of their interesting and ever-changing hybridizing programs.

Our **February** meeting is a continuation of the Hybridizers' Showcase, along with a member Photo Contest overseen by Conrad Wrzesinski. With our Photo Contest, we normally have close to 100 entries from an excellent and competitive group of club photographers. We have four categories: Single Flower, Multi Flower/Clump, Daylilies in a Landscape and Creative Artistry. With pencil (pen, *if you're decisive*) and paper ballots in hand, we select two winning entries from each category. Winners receive gift credit/debit cards.

Each February in Madison, Wisconsin Public Television (PBS), sponsors a Garden Expo where people can buy products, attend seminars, and talk with people/experts about a wide array of plant related topics. WDS members sign up to staff two combined booths and talk with people about daylilies. We hand out WDS information pamphlets about our club, daylily terminology and general care and we give away daylily seeds that were donated by club hybridizers. Education is our goal. We display daylily seeds, a pot of seedlings and an un-potted daylily to show the difference between roots and the bulb and an Asiatic lily. Old scapes

are also displayed to demonstrate preferred branching from poor branching. Sue Hill has done an outstanding job in organizing this outreach for us.

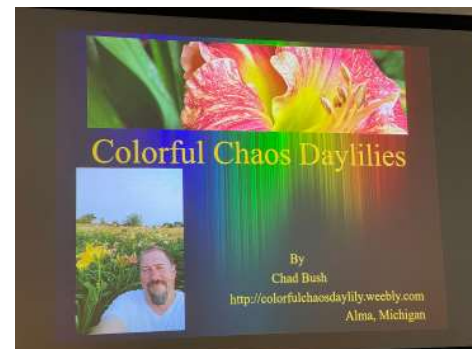
Each year from March through May we offer an amazing group of speakers at our meetings who share their programs and offer some of their newer cul-

tivars that we auction off to the highest bidders to enhance their individual garden collections. This past **March**, **Don Wolff** from Louisville, Kentucky, spoke to us about his "Experiences of hybridizing within a residential size suburban lot" (which many of us have). Don's first introductions came about in 2004 with 'Gretchen's Surprise' and 'Double Sanibel Sunrise.'

In **April**, we welcomed **David Robinson** from Bloomington, Illinois. David's program covered a range of topics, such as how to be successful in a small

space, how to set goals, being ruthless with seedlings, and the future of diploids. David's hybridizing focus is on diploids where he feels "it's easier to get unique faces."

In **May**, our featured speaker was **Chad Bush** from Alma, Michigan. Chad focused on how he grows from seed, how the flowers guide him, and





Rhonda Veroeven  
and Chad Bush

how to achieve your goals. Chad has been hybridizing for over 20 years. He likes to work with teeth, patterned eyes, and stippling/stripes in the tetraploids, and color changers/bleachers (blue) in diploids.

Thanks to Genni Kleckner's vision, we had the return of our WDS picnic in **June** at the beautiful Healing Garden at the Edgerton Hospital in Edgerton, Wisconsin. June also found many of us attending the ADS National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

During **July**, a WDS-sponsored bus load of us traveled to our ADS Region 2 Summer Meeting in Lansing, Michigan.

In **August**, WDS has two premier events. We host our much-anticipated annual plant adoption and auction under the guidance of Genni Kleckner. Annually, during the third weekend in August, WDS sponsors the "Largest Daylily Sale in the United States" where we offer over 700 cultivars. Please plan to join us in 2024 at Olbrich Park on Lake Monona.

We round out our year with our annual membership meeting and banquet. This past **October**, we were pleased to welcome our featured speaker **Tom Smoulder** from Warren, Pennsylvania. Tom and his wife Elaine own the Smoulder's Daylily Garden, an ADS Display Garden. Tom's focus was on rearranging and moving plants and rebuilding beds. One of my favorite cultivars of Tom's collection is his 'Chief Cornplanter' (Smoulder-T., 2016).

We had a very successful year as a club... for which we are very thankful and grateful. Unfortunately, we also had to bid farewell to several cherished WDS members who had passed away. The circle of life-- where we enjoy human and plant existence, especially daylilies, for as long as we're able to.

Wishing you ALL a healthy and happy 2024.

BE kind, BE well...

ADS Region 2 Great Lakes Daylily



'Ariel's Starfish'  
(Wolff-D., 2020)



'Double Sanibel Surprise'  
(Wolff-D., 2004)



David Robinson  
seedling



David Robinson  
seedling



'Swimming with  
Nurse Sharks'  
(Bush-C., 2024)



'King William'  
(Bush-C., 2024)



'Smouldering Eyes'  
(Smoulder-E., 2022)



'Chief Cornplanter'  
(Smoulder-T., 2016)

*All photos above courtesy of the hybridizers.*



# Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society

by Charlene Patz



Club members at their Daylily Garden Work Day *Photos by Amy Radon*

What a great turnout the morning of August 19 when we held our annual Daylily Garden Work Day at Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark prior to our daylily auction. It was a gorgeous sunny summer day so “we” got a lot of work done in a couple of hours! Twenty daylily clumps were divided, as well as cutting back the foliage on all of the cultivars to clean up the daylily gardens for fall. Helping that morning were Arnie Vasquez, Deb Kessell, Mary Abbott, Cheryl Merritt, Lisa Marlatt, Jerry Marlatt, John Heinze, Rich Nagy, Charlene Patz, Frank Patz, Gwenn Floyd, Mary Jo Wilhelms, Kathy Shortridge, Lance Wehrle, Karen Centers, Linda Scheuerman, Barb Thomas, Glen Deters, Sarah Tiefenbach, Connie Scheid, Charlie Scheid, Eileen Hoffman, Harold Hoffman, Jim Connell and his son, Jacob, from 9 A.M. – 11 A.M. Jacob handled getting and dumping the bins that were filled with daylily scapes and leaves to the Metroparks’ dump truck by himself this year since his brother Ben was at football practice. Amy Radon, Horticulturist Technician with Toledo Metroparks who filled in for

Jonathan Milbrodt, provided gardening tools, tarps, shovels, etc. for us to use and took care of cleaning everything up after the beds were done.

Following the work day we had a fantastic daylily auction chaired by Micheal Anders, who was assisted by his very capable committee members consisting of Don and Ann Bixler, Phil Parsons, Pam Murphy, Sharon Supinski, Judy Hersch, and Shelly Abramczyk!! A special “thank you” goes out to our members who donated daylilies to be auctioned off in addition to those that our members brought back from our Daylily Host program. Donations were received from Lisa and Jerry Marlatt, Ann Brickner, Charlie Harper, Linda Hoffman, and the TBG daylily dig in the morning. Following the auction, plants for our Daylily Host program purchased from Michael Miller of Small World Daylilies in Virginia were distributed to members who will grow them for two years and return them for our 2025 auction. The auction ran like clockwork again this year in the newly remodeled patio at the Conference Center at Toledo Botanical Garden. Our members and guests who placed winning bids on the daylilies were all very pleased with their purchases with the winning bids!!

We all enjoyed John Krukemyer’s Roundtable presentation in September, one of our favorite programs. John, Agronomist at Mid-Wood Pro in Bowling Green, Ohio, stressed the importance of reading the label of all products that you are using in the garden, and to heed any warnings and respect the directions for application that are included with any product. They are on pesticides and insecticides for a





reason. He suggested using splash goggles as well as a respirator (which you should store in the clamshell that it came with). One question addressed was about gardening gloves - which gloves are better--Nitrile or Latex? The answer is that Nitrile is a stronger, higher-quality glove compared to Latex. However, Latex is a cheaper option for those that do not require stronger chemical and puncture resistance. And be sure to always roll up the cuff to keep everything from dripping onto your arms. John identified several weeds that members had brought in for info on how to get rid of them in the yard.

At our October meeting, Donna McMillen's program titled "Who's Your Mama (or Perhaps Your Papa?)" was very interesting and provided a little bit of history and the "genealogy" as known (or at least suspected) behind some of our favorite hostas. Donna has been a member of Midland Hosta Society since 2008, and is a past and now current president. She has been a past board member and presenter for Great Lakes Hosta College. In addition to being a life-long gardening enthusiast and hostaholic Donna enjoys creating and sharing many forms of garden art, including "playing" with cement.



Charlie Harper and Donna McMillen  
*Photo by Eileen Hoffman*

We wrapped up another exciting gardening year in November with our year-end potluck. Thirty-eight Black Swamp members enjoyed another bountiful potluck and time to just sit and visit with each other and talk about what a great year 2023 has been for our society! The luncheon event was chaired by Dianna and Arnie Vasquez,



Black Swamp members enjoying the great spread at the year-end luncheon  
*Photo by Eileen Hoffman*

with help from our refreshment committee leaders Linda and Rich Nagy. Our members sure know how to prepare some fabulous tasting dishes!

In February Don Rawson, well-known hosta hybridizer, president of the West Michigan Hosta Society and co-chairman of the Nomenclature Committee of the American Hosta Society, will be our guest speaker. Is your garden looking tired and old? Is it rather dull and boring? Well then, it's time to get out of the gardening rut and add some eye-popping street appeal to your landscape. This is a lighthearted (downright humorous!) presentation covering eight simple steps to spiff up your lawn and garden including the addition of garden art...all in order to make your gardening paradise unique, appealing, and memorable. Let's jazz up the garden!

Membership is \$10 per garden per year expiring December 31st. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society, feel free to contact Charlene Patz, President, Tele: 419-874-8964, Email <cfpatz@att.net> or Phil Parsons, Membership, Tele: 419-256-7246, Email mpparsons@centurylink.net for a membership application. Eileen Hoffman does a great job keeping the information current on Facebook for our society.

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



Just kids at heart! Black Swamp members enjoying a leaf pile at the Toledo Botanical Garden following the year-end luncheon.  
*Photo by a kind passerby.*



# Southern Michigan Daylily Society

by Marietta Crabtree

Members finished the summer garden visits with a trip to Jim Slezinski's Tropical Garden Paradise in Lake Orion, Michigan, in September. Jim is a landscape designer.

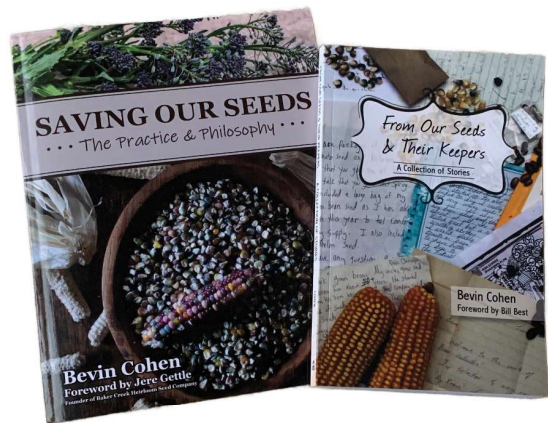


This fabulous garden showcases his designer skills by incorporating stunning tropical plant features as well as hundreds of annual and perennial plants which include many unusual types.

Jim has taken advantage of a sloped area by incorporating an upper and lower pond connected by two streams with six waterfalls. The area is so peaceful and beautiful with water plants and fish. This was a return visit for many members as this huge garden is a showcase of garden ideas with new features added each year.

Matt has a Master of Science degree in biology and a research background in molecular genetics. Hybridizing daylilies has enabled him to continue his interest in genetics. His hybridizing goal is to breed daylilies that are striking from a distance and awe-inspiring close-up.

An awesome, fun-filled auction followed the daylily hybridizing program. The auction had a big range of prices, a wide variety of beautiful daylilies, and lots of bargains. There truly was "something for everyone," resulting in lots of smiling faces. Matt Meadows website: [www.regaldaylilies.com](http://www.regaldaylilies.com).



Bevin Cohen of Small House Farm, Sanford, Michigan, presented an informative and inspiring program about "Saving Our Seeds" on October 14. Bevin presented information about seed gathering, preparation of dry seeds and wet seeds in fleshy fruits and vegetables, methods of storage, and the importance of heritage and heirloom seeds. He also shared his thoughtful philosophy about the wonder and importance of seeds.

Bevin is author of "Saving Our Seeds...the Practice and Philosophy" which has detailed information for seed-saving of 43 different vegetables and fruits. He is also author of "From Our Seeds and Their Keepers," a collection of stories about seed savers and their seeds, especially heirloom and heritage seeds. He explains the great importance of saving these seeds so that their great genetic diversity and adaptability not be lost to the future. Heritage seeds preserve biodiversity as genetic resources and have the legacy of past generations in their DNA.



'Regal Dream'  
(Meadows-Ma., 2021)  
Photo by Matt Meadows



'Radiant Beacon'  
(Meadows-Ma., 2022)  
Photo by Matt Meadows

SMDS started the fall season series of program events with Matt Meadows of Regal Daylilies, Westerville, Ohio, on September 9th. Matt presented his hybridizing program of gorgeous daylilies followed by an auction. He has hybridized daylilies for over 20 years. His daylily program of hybridizing only tetraploid cultivars began in 2014. His favorite daylilies are round forms with wide overlapping petals and broad sepals, big edges and watermarks. Matt also breeds spiders, narrow and unusual forms. He has developed beautiful daylilies with 4-5 way branching and 20-30 buds per scape.





This memorable quote from an Indian proverb helps to explain Bevin's philosophy about and passion for seed-saving: "All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today."

For more information visit [www.SmallHouseFarm.com](http://www.SmallHouseFarm.com) and [www.BevinCohen.com](http://www.BevinCohen.com).

Bevin is also the founder of the Michigan Seed Library, a community seed sharing initiative to help establish seed sharing programs at local libraries. Library visitors "check out" seed packets for fruits, herbs, vegetables and Michigan native plants for pollinators. They are asked to gather the seeds from their grown plants and to bring the seeds to the library for future users.

For more information visit [www.MIseedlibrary.org](http://www.MIseedlibrary.org).

The program for November 4 was a members' photo contest and PowerPoint presentation. The photo contest had a Daylily Photo Category and a General Garden Photo Category. The PowerPoint presentation consisted mainly of photos of member gardens and members sharing information about their gardens.

#### DAYLILY PHOTO CATEGORY WINNERS

1st Place tie – Phil Walenga and Denise Woods

2nd Place – Greg Schindler

3rd Place – Ken Polzin

#### GENERAL GARDEN PHOTO CATEGORY WINNERS

1st Place – Ken Polzin

2nd Place tie – Jinah Kim, Kathy Rinke, Greg Schindler

A huge thank you to all members who sent in photos and to Denise Woods for producing the PowerPoint. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful photos and members sharing information about their gardens and garden activities. A delicious potluck followed the program.



Photo by Phil Walenga  
'When Bears Fly'  
(Gossard, 2003)



Photo by Denise Woods  
'Denise Woods'  
(Kulpa, 2018)



Photo by Greg Schindler  
Greg Schindler seedling



Photo by Ken Polzin  
Kulpa seedling at dusk



Photo by Ken Polzin  
Mixed border



Photo by Jinah Kim  
Bee on dahlia seedling  
she hybridized

The SMDS Event Calendar for 2024 is on the SMDS website: [www.midaylilyociety.com](http://www.midaylilyociety.com).

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Photo (left) by Greg Schindler  
Schindler front yard



Photo by Kathy Rinke  
Bee on milkweed



# Central Michigan Daylily Society

Article and photos by Teresa Dillon

Summer went by so quickly and now we are back indoors for our meetings. Still there is lots of beauty to be enjoyed in our fall gardens. Our speaker for September was the president of Eastern Michigan Hosta Society, Glen Pace. The title of his presentation was 'Color and Texture in the Spring Garden.'

Glen has the largest collection of *Acer palmatum* or Japanese Maples that I have ever seen in one garden. I find such an assortment of shapes and sizes, colors, and textures simply amazing.



There are also many varieties of cyclamen, several that were imported from Japan. Helleborus, Hepatica, Paeonia, Arisaema, and epimedium are just a few of the plant collections this man has on display in his gardens. Glen sets out to break all the gardening rules and he ignores the planting zones. He considers it a challenge to do what they say cannot be done.

Glen invited all CMDS members to a garden tour to see the fall colors of his gardens.



Clockwise, from top left: Dodecatheon meadia (shooting star), Hepatica 'Snowflake,' Double bloodroot, Trillium

October brought us to a restructuring meeting. We had a great loss of Bob Guiliani, our co-president in the spring of 2023. Bob was our friend, board member, program director, group photographer, auctioneer, entertainer and so much more. His position will be a difficult one to fill, however Sally McCaffrey has stepped up to take the challenge. We are so grateful for Sally and will support her completely.

We had a meeting based on ideas and feedback from the members, asking everyone to speak out about what they wanted to learn or accomplish by being members of this daylily society. The meeting went very well and we are starting off the new year with some different ideas and an innovative approach to help our club to flourish.

Our November speaker was Melissa Eikenberry from Twin Lakes, Michigan. Melissa is the owner and founder of Hosting Butterflies and originated the Million Milkweed Challenge. The challenge is, If one million people each plant just one milkweed, together we can save the Monarch species from extinction.



*Photo provided by Melissa and used with permission*

Melissa shared her love of butterflies and moths with a beautiful Power Point presentation. She brought several examples of chrysalis and cocoons for us to see and touch. Melissa shared milkweed seeds with members and samples of the plant tags that she has designed to show customers which pollinators are attracted to a specific plant. Her program generated lots of interest and questions from club members.

December was our annual Christmas Party. This is a fun event and a wonderful opportunity to become better acquainted with fellow members. Danielle Cotton guided us through a crazy gift exchange game that brought us lots of laughter and holiday cheer. Danielle works with elementary school children and has lots of patience, which has well prepared her to deal with our club members.

# Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

Article and photos by Debby Colvin

At our last official business meeting for 2023 on September 23, Lynette Overholser presented a slide show on the Heritage Garden of the Ohio Governor's official residence in Bexley, Ohio ([friendsohio.org](http://friendsohio.org).) The Heritage Garden demonstrates Ohio's natural history in a series of gardens representing Ohio's five major eco-regions, known as physiographic regions. Daylilies are a featured perennial at the garden.

We had planned on our August work day at Franklin Park being the last occasion to trim and weed the daylily beds we oversee, and prepare them for their winter hibernation. However the warm and mild fall weather in Central Ohio caused us to rethink that decision. On November 15th, a hardy group of club volunteers gathered to trim and weed the daylily beds one last time. Many of the daylily plants had seen a tremendous amount of new growth after the trimming done in August. In addition to trimming the daylilies, there were considerable tree leaves to be gathered. It was a beautiful sunny day— a nice change from the typical cold and cloudy fall weather.



Daylily beds before November cleanup



November cleanup crew: Fred Blythe, Bob and Sharon Johnson, Nick Schrader, Karen Ciula, Charles Lucius (not pictured, Debby Colvin, photographer)

Another unusual aspect of daylily gardening in Central Ohio in 2023 was the many daylily plants that had rebloom and/or multiple proliferations this summer. This extended daylily bloom period was reported by many of our club members.



Abundant proliferations  
Photo by Charles Lucius

On November 11, our club hosted a luncheon for over 50 members/friends at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City. The meal was served family-style at long tables, and afterwards we enjoyed an amazing talk by Sarah Hinkelman of the Newark Earthworks. These earthworks were an amazing feat at the time, due to the sheer volume of soil that was moved to create many huge perfect circles and squares. Indigenous people from all over North America traveled hundreds of miles to pray and celebrate at these installations. The meetings were timed to coincide with sun and moon solstices, being framed in openings of the mounds. In addition to being a National Historic Landmark, UNESCO announced that it had officially designated the earthworks as a World Heritage Site.



Slide from Ms. Hinkelman's presentation noting World Heritage sites worldwide

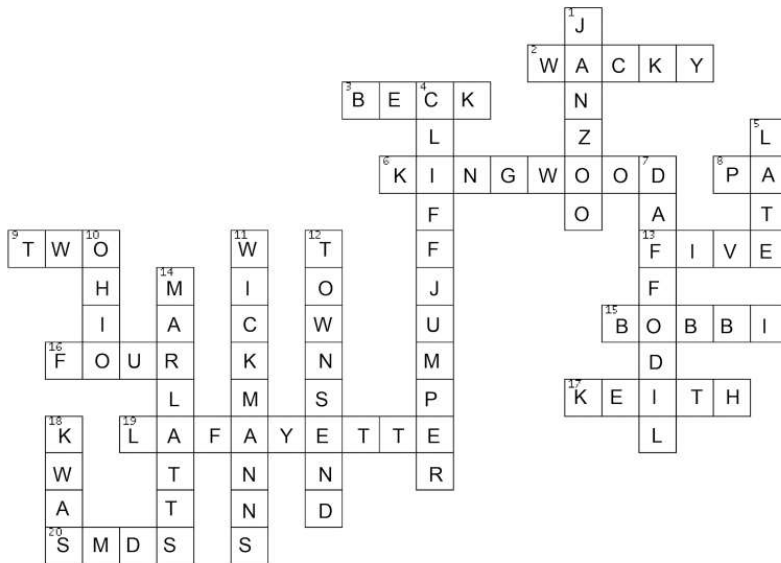
Our club is proud of our large membership, which is currently approximately 125 people. However, we are sad to report the recent passing of one of our long-time club members, Ed Mongold. Ed was a tireless ambassador for our favorite flower— the daylily.



Ed Mongold



## Solution to "In This Issue" Crossword on page 27



### Did you know?

Region 2 has a Zoom account that clubs are welcome to use for meetings or presentations.

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to set up a meeting for you.  
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### Thank you, proofreaders!!

Once again, this amazing team smoothed out the awkward phrases, caught the typos, checked the database, asked clarifying questions, and just helped make this a better newsletter!

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When: March 1 - 3, 2024  
See registration information page 14  
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## 2024 REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING

Where: Wooster, Ohio  
When: July 19 - 21 2024  
See pages 18 - 23 of this newsletter  
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## 2024 ADS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Where: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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