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- Region 2 members and hybridizers.

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This should add clarity when sharing
information with the general public.
You will see Region 2 follow their lead, using
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Beautyview Gardens

Branching on ‘Meteor
Shower’ (Hunter, 2020)

Hybridizing Tips and Tricks

On The Front Cover: ‘3 in 1 without the Oil’ Photo by Nikki Schmith
On The Back Cover: Kingwood Garden Center Photo by Kingwood staff

Region 2 Director Message

By Rhonda Veroeven, Region 2 Director, President American Hemerocallis Society



Editor's note: It was much earlier in spring when Rhonda and Monique wrote their messages. The newsletter was intended to go to the printer in early May but was delayed. It is amazing what a difference a few weeks makes in our weather.

I giggle as I write this message. HAPPY SPRING! I giggle because we have just received almost a foot of snow...it hardly feels like spring. I cannot wait until I can get my hands in the dirt. I have a few highly sought after daylilies and several individuals have reached out to find out if I have any extra fans. My garden is still under the snow, so I have no idea how much things have multiplied.

I absolutely loved attending our Region 2 Winter Meeting in Indiana this year. The speakers were wonderful and the auctions (both silent and live) were so much fun. I did come home having purchased a few things. I always say the best part of our meetings together are the connections built with other daylily enthusiasts. I was able to be at a table with a bunch of new members and quite a few young members as well. I loved getting to know these new members and making deeper connections with daylily friends I already know. I really appreciated the words of healing, comfort, and support. I am a rather private person and have undergone some significant medical procedures. It is my hope that I am now on a healing path and the worse is behind me.

At the national level I have been busier than I could have ever expected. There have been a few vacancies that have come to pass, and I am in the process of filling those positions following the proper policies and procedures, of course. When I can be more transparent about these, I will certainly let you all know. We also have just completed our AHS Auction to help fund our general fund. It is such an important fundraiser that we have each year. This year was a very successful auction, and I even won two items!!! Thank you to everyone from our region for supporting this auction.

With that being completed, I know that our region is planning a vibrant online Facebook auction for Region 2. I always look forward to it, and I can't wait to place my bids and have an absolute blast helping to support our amazing region! Be sure to bid high and bid often. Will I be lucky enough to win? Will you?

Just an update to all Garden Judges, your ballots are almost ready to send to you. We are in the process of building an online ballot, and unfortunately, our Awards and Honors Chair has had a death in the family. I am taking on the responsibility to build the online ballot and get it tested by the committee. After this is completed, we will be getting the ballots sent out to you via a Portal Push to get them into your hands as quickly as possible.

I sure hope to see you all in Ohio this summer for our Summer Regional Meeting! I will be attending three or four regional meetings before ours as well as a National Convention and then I have two scheduled after ours. So there are plenty of opportunities to run into you in a garden or more!

Upcoming National Conventions:

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

A Request From Our President

We are in need in a club or group of dedicated individuals to host our 2027 and 2028 Region 2 Summer Meetings.

Please contact me with your questions. We have an experienced team to support you!!

mwarnke77@gmail.com

Region 2 President Message

By Monique Warnke, Region 2 President

Hello Fellow Region 2 members,



I believe that spring is finally here and I am looking forward to the first sighting of my daylilies! If you attended the Winter meeting you already know what a terrific group of speakers we had in attendance! The hotel in Lafayette was terrific, and I am looking forward to returning this coming winter and next summer for the Region 2 summer meeting.

This April, I attended my first Shirley Farmer meeting with high expectations. My expectations were exceeded by this truly informative gathering. If you have ever thought about going, make a plan to do so- it's a 'can't miss' in my opinion! If you're interested, the next Shirley Farmer meeting is October 26th, 2024, so mark your calendars!

Looking into the near future for Region 2, the next big event is the 2024 National in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in June. I hope you are all looking forward to a little midwestern charm because this bus captain is bringing her cowbell.

This summer is bringing lots of daylily delight with our Region 2 meeting this July in Wooster, Ohio. There is still time to register for this fabulous event, and I hope to see you all there. Please go onto the Region 2 website to secure your spot today!

To ensure that Region 2 remains encouraging younger generations to get involved with the daylily community, their registration fees and travel costs will be reimbursed using the youth fund. To prevent the fund from paying for youths that are not able to make the meeting, costs will be reimbursed once the child is in attendance at the meeting.

While registering for our summer meeting, please go on the American Daylily Society website to ensure your memberships are up to date. As you may know, there are three memberships within the society. The

first is a standard membership, the second a garden judge and third an exhibitions judge. While all of the members have a voice within this community, the garden and exhibition judges are able to vote on their favorite plants within the region. We always need more garden and exhibition judges in Region 2, so please consider taking the courses! If you would like to renew your judgeship or become a judge, you may do so at the national convention or at our regional meeting in Ohio.

At the Winter Meeting, I discussed the impact that inflation has had on the Director Expense Reimbursement. The Director reimbursement, approved in 2021, has a dollar limit. The region officers travel reimbursement is structured by activity with no dollar limit. On May 4, 2024 the board approved changing the Director's reimbursement to the same structure as the region officers. The new language is below.

The reimbursement will be for the following three expense categories only. (Note that meals are not included and travel reimbursement is limited to the director.)

1) Travel expenses (Director only), the lower of:

a. Mileage reimbursement, based on 2/3 of the Federal mileage reimbursement rate for the current year, or 2) Airfare at actual cost. (Since the event dates are known well in advance the flight should be booked when lower fares are still available.)

2) Hotel room cost (excluding room service and phone charges)

Thank you to everyone at the meeting for the feedback in supporting this change, which will be retroactive to January 1, 2024.

We are truly lucky to be a part of such a dynamic group in Region 2. I thank all of you for making our region so successful. I would also like to thank the team of individuals that helped put on the Winter meeting, we are truly lucky to have such great people within our region.

As always,
Take care and keep your shovel in the dirt.

Region 2 Publicity Director Message

By Barb Buikema, Region 2 Publicity Director



We are so excited for our season of fun to begin, not only here in Region 2, but all regions in the ADS family.

As publicity Director, it is my pleasure to bring you information on different events that you may wish to participate in. You, the members are an integral part of this process.

If your club has a special event or speaker coming in, we would like to publish the details, not only on our regional Facebook page, but other regional club pages as well. We can get your information out to the masses in just seconds. With the amazing technology we have today we can publicize your events. All we need from you is the information.

Please feel free to contact me via phone, text, or email with all your information time, dates, and pictures if you'd like. I will put a presentation together and put it out for all to see. I would be honored to promote your special events. All you need to do is contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Working for you and with you.

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Region 2 Daylily Members and Friends



Barb Kingma Buikema is at Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn I-675. Admin · Top Contributor · April 6 at 1:25PM · Fairborn, OH · 🌐

2024 Shirley Farmer Attendee's at our Spring Meeting in Dayton Ohio



Michael Holmes, Kirsten Hatfield and 54 others

11 comments

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Interested in becoming a Garden Judge?

Please contact Sandra Dunn, Region 2 Garden Judge liaison, to talk about options!

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Coming to the Region 2 Summer Meeting?

Join us for Garden Judging workshops. Just sign up when you register.

<https://adsregion2.org/about/region-2-summer-meeting/>
or page 28 of this newsletter

Region 2 Financial Update

By Bobbi Johnson, Region 2 Treasurer



Cash Balances as of April 29, 2024

General Fund	\$ 88,372.97
Youth Fund	8,973.00
Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship	1,800.00
Total Cash On Hand	\$ 99, 145.97

Cash at Bank as of April 29, 2024

Checking	\$ 22,622.80
Money Market (4% interest > \$25,000)	25,302.95
Certificate of Deposit (Renew May 2024)	51,220.22
Total Cash On Hand	\$ 99, 145.97

Newsletter Contributions

Bobbie Craig- One Daylily At A Time	50.00
Jerry & Lisa Marlatt0 Ogden Station Daylilies	100.00
Francis & Genni Kleckner- Work in Progress Gardens	25.00
Total Newsletter Contributions	\$ 175.00

Region 2 Editor Thank You Notes

Sandra Dunn

As you will read in my editor notes on page 10, Region 2 members contributed an amazing variety of articles to this edition! I share a sincere 'thank you' to each author. And I ask the rest of you: "Do you have a daylily story to share for our late summer/fall edition?"

The articles in this issue were engaging to start with, but our talented proofreading team polished them up even more. My gratitude goes to Sharon Vanderwilp, Nancy Cooper, Nancy Secrist, Mary Kwas, Marietta Crabtree, Lezlie Myers, JoAnne Frederick, Ginny Pearce, Charlie Harper, Barb Brevick, and Barb Bischoff.*

*I just came across the term 'zetabetical order' in a book I'm reading and loved that concept. :)

Region 2 Youth Update

By Pat Titus, Regional Youth Chair

Get Growing!

There's nothing more satisfying than helping someone else learn how to garden! With that in mind, make yourself or your club available to teach and share your love of daylilies to local youth. That may be to your local school, 4-H, the local scouting program, or even a local library program. (Don't forget to incorporate the book *My Grandparents' Daylilies* in your presentation).

My three grandchildren belong to the local 4-H club. I had been a 4-H leader when our own children were growing up and I recently got called on to help again! My daughter-in-law and another gal are the older 4-H leaders and the club was in need of another leader for the younger members.

My group is the Cloverbuds. These are children who are five to less than eight years old. In our Cloverbud group, we have around fifteen children. They are a fun and energetic group—full of questions and wanting to learn. That's what the motto of 4-H is: "Learn By Doing." So we do!



CIDS youth member, Evelyn Titus, helps a little Cloverbud member plant some marigold seeds at their local 4-H club meeting.

Photo by Pat Titus

This month's lesson was about plants and soil. Here are some of my talking points that may be useful to help you spark a gardening conversation:

1. Do you grow a garden? (If they don't, ask if they have a family member who does)
2. How do you garden? (Remind them growing a garden in pots is okay too)
3. What does a seed/plant need to grow?
Air & sunshine: Warmth, photosynthesis
Soil: What color is soil? What is in soil?
Water: Rain, and what happens when it doesn't rain?
Insects: Bees, moths, worms
4. Types of plants (show)

When asked about what plants need to grow, the son of one of my friends (a farm kid) added that plants need cow poop! And yes, most plants do need fertilizer to grow! And when we were talking about insects that live in the soil, my grandson Philip mentioned about the cicadas emerging this summer.

Afterwards, the kids all got a chance to plant some marigold seeds. Master Gardener Joanne Laffey used ice cream cone cups to hold the soil. The cup then gets planted in the ground after the seeds start growing.

So you never know if you might be the one to get a child interested in daylily gardening.

Upcoming Region 2 Summer Meeting

One of our Region 2 goals is increased youth involvement. We already have six youth members signed up for our Summer Meeting in Wooster! As a reminder, Region 2 will reimburse the registration fees of youth members who attend from money raised at the past two regional auctions.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- * July 19-21: Region 2 Summer Regional Meeting in Wooster, Ohio
- * September 1: Deadline to submit pictures for Region 2 Photography Contest
- * November 1: Deadline to submit pictures for the ADS Youth Photography contest.

Youth Gardening Page

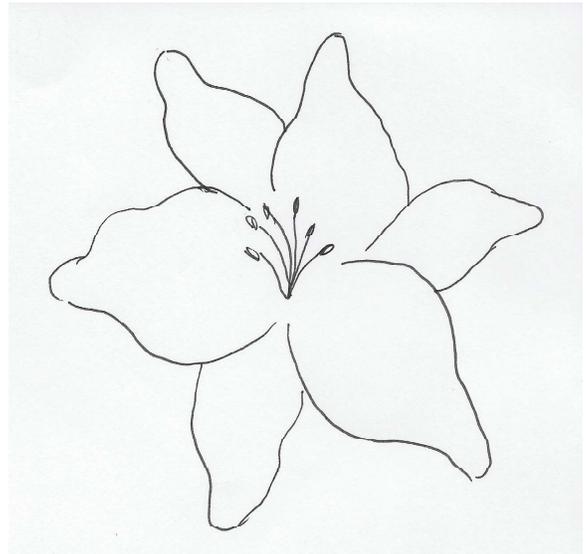
by Sandra Dunn

Kids, this page is especially for you! Send me a photo of your completed page and I'll put your name in the next newsletter. I'll also enter your name in a drawing for a free daylily. If you don't use email yet, ask an adult to send it for you: greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com.

Observation is one of the best ways to become a better gardener. So head outside and look for these things:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Daylily with fancy edge | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | Ladybug |

Create your own favorite daylily. Color this daylily in a way that looks pretty to you. It doesn't have to look like a realistic daylily.



Draw a helpful gardening tool below.

Name of the tool: _____

Gardening Word Search

Find each of these gardening words below.

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| Flowers | Leaves | Photosynthesis |
| Scape | Seeds | Soil |
| Sunshine | Water | Wheelbarrow |

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Region 2 Editor Notes

Sandra Dunn



I sometimes doubt that anyone but me and people who have contributed an article have much sense of the timing of our Region 2 newsletter. One day it just arrives in the mailbox! So I really shouldn't even confess that it was three weeks later getting to the printer than is typical for this spring

edition. But the twists and turns were worth the wait! There is such a grand diversity of articles in this issue that there surely should be something for everyone to enjoy.

Check these out soon!

I will draw your attention to a couple time-sensitive items in this issue. The first is the ballot for our next president, which is on page 58- just open the back cover page and you will see it. Per our Region 2 by-laws, this is a mail-in ballot. It must be postmarked by July 7. It may surprise you to know that in a Region as big as ours, typically less than 20 ballots are returned. I found that shocking when I was Nominations Chair a few years ago. So please take a moment and mail your ballot (or a copy if you don't want to cut up your newsletter) to Sandy Holmes.

The other thing that you will want to quickly decide about, if you didn't already, is attending the Summer Meeting. You will find a whole lot of tempting information on pages 22 to 28. The tour gardens promise to be just lovely and the live and silent auction plant variety is outstanding.

Winter Meeting reflections

I was unable to attend the Winter Meeting this year, which I was personally sad about. And, as the newsletter editor, I had great anxiety about my ability to include reflections of the meeting here. But several people stepped up to provide narrative reflections and photographs. I want to give a special shout-out to Barb Buikema, Ginny Pearce, Lori Doolin, and Sue Hill.

Hybridizer focus

I have been wanting to do an article about the Shirley Farmer Meeting for some time now. I had planned that it would be the centerpiece of a series of hybridizing-focused articles. And it will be, just not until the next issue. Still, there is a collection of five hybridizing-related articles in this edition:

*What's In A Name?: Our recurrent series looking at how hybridizers choose the names for their plants

*Hybridizing How-To Hints and Tips: The launch of new series

*My Breakthrough Plant: A look at plants that changed the course of someone's hybridizing efforts

*Carole Hunters path to creating 'Meteor Showers'-- a plant that checked all of the boxes for her

*Understanding daylily parentage nomenclature: How to unpack those complicated lineages

Other treasures

I love it when I get an email asking if we have space for an article that I hadn't known was coming. That was the case three times in this issue! One was Patricia Adrian's parentage article noted above. Another was from retired archeologist Bob Mainfort who had dug up an interesting garden club article from the 1940s.

Nikki Ssmith has been traveling the country sharing a program of ideas for invigorating daylily clubs. She turned that presentation into a print article and we are thrilled to offer it here. Based on feedback from our amazing proofreader Mary Kwas, Nikki will write a follow-up article for the next issue with ideas for making new members feel welcome and supported in club activities.

It has been a while since anyone with an ADS display garden has volunteered to share information about their garden in this newsletter. I was thrilled that Bob and Susan Cochran saw my request in the last newsletter and contacted me. If you curate an ADS display garden, I would love to feature you in our next issue. Contact me at greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com.

Officer and club reports

It is easy sometimes to overlook how important and informative the recurrent sections are—officer messages and club reports. There is so much to learn in each of those sections. You'll miss out if you skip over them to get to the photos. :)

Bonus pages

The newsletter has to be blocked out in multiples of four pages to print. And when articles are longer or shorter than expected, or when one just doesn't get finished in time, adjustments have to be made. And so it was that I found myself with a couple of pages to fill, which is a highly unusual situation. More photos are always appreciated, so I included a page of those. But I also got motivated to include something I have wanted to try for a while now—a youth activity page in the newsletter. I will be eager to hear feedback about that. Enjoy!

Remember to take photos this summer!

These lovely images were all entries in the 2023 Region 2 Photography Contest.

Find 2024 details at <https://adsregion2.org/>.



Christine Haynam
'Kenan's Gift'
(Murphy-J.P., 2018)



Barb Buikema
'Butterscotch Velvet'
(Reinke-J., 2006)



Mary Kwas
'When My Sweetheart Returns'
(Apps, 2000)



Kelly Aschenback
'Raspberry Eclipse'
(Meyer-C., 2019)



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



Jennifer Seely
Seedling (Bali W x
Swallowtail Summer)



Karen Scott
'Victorian Lace'
(Stamile, 1999)



Paula Currie
'Prayer Request'
(Shaw-Currie, 2022)



Kelly Williams
'Siloam Toy Soldier'
(Henry-P., 1985)

Region 2 Winter Symposium

by Sue Hill

This article is being reprinted, with permission and appreciation, from the Spring 2024 Issue of the Wisconsin Daylily Society newsletter.

The Region 2 Winter Symposium was held in Lafayette, IN the first weekend in March and the committee hosting it came in like a lion with the lineup of speakers and events. The Wisconsin Daylily Society, as usual, was well represented by our membership.

For those hybridizing, a social was set up Friday evening. Questions asked lead to another one, and then another, and discussion was lively and left us all with plenty to ponder once we were done for the evening.



WDS members Steven King, president, Monique Warnke (R2 President), Barb Buikema (R2 Publicity Director), and Rhonda Veroeven (R2 Director/ADS President)

Ann Townsend followed with a presentation that was nothing short of a form of art. Ann's background in teaching the arts, writing and poetry is reflective in the tranquility her garden. Her use of texture, color and design with the chosen cultivars



and companion plants allows anyone the pleasure of losing themselves in thought while drinking in the stunning grounds. Along with her husband, Martijn, Ann battles the critters like many of us do but triumphs in producing and introducing plants that possess garden grace and vibrancy of color, all with the help of their little ("thinks he's big") guard dog Sheltie.



After breakfast on Saturday, we were treated to presentations from highly respected speakers that lasted well into the later afternoon. Jim Murphy gave updates on seedlings and his hybridizing program, both of which left a few mouths gaping by the end. It was exciting to see aerial views of the property that is home to Jim and

his wife, Margo Reed, in Virginia that nestles into the Blue Ridge Mountains. When one thinks of a spectacular UF or spider form, those coming from the gardens of Woodhenge immediately come to mind. They make the most of their growing site and take advantage of the river below their gardens to pump water up the hill to assist their plants when they need irrigation. I believe Jim mentioned this was a 90 foot drop and whenever the river rose substantially, he had to hoof it down the hill to remove the pump so it didn't get thrown about by turbulence and go floating down the river.



Chris Wihoite from Soule's gardens in Indy treated us to a presentation that highlighted multiple fun garden companion plants worthy of being in anyone's garden. There was an emphasis on Hellebores which opened the eyes of so many of us to the vast cultivars available out there. It was exciting to see work parallel what hybridizers do in the daylily

world with new forms, catching color combinations and breeding for strong traits. More than one attendee went home planning on clearing out some garden space to add some of the mentioned plants to their flowerbeds.

Bret Clement should be known as the "Garden of the Cats." His intros either pay a whimsical tribute to his feline friends or are known for a play on words from his legal background. He as a "survival of the fittest" approach to his plants which makes them able to do well



in other gardens. He loves tall daylilies. Many of his intros tower in the 40 inch height range, making it a face-to-face event when they bloom in people's gardens. He mostly has UF's with bold colors and a lot of presence. Lots of nice ones coming to us in the future!

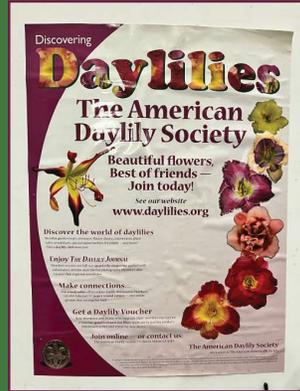
The day ended with the presentation from a hybridizer who has been working steadily for 30 years but has been doing so in the background. That will change for Bart Beck now that he shared his productions and successes with Region 2 attendees. His full and round forms are drenched in rich, saturated colors with vibrant edges. Each has its own stunning look that appeals to anyone. He focuses on plants that can withstand his no-coddling approach to growing them. He also brought along a five pound Idaho potato grown in and harvested from a potato field near him. It was auctioned during his presentation to the delight of those in the audience.



The plant auction was nothing short of amazing, as usual. Excellent plants were offered up and a few really got the table noise makers going as the bids climbed. There were many wonderful seeds in the silent auction, as well as some fun raffle items. There was talk of having (started) seedlings in the next winter event after the interest garnered from those that were in the silent auction. This shows the group is already planning ahead for the next big event as the current one is hopping!

If you have a chance to get to any of our Region 2 meetings, please take advantage of it. Furthermore, feel free to contact those in charge to see how you can help in some manner. It makes it more fun when more are involved.

Great job, Region 2 planning committee!!



Top to Bottom: Awaiting the start of the auction. Sign at the hotel. Silent auction items and Don's Daylily Divider. Sue Hill (article author) and Barb Buikema (article photographer, though this one was taken by Bob Buikema). Charlie Harper and Greg Beavers. Becky Robinson's painted rocks-- always an auction hit. Barb Buikema guarding the prized Silent Auction flamingo win, returned after it "went missing" (photo by Ginny Pearce).

Additional photos are included in the original article which can be found on the WDS website under the resources tab: wisconsindaylilysociety.org

Region 2 Winter Symposium Images

Photos by Ginny Pearce



Winter Meeting Chair Bret Clement with Region 2 President Monique Warnke



Mary Ann Duncan with Winter Meeting Co-Chair Laurel Richardson



ADS President Rhonda Veroeven with Registrar Patti and Ron Byerley



Our amazing auctioneer Mike Anders, with a \$2 bill Patti put in every attendee's folder to start the bidding! (Barb B photo)



Silent Auction organizers Cheryl Jenkins and Rusty Neal



Greg Beavers, co-auction plant procurer and generally helpful person (Barb B photo)



Speakers Ann Townsend and Jim Murphy



Michael Stafford and Steven King



Desserts included a divine chocolate cake!



MaryAnn Duncan and John Everitt



Amanda Christiansen and Janice Lily



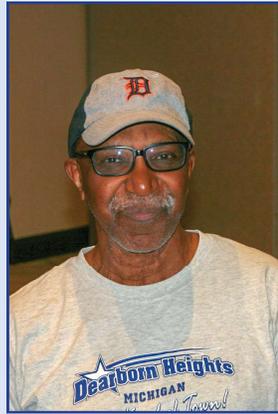
John and Susan Hric



Connor and Amy Bigler, with Karen O'Dell



Greg Beavers presenting Sandy Pedrick's Achievement Medal from the IDIS Show to Bob Watson, president of HOODS club to which she belongs (Barb B photo)



Kevin Tyler



Char Hanson



Lisa and Jerry Marlatt checking out seeds in the Silent Auction



Friday evening festivities, with Sandy and Don Shull in the center of the group



Bob Buikema, Sandy Holmes, Barb Buikema, Region 2 Publicity Director and Bobbi Johnson, Region 2 Treasurer



Steven Thompson

Thank you to our generous auction donors!!
We had 72 donors, from 23 states and the Canadian province of Quebec!!
Every one of the 15 ADS Regions was represented.

(Think about that for a moment. And then thank Mike Anders and Greg Beavers).

We are so grateful to each hybridizer and collector who donated plants.

And thank you to our generous auction bidders!!

The plant variety at the Live and Facebook auctions was amazing! And you never know what treasures will be available to bid on at the Silent Auction. Altogether we raised enough money to a variety of Region 2 activities, including printing all three editions of this newsletter, reimbursing youth registrations when they attend regional meetings, and supporting local clubs who care for public garden daylily displays through the Public Garden Grant Program!



Bart Beck and Charlie Harper, who won The Potato that Bart brought from Idaho.



Facebook Fundraiser Auction Fun Fact:

Participation in the Facebook auction was far-reaching with participants from Washington to Maryland! There were buyers from 20 states!

Region 2 Winter Symposium Images continued



Ann Miller Holman



Bret Clement and Greg Lough checking out Silent Auction plants



Gail Braunstein, Awards and Honors Chair



Martijn Steger and Ann Townsend



Ed Kraus and Gail Braunstein having fun in the hospitality suite



Paul Brett and Nancy Secrist, Summer Meeting Chair



The Saturday night dinner buffet did not disappoint. Yum!



Bart Beck, John Hric, and Andrew Schaefer



Shoshana Wodzisz and Wendy Chojnowki-Olson



Vickie Goedde and Ginny Pearce- finally meeting each other in person after seven years as email friends



Sue Hill and Carole Hunter



Danene and Bart Beck



Holly Brunner and Hilary Heffernan



Bob, Nancy, and Elissa Watson

Winter Symposium Notes and Business Meeting Minutes

By Lori Doolin, Region 2 Secretary

Friday, March 1



Monique (left) welcomed every one and began this year's Region 2 Winter Symposium with a few announcements:

The Garden Grant Program has already received an application for 2024 and the committee is hoping more will be received this year. Last year the program awarded all five applicants the maximum grant amount of \$500.

Monique also indicated that she would like to revise the Director's budget as expenses have shot up. The revision will be brought to vote at the 2024 Region 2 Summer Meeting.

Monique wanted everyone to know that she is all about the youth and noted that all of the Silent Auction proceeds from this meeting would go to the Region 2 Youth Fund. The Region 2 Board has approved to reimburse the youth for their registration cost and travel expenses to attend the Region 2 2024 Summer Meeting. She wants our youth to be involved and our Region to be strong in 20 years!

Monique individually thanked the Region 2 Board of Directors: Barb Buikema, Bobbi Johnson, Gail Braunstein and Lori Doolin. Appreciation was given to the 2024 Winter Symposium team: Laurel Richardson, Mike Anders and Greg Beavers, Patty Byerly, Bret Clement, Sandra Dunn, Hilary Heffernan, Cheryl Jenkins, Rusty Neal, and Charlie Harper. She also thanked her mentors, Sandy Holmes and Gail Braunstein.

On the National level, she thanked Sue Hill from Region 2 for being in charge of Display Gardens.

Lastly, she recognized Rhonda Veroven, not only as our Region 2 Director but also as the ADS President. "Thank you to all of you for what you do for Region 2."

Monique let everyone know that 2024 is an election year for the Region 2 President position. She said she is having a great time representing Region 2 as President and will be running again. If anyone else is interested in running for the Region 2 President position they need to contact someone on the nomination committee.



Monique then turned the mic over to Mike Anders (left). Mike brought to everyone's attention a \$2.00 bill in their registration folder. He went on to say the \$2 bill could be used towards the 127 seed packets in the silent auction! Mike put together a slide show of the auction guidelines with daylily art that he found on the internet. He noted there is a great diversity in the plants that he and Greg were able to procure for the auction, not only from well known hybridizers, but from our new people-- the "backyard" hybridizers.

Mike reported that Region 2 will have a Facebook auction that will open on Monday, April 8, during the solar eclipse, and will go through Sunday, April 14. To bid on the 110 Daylilies that will be in the Facebook auction, one would need to join the Region 2 Fundraiser Facebook page.

Prior to beginning the live plant auction, Mike finished by saying "bid high and bid often to help support Region 2 and to remember that 'you can't buy happiness, but you can buy daylilies!'"

Saturday, March 2, 2024



After everyone was seated, Monique recognized all meeting newcomers and thanked them for attending. A round of applause was given for Monique as she passed the mic to Rhonda Veroven our Region 2 Director and ADS President. As Region 2 Director, Rhonda didn't have anything new to report although she did have a few updates on the upcoming National Conventions. She noted If you haven't registered for the National in Oklahoma City, please hurry as they are almost sold out! The 2025 National, co-chaired by Monique, will be in Seattle, Washington. The 2026 National will be in Valdosta, Georgia. There has been an application for the 2027, but it cannot be announced until it is approved.

Rhonda believes that it is Region 2's turn to host a National and would like everyone to consider it for 2028.

She noted that dues at the National level did have to increase at the beginning of this year. There hasn't been an increase since 2011. Fees are significantly below other national plant organizations and we are not covering our costs, mainly due to international memberships.

Rhonda asked that if anyone has seen something on the ADS website that needs to be updated and/or corrected to please let she or Rich Crider, the Technology Director, know so they can make the necessary updates.

She also wanted attendees to know a little bit of what she does in and outside of the Region. She has several speaking engagements. She will be traveling to other regions in the US and Canada, along with attending the National convention in June and the Region 2 Summer meeting in July. She has also been asked to visit Region 8 to do a mock tour of the 2025 National Tour gardens. She is very proud and happy to be able to spend this time in all the gardens.

Jim Murphy asked Rhonda, "What are your goals and focus for the Presidency?" She responded that a couple of her goals as ADS President are membership recruitment at the National level and youth involvement through community engagement. To help fund the youth goal, Rhonda has created engraved keychains with the ADS logo that she will be selling for \$10.00 each. All proceeds from the sale of these keychains will help youth at the National level, within Region 2, and her middle school plant club because they are short \$500 of their goal.

Lastly Rhonda expressed her appreciation to represent Region 2 and our National association on the Board level.

Information about our wonderful speakers is presented in an article by Sue Hill on pages 12 to 13, so their presentations will not be included in this report.

Nancy Secrist gave some details on the 2024 Summer Meeting that will be held July 19-21 in Wooster, Ohio. The featured speakers will be Phil and Luella Korth of Pinewood Gardens, Suamico, Wisconsin. The tour gardens will be packed with established clumps and she hopes to see us all there.

Charlie Harper provided a musical slideshow titled 'Back Home in Indiana.'



Gail Braunstein gave a brief lesson on the Howard Hite Award. It was developed in 1989 to honor Region 2 hybridizers who have shown excellence in their hybridizing program. Over the past 35 years there have been 32 awards given and two of those recipients are present at this meeting-- Bret Clement and Sandy Holmes. There is a Howard Hite nomination form in the registration packets and she encouraged everyone to look within their clubs within Region 2 for a hybridizer worthy of this award. When completing the nomination form, she stressed to be specific, give good definition in the criteria, and provide more information than "they hybridize pretty daylilies."

Information regarding the Englerth Award is also in the registration packets. The 2024 Englerth Bed in Ohio currently has 56 plants! Greg and Linda Sutter host the 2025 Englerth bed and are still accepting plants this year. In 2026, Monique Warnke is hosting the Englerth bed and will be accepting plants this year and next. As a courtesy, Gail asked everyone who is sending plants to the Englerth beds to please contact the host garden prior to shipping to make sure someone will be available to receive them.

Business Meeting

During the business meeting, Monique asked the Region 2 members present to vote on this year's Nomination Committee for the upcoming presidential election. All were in favor to have Bob Buikema, Sandy Holmes and Shannon Meyer serve as this year's Nomination Committee.

Monique announced that Sandy Holmes recently did an audit. Sandy took the floor and reported that the receipts and expenditures all tied back to the bank as they should. She expressed that expenditures should not be carried over, that the President should approve all bills prior to them being paid, and for all Region 2 Officers to read the ByLaws and ask questions if they aren't understood.

After the break and prior to dinner, Greg Beavers challenged everyone to take the garden judging classes and exhibition judging classes offered by the AHS to become more educated about our favorite flower. He noted that many of these classes are offered online to make them more assessable. He then discussed an AHS Exhibition Award that is somewhat difficult to attain-- the Achievement Medal. To receive this award an exhibitor in an AHS Accredited Daylily Show must enter a collection of three seedling scapes and score 90 points or higher on each scape. The judges, individually, will point score each collection for distinctiveness as compared with existing cultivars.

Indiana Daylily-Iris Society (IDIS) held an AHS Accredited Show in 2022 and in 2023 and an Achievement Medal was awarded in both years. Greg was able to present Steven Franklin of Reg 10 with his Achievement Medal at the Region 10 MidWinter Meeting this year. At this evening's meeting of the 2024 Region 2 Winter Symposium, Greg presented the 2022 Achievement Medal to Sandy Pedrick, a member of Hoosier Daylily Society, and Bob Watson accepted the award on her behalf. The seedling for which Sandy won the Achievement Medal with has since been registered under the name 'Lightning Frills' and is her first introduction! This cultivar is in the live auction this evening.



Barb Buikema then explained the Bob Faulkner Memorial Scholarship. This Scholarship was awarded for the first time last year to Evelyn and Ansley Titus. With much pleasure, Barb announced the name of this year's Bob Faulkner Memorial Scholarship recipient-- Andrew Veroven. Andrew will receive his award live at the 2024 Summer Meeting in Ohio. On behalf of Region 2, Barb thanked the Faulkner family and others who have donated to this scholarship.

After the Silent Auction ended, Monique announced that the total for this year is \$3,728.00! Again, this will go to the youth fund. The breakdown was as follows: \$1,494.00 from seed sales, \$770.00 from plant sales, and \$1,464.00 from non-daylily items.

Monique thanked and asked the following people to stand: the presenters, the Region 2 Board, the Winter Meeting Committee, all Club Presidents, and finally, all that paid to attend this year's Region 2 Winter Symposium. Monique finished by saying "Without you we could not do this. The light in me honors the light in you." Thank You.

Lori announced that there was an instruction sheet in the registration packets on how to enter the 2025 and the 2026 Englerth Bed. For 2025, the Sutter's still have room in their Englerth Bed for more entries. Greg Beavers noted they currently have 29 seedlings in the Englerth bed for 2025. Seedlings may also be sent to Monique for the 2026 Englerth Bed.

It was asked if a person has to be a member of ADS to enter the Englerth bed. It was stated that that the hybridizer does not have to be an AHS member to enter a seedling into the Englerth Bed, but they do need to hybridize within Region 2 and if their seedling were to win it would need to be formally registered with the AHS.

CORRECTION in the above statement and I apologize for that. As stated on the Region 2 website, under awards: The Englerth Award Criteria #1: The competition is open to all Region 2 ADS members. The only way to be a Region 2 ADS member is with an American Daylily Society (ADS) Membership. To be a member of a club within Region 2 without an ADS membership does not qualify one as being a Region 2 ADS member.

Mike announced that when he and Greg began asking for donations, they weren't sure about putting seeds into the silent auction. That hesitation was well received and this year there were 127 packets of seeds that made almost \$1,500! They will continue to ask for seed donations and he wanted to ask the group if seedlings would also be of interest? Those present applauded, which was taken as a signal to go ahead with having seedlings available in future Silent Auctions.

With no more announcements, the meeting ended and Mike began Saturday night's Live Auction.

Respectfully Submitted, Lori Doolin

ADS Display Garden Highlight: Beautyview Gardens

by Bob and Susan Cochran, owners

It all started with a dogwood tree that did not bloom. When Susan and I bought our current home in 1989, the only part of the landscape worth salvaging was a small white dogwood tree that neighbors said did not bloom. It turned out the prior owner trimmed all her trees in the fall! The quarter-acre lot was a huge increase from our previous property and is pretty typical of suburban lots in our area.

My father's family owned greenhouses in northwest Ohio, and Susan's family came from Iowa farm stock, so I guess we came to gardening naturally. Over the years, we've dug, tilled, amended our heavy clay soil more times than I can remember, added garden spaces, and acquired what now is a collection of more than 400 daylilies. Visitors include neighbors, friends, garden clubs, and travelers from around the country seeking out garden ideas.

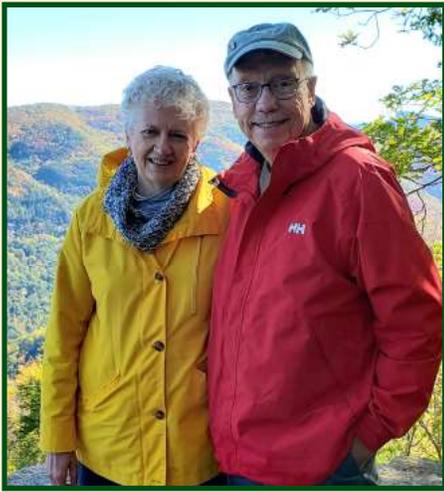
Visitors who live in the area have the option of completing our 'wish list' form which serves several purposes. It asks for their favorite bloom during their visit, so we get a popularity poll during the summer. It asks them to list the 1-3 plants they would like to have



when we dig and divide at the end of the bloom season, based on plants we have flagged. This helps us give away up to 30 plants each year to make room for new cultivars. (We also provide plants for our Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society sales). Additionally, the form gives us their contact information so we can notify them when their wish list plant is ready for pickup. We use the contact information to send out open garden times the following year.



We believe garden visitors want to see more than daylilies, so we have a wide variety of native perennials, pollinator plants, large pots of tropical and hard-to-find annuals, unusual shrubs and small trees, most of which we find at two local greenhouses. We also like to mix our daylily colors so that each plant stands out on its own. Our contemporary garden art is very popular with visitors.



The Columbus area has moved from a solid Zone 5 to Zone 6b over the last 20 years, which means we can now grow cultivars that would not have survived our winters back then. But we are still prone to very late freezes even into early May. Even so, we have successfully grown plants from Floridian Guy Pierce, many of which thrive for us. Other hybridizers whose plants do well for us include Ohioans Norris, Bachman, Holmes, Williams, and Hanson. We have nice collections of plants from hybridizers Clement, Seifert, Selman, Owen, Shooter, Douglas, Reed, Murphy, and Simpson, just to name a few. Like most daylily enthusiasts, we defend our plants against aphids, beetles, rabbits and deer as best we can.

Visitors often thank us for opening our garden, and we tell them that’s why we work so hard-- to share a bit of beauty. We’re thrilled when a guest discovers the magic of daylilies, and we are happy to share our experiences and invite them to our club meetings. It’s a treat to see our plants throughout the neighborhood! This will be the 10th year for Beautyview Gardens to be an ADS Display Garden. We will keep going as

long as our knees, hips, and backs hold out. We invite folks to visit us in bloom season and will post open garden times on our Facebook page at Beautyview-Gardens. Oh, and that tiny little dogwood tree is now a huge specimen and it blooms!



Garden name, owners, and address	Beautyview Gardens Bob and Susan Cochran 686 Beautyview Court Columbus, OH 43214
Best way to set up a visit	Contact Bob at 614.565.8470
A few garden highlights	Designated cat garden Contemporary art Extensive collections of well-know hybridizers
Do you hybridize?	No
Do you sell commercially?	No, but we give away plants at the end of the season
Favorite companion plants	Red and blue salvia Echinacea (coneflowers) Heuchera (coral bells) Sonora daisies Gaillardia (blanket flowers)

Es-Scape to Ohio

Region 2 Summer Meeting July 19-21, 2024

The Ohio Daylily Society and Kingwood Center Gardens invite you to join them for a lovely 'Es-Scape to Ohio.' More detailed information about each garden was featured in the Winter *Great Lakes Daylily* which can be found at <https://adsregion2.org/newsletter/>



Kingwood Center Gardens
Mansfield, OH

An exquisite garden estate on 47 acres that 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, duck pond, and so much more.



Cynthia and Ken Blanchard Gardens
Apple Creek, OH

The three acre garden in a lush rural setting is home to 400 daylilies in a mix of forms, 135 named hostas, and numerous perennials grown in semi-formal designed beds. The Blanchards hybridize and have many seedlings under evaluation.



Sara and David Martin / Walkabout Daylily Garden
Mansfield, OH

David and Sara Martin grow about 900 cultivars, of which 160 are historical varieties. The rural-themed garden features a few bovines overlooking nearby pastures. Terra cotta pots, wood lattice, stone and hardscape items add interest. There is a separate sales bed.



Sharon and Jim Brewer/ Mohican Cottage Garden
Perrysville, OH

The daylily collection includes over 400 registered cultivars and a scattering of unnamed ones. These are intermixed with various other perennials, including phlox, bee balm, coneflowers, hydrangea, and peonies, in a cottage-style garden. The property is surrounded by the scenic Mohican State Park.



Alice Sanz and Doug Conrad Gardens/ Daffodil Hill Gardens
Lakeville, OH

A country cottage-style garden with many annuals, perennials, ornamental shrubs in addition to the 300 named cultivars daylilies and 100 unidentified beauties. Pollinators and native plants flourish in our rural setting, which also includes many tree varieties and berry bushes.

“Es-Scape to Ohio”

Region 2 Summer Meeting Schedule

July 19 - 21, 2024 in Wooster, Ohio



Schedule of Events

Friday, July 19

(9:00 AM – 1:00 PM) Open Gardens and Other Attractions

1:00 - 5:00 PM Registration

1:00 - 3:00 PM Garden Judges Workshop I (Pending interest. Must be preregistered. \$5 fee at the door)

1:00 - 5:30 PM Plant Sale Room open, sponsored by Ohio Daylily Society

2:00 - 9:00 PM Silent Auction open

3:00 - 5:00 PM Youth Meeting

5:00 - 5:30 PM Social Hour with cash bar, which will remain open for the evening

6:00 - 7:00 PM Invocation and Dinner

7:00 - ?? PM Live Auction

?? - 11:00 PM Hospitality Room open

Saturday, July 20

6:30 AM Breakfast available for those staying at the Best Western Hotel

7:30 - 8:00 AM Load tour buses and depart

Lunch at the Kingwood Center
(with voting time for Englerth Bed)

Note: Garden Judges 2 instruction will take place on a designated bus and at the Kingwood Center daylily beds.

4:30 PM Buses return

4:30 - 6:00 PM Silent Auction open, ending at 6:00

4:30 - 6:30 PM Plant Sale Room open

5:00 - 6:00 PM Social Hour with cash bar, which will remain open for the evening

6:00 - 6:45 PM Invocation and Dinner

6:45 - 7:30 PM Region 2 Business Meeting*

7:30 - 9:00 PM Featured speaker Presentation by Phil and Luel Korth, Pinewood Gardens

<https://www.pinewooddaylilies.com>

9:00 - 11:00 PM Hospitality Room open

* Business Meeting includes:

Introduction of Board Members and Summer Meeting coordinators
Awards and Honors presentations to Region 2 winners of ADS awards
Englerth Award winner presentation
Announcement of Silent Auction winners

Continued on next page

Sunday July 21

7:00 AM Farewell breakfast for those staying at the Best Western

10:00 AM to Noon Exhibition Judges 2 Master Panel (Tentative, depending on interest).

1:00 - 4:30 PM Exhibition Judges Clinic 2 (Pending interest. Must be preregistered. \$5 fee at the door)

(10:00 – 4:00) Open Gardens and Other Attractions

Open Gardens and Attractions: Contact information and open garden times will be emailed to Summer Meeting registrants a few weeks before the Summer Meeting. But we hope this preliminary list will allow you to begin your pre- and post-meeting travel planning.

Carole Hunter/ Prairie's Edge Gardens, Rockford, Illinois. A collector's and hybridizer's garden with 600 registered cultivars, including Carol's 27 introductions. Plants can be purchased while visiting.

Cecilia and David Warsack/ Neverending Gardens, Wadsworth, Ohio. A beautifully maintained home garden with 18 beds featuring over 800 daylily cultivars, including many newer ones by Kulpa, Gossard, Hanson, and other top hybridizers.

Charlie and Carol Harper/ The Harper Garden, Bowling Green, Ohio. The Harper Garden is home to 850 daylily varieties, 500 hosta varieties, and numerous companion plants. A great variety of Ohio hybridizers are featured.

Deryll Keating/ Keating Garden, Nevada, Ohio. Years of hybridizing have resulted in a wide assortment of mainly tetraploid seedlings ranging from plain to fancy. Seedlings can be purchased while visiting.

Kirsten Hatfield/ Dorsets N Daylilies, Zanesville, Ohio. This working farm is a beautiful setting for Kirsten's own seedlings and introductions, as well as offerings from many other hybridizers.

Jim and Barb Burkey/ Nature's Trail Gardens, Smithville, Ohio. A variety of themed gardens spreading over three acres include tropicals, conifers, and hundreds of daylilies. Plants can be purchased while visiting.

Mike Anders/ Little Windmill Garden, Findley, Ohio. 2000 daylily varieties, including 450 in a Moldovan and Woodhall collection, are packed into this must-see suburban lot along with Mike's intros and seedlings.

A variety of local attractions will also be highlighted in the expanded version of this list which will be sent to Summer Meeting registrants.

Summer Meeting Information

July 19 - 21, Wooster, Ohio

Featured Speakers Phil and Luel Korth, Pinewood Gardens



Phil and Luel Korth, from Green Bay, Wisconsin, began hybridizing in the late 1990s. To date they have co-registered over 230 cultivars, of which more than 200 are tetraploids. Phil and Luel especially like large flowers with fancy edges and eyes. Early in their hybridizing, they started bringing in pretty-faced, southern cultivars to cross into their dormant Zone 4-hardy plants. Over the last decade or so, they have hybridized primarily with their own lines. With winter temps dipping to -20 degrees Fahrenheit, propagation is slower and some plants are culled by weather. This produces hardy, garden-worthy plants that northern customers can buy with confidence, an asset to their loyal following of collectors. For relaxation outside the garden, the Korths enjoy a little fishing, hiking, and time with family and grandchildren.

Below are four of ten plants the Korths have generously donated to our Summer Meeting live auction. These photos, and so many others, can be found at their website: pinewooddaylilies.com



'Free to Dance'
(2018)



'Lord of Life'
(2020)



'Living Stone'
(2020)



'June Wedding Vow'
(2016)

Registration Information

Registration information can be found on our Region 2 website: <https://adsregion2.org/about/region-2-summer-meeting/>. A paper copy is included here on page 28.

The conference home base will be the Best Western Plus Wooster Hotel & conference Center, 243 E. Liberty Street, Wooster, OH 44691. Their phone number is (330) 264-7750. At this point, hotel rooms are sold out, but you can ask to be put on a waiting list.

There are a few other hotels in the area, but there are other events going on this same weekend. We encourage you to book a room as soon as possible.

Youth Registration Fees To Be Reimbursed From The Youth Fund

Youth can expect a Summer Meeting full of activities and new friends, including bonus plants, games and prizes!

Region 2 sets a high priority on the engagement of Youth in our events. Our dedicated Youth Fund will reimburse youth registrants upon check-in if they are ADS members.

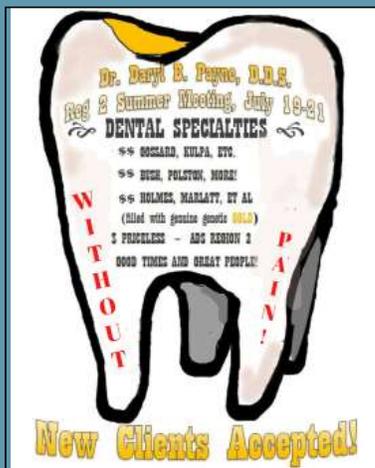
Youth registration fees must be paid in order to register and be sure to check on your registration form that you are a youth 18 years of age or under. Please note that hotel and transportation costs are not covered.

What young ADS member can you invite?"

Live and Silent Auctions

Each year at the Summer Meeting, the live auction provides funds to support a variety of regional activities including the printing of this newsletter, financial support of youth to attend meetings, and the Public Garden Grant program. Our hybridizers and collectors have generously donated an amazing variety of plants for our Summer Meeting Live Auction.

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 and the other is the Plant Sale. We would welcome your individual and club donations for the Silent Auction. There will be a wide variety of items to purchase, from plants to gardening tools to tasty treats. And there will be a special focus on daylilies with teeth!



Ohio Daylily Society Plant Sale!

The Ohio Daylily Society members have collected daylilies from the best hybridizers of the region for a long time. Our club plant sale will be well stocked with good and reasonably priced quality plants. We will focus on offering plants of registered from 2000 to more recent, so no moldy oldies here!



'The Upside Down'
(Bush-C., 2020),
a Silent Auction
donation

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'Nancy Cooper'
(Kulpa, 2022),
first time ever offered
outside Nancy's garden
and available at the
Summer Meeting

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Two Great Quilts to Auction!!

Attendees will have not one but two opportunities to win a beautiful garden-related quilt.



Garden
Dragonfly Quilt
donated by
Kristy Reidel

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Daylily Quilt
donated by
Lisa and Jerry
Marlatt

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Please see the Winter, 2024, *Great Lakes Daylily* for tour garden photos and more information.
<https://adsregion2.org/newsletter/>

Summer Meeting Information continued

Why Sign Up for Garden and/or Exhibition Judges' Training?

Do you like to visit gardens? Do you have to choose between different cultivars to buy with limited funds and space to plant? Do you hybridize or have an interest in it?

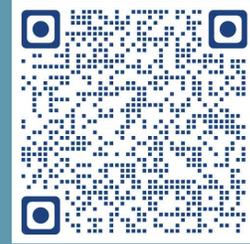
Judging is for you! Learn how to evaluate plants so that you can acquire the most bang for your buck. Be an educated buyer about foliage, branching, and budding. Learn which of your seedlings merits registration and a future place in your hybridizing plans. Perhaps you can even help our own local hybridizers earn regional and national awards with your observations!

If you have already registered, please contact the registrar and add judging--it's just \$5 per class/clinic, payable at the door. Yes, some classes are online but to complete your requirements, you need the Garden Judging 2 and the Exhibition 2 Clinics in person to wrap it up! If you have not yet registered for these classes, please do so soon so we can be sure to have enough workshop materials available for everyone.



Summer 2023 Garden Judges 2 class discussing the qualities of select seedlings

Haven't Registered Yet?



This QR code will take you right to the registration form on our Region 2 website.

Connecting Travel Buddies

We have heard from several people that they would love to come to the Summer Meeting but they are not able or comfortable to travel that far on their own. We would like to connect people in need of a ride with people who would be willing to give someone else a ride.

If you fit either of those categories, please contact Sandra Dunn at 517-285-5435 or greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com. We would love to see everyone who is interested in coming to be able to join us!



'Ohio Snow Angel'
(Holmes-M., 2023)

Available at the
Live Auction!

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'The Day The Earth
Stood Still'
(Polston, 2021)

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Available at the
Silent Auction!



**2024 American Daylily Society Region 2
Summer Meeting Registration
July 19-21, Wooster, OH, Area**



Please send this form and your check made out to **Ohio Daylily Society**
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-summer-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 Friday dinner and Saturday lunch and dinner. **Hotel is not included.**

\$148/person (before June 19) \$ _____ \$198/person (June 19 – July 15) \$ _____

(Note: With late registration, you may be placed on a wait list)

Check here for youth (18 and younger) to request that their registration be reimbursed from our Region 2 Youth Fund. Registration fee must be paid to request reimbursement. If you do not attend, you will not be reimbursed.

Name of youth member(s): _____ T-Shirt size(s): _____ (free)

If you will have a guest attending the Saturday night dinner, 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 (registration fees and guest dinners) \$ _____ *****

Cancellation Policy: Full refund if notice is received by 6/15. Refund of 50% if received after 6/15 or you may transfer your registration to another attendee. Please let the registrar know ASAP of any changes to your registration.

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Garden Judge #1 _____ Exhibition Judge #2 _____

Garden Judge #2 _____

Hotel Information: The conference will be held at the Best Western Plus Hotel & Conference Center, at 243 East Liberty Street, Wooster, OH 44691 Phone: 330-264-7750. Our hotel is holding rooms with our group discount until June 19 for this event. Our hotel is holding rooms with our group discount until June 19 for this event. Please mention the "American Hemerocallis Society" or "American Daylily Society" to get the discounted rate of \$ 101.99 + tax. This rate is available for your stay beginning on Thursday, July 18, and running through Sunday, July 21. Complimentary breakfast is included. All attendees must book their own room. Early reservations are highly recommended. Check out time for the room is 11 am at the end of your booked dates.

Digging Up Daylily History: Garden Club Notes of Ruth G. Gault

by Bob Mainfort

With this article, Sandra Dunn and I are pleased to present the first of an ongoing series featuring reprints of historical tidbits about daylilies. We invite your contributions!

The piece chosen for the inaugural appearance of this column originally appeared in the Ann Arbor Garden Club Handbook, published on December 1, 1949. This 26-page volume features a series of brief papers on garden plants and related topics, including blueberries, strawberries, compost, Rosa multiflora, pyracantha, nasturtiums, chrysanthemums, pansies, budding roses, growing acid soil plants in Michigan, and forcing bulbs. The historical setting of the article lies squarely between what Munson called the "Early Period" and "Middle Period" in daylily history.

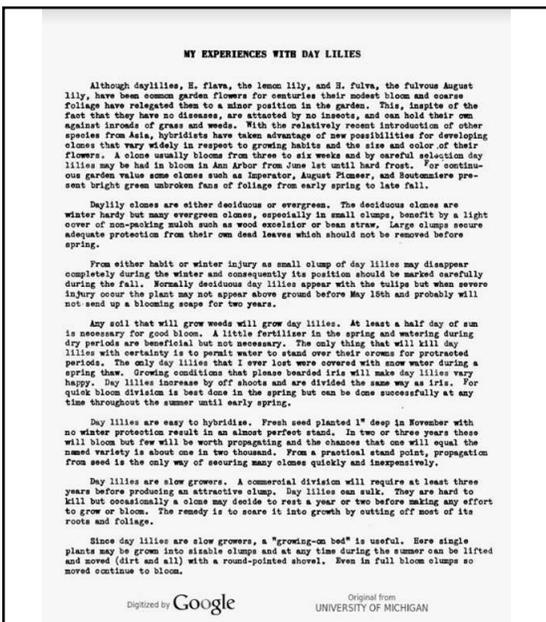
The author of the article, Ruth Goodwin Gault (1895-1983), graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1917 and pursued graduate studies at Radcliffe College in 1919-1920. In 1918 she married Edgar H. Gault, her college sweetheart, who in 1929 accepted a position in the Economics Department at the University of Michigan, which he held until his retirement in 1965. Throughout their lives, the Gaults were patrons of the

arts, especially music. In addition to the Ann Arbor Garden Club (for which she served as Vice President in 1952), Ms. Gault was a member of the Women's City Club, the Faculty Women's Club, and the Public Health Nursing Board.

Republishing historical articles (or even entire books) usually requires making editorial decisions, while giving precedence to the original author's voice. Here, I elected to correct spelling infelicities and to add modern cultivar notation. Ms. Gault's use of the spelling "day lily" as two words serves as a reminder that she was writing over 70 years ago. Unfortunately this archaic usage appears all too often today and may contribute to a continued inaccurate belief by many that daylilies are part of the liliaceae family. Thus, I have edited her usage of "day lily" in this reprinting to "daylily."

Astute readers will notice a number of oddities, for example H. fulva being called an "August lily," and the repeated use of "clones" (a nod to Dr. Stout), rather than the modern term "cultivar." Her comments on the "garden value" of daylilies may also seem a bit curious to modern readers. Also noteworthy is Ms. Gault's seemingly low opinion of the pink and red daylilies that were available at the time she was writing.

Now, let's climb aboard our WayBack Machine (on loan courtesy of Mr. Peabody) and see what Ms. Gault has to say about our favorite garden plant.



MY EXPERIENCE WITH DAYLILIES

Although daylilies, H. flava, the Lemon Lily, and H. fulva, the fulvous August lily, have been common garden flowers for centuries, their modest bloom and coarse foliage have relegated them to a minor position in the garden. This, in spite of the fact that they have no diseases, are attracted by no insects, and can hold their own against inroads of grass and weeds. With the relatively recent introduction of other species from Asia, hybridists have taken advantage of new possibilities for developing clones that vary widely in respect to growing habits and the size and color of their flowers.

Page one of Ms. Gault's original article, which was digitized at the University of Michigan

A clone usually blooms from three to six weeks, and by careful selection day lilies may be had in bloom in Ann Arbor from June 1st until hard frost. For continuous garden value some clones such as 'Imperator' (Perry, 1931), 'August Pioneer' (Stout, 1939), and 'Boutonniere' (Stout, 1938) present bright green unbroken fans of foliage from early spring to late fall.

Daylily clones are either deciduous or evergreen. The deciduous clones are winter hardy, but many evergreen clones, especially in small clumps, benefit by a light cover of non-packing mulch such as wood excelsior or bean straw. Large clumps secure adequate protection from their own dead leaves, which should not be removed before spring.

From either habit or winter injury, a small clump of daylilies may disappear completely during the winter, and consequently its position should be marked carefully during the fall. Normally deciduous daylilies appear with the tulips, but when severe injury occurs the plant may not appear above ground before May 15th and probably will not send up a blooming scape for two years.

Any soil that will grow weeds will grow daylilies. At least half a day of good sun is necessary for good bloom. A little fertilizer in the spring and watering during dry periods are beneficial, but not necessary. The only thing that will kill daylilies with certainty is to permit water to stand over their crowns for protracted periods. The only daylilies that I ever lost were covered with snow water during a spring thaw. Growing conditions that please bearded iris will make daylilies very happy. Daylilies increase by off shoots and are divided the same way as iris. For quick bloom, division is best done in the spring but can be done successfully at any time throughout the summer until early spring.

Daylilies are easy to hybridize. Fresh seed planted 1" deep in November with no winter protection results in an almost perfect stand. In two or three years these will bloom, but few will be worth propagating, and the chances that one will equal the named variety is about one in two thousand. From a practical standpoint, propagation from seed is the only way of securing many clones quickly and inexpensively.

Daylilies are slow growers. A commercial division will require at least three years before producing an attractive clump. Daylilies can sulk. They are hard to kill, but occasionally a clone may decide to rest a year

or two before making any effort to grow or bloom. The remedy is to scare it into growth by cutting off most of its roots and foliage.

Since daylilies are slow growers, a "growing-in bed" is useful. Here single plants may be grown into sizable clumps and at any time during the summer can be lifted (dirt and all) with a round-pointed shovel. Even in full bloom, clumps so moved continue to grow.

Daylilies vary widely in garden value. The early June bloomers have little value. Their foliage becomes broken, and the tips of their leaves die by September 1st. In contrast late bloomers consistently have upright bright green foliage until late fall.

Some daylilies are sufficiently rugged for naturalizing. Among these are *H. fulva* and the clones 'Imperator' (Perry, 1931) and 'Margaret Perry' (Perry, 1925). These are too coarse and vigorous for the small garden.

There is no "best" daylily clone. The clone should be selected in terms of the requirements of a particular spot in the garden. It should be remembered that the flowers of the daylilies always face the direction of the most intense light. This means outward from a wall or shrubbery background. In an open southern border they will turn their backs on you and beam upon your neighbor.

At present there are over 4,000 named clones of day lilies, and additional hundreds are being introduced each year. I have grown daylilies as a hobby for only four years and have had an opportunity to test only a few varieties. Some that seem to like our sandy soil and variable climate are: 'Apricot' (Yeld, 1893), 'Dauntless' (Stout, 1936), 'Dominion' (Stout, 1941), 'Golden West' (Sass-H.P., 1932), 'Hesperus' (Sass-H.P., 1940), 'Hyperion' (Mead-F.B., 1924), 'Linda' (Stout, 1936), 'Mikado' (Stout, 1929), multiflora hybrids, 'Mrs Hugh Johnson' (Russell, 1942), 'Purple Waters' (Russell, 1942), 'Radiant' (Yeld, 1931), and 'Stalwart' (Cook, 1935). I believe that all but for the most tender, for example, 'Jubilee' (Stout, 1934) and *H. auranticea*, will do well in this climate.

For those who are interested in daylilies merely as garden plants, the yellow clones are both the most beautiful and the cheapest. The rarer and more expensive pinks and bright reds are apt to be a disappointment either because of their color or low garden value.

Shopping for day lilies pays off. During the same season the price of the same clone may vary widely in commercial catalogues.

Experts have published lists of daylilies “I like best.” These lists are based primarily on bloom and not the other garden values of the plant. One expert in the New York Times makes, in part, the following recommendations:

Early — before June 15th —

H. flava, ‘Dr Regel’ (Mueller, 1904), ‘Earlianna’ (Betscher, 1938), and ‘Gold Dust’ (Yeld, 1905)

Intermediate — June 15th to July 15th —

‘Winsome’ (Yeld, 1925), ‘Queen of Gonzales’ (Russell, 1942), ‘Symphony’ (Stout, 1941), and ‘Wekiwa’ (Traub, 1938)

Summer — July 15th to August 15th —

‘Hyperion’ (Mead-F.B., 1924), ‘Hesperus’ (Sass-H.P., 1940), ‘Linda’ (Stout, 1936), ‘George Yeld’ (Perry, 1926), ‘Chengtu’ (Stout, 1935), ‘Anna Betscher’ (Betscher, 1929), ‘Golden West’ (Sass-H.P., 1932), ‘Majestic’ (Stout, 1934), ‘Sweetbriar’ (Nesmith, 1938), ‘Tejas’ (Russell, 1945), ‘Wolof’ (Stout, 1936), ‘Bold Courtier’ (Nesmith, 1939), ‘Painted Lady’ (Russell, 1942)

Late — August 15th on —

multiflora hybrids, ‘Dorothy McDade’ (Sass-H.P.-Schreiner, 1941), ‘Boutonniere’ (Stout, 1938), ‘Autumn Prince’ (Stout, 1941), ‘August Orange’ (Stout, 1946)

I have grown most of the above list with excellent results.
Ruth G. Gault

Although not part of Ms. Gault’s original black and white article, these are of some of the cultivars that she referenced.



‘Apricot’ (Yeld, 1893)
Photo by Kathy Rinke



‘Hyperion’ (Mead-F.B., 1924)
Photo by Mary Kwas



‘Weiwa’ (Russell, 1942)
Photo by Andrew Schaefer



‘Earlianna’ (Betscher, 1938)
Photo by Judi Doychak

A postscript of sorts, or how does one find stuff like this?

Prior to 1990, accessing library resources such as the article presented above was cumbersome and time consuming. The starting point typically was a library’s card catalogue, which had to be searched manually. If one was fortunate enough to find a publication of interest, that would also require manual searching for specific information, notwithstanding the presence of a table of contents and/or an index. This situation began to change in 1990, with the essentially simultaneous development of the World Wide Web and HTML (HyperText Markup Language) — a standard that allows anyone with a computer to share information with anyone in the world. The result is that billions of books and documents (to say nothing of images and videos) have been digitized and can not only be found, but also searched easily online. Libraries have collaborated to create large digital libraries such as HathiTrust and the Biodiversity Heritage Library. Founded in 1996, the Internet Archive is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that particularly (but by no means exclusively) focuses on digitizing books. Newspapers.com™, which requires a paid account, allows users to search a vast number of newspapers, digitally clip and download articles, and share these with colleagues and friends.

For reference, I found Ms. Gault’s article on HathiTrust by running a search for “day lilies,” then filtering the results by “United States” and “1940-1950.”



‘Hesperus’
(Sass-H.P., 1940)
Photo by Jacki Kropf

Engage, Empower, Excel: Cultivating Involvement for Success

By Nikki Schmith, Past AHS President/Past Region 2 President

Gardening isn't just a hobby; it's a passion that brings people together. Garden clubs – and daylily clubs specifically – serve as hubs for enthusiasts to share knowledge, swap tips, and foster a sense of community. However, getting members actively involved can sometimes be a challenge. Most groups are returning to full-calendar, in-person activities after the forced Covid pause are facing new challenges reinvigorating their memberships and momentum. Whether you're reviving a stagnant club or aiming to enhance engagement, here are seven effective strategies to increase involvement:

1. Diversify Activities

Expand beyond traditional meetings and incorporate a variety of activities to cater to different interests. Consider hosting workshops on topics like organic gardening, flower arranging, or composting. Field trips to botanical gardens, nurseries, or local farms can also provide valuable learning experiences and foster camaraderie among members. You can expect the same results if you keep doing the same things – so if growth is in your plan, you've got to make an effort to do at least one new event each year, and stop planning your annual calendars at board meetings where the membership has no input. Send out a survey before you plan for next year, diligently follow up on it, and offer



New England Daylily Society members with their 'Paint and Sip'-type paintings-- an engaging, non-daylily specific activity.

a big incentive prize for participating in it. Give that incentive (and a summary of the survey) at the next in-person meeting and watch the attendance soar.

2. Encourage Skill Sharing

Everyone has something to contribute, whether it's expertise in pruning techniques, plant propagation, or pest management. Create opportunities for members to share their skills through hands-on demonstrations or guest speaker events. Encouraging mentorship programs where seasoned gardeners can mentor newcomers can also foster a sense of inclusivity and knowledge exchange. Don't know what kind of experts you have in the group? Send out that survey and find out!



Have a bee-keeper in your club? Invite them to give a presentation.

Don't know if you have a bee-keeper in your club? Send out that survey!

Photo by Kathy Rinke



3. Create Collaborative Projects

Collaborative projects not only encourage teamwork but also provide a tangible outcome that members can take pride in. Consider organizing community beautification projects, such as planting a community garden or revitalizing neglected public spaces. Group projects not only enhance the club's visibility but also strengthen bonds among members as they work towards a common goal. Again, a club survey will help members identify projects they want to work on, which means you might have an eager chairperson, too!



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society Members working together on their fall clean-up day at Franklin Park.
Photo by Debby Colvin

4. Utilize Digital Platforms

Leverage the power of social media and online platforms to connect with members and facilitate communication. Create a dedicated Facebook group or Instagram account where members can share gardening tips, photos of their gardens, and upcoming events. Consider using platforms like Zoom or Google Meet to host virtual meetings and workshops, allowing members to participate from the comfort of their homes. Not all of your members use these platforms, but your future members do. Empower a knowledgeable individual and challenge everyone to learn something new.



Screenshot from NODS Facebook page

75 Ideas For Growth

1. Daylily Bingo
2. Daylily trivia
3. Tool swap
4. Perennial plant swap
5. Theme slide shows from members photos
6. More club visits to local gardens
7. Field trips to other garden club meetings in your area
8. Host a tea
9. Bring in a yogi for stretching techniques
10. Technology topics each meeting – quick tips for using the internet, good sites/apps/buys
11. Member spotlight at each meeting – who are we?
12. Dividing techniques (bring in five clumps, show five ways to divide then give away the divisions)
13. Magazine / garden book swap
14. Composting topics
15. Offer Garden Judges I as a program to the entire club
16. Offer Exhibition Judges I as a program to the entire club
17. Daylily recipes / garden tour recipe swap
18. Invite local FFA/FHA students to share presentations about their projects
19. Go to the state fair as a group (enter daylilies in the horticulture divisions!)
20. Rent a van and visit five garden shops on a Saturday as a group
21. Visit a working daylily farm as a group
22. Download many free wonderful PowerPoint presentations from the AHS media library for your programs!
23. Read a daylily-centric book as a group, out loud at a meeting. There might be a performer or two in your group. I, for one, love to hear people read a story to me.
24. Suet making activity
25. Garden punch / drink night. Everyone brings a pitcher or punch bowl. The club provides neat cups. Recipes are exchanged.
26. Soup potluck

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5. Offer Incentives

Motivate members to participate by offering incentives such as discounts at local nurseries, garden centers, member gardens, the annual club auction/sale, or seed exchanges. Recognize and reward active participation through awards or certificates at the end of the year. Small gestures of appreciation can go a long way in fostering a sense of belonging and encouraging continued involvement. Even a small paper certificate with a candy bar or a “Shout Out” moment at the beginning of each meeting is amazing! People wildly invest time, energy and money in places and people that make them feel welcomed and valued.

6. Engage the Community

Foster connections with the wider community by organizing outreach events such as plant sales, garden tours, or educational workshops open to the public. Partnering with local schools, community centers, or environmental organizations can also broaden your club’s reach and attract new members who share a passion for gardening.

7. Seek Feedback and Adapt

Regularly solicit feedback from members to gauge their interests, preferences, and suggestions for improvement. Use this feedback to tailor future activities and events to better meet the needs of your members. Be open to experimentation and adapt your approach based on what resonates most with your audience.

Next Steps

Increasing involvement in your club requires a combination of creativity, inclusivity, and adaptability. There is no magic formula, but by diversifying activities, fostering skill sharing, and leveraging digital platforms, over time you can (re)create a vibrant and engaged community of garden enthusiasts. Collaborative projects, incentives, and community engagement further enhance involvement, while seeking feedback (and LISTENING to it) ensures that your club continues to evolve and thrive. With these strategies in place, your tribe is sure to flourish and inspire many green thumbs to come.



The annual Central Illinois Daylily Society plant sale is well attended by community members, offering a chance to educate the public and engage with potential new members.

Photo by Lori Doolin



Grand Valley Daylily Society sets up an annual flower display at the very popular Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. Visitors vote on their favorite daylilies. Each year two or three new members join the club at this event.

Photo by Ginny Pearce



Indiana Daylily-Iris Society members hosting a display at the Indiana Flower and Patio Show, a week-long event with so many opportunities to interact with community members.

Photo by Lezlie Myers

75 Ideas For Growth Continued

28. Garden fertilizer presentations. Ask someone from the local co-op to come and speak. Or, make it a field trip to learn what is on the shelves!
29. Chili cook-off. Members vote. Everyone shares recipes, and shares their fave red daylilies.
30. Origin story night. Members tell how they got into daylilies.
31. Start a club history box/scrapbook. Talk about club history.
32. Talk about the latest issue of the *Daylily Journal* or *Great Lakes Daylily*. Highlight good articles. Suggest future article topics.
33. Container planting class at a local nursery or florist
34. Offer door prizes at every gathering
35. Charades Night (with garden theme)
36. Take a field trip to the nearest accredited Exhibition Show
37. Garden of the Month program to show photos and hear about a member garden
38. Cookie Swap at the Holiday Party
39. Host an off-scape daylily display of 100 blooms at the library on any given Saturday
40. Make a sage stick at the end of the season as a group
41. Make a flower bomb
42. Make-and-take crocheted cement garden art (Google it!)
43. Rain barrel painting/installation/auction
44. Hazard Meeting: discussing outdoor hazards like bugs and critters in and on the daylilies
45. Creative floral designs using daylilies – get a demonstration from a pro, or bring in members' own arrangements to discuss and enjoy. Maybe have a winner from a people's vote?
46. Fairy gardens/ fairy lore/ resources/ photo show. Weave in fairy-themed daylily photos
47. Bad bugs vs. good bugs in daylilies
48. Companion plants to daylilies- members tell of their favorites, share photos, refer to AHS book
49. Frugal Daylily Fans. Let's talk about killer daylilies that you can buy for under \$20.
50. Hybridizing daylilies. There are 50 topics inside here alone.
51. Adaptive strategies for aging gardeners
52. The Three Cides – fungicides, pesticides and herbicides (consider inviting Cooperative Extension Agent)
53. Basics of iPhone photography
54. Photo storage and sharing tips and tricks
55. Basics of Facebook and Safe Use (show some of the best daylily groups/pages)
56. Garden party hat show/ competition
57. Have a progressive meal and garden tour of three members' gardens in one day. Self drive.
58. Any of the amazing webinars here or like sites. These are free and can be played on a projector:
https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/newsletter/2020/more/webinars-keep-you-growing.html?utm_source=April+2020+Neighborhood+Gardener&utm_campaign=Neighborhood+Gardener+April+2019&utm_medium=email
59. Photo show of daylilies and critters submitted by members or found online with permission
60. Contact Extension Agents and Master Gardeners for programs and speakers. They're eager!
61. Focus on a different daylily form at each meeting (single, double, UF, spider, sculpted, etc..)
62. Seed swap
63. Book club
64. Plant sale or show in combination with another garden club
65. Neighborhood clean-up activity as a group
66. Learn to meditate in the garden
67. Using your cellphone in the garden for more than pictures. What apps are you using?
68. Daylily recordkeeping. Mapping/ hybridizing/ purchasing/ donating. What are you using?
69. How to be a winner at a daylily show (there are free presentations)
70. The AHS Awards System – how does it work? (there are free presentations)
71. Get club daylily shirts in white and tie dye them as a group! When's did you last do that?
72. Watch daylily grooming videos and discuss grooming tools in a seminar
73. Build daylily scape transport containers for show use
74. Make pine cone floral arrangement in the fall (Google it)
75. Have fun at whatever you do and be nice, y'all. It's easier.

What's In A Name?

by Nancy Watson, Cherry Hill Garden



'Cherry Pie a la Mode'
(Watson-N.R., 2021)



'Madame Cheeseball'
(Watson-N.R., 2024)



'Professor Ninglecut'
(Watson-N.R., 2024)



'Witch King of Angmar'
(Watson-N.R., 2022)

The inspiration for names for our introductions comes from a variety of sources. Some of our daylily names are drawn from events with our children. 'Cherry Pie a la Mode' was inspired by our daughter Elissa's love of cherry pie with ice cream. 'Madame Cheeseball' and 'Professor Ninglecut' were characters in a play that our son Eric and our daughter Michelle wrote.

Others are inspired by characters and events in books, movies, or TV shows we love. 'Rosie Cotton's Ribbons,' 'Bucklebury Ferry,' 'Flame of the West' and 'Witch King of Angmar' are from *The Lord of the Rings*, a book I read as a teenager and a movie series my whole family enjoys. 'Krakatoa Katie' came from a favorite Mighty Mouse cartoon we would watch on Saturday mornings.

Music is another source for naming decisions. 'Last Train to Clarksville' reminds us of our enjoyment of the song recorded by the Monkees when Bob and I were teenagers.

'Muy Caliente!' was inspired by our frequent visits to our favorite Mexican restaurant. The server, Luis, always says "muy caliente" to warn us that the plate is hot.

Who knows what will spark the name for our next introduction?



'Rosie Cotton's Ribbons'
(Watson-N.R., 2018)



'Bucklebury Ferry'
(Watson-N.R., 2020)



'Flame of the West'
(Watson-N.R., 2021)



'Krakatoa Katie'
(Watson-N.R., 2018)



'Last Train To Clarksville'
(Watson-N.R., 2023)



'Muy Caliente!'
(Watson-N.R., 2022)

What's Hiding In Those Jeans Genes?

by Carole Hunter, Prairie's Edge Gardens

Living in northern Illinois, we are challenged with extreme and unpredictable weather. Nevertheless, the daylilies prosper, despite subzero winters, spring in February followed by winter in April, and high temperatures and drought in the summer.

Thirty five years ago, as a new hemeroholic, I spent the winter months shopping for the perfect plants to add to my collection. I was attracted to cultivars that were registered as rebloomers, because I liked the idea of more blooms per square foot in my garden over a longer period of time. Unfortunately, I never saw that characteristic demonstrated by any of my MANY purchases.

During my annual shopping activity, in the early spring of 2010, I made a discovery that literally changed my life. Why didn't the "reblooming" plants that I'd purchased rebloom for me? Answer: They were likely hybridized in the south.

I had discovered the website of Richard Norris, a hybridizer from Ohio. In a detailed article, Richard explained that because northern growers have a much shorter season, cultivars created in the south don't get the time they need to put up a second round of bloom, which is produced by new fans that develop around the perimeter of the clump. He said that if northern daylily lovers wanted rebloom, they had to breed for it themselves and work on "instant" rebloom, where a new scape emerges from the same fan that has a scape already blooming. Hmmm. I'd never dabbed pollen, but it didn't seem like it would be too difficult, so I decided, "I'm in! And think of all the money I'll save by creating my own plants."

I purchased 'Belle of Ashwood,' which Richard said showed instant rebloom and passed that characteristic on to its progeny. Amazingly, I got reblooming seedlings the first year,



This example of "instant rebloom" is 'Take a Bow, Prairie's Edge' (Hunter, 2021)

even though the plants that I used BELLE's pollen on had never rebloomed for me. I eventually registered two reliably reblooming cultivars from that first year, and one more from the second year.

The "saving the money" idea went out the window when I began purchasing plants from other northern hybridizers in order to augment my rebloomer bull pen. I needed to cross plants that rebloomed in the north with others that did the same to increase my rate of success. The genes that are responsible for rebloom are recessive, so in order to get a second set of blooms, you need to get rr, not Rr (remember that old Punnett square from Biology 101?). Those little rs can be hanging out in a plant's genotype, but won't show up unless that plant gets crossed with one that also has them. Even then, there is no guarantee. Cross Rebloomer Plant A with Rebloomer Plant B, and out of 10 seedlings, maybe only two show rebloom. There are many other factors that affect rebloom (water, nutrients, sun, heat degree days), but if you don't have the genetics in there, you will be disappointed.

The same year that I planted my first 'Belle of Ashwood' seedlings, I was introduced to another northern hybridizer who worked for rebloom. Mike Huben spoke to my Chicago-land club and gifted us with some of his extra seeds as long as we promised to plant them and send him a division if we got something worthwhile. I told him I



'Just the Beginning' (Hunter, 2019)



Rebloom on seedling 11D03

was working for rebloom, and he gave me crosses that he thought could give me that. Two of the resulting “whitish” seedlings had exceptional rebloom, so I began working with them.

I numbered the seedlings I saved as 11D01 and 11D03. I crossed them with large whites so that I wouldn’t be copying Mike, who was working with smalls. Two of them, ‘Margo Reed Indeed’ (Murphy-J.P., 2004) and an unregistered Benzinger seedling, rebloomed some for me. The third was one of my own seedlings which never rebloomed and had terrible top branching, but a beautiful flat white face with a green throat. What could I lose but time and garden space? I also crossed 11D01 and 11D03 with some small non-reblooming patterned cultivars that I liked. The next spring I planted 242 seedlings with 01 or 03 as one of the parents. The following summer, I couldn’t believe how many of them rebloomed. I don’t water except when I first plant the seedlings, and I don’t fertilize, so they did this on their own. I flagged 51 of those seedlings that were reblooming (photo right), and that was after they’d been in the ground just one year....in northern Illinois!

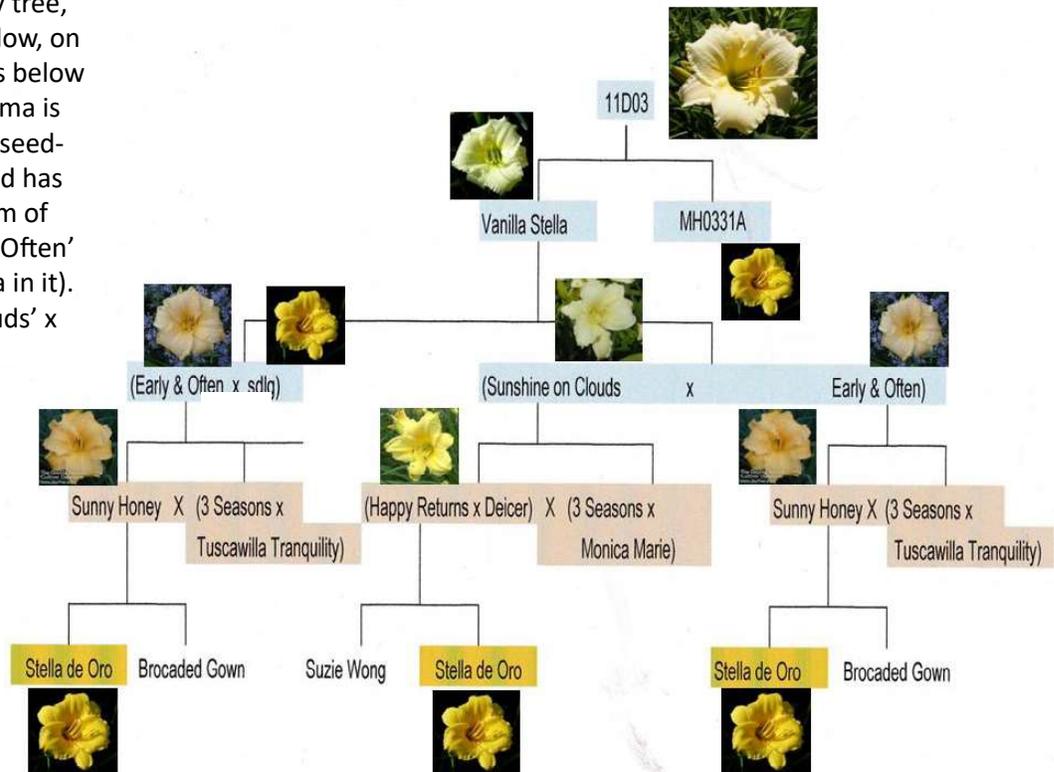
It was clear to me that 11D01 and 11D03 were passing on rebloom, just as BOA did, but the numbers were

shocking to me. Because Mike Huben keeps such good records, I was able to look into their genetics. The family tree of 11D03 shows how imbedded rebloom is in this seedling because of the line breeding of ‘Stella de Oro,’ its children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



The fact that 11D03 produced so many reblooming offspring demonstrates its prepotency (the quality of possessing greater power, influence, or force) for rebloom. In other words, it has the capacity to transmit more of its genetic characteristics (rr) to its offspring than the other parent.

For each cross, in this family tree, the pod parent is shown below, on the left. The pollen parent is below on the right. So 11D03’s mama is ‘Vanilla Stella’ and daddy is seedling MH0331A, which I found has ‘Stella de Oro’ in it. The mom of ‘Vanilla Stella’ is (‘Early and Often’ x a seedling which has Stella in it). Its dad is (‘Sunshine on Clouds’ x ‘Early and Often’).



This is not the “instant” rebloom that I was working with when I started with ‘Belle of Ashwood,’ which is a tetraploid. ‘Stella de Oro,’ a diploid, shows what is referred to as “continuous” rebloom. It continues to send up new scapes throughout the bloom season. However the scapes aren’t coming from the same fan, but from different ‘ramets.’ A ramet is a genetic clone of the parent plant. I like to compare it to the way quack grass spreads by sprouting up from a node on a root, although I’m not sure that is a biologically accurate comparison. Bearded iris similarly send up new shoots from a different node on the rhizome.

As I further studied photos of 11D03’s seedlings, I was thrilled to discover that it was also repotent for good

branching. An impressive number of the babies have 4-5 way branching, even those from that pretty flat-faced 2-3 way top branched seedling. Icing on the cake!

To date, five of the seedlings from 11D01 and 11D03 have made the cut to be registered. Two of them, ‘Meteor Shower’ and ‘Prairie’s Edge Connor Samuel’ are reliable rebloomers for me. I am seeing some promising seedlings from both of them, as well as other offspring from 01 and 03. Time will tell how long it will be before I can start saving all that money by using just my own northern rebloomers for hybridizing. But I am enjoying the process!



‘Meteor Shower’ (Hunter, 2020)



‘Meteor Shower’ branching



A reblooming seedling from ‘Meteor Shower’



‘Prairie’s Edge Connor Samuel’ (Hunter, 2023)



‘Prairie’s Edge Connor Samuel’ miniature reblooming seedling



‘Prairie’s Edge Connor Samuel’ branching



‘Prairie’s Edge Connor Samuel’ lined out

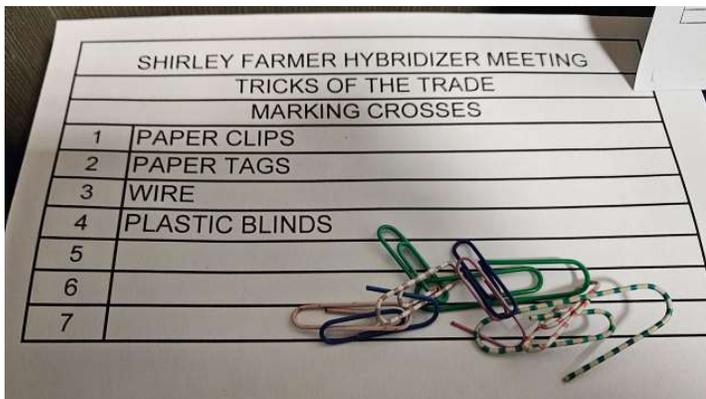
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Hybridizing 'How-To' Hints and Tips

Introduction by Sandra Dunn

Some ideas just take a while to bring to fruition. At the Region 2 Summer Meeting in 2022, I had the pleasure of sitting with Shoshana Wodzisz both evenings for dinner. When she found out that I was the editor of the Great Lakes Daylily, we had a lively conversation about possible topics for future editions. In her words, "An idea for an upcoming newsletter is something that I did not get much/any insight into this weekend--the methods, tips, tricks, and lessons learned that hybridizers have on how they do their winter seed starting and how they track and mark their daylilies in the field. As a very new hybridizer, I am very interested. But I also think that the general daylily population would be interested to know these behind-the-scenes things."

I have not forgotten that conversation, though Shoshana likely thinks I have! In fact, I brought it up at the Shirley Farmer meeting in the fall of 2023 because that is just the group to provide that kind of practical advice to those new to hybridizing. We revisited the discussion at the spring 2024 meeting and began compiling the information presented here.



This topic of tagging crosses was already part of the "how to" discussion at the Spring 2024 Shirley Farmer Hybridizers Meeting.

My vision for this space is that we will focus on one topic in each edition over the next two years or so. Ideally, four or five hybridizers will share their methods, tips and tricks related to that topic. This will provide a variety of ideas for new hybridizers to ponder since there is no single correct way to do things.

For this debut article, I could have started with the question "How do you decide which plants to cross?" We may well cycle back to that down the road. In the meantime, I hope you enjoyed Carole Hunter's article on pages 37 - 39. We are starting at a much more nuts and bolts level: "How do you tag your crosses in the field?" I appreciate Bret Clement, John Hric, Ginny Pearce, and Nancy and Bob Watson for their responses to this question and I hope you, too, will enjoy reading their methods as we head into summer bloom season.

For the late summer/fall issue, I would love your insights on seed harvesting and storage tips. In the winter issue, we will look at ideas for seed starting and transferring seedlings to your garden. The timing of this first trio of topics roughly follows a natural progression that I hope will give new hybridizers information just prior to the season in which they will need it.

Hybridizers, please email me at greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com to contribute. Think about how helpful this would have been when you were starting out!

Bret Clement Clement Daylily Gardens, Clarks Hill, Indiana

I use telephone or network wire tied onto paperclips to mark my crosses. With a variety of colors of wire and paperclips, I can create hundreds of combinations. I keep a code of which combination represents which pollen parent.



Combining the wire and paperclips is something I can do while watching football games in the winter. While tying wires to paperclips I highly suggest taping or bandaging your left index finger if right-handed to prevent finger soreness.



John Hric
Aneogarden Garden, Cleveland, Ohio
(aka A North East Ohio Garden)



I use green flag tape to mark my crosses. Other colors like pinks and reds confuse the hummingbirds. Both crosses go on the flag tape in permanent marker. 90 to 95 percent of the flag tapes survive without significant fading.

Also I try to place each seedling number and cross in a standalone database so the cross cannot be truncated later by spreadsheet, photo software, and other software. I often work with unregistered seedlings, so the parent crosses can get quite involved. A good system for record-keeping is essential. For example, the cross above is pod parent 18-029 ((14-123 10-073 Smoke Scream x Cerulean Star) x 12-0619-004 Black Plush x Trahlyta) x Wind Frills sib to eyed seedling)) x (14-157 Dark Counterpoint x Skinwalker crossed with pollen 18-028-C 14-123-A 10-073 Smoke Scream x Cerulean Star) x 12-0619-004 Black Plush x Trahlyta) x Wind Frills sib to eyed seedling)) x Forty Two Dollar Date.

Editor's note: If you enjoyed analyzing that parentage, please see Pat Adrian's article on pages 45 - 47.

Ginny Pearce
Garden Path Perennials, Grand Rapids, Michigan

I have marked my crosses with strung white paper tags (1 3/32" X 3/4") from the beginning of my hybridizing in 1996. They have always been readily available and easy to use. They are large enough to write an abbreviation of a named parent as well as my seedling designations.

Over the years, I encountered three problems though. #1) prolonged wet and windy weather would sometimes cause the paper section to rip from the string. #2) the paper wasps would chew away the surface of the tags making my writing illegible or completely missing. I solved both of these problems with the addition of a coating of clear nail polish over both surfaces of the tag after writing the cross information. My #3 problem was that I was annoyed by all the white tags fluttering from each individually crossed flower on windy days which distracted from the beauty of a day-

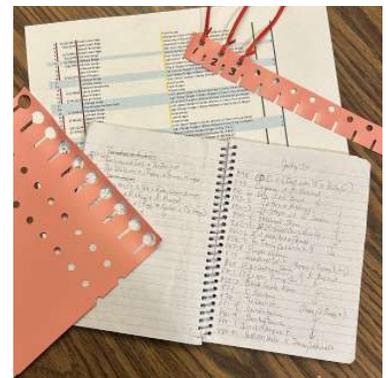


lily garden in bloom. To solve that issue, I now use only one tag to identify a specific branch or an entire scape as one particular cross meaning all the pods on that branch or scape are the exact same cross. (Uncrossed flowers are live-headed in the evening to avoid bee crosses.) Also, by mixing clear nail polish with a touch of green nail polish, the tags blend into the background better too. It sure is nice when one solution alleviates so many problems.

Editor's note: I chose the following description for last because it leads us right into our next issue's focus on seed harvesting and storage. I'll share the rest of the Watsons' description then. Hybridizers, please email me if you would like to contribute.

Nancy and Bob Watson
Cherry Hill Garden, Terre Haute, Indiana

Tagging pollinations--We tag our crosses differently than most. We make our own hybridizing tags from strips cut from vinyl slip 'n lock labels (purchased at A. M. Leonard). We cut a strip from a section of labels and punch a hole in each little square. Then we put on a twist tie. We sequentially number these labels. Then when we pollinate a flower, we tag the flower. We record the cross and number in a little book. Later, we type all this information in a spreadsheet. This method makes seed collection simple. We just collect the pods with the label and put each pod in a coin envelope or a plastic condiment cup (with a lid), leaving the tag with the seeds once we harvest them.





My Breakthrough Plant



Introduction by Sandra Dunn

This collection continues our hybridizing focus in this issue, but the idea had its origin about 20 years ago. Dan Bachman was speaking at one of the local clubs I belong to and had recently introduced ‘Chicken on the Run’ (2001), which had checked all of the boxes he was aiming for in hybridizing. Even all of these years later, I distinctly remember him advising new hybridizers to begin using their own seedlings as soon as possible to create their own lines and their own unique focus. ‘Chicken on the Run’ is the parent of 17 subsequent Bachman registrations and the grandparent of so many more.

I recently asked hybridizers at the spring 2024 Shirley Farmer Midwest Hybridizers meeting to share a plant that was a breakthrough in helping them to meet their hybridizing goals. Below are some of their responses. I would like to continue this series to highlight the tremendous diversity of hybridizing efforts within Region 2 (and our neighboring regions). If you want to give a shout-out to a plant that really helped to move your hybridizing program along, please email me at greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com.

Sandy Holmes

Riverbend Daylilies, Xenia, Ohio

Early in my hybridizing I realized that I really liked large spidery tetraploid Unusual Forms. I was able to get my flowers to about eight or nine inches, but no bigger. Tet. Skinwalker (Ned Roberts) had all of the flower and height characteristics that I wanted. Because it was received very late in the year, Tet. Skinwalker wintered inside and was blooming as the new seedlings started blooming outside. I was told that ‘Skinwalker’ was very hard to use. Since Tet. Skinwalker was the only daylily pollen I was using, I didn’t bother marking the crosses. It was pollen parent to all. To my great surprise I found lots of tiny seed pods all over the garden.

Tet. Skinwalker gave me exactly what I wanted in the flower appearance. One of its direct kids, ‘Wanda Evans,’ was very easy to use and took my program in the direction that I wanted.



‘Wanda Evans’ (Holmes-S., 2009)
Photo by Sandy Holmes

Ginny Pearce

Garden Path Perennials, Grand Rapids, Michigan

‘Ready Set Red’ was a break-through plant in my goal for tall true fire engine sun fast reds on strong dormant and northern reblooming plants with terrific branching and bud counts along with quick increase. Bright true red daylilies that aren’t bothered by rain or sun have been my #1 focus from the start of my hybridizing adventure. While I had a stable of named varieties and seedlings that possessed the various pieces of my ultimate dream, none rolled all the elements together until ‘Ready Set Red’ came along. That was an exciting season, especially when it rebloomed as a two-year-old seedling, and each year thereafter. It has been used extensively in my successive red breeding to carry those excellent traits forward into new exciting cultivars. I can easily say its genes are in at least 80% of my current red seedlings and introductions.



‘Ready Set Red’
(Pearce-G, 2021)
Photo by Ginny Pearce

**Nancy and Bob Watson
Cherry Hill Garden, Terre Haute, Indiana**

If you have ever been to a presentation about Cherry Hill Garden hybridizing, you know how extremely organized they are in sharing specific introduction and seedling photos related to their various hybridizing goals. So I was not surprised to see that same organization in response to my question about break-through plants that have helped them to reach those goals.

‘Empire of Dawn and Dusk’ (Derrow, 2013) was a breakthrough plant in our goal to hybridize for near-white day-lilies with red (or purple) eyes. The petal color of ‘Empire of Dawn and Dusk’ is as close to pure white of any we know. It is also vigorous and hardy. It passes those attributes to its offspring. In addition, it is known as a color clarifier. It passes on the near white petal color and gives vibrant eye colors too. All of these attributes came together with ‘Cherry Pie a la Mode,’ our 2021 introduction. It has also been used in our fulva breeding program, giving clear pastel shades to the fulva offspring.



‘Empire of Dusk and Dawn’
(Derrow, 2013)
All photo by the Watsons



‘Cherry Pie a la Mode’
(Watson-N.R., 2021)



‘Pineapple Bites’
(DeMory, 2014)

‘Pineapple Bites’ (DeMory, 2014) was a breakthrough plant in our goal to hybridize orange daylilies with teeth. The color of the offspring can run through orange pink to the most intense orange, all with lots of teeth. While we have not registered any offspring of Pineapple Bites, we have several being observed, one of which is slated for introduction in 2025.



‘Bodacious Bite’
Connell-G., 2003)



‘Bodacious Bite’ x
‘Red Eyed Queen’
(Waldrop, 2013)

‘Bodacious Bite’ (Connell-G., 2003) was a breakthrough plant in our goal to hybridize pastel-eyed daylilies with an edge. ‘Bodacious Bite’ itself is hardy, vigorous and beautiful with a consistency in the flowers. It passes those attributes on to its offspring along with beautiful eyes. The somewhat toothy edge of ‘Bodacious Bite’ also is seen in its offspring. It is great for beginners because it is a great seed setter, giving large pods with lots of plump seeds.

Our own ‘Sonoran Desert Rose’ (Watson,-N.R.) was a breakthrough plant in our goal to hybridize vigorous, hardy late bloomers. ‘Sonoran Desert Rose’ meets these goals, with a great bud count. It will breed toward teeth, gives lots of late bloomers, and will pass on eyes, all with great plant habit. It also sets seed very well and the pollen is good. An offspring of Sonoran Desert Rose, a late bloomer, is set to be registered in 2025.



Far left: ‘Sonoran Desert Rose’ (Watson-N.R., 2018)
Left: ‘Ruffled Strawberry Parfait’ (Reckamp-Klehme, 2003) x
Sonoran Desert Rose’

Trinity Love
Glendale, Kentucky

'The Heights' from John and Annette Rice was a breakthrough plant in my goal to hybridize for tall, well-branched, sturdy scapes. The 48 inch scapes on the 'The Heights' easily hold up those gorgeous, seven to eight-inch clean lavender flowers. It is a stunning variety with so much potential for breeding stout-looking plants. When watered and fertilized, five-way branching is common.



'The Heights' (Rice-JA, 2021)
Photo by Trinity Love,
at 7:30 pm on a very hot day

Bret Clement
Clement Daylily Gardens, Clarks Hill, Indiana

'Jean Clement' (Clement, 2014) was a breakthrough plant in my goal to hybridize for branching and bud count. 'Jean Clement' has seven-way branching and 30+ bud count, not to mention a gorgeous watermark. At just over four feet in height, those scapes make quite a statement in the garden.

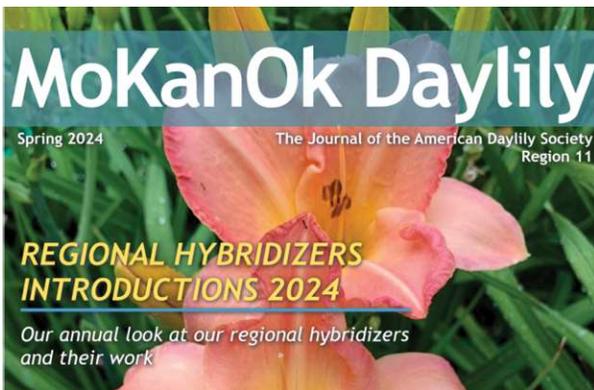


'Jean Clement'
(Clement, 2014)
Photo by Bret Clement

*What was your breakthrough plant? We would love to hear about it.
Please email Sandra at greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com*

Calling All Hybridizers!

(and not to ask you to donate a plant)



One of the perks of being the editor of our newsletter is that I get copies of the newsletters from all of the other regions. I love reading them! And I was inspired by an idea in a recent Region 11 newsletter. In their spring edition, each of the hybridizers in their region shares their newest introductions. What fun I had looking through those and adding to my wish list!

Region 11 has far fewer hybridizers than Region 2. But I would like to initiate some version of this in our winter 2025 newsletter. I will remind you in the late summer edition, but I am planting the seed here. I would love for each of you who hybridize to send a photo of one of your 2024 introductions to be included

in a photo display of newest Region 2 creations. If we get such tremendous participation that we don't have enough space in the winter issue, I'll defer some to spring. That would be a good problem to have!

Who's Your Daddy? Understanding Parental Lineage Notation For A Daylily

by Patricia Adrian

Adapted from "Fanfare," the newsletter of the Daylily Society of Southeastern Wisconsin

I read the ADS Round Robin email exchanges regularly, and in November 2022, there was considerable discussion about how to interpret the parent information presented in the ADS database (www.daylilies.org). If you search for a daylily, the database shows much information about the variety as well as a photo. You'll see the hybridizer's name, scape height, bloom size, number of buds and branches, color description and more.

Then there is the parentage notation. For many daylilies this will include the names of two daylilies: the pod parent (female) is listed first, followed by an 'x', followed by the pollen parent (male). In the parentage notation, the 'x' is read as "was pollinated by." This grouping is enclosed with a set of parentheses.

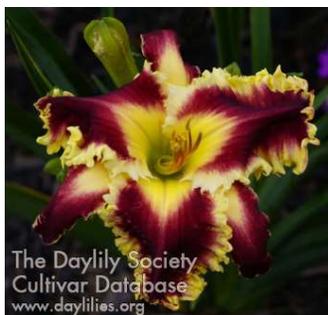
Example 1

Example 1: 'Heavenly New Frontiers' (Gossard, 2021) parentage: (Hippopotamus x Wolfman). Example 1 is read "Pod parent Hippopotamus was pollinated by pollen parent Wolfman." This is the simplest parentage notation.



Pod parent (female)
'Hippopotamus'
(Gossard, 2011)

X



Pollen parent (male)
'Wolfman'
(Gossard, 2013)

=



Resulting offspring
'Heavenly New Frontier'
(Gossard, 2021)

However, hybridizers create many seedlings from their crosses and some are not yet registered when they are used in a new cross. This could be true for one or both of the parent plants as in the next example.

Example 2

Example 2: 'Alien Butterfly' (Gossard, 2015) parentage: (Shasta Blue Butterfly x (Super Fancy Face x Texas Kaleidoscope)). Example 2 is read "Pod parent Shasta Blue Butterfly was pollinated by a pollen parent that was an unnamed cross between pod parent Super Fancy Face that was pollinated by pollen parent Texas Kaleidoscope." Some may find it easier to solve the parentage algorithm of Example 2 by giving the pollen parent (the cross that is not a named/registered variety) an arbitrary designation, such as 'B.' Then B = (Super Fancy Face x Texas Kaleidoscope). Giving the pod parent the designation of 'A,' the parentage simplifies to A x B. See photos on the following page.



("A")
 Pod parent (female)
 'Shasta Blue Butterfly'
 (Gossard, 2013)



X



("B")

Pollen parent (male) is a cross between
 'Super Fancy Face' (Carpenter-J., 2009) and
 'Texas Kaleidoscope' (Carpenter-J., 2001)

=



Resulting offspring
 'Alien Butterfly'
 (Gossard, 2015)

Example 3



X



("A")

Pod parent (female) is a
 cross between 'Heavenly
 Spider Monkey' (Gossard,
 2008) and 'Raspberry
 Star' (Hansen, 1994)



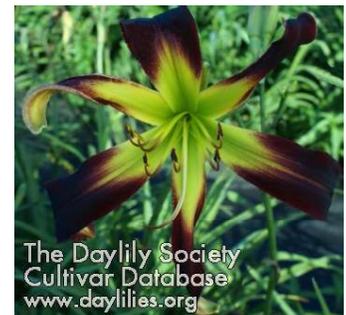
X



("B")

First cross for pollen
 parent is 'Black Eyed
 Jester' (Gossard, 2004)
 with 'Great Red
 Dragon' (Gossard 2006)

X



("C")

Second cross for pollen
 parent is "B" with 'Heav-
 enly Spider Monkey'
 (Gossard, 2008)

The most complicated parentage to decipher is one that contains multiple unnamed/unregistered) varieties.

Example 3: 'Amethyst Mystery' (Gossard, 2018) parentage:

((Heavenly Spider Monkey x Raspberry Star) x
(((Black Eyed Jester x Great Red Dragon) x
Heavenly Spider Monkey) x Magic Maker))

For Example 3, it's easiest to first assign designations to the portions that contain two named daylilies within a single set of parentheses. Then proceed in a step-by-step method that can get the parentage to the simplest form, where only two daylily names or designations are within a single set of parentheses.

Heavenly Spider Monday x Raspberry Star = A

Black Eyed Jester x Great Red Dragon = B

So far you have (A x ((B x Heavenly Spider Monkey) x Magic Maker))

B x Heavenly Spider Monkey = C

At this point you have (A x (C x Magic Maker))

C x Magic Maker = D **(And that's the daddy for Amethyst Mystery!)**

Finally, you have (A x D), the simplest form. "A" represents the pod parent that was pollinated by "D," the pollen parent. The male portion contains genetics from four different daylily varieties (Black Eyed Jester, Great Red Dragon, Heavenly Spider Monkey and Magic Marker). The female portion contains genetics from two different daylily varieties (Heavenly Spider Monkey and Raspberry Star).

This one is interesting because Heavenly Spider Monkey genetics are brought into the cross from both the pod parent and the pollen parent. Hybridizers may value certain traits from a daylily variety and use it in this way, hoping that those valued traits are expressed to a greater degree in the children. There are most certainly other reasons to double up on genetics.

So, how confused are you? It can actually be fun to decipher the daylily parents. Give it a try and drop me an email (patadrian@sbcglobal.net) if you get stuck. You've now taken another step toward understanding hybridizing and existing registered daylilies. Give yourself a gold star!

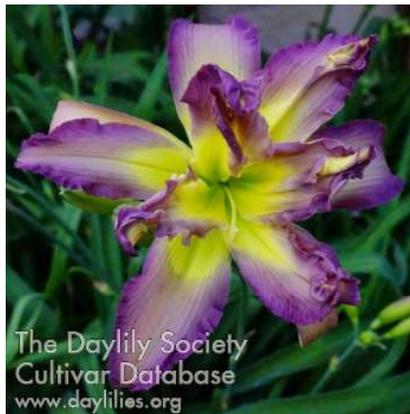
X



("D")

Third cross for pollen parent is "C" with 'Magic Maker' (Gossard, 2011)
Note: "D" represents the male portion

=



Resulting offspring 'Amethyst Mystery' (Gossard, 2018)

Mystery solved!

A note from Jamie Gossard who reviewed this article:

'Heavenly Spider Monkey' tends to produce doubles, so having it on both sides produced the doubling. And the doubling goes way back to the 'Great Red Dragon' parent 'Wildest Dreams,' which doubles and polys sometimes, too. The color probably came from 'Magic Maker.'

Who is this Bart Beck on pages 13, 15, 16, 50 and 51?

Though Bart's Bx Butte daylily farm is in Idaho, he has been quite a presence in Region 2 early in 2024. For those of you who have not yet had the true pleasure of enjoying his presentations, here are a few of his lovely introductions. <https://bxbutte.plantfans.com/>



'Deseret' (2020)



'Wheat Stubble' (2024)



'All My Energies' (2023)



'It's All I Can Do' (2023)



'Magnetic Flux' (2021)



'Laser Face' (2020)



'The Fuzz' (2022)



Seedling 21-33
(Greek Art x Cool Beans)



Seedling 20-15
(Santa Clause x Radiant Red Eyes)

Region 2 Club Reports

Central Illinois Daylily Society



Central Illinois Daylily Society will host an
AHS Accredited Daylily Show
on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at the
Washington Park Botanical Garden
in Springfield, Illinois

For a copy of the schedule, contact President Lori Doolin
Imdoolin90@gmail.com



Fort Wayne Daylily Society

Fort Wayne Daylily Society will host a
Daylily Show and Sale
on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at the
Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory
in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Set up at 8:30 a.m. Open to the public at 10:00 a.m.
For more information, contact Lana Wolfe at lanapal@aol.com



Grand Valley Daylily Society

by Claire Sheridan

The Grand Valley Daylily Society was excited to hear Bart Beck present his hybridizing program in January. He works on getting saturated colors and fancy faces into hardy daylilies. His Idaho climate gives him an ideal testing ground for this which has resulted in some spectacular daylilies. Members of our Fan Club were even more excited to be growing his plants for future auction for our club after seeing his presentation.



'Pink Pancake'
(Beck-B., 2018)
Photo by Bart Beck



'Wine Sparks'
(Beck-B., 2021)
Photo by Bart Beck

Sandra Dunn presented 'A Few of My New Favorite Hybridizers' in February which introduced several hybridizers to club members. We were able to learn about the work of Ann Townsend, Brent Ross, Carol Haj, Charles and Judy Zettek of Cobbs Hill fame, Pete Webb, Kathy Rinke and Rae and Delmar Dickens. It was a very interesting evening exploring new aspects of the daylily world.

In March Mitch Leachman, Coordinator for the Open Yards Program for the Kent Conservation District, presented information about the relationships between



'Caswell Musical Roots'
(Rinke-K., 2017)
Photo by Kathy Rinke



'Western Reserve
Quiet Night'
(Dickens-D., 2016)
Photo by Delmar Dickens

birds, insects and plants in a program titled 'Build Your Own Nature Sanctuary.' The depth of knowledge he brought made the program especially informational and helped the club better understand the importance of working to support the world around us.

In April the club experimented with an in-person meeting for the club members featuring a Zoom program with Jim, Sharon and Doug Prochaska in Wisconsin. The Prochaskas gave a very interesting presentation, including beautiful clump shots of their tall, large flowered open form daylilies. We appreciate the technology of Frederik Meijer Garden to enable this arrangement, which may allow us to gather as a club to hear presentations from other long-distance hybridizers when it might have been cost-prohibitive for our club to invite in person.

The club is looking forward to a busy spring and summer with the annual spring auction in May, a program at Kentwood Flowerland in June, an open garden visit and a daylily show in July.



'Tall Frosty Cold One'
Prochaska-D., 2018
Photo by Doug Prochaska



Prochaska Garden
Photo by Sharon Prochaska

Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

Article by Debby Colvin

It has been a mostly cold and wet spring in Columbus, Ohio. Most plants – especially the daylilies – have had a good start to their growing season. (Columbus has been lucky to be spared the tornados that have plagued many parts of the state this spring.) Several club members went to the Franklin Park Conservatory to perform an early weeding of the daily beds and application of a pre-emergent weed killer. Another of our members traveled to the beds and applied herbicide to fight the ever-present thistles which continue to pop up in the beds.

Our club is looking forward to its next meeting on May 11, where members will return guest plants to be auctioned to the membership as a means to purchase additional cultivars to distribute. Plants to be distributed will be from Diana Gossard, Guy Pierce/Floyd Cove daylilies from Pat Guidry, and proven northern daylilies from Bart Beck in Idaho. At this meeting we will also be discussing our upcoming daylily show at the Upper Arlington library, which will be held on June 29. This venue has proved popular with the membership and also with the community, and many library guests view the displays. Again this year, we hope to include a section for floral arrangements featuring the daylily, although this will not be a judged category.

As the Conservatory continues to limit club activities that would include the general public, several members have researched other venues for a public plant



sale. This is a major fund-raiser for the club, and an opportunity to share our love of all things “daylily” with the general public. This year, the sale will take place at the Clintonville Woman’s Club facility near the Park of Roses. Clintonville is a suburb of Columbus. (see photo above)

The club would also like to acknowledge the passing of Lee Miller (right), a long-time member of both MCDS and the Central Ohio Hosta Society. The Millers’ Marlee Farms was one of the featured gardens during the club’s 2012 hosting of the national daylily convention.



‘Purple Moonlight’ (Gossard-D., 2023)
Photo by Jamie Gossard



“Mystic Greens’ (Pierce-G., 2022)
Photo by Laura Schultz



‘Macoy’ (Beck-B., 2023)
Photo by Bart Beck

Southern Michigan Daylily Society

by Marietta Crabtree, photos and information by Jenna Walters

Supporting Native Bees In Your Backyard

Drawing on conversations with and a presentation by Jenna Walters, PhD candidate, MSU Dept. of Entomology

The first meeting for SMDS this spring was the beautiful, very informative program, "Supporting Native Bees in Your Backyard," presented by Jenna Walters, PhD candidate at MSU specializing in Michigan native bees (photo above). Most of the information in this article was drawn from Jenna's presentation.



Native bee populations have decreased 20%-30% in the last twenty years and some species have become extinct due to habitat loss, insecticides, diseases, climate change and competition for resources. However, the good news is...we can help the native bees survive through the choices that we make about the plants in our backyards.

Why should we help the native bees survive? Native bees pollinate most of our food crops and the natural environment plants. Pollination enables the flower to form the food with its seeds like squash, blueberries, tomatoes, and apples for example. No pollination means no seeds for future generations and ecosystems would collapse.



A small sampling of native bees found in Michigan: Left to right, top to bottom: Great Northern Bumble Bee, Sweat Bees, Cleptoparasitic Bee, Common Eastern Bumble Bee, Leaf Cutter Bee, and Long-horned Bees. Michigan is home to more than 450 species of bees!

What are native bees? Native bees are the original bees that have been here in North America for many thousands of years maintaining the natural ecosystems and are still doing so. Honey bees were brought in during the 1600s for their honey...they are not native and are a human-managed bee. Native bees are mostly solitary, nonaggressive, sometimes colorful little bees that also need native plants.

How can we help? We can help by integrating native plants that support native bees into our gardens. Many of these plants also support butterflies in pollinator gardens. Jenna explained that the garden needs to have a variety of plants that flower in spring, summer and fall for a constant food supply. Many of these plants can also be planted in containers for your patio and deck.

**What can I plant to support native bees
(and often butterflies as well)?**

Following are some key native plants that Jenna recommended for Michigan (and some other Great Lakes areas).

Spring:

- Virginia Bluebells
- American Elderberry
- Willow
- Coreopsis Lanceolata-->
- Jacob's Ladder
- Dutchman's Breeches



Summer:

- Bee Balm
- Purple Coneflower--->
- Black-eyed Susan
- Yellow Coneflower
- Rose (Swamp) Milkweed
- Smooth Oxeye
- Butterfly Milkweed
- Culver's Root
- Nodding Wild Onion



Fall:

- Goldenrod --->
(not ragweed)
- New England Aster
- Joe Pye Weed
- Blue Wood Aster



Pristine grass lawns do not support much wildlife. Replacing some lawn area with native plants can reduce work and help pollinators. Pollinator gardens bring joy. BE HAPPY...HELP BEES!

Above, top to bottom:
Bee Balm, Smooth Oxeye, and New England Aster

Resources: Google "native plants for native bees in [list your state]"

State universities have resources, such as www.pollinators.MSU.edu and www.nativeplants.MSU.edu

<https://homegrownnationalpark.org> Douglas Tallamy website

<https://rochesterpollinators.org/pages/educational-resources>

Books: *Nature's Best Hope* and *Bring Nature Home*, author Douglas Tallamy

Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society

by Charlene Patz

What a great audience for Don Rawson's presentation "Let's Jazz Up the Garden" at our February 10th meeting!! It was a lighthearted (downright humorous!) presentation covering eight simple steps to spiff up your lawn and garden starting with a spring garden cleanup. In addition to fertilizing your grass and trimming the hedges, Don suggested adding some new plants and some garden art, including some whimsical pieces, in order to make your gardening paradise unique, appealing, and memorable. Don encouraged the audience's participation to answer questions posed during the presentation, and it didn't take much encouragement for folks to jump right in!

In March we held our annual club luncheon at Brandywine Country Club. Black Swamp members Jerry and Lisa Marlatt (right) of Ogden Station Daylilies near Blissfield, Michigan,



presented our program, entitled "Keeping Ogden Station on the Map One Daylily at a Time." They shared the history of their family centennial farm located at an old train station in southeastern Michigan. They started raising daylilies in 2007 and their collection now includes over 2000 registered cultivars. Jerry hybridizes and has 97 introductions, as well as thousands of seedlings under observation. He shares his enthusiasm for hybridizing with their grandchildren who have also introduced their own daylilies. Ogden Station Daylilies

is an American Daylily Society Display Garden and a wildlife habitat with several conservation practices in place. If you are in the Blissfield area, be sure to look up Ogden Station Daylilies. You will be glad you did!

In May we'll be holding our 27th Annual Perennial Plant Sale that is always well-attended by area gardeners. We start setting up the sale at 6:30 AM in a local grocery store parking lot with an opening time of 8:00 AM – rain or shine. Members bring potted perennials or daylily fans that have been dug from their gardens and tagged with a price. Members earn 50% of what the plant sells for and the other 50% keeps our society in the black. All expenses are paid for by the society. We usually sell out by 11:30 AM and get everything cleaned up by 12:30 PM so we can head home after another successful sale!! We couldn't do it without all of the support of our members – and the public who love and support this event!!

On Sunday, July 14, we will be having our 14th biennial daylily expo at the recently renovated Conference Center at Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark. Members will be setting up their own individual display featuring the daylilies from their gardens. The visitors always enjoy the daylily dividing clinic, a chance to vote on their favorite daylily that the exhibitors have chosen for the contest, and a chance to take home a free daylily door prize. It has been a well-attended public event and we always have fun exhibiting our beautiful daylilies and sharing our love of daylilies.

If you visit Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark, be sure to check out the renovated Hosta Garden to see the recently installed hosta sculpture by Robert Garcia of Toledo in honor of siblings Jim and Ruth Baumann. Jim was one of the founding members of our society and



Club members at the luncheon *Photos by Frank Patz*



Hosta sculpture by Robert Garcia
Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark
Photo by Frank Patz

both he and Ruth enjoyed the beautiful hosta and daylily gardens at the park. Their estate fully funded significant renovations to the Crosby Conference Center, Stable Room, brick patio, and concrete walkways throughout the hosta garden this past spring and summer.

On Saturday morning, August 17, we will hold our Daylily Work Day starting at 9:00 AM until about noon in Toledo Botanical's American Daylily Display Garden. Black Swamp members will clean up the daylily beds,

dig up, divide and replant daylilies that have gotten too large. Then at 12:30 P.M. behind the Conference Center we will hold our annual Daylily Auction with plants from our daylily host program that is open to the public as well as our members. This is the time to purchase expensive daylilies at very reasonable prices!!! Concluding the activities will be distributing daylilies to those who have been BSHDS members for two years for our Members' Daylily Host program. Members grow the daylily for two years and then return all fans except one for our auction in 2026.

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, 5403 Elmer Street, unless a different venue is given. Be sure to "friend" us on our Facebook site and to visit our website: <https://www.facebook.com/blackswamphostaanddaylilysociety>. Eileen Hoffman does a great job keeping the information current on Facebook for our society.

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



Images from Jerry and Lisa Marlatt's presentation, clockwise, from top-left:
'Anne with an E' (Marlatt-J., 2023)
'You Light Up My Life' (Marlatt-J., 2023)
Black Swamp Hosta and Dayily Society members visiting Odgen Station Daylilies in July of 2023
The barn at Odgen Station
'Lessons Learned from Mrs Jones' (Marlatt-J., 2023)
Photos by Lisa Marlatt

Northeast Ohio Daylily Society (NODS)

Article by Julie Gridley. Photos by Mark Druckenbrod.

Plant Sales: Esprit de Corps and Ibuprofen

Our passion for daylilies is not only for the love of the flower, but for the joy of the people. We have all heard that it takes a village to raise a child; well most certainly it takes a club to run a successful sale. We are fortunate that daylilies produce such an abundance of divisions to share and sell. Other plant hobbies are far more challenging. Orchids, for example, are very stingy in making divisions and those clubs struggle to gather enough plants to sell. But not us!

Plant sales play a vital role in daylily club activities. It's not only educational and a community service, but it is an important path for new membership and fundraising. As with most clubs, NODS runs a plant sale once or twice a year at a local high traffic garden center. To support these sales, we have a holding garden located at the home of a very gracious member. Here we accumulate and line out plants from members and local hybridizers to stock our future sales. Plants are then dug fresh immediately prior to a sale.

This past summer we had an extraordinary opportunity when club members Mark and Cynthia Druckenbrod wanted to divide/renovate/replant one of their large beds and offered over 150 cultivars free to the club. These were massive, seven year-old clumps with 30-40 fans each. For example, one clump of Joan Derifield had 45 flowers open on a single day just weeks before it was dug and divided!

So what's the catch? The club had to provide the muscle to dig and divide the clumps and then replant the divisions at our club holding garden. Co-presidents Jan Teague and Barb Huntoon led us through the discussions and planning and the club agreed to accept this opportunity. The "Big Dig" was born! We are all so eager to see how these efforts pay off at our plant sale this upcoming summer.



#1. The Druckenbrods' 2,500 square foot daylily garden in early August, one week before digging. Members and friends were invited to walk the garden in July and tag the cultivars they wanted, using uniquely colored ribbons/tags they each brought.



#4. August 9, 2023 was officially the "Big Dig". Eighteen NODS club friends began to arrive at 7 a.m. on a glorious, cool, sunny day. With comfortable tents, eight work stations, food and drink, the members cleaned, divided and labeled 150 clumps. Henry Ford would have been proud, as we each had our responsibility.



#7. The sun returned, and dedicated members lined out hundreds of divisions at the club's newly-updated holding garden. Collen Kochever, far left, graciously hosts and stewards the club's holding garden.



#2. Six good friends using powered trimmers and shovels cut back and dug out 150 clumps. Following good gardening practices, the trimmer was sterilized with bleach solution between each plant and all that gorgeous foliage was composted.



#3. Seven hours later all clumps were dug, lifted, cleaned of half their soil and gently heeled back into the ground. We were now ready for the big volunteer day of dividing.



#5. Success. We have made mud! At the end of the day we had an empty garden, smiles on our faces, and day-lilies in our pockets. And the best news is that everyone (Mark and Cynthia, volunteers, and NODS) all received the divisions they had requested.



#6. Fighting the summer rains. The rains were unrelenting, beginning that very night and for weeks to follow. The Druckenbrods used tarps until a dry period arrived for planting.



#8. Mark and Cynthia's daylily bed at the end of August, 2023. The soil beautifully tilled with 4" of added compost and nutrients and all cultivars neatly replanted and labeled. Whew. What we do for daylilies!



#9. Mark and Cynthia's daylily bed in April 2024. Daffodils provide glorious spring color. And also emerging from the soil between the daylilies are young stems of 75 true lilies. These colorful Orienpet hybrids grow 4-7' and have large, fragrant flowers in July.

It's Election Time: ADS Region 2 President

The Region 2 Nominating Committee has selected **Monique Warnke** as their recommended candidate for Region 2 President for a second two year term of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

Region 2 elections are held by written ballot. Only ADS Region 2 members are eligible to vote. A second person in a family membership is eligible to vote using a duplicate of the ballot form. Ballots **must be signed** to be counted and postmarked no later than July 1, 2024. Votes for a write-in candidate require permission of the candidate. Only Region 2 members are eligible to serve in this capacity.

Ballots must be returned to Nominating Committee Chair. Please participate!

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The winner will be announced at the Region 2 Annual Summer Meeting which will be held in the Wooster, Ohio, area July 19-21, 2024.



Here are a few of the many reasons the Nominating Committee is recommending to our members that Monique continue for another term as Region 2 President:

- * Very active member of not only Region 2, but of ADS at the national level
- * Strong commitment to fostering youth involvement within our Region
- * Past president and board member of the dynamic Wisconsin Daylily Society
- * Co-chair for 2019 National ADS Convention in Madison, Wisconsin and upcoming 2025 Convention in Seattle, Washington
- * Plant sale chair for WDS from Aug 2017 to present, which is the largest daylily sale in North America
- * Master Gardener for 2010 to present
- * Garden Judge 2016 to present

Ballot for ADS Region 2 President Two year term beginning January 1, 2025

Vote for one. Mark ballot with an "X" in the space provided before the candidate of your choice. Sign this ballot and return by mail with a postmark no later than July 7, 2024.

_____ Monique Warnke
(Nominating Committee's Candidate)

(Write-in Candidate)

ADS Member Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

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when club information
changes. Our goal is to keep
this information up to date so
information can flow across
the Region.

2024 REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING

Where: Wooster, Ohio
When: July 19 - 21 2024
See pages 22 - 28 of this newsletter
or the Region 2 Website for more information.

2025 REGION 2 WINTER MEETING

Where: Lafayette, Indiana
When: February 21 -23, 2025
Additional information will be added to
the Region 2 website as it becomes available.

2024 ADS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Where: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
When: June 12-14, 2024
<https://ads2024convention.org>



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Kingwood Center Gardens
Site of the Englerth Bed at the Region 2 Summer Meeting
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