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'Hey Mister Bud' (Rice-J., 2015)

Photo by Charlie Harper  
at the Region 2 Summer Meeting,  
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- AHS and Region 2 events.
- Region 2 members and hybridizers.

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The AHS is actively promoting the use of  
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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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Award

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On The Back Cover: “It’s a Peach’ Photo by Cynthia Blanchard

## Region 2 Director Message

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



This has been an unbelievable growing season. For those of us in South Central Wisconsin, there was a plentiful amount of rain. The bloom season was long and beautiful. We were a bit early, but my late bloom is hanging

in there, and a bit of rebloom is always appreciated. It was a battle with weeds, but I continue to fight the fight! I am always amazed at how quickly the bloom season begins its decline. I am not ready to give up the color quite yet.

This year was a busy year for me as your director. I was so fortunate to attend six Regional Meetings and a National Convention, and tour four regions. I was a daylily fool this summer and loved every minute of it. I am TIRED but look back at my time with nothing but a smile. Representing our region is a true highlight.

Our own Ohio Daylily Society put on a very enjoyable Summer Regional Meeting. The gardens were fantastic. While the touring day was quite hot and the bloom was a few weeks past peak, that didn't slow down the participants at all. A slight mishap with our bus (getting completely stuck) gave us additional time in a garden and everyone was in great spirits! I have said it many times: daylilies are supposed to be fun, and all the camaraderie and joy was palpable. Our regional next year will be in Indiana. I expect that all attendees will be in for such a treat!

Some newsworthy items that came from the National Summer Board Meeting are that there are several new committees that have been formed. First up is a committee that is working to protect all personal identifiable information of members and all individuals that hold positions in the society. It is sad that some bad characters make it necessary to protect personal identifiable information, but we are committed to keep information safe. The committee, headed by the Vice President and Technology Chair, Rich Crider, will be working to put safeguards in place to keep our information safe. You will notice that Directors, Staff, and Special Chair information is no longer readily available on the website. The email you can use to reach them is available. This is again, to safeguard their information.

Another committee formed is quite exciting. There was a decent art collection donated to AHS from Connie Baldwin, wife of the late Steven Baldwin. His art is found in the publication *Daylilies—A Fifty-Year Affair: The Story of a Society and Its Flower*. He was a prominent artist in Region 15. The art is fantastic. The society has been given written permission to use the collection however we choose. The committee will be brainstorming possible ways to utilize the art and possible fundraising opportunities.

Another committee formed will be working on a test garden protocol for the society. The American Iris Society reached out and asked us to look at their current policy. Rich Crider and I figured that if we were helping them we should probably consider the possibility for our own members. This is just an exploratory committee that will be coming up with policies regarding this and determining if we will move forward.

We are also looking at making simple revisions to the Garden Judges and Exhibition Judges trainings—nothing major, just minor edits due to advances in hybridizing, checklist changes, etc. I am working with our Judge's Education Chair, Scott Elliott, to make sure that our materials are up-to-date. Along with this, we have a small committee looking at judging requirements—not to make it more challenging, but to reward our more experienced instructors and judges.

Your president is now beginning training sessions for possible judging opportunities for at least two other genera, potentially three. Taking the information gained from this learning (you know she is a self-professed nerd), she plans to bring this information and these policies to our society. Not that we need major changes, but always looking at learning.

Did you know there are only 22 Senior Exhibition Judges in our region? If you ever find that you need one, I love to judge if I am available! Reach out and I am more than happy to judge if I can. I have judged across the country, and only one show (which I judged twice) was in our region. I absolutely love accredited shows. They are a great way to have outreach in a community.

AHS has all positions filled! We have hired a Membership Manager. Mary Gunter is our new Membership Manager. *continued next page*

## Region 2 President Message

By Monique Warnke, Region 2 President



Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall!

This summer has been a whirlwind; I visited several gardens on the way to the Region 2 Summer Meeting. Each garden's love for our beloved daylily was quite evident, and I must say, they've got great taste! Each garden had its own unique style and flavor.

There was inspiration to be taken from every garden: the gladiolas (which I found out do not need to be dug up every year if you plant them deep enough), the electric fence to keep the deer out (I need to do that), and the passion that every gardener had for their gardens.

During lunch hour, we stopped at Kingwood Center Gardens, where we were able to vote on our favorite seedling. My kind of lunch break! Then onto the next garden. The views from the garden swing and paths were like an oasis. The punch that was served was a great way to beat the heat, and was so tasty! The manicured bonsai trees were just gorgeous, done with so much precision. I am in awe of all of the hard work that was put into this regional. It was such a fantastic experience. A massive thank you to the Ohio Daylily Society—the hard work that was put in really showed.

I am looking forward to the next daylily events. The Shirley Farmer meeting will be held on October 19. I cannot say enough about this event; it is highly educational and informative. The more you learn, the more you realize you didn't know! October is a busy month for us daylily folks as there is also the Lilyhemmer Daylily Festival on the 26th, in Region 2. The weekend will host a myriad of different speakers and hybridizers alike—a festival not to miss!

We are taking applications at this time for the Public Garden Grant Program. This grant gives organizations up to \$500 to improve local gardens. If you or an organization you know could use this grant, please write a request or inform the organization about this project. The Bob Faulkner Memorial Award for scholarships is also open to all youth. Applications are now open as well. Both are found on our website.

I love daylilies as well as the people within our community. Recently, I have noticed a change in how we are treating one another. If I hurt your feelings, I apologize. I am not the type of person to intentionally upset others. We came together for our love for this beautiful plant and remain steadfast in our passion for it!

We come for the flowers, we stay for the friends. As always, keep your shovel in the dirt.

## Region 2 Director Message continued

Manager, and she has really stepped up and is doing a fantastic job. Chris Tyler had done a fabulous job previously and Mary has really made the transition painless! Her contact is [membership@daylilies.org](mailto:membership@daylilies.org). I could not be happier!

We are always looking at new ways to help fundraise and to assist with increasing our endowments. This year's 100 Giving \$100 Campaign has been largely successful and the pins are selling fast! Did you get yours? I absolutely love mine and wear my pins on my lanyard for as many daylily events as I can! To get your pin, you can reach out to our Endowments Chair Joe Goudeau at [endowments@daylilies.org](mailto:endowments@daylilies.org) or you can go to the ADS website and purchase a pin by going to the "Get Involved" tab, clicking on "Donations" and then clicking "100 Giving \$100."

Will Region 2 be the host of an upcoming National Convention? There are MANY areas in our Region that would be amazing to host a National Convention. Please reach out to Caroline Zebroski at [conventions@daylilies.org](mailto:conventions@daylilies.org) for more information. We do have three amazing conventions lined up and I certainly hope you consider attending them. I will be there! Registration is open for the Seattle Convention and it is filling up VERY fast!!! Do not delay in registering.

Upcoming National Conventions:

July 9-12, 2025: Seattle, Washington

May 20-23, 2026: Valdosta, Georgia ... *AND*

*NEWLY APPROVED June, 2027: Tidewater, Virginia*

# Region 2 Publicity Director Message

By Barb Buikema, Region 2 Publicity Director



As I sit in my outdoor office at our favorite campground in Northern Michigan and think about our wonderful daylily season that's coming to an end, can't help but dream about what's ahead for the new year.

We ask you please not to contact our Regional Director, Rhonda Veroeven, as she is responsible for ADS business.

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These five ladies are the ones who address Regional business. We are very fortunate to have many other committee chairs who do a fabulous job in their areas.

Any Regional member can bring suggestions to the Executive Board. The suggestion will be discussed thoroughly and will be brought to the membership if a Regional vote is applicable.

We are here to serve you, Region 2, and we are honored to do so! Looking forward to a fabulous new year!

## Publicizing Events

We want our Region 2 members to keep abreast of all activities that are happening in your daylily club whether it be small or big. I am here to publicize them. However, I cannot do this unless you let me know what events are happening. If you have a Facebook page for your club, please ask me to join. This way, I can see what can be advertised to other Regional members.

## Communicating Ideas and Concerns

Once again, I would like to remind all of our members that if you have a problem or concern that you want addressed, or an idea to be shared, we do have an order to follow for communications.

Please contact our president Monique Warnke at [mearenke77@gmail.com](mailto:mearenke77@gmail.com) FIRST!!

## Public Garden Grant Reminder



## Garden and Exhibition Judge Reminder

**ONLINE JUDGING CLASSES**  
To register, reply to:  
[judgeseducation@daylilies.org](mailto:judgeseducation@daylilies.org)

<b>Exhibition Judges Clinic 1</b> October 22, 7-10:00 pm EST		<b>Garden Judges Workshop 1</b> October 8, 7-10:00 pm EST
<b>Exhibition Judges Clinic 3</b> October 24, 7-10:00 pm EST		<b>Garden Judges Workshop 3</b> October 10, 7-10:00 pm EST

# Region 2 Financial Update

By Bobbi Johnson, Region 2 Treasurer



## ADS Region 2 Winter Symposium Income Statement as of March 31, 2024

### Revenue

Registrations	\$ 8,875.00
*Silent Auction Proceeds	3,728.00
Live Auction Proceeds	7,180.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 19,783.00</b>

\*Silent Auction Proceeds  
go to the Youth Fund

### Expenses

Speaker Reimbursements	\$ 1,710.36
Travel Reimbursements	0.00
Hotel Expenses	4,152.37
Catering	5,960.00
Credit Card Fees	196.55
Registration Expenses	375.00
Shipping Fees/Donors	1,749.00
Printing and Postage	68.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,211.28</b>

**Net Profit/(Loss) \$ 5,571.72**

## ADS Region 2 Facebook Auction Income Statement as of April 30, 2024

### Revenue

Facebook Auction	\$ 8,933.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 8,933.00</b>

### Expenses

Shipping Fees-- Donors	\$ 450.00
Postage	37.92
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 487.92</b>

**Net Profit/(Loss) \$ 8,445.08**

## ADS Region 2 Summer Meeting Income Statement as of August 31, 2024

### Revenue

Live Auction Proceeds	\$ 9,637.00
Miscellaneous Income	176.26
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,813.26</b>

### Expenses

Hotel Expenses	\$ 2,065.32
Registration Expenses	592.00
Credit Card Fees	176.26
Shipping Fees/Donors	706.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	326.63
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,866.21</b>

**Net Profit/(Loss) \$ 5,947.05**

## ADS Region 2 Fund Balances as of August 23, 2024

General Fund	\$ 69,629.89
Youth Fund	9,253.00
Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship	1,400.00
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 80,282.89</b>

**Proofreader Shout-Out!!** Our proofreaders put in so much time polishing up the articles you read. For this edition, I owe a special thanks to Bob Mainfort and Mary Kwas for behind the scenes sleuthing for historic images and information I needed. And I think Mary proofed nearly every article this time! I appreciate Ginny Pearce for a major edit on a piece to fit it in this very full issue. Thanks also to our faithful regulars: JoAnne Frederick, Lezlie Myers, Charlie Harper, Barb Bischoff, Nancy Secrist, Nancy Cooper, Sharon VanderWilp, and Barb Brevick. Welcome, Rich Rabeler!

## Region 2 Youth Update

By Pat Titus, Regional Youth Chair

It's been a busy summer for our Region 2 youth members! Five youth members attended the 2024 National ADS Convention in Oklahoma City and eight youth members attended the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Wooster, Ohio.

At the Regional, youth members helped with both live auctions on Friday and Saturday nights, took a daylily quiz, participated in a scavenger gift hunt, and even bid on some of the daylilies in the silent and live auctions! Thank you to the following donors of plants to our youth: Robin Hamilton, Paula Shaw Currie, Gayle Story, and Jamie Gossard.

And did you know that Region 2 has the second highest membership of youth in the American Daylily Society? Way to go!



Pat Titus (center, back) with our youth members at the Summer Regional.



American Daylily Society  
Region 2  
Midwinter Symposium

## OVER THE MOON FOR DAYLILIES

Friday-Saturday, February 22-23, 2025  
Courtyard by Marriott  
150 Fairington Avenue  
Lafayette, Indiana

Join us for stellar speakers, out of this world live and silent auctions, amazing hospitality, flowers, friends, food, and fun!

Speakers are RICH CRIDER, PETER DONATO (presenting Steve Todd's hybridizing program), DIANNA GOSSARD, MIKE HOLMES, SANDY HOLMES, NANCY ROLD, AND BOBBY SCOTT, JR.

Additional information will be forthcoming. Save the dates!



# Region 2 Editor Notes

Sandra Dunn



This edition of *Great Lakes Daylily* has been an editor's dream! So many people contributed ideas and content that I had to ask three people to defer their articles until the winter edition! As this daylily season winds down, perhaps you realize that you have a story to share. Email me at [greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com](mailto:greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com).

## Summer Meeting Reflections

I want to start with my heartfelt appreciation for the Ohio Daylily Society and Kingwood Center Garden for hosting such an amazing regional this summer. Personally, it was so nice to attend as a guest after hosting the Regional last year! And with that perspective, I was more fully aware of the hard work and thoughtfulness that went into all of the details of the Regional. I trust you will enjoy the reflections and photos that begin on page 20. If you were able to attend, these stories will take you right back to that lovely weekend. And if you were not, I hope that you learn a bit about these colorful Ohio gardens and are encouraged to join us in Indiana next year if you are able.

## Daylily History

A 'bonus' to these summer meeting reflections is an article about Ohio hybridizer Charles Applegate, long-time caretaker of Kingwood Gardens. Are you familiar with 'Blessing' or 'Morning by Morning?' Then you already know a couple of Applegate's flowers even if you weren't aware of his name. I love these pieces—both historic and current—that allow us to learn more about important and everyday folks in our daylily world. Thanks to Charlie Harper and Jim Brewer for bringing this article to life, drawing on personal experience and previous articles in this newsletter.

Mary Kwas, retired archeologist, contributed a fascinating piece in our "Digging Up Daylily History" series. She found a daylily article from 1901 and "dug around" to learn more about the author Lora S. La Mance. The 100-year-old magazine images alone are worth the read! And I got a chuckle over La Mance's description of daylilies as "just right for lazy or busy people to grow."

## Youth, Awards, and Pretty Photos

Looking across this edition, there are three recurrent topics. The first is a focus on youth gardeners. You can see images of our Region 2 youth at the Summer Meeting. And Rhonda Veroeven somehow found the time in her busy role as ADS President to share the story of the Garden Club she started at the middle school at which she teaches. You can see photos of their major project from start to finish.

Another theme is awards won by Region 2 members, including several youth awards. From national-level awards

(pages 40-43) to regional awards like the Hite (page 10), Englerth (page 31), and Faulkner (pages 34-35), our members are being recognized for a variety of talents and accomplishments.

And finally, there are the photos! This issue is laced with gorgeous photos. But this is the edition with my favorite layout of the year—the Region 2 Photography Contest Awards! This year we had nearly 80 entries in the single-bloom and multi-bloom categories and 60 in the artistic category. There were so many beautiful images that could have been chosen as the winner in each category. It just came down to which one the most judges chose. And for the first time since I have been in charge of the contest, there was a unanimous judges' tie for first place in the artistic category. Congratulations, Theresa Schwandt! I would love your permission to enlarge your photo and hang it on my wall!

Most exciting to me about the photo contest is that we had twenty photographers enter images this year who did not participate last year! You will get to enjoy pages of beautiful photos in the upcoming issues of *Great Lakes Daylily*, as well as those on pages 45-50 here.

## Hybridizer Hints

I am so happy with how the next installment of our "Hybridizer 'How-Tos' and Hints" series turned out. Many thanks to our five hybridizers who shared their tips on seed storage. In the winter edition, we will follow-up with ideas about planting seeds and keeping track of what you have planted. I have been sitting on Jamie Gossard's notes and photos for that edition and would love to hear from three or four more hybridizers. Also, please see my request on page 46.

## Winter Edition

I'll be sending this issue to the printer in the morning. But I am already so excited to get started on the next edition. We'll feature our Winter Symposium speakers and share their presentation topics. And we'll include the articles I deferred from this issue on welcoming and retaining new daylily club members, distinguishing lilies from daylilies, and one club's long history of AHS-accredited daylily shows. I will also rerun Carole Hunter's lovely article from the last edition because something baffling happened and the first page of text repeated on the second page. You deserve to read it as it was written because it is a wonderful article. I would love to spotlight an ADS Display Garden or tell the story of how you named one of your introductions. Our readers like to learn about hidden gem places to visit. Whether you are new to daylilies or a lifelong collector, what story can you share?

# Region 2 2024 Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence

by Gail Braunstein, Awards and Honors Chair

## Mike Holmes, Riverbend Daylilies



Mike Holmes with his daughter Ashley, mother Patricia, and grandson Weston

*Photo by Sandy Holmes*

Congratulations to Mike Holmes of Riverbend Daylily Garden in Xenia, Ohio. Mike is the proud winner of this year's Howard Hite Award for his notable achievements in the field of daylily hybridizing. Mike has been nominated for the Hite Award numerous times over the last five years. Nominations this year for Mike were detailed not only about his hybridizing program, but also included information about his generous sharing of daylily knowledge. He has spoken to many daylily clubs, spent time with individuals new to hybridizing,

and presented at the Shirley Farmer's Hybridizer's Meeting, always making his presentation in a daylily language which both novice and professional can understand.

Sitting down with Mike for a brief interview, I learned so much information that only the highlights can be included here. He has lived in the Bellbrook, Ohio, area most of his life and is married to 2014 Hite Award winner, Sandy Holmes. Mike is a father of two and grandfather of three. Adding daylilies into the landscape of their home started in 1996. Sandy was the one who really got Mike interested in hybridizing, as she had started a few years before him. Mike gives her full credit for putting him on the path to hybridizing. Advice from Steve Moldovan and Shirley Farmer was and is still valued today in Mike's hybridizing program.

Mike has been hybridizing for nearly thirty years and to date he has registered 85 cultivars. He introduces cultivars sparingly, limiting his introductions to those he considers excellent and distinctive. He does not promote his own cultivars and does not nominate his own daylilies for awards; therefore he has received only one ADS Award. His 2005 introduction 'See Me-Feel Me-Touch Me' won an honorable mention award in 2009.

Mike is continually concentrating on the betterment of his daylily genetics. Always on the cutting edge of the latest daylily trends, his program includes bicolors, bitones, fancy and/or toothy edges, patterned eyes, broken patterns, color changers and so much more. His hybridizing program produces cultivars which are hardy and have good plant habit as well as great branching and bud count.

When asked about his favorite introductions, he did not hesitate to recognize 'Striped Action' for its branching and bud count and 'Redefinable' for its form. The future for Mike's hybridizing program will focus on variegated daylilies--ones with flecks, stripes or blotches that lean more to stripes.



'See Me-Touch Me-Feel Me'  
(Holmes-M., 2005)

*Photos by Mike or Sandy Holmes unless otherwise noted*



'Striped Action'  
(Holmes-M., 2022)



'Redefinable' (Holmes-M., 2022)

With his interest in technology, he has found ways to use tech in his hybridizing program. Mike has shared his tech knowledge with other hybridizers, assisting them in using tech in their programs as well. Additionally, Mike maintained a blog about toothy daylilies and others have used his shared knowledge to create amazing toothy cultivars. Along with Michael Miller, Mike was instrumental in developing “Monday Night Lights,” an annual series of Facebook slideshow presentations by a wide variety of hybridizers. Together Mike and Michael won the ADS Electronic Media Award in 2017 . Also to Mike Holmes’ credit, he served as the Region 2 Web Master and provided technology support to various projects at the National level.

Mike spends time during the winter season studying genetics, always searching for the next genetic break which could lead to an awesome cultivar. Mike’s advice to novice or beginner hybridizer is as follows:

1. Get a mentor.
2. Go to meetings and meet people. It’s the people who keep you going.
3. Be consistent each year with your monthly schedule of tasks that have to be done. The primary tasks are making the seed, harvesting the seed, planting the seed, and evaluating seedlings. All of these tasks have subsets which are equally important to completing the primary task at hand.
4. Don’t take on more than you can handle.

Mike and Sandy are very generous with their time and knowledge. Each year they choose a new introduction and the funds raised from the sale of this intro are donated to the fight against childhood cancer. To date they have raised nearly \$8000.00.

So much more can be said about this humble unassuming man. Most of us know him as a gentle giant. And we who grow and love daylilies are thankful for his contributions to the daylily world. When I called Mike to let him know he had won the 2024 Hite Award, he stated that he never dreamed he would be considered for the award let alone be in the company of his mentor Steve Moldovan. Congratulations Mike! Well deserved.

One last note. “Thank You” to the Southern Michigan Daylily Society. SMDS has sponsored the Hite Award since 1989. This prestigious award has been presented to 32 Region 2 hybridizers. The nomination form is available on our Region 2 website and will appear in print in the next newsletter.



‘Raising Spirits for the Cure’  
(Holmes-M., 2015)  
is one of eleven daylilies registered by Mike and Sandy whose sales are donated to fighting childhood cancer



Variegated tetraploid seedling



Variegated tetraploid seedling



Toothy diploid seedling



Variegated tetraploid seedling

# Including Youth in Planning and Building a Pollinator Garden in Middle School

Article and photos by Rhonda Veroeven

As the world grapples with environmental challenges, fostering a sense of ecological stewardship in young students is more important than ever. One practical and engaging way to achieve this is by encouraging middle schoolers to build a pollinator garden at school. Such an initiative not only benefits the environment but also enriches students' educational experiences and personal development. Two years ago, I was approached by three former students who were interested in earning a Silver Award for their Girl Scout Program. We brainstormed a few potential ideas and ultimately decided on a Plant Club with crafts, games, and learning opportunities for the Glacier Creek Middle School (GCMS) in Wisconsin. The dream of creating a pollinator garden was also written down. Knowing that we had no money or budget, these were simply hopes and dreams at that time.

I have a very supportive administration at GCMS and when I made a proposal to create a GCMS Plant Club, they agreed. Budgetary concerns are always present, so we began to plan, reached out to the school district grounds team for their support, and submitted a proposal to get the club approved before beginning the real work. The bureaucratic realities hit us, but with focus on the potential of this great group, we persevered. The club was approved.

Our next step was to build a curriculum and activities for the Plant Club. The girls, who I appointed as offi-

cers, and I asked Sue Brumm, a passionate fifth-grade teacher, to join as a co-advisor (photo below). Sue agreed, so the five of us developed a curriculum. The girls were tasked with planning a pollinator garden as if cost was no issue. I then began the task of fundraising to help make some of our dreams a reality.

We were beyond excited that the Plant Club received grants from three of the four grants I applied for – the AHS Region 2 Public Garden Grant Program, the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District Foundation Inspiration Grant program, and the Wisconsin Daylily Society which was very generous financially as well as with plants from their annual sale. We prioritized needs for the program and garden and created a minimum budget of \$2500 with the advisors willing to volunteer their time. Being \$500 short, we knew we could look for donations as much as possible. It was time to form the club!

We started by advertising the club. Being a unique opportunity for students, it was going to be a popular club so we had no choice but to limit our numbers. When registration began, the club filled up immediately with a wonderfully diverse group of individuals, grades 5-8. Parents were also very excited!

Incorporating horticulture and creating a pollinator garden is a valuable project for middle school students and we knew that it could positively impact their





learning and growth so it was worth the perseverance to see it through.

### Education and Awareness

Having a plant club and building a pollinator garden provides hands-on learning opportunities about ecosystems, biodiversity, and environmental stewardship. Our middle school students explore concepts such as:

- **The Pollination Processes:** Students learn how pollinators like bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds contribute to the reproduction of flowering plants and the production of fruits and seeds.
- **Ecosystem Dynamics:** The garden illustrates the interdependence of plants and animals, helping students understand food chains and ecological balance.
- **Sustainable Practices:** Students gain insights into sustainable gardening techniques, including composting, water conservation, and the use of native plants.

### Science and Mathematics Integration

As both a science and mathematics teacher, I was passionate about focusing on curricular impacts of our work. A pollinator garden offers practical applications for various scientific and mathematical concepts. A



few of those are:

- **Science:** Students can study plant biology, pollinator behavior, and the life cycles of different species. They also can see first-hand how native organisms benefit the school ecosystem and ecological benefits of biodiversity. Enhancing student observational and research skills is critical. Students can track and record the types and numbers of pollinators visiting the garden, providing real-world data for scientific inquiry. They can experiment with different plants and gardening techniques to observe which attract more pollinators or grow best under various conditions.
- **Mathematics:** They can measure garden plots, calculate plant growth rates, and analyze data on pollinator visits and plant yields. We are always looking for practical applications of graphing. The possibilities are simply endless.

### Supporting Other Cross-Curricular Learning

A pollinator garden supports other cross-curricular learning by integrating subjects such as:

- **Art:** Students can design garden layouts, create garden-themed art projects, or use natural materials for crafts.
- **Language Arts:** They can write about their observations, create informational brochures about pollinators, or present their findings to peers and the community.
- Additionally, all classes can use the space as an **outdoor classroom**. Spending time outdoors while learning when appropriate is always a benefit to students' emotional, social and behavioral health.

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### Promoting Environmental Stewardship

Creating and maintaining a pollinator garden instills a sense of responsibility and stewardship in students:

- **Ownership and Responsibility:** Students take ownership of the garden's care and maintenance, learning about the responsibilities involved in environmental conservation.
- **Community Impact:** The garden can serve as a community resource, enhancing local green spaces and promoting environmental awareness among families and neighbors. Our pollinator garden is available and is used by the entire GCMS educational community. It is also available for the larger Cross Plains and surrounding communities.

### Fostering Teamwork and Problem-Solving Skills

A garden project requires teamwork and collaborative problem-solving:

- **Teamwork:** Students work together to plan, plant, and maintain the garden, developing their ability to collaborate and communicate effectively. In today's age of technology, students do not spend enough time collaborating outside of technology. Students that participated in this learned the importance of working collaboratively.
- **Problem-Solving:** They address challenges such as pest management, plant diseases, and soil quality, using creative and critical thinking to find solutions. They have to research these advanced topics. Once they find the potential solutions, they have to work together to determine the best solution that fits within the school and district policies.

### Encouraging Emotional and Social Growth

Engaging with nature and working on a tangible project can have positive effects on students' emotional and social well-being:

- **Connection to Nature:** Spending time in a garden helps students develop a deeper connection to nature, which can enhance mental health and reduce stress.
- **Sense of Accomplishment:** Watching the garden flourish provides a sense of accomplishment and pride, boosting students' confidence and motivation.

### Building Lifelong Skills

The skills and knowledge gained from working in a pollinator garden extend beyond the classroom:

- **Gardening Skills:** Students learn practical gardening skills that they can use in their own lives. I cannot even express how interesting it was to have students don gloves and grab shovels and have no idea how to use them. Which part of the plant do you put in the ground? How should different plants be planted? How big will the plants get and how much room will they need?
- **Environmental Awareness:** Students develop a lifelong appreciation for the environment and a commitment to sustainability.

### Cross Agency/Organization Connections

This project created many cross-agency connections. The community quickly learned about this project through publicity work.

- Club officers came to a **Wisconsin Daylily Society** monthly meeting to thank them for their financial commitment (they were able to do this because they were local). All the officers shared that they were interested in joining the WDS. The parents also shared their interest.
- A young man from the local **Boy Scout Troop** reached out. As a former GCMS student, he was interested in building benches for the gardens to allow more seating options for students. We quickly approved his project proposal.

- Another **local business** donated a pollinator sign.
- The club is always looking out for other connections. For example, the students are looking for local birding clubs to donate some bird feeders.

With everyone (students, administration, grounds staff, etc.) educated, and a mostly funded program, we began our meetings. We met weekly for an hour incorporating, as shared earlier, an educational component, a craft, and either a game or garden-creating activity.

The first activity was having the sod cut for the pollinator garden area. Since using the necessary equipment was not approved for middle schoolers, the grounds crew came in and removed the sod. Then a soil/compost mixture was delivered and blended in. Without any gardening tools on hand, I was busy ordering the needed supplies. The students were very excited to take turns opening each box that came in. Items such as gloves, shovels, trowels, rakes, hoes, kneeling pads, and art supplies for the craft projects slowly began arriving.

At this point we officially ran out of funds. The costs of tools, soil/compost, edging, mulch, and craft supplies wiped out our budget. Thankfully we had a few ideas. The students built fairy gardens and we had a sale of those in the school. They were a hit! That gave us enough funds to purchase a few native pollinator plants. I also went through my garden and donated a bunch of plants. Parents of several club members did the same.

Our last two meetings for the school year had the students planting and creating the gardens. Benches were placed, creating a nice hardscape for the garden. The club officers decided to center the garden to my classroom, so I was able to watch students walk and sit in the garden before and after school, along with a vast number of teachers. It was truly exciting and



invigorating to see how much respect and honor the school showed to the garden space.

Did you know that I did not place one plant? The students planted each plant on their own. Yes, Sue and I had to give a lot of guidance, but they did it all. Each student created a steppingstone for the paths throughout the garden as one of their art projects. This added to the sense of ownership and pride. It also looks wonderful!!! After everything was placed, they laid mulch to assist with water retention and to reduce weeds. Lastly, students signed up to water the gardens through the summer and created a weeding plan. Next year it is our hope to add to the garden, continue education, continue to water and weed, and complete general upkeep to the garden. We also hope that we will encourage students to join the GCMS Plant Club for years to come. There is no end to the possibilities this amazing project can offer!

Building a pollinator garden in middle schools offers a wealth of educational, environmental, and personal benefits. By engaging in this hands-on project, students gain valuable knowledge and skills while contributing to the health of local ecosystems. As educators, parents, community members, and horticultural organizations, such as AHS Region 2 and WDS, support and encourage such initiatives, they can help cultivate the next generation of environmental stewards who are well-equipped to address the challenges of the future.



# Member Observations: Two-merous Daylilies – An Oddity??

Article and photos by Richard K. Rabeler

I am a retired plant taxonomist, specializing for many years in the Caryophyllaceae (the Pink family), where the flowers are normally 4- or 5-merous—meaning the parts of the flower are in multiples of either four or five.

I enjoy watching for the first flowers of the species and hybridized daylilies we have in our gardens each year. I like seeing the progression of colors and shapes while at the same time looking for oddities that might appear. As we know, daylilies are normally 3-merous, with three sepals, three petals, and six stamens. Several varieties are known to be polymerous. For example, 'Quad Eye' (Dickerson, 1991) is regularly 4-merous. Others occasionally have 5-merous flowers, such as 'Music Man' (Wild, 1971) in our garden.

This year I found a new combination: 2-merous blooms or flowers with just two sepals and two petals which give them an interesting cross shape.

Our first 2-merous flower—'Music Man' (Wild, 1971)—appeared on June 23, followed by flowers of five other varieties by July 8, each also having but two petals and two sepals. Most later flowers of each were "normal." Only a plant known as 'Miss Becky's burnt orange seedling' produced 2-merous flowers on subsequent days.

I have no idea how common (or not) this situation might be or what might cause the reduced number of floral parts. Other local daylily enthusiasts I asked had not see this variation before. What will next year bring?



'Music Man' (Wild, 1971)



Goldner peach seedling (above left) and an unidentified daylily both showing 2-merous bloom



Miss Becky's burnt orange seedling as 3-merous and 2-merous blooms (Hutchins, unregistered)



# Digging Up Daylily History: A View From 1901 by Lora S. La Mance

by Mary Kwas

It is rare to find an article about daylilies as early as 1901, when only species daylilies were available to American gardeners. Even species daylilies had a place in the home garden, however, as can be seen in the short article by Lora La Mance, published in the March 1901 issue of *Success With Flowers*, a magazine of floriculture that began publication a decade earlier. Perhaps as interesting as the article itself is the author who, in these years before women even had the right to vote, made a name for herself in various endeavors.

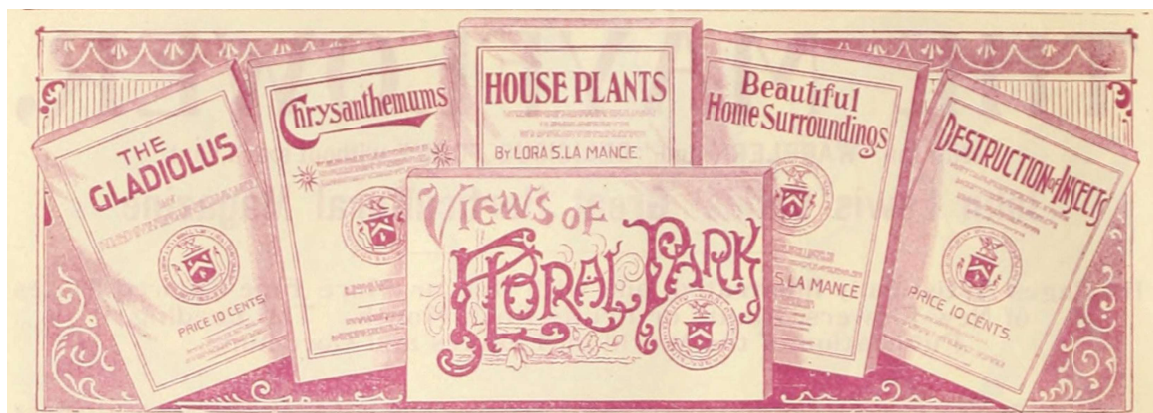


Lora S. La Mance, circa 1904,  
from her book  
on the Greene family

Lora S. Nichols was born in 1857 in Indiana and educated in Minnesota and Ohio, before coming to southwest Missouri in 1878. In 1880 she married Marcus La Mance, a local merchant and postmaster of Pineville,

the county seat of McDonald County, located in the Missouri Ozarks about seven miles north of the Arkansas state line. Their only daughter was born the following year. The couple remained in Pineville throughout their lives, and their home was known for the plants and flowers that ornamented it.

Around the age of 30 in the late 1880s, La Mance began sending short articles and letters to various horticultural magazines, and earned recognition as a horticulturalist. She wrote about a variety of garden plants, including asters, pansies, geraniums, narcissus, and roses. In 1892, John Lewis Childs of New York, who operated a mail order gardening business, published a series of small gardening books, including two by La Mance. *Beautiful Home Surroundings* was described as providing all needed information regarding the care of a garden and lawn, while *House Plants* focused on interior gardening and window plants. The following year, Childs published another book by La Mance on *Insects Which Infest House and Greenhouse Plants*. Around the same time she was offered the editorship of two floral journals, but had to decline due to her husband's health. This did not stop her writing. Beginning about 1899 and continuing until at least 1905, she authored a number of short articles for *The Mayflower* magazine, also published by J. L. Childs, and wrote the magazine's gardening information column.



An advertisement from a 1901 Child's catalog,  
showing two of La Mance's books, third and fourth from the left



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For twenty years THE MAYFLOWER monthly magazine has been the most popular horticultural publication issued, going all over the world to hundreds of thousands of subscribers. It is devoted exclusively to the cultivation of Flowers, Plants, Fruits, Vegetables, and to gardening and home adornment in general. Each issue contains a leading article on some one subject and this subject is treated fully and concisely, being a perfect treatise. Some of the leading articles for next year will be as follows: Dahlias, Sweet Peas, Nasturtiums, Carnations, Violets, Asters, etc. Besides these leading articles each issue contains many more which while not so lengthy are none the less useful and interesting. Each issue also contains two important and useful departments, namely: **The Information Box:** What our Readers Want to Know, by Lora S. La Mance. Here requests for information asked by our readers will be answered in a thorough and interesting manner.

A clip from The Mayflower magazine, 1904, mentioning La Mance's column

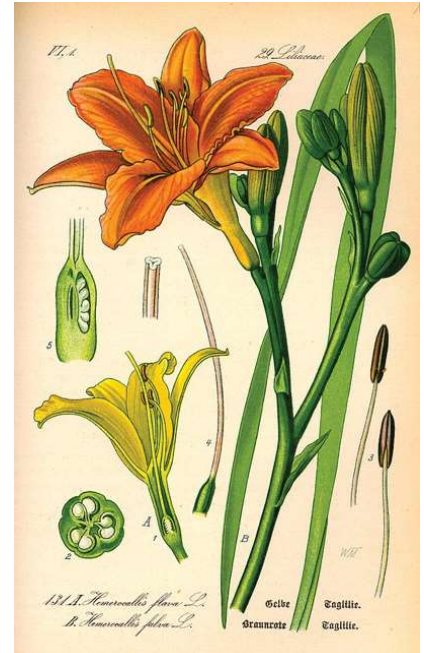
About 1897 while wandering in the Ozark mountains in McDonald County, Missouri, or adjoining Benton County, Arkansas, La Mance discovered what was then believed to be an unknown wild iris. She cultivated the plant and sent specimens to iris specialist J.N. Gerard of New York, who determined it was unique and named the iris for her as *Iris lamancei* or more commonly the "Lamance iris." Since that time, this smallest of the Louisiana irises has been found to be widely distributed in eastern North America and known by various names, all of which have been replaced by its current name of *Iris brevicaulis*.



Image of the La Mance iris (*Iris brevicaulis*) from Addisonia, 1904

Besides horticultural interests, La Mance also published two books of family history, one on the Greene family in 1904 and the other on the Waltman family in 1928. She was an active member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union for many years, lecturing widely, and also supported women's suffrage. Just before her death, La Mance finished one more book, *The Life of Christ*, which was published in 1938. She passed away at her daughter's home in Florida in 1939 and is buried in the Pineville Cemetery in McDonald County, Missouri.

In this early article on daylilies, La Mance focuses on the home garden use of the "tawny daylily" (*H. fulva*) and its variants and the "lemon daylily" (*H. flava*, now *H. lilioasphodelus*), as well as two other species daylilies. It is particularly interesting that this early horticulturist is knowledgeable about the species daylilies and chooses to promote them to other gardeners, as the first hybrid daylilies did not appear in plant catalogs until a few years later. At that date, daylilies were still being confused with two other plants, the true lilies (*Lilium*) and particularly hostas (then classified as *Funkia*), which also went by the name "daylily." In early writing, whenever daylilies are referred to as "blue and white," the author is really writing about hostas. The fact that La Mance identified the daylilies correctly as *Hemerocallis* and wrote about just those, and not lilies or hostas, is therefore noteworthy.



An illustration of the tawny daylily (*Hemerocallis fulva*) from 1885 book *Flora von Deutschland* by Prof. Dr. Otto Wilhelm Thomé

In this transcription of La Mance's article on the following page, I have left the spelling of "daylilies" in its archaic form as two words, but corrected the misspelling of "Middendorffiana."

## DAY LILIES

by  
Lora S. La Mance

I confess that I should not like to see the old, old Day Lily of all, *Hemerocallis fulva*, in every yard and flower border. And yet in a roomy yard, a large clump of it, placed far enough back to show its full beauty of outline, is a plant to admire. It is distinctive and stately, with its wide, flowing fountain-like base of long strap-like leaves. Then its tall stems hold up the crowns of Lilies of tawny gold marked with reddish brown. Its coloring is most unique, and judiciously introduced adds a touch of Oriental warmth to the landscape coloring. But in the front border—no! no! Or left for a day lounging place for the house-dog, the leaves dusty and hairy and pressed out of all shape, which is worse and worse—no again. A much more appreciated *Hemerocallis* is the double form of *Fulva*. There are two varieties, the plain-leaved and the striped-leaved. The plain-leaved is nothing more nor less than the old *Fulva* doubled as to flower. The other, which rejoices in the full name of *Hemerocallis Kwanso flore pleno folio variegata*—striped-leaved, double-flowered—is an exceedingly showy foliage plant, as hardy and as easy to grow as the old form. I have even seen it grown in the house as an ornamental Winter window plant, and it was a handsome thing indeed. Many of the leaves have more white than green, and the bold snow-white stripes running the whole length of the long arching leaves are most striking. In over-rich ground a tendency is shown to revert to the plain-leaf form. This is no doubt caused by the extra vigor induced. I consider this one of the best of the *Hemerocallis* genus.

The Lemon Lily, *Hemerocallis flava* is a favorite with all who have ever grown it. It is less rank in growth and the flowers are smaller also, and of a clear rich yellow. Its fragrance is delicious, and if in a rich bed it is a mass of bloom for a long time. One clump of mine, by actual count, produced nearly four hundred flowers in a single season. Thrifty young plants of this are sometimes lifted into boxes in the Fall, brought on at moderate temperature with little of what florists call forcing

(which really means that it is allowed to take its own time without crowding or subjecting to hot-house heat), and will then bloom by Spring in the house. It is very beautiful when in bloom, but I would not advise one who has had little experience with growing indoor plants to undertake it for window culture.

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### TO KILL APHIS.

Some one wrote that a perfectly satisfactory way to rid a plant of pests was to plunge them into boiling water, and it went on to tell how many plants were uninjured by it. Well, I tried it, and my advice is, Don't! I tried an English Daisy. I cannot be certain about the Aphis, but I do know the Daisy was dead. I have found that, when a plant is not too large to handle, an excellent way of ridding it of aphis is to wash it in warm suds. But boiling water is entirely too severe.

Tobacco leaves sprinkled on the soil keep away aphis after the plant is free of them. An Oxalis became covered with them, almost in a night. I washed them off with suds, and then sprinkled the tobacco over the soil, and no others appeared.

Some one else gave carbolic acid diluted in water as a remedy for all pests. It is. It kills everything in sight if at all strong, and if weak, the lice thrive on it. If a plant becomes infested with scale, the best way to rid it is to go over it with

a toothpick and kill all off; then wash it in suds to which has been added some kerosene. The mealy bug can be treated in the same way. For red spider I give the plant a gentle steaming, and then wash in soap-suds. A pan of boiling water set among the plants twice a week will prevent many pests appearing. Prevention is better than cure; and if one has a sprayer and an insecticide, it will not be found necessary to go over the plants by hand. GROOMING S. TOWNSEND.

[Water at 130 degrees is the proper temperature for this treatment.]

CACTUS.—For many months we have been giving our readers some interesting talks on Cacti, and we are now glad to say that A. Blane & Co., of Philadelphia, who have undoubtedly the largest and finest collection of these curious plants in the United States, are offering a special bargain to readers of *Success* in our advertising pages in this issue, and also their Book on Cacti of 100 pages for only ten cents. This book sells in Europe for one dollar. Their cactus catalogue is free.

Ms. La Mance's original article (top of page),  
which was digitized at Cornell University

# Summer Meeting Reflections 2024

Introduction by Nancy Secrist

The 2024 Summer Meeting featured unusual differences from many such gatherings. The Ohio Daylily Society had not hosted such an event since 2010, and we were a little out of practice. When Charlie Harper, out-going regional president, asked if we would host, the first reaction was cautious. Some said our membership wouldn't want to do it. At our club meeting, we took a vote, and it passed easily. Some said no one would come forward to organize. People did volunteer—amazing, talented people! Some said there would be too many competing events in the area at that time. Well, there were. But we persevered and made it a success anyway! Another difference was that we opted to sponsor rather than host the event. This meant we paid all the advance expenses under the theory that if we build it, they will come!

Our guests from a hosta group said they had been to national events that were not as impressive! Many attendees commented on how organized the schedule was and how smooth the transition was between activities. Great food was enjoyed by great people, at meals, in tour gardens, and in the hospitality room. That all just returns to the abilities of our amazing and talented people! Our members' collections of well-identified plants in the attractive tour gardens showcased their dedication and love of daylilies. The Kingwood Center Gardens (photo, right) really treated us well—providing the grand ballroom for our lunch Saturday, free admission, and hosting the Englerth bed.

Then the daylilies....literally hundreds of daylilies up for grabs. The club plant sale had over 500 plants and I know I scored one for \$5 that sells on-line for \$95 but is sold out! The regional auction Friday night sold 142 cultivars. The special auction Saturday night of just Korth plants (63) offered more of Phil and Luella's plants than they currently sell themselves! And then there were the exquisite quilts and paintings. Most silent auctions have 40-60 plants but there were another 230 different cultivars plus 65 "dry-goods" hotly contested on those bidding sheets.

Actual attendance was at 145 not including the compassionate refunds given to several who had illness, bereavement, and the infamous computer outage at the airports for our North Carolina and Virginia friends. When the dust settled, ODS suffered a small loss at the level of registration income relative to event expenses. However, the funds from generous auction donations covered that loss and provided additional funds. The monies will allow ODS to continue to participate in a various community outreach projects and to donate to our local non-profit host Kingwood, plus ADS national and regional projects. We thank every person who helped and supported our event—it was an honor and a pleasure!



Above: Mike Anders, planning team leader and auctioneer

Below: "Es-Scape to Ohio" co-chairs Nancy Secrist and Charlie Harper



# Daffodil Hill Garden: What a Story to Tell!

Reflections by Bobbi Johnson

After enjoying a scenic route to the first garden stop, the bus pulled up to a driveway with trees on both sides. We couldn't see too much at first while we waited patiently for our driver to pull in so we could all take off as fast as we could to see the garden on Daffodil Hill. However, our driver had other ideas. After pausing to assess the entrance, he had pulled up closer to the driveway to make the turn that ultimately left us with a feeling of dread as some of our fellow riders started yelling that the mailbox was about to be hit. Not one to give up, the driver backed up and turned and again tried to make the turn.



Once the smell of burning tires and exhaust started to fill the back of the bus, we all knew what we feared had happened. The bus had stopped moving—bottomed out on the main road with one set of rear tires now in the ditch between the culvert and mailbox. Unable to get any more leverage, the driver let us depart from the bus so he could further assess the situation.



When we were finally off the bus, everyone scattered—eager and excited to see what was blooming. Some went up the driveway while others cut across the front lawn to view the sign that we learned was made for garden owner Alice Sanz as a birthday gift from her partner Doug Conrad. Being the closest bed, of course I headed to the bed by the sign as well.



With the daylily season peaking early in Ohio this year, there were a few cultivars still blooming among the perennial bushes. After making the first trip around the bed, the outside of the property was next. The mix of hosta and perennials made the garden feel whimsical. But once the handmade garden art made from old tools was spotted, most of us knew there would be more. Along the exterior towards the back of the property near the sheds were large beds of asparagus and herbs. The show-stopping gladiolus that were huge and colorful. Many folks had to admire them. Some took photos next to them to show just how tall they were.



Moving along the back beds, the house featured a large covered porch sporting several large hummingbird feeders that ultimately stole the show for the stop. There were so many hummingbirds flying around many of the passengers took videos. Some tried to find where the nests were by watching where the tiny birds flew, which was right into the bushes next to the house.



Along the driveway where more hosta, ferns, and other perennial plants mixed in with a carousel horse and a few other garden ornaments. The carousel horse painted in gold and black completed the whimsical feeling of the country garden visit. However, by the end we still witnessed several of our friends trying to help the bus driver out of his predicament.

Without any luck, our bus was stuck waiting for either the tow truck, the next group, or a different bus. A replacement bus arrived, following shortly by the next tour bus. All of this activity led to a need for traffic control, which led to eyewitnesses seeing our ADS Region 2 Director with her hands against the squad car, while we made our way to our replacement bus. Of course, it was all good fun and no one was arrested. If you cannot have some fun with friends in situations that are beyond our control, how else can we make memories that will last a life time?



Garden owners Alice Sanz and Doug Conrad



Photos by Sandra Dunn

# Mohican Cottage Gardens: A Forest Oasis

## Reflections by Sandra Dunn

The bus ride was a pretty good foreshadowing of how unique Mohican Gardens would be. For two miles, we drove through the lush forests of the 5000-acre Mohican State Park, seeing little evidence of human presence. I do remember wondering how long Sharon and Jim Brewer, owners of Mohican Garden, must travel to get groceries and how passable those hilly, winding roads would be in winter.



And then, there we were—at a cleared and colorful opening high up in the forest. The sunshine seemed all the brighter after our journey through the forest. The bees and butterflies must have felt the same way because they were everywhere! Jim says that attracting pollinators was not an explicit part of their daylily plan, “but bees and butterflies have an affinity for some of our favorite perennials, like coneflower, bee balm, butterfly bushes and butterfly weed, and phlox.”



Jim and Sharon were such gracious hosts, taking time to answer our questions and sharing stories of how they came to live in this forest oasis. Jim’s great-grandfather purchased the land sometime in the 1890s, before the surrounding area was purchased as state park land.

Living as close to uninhabited wooded areas as they do, the Brewers, like many of us, have had to contend with deer insistent on eating their daylilies. To counter, Jim and Sharon moved all of their daylilies close to



their house and garage and encircled both with an electric fence that contained nearly all of their daylilies within it. This arrangement was the topic of much discussion among tour visitors near me. The fencing was very unobtrusive and provided protection for the daylilies and other perennials. An easy-access gate allowed for entry into the house. (The Brewers cut power to the electric fence while we were there!).

As we wrote about in an earlier edition of *Great Lakes Daylily*, Sharon's interest in daylilies was inspired by her dad John Ullman, an Ohio Daylily Society member. I enjoyed seeing the display the Brewers had set up near the refreshment area in tribute to her early influences. This included a magazine with 'Thelma Toms' (Rice-J., 2000) on the cover—a daylily named after her grandmother (photo below, lower left).

From the hosts to the flowers, Mohican Cottage Gardens was a burst of brightness in the forest. There was something about emerging from our bus ride through the woods into this place that was magical. My most enduring memory is the sight and sound of so many pollinators. They were delightful to watch, especially against such colorful backgrounds. Way too soon there was another sound—the dreaded whistle bringing our time at Mohican Cottage Gardens to an end.

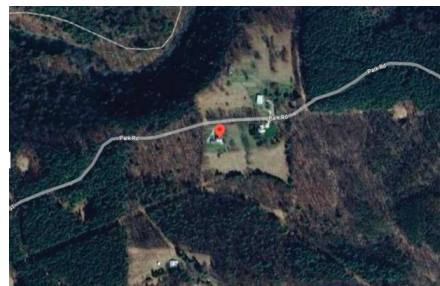
I had the great fortune of having breakfast with Sharon and Jim the next morning. How fun it was to hear what the day had been like from their point of view! I think we brought a bit of brightness their way as well.



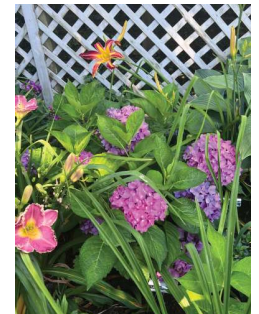
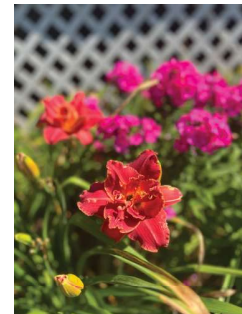
Sharon and Jim Brewer, garden owners



Color-coordinated Jim Brewer, Monique Warnke, and Michael Stafford



A Google Maps image of Mohican Cottage Gardens amidst the woods of Mohican State Park



# Kingwood Center: A Local Treasure

Reflections by Pat, Ansley, and Evelyn Titus

What do you get when daylily enthusiasts converge on a botanical garden? They scatter in all different directions!!

Well, not immediately. After our buses pulled into Kingwood Center Gardens, we were first guided to a wonderful luncheon buffet in the King Ballroom. And THEN we scattered!!

Kingwood Gardens was first opened to the public in 1953 by Charles Kelley King. Kingwood is best known for its history, horticultural excellence, and community involvement. Through the years, it has grown and changed, most recently with the addition of the Garden Gateway Visitor Center and expanded garden features in 2020. Last year, Kingwood celebrated 70 years with a big garden party!

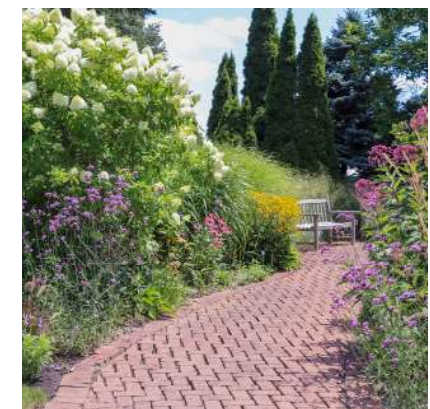
There is so much to explore at this 47 acre garden. Directly behind and at the top of the hill is the 40 room Kingwood Hall. After Mr. King's death, the home was utilized for offices, a horticultural library, and classrooms. Then when the visitor center was built, the home could be restored to the Country Place Era of English country opulence. Many of Mr. King's furnishings had been stored, so the restoration of the house was finally accomplished in 2021 and open for guided tours. I bet this home is spectacular during the holidays!

Kingwood offers a variety of seven gardens, two ponds (duck and native), a sensory center, a Storybook Trail, a greenhouse, and a gift shop on the grounds. It is the site for horticultural classes, meetings (including the Ohio Daylily Society), crafting classes, and health and wellness events. And sometimes music can be heard in the gardens!

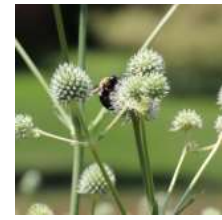
I believe there is something happening or blooming at Kingwood Gardens year-round. There were nooks and crannies to explore and so much beauty to see. Region 2 attendees trekked to the back of the property to view the Englerth bed and decide upon the best seedling. Region 2 youth were treated to a scavenger gift hunt around the duck pond.

Youth member Ansley Titus from Arcola, Illinois, enjoyed how big the gardens were and that they were so neat and tidy in a very natural setting. She enjoyed taking pictures throughout the grounds. Her sister, Evelyn, liked the duck pond and the succulents.

This quick visit definitely whetted my appetite to return again sometime.







Below: Attendees voting for their Englerth favorite



Photos by Ansley Titus, Ginny Pearce, Barb Buikema, and Sandra Dunn

# Walkabout Garden: A Lovely Place to Wander

Reflections by Nancy Sechrist

With a curious horse in the pasture watching us, we unloaded from the regional tour bus at Walkabout Gardens, hosted by David and Sara Martin with their grandson, Noah. In front of the home, deep green pines lined the drive, framing the front yard. Using a wide variety of natural features, including a large number of granite boulders that I have a feeling are homegrown (!), the beds showcased a wide variety of garden plants. The taller perennials such as hollyhocks, oriental lilies, Shasta daisies, and hardy hibiscus set off the late blooming daylilies.



A balance between semi-formal and rustic garden ornaments kept visitors guessing what would be around the next corner—water fountain, cast iron items, a bicycle, bird bath, or bench—complimenting blue sea holly, liatris, phlox and salvia. Planters of petunia, sweet potato vine, coneflower, and other annuals provided bright color. I took notes on the companion plants used to extend the beauty of the garden and contrast with the daylilies—to great effect.



Some in our tour group stopped at the sales bed and began to shop for daylilies, which is very typical of us all. Others started with the beautiful front yard, strolling the beds and pausing to appreciate the garden art combined with tidy beds of well-identified and spaced cultivars. Many Ohio Daylily Society hybridizing members' registered plants and seedlings represented our club and grew in prominent locations in the beds. Those who wandered a bit further found themselves nearing David's colorful beehives. Everything lent an atmosphere of welcome and beauty wherever one looked.



Some of our youth were distracted by the cute, but shy, little kittens near and under the porch, and they made some new friends! Having circled the front yard, I returned to the welcome shade of the canopy and benches provided to appreciate cold beverages and a chance to cool down on a warm day. Watching the grazing horses dispersed any stress from co-chairing this event and worrying about staying on schedule. Browsing the sales field and collecting a list of what Walkabout grows will add to my files on where to find plants in the future. When the bell rang, we straggled reluctantly back to our bus, having enjoyed the opportunity to visit.



Photos by Nancy Secrist, Barb Buikema, Lori Doolin and Sandra Dunn  
(Yes, those are bees resting on a turtle statue to get a drink)

# Blanchard Gardens: Beauty in Every Direction

Reflections by Hilary Heffernan

Blanchard Gardens, owned by Cynthia and Ken Blanchard, was a three-acre oasis for the eyes. The lush space, tucked up against a flowing creek in rural Apple Creek, Ohio, was beautifully designed and had a vast mix of both trees, perennials, vegetables and, of course, daylilies.

It was immediately clear upon stepping out of the bus that the Blanchards have put their hearts into this exquisite space. An alluring bed of daylilies drew you in deeper to the gardens. The daylilies were accented with beautiful colored glass yard art—with a Chihuly vibe—as well as other well-dispersed yard art. Little hidden pockets of delight were around every corner, from a tucked-away mulched path to a restful pergola-covered garden swing.

The main daylily bed and seedling nursery were at the heart of the property, adjacent to grandchildren proudly showing off their dried gourd bird houses for sale—each one unique on its own.

Rows of beautiful daylilies—both new and old varieties—were a feast for the eyes. Ken's seedling bed was such a treat to see. I will be watching for him to introduce more of these beauties, such as 'Coconut Custard' (2019), pictured to the right. To my delight, there was a selling bed for some beautiful named varieties. Of course, I couldn't walk away empty handed! I took home a piece of 'Big Kiss' to add to my own daylily collection.

At the back of the property, trees with such commanding personality were laid out in arboretum format. A mix of deciduous and evergreen, I saw several new-to-me varieties that are now on my wishlist, such as the Weeping Siberian Elm, Columnar Norway Spruce and 'Morris Blue' Korean Pine.

Surrounding the house and barn were an exquisite collection of beautiful and unique evergreens, conifers and deciduous trees, nestled between colorful perennials such as pink phlox and Black-eyed Susans. Tucked right up next to the quaint brick sunken patio were a tasteful metal butterfly sculpture, the soothing sight and sound of a bubbling fountain and small pond, and colorful bursts of annuals.

Lastly, I would be remiss to not mention two of the trees I saw clearly as backbones of the property: 1) the majestic 'Bush's Lace' Engelmann Spruce sitting high on the berm to the right at the edge of the road and 2) the delightfully manicured weeping evergreen next to the garage that had a playful *Monsters, Inc.* vibe. These were additional highlights, beyond the daylilies.

Without a doubt, this garden inspired me and encouraged me in what was possible in a three-acre space. I am so grateful for the invitation to experience its beauty.



Photos by Hilary Heffernan,  
Barb Buikema, Sandra Dunn,  
and the Blanchard family



Left to right: Weeping Norway Spruce 'Gold Drift, Concolor Fir 'Blue Cloak,' and Englemann Spruce 'Bush's Lace'



Above: Ken digging plants for folks from the sales and seedlings bed. Right, a rare sighting of Ken and Cynthia sitting in the garden



## Other Weekend Highlights

You may be at a Region 2 daylily gathering if...



... you are greeted by Patti and Barb.



... you see scenes like this in the lobby of the hotel.



... you stumble upon a plant sale.



... you meet the nicest people!



Photos by Barb Buikema and Sandra Dunn



A few samples from the Silent Auction extravaganza!



Charlie Harper and Brenda Nelson with daylily metal art and plaque for Kingwood Center.

Region 2 members received so many national awards this year. Many of them were presented at the ADS National Convention in Oklahoma City in June. Others were presented here in Wooster. For cultivar awards, please see our Winter 2024 Newsletter. Other awards are shown on pages 40 to 43 of this newsletter.



Samantha Schwant and Andrew Veroeven receiving the Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship Award.



Above, clockwise from top-left: ADS President Rhonda Veroeven presenting awards to Sandra Dunn, Steve Williams, Charile Harper and Sandy Holmes.



Gorgeous quilts and artwork at the Saturday evening auction.



Some (but not all, sorry) of our youth members helping at the Friday and Saturday auctions.



Bob Watson facilitated a question and answer session among hybridizers (and interested others)



And all too soon we were checking out and heading for home.

Bye! Faith and I will see you in Indiana!



### Speaking of Future Meetings...

The Wisconsin Daylily Society is hosting the Region 2 Summer Meeting July 17-19 of 2026. The Englerth Bed will be at the home of our president, Monique Warnke. This bed will hold hybridizers' seedling submissions anonymously and will be judged by participants of the Region 2 Summer Meeting.

If you would like to enter a seedling for the 2026 Summer Meeting, please send your plants to Monique between May 1 and June 10, 2025. To coordinate, her email is [mwarnke77@gmail.com](mailto:mwarnke77@gmail.com).

Phil Korth engaged the crowd with his presentation. The auction of 60 plants spanning his and Luella's hybridizing career was spirited. There was something for everyone! Clockwise from top-left: 'Living Stone' (2019), 'Pinewood Shiner' (2020), 'Manna from Heaven' (2011), and 'Princess Addy' (2019). Photos from their Pinewood Gardens website except 'Manna' by Sandra Dunn.



# Region 2 Englerth Award 2024

by Gail Braunstein, Awards and Honors Chair

Somehow, over the last number of years, mother nature has offered up a beautiful day for the Region 2 Summer Meetings. This year was no exception. The “Es-Scape to Ohio” garden tours were blessed with clear skies. Although this year mother nature pulled another of her famous pranks—tons and tons of early spring rains and then the drought began. Daylilies, like many other plants, bloomed two to three weeks early.

The Englerth Bed was located on the beautiful grounds of Kingswood Gardens in Mansfield, Ohio. There were a total of 60 entries from 17 different hybridizers. Some of the entries came from hybridizers who had not entered the competition before. Even with the excellent care of Kingwood staff, most of the plants in the competition bed were past peak and some were completely spent. Those voting for the winner of the Englerth Award had to make a hard decision.



Section of the Englerth Bed on 7/20 at Kingwood Center *Photo by S. Dunn*



Yes, it’s true that Ginny Pearce (left) has won the Englerth Award for the third time. At the 2017 Summer Meeting (Simply Michigan), Ginny took first place with the seedling she later registered as “Plum Thunderstruck.” During the 2021 Summer Meeting in Illinois (Daylily Fun in 2021), Ginny took first again and the seedling was later registered as “Quasar Redshift.”

This year, Ginny’s entry in the Englerth Bed was at location #25. The seedling number is #17-69-01. Ginny describes this cultivar as a Pinkish/Red Unusual Form Tet, with four-way branching and a bud count of 20. This seedling will be registered sometime in the next year. The most interesting part of this victory is that likely for the first time ever the winner was chosen solely on plant habit—because like most plants in the 2024 Englerth Bed, it was not blooming on the day of the garden tours. In fact, 12 non-blooming plants garnered 77 votes out of a total of 107 cast.

Ginny has a background in botany and is a former teacher. She registered her first five plants in 2011 and currently has a total of 53 registered cultivars. Her passion has long been the big round edge cultivars with strong colors and good branching and bud count. Over the last several years she has been working on unusual forms, such as #17-69-01.



Pearce Seedling 17-69-01, Englerth Entry #25 *Photo by Ginny Pearce*

Ginny’s passion for reds has not faded, but lavenders and purples (especially those with blue tones) hold a place in her heart. Not to be forgotten are the near whites. In 2024 Ginny registered the cultivar ‘Mizzin Moonsail,’ which she considers one of her best near whites.

Here is Ginny’s advice to novice hybridizers: “It IS possible to create wonderful new cultivars without a lot of land. Keeping detailed records as I’ve worked over the years has been extremely beneficial. Taking the time to periodically look over those accumulated records against the cross results has revealed important parents and tendencies to me. I’ve found it best to do that record analysis at the end of the season while the plant habits and flowers are still freshest in my mind, but winter is also a good time to think over such things and make plans for the following year’s crosses.” Congrats, Ginny, on an award well-deserved.



Left: 2nd place winner seedling KDP, Englerth #1 by Deryll Keating

No photo was available of 3rd place winner seedling KB4-23, Englerth #42 by Ken Blanchard

# Summer Meeting Notes and Business Meeting Minutes

By Lori Doolin, Region 2 Secretary



## Friday, July 19, 2024

Monique Warnke, Region 2 President, welcomed everyone to the 2024 Region 2 “Es-Scape To Ohio” Summer Meeting. She then asked for a round of applause for our host, the Ohio Daylily Society, which was overwhelmingly given. Nancy Secrist, Meeting Co-Chair, also welcomed everyone and gave some housekeeping details. Following these, she asked Bob Watson to give the invocation. A buffet dinner was then served.



After dinner, Mike Anders reminded everyone that there would be three separate auctions—the Friday night auction, the Saturday night auction, and the Silent Auction. The proceeds from the Friday night auction would benefit Region 2. The proceeds from the Silent Auction and the Saturday night auction would benefit the meeting host club—Ohio Daylily Society—to help offset the meeting expenses. He reviewed auction guidelines and an evening of lively bidding ensued.

## Saturday, July 20, 2024

On Saturday tour buses took attendees to visit the gardens of Ken and Cynthia Blanchard, Jim and Sharon Brewer, David and Sara Martin, Alice Sanz and Doug Conrad, and the Kingwood Center Garden where the Englerth Bed was located. After returning to the Best Western Wooster Hotel, attendees had a bit of time to freshen up prior to the evenings activities.

Monique began by saying she was going to wear multiple hats this evening. With the first hat, Monique represented the Wisconsin Daylily Society, which will be hosting the 2026 Region 2 Summer Meeting in Wisconsin. Her garden will host the Englerth Bed and she will be accepting plants for the bed between Aug 10th and Sept 10th of this year. In 2025 Englerth plants will be accepted May 1st through June 15th. She asked hybridizers to notify her when plants are shipped so she can watch for them. She also invited everyone to attend Wisconsin Daylily Society’s plant sale in August 17 and 18, which is the largest daylily sale in North America. Taking the first hat off and putting on the second hat, Monique stated that she was co-chair for the 2025 ADS National Convention that will be held in Seattle, Washington. She shared information about the 2025 National, including showing a promotional video. Monique asked everyone to register early if you want to go! Wearing the third hat, Monique returned to her role as Region 2 as President. She shared a couple of corrections to the open garden map. Monique noted that the gardens visited on tour today were gorgeous! She was wowed and wanted to thank all of the garden owners for all of their dedicated hard work. Attendees also gave a round of applause to the garden owners.

## Business Meeting



Monique asked Bobbi Johnson, Region 2 Treasurer to come up and give the Treasurer’s Report. Bobbi indicated that the checking account has a balance of \$494.50. In savings the balance is \$25,588.40. And the Certificate of Deposit balance is \$51,621.04. She indicated that if anyone was concerned about the low checking account balance it is due to the fact that a the bill for the newsletter of \$7,300.00 was recently paid. She reminded us that this meeting is a club-sponsored event, not a region-sponsored event. She also thanked everyone for Friday night’s live auction contributions that benefited Region 2.

Monique then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2024 Region 2 Winter Symposium as posted in the last newsletter. The motion was approved by Mike Anders with Sandra Dunn seconding. The motion passed. Sandy Holmes, representing the Nominating Committee for Region 2 President, came forward to report that Monique Warnke was recommended to serve two mores years as Region 2 President. The returned voting ballots unanimously showed that Monique will serve again as Region 2 President until 2026. Attendees applauded.

Monique briefly discussed a couple awards—the Region 2 Service Award and the Moldovan Mentoring Award. She explained that nominations for these awards are due by September 1, 2024. At the National level, Monique was very proud of Region 2 for the many awards that members of Region 2 received.



With no new business or discussion from the floor being brought forward, Monique asked Gail Braunstein to come forward a give out a couple of awards. Gail thanked everyone who placed a vote in the Englerth competition. She said unfortunately Mother Nature didn’t cooperate and there weren’t too many blooms, but the plants and spent scapes could still be evaluated. Gail stated the second place winner was seedling #1 entered by Daryl Keeting and the first place seedling was #25 entered by Ginny Pierce. You can read more about this award on page 31 of this newsletter. Next, Gail explained that The Howard Hite Award is an exclusive hybridizing award given to Region 2 hybridizers only. It is an award that honors those who have contributed in the past or the present. The award was started in 1989 and over 32 different hybridizers have won. Gail went on to describe the current honoree. Congratulations to Mike Holmes, this year,s Howard Hite Award winner. Sandy Holmes, his wife, accepted



the award on Mikes behalf, which was followed by a round of applause. You can read more about this award on page 10 of this newsletter.

Monique then introduced Rhonda Veroven, Region 2 Director and ADS President. Rhonda took the floor and thanked the Ohio Daylily Society for hosting this very enjoyable Regional meeting. She appreciates all of the hard work behind the scenes. ODS received a round of applause from the attendees. Rhonda indicated she has the greatest job ever at the national level because she gets to represent the greatest region and believes Region 2 is a powerhouse to be reckoned with! She then asked for a round of applause for Region 2, which she received. As Region 2 Director, she reported that ADS just had an incredible national convention in Oklahoma in mid-June. She then did a preview of the gardens that will be on tour next year in Seattle, Washington. She indicated they are a must see along with the Chihuly Museum and asked everyone to register as soon as possible.

Rhonda reported that ADS membership has increased slightly with a huge increase in youth membership. Increasing youth membership and membership overall is one of her missions, along with incorporating new and different ideas. She asked that if anyone has an idea they would like to share to please contact her. Rhonda spoke of some newsworthy items from the National Summer Board Meeting. These announcements are presented in paragraphs three through eight and paragraph ten of her Director's Report on pages four and five of this newsletter so they will not be repeated here. She then reported on one initiative to create a youth hybridizing award that she thanked Jamie Gossard for bringing forward. Rhonda reminded everyone that nominations are soon due for the Regional Service Award, the Moldovan Mentoring Award that is sponsored by Region 2, the Bertrand Farr Award that is similar to the Howard Hite Award but at a national level, the Helen Field Fisher Award for meritorious service at the national level, and the Electronic Media Award for anyone who advances of daylilies through the use of electronic media.

Next Rhonda reported that there were several Region 2 awards handed out at the National convention, including many cultivar awards which were highlighted in the Winter 2024 Edition of this newsletter. Other ADS awards (personal, newsletter, photography) are presented on pages 40 to 43 of the current newsletter. Of special note, Owen Heffernan received a cash award for a photo he entered in the Youth Photography contest. The final award announcement was the Moldovan Mentoring Award. Rhonda explained this annual award is done by secret ballot and is a lifetime achievement award. With deep pleasure, Rhonda was able to present the Moldovan Mentoring Award from the national meeting to Region 2 member Sandy Holmes who has mentored numerous hybridizers and is instrumental in chairing the annual Shirley Farmer meeting. Sandy came forward and explained that it was more than a great honor to receive this award because Steve Moldovan was her dear friend and mentor. (See page 40 for more information).



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Barb Buikema then came to the podium, introducing herself as Publicity Director for Region 2 and the Chair for the Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship Award. She noted it is her pleasure to announce the recipients of this award for 2024 and she introduced committee members Pat Titus, Region 2 Youth Chair, Sandra Dunn, Region 2 Newsletter Editor, Bob's sisters Barb Kedler and Marsha Bostic, and Joe Monin and Ray Rayberg who have the honor of continuing Bob's hybridizing program and his vision of daylilies. She then asked the committee members and Bob's sisters to come forward to present this years awards to Andrew Veroveen and Samantha Schwant.

You can read more about each of these scholarship recipients on pages 34 to 35.



#### **Featured Speakers: Phil and Luella Korth**

Mike Anders introduced the our speaker for the evening—Phil Korth of Pinewood Gardens in Saumico, Wisconsin, representing the hybridizing he does with his wife Luella. Mike also added that a generous donor had given double fans of the speakers' introduction 'Northern Treasure' to each of the youth registered for this meeting. Phil let the audience know that he and Luella are a hybridizing team. He said both of their names are on all of their introductions, which is unusual and challenging as they both have to agree on all aspects of an introduction including the name. Phil shared stories of their hybridizing history, goals, and processes. Phil



showed photos of many daylilies in their program in colors of pastel, cream, pink, white, and purple, which they especially love. He showed several more photos of their seedlings and future introductions that received oohs and ahhs from the audience. Phil ended by saying that besides daylilies, they also enjoy hiking and fishing. He asked the audience if they had any questions because he drove 580 miles to answer questions. There were plenty of questions.



A special auction of Korth daylilies followed, which benefitted ODS. The Korth's donated many newer plants and ODS members and friends donated older cultivars, many of which the Korths no longer carry. Three amazing paintings and quilts were also auctioned. The end of this auction marked the closing of the 2024 Region 2 "Es-Scape To Ohio" Summer Meeting.

# Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship Awards 2024

by Barb Buikema, Committee Chair

The Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship Award (BFMYSA) was established in 2021 by Bob's family and Region 2 to honor Bob (right) for the many roles he played — day-lily hybridizer, youth mentor, beloved brother, and special friend. At our Region 2 Summer Meeting, I had the pleasure of announcing the recipients of this year's Bob Faulkner Memorial Youth Scholarship Award. We were pleased to have two winners this year.



Sam is involved with FFA and the 4-H. She raises Sebastopol Geese, American Buff Geese, and Cochin Chickens for exhibition at Poultry Shows throughout the Midwest. During the summer and in her spare time you can also find Samantha playing softball, basketball, French horn and electric guitar.

Samantha's love for daylilies, especially doubles, began at a Wisconsin Daylily Society (WDS) meeting where a guest speaker highlighted doubles and it got her attention.



Our first recipient of this year's BFMYSA was Samantha Schwandt. Samantha is from Wisconsin. She is 14 years old and will be a high school freshman this year. She lives on a hobby farm with her parents Theresa and Dan, brother Danial, sister Delainey, and dog Ruby. This family keeps very busy raising rabbits, ducks, chickens, geese, and Miniature Herford cattle.

At the yearly Wisconsin Garden Expo, you can find Sam volunteering at the WDS booth answering questions on daylilies. She has also worked at the Daylily Society of SouthEast Wisconsin sale, setting up daylilies to get ready for the sale and helping customers. She is now a veteran daylily runner at our Regional auctions.

Samantha began hybridizing with her mom last summer and started her first seedlings this past January, which yielded about 75 seedlings now planted in the garden. With the scholarship, Samantha is looking at purchasing double daylilies to help in her quest at hybridizing!



Photos by Theresa Schwandt

Our next scholarship recipient also hails from Wisconsin. Congratulations, Andrew Vereoven! Andrew is the son of Tony and Rhonda Vereoven.



The list of this young man’s accomplishments is nothing less than extraordinary. As Andrew described in his application, “Since I was four, I have been experimenting in the garden with hybridizing daylilies. Rick Kaja taught me how to hybridize. I have received support from a lot of hybridizers, such as Bob Faulkner, Nan Ripley, Genni Kleckner, Dr. Scott Elliott, and Daryl Apps, to name a few.”

Andrew has been active in the Wisconsin Daylily Society (WDS) for 14 years. He has volunteered at the digs for the adoption/auction program each year. He has dug, divided, tagged, and run plants for the WDS sale, which by the way is the largest daylily sale in the US and Canada. Andrew has also helped maintain the club gardens at the West Madison Research Station, Allen Centennial Gardens and the Rotary Botanical Gardens.

Regionally, Andrew has donated several of his intros to plant auctions. He has participated in the Englerth Seedling Award contest where his seedling took third place twice. How incredible is that?

At the national level, Andrew has twice donated the naming rights to his introductions, raising considerable funds for ADS.

Andrew specializes in tetraploids and works toward great color, bold eyes and edges, strong, branching, and bud count. He is now working on color breaks and stripes.



‘Dolphins at Dawn’  
(Vereoven, 2023)

In 2022 Andrew won the Erin Stamile award, a memorial to the daughter of Patrick and Grace Stamile. This was a great honor for

Andrew. He was awarded a lifetime ADS membership. This year, he won two additional national awards—the Mabel Matthews Scholarship and the Bertie Ferris Youth Scholarship. In his spare time, Andrew has reached the status of Eagle Scout.



This fall, Andrew will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He will be pursuing a BS in horticultural and environmental sciences. He was preparing for college and was unable to attend the Summer Meeting. But we all enjoyed having Andrew on Facetime with us as he received this award, which was presented to his mother—our ADS President Rhonda Vereoven.



AND... Andrew is a talented multi-instrumentalist



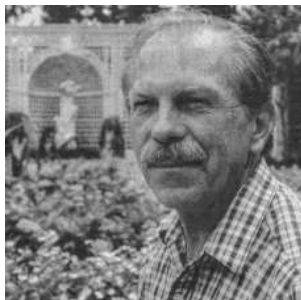
Barb Buikema (left) and Region 2 President Monique Warnke presenting Andrew with this award at the 2024 National Convention

Photos by Rhonda Vereoven and Barb Buikema

# Remembering Charles Applegate: Ohio Daylily Society and Kingwood Center Gardens Hybridizer

by Jim Brewer, Secretary Ohio Daylily Society\*

Today Charles Applegate is a memory, and kind of a legend. But in his heyday, in the world of Ohio daylilies, or at least daylilies in the Kingwood Center-based Ohio Daylily Society, he was a leader, an innovator, and an inspiration to those who were caught up by the daylily passion.



Charles Applegate  
*Mansfield News Journal,*  
August 2, 1992

In 2003, Charles, or Charlie, as those who knew him quickly assumed the less formal nickname, won the Howard Hite Achievement Award for Hybridizing Excellence, following in the footsteps of better known area hybridizers Steve Moldovan (1994) and Curt Hanson (1998).

Charlie grew up on an Ohio farm and gardening was part of his upbringing. He was in the U.S Army from 1950-52, serving in Heidelberg, West Germany, in the headquarters of the European Command. He then went to college, majoring, curiously, in theater at the Art Institute of Chicago, and later enrolled in the cinema department at Bob Jones University.



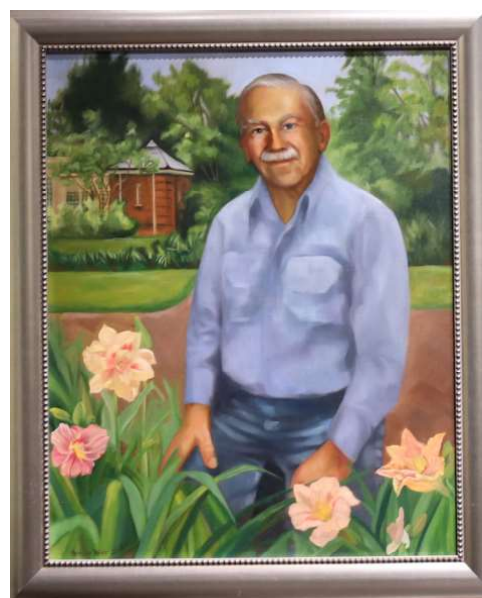
Faye Griebing, Charles Applegate, and Steve Moldovan at Kingwood Center  
*Mansfield News Journal,*  
October 3, 1967

While attending Bob Jones, he landed a summer job at Kingwood Center, a botanical garden and arboretum in Mansfield. There he met his future bride Linda and discovered a talent for dealing with plants—both loves that lasted a lifetime.

The Ohio Hemerocallis Society (now known as the Ohio Daylily Society, or ODS) met at Kingwood. Charlie once wrote “and I saw one of their shows there, and eventually I joined.”

Charlie admitted “I never took a horticulture class, but I learned on the job (at Kingwood) by seeing what was done and getting ideas from visiting other gardens and reading professional periodicals. The reaction of visitors to what we do also helped me create new landscaping ideas.”

He said he learned flower arranging at Kingwood “our of sheer necessity. When flowers were needed and no one else was available to make the arrangements, I often got the job.” His arranging was influenced by Sheila MacQueen, a British arranger who helped do the flowers for Queen Elizabeth’s wedding, and someone who Charlie regarded as a friend.



Portrait of Charles Applegate at work,  
which hangs in the Kingwood Welcome Center  
Patricia Miller, artist (2014)  
*Photo by Sandra Dunn*

\*Writer’s Note: Information for this article was taken from earlier articles written for the AHS Region 2 Newsletter by Nikki Schmith of the (then) Southwestern Michigan Hemerocallis Society and Rosemary Foltz of the Ohio Daylily Society, Fall 2000 and Fall 2003.

He started hybridizing daylilies around 1980, and many of his early productions were pink, his favorite color. His daylilies usually had a Biblical name or religious reference. His first introduction, 'Blessing', won the American Hemerocallis Society Achievement Medal as a seedling in 1989, and later an Honorable Mention. His 'Land of Promise', a cross of 'Blessing' with a double, won the Englerth Award in 1992. He registered a total of 45 daylilies between 1980 and the early 2000s, earning two Englerth Awards, the aforementioned AHS Achievement Award and Honorable Mention, and three national awards for horticulture achievement: the Gold Medal Award from the Gardeners of America, the 1992 Master Gardener Award, and the Clinton Award from the State Council of Garden Clubs.

Charlie credited his prowess as a hybridizer to a good friend and teacher, Dr. Horace Wright of Xenia, Ohio, who also hybridized iris. He once told Horace, "Seeing all the new daylily varieties coming to Kingwood, I decided I wanted to make my own."

His earlier cultivars were mostly pink, then the most popular color, but later he bred orange and yellow cultivars, as well as some doubles. He gained much of his knowledge of horticulture by reading seed catalogs and price lists. He often ordered new daylilies with using them for hybridizing in mind.

He frequently left a list of crosses for wife Linda to work on while he was at



'Blessing'  
(Applegate, 1989)  
Photo by Sandra Dunn



'Very Faithful'  
(Applegate, 2007)  
Photo by Charlie Harper

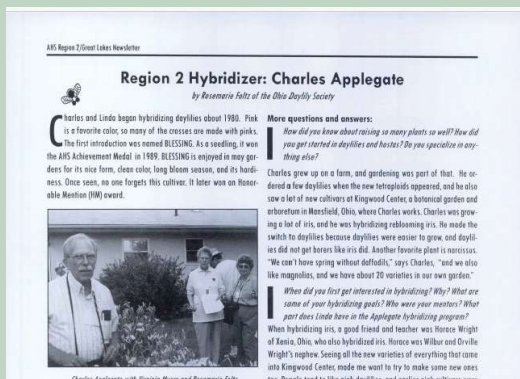
work at Kingwood. But on Saturdays, when he was off, he made his own crosses. He then used paper cups to store his seeds, labeling them himself, planting them around Thanksgiving, and lining them out around Memorial Day. When the seedlings bloomed, he and Linda selected the "keepers."

Charlie and Linda lived in rural Perrysville, on Pleasant Hill Road, and the south side of Pleasant Hill Lake in southeastern Richland County. Charlie died on July 6, 2013, at the peak of the daylily blooming season. Linda

still lives in their home and maintains a garden filled with daylilies and other flowering plants. Charlie is also remembered with a display of his cultivars in a Kingwood Center daylily bed.



## Media Rembrances Then and Now:



Left: Cropped image of an article about Charles Applegate by Rosemary Foltz, published in the Fall, 2000, edition of *Great Lakes Daylily*. Right: June 27, 2024 Facebook post.



# BACK HOME IN INDIANA

Region 2 Summer Meeting  
July 18-20, 2025 in Lafayette, Indiana



Please join us “Back Home In Indiana” for the 2025 Region 2 Summer Meeting. The conference hotel will be the Courtyard by Marriott Lafayette. More detailed information will follow in the Winter *Great Lakes Daylily* and on our website as it becomes available: <https://adsregion2.org>.



Bret Clement/ Clement Garden  
Clark’s Hill, IN

Bret Clement’s hybridizing garden is located on 3/4 of an acre at the Sutter’s property. Here you will find all of his 250+ intros, many thousands of seedlings and several hundred mostly recent cultivars, primarily from other northern hybridizers.



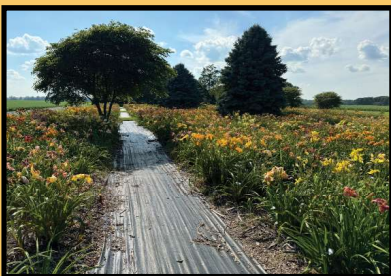
Angel and Pete Webb/ Webbs Daylily Garden  
Frankfurt, IN

A small rural garden with over 500 named daylilies and over 10,000 seedlings. The Webbs hybridize and specialize in unique daylilies that are well adapted to the cold northern Indiana winters.



Linda and Gregg Sutter  
Clark’s Hill, IN

“If one is good, more is better” is Gregg’s motto and it shows in the ten acres of daylilies on the Sutters’ property. Linda and Gregg are not hybridizers, but they certainly are collectors-- of over 1500 varieties, many of which are growing in 100 foot rows.



Jayne and Greg Lough / Sugar Creek Daylily Gardens  
Darlington, IN

Situated in the middle of rural corn fields are 2400 premier daylilies bursting with color! Our beautiful gardens are easy to navigate and well-organized with our catalog and bed layout. We continually update our collection with our own hybrids and hardy northern growers.

# What's In A Name?

by Richard K. Rabeler

*Editor's Note: Since Charlie Harper had the idea for this series a few years ago, we have had a variety of hybridizers share how they chose to name some of their introductions. We welcome your stories! Please share them with me at [greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com](mailto:greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com). You can write about individual plant naming stories or themes that you use. What you share is up to you.*

*In this issue, our 'What's In A Name?' story is a first—not from a hybridizer, but from a Region 2 member who heard a plant name and wondered about its origins. Brian Mahieu, if you are out there and can clarify, we'd love to hear from you!*



'Hakuunzan' (Mahieu, 2008)

Photo by Rich Rabeler



*Hemerocallis hakuunensis*

Photo by Sandra Dunn

## 'Hakuunzan' (Mahieu, 2008)

During a visit to Along the Fence Daylilies in mid-July, my wife Karen and I decided to add this variety to our daylily collection. It is registered as "100 buds and 10 branches" and was quite a presence as a clump. Sandra Dunn shared that while she doesn't see quite those stats, she routinely sees 60 buds and six branches in Michigan. When she was digging a clump to split for us, she wondered aloud why Brian Mahieu chose names such as this ('Hakuunzan') or his viking series that are hard to pronounce and make it difficult for customers to remember or ask for them. Being a retired plant taxonomist who has dealt with all sorts of plant names, that did peak my curiosity.

A week later, we were visiting Jerry and Lisa Marlatt at Ogden Station Daylilies and among the plants we chose was *Hemerocallis hakuunensis*, a species daylily. Checking the ADS Database for 'Hakuunzan' (<https://daylilydatabase.org>), I noted that one of the parents of 'Hakuunzan' was *H. hakuunensis*. I became more intrigued.

When a new plant species is described, the author must include a description of the plant as well as designate a specimen (the "type" specimen) which the author used in writing that description. The type specimen is deposited in an herbarium (collection of plant specimens that have been dried and mounted on archival paper) where others can also consult it so as to clearly know the concept of the plant that the author had in mind. *Hemerocallis hakuunensis* was described in 1943 by Takenoshin Nakai, a Japanese botanist, from a specimen he had collected in Korea in 1934.<sup>1</sup> That specimen is deposited in the herbarium at the University of Tokyo.

While I don't know exactly what Mr. Mahieu had in mind when he named 'Hakuunzan,' I have a very good idea after reading Nakai's description of *H. hakuunensis*. Nakai described the locality where he collected the type specimen as "in herbidis montis Hakuunzan 500-800 m sat vulgaris" or common among grasses on Mt. Hakuunzan, 500-800 meter altitude. Both the species epithet *hakuunensis* and 'Hakuunzan' commemorate the Korean locality where *H. hakuunensis* was first gathered.

There is one more question that would complete the story but, as you will see, is a bit difficult to precisely answer: where in Korea is Mt. Hakuunzan? At the time that Nakai both collected and wrote about *H. hakuunensis*, Korea was ruled by Japan and the entire peninsula was known as Chosen or Tyôsen. Nakai (1943) noted the locality was in "Tyôsen Prov. Zennan." In an article discussing Nakai's collecting trips, Kim & al<sup>2</sup> noted that Nakai described the localities "in Romanized characters based on Japanese pronunciation," making it difficult "to pinpoint those sites using the current or old Korean maps." *A Catalogue of Vascular Plant Type Specimens from Korea* (Chang & al, 2015) includes a listing for the type specimen of *H. hakuunensis* and they list the province as both "Zennan" and "Jeollanam-do." The latter is one of the current spellings for the southwesternmost province of South Korea.

1 Nakai, J. Jap. Bot. 19: 315. 1943

2 Korean J. Pl. Taxon. 36: 217-225. 2006

# Region 2 Recipients 2024 ADS Personal Awards

## Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award Recipient: Sandy Holmes



The Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award was established in 2007 to honor the memory of hybridizer Steve Moldovan for his life-long mentoring efforts. The award recognizes individuals who reflect the level of support Steve Moldovan exemplified during his lifetime, which may include mentoring new hybridizers, youth, and/or local daylily clubs. It is especially fitting that Sandy Holmes was this year's recipient since Steve Moldovan was her dear friend and her own mentor.

A brief sampling of Sandy's mentoring efforts:

- \* Holding a variety of leadership positions at the regional and national level which by their nature require a level of mentoring (including President of Region 2 from 2018 to 2022)
- \* Mentoring new leaders in all Regional positions
- \* Assuming the facilitator role at the Shirley Farmer Midwest Hybridizers meetings when Shirley was no longer able to do so
- \* Serving as a garden judge instructor for years, teaching classes across the Region and at National events
- \* Welcoming novice to veteran hybridizers to Riverbend Daylilies, where she and Mike hybridize, including during Northern Mecca
- \* Speaking at dozens of daylily clubs across the country over the past 18 years
- \* Kindly responding to countless emails, phone calls, and texts

## Regional Service Award Winners: Jim Cruise and Jacob Braun

As the name suggests, the Regional Service Award is given for outstanding service to ADS at the regional level. The dynamic duo of Jacob Braun and Jim Cruise have shown ongoing service at the local, regional, and national level for years.

Examples of their daylily-related service activities:

- \* Assisted in the formation of a local daylily club
- \* Active members in other local daylily clubs
- \* Co-hosts of the 2016 Regional Summer Meeting
- \* Bus captains at several regional conventions
- \* Both have served in positions at the national level, always representing the interests of Region 2 members
- \* Jacob served as Regional Secretary and assisted in the Regional Technology Team's implementation of a new website
- \* Jim coordinates the national photography contest, which so many Region 2 photographers enter
- \* Active Garden and Exhibition Judges
- \* Willing to help others in whatever way is needed



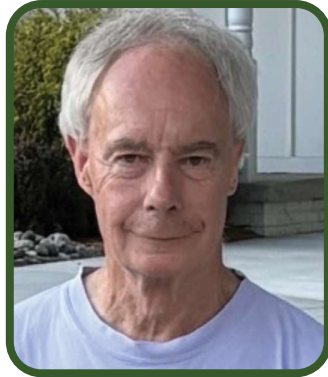
Photos by Barb Buikema



# Region 2 Recipients 2023 ADS Newsletter Awards

## Best Article About Hybridizing: Written by Bob Mainfort

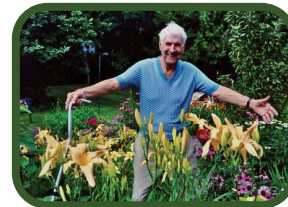
**'Al Goldner and the Foundations of his Hybridizing Program, Part 1'**  
*Great Lakes Daylily, Spring, 2023*



### Al Goldner and the Foundations of his Hybridizing Program, Part 1

by Bob Mainfort

Al Goldner was a consummate landscaper and nurseryman who also had a passion for hybridizing daylilies. Goldner liked daylilies because they are largely flowers, perched on tall, stiff scapes. These are among the characteristics that maintain the relevance of Al Goldner's daylilies some 20 years after he passed on.



## Best Humorous Article: Written by Charlie Harper

**'C.H.A.D.—The Gardener's Disease That Keeps on Giving'**  
**(Compulsive Horticultural Acquisition Disorder)**  
*Great Lakes Daylily, Winter, 2023*



### C.H.A.D. The Gardener's Disease That Keeps on Giving

by Charlie Harper

Every now and then, I come across some information about gardeners and gardening that I think is worth sharing. Around 15 years ago, I attended a lecture by Dr. Laura Deeter, a Professor of Horticultural Technologies at The Ohio State University, who told us about a disease that we should watch out for. She called it C.H.A.D. As I was placing a couple of orders for more hostas and daylilies the other day, it dawned on me that I was fully engulfed in this little-recognized disease. I thought I had it under control, but it reappears each year like 'spring sickness.' It's rarely fatal, nor requires hospitalization, and is usually forgotten a few weeks after the new plants are in the ground. Some might argue that it is quite beneficial to the horticultural industry.

So, what is this mysterious disease?  
**Compulsive Horticultural Acquisition Disorder (C.H.A.D.).**



How many hostas does one really need? New plants! More plants! When does it ever stop?



How many daylilies does one really need? Maybe if I pray more, I can get control of this addiction.

## Best Use of Graphics & Images in a Regional Newsletter: Saundra Dunn, editor of *Great Lakes Daylily*



## Best Article About Outreach: Written by Nikki Schmith

### 'Great Expectations, Better Reality'

*Great Lakes Daylily, Late Summer, 2023*



### Great Expectations, Better Reality.

Article and photos by Nikki Schmith

The obsession I have with daylily exhibitions goes back almost 30 years now. My personal goal has been to accumulate TEN Best in Show wins and as of this year I'm only one away! I am proud to say that I helped "write the book" on the subject throughout the early 2000s. And I served on the Exhibitions Committee just before the turn of the century under David Kirchoff was the first official job I ever did for AHS. I've judged, taught classes, attended and hosted shows in many regions in my time and often my "jobs" around making shows happen



## Best Article About Photographing Daylilies: Written by Sandra Dunn based on conversations with our 2022 Region 2 Photography Contest judges

### 'Planning For Great Daylily Photos'

*Great Lakes Daylily, Spring, 2023*



### Planning For Great Daylily Photos

by Sandra Dunn,

based on conversations with our 2022 Region 2 Photo Contest judges

I faithfully entered the Region 2 Photo Contest for many years before I became the Great Lakes Daylily editor and was ineligible. When the winners and honorable mentions were announced, I would eagerly flip

Former Region 2 President Charlie Harper shared that "Photo contest judging gives me a chance to look in on what other photographers are up to and watch the progress of individual photographers over the years."

#### Our 2022 Region 2 Photo Contest Judges



**Charlie Harper** has been taking photos since the days of black and white film. He won the ADS Multi-Bloom award in 2014 and was the ADS Photo Contest manager for several years.



**Joe Cleary:** Nature photographer capturing the beauty of our planet. Dedicated to preserving the environment through stunning imagery.



**Mary Kwas,** Region 2 contest winner, advises "You don't need a great camera to take a great photo. I just use a compact point-and-shoot camera. Set a high resolution and get close to your subject."



**Regina Stout** does whatever it takes to get the right perspective, and sometimes that includes climbing up to the barn roof with your kids.

Links to these and other previous Great Lakes Daylily articles can be found at <https://adsregion2.org/newsletter/>

# Region 2 Recipients 2023 ADS Photography Awards

## The Mildred Schlumpf Single Bloom Award Winner

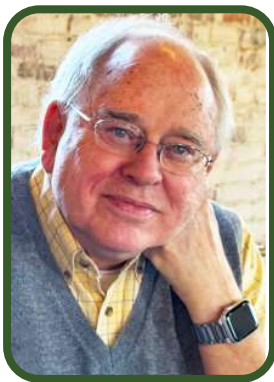


**Patricia Jacko**



**'Carpenter's Choice' (Kirby-Oakes, 1981)**

## The ADS Multibloom Award Winner



**Charlie Harper**



**'Working Late' (Williams-S., 2020)**

## The ADS Youth Photography (Beginner Division) Award Winner



**Owen Heffernan**



**'Moses' Fire' (Joiner, 1998)**



**Reminder:**  
**ADS Photography  
Contest Deadline  
is November 1.  
See ADS website  
for details:  
[daylilies.org](http://daylilies.org)**

# Hybridizing 'How-To' Hints and Tips

## Introduction by Sandra Dunn

As I noted when we launched this series in our spring edition, 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 the debut article, we started with the very practical question of “How do you tag your crosses in the field?” We heard from several hybridizers whose methods included colored paper clips, paper tags, trail tape, and vinyl labels.

Hopefully if you followed their advice, those seeds have matured and you know who the parents were! So now what? Hybridizers Nancy and Bob Watson, Jerry Marlatt, Ginny Pearce, Bobbi Johnson, and Steve Williams share their insights on seed harvesting and storage below. 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](mailto:greatlakesdaylily@gmail.com) to contribute. Think about how helpful this would have been when you were starting out!

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

Our process for tagging pollinations and for seed harvest and storage are interconnected. As we shared in the spring issue, 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

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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.



Since each pollination is numbered with the cross entered into a spreadsheet at the time of the pollination, collecting seeds is very simple. We use condiment cups with lids or small coin envelopes. We keep these in a Ziplock baggie in the gator. After collecting the pods, we put the pod with the numbered tag in the envelope or cup. Then the envelopes or cups go back into the baggie until we take them into house. Next, we shell the pods and log the quantity of seeds in the spreadsheet. We place the seeds in small disposable cups (the three-ounce size) to dry for a day or two. Then we place the seeds in a small ziplock baggie with a piece of paper towel to absorb moisture. The baggies then go into the refrigerator until we plant in January.



## Jerry Marlatt Ogden Station Daylilies, Blissfield, Michigan

I collect pods every other day that have started to crack open, place the pods in a divided craft container, and include a slip with the name of the pod parent. The pods stay there for four days. Then I shell them out, and let them dry another four days. I add a piece of paper towel to each container to help absorb any moisture still in the seed. I close the lid and place the containers in two layers of plastic bags before putting them in the refrigerator until I'm ready to plant the seed at the beginning of January. I check the trays every two weeks to remove any moldy seed and replace the paper towels with new dry ones.



If I'm going to be out of town when pods are ripening, I place a white cloth bag fastened with a rubber band so if the seed were to fall out of the pod, it will remain in the bag.



**Ginny Pearce**  
Garden Path Perennials, Grand Rapids, Michigan



As with many hybridizing tasks, I do things differently than most but having tried varied approaches over time, this one works the best for me in my smaller garden

with very targeted crossings. The most unusual thing I do, way before I collect any seeds, is to write the cross on the pods themselves with a fine point Sharpie pen. I wait for the pods to grow to their full size before attempting this so there's adequate space for the information. Then I wait for the pods to ripen fully. I do not allow the pod to open on its own though as I feel that introduces too many airborne pathogens onto the seeds which can lead to rot over the winter. Instead, I look for signs of pod ripeness like golden color or thinning of the outer pod tissue. If a pod looks ripe, I give it a gentle squeeze. If the natural fissures pop apart, I pick the pod knowing the seeds inside are fully mature. With the cross already written on the pod, it's super easy to quickly fill my pockets with ripe pods as I survey the garden each day.



Once inside the house, I shuck the pods onto a clean kitchen counter or table and keep the written on section of the pods with each seed group to maintain identification. I check for seed firmness, throwing away any that are the least bit soft. After only a 15 minute drying off period, I put the seeds into tiny zip lock style bags identified with the cross and store them on the top shelf of my

refrigerator away from ripening fruit. Storing plump seeds in plastic bags has not been a problem (for me) due to as close to sterile conditions as I can provide in storing them away—pods not yet open, clean counter, clean hands, new zip lock bags. Periodically through the winter, I do check for soft or rotten seeds in each packet. If I find any 'rotters,' I take all the seeds out of the bag, clean up the firm ones with a bleach solution, dry them thoroughly, and repackage into a new zip lock bag. Then it's simply waiting until February 1st to start growing them, when some will have already sprouted on their own.



**Bobbi Johnson**  
Johnson Daylilies and Iris, Rockland, Wisconsin



You can check out my YouTube video "Are the daylily seeds ready to harvest?" Once they are, I use paper coin envelopes for seed storage in the fridge. I can re-use them if needed and, being paper, they do not have moisture issues. Storing these in a shoe box or crisper drawer works best. Place the coin envelopes with the names facing one side to sort easier. Seeds do not fall out when stored with the top flap this way.



I have experimented with freezing seeds since those left outdoors here in Zone 4b seeds would ultimately freeze in the winter. Freezer storage of seeds does limit the number of seeds that will germinate in the spring. I have found that seeds need to be extremely dry to prevent rot when thawing. Using this method truly does mean that the strongest will survive

out of the reduced number of seeds that do germinate. I no longer use this method, but it can be done. Like some other hybridizers, I have moved to planting directly in the soil after a period of refrigeration.



I have found storage of seeds in paper envelopes to work better than in plastic. Plastic jewelry bags need to have good dry seeds and a piece of paper towel to prevent rot from too much humidity. In this photo you can see the moisture. The seed has already begun to rot. I don't experience rotten seed very often using paper coin envelopes.

**Editor's Note:** Steve's article spans the topics covered in the most recent, current, and next issues of Great Lakes Daylily in the "Hybridizing 'How-To' Hints and Tips" series. Because his cross-marking method is a bit different from anything described in the last issue, I wanted to include it here. And since he plants in November, I wanted to include his comments about that now in case any of you want to try this method. It obviously works well for Steve, as he is an award-winning hybridizer.

**Steve Williams**  
**O'Bannon Springs Daylilies, Lancaster, Ohio**

As many people do, I use different colors of telephone wire to mark daylily crosses. But, instead of matching wires with specific daylilies, I select a different color of wire for each day of hybridizing. Every cross made on a particular day gets the same wire color. All crosses are written in a Stenographer's notebook with the date and wire color listed at the top of the page. I never cross a given plant with more than one pollen parent on a single day.

Later, when seeds are collected, all seeds in a pod are placed in a letter size envelope with the wire. The name of the pod parent and the color of the wire are listed on the front of the envelope. Later, I use the wire color to find the page in my notebook for the day the cross was made and I record the pollen parent and number of seeds in the envelope.



I plant all seeds directly in the ground in mid-November, after there have been a few nights of freezing temperatures. I make holes in the seed bed using a tool made of PVC pipe.

Holes are placed eight inches on center and a wooden stake is pounded in the ground after every five holes.



All of the seeds from one seed pod are emptied into one hole, regardless of the number of seeds in the pod.



Empty envelopes are kept in order in shoe boxes, so maps showing each cross can be made after planting, by recording the information on the envelopes. With five crosses between stakes, it is easy to see which cross is which in a row, even if seeds from a particular cross don't grow. When



they are big enough, all seedlings from a cross are easily dug all at once with a small shovel. They can then be separated and planted in rows, with stakes separating each different cross. I always plant new seedlings eight inches on center, with the same number of plants in each row. It is critical for me to keep rows straight and spacing equal, so maps are easy to make and seedlings are easy to identify.

I have used this method for several years and it allows me to plant many seeds in a relatively short period of time and in a reasonable amount of space.

## Calling All Hybridizers! Flower photo needed.

In the winter edition of this newsletter, we are going to highlight the tremendous talents of our Region 2 hybridizers. Whether you are a backyard beginning, a veteran award-winner, or anywhere in-between, please send me 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! Email your photo to Sandra at greatlakes-daylily@gmail.com. Thank you!

# 2024 REGION 2 PHOTO CONTEST

## BEST SINGLE BLOOM PHOTO

Winner (tie):  
**Debbie Scheckel**  
New Lenox, IL

'Thelma Douglas'  
(Douglas-C., 2008)  
Prize: 'Michigan Farm Girls'  
(Holmes-S., 2023)



Winner (tie):  
**Vickie Goedde**  
Elberfeld, IN  
'Palladian White'  
(Pearce-G., 2022)  
Prize: 'Michigan Farm Girls'  
(Holmes-S., 2023)



# BEST MULT-BLOOM PHOTO

Winner:  
**Christine Haynam**  
Cortland, OH

'Pharaoh's Arrows' (Pierce-G., 2017)  
Prize: 'Just for Kevin'  
(Holmes-S., 2023)



Thank you to Sandy Holmes of Riverbend Daylily Garden for donating her intros as our first place prizes!



Runner-up:  
**Richard Stevens, Carrollton, OH**

'Bromance' (Bremer, 2014)  
Prize: \$50 gift certificate to Along The Fence Daylilies



'Michigan Farm Girls'  
(2023)



'Just for Kevin'  
(2023)



'Lizard Thief'  
(2023)

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

# BEST ARTISTIC/CREATIVE PHOTO



Winner:

**Theresa Schwandt, Reeseville, WI**

Field of Color

Prize: 'Lizard Thief' (Holmes-S., 2023)



Runner-up:

**JoAnne Frederick, Upper Sandusky, OH**

Frederick seedling, unregistered

Prize: \$50 gift certificate to Along The Fence Daylilies

## ABOUT OUR JUDGES

Many thanks to our team  
of returning judges!

Charlie Harper, former Region 2 president, is a repeat winner of photography awards at the national level.

Elaine Yanz is a life-long gardener and in her retirement from music teaching has begun floral and landscape painting again.

Mary Kwas has alternated the past few years between entering (and often winning) this contest and judging for us.

Regina Stout is a much sought-after photographer for community activities, sporting events, and tree-frog-in-daylily sightings.

# HONORABLE MENTION: SINGLE BLOOM

Thanks to each of these photographers for sharing their beautiful images with us. Twenty people participated who did not enter a photo last year! More honorable mention photos will be published in future issues of *Great Lakes Daylily*.



**David Winter**  
Olmstead Township, OH  
'Thief of Time'  
(Reed, 2023)



**Vickie Goedde**  
Elberfeld, IN  
'Lemon Lime Swirl'  
(Herrington-K., 2006)

- Alice Sanz, OH
- Amy McConnell, OH
- Ansley Titus, IL
- Barb Brevick, MI
- Barb Buikema, MI
- Barry Rowe, WI
- Bob Buikema, MI
- Bobbi Johnson, WI
- Bobbie Craig, IN
- Cathy Coulson, MI
- Charlie Harper, OH
- Cheryl Jenkins, IN
- Christine Haynam, OH
- David Winter, OH
- Deb Scheckel, IL
- Debby Colvin, OH
- Frank Kleckner, WI
- Genni Kleckner, WI
- Ginny Pearce, MI
- Gloria Finnerty, IN
- Greg Beavers, IN
- Jason Coleman, MI
- Jill Ann Ladrack, OH
- JoAnne Frederick, OH
- Kelly Ashenback, WI
- Kelly Williams, OH
- Lezlie Myers, IN
- Lisa Blocker, IN
- Mike Christner, IN
- Nancy Secrist, OH
- Nancy Sniff, MI
- Pat Titus, IL
- Patricia Jacko, OH
- Paula Currie, MI
- Richard Stevens, OH
- Rhonda Veroeven, WI
- Sandy Gabriel, IL
- Sandra Shull, IL
- Sharon Brewer, OH
- Shirley Toney, IN
- Theresa Schwandt, WI
- Tracye Douglas, OH
- Vickie Goedde, IN



**Rhonda Veroeven**  
Windsor, WI  
'Jeffcoat Seedling'



**Patricia Jacko**  
Hinckley, OH  
'Neon Flamingo'  
(Gossard, 2006)



**Richard Stevens**  
Carrollton, OH  
'Osterized'  
(Hite-Davisson, 1999)



**Tracye Douglas**  
Galloway, OH  
'Spacecoast Fires of Mordor'  
(Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2024)

# HONORABLE MENTION: MULTI-BLOOM



Christine Haynam  
Cortland, OH  
'Elizabeth Salter'  
(Salter, 1990)



Rhonda Veroeven  
Windson, WI  
'Breathing in Snowflakes'  
(Douglas-H., 2016)



Bobbie Craig  
Osgood, IN  
'Lola Branham'  
(Burkey, 1991)



Nancy Secrist  
Grand Rapids, MI  
'Feathered Serpent'  
(Polston, 2017)



Cathy Coulson  
Pinckney, MI  
'Rocky Horror'  
(Reed, 1994)



Ginny Pearce  
Grand Rapids, MI  
'Blue Jean Chic'  
(Pearce-G., 2023)



Cheryl Jenkins  
Bloomington, IN  
'Arizona Sunset'  
(Boatwright, 2010)

# HONORABLE MENTION: ARTISTIC/CREATIVE



Jason Coleman  
Ypsilanti, MI  
'Swiss Strawberry' with Bee  
(Wild, 1964)



Kelly Williams  
New Lenox, IL  
I'm Happy It's Daylily Season



Debbie Scheckel  
New Lenox, IL  
'Signature Truffle'  
(Kirchhoff-D., 2004)



Lisa Blocker  
Lansing, MI  
Colorful White Shed



Tracye Douglas  
Galloway, OH  
'Fried Green Tomatoes'  
(Herrington-T., 2012)



Sharon Brewer  
Perrysville, OH  
'Buttermilk Pie' with Butterfly  
(Norris-R., 2012)



Ginny Pearce  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Seedling #22-29-03  
(Pearce-G., unregistered)

# Region 2 Club Reports

## Central Illinois Daylily Society

article and (most) photos by Lori Doolin



'Flawless in His Eyes'  
(Korth-P.-Korth-L., 2022)

Central Illinois Daylily Society has had a busy year! In April the club invited Phil Korth of Pinewood Gardens to be our speaker. The presentation on his and Luella's hybridizing program was wonderful. An unusual aspect of their program is they are a hybridizing team, which means they both have to agree on the flowers that are introduced or they do not make the cut. Also,

all of their daylilies are introduced in both of their names. They have both dips and tets, all dormants, in a range of saturated colors. If you don't have any of the Korths' introductions, you should look into it!

In June, the club held our annual Members-Only Auction, potluck and a brief business meeting. Each year, the club buys daylilies from a different hybridizer and then resells them to club members only by auction. Those members who win the bid are required to bring back at least a double fan within the next couple years to resell at a Members-Only Auction. A potluck is held in conjunction with the auction. Ooh desserts and daylilies, you can't go wrong there! This year, the daylilies were purchased from Rich Howard

of CT Daylilies in Connecticut. The club received some beauties from him. Some of Rich's introductions have that unique look that everyone wants, such as 'Explosion In The Paint Factory.' As usual, most wanted the same daylilies, but the bidding between members was amicable and in the end there were no casualties!

Also in June, a week before the CIDS ADS-Accredited Daylily Show, members held a brief "How To" workshop at club member Gerry Delano's home. ADS Exhibition Judge and CIDS President Lori Doolin with retired ADS Exhibition Judge, hybridizer and CIDS founder Rich Howlin explained to those in attendance how to choose the best daylilies to show, how to groom their daylilies for exhibition, and show procedures. Those in attendance asked several questions and expressed appreciation for all the information given in the class.

Our ADS-Accredited Daylily Show was the last Saturday in June. The show was all-around wonderful! There were 156 on-scape flower entries from 11 exhibitors. The exhibitors' experience ranged from first time exhibitors to those who are Certified ADS Exhibition Judges! It was exciting to see the interest shown by the novice exhibitors. The show was also well received by the visiting public with oohs and ahs, questions, and daylily wish lists getting longer. If you have never entered a show or seen an Accredited ADS Show, put that on your to do list. You won't be disappointed.



L to R: Judges James Cruise, Steven Braun, and Jacob Braun with Clerks Nikki Schmith and Jean Little. End of the clean-up bouquets with Sandy Shull, Shirley Wilkendorf, and Kathy Pinkas. A great variety of plant offerings at the CDIS sale.

## Central Illinois Daylily Society cont.

The winning entries in our show were:

Extra Large: 'Kingdom Bound' exhibited by Gerry Delano (first time exhibitor!)

Large: 'Martha Edson Norris' exhibited by Nikki Schmith

Small: 'Biltmore Baby' exhibited by Gerry Delano

Mini: 'Brookwood Black Kitten' exhibited by Nikki Schmith

Double/Poly: 'Condilla' exhibited by Lori Doolin

Spider: no winner

Unusual Form: 'Morning Faie' exhibited by Kathy Pinkas

Seedling: Ford seedling exhibited by Rich Ford

Best In Show: 'Martha Edson Norris' exhibited by Nikki Schmith (Congratulations on your 10th Best In Show!)

Sweepstakes (for the most blue ribbons): Nikki Schmith

Whew! June was a busy month for CIDS!

In mid-July, the club sponsored a bus trip to visit a daylily garden and plant nurseries north of Springfield. As Charlie Harper would say "Let the C.H.A.D. (Compulsive Horticultural Acquisition Disorder) begin!" First we visited Roth Daylilies, owned by Theresa Roth, in Morton, Illinois. Theresa has a beautiful working daylily garden with hundreds of daylilies to choose from. Bus riders couldn't resist making some purchases. The bus then traveled to Hoerr Nursery Garden Center and Stone Market in

Peoria. Bus riders quickly began filling the bus with more garden purchases. We ate lunch in Chillicothe. The restaurant may have been a bit overwhelmed with all of us invading their space, but the food was very good.

We were back on the road a little later than scheduled, but still had plenty of time to visit the next couple stops. Hornbaker Gardens and The Barn Event Center was our next stop. Oh my goodness! Hornbaker Gardens is a breathtaking sight to see. Of course, more purchases were made. The last stop of the day was Picket Fence Nursery and Florist in Chillicothe-- a cute destination with unusual items. We then headed back to Springfield. Thank goodness the compartments under the bus were spacious for our many purchases!

CIDS Annual Daylily sale, our biggest fund raising event, was held the first weekend of August at the Springfield Botanical Gardens. There were hundreds of daylilies for sale. Several club members made themselves available to help make this sale a success.

CIDS has a couple more meetings with programs to finish out the year and we all look forward to planning for next year's events. A huge THANK YOU to our club members for all they do to keep the club going!

Below: Club members present at the sale, back row left to right Dave Miller, Ethelene Ferdinand, Mark Morton, Sandy Gabriel, Gerry Delano, Pat Lough, Rachel Doctors, Sharlene Collin, Shirley Wilkendorf, Karen Janssen, Don Shull, Sandy Shull, Tom Janssen, Dennis Little. Front Row L to R, Ann Steir, Margaret Santos, Deb Miller, Carol Riehl, Sharon Clark, Jean Little. Photographer Lori Doolin.



Nikki Schmith with  
'Martha Edson Norris'  
(Norris-R., 2014)



Image from Hornbaker Gardens  
*Photo by Gerry Delano*



# Daylily Society of South East Wisconsin

by Lindy Pawlak

On a perfect Friday this July, the Daylily Society of South East Wisconsin (DSSEW) took a bus trip north from Milwaukee for a leisurely day of garden visits. Since bus costs have nearly doubled recently, it was hard to pull off an affordable trip but we found venues that were free or very reasonably priced.



Pond at Christopher Farm and Gardens  
*All photos by Shelley LaBerge*

Our first stop, about an hour and a half north, took us to Christopher Farm and Gardens, which is a private residence not open to the public. The 600-acre property is beautifully maintained through out its farmlands, woodlands, and botanical gardens. Our tour guides answered questions as they led us to the Bear Path, Asian water garden, cut flower garden, a prairie on the bluff along Lake Michigan and a fun Jayrasic Park. That lush area, named after owner Jay Christopher, included more than three thousand hostas and a few dinosaurs.



Dinosaur at Jayrasic Park, Christopher Farm and Gardens

After the two hour stroll we headed to lunch. The Lighthouse Inn offered great food with panoramic views of Lake Michigan. Relaxation and lively conversations continued. Back on the bus, it was a short ride along the lake to West of the Lake, an exquisitely

groomed garden on the lakeshore. We oohed and aahed seeing over 19,000 annuals arranged in beds in wondrous combinations. Ruth West began gardening there in 1934, and today it is listed in the National and State Registers of Historic Places. There were dozens of rose varieties, agapanthus that have been there over fifty years, as well as a 200,000 gallon reflecting pond, topiaries, and a sunken garden. (But we saw absolutely no weeds!)



West of the Lake Gardens

Finally, we traveled to the small town of Kiel to discover hundreds of hostas at only \$11 per gallon pot. Some of the pots were even bigger, and all were packed with well-rooted beauties. Ponside Gardens is one of Wisconsin's largest hosta centers. The charming owners made us feel like we were in their large backyard. They took such nice care of us, even going to the field to dig and pot up a variety we sold them out of called 'Wrinkle in Time.' These pots were so full we could have divided them already to share.

So we packed the bottom of the bus with our finds and headed home full of ideas for our own gardens and a few more friends. That's a successful trip!



Shopping at Ponside Gardens



# Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

Article by Debby Colvin

There has been a flurry of club activity since we last reported. On June 29, the club held its accredited daylily show at the Upper Arlington Library. This has been a good venue because of the great space and large number of individuals who visit the library. The show this year was a huge success, with nearly 200 on-scape entries and nearly 100 off-scape entries. There was also a design section with four daylily arrangements. This is a great opportunity for members to show off their blooms, as well as to earn gift certificates for use at future club sales/auctions. (We will share our club's history with accredited shows in the winter edition).



Next on the agenda was the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Wooster in our home state of Ohio, where approximately 19 individuals attended from our club (see photo, next page). The club presently offers partial reimbursement for members who attend regional and national conventions to encourage attendance at these meetings.

Our public sale, held at the Clintonville Woman's Club on July 2, was our first opportunity to have such a sale since the COVID epidemic eliminated all public club meetings at our regular Franklin Park Conservatory venue. Helped by the offer of a free plant, the club



Left to right: Public plant sale on July 2. Members-sale sale on August 10. Guest plants ready for distribution to members.

gained 18 new members at the sale. Plants were dug from our Moldovan beds at the Conservatory, as well as from member gardens. Pricing was reasonable—nothing more than \$15.00 (for clumps)—with most plants going for \$5.00 or \$10.00. The success of this sale means that we will again use this venue for next year's sale.

On August 10, the club held what can only be called a plant extravaganza. The club membership had voted to hold one additional plant sale for members only, and members again provided the plants from their gardens. The club sponsored a pizza party at the end of the sale, prior to a short business meeting. Next, the guest plants that had lived at member gardens for three years were auctioned to those present. Additional plants were graciously provided by members for raffle items and auction sales during the auction and business meeting. One member even brought a stunning scape of "Purple for Penny" (Douglas-H., 2020), (photo, right) which was reblooming in their garden on the day of the sale. Lastly, additional guest plants were distributed—with most members each going home with two free, recently-introduced cultivars. Plants were purchased from Woodhenge Gardens (Jim Murphy and Margo Reed) and Guidry Daylilies (which included Guy Pierce and Mark Carpenter cultivars). These plants are considered the property of the club until the increase is returned for auction at the end of three years.



Dorsets and Daylilies in Zanesville, Ohio, will talk about her hybridizing program.

Then, on Saturday, November 16, the club will hold a fall holiday luncheon at the Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City. This will be a great opportunity to get to know some of our new members!

Right: MCDS members at the Summer Meeting in Wooster, Ohio



## Northeast Ohio Daylily Society (NODS)

by Julie Gridley

Another bloom season is in the can. For the most part, the rhythms of that season followed the same pattern as that of others for us in northeast Ohio. Except this year the tempo of those rhythms was definitely accelerated, causing the season to start a couple weeks early and dash by even more quickly than usual. I know we weren't alone in that experience in Region 2. Many of you are nodding your heads right now and maybe sighing a bit. Here are some of our highlights.

Our annual plant sale took place June 1 in the parking lot of a local garden center, one that has graciously allowed us to use that visible spot for several years. A dedicated team of volunteers dug, trimmed, and tagged 382 plants from our club holding bed a few days earlier (and went home with the aches and pains to prove it). It's a great time of camaraderie, but we're rethinking the future of the holding bed in general, as it takes a lot of time and resources to maintain it, and we can solicit sale plants from members' gardens instead. Leftover plants from this year's sale, rather than being returned to the club garden, were divided up between members and a local therapeutic riding stable.

Many of us took advantage of the fact that Wooster is practically in our back yard, so we headed down for the regional meeting in July. We'd like to add our kudos to those of many others to say that the people of the Ohio Daylily Society did an outstanding job planning, organizing, and running the event! There were an unbelievable number of auction and sale plants, not to mention freshly-dug plants at some of the tour gardens AND wonderful free bus plants! So

most of us went home with several more daylilies than we planned on. But oh, the bargains and the beauties!

We closed out the season with our annual club picnic at Curt Hanson's Crintonic Gardens on August 3. It's always a great time to relax, share a potluck meal, catch up on each others' lives, and explore Curt's gardens. He has so many late-blooming daylilies that it felt like we were at the peak of the season. Just check out the photo and remember that it was taken in August, in a year when the start and end of bloom season was about two weeks early!

Our next planning meeting is October 12. If you are new to the east side of Cleveland or a long-term resident but new to daylilies, find us on Facebook for more details. We'd love to meet you!



Colleen Kochever (foreground) with NODS members at Crintonic Gardens

# Southern Michigan Daylily Society

Article by Marietta Crabtree

May is an exciting time for planting in the garden in Michigan and was the perfect time for the SMDS May meeting program, "All About Herbs." The program was presented by Bevin Cohen, national herbal authority and author of "The Artisan Herbalist."

Bevin shared information and tips about growing herbs successfully, as well as methods for harvesting, storing, and using herbs. He emphasized the importance of learning about the needs of the herb such as amount of light and water and soil requirements. The presentation also included information about the kinds of herbs to use for various herbal teas and the health benefits. Bevin also listed herbs to grow that benefit pollinators such as fennel, parsley, and dill which are host plants for Black Swallowtail butterflies. Each person attending received a packet of dill seed. Visit Bevin's website at [www.smallhousefarm.com](http://www.smallhousefarm.com).

The June program was presented by award-winning hybridizer Steve Williams of O'Bannon Springs Daylilies in Lancaster, Ohio. Steve is recipient of the 2023 Hite Award which is a Region 2 award for excellence in hybridizing and is sponsored by SMDS. Steve hybridizes several types of daylilies, but especially likes double bloom and small/miniature bloom types. He hybridizes for hardy daylilies with multiple branches and 25-30 buds per scape. Steve also likes unusual forms and would like to develop a future miniature spider and a reverse bicolor daylily.

A special feature of Steve's hybridizing presentation was the addition of basic daylily information for new SMDS members and guests. The presentation included photos and information about daylily anatomy, basic hybridizing method, and nomenclature (such as diploids and tetraploids). Handouts about how to plant daylilies from pots and how to plant daylilies from bare root were available.

The huge daylily auction was exciting fun with "something for everyone." There was a wide range of plants and prices. Thank you, Steve, for your wonderful generosity of donated plants and for an outstanding, informative program. Visit Steve's website at <https://obannonsprings.plantfans.com>.



A variety of Steve Williams' seedlings and possible future intros *Photos by Steve Williams*

The 2024 SMDS Daylily Exhibition Show was held on July 20 at Telly's Greenhouse, Shelby Township. The show was off-scape with several hundred blooms displayed. Visitor attendance was good and included Telly's customers. Many visitors were amazed at the variety of daylilies.

A special thank you to Telly's Greenhouse, to the daylily show committee co-chairpersons Sandy Combs and Sheila and Doug Green, and also to the many SMDS members who entered daylily blooms, donated daylily plants, and helped at the show! SMDS members are already looking forward to the 2025 Daylily Exhibition Show.



Off-scape seedling display at Telly's Greenhouse  
*Photo by Marietta Crabtree*

Summer was also a time for several outstanding garden visits. July 13 was a return visit to Nancy Cooper’s fabulous Serenity Garden with approximately 800 varieties of daylilies, 500 varieties of hostas and 60 varieties of ornamental grasses all arranged into a beautiful landscape on Joslin Lake, Gregory.

A short distance from Nancy Cooper’s garden was the next garden visit at Sandra Dunn’s Along the Fence Garden, Dansville. Sandra and Mary Ann grow over 2,400 varieties of daylilies with 1,600 for sale. Sandra graciously gave each SMDS visitor a daylily introduction from a Michigan hybridizer. SMDS members who were new American Daylily Society members also had their ADS new member free daylily vouchers redeemed by Sandra. Thank you, Sandra, for your generous daylily gifts to SMDS members and for donating daylilies for the ADS vouchers. It was a great daylily day with smiling faces and lots of daylilies to take home.



August 10 was also a return visit to John Blair’s five-acre restored prairie and three huge pollinator gardens in Brooklyn. The restored prairie is four years old and now considered a mature prairie. It looked very different from the three-year development stage of last year which was mainly dominated by black-eyed susan plants (*Rudbeckia*). The four-year restored prairie contains 150 now-mature Michigan native plants.



Images from the Blair prairie and pollinator gardens  
Photos by John Blair and Marietta Crabtree

The appearance of the mature prairie changes as spring-, summer-, and fall-blooming plants dominate. In spring, the landscape appeared predominately yellow and at our August visit was predominately shades of lavender. The prairie is like a huge pollinator garden and has attracted hummingbirds and fifty species of butterflies. It was fascinating to see acres of Michigan native plants blooming.

Following lunch at John Blair’s garden, a visit was made to nearby MSU Hidden Lake Gardens in Tipton. MSU Hidden Lake Gardens is a 755-acre Botanical Garden and Arboretum featuring a lake, Sky Canopy Walk, conservatory, and highlighted plant collection such as Hosta Hill, Bonsai Courtyard and much more. It was a great experience—a visit to a hidden jewel. The weather was perfect and it was another joyous garden visiting day. Visit their website at <https://www.michigan.org/property/hidden-lake-gardens>.

The SMDS Michigan Hybridizer Garden at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak was gorgeous this year. Thousands of zoo visitors enjoyed the garden. Thank you to the SMDS volunteers that maintained the zoo garden this year. And thank you to the Region 2 Public Garden Grant Program. We utilized our grant for fertilizer and weed prevention products.

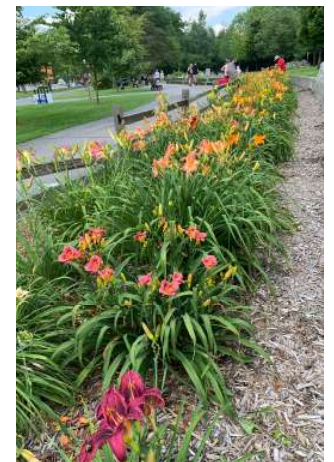
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Hummingbird at John Blair’s prairie  
Photo by John Blair



250-year old Bonsai Ponderosa Pine at MSU Hidden Lake Gardens  
Photo by Natalie Reid



SMDS Garden at the Detroit Zoo  
Photo by M. Crabtree

# Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society

by Charlene Patz

Wow! What a great year this has been for daylily gardens in Ohio! With all the rain this spring and warmer than usual temperatures for a lot of the days this summer, the daylilies and hostas have been fabulous! A members' self-guided garden tour was held the last Saturday in June and featured the Bowling Green gardens of Simpson Garden Park, Phil and Joan Hollenbaugh, Charlie and Carol Harper; gardens of Win and Phyllis Sturgeon in Waterville and Frank and Charlene Patz in Perrysburg; and although they were not going to be home, we could visit the gardens of Harold and Eileen Hoffman in Toledo and Micheal Anders in Findlay. We had a brief shower first thing that morning, but once it blew over, the sun came out and it was a beautiful summer day for a tour! It is always fun to see the gardens of our members and get ideas for our own garden.

Our 14th Biennial Daylily Expo held on Sunday, July 14, was wonderful! The conference room looked spectacular with all the beautiful blooms and exhibits. Jerry and Lisa Marlatt



(right), members who own Ogden Station Daylilies, had a spectacular display about hybridizing and daylilies in general. Tables of daylilies were expertly exhibited by the Marlatts, Dawn Dennis, Linda Hoffman, Diane Vogt, Helen Hundsrucker, Charlene Patz and our show chairman Charlie Harper. Shelly Abramczyk went all out again this year, and displayed her and Phil Parson's blooms in a very creative garden



Club members at the Daylily Expo *Photos by Frank Patz*

party theme. Mary Abbott led a tour of the American Daylily Display Garden that our society helps maintain at the Toledo Botanical Garden that was thoroughly enjoyed by our guests and members. All of our visitors received at least one daylily as a door prize which were donated by the Marlatts. Winner of "Pick Your Favorite" was Linda Hoffman with her bloom of 'No Fear' introduced in 2017 by Dan Hansen. The 6.5" flower was a showstopper! Great job, Linda!



'No Fear' exhibited by Linda Hoffman  
*Photo by Gwenn Floyd*



Charlie Harper had an educational display describing the different Unusual Form flowers and the exhibitors added examples of their flowers to the display to show the different forms (photo above).

During the Expo, our guests were greeted by Dianna Vasquez, who also handled the door prize raffle for us. The following members volunteered for miscellaneous jobs during the expo: Linda Scheuerman, Glen Deters, John Heinze, Barbara Thomas, Kathy Shortridge, Frank Patz, Dianna and Arnie Vasquez. Jerry Marlatt did a fabulous job showing our guests how to divide a daylily and one of the best ways to plant their new daylilies that they were given in their own garden. Gwenn Floyd snapped photos of the expo while it was going on, who then sent them to our Facebook guru Eileen Hoffman,

who posted them so everyone could see what they were missing as it was happening! Nice job ladies!!! Additional postings of the Expo were posted by Charlie Harper and Frank Patz for all to see during and after the Expo. Thank you to Dianna and Arnie for organizing and serving a great lunch for the exhibitors and volunteers!



Daylily dividing demonstration by Jerry Marlatt

On August 17, we held our annual Daylily Work Day with eighteen members spending the morning cleaning up the American Daylily Display Garden for fall. Members participating were Helen Hundsrucker, Diane Vogt, Linda Scheuerman, Mary Abbott, Lisa Marlatt, Jerry Marlatt, Eileen Hoffman, Harold Hoffman, John Heinze, Kathy Shortridge, Glen Deters, Charlene Patz, Frank Patz, Arnold Vasquez, Dianna Vasquez, Jim Connell, Sue Meis, and Jonathan Milbrodt, Toledo Botanical Garden Lead Horticulturist and Black Swamp member. The Toledo Metroparks provided all the tools, tarps, barrels, and dump truck for our use, with Jonathan as organizer. He took care of finishing cleaning up everything after we left for the auction.



Annual work day at the Toledo Botanical Garden  
Photo by Jonathan Milbrodt

In the afternoon we held our annual daylily auction featuring the daylilies Mike Anders purchased from Luella and Phil Korth that members of our Daylily Host Program grew for the past two years. Additional daylilies were donated by Charlie Harper, Lisa and Jerry Marlatt, Ann Brickner, and Shelly Abramczyk. Shelly served as auctioneer this year and was assisted by committee members Sharon Supinski, Pam Murphy, Judy Hersch, Nancy Bucher, Ann and Don Bixler, and Phil Parsons. Our members and guests took advantage of really great buys on some newer hybridized daylilies!! At the conclusion of the auction, daylilies purchased from Sandy and Mike Holmes of Riverbend Gardens were distributed to members to continue our Daylily Host Program for two years. Thanks to Charlie Harper for organizing this.

Trish Hausknecht, Enterprise Partnerships Manager with Metroparks Toledo, will be the guest speaker at our September 21 general membership meeting. Trish will present “Metroparks Update! Curious about all the great things happening at Metroparks Toledo?” Trish will tell us about some of the amazing projects happening at Metroparks, including the new Glass City Metropark and the Riverwalk. Come and hear about these projects, the Maumee River, and so much more!

In October we will be holding our Members’ Roundtable that is always well attended! It is a time to share ideas and discuss solutions to gardening problems some members have experienced this past summer.

Saturday, November 9, we’ll wrap up 2024 with our year-end potluck beginning at 12 noon in the Conference Center at TBG. Members will provide side dishes and the society will provide the meat, drinks, and table service. No program—just time to sit and visit with each other and talk about what a great year 2024 has been for our society!

If you are in our area during any of our events, we would love to have you join us! All of our meetings are held in the Terrace Room of the Conference Center at Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark unless a different venue is given. Search Facebook for our site—Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society—to keep up with our activities.

# Indiana Daylily - Iris Society

Article and photos by Lezlie Myers

IDIS had the good fortune again this year of having a booth at the Indiana Flower and Patio Show. What a great weeklong event in the spring to promote gardening! This draws people from all over the state. We were then off to the area county garden shows. These are great opportunities for our members to meet people, answer questions, pass out information and even sell plants.



IDIS members at the Indiana Flower and Patio Show

We had several early season meetings with iris guest speakers. Being a dual club, we try to divide our meetings evenly between daylily and iris speakers. Many of us grow both. It is a great way to get an extended season as some iris bloom as early as April in Indiana.

Several of us were fortunate enough to attend the Region 10 summer meeting in June. We spent time with our July speaker, Laura Teague from Teaguewood Daylily Garden in Madisonville, Kentucky. She has



IDIS members socializing before a meeting

a great presentation on the evolution of a garden—giving us a pictorial visit of how a gardener gets a vision and a want list and things take off from there! Sometimes things work the way we envision them and sometimes they do not, but that is half the fun!

After the Region 10 meeting, a few of us were able to visit our August meeting guest speaker's garden. If you are ever in Shelbyville, Kentucky, I highly recommend that you visit Steven Franklin's Merry and Bright Garden. Steven's presentation for IDIS was his first. He did a great job of sharing his hybridizing goals with us. Steven is a new hybridizer with only 22 introductions.



Lezlie Myers, Stephen Franklin, Greg Beavers, and Mary Vision at Merry and Bright Daylilies

Of course, several of us made it to Wooster, Ohio, for our own Regional Meeting. What a great time of friendship, visiting interesting beautiful gardens, sales, auctions, and a little drama with bus mishap. It was a wonderful weekend!!!

We look forward to everyone coming to Indiana for next year's summer regional!!



Peggy Allen, Greg Beavers, Mary Visio, and Lezlie Myers at the Summer Meeting



Gregg and Linda Sutter at the 2024 Summer Meeting. Their gardens will be on tour at the 2025 Summer Meeting.



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## 2025 REGION 2 WINTER MEETING

Where: Lafayette, Indiana  
When: February 21 -23, 2025  
See pages 8 of this newsletter or the Region 2 Website for more information.

## 2025 REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING

Where: Lafayette, Indiana  
When: July 18 - 20, 2025  
See pages 38 of this newsletter  
Additional information will be added to Region 2 Website as it becomes available.

## 2025 ADS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Where: Seattle, Washington  
When: July 9 - 12, 2025  
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**'It's a Peach' (Blanchard, 2021)**  
**One of the many lovely Blanchard introductions seen at the 2024 Summer Meeting**  
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