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Dual Membership (3 years)*	\$83
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- The genus *Hemerocallis*.
- AHS and Region 2 events.
- Region 2 members and hybridizers.

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

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

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



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**Invitation to the 2021
Region 2 Summer Meeting**

**Region 2 2020
Hybridizer's Awards**

**Karol Emmerich tells us
about her daylily journey
with Sandy Holmes**

On The Front Cover: 'Almira Buffalo Bone Jackson' (Faulkner, 2010) Photo by Claude Carpenter

On The Back Cover: Scene from Ogden Station Daylilies Photo by Charlie Harper

AHS Director Message

By Rhonda Veroeven, Region 2 Director



Hello Region 2, from your newly appointed Director.

I am fairly certain most of you have met me at one of the many daylily events that our region hosts. For those of you who do not yet know me, I am a rather “new kid on the block”

as far as daylilies go. I have only been active in daylilies for about 15 years-which I feel makes me a newbie! Like most things in life though, I have found that I dove in headfirst and haven't looked back. I am a resident of Wisconsin, which means that at the time of writing this, my daylilies are still under several feet of insulating snow. I am a wife, mother, and a teacher. My son is the real hybridizer of the family with four introductions. I am a new hybridizer and should see first blooms next year. I am a Garden Judge (soon to be Garden Judge Instructor) and an Exhibition Judge (I will be a Senior Judge in May). To say that I love daylilies is an understatement, but I really love the people much more!!!

I would be remiss not to share that our dear friend and former Director Bob Faulkner's passing has left a hole in our region and our hearts. He shared with me when he took on the role of Director that he wanted to have more voices heard at the table. I will also continue that legacy. Please note that I am always willing to listen to concerns, suggestions, and celebrations. I am your voice at the table at the national level and am happy to fill that role.

It is difficult to even wrap my mind around the fact that COVID-19 is still ever-present in our lives. With our local laws, meeting in person is not even feasible...which has required us to meet via Zoom. Most clubs in our region have chosen this path as well. The Shirley Farmer Meeting and the Region 2 Winter Meeting were both held virtually. We are all doing what we can to be safe and yet continue to connect as clubs and organizations the best way we can during these unprecedented times. I have personally given presentations on the Awards and Honors system, attended club meetings from around the country, and of course attended our local and regional meetings virtually. The resiliency and creativity shown to overcome the darkness in such challenging times is a highlight to me, and the extraordinary efforts do not go

unnoticed.

Fortunately, our 2021 National Convention is going to go on as scheduled with social distancing and health rules followed. The group is going forward with plans to hold the convention May 19-22 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. If you have never been to a national convention before, it is a must-do!!! I will be there, and I sure hope to see you there as well! Look for information in this issue about the hotels and registration.

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

As the Awards and Honors Chairperson, I was excited to see the results of the 2020 Awards and Honors voting for Region 2. We had 10 Honorable Mention Awards: Jamie Gossard earned six. Genni Kleckner earned two. Dianna Gossard and Steve Williams each earned one! We had four Awards of Merit: Jamie Gossard earned two, and Sandy Holmes and Steve Williams each earned one. And last, but certainly not least, our own Sandy Holmes took home the Stout Silver Medal for **'I Lava You.'**

A few of important items of note regarding recent business of the ADS Board include the following:

1. The Board approved the motion brought forward by the Finance Committee to allow the electronic distribution of the Awards and Honors ballots to all garden judges with email addresses on record (only four garden judges do not have email addresses on file). Paper copies will still be mailed to those judges without email access. A downloadable version will be available to all garden judges on the Portal.
2. A temporary special committee was formed to study an annual membership versus a calendar year membership. This committee will look into the budget, bylaws, and judgeship implications and ramifications of such a decision. The board has since met and voted to approve this change pending a vote at the business meeting in Hattiesburg
3. The budget for 2021 currently has a shortfall of about \$13,000. This is due mainly to decreased donations and decreased membership, our two main sources of income for the Society. Donations are down, espe-

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RP Message, What's New in Region 2?

By Dr. Charlie Harper, Region 2 President



First, let me thank you, Region 2 members, for electing me to be your President. And so it begins, the next bit of Region 2 history. I want to thank Sandy Holmes for her selfless help through the transition. There have been a few changes in the leadership team. Bobbi Johnson has become our Treasurer.

Pat Titus has taken over the Youth Education program. Sandra Dunn is moving into the Regional Newsletter Editor position. Gary and Becky Stickel have accepted the Regional Fundraising Chair. We have joined an already strong Regional team.

Right off the bat, we took up the reins from Sandy and finished pulling together the Winter Virtual Meeting. The constraints on large gatherings imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic required us to become 'fluent' in Zoom. Three volunteers became pivotal for us: Ann Townsend, Mike Anders, and Sandra Dunn. They brought their experience with Zoom, as used in the classroom, to teach some of us older dogs some new tricks. And it worked!

The Winter Virtual Meeting attracted over 60 members. We were treated to everything from using color choices in garden design and appreciating tropical butterflies in their increasingly threatened environments to sharing old and new daylilies with some of the best hybridizers in the world. Affirming once again, Region 2 rocks!

The upcoming Virtual Auction looks like it will be quite

successful, with more and more donations arriving daily. Our ADS Region 2 Director and ADS Awards and Honors Director, Rhonda Veroeven, took on coordinating the daylily donations, while Pat Titus has been handling our other donations. My hat's off to these super volunteers for performing these critical jobs. And I especially want our members to know that the Auction will be managed by Jacob Braun, the ADS Webmaster. He designed and shares the cost-free Auction software that has proven successful for ADS and several other Regions. Your ADS membership dues are at work for you, often behind the scenes.

Coming this summer, the Central Illinois Daylily Society is hosting our Region 2 Summer Meeting. Called "Daylily Fun in 2021," we are hoping for an in-person get together, with all the trappings of a typical regional meeting. We are, of course, closely monitoring progress on Covid-19 control and will let you know of any necessary changes as soon as possible. Fingers crossed!

Working closely with Barb Buikema, our Regional Publicity Director, and Tim Fehr, our Regional Webmaster, we're making an extra effort to provide you with current information on Region 2 activities. My goal is to have this one-stop location where you can find out what's going on in Region 2. At the risk of providing too many notices or reminders, we'll also be sending emails and posting on social media so we reach everyone. And, who knows, we may hook up with some future members!

Till we meet again, be safe.

Charlie Harper

AHS Director Message (cont)

cially for the 100 giving \$100 campaign because we did not have a National Convention. Typically, about 45 are sold during the convention. Membership is down due to COVID-19 and the fact that the average age of our members is continually advancing with fewer new younger members joining.

4. The Membership Manager position job description has been changed pending the vote of the membership and will require that the position be broken into two positions- one as Secretary and one as Membership Manager. A committee worked very hard on these job duties.

5. A new ADS book has been published called Hybridizing 101 and is available on Amazon for the low pur-

chase price of \$10. It serves as a basic how-to guide to get started in hybridizing daylilies. You might recognize the author. I highly recommend that you pick up a few copies for your local clubs as this is a great resource for any beginner.

I truly look forward to representing our region at the national level, and as previously mentioned, I welcome your conversation. I am easily available at awards@daylilies.org. I hope to see you in the gardens this summer as I do plan to visit many! I will be at our Summer Meeting and hope to see you all there as well! Please continue to be safe until we can all meet again!

Region 2 Financial Report

Gary Barth, Region 2 Treasurer's for 2020



AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY - REGION 2 STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

	2020
Beginning Cash on Hand	\$65,671.63
Receipts:	
Winter Symposium 2020 Registrations	\$6,365.00
Winter Symposium Auction/Raffle	\$8,834.00
Newsletter Sales	\$15.00
Newsletter Paid Advertising	\$150.00
Newsletter Label Reimbursement*	\$0.00
Contributions	\$1,150.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$16,514.00
Disbursements:	
Winter Symposium 2020 Event Expenses	\$9,767.72
Winter Symposium 20209 Auction/Raffle Expenses	\$1,107.57
Credit Card/Paypal Fees	\$84.84
Winter Symposium 2022 Expenses	\$2,000.00
Newsletter Printing	\$7,696.14
Newsletter Postage	\$717.57
Newsletter Editor Expense	\$2,166.00
Regional Director Expense	\$0.00
Other Officers Expense	\$498.00
AHS Liability Insurance**	\$0.00
Web Page Development	\$1,100.00
Web Page Maintenance	\$475.21
Summer Meeting 2020***	-\$36.42
Miscellaneous	\$189.72
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$25,766.35
NET LOSS	<u><u>-\$9,252.35</u></u>
Ending Cash On Hand	\$56,419.28

*The Label Reimbursement, \$1,002, will reflect in 2021

**Liability Insurance costs, \$245, will reflect in 2021

*** Garden video \$214 Deposit refund \$250.

Region 2 Awards

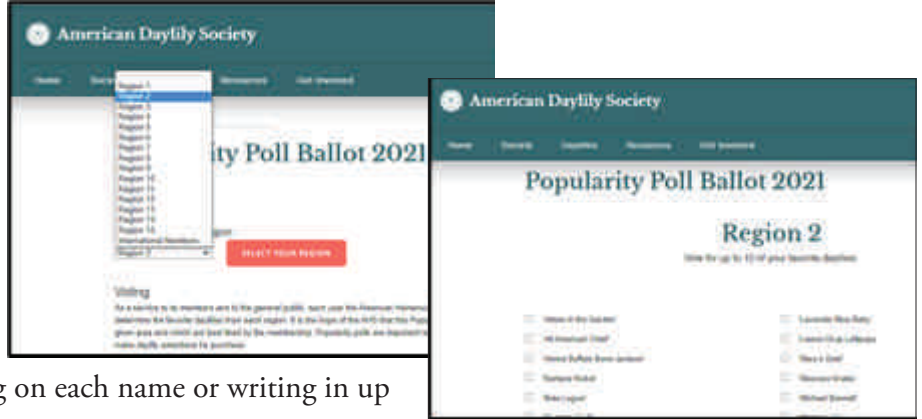
By Barb Buikema, Region 2 RPD



Spring is here and daylily season is not far behind. As your own daylilies come into bloom and you visit other gardens this summer, please keep our Popularity Poll in mind. The Pop Poll is a way for each of us to acknowledge exceptional garden plants for our Region. And the list of Pop Poll winners in our Region is a great starting point when recommending specific plants to folks who are new to the world of daylilies.

As the Pop Poll coordinator, I highly encourage you to vote online for this year's ballot. But mail-in ballots are still welcome. As a Region, we have slowly been increasing member participation in voting over the past few years. I would love to continue that trend this year!

Online voting is not as intimidating as it might sound, even if you don't necessarily feel very tech savvy.



1) Go to the Pop Poll page of the ADS website: daylilies.org/PopPoll.

2) Select Region 2 and click the red box.

3) Choose up to 10 favorites by clicking on each name or writing in up to five selections.

4) Be sure to complete the demographic information at the bottom of the page and then submit your ballot.

Recent Donations to Region 2

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

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Donor</u>
\$100.00	Bob Faulkner	Charles & Carol Harper
\$100.00	Bob Faulkner	Greater Cincinnati Daylily-Hosta Society
\$100.00	Bob Faulkner	Robert & Barbara Papenhausen
\$100.00	Bob Faulkner	Southern Michigan Daylily Society
\$ 50.00	Don Sanner	Georgene Stratman

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Dedicated Purpose</u>
\$1,000.00	Wisconsin Daylily Society	Newsletter
\$ 500.00	Wisconsin Daylily Society	Youth Fund

REGION 2 2021 POPULARITY POLL BALLOT

The ballot is printed here and is available on-line on the AHS website: <https://daylilies.org/PopPoll/>. Please vote on the website if you can or mail your completed form to Barb Buikema using the contact information provided below. Please submit your ballot only once. Ballots must be completed online or postmarked by September 1, 2021.

AHS Members, please vote for your favorite registered daylilies that perform well and impress you in your garden or in your area. Daylilies that receive the most votes will appear on next year's ballot. Please indicate up to 10 cultivars by circling and/or writing in up to 5 selections. Former Pop Poll winners cannot win again, which makes way for a new winning cultivar each year. We consider them our retired "All Stars" and they are listed on the opposite page.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Aliens in the Garden | Hell Hath No Fury | Purple Tarantula |
| All American Chief | Heman | Red Volunteer |
| Almira Buffalo Bone Jackson | Highland Pinched Fingers | Regency Heights |
| Barbara Nickel | Holiday Party | Regina Sitko |
| Bela Lugosi | Holly Dancer | Rose F. Kennedy |
| Bernie's Fault | Humungousaur | Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer |
| Big Birds Friend | I Lava You | Scarlet Pimpernel |
| Big Kiss | I See Stars | Shores of Time |
| Bill Norris | Ida Mae Norris | Simplicity in Motion |
| Black Panther | Indian Giver | Soli Deo Gloria |
| Blazing Lamp Sticks | Intelligent Design | South Seas |
| Buckeye Barnstormer | Jazz at the Wool Club | Spacecoast Tequila Sunrise |
| Cameroons Twister | Jerry Hyatt | Spacecoast The Green Mile |
| Carnival in Mexico | Joan Derifield | Star of Kryptonite |
| Chance Encounter | Larry's Twilight Bite | Stop the Car |
| Charon the Ferryman | Lavender Blue Baby | Storm Shelter |
| Chicken on the Run | Lemon Drop Lollipops | Swallow Tail Kite |
| Cliffjumper | Mary's Gold | Thundercat |
| Condilla | Mascara Snake | Tidewater Elf |
| Coral Majority | Michael Bennett | Too Cute |
| Dan Bachman | Mister Lucky | Van Helsing |
| El Desperado | Monster | Walt Lowry |
| End of the Tunnel | Moses' Fire | Wanda Evans |
| Entwined in the Vine | Night Embers | Wild Horses |
| Exotic Starfish | North Wind Dancer | |
| Flaming Pumpkins | O'Bannon Orchid | Write In Option - If Desired |
| Flying Purple People Eater | Orange Clown | _____ |
| Flying Trapeze | Papa Goose | _____ |
| Fooled Me | Peggy Jeffcoat | _____ |
| Heartbeat of Heaven | Persian Ruby | _____ |
| Heavenly Angel Ice | Prickly all Over | _____ |
| Helicopter | Purple Cheetah | _____ |

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THE REGION 2 ALL-STAR DAYLILY CULTIVARS



FORMER POP POLL WINNERS

Heavenly United We Stand, Neon Flamingo, White Eyes Pink Dragon, Primal Scream, Destined to See, Webster's Pink Wonder, Ruby Spider, Moonlit Masquerade, Strawberry Candy, Barbara Mitchell, Janice Brown, Fairy Tale Pink, Brocaded Gown, Stella de Oro, Mary Todd, Hortensia, Satin Glass, Alan, and Francis Fay.

(photos by Claude Carpenter)



'Heavenly United We Stand'
(Gossard, 2009)



'Neon Flamingo'
(Gossard, 2006)



'White Eyes Pink Dragon'
(Gossard, 2006)



'Primal Scream'
(Hanson-C., 1994)



'Destined to See'
(Grace-L., 1998)



'Webster's Pink Wonder'
(Webster-Cobb, 2003)



'Ruby Spider'
(Stamile, 1991)



'Moonlit Masquerade'
(Salter, 1992)



'Strawberry Candy'
(Stamile, 1989)



'Barbara Mitchell'
(Pierce-C., 1984)



'Fairy Tale Pink'
(Pierce-C., 1980)



'Stella de Ore'
(Jablonski, 1975)

Region 2 Editor

Saundra Dunn



It's a steep learning curve in this new role as *Great Lakes Daylily* editor! There are so many things that I didn't even think to ask Winnie Garabis (former editor) or Sandy Holmes (former Region 2 president): What printing company do we use? How do I get mailing addresses? For that matter, how do I know who to send it to? So please

be patient with me over these first few issues.

You would not be reading this edition today without the amazing support of Claude Carpenter, editor of Region 5's award-winning newsletter *The Georgia Daylily*. He has taken on all of the layout responsibilities for this issue while I am still teaching in this time-consuming half virtual/half face-to-face world. Region 2 is certainly benefiting from his expertise. I also want to thank Sandy Holmes and current President Charlie Harper for helping to bring this edition to print.

As I shared in a letter to all club president, this opportunity to facilitate the creation of each issue of our regional newsletter is so exciting. Following an editor with the artistic eye of Winnie Garabis is a bit daunting. Still, the heart of the newsletter is the content and that is where I hope that each of you reading this will consider helping out.

I firmly believe that our region is full of untapped talent! Our newsletter will benefit from broadening the pool of contributors. I am looking for support in any of the following ways:

PHOTO SOURCES: Be part of a group that I can send a quick email to if we are looking for photos of a particular cultivar. You would, of course, be credited for your photo in the newsletter.

ARTICLE IDEAS: Discuss topics of interest for future articles with a few of your club members and send me a list of potential ideas. Wide-ranging topics that haven't been covered would be particularly welcomed.

ARTICLE WRITING: Write an article about a topic of interest. I know this can seem like the most intimidating way to contribute, but we all have a story to tell.

GARDEN REVIEWS: Write a reflection about a particular garden at our upcoming Regional Summer Meeting, which I am looking forward to having in person again!

COLLABORATIVE WRITING: If either of those last two options seems interesting but overwhelming, talk a friend into working on it with you. Or send me your ideas and I can set up a time to talk with you and then write a draft for you to look over.

ARTICLE PROOFREADING: Proofread an article to help look for typos, spelling/grammar errors, and overall clarity.

IDENTIFYING DAYLILY DESTINATIONS: Let me know of a particular daylily source or display garden that could be a destination stop in your area. We would love to start featuring places of interest that folks could visit, once people start traveling again.

ADVERTISING: Consider advertising your daylily nursery or daylily-related business in our newsletter. Advertising rates are listed below the Table of Contents.

PROVIDING CLUB UPDATES: Quite importantly, I hope that each club will continue to send news updates for each issue. These are so interesting to read and give ideas to other clubs.

UNEXPECTED NEEDS: I am sure there are so many things I have not yet even realized!

I ask each of you to please consider how we can put your ideas and talents to use in continuing our long tradition of producing our truly outstanding newsletters. I have set up a separate email address for newsletter correspondence: GreatLakesDaylily@gmail.com. I truly look forward to hearing from at least one member from each club in our region. In my view, active local clubs are the key to a healthy and successful region.

Happy gardening!

Saundra Dunn

Region 2 Winter Meeting

By Sandra Dunn

This year's Winter Meeting was really a marker in time for me. I can so distinctly remember all of us gathering in Indianapolis in 2020 as "Covid 19" was just beginning to be talked about, but did not yet seem that real to me. Fast forward to our Winter Meeting 2021-- on Zoom. I had not even heard of Zoom in February of 2020.

This year, from February 19 – 21, over 50 of us "met" for about three hours each evening. Most of us joined in about 30 minutes before the speakers to chat and catch up. And what a spectacular array of speakers we had this year! I am so grateful to each of them for sharing with us. Here were my personal take-aways for those of you who weren't able to join us:

Dr. Laura Deeter, "Color Theory in the Landscape." If ever you have the chance to hear this talk, take it! She reminded us to apply all of those things you remember about warm and cool colors, complementary colors, and even monochromatic tones as you design your garden like a painting.

Dr. Kathleen Nordstrom, "Balance and Focus at Northern Lights Daylilies." I always enjoy seeing the amazing seedlings Kathleen is creating. But in this more personal talk, I was reminded of the power of plants to help as we search for balance and wellness.

Mark and Cynthia Druckenbrod, "South American Butterflies and Our Daylilies." In the midst of winter, it was a true delight to be transported in pictures and stories to a tropical, butterfly-filled landscape. I also particularly enjoyed seeing their own daylily intros.

Dan Bachman, "Through The Years- A Daylily Addict Confesses." Dan's reflections on his years as a hybridizer were a true treat. "I had some seedlings that just went their own direction and I followed them." And what a journey it was. It is hard to imagine the Region 2 daylily world without Jackie and Dan.

Jamie Gossard, "Warp Speed Ahead." Jamie's new intros and seedlings are mesmerizing. I loved this quote: "I introduce some flowers for other hybridizers, some for gardeners, and some for show people." There is truly something for everyone at Heavenly Gardens.

Sandy Holmes, "What's New At Riverbend Gardens." Sandy is a storyteller as she shares her photos. My favorite of the evening was learning that '**I Lava You**' was the last daylily her mentor Steve Moldovan recommended that she introduce. That made winning the Stout all the more special for Sandy.



Screenshot from Winter Zoom Meeting



Featuring:
 - Oak Hill Garden (Bonnie Nichols)
 - Garden of Sandy Gabriel
 - Front Porch Daylilies (Geri Doolin)
 - Garden of Sandy and Don Shall
 - Washington Park Botanical Garden

Host Hotel:
 Northfield Inn, Suites and Convention Center
 3280 Northfield Dr, Springfield, IL 62702
 Schedule of Events and other details available on our website.

View all of the event details and REGISTER ONLINE at:
<https://2021region2.com>

You Are Invited

Central Illinois Daylily Society would personally like to invite you to “Daylily Fun in 2021,” the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Springfield, Illinois this July 9-11, 2021. This is our club’s first Region 2 Summer Meeting and we are excited to be your host and to show off five beautiful gardens! Our members have been, and will continue to be working diligently to safely accommodate you. CDC guidelines will be followed and other safety precautions include:

- The seating for dinner and the Region 2 plant auction is spacious
- There will not be a hospitality suite, but guests may gather within the center or outside as they wish
- The plant sale for the host club will be held online prior to the meeting
- Bus seating will be limited and tickets sold separately from registration
- Maps will be provided to the gardens so you may drive yourself or carpool with close friends

As daylily people, we love the peacefulness our own gardens provide (we had a lot of that last year). But we also need, thrive on, appreciate, want to share, excel, whatever word(s) you choose, from the interaction with others of our kind! So... if you haven’t already visited our website to sign up for “Daylily Fun In 2021” Region 2 Summer Meeting, please do!! Central Illinois Daylily members are happy to accommodate your daylily needs.

Meeting Schedule

Friday, July 9

10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Open Gardens & Other Attractions
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Exhibition Judges Clinic 1 (Current AHS Exhibition Judges only. Must be preregistered, \$5 fee at door)
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Boutique and Raffle Sale for Garden Baskets (plant sale will be online)
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration, Host Hotel
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Hybridizers’ Forum
3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Exhibition Judges Clinic 3 (Current AHS Exhibition Judges only. Must be preregistered, \$5 fee at door)
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Meet and Greet Dinner on your own – see list of restaurants
6:30 pm	Region 2 Business Meeting
7:00 pm	Live Auction followed by informal hospitality gatherings

Saturday, July 10

6:30 am - 7:30 am	Registration
6:00 am - 7:30 am	Breakfast for those staying at the hotel
7:45 am	Buses load at hotel entrance
8:00 am	Buses and cars begin to depart on Garden Tour (staggered schedule)
11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Lunch
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Boutique, Plant Sale, Raffle Sale – all close at
6:30 pm	Invocation and Dinner
7:30 pm	Introduction of Board Members / Awards & Honors Presentations / Guest Presentation
8:30 pm	Gather at your leisure

Sunday, July 11

6:00 am - 7:30 am	Breakfast for those staying at the hotel
8:00 am	Garden Judges 2 Workshop



Featuring:
 - Oak Hill Garden (Bonnie Nichols)
 - Garden of Sandy Gabriel
 - Front Porch Daylilies (Lori Doolin)
 - Garden of Sandy and Don Shall
 - Washington Park Botanical Garden

Host Hotel:
 Northfield Inn, Suites and Convention Center
 3280 Northfield Dr. Springfield, IL 62702

Schedule of Events and other details available on our website.

View all of the event details and REGISTER ONLINE at:
<https://2021region2.com>

ADS REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING

Daylily Fun in 2021

July 9-10



Hotel Information

Northfield Inn, Suites and Conference Center

3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702 (217) 523-7900

You will need to call the hotel to request the negotiated rate for this event.

Online booking will not show our group rate. (Group rate available through June 9)

Mention **“Central Illinois Daylily”** or **“Regional Daylily Event”** to make sure you are included in our group.

Meeting Registration Fee: \$90 adults, \$50 youth (hotel not included), Bus Fee: \$50 (optional)

Registration Fee includes:

Friday

Boutique and Plant Sale
 Hybridizers' Forum
 Meet & Greet - Cash Bar
 Live Auction
 Open Gardens
 Exhibition Judges Clinic 1
 Exhibition Judges Clinic 3
 Garden Judges Workshop 1

Saturday

Breakfast for those staying at Hotel
 Garden Tour (self guided or on bus)
 Lunch
 Plant Sale
 Raffle Sale
 Dinner Buffet
 Awards and Honors Presentation
 Guest Speaker

Sunday

Breakfast for those staying at Hotel
 Garden Judges Workshop 2

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To register by mail print the following information and submit it, along with payment made out to CIDS, to: Lori Doolin, 460 N. Exchange, Winchester, IL 62594

Attendee Name _____ Additional Attendee _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ May we list you in the directory? Yes No

Email Address _____

Special Dietary / Health / Access Needs (please detail) _____

Do you plan to attend clinics? _____ Attended Name _____

Exhibition Judges Clinic 1 _____

Exhibition Judges Clinic 3 _____

Garden Judges Workshop 1 _____

Garden Judges Workshop 2 _____

A Sneak Preview of the Summer Tour Gardens

Don and Sandy Shull Garden



When Don and Sandy Shull moved to the country 23 years ago, there were four big Burr Oak trees on the property and the rest was a blank slate. Three of the trees have been lost over the years but a variety of trees have replaced them. Spring brings a blaze of color from redbuds, dogwoods, and crabapples. Daffodils are abundant throughout the property. Later there are lilacs, viburnums and hydrangeas. Rule of thumb here: it must bloom or be desirable for the color of its foliage. Summer brings a blaze of color from the daylilies which are spread out over the property. Sandy enjoys dabbling with pollen and has registered five daylilies to date. The daylilies are mingled with perennials and garden art created mostly by Don. You will find creature sculptures among the



flowers and flower sculptures too! An especially large flower sculpture that overlooks the flower beds is made from the tines of an old hay rake. Others sculptures are made from old shovels, washers and other recycled metal. Large stones pulled from the creek at the bottom of the hill provide steps down the slope from the deck. Bricks salvaged from an old building line the flower beds. A pergola built by Don features window frames and corbels salvaged from a nearby building- a focal point and a place to rest, if ever there is time

Dick and Sandy Gabriel Garden

Dick and Sandy Gabriel moved to their property 43 years ago. It was a blank slate. After years of improving clay soil and planting lots of trees, it has become heaven on earth for the owners. Sandy began with daylilies about 40 years ago and they continue to be the main focus of the garden. Sandy has gone through several obsessions with size and style with the latest being spiders and unusual forms. Big ruffled teeth are a bonus. She has one



bed devoted just to spider types and one bed with a Star Trek/Star Wars theme. Throughout the garden there are hundreds of companion plants-- hostas, poppies, iris and columbine abound! Sandy and Dick have worked very hard to have color and beauty through the seasons. While Sandy does the buying, planting, and most importantly, weeding, Dick can be counted on to lend a hand for mulching or any heavy projects. There is nothing better than going out early in the morning to see what's blooming!

Oak Hill Daylilies

My first exposure and eventual love affair with daylilies began when I learned of a daylily garden walk in a nearby town. The man had hundreds of daylilies that he had obtained as payment when he worked in the Chicago area helping hybridizer Doc Branch. To my delight the owner took daylily orders. The plants were \$8 each and I spent a couple of hours enjoying his garden and picking out four plants. After a few years of four daylilies a year, I joined a



local daylily club and learned about the world of daylilies. I was soon buying way more than four daylilies a year. I'll bet that sounds familiar to many of you. Our garden, Oak Hill Daylilies, is located 15 minutes north of the Springfield airport in Athens, Illinois. We have been in this location since 2008. The garden began with 800 clumps of daylilies, perennials, and a few small trees moved from our previous garden. Now the garden has over 1200 cultivars of daylilies interplanted with bulbs, self-seeding annuals, perennials, Liliium and shrubs. Most of the digging and planting is

done by Bonnie. Charlie helps with the garden clean up and mulching as well as any chores that require heavy lifting. Our daylily cultivars are a mixture of both old and new throughout the garden. Although we grow many sizes, forms and colors of daylilies, large flowers are our favorite. We love to share our garden with friends, neighbors and visitors.

Front Porch Daylilies - Lori and Steve Doolin

My daylily garden began in the summer of 2010 through a friend of the family of the late Nona Ford. Nona's family invited me to walk through what was left of her daylily garden and tag some of the flowers that I liked.



I was in awe. I hadn't seen anything like that before. How could I choose only some of them? After bringing home that first 10 or so daylilies, I was hooked. That initial bed of 10 daylilies has grown to several beds that host over 450 registered daylilies from many different hybridizers.

Other than the special daylily bed that is dedicated to Nona Ford's registered (all but one - Apricot Muffin) and unregistered daylilies, my garden is a mixture of all shapes, forms, sizes, ages and colors of daylilies with a few other plants mixed among them.

In 2020 I named the garden Front Porch Daylilies - after the best place to sit, swing, rest and enjoy the view.



Summer Tour Gardens (cont)

Washington Park Botanical Gardens and Carillon

In the late 1980s, Washington Park received a grant from the Springfield Park District to expand their beds and create a Monocot Garden. This bed was dedicated in 1990. Rich Ford, the founder and first President of the Central Illinois Daylily Society, planned the layout for the three daylily beds. Members donated plants. Rich classified and organized them, then laid them out in the beds. CIDS members Eric Schmidt and Joe Geiger followed him, planting everything. His plan was based on plant divisions adopted by the American Hemerocallis Society. This was the basis for the beds as they exist today. The smallest bed has Minis,



Doubles and Small Flowers. The medium bed contains Spiders and Unusual Forms, with the largest bed focusing on Large and Extra Large flowers. The beds were upgraded in 2002 and are maintained with the partnership of CIDS and the Washington Park horticultural team. A small memorial bed was installed in 2016 to honor Steve Varner, hybridizer of iris, daylilies and peonies. Central Illinois Daylily Society holds an annual plant sale as a fundraiser and some of the plants for sale come from these beds.



ADS 2021 National Convention

The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society (MGCDS) wish to invite you to the 2021 ADS National Convention in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

The dates will be Thursday May 20 – Saturday May 22, 2021.

The Convention will be held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center,
1 Convention Center Plaza, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. 39401

Complete information about the convention and online registration is available on the convention website:
<https://ahs2021national.com/>

2021 Region 2 Photo Contest

It is just about time to “focus” on our favorite flower. As we head into bloom season and you pull out your cameras, please keep the Region 2 Photography Contest in mind. This year the categories are Best Single Bloom, Best Multi-Bloom/Clump and Best Artistic/Creative Photo. First place winners in each category will each receive a new introduction generously donated by Gayle Story. Please visit her Nature’s Edge website for more details about each gorgeous plant. The runners-up will each receive a \$50 gift certificate from Along the Fence Daylilies in Dansville, Michigan. Creativity, composition, and artistic quality count!

General Contest Rules

- Any AHS Region 2 member of any age can enter up to two entries per class for a total of six entries.
- The entries must have been taken by the member submitting them.
- The photos must have been taken in 2021.
- High resolution digital files in .jpg format are preferred, but film prints are accepted.
- Submissions must be e-mailed or postmarked by August 15, 2021 to Region 2 Editor Sandra Dunn at great-lakesdaylily@gmail.com or mailed to 3035 Parman Road, Dansville, MI, 48819.

General Photo Rules

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

Awesome Prizes



‘Cherry Popsicle’
(Story, 2021)

Donated by Gayle Story.

BEST SINGLE BLOOM PRIZE



‘What You Think’
(Story, 2021)

Donated by Gayle Story.

BEST MULTI-BLOOM PRIZE



‘Man of Thunder’
(Story, 2021)

Donated by Gayle Story.

BEST CREATIVE PRIZE

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

Region 2 Hybridizers 2020 ADS Cultivar Awards

Stout Silver Medal, 2020

This is the highest award given to a cultivar in the ADS

‘I Lava You’
(Holmes-S., 2009)



‘I Lava You’ in Sterrett Garden during 2017 National Convention

Photo by Claude Carpenter

Award of Merit, 2020

These daylilies will go on the Stout Medal Ballot in 2022



'Black Panther'
(Gossard, 2012)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



'Tidewater Elf'
(Holmes-S., 2012)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



'Big Birds Friend'
(Gossard, 2003)
Photo by Kathy Rinke



'O'Bannon Orchid'
(Williams-S., 2013)
Photo by Steve Williams

Honorable Mention, 2020

These daylilies will be candidates for the Award of Merit in 2023



'Baby's Got Blue Eyes'
(Gossard-D., 2013)
Photo by Kirsten Hatfield



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



'Flaming Pumpkins'
(Kleckner, 2012)
Photo by Debbie Monbeck



'Huntress'
(Gossard, 2013)
Photo by Jamie Gossard



'Orange Clown'
(Goldner-Webster, 2007)
Photo by Teresa Dillion



'Prickly All Over'
(Kleckner, 2014)
Photo by Kathy Rinke

Honorable Mention, 2020 (cont)

These daylilies will be candidates for the Award of Merit in 2023



'Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer'
(Gossard, 2015)
Photo by Tim Fehr



'Rainbow Butterfly'
(Gossard, 2013)
Photo by Debbie Monbeck



'Spacecoast Rose Queen'
(Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2017)
Photo by Jamie Gossard



'Spacecoast Tequila Sunrise'
(Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2017)
Photo by Jamie Gossard



'Spacecoast The Green Mile'
(Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2017)
Photo by Jamie Gossard



'Too Cute'
(Williams-S., 2012)
Photo by Debbie Monbeck

A DAYLILY JOURNEY WITH MY FRIEND

SANDY HOLMES

By Karol Emmerich

Region 2 is blessed to have Sandy Holmes as a long-time member. Not only is she a talented hybridizer and winner of the Stout Medal in 2020 for ‘**I Lava You**’ (pictured on facing page), but she has been a thoughtful leader as the Regional President for the past four years, a speaker and ambassador, a willing and able volunteer at local, regional and national levels, a cheerleader and celebrator of others’ achievements as the coordinator of the Shirley Farmer hybridizing meetings, and a great friend to many. Sandy loves people, and her daylily story is inseparable from them. She and her husband Mike open their arms wide to people.

When I was asked to write an article about Sandy, I was puzzled about how I would be able to do it. Even though I have known Sandy for most of the past two decades, some people are just part of your being, and you do not remember all the details. Although daylilies brought us together initially, I think it was our corporate backgrounds in finance that cemented things. Sandy’s last job before retiring was in 2008-2010 as Regional VP of Finance for Super Valu in Minneapolis, a job that requires a person to have high standards and a keen mind, plus a need to be meticulous, analytical, goal-oriented, strategic, disciplined, and dependable – as well as being able to thoughtfully develop the people who work for them. My kind of person! By the way, these are also immensely helpful qualities for a hybridizer to have in addition to being intuitive, having an artistic and color sense, and optimism and grit in the face of challenges.

Photo to the right shows Sandy, Stacy Swain, and me in April 2009 during her time in Minneapolis. It looks to me like she has either just snatched pollen from one of my seedlings - which years later would be named ‘All Things to All Men’ - or is helping me make crosses. Because our hybridizing focus has been different, our time together has not consisted of sharing great ideas for the next new flower (although now I wish I had learned more from her about UFs which I now love). Instead, our time has been filled with advice, support, encouragement, lots of rolling our eyes and laughing together, and sharing ideas

about health challenges and the joy in overcoming them. For example, during her time in Minnesota, Sandy had a complicated and painful broken wrist from falling on the ice. Unable to use her regular hybridizing tags, she switched to my paperclip method to mark her crosses. Naturally, there are never enough colors. During a trip to Ohio, she found striped paperclips which she immediately shared with me.

Although Sandy actually planted her first daylily seeds in the 1980s when she was living in Atlanta, her “addiction” began in 1996 after she and Mike visited the garden of Steve Moldovan and Roy Woodhall - a trip which changed their lives. She saw colors she had never seen before – “Holy Moly, look at this!” -- and she was forever hooked. She had always loved being around plants, and was fascinated by the creativity that comes with hybridizing and wondering “What will these things make when I put them together?” Before their own garden began to take shape, Sandy and Mike spent many weekends at Moldovan Gardens helping with planting, shipping and just enjoying the beauty of the property. Steve became an important mentor, as did Shirley Farmer. “A visit to Shirley’s garden was never complete unless you left with pollen from her seedlings or recent purchases.”

When Sandy and Mike began hybridizing in the mid-1990s, the daylily world was quite different from what



Karol, Sandy and Stacy - with ‘All Things to All Men’

(Photo by Kyle Billadeau)



'I Lava You' (Holmes-S., 2009)

Awards: Stout 2020; AM 2018; HM 2015; JC 2010

(photo by Rhonda Vereeven in Springwood Gardens)

it is now. Charlotte's Daylily Diary now lists hundreds of daylily websites where people are actively involved in hybridizing. In the mid-1990s, it was probably closer to a couple dozen who had catalogs and even fewer who were considered to be daylily "royalty" - where in their presence you would get tongue tied and almost feel like you should bow or curtsy and were grateful if they spoke to you and elated if they shared some advice because maybe some of their magic would rub off on you. Yes, we were daylily "groupies" and were like sponges soaking up knowledge. Sandy clearly remembers the day in Florida where she was shadowing Mort Morss and hanging tags for him as he made Tet 'Lavender Blue Baby' crosses. Mort was called away on the phone and handed her an anther of pollen so she could finish making the crosses. "My heart raced, and I felt like I was 15. I was in the presence of a daylily immortal and he trusted me to make his crosses! It was the thrill of a lifetime."



Road Trip Companions (Holmes-S., 2015)

In those early days of hybridizing most of us really did not know a thing about what we were getting ourselves into. Even though we were mainly in our 40s and 50s, "we felt like giddy teenagers brimming with excitement as we would pile into cars and vans for road trips" to gardens and events to see, to buy, to learn. (Sandy even named one of her flowers '**Road Trip Companions**'! - see photo to the left), We were like kids on an adventure, exploring a new world, and following the rock stars from concert to concert to hear their new songs (i.e., see their new flowers). Many of our idols resided near each other in Florida, and people came from all over the world to see and purchase their latest creations. "Are you going to Mecca (Florida) or Myrtle Beach (hybridizer meeting) this year?" was a frequent question among daylily hybridizers when they got together.

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SANDY HOLMES (cont)

Groups sprung up all over the country to share ideas and learn from each other. Soon it became “Are you going to the Midwinter Symposium (or other regional events) or the Shirley Farmer meeting (or other hybridizer events)?” Some of us went to almost EVERYTHING, so we saw each other a lot and became good friends.

All of us were longing for more color and creativity in our lives and our souls and jumped onto the hybridizing and/or serious daylily collecting bandwagon – usually both. There were hundreds of us, and it seemed to start spontaneously. We were a diverse bunch in terms of backgrounds and beliefs (although most were similar in age), but this flower brought us together. Because of our common bond, people you would have never thought you would be close to became good friends despite our differences. After all, we each spent most of our waking hours during hybridizing and evaluation and shipping and website season doing the same things. We shared most of the same challenges, and we understood the breakthroughs - the triumphs no “outsider” could. Although each of us had our own vision for what we would like to create, we were all tied closely together by our passion and dreams.

Some of us began to wistfully daydream of someday winning the Stout Medal – even before we had ever seen a new seedling! People were afraid that if they did not plant every single seed, they made that they might be unintentionally throwing away that Stout winner. Others like Sandy did not even have it on their radar. “I was just a backyard hybridizer out of control, so it was not even a dream. I was simply happy to be part of it all.” Sandy remembers laughing with Bob Faulkner last year when they saw the Awards and Honors ballot and both of them had flowers eligible for the Stout. “We both started out with really ugly stuff. Did you ever think we’d make the Stout ballot?!” When she got the news that she had won, she was totally surprised, excited, speechless at first, and still giggling when I called to talk.

As I was putting together a Facebook post about Sandy’s winning the Stout Medal, I came across the picture to the right, which was taken in early 2014 at



The Grit Girls

the Region 2 symposium (pictured are Melanie Mason, me, Nan Ripley, and Sandy). It was nicknamed “**The Grit Girls**” by Melanie, in recognition of how hard each of us works and how we keep going in the face of challenges. None of us (and none of you!) would have guessed that Sandy, Nan, and I – all great friends who enthusiastically cheer each other on with no hint of competitiveness - would each have a plant that would in the not too distant future win the Stout Medal, and even more out of the realm of probability would be that the three of us would do it back to back (and fascinating to me, it was in the same order that we’re seated). In fact, when this picture was taken, Sandy had recently gotten a clean bill of health from her cancer treatments and was wondering if the seeds that she made while she was sick would include any big breaks. Women, from the north, best of friends, in back-to-back years, and in order! I do a double and triple take when I look at this picture. “Whoa, we just entered the Twilight Zone.” But on reflection, it feels like a hearty laugh and hug from God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. Pictured below is the three of us at the national convention in 2019 (in the exact reverse order), where Sandy received her first AM certificate for ‘**I Lava You**’, I



Three Stout Medal Winners in a row
Sandy, Nan, and Karol during summer 2019 National Convention

received the Stout Medal for ‘**Entwined in the Vine**’, and Nan’s ‘**Scarlet Pimpernel**’ was on the ballot for the Stout.

So how did Sandy go from beginner to the hybridizer of a Stout Medal winning flower? She began her hybridizing efforts under the in-



‘Walt Lowry’ (Holmes-S., 2011)

Awards: AM 2019; HM 2016; JC 2011; NRS 2016

(Photo by Mike Holmes)



‘Tidewater Elf’ (Holmes-S., 2012)

Awards: AM 2020; HM 2017; PC 2017

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

fluence of Steve Moldovan, so has always believed that exceptional plant habit and good bloom color are more important than a pretty face on a weak plant. From Steve she also learned the important lesson (that all good hybridizers learn) that the daylilies will take you where you are going to go. Initially she started out doing small eyed flowers – “The kids were really pretty but they were also REALLY little and didn’t make me smile. It’s the weirder stuff that got me excited.” She wanted to do large tetraploid Unusual Forms, including those with eyes and

Sandy registered her first daylily in 2005, and through 2021 has introduced a total of 163 (including several where the proceeds are donated to help fight childhood cancer.) Seven of her daylilies have won Honorable Mentions based on votes from the AHS Garden Judges. Four of them have subsequently become eligible for

people to add them to their gardens. I remember being startled at the beauty of **‘Walt Lowry’** at the national convention in Kentucky, and the stunning clump of **‘Tidewater Elf’** I saw at a regional in Alabama. **‘I Lava You’** has done wonderfully in my garden for years and was in bloom at the Region 1 convention in 2017. **‘I Lava You’** was also on display in the Sterrett’s garden at the 2017 National Convention in Norfolk. Sandy recalls, “I got

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‘Flying Purple People Eater’ (Holmes-S., 2009)

Awards: HM 2018

(Photo taken by Larry Rettig in 2017 at Springwood Garden)

SANDY HOLMES (cont)

off the bus at the Sterrett garden, saw this bright stunning daylily clump and thought ‘Holy moly! What is that?’ as I walked up to it and realized it was ‘**I Lava You**.’ Sandy insisted to me that these two gardens put “**I Lava You**” in the public view. Another plant to watch for is ‘**Flying Purple People Eater**,’ which won an HM in 2018 (pictured at previous page.)

I bugged Sandy to nominate it despite her concern about its not having enough distribution. It is a stunner and visitor favorite in my garden, and in my mind destined to advance IF it can get enough eyes on it, which is a challenge with few garden events being held in 2020-2021.

When interviewing Sandy for this article, I asked her why she had not nominated more of her fabulous plants for awards given this track record. She thought about it for a bit, and said that hybridizing for her is a joyful, creative endeavor and not a competition so she is in no hurry. “I enjoy doing it, but I also don’t take doing it too seriously. I am fascinated by daylily hybridizing and do this for the creative piece of me. I am thankful for the other people who like my daylilies enough to buy them. Those are the people who allow me to maintain our garden and make new daylilies.” “The daylilies are fun, the people are fun, and it’s never boring. I feel years younger when I am around the flowers.” “It’s also the best medicine and gives you something to look forward to every year” - which reminds me of a phone call I overheard in the late 1990’s from the legendary Pauline Henry who was still making daylily deals when she was 90 years old and determined to see her next crop of seedlings! In time, Sandy will nominate more, but wants to make sure they have good dis-

tribution, which we northern hybridizers know can take many years.

What might future daylily introductions from Sandy look like? Check out the PDF of the seedlings of note during the summer of 2020 by visiting the Riverbend Daylily Garden website (daylily.ws). They are heart-stopping and include some new directions, like big eyes on huge flowers and patterns. Pictured below and on facing page are several of Sandy’s 2020 seedlings. She used T1556 extensively, with it’s 9.5” wingspan on a 42” scape, recently planting 650 seeds from it. She should start to see its kids in 2022. As Sandy says: “It was a ‘whoa!’ year.”

Any article on Sandy would not be complete without talking about her husband Mike (pictured below).



Sandy and Mike



Seedling - T1435 599



Seedling - T1653 703-2



Seedling - T1556 719



Seedling - T1435 599



Seedling - T1653 703-2



Seedling - T1556 719

Although Mike does not share Sandy’s singular passion for daylilies, he is a talented hybridizer himself. When he surprised Sandy with a trip to Moldovan Gardens, he could not have realized what he started. Mike is the force behind the scenes, who, along with his hybridizing, handles the garden maintenance at their 11-acre Riverbend Gardens (Pictured to the right), plants the seedlings, and keeps the weeds under control. This gives Sandy the time she needs to manage the display beds, do the lineouts, and enjoy their daylilies. Although Mike’s daylilies are quite different from hers, Sandy feels that many of her breaks have come from pollen taken from Mike’s seedlings. They make a great team and Region 2 is blessed to have them part of it.



Riverbend Gardens

Sandy’s Daylily-Related Service Activities

- Region 2 President 2016-2020
- Shirley Farmer Hybridizer Meeting coordinator since 2004
- Bus captain at several national conventions
- Garden Judge Instructor at numerous national, regional, and local events
- AHS Portal staff from inception through 2019
- Riverbend Garden on Auxiliary Tour for the Columbus National Convention
- Riverbend Garden has been part of Northern Mecca since its inception
- Speaker at club and regional events
- Like many other hybridizers, she has donated hundreds of registration, bus, and auction plants

Be True To Yourself

By Bob Faulkner

As we were putting together the Fall Newsletter, Bob committed to do another article for the Winter Newsletter. To everyone's loss, Bob did not live long enough to complete that article. Luckily he sent me his first draft. I have tried to complete some of the areas we discussed before he became ill. I hope you enjoy Bob's thoughts. Sandy Holmes

Back in 1993, when my interest in daylilies began, there were some understood standards that I am happy to say have long been abandoned. Daylilies had to be no taller than 28 inches. True! Any taller and they would get discarded. Can you imagine what was lost by that thinking? "Narrows" were considered an anomaly and were rarely kept.

Around then Elizabeth Salter hit a home run with one of the largest eyes ever introduced at that time, 'Pirate's Patch.' By today's standards it probably wouldn't get a second look. I still grow 'Pirate's Patch' as a reminder of where we've come from. Picotee edges were next on the scene. Whoa!!! Guess where the hybridizers headed then. Popular next were extremely wide pedals that almost hide the sepals, which were treated as an after-thought. If you added "chicken fat" to the edge, you had a great example of what hybridizing for a specific trait could get you if you really concentrated. Bigger edges and triple edges had their heyday. Suddenly, seemingly out of nowhere, the edges starting showing what we now know as "teeth." I remember that about the time that Tom Polston intro-



Bob welcoming tour bus group to his garden during Northern Mecca in 2018

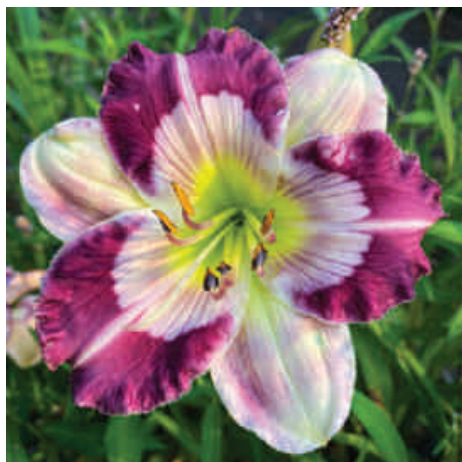
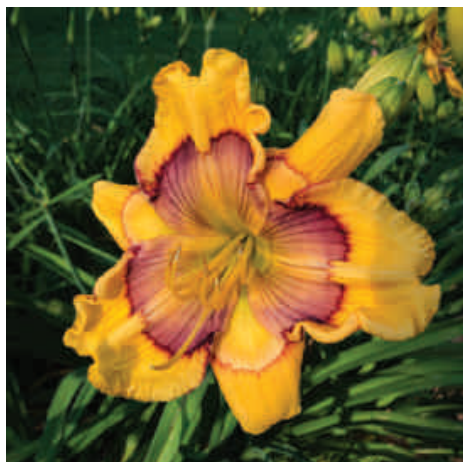
duced 'Wild Hair,' the teeth explosion started.

But for me, I didn't really care for that look. Leave it to me to be different. I wanted a daylily that had six equal segments because to me this looks more like a flower. So in about 2000, I decided to lean towards what I liked and not be swayed by the "daylily du jour" crowd. I feel that today's trends are rarely tomorrow's successes.

Patterns were coming on the horizon.

I thought those were always the best cultivars, so I headed in that direction. What a splash patterns have made. The water is still churning from them. Over time patterns have gone from the work of Elizabeth Salter, Grace Stamile and Jack Carpenter, to hybridizers all over the country. Northern hardy patterns are a common thing.

One unfortunate aspect of hybridizing is if you don't follow the current trend some people will try to 'shame' your flowers for not matching today's favorites. As soon as we started getting really beautiful faces, the 'plant habit' gurus of the day decided to fault anything that wasn't tall and branched. I shudder to think of the fantastic daylilies



Bob Faulkner Seedlings



Bob Faulkner Seedlings

that were tossed at the expense of being politically correct. Since there is no written standard for what a daylily must be to be “correct,” we can breed anything we like. Ignore the “shamers” and breed for what makes you happy. I’ll bet many critics wish they could do what we do.

There is a conclusion. Do what you like! Make daylilies that take your breath away when you stand in your own yard! Yours is the most important opinion out there! You will be doing yourself and everyone else a great service by not listening to negative input.

Today we can be thankful for getting to the place in hybridizing where any criticism of what we do can be considered only as opinion or preference and not as disqualification. Shows and judges have their own criteria. In our own backyards, we have the final say.

I am thankful that the members of Region 2 are kind, active and produce some of the most desirable flowers for the northern gardener and collector. We used to covet those from the South. Now after diligent hybridizing and dedication of time and energy, we can truthfully declare that we in Region 2 are second to none!

Bob’s program will continue because he asked Joe Monnin and Ray Rayburg to take over should anything happen to him. Bob was very excited about the seeds that he made in 2020. He spent most of the fall clearing large areas of his garden so that he would have plenty of room for his largest seed crop ever. There won’t be much to see in 2021, but we are all waiting to see Bob’s creations in 2022.

(Photos of Bob Faulkner seedlings are by Rick Simpson and David Robinson)



Bob Faulkner Seedlings

What's in a *Name*

Gathered by Charlie Harper

Sandy Holmes reveals the story behind some of her daylily names

'ROAD TRIP COMPANIONS'

(Holmes-S., 2015)



In 2014, Ed Kraus, Sandra Dunn, Mike and I drove to the national convention in Asheville. About an hour into the trip, I knew that this was going to be a really good road trip. I think we hit every possible daylily topic on the seven-hour trip. Time just flew by. I haven't laughed this much on any trip before or after. Road Trip Companions seemed to be a fitting memorial.

'SHORTER THAN NIKKI'

(Holmes-S., 2016)



At the 2015 Region 2 Summer Meeting, the auctioneer seemed to think that many of the auction plants were taller than our friend Nikki Schmith and repeatedly shared that with the audience. His comments started to become very predictable. Nikki laughed and took it all in stride. When I decided to introduce this rather feminine daylily, I immediately thought of Nikki. We had a laugh and "Shorter Than Nikki" came to be.

'WIZARD OF GALLOWAY'

(Holmes-S., 2018)

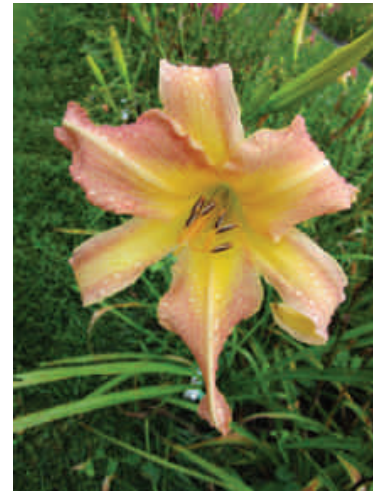


Over time, I have developed more late blooming daylilies. Our seedling fields are rather large, so seeing something blooming when everything else is finished is rather dramatic. Jamie Gossard made a late season trip to the garden. I was really excited about a very tall, deep rose daylily that was still blooming. As soon as Jamie got out of the car, I asked him to come look at the daylily. He said he would, but first he wanted a close look at the big rose colored daylily blooming in the field by the driveway. Just so happens they were the same daylily. When it came time to introduce the daylily, I decided to name it for Jamie, the daylily wizard who lives in Galloway, OH.

‘SIR ROY AT THE DOOR’

(Holmes-S., 2018)

This daylily is a reminder of a funny event with our late friend Roy Woodall, a heavy smoker. During one of our visits to Moldovan Gardens, we were on our way back to the garden after lunch. Roy needed to stop to buy cigarettes. Mike, Steve Moldovan and I waited in the car while Roy went in a gas station market to get his smokes. Roy walked up to the automatic door, but nothing happened. He stood there trying to figure out what was wrong. We all sat in the car laughing so hard that I thought I would cry. Roy finally realized he was standing in front of a big window when the door two windows down opened. Roy never heard the end of this one.



‘BAUGHSTON HORNSWAGGLER’

(Holmes-S., 2008)

Back in the good old days, Mike and I, along with Bill Chambers and a bunch of his friends from the Boston, Massachusetts area- pronounced there as ‘Baughston’- went to help out at Moldovan Gardens. On their way home, the east coast bunch stopped at our garden. Bill really liked one of the seedlings. I asked Bill if I could name the daylily for him. Bill said absolutely no. At that, Bill’s buddies suggested that ‘Baughston Hornswaggler,’ a bit of a derogatory term, might be more suitable name for a daylily named for Bill. What would we do without our friends!



Curt Hanson’s adventures in naming his daylilies

When we asked Curt Hanson to contribute to “What’s in a Name,” we were expecting short explanations on his thoughts when he came up with ‘Primal Scream’ and a few others of his interesting names. We know that Curt, unapologetically, marches to the beat of a different drummer. Some of his bold names cause some to squirm and reject most everything he creates. Others smile and say, “That’s just Curt.” We hope you’ll enjoy this trip through Curt’s response. Charlie Harper

I have known a few “hybridizers” who grew only a few seedlings just to name and register a flower for a loved one. Most of us name our work as a necessity for marketing. Falling into the latter category,



‘Ocean Rain’ (Hanson-C. 1987)
Photo by Debbie Monbeck

it can be a challenge to find that apropos name that has not already been used in the thousands of named cultivars. In thirty-five years, I’ve named, a total of nearly 850, ranging from ‘Ocean Rain’, a soft lavender inspired by a song from the British pop band *Echo and the Bunnymen* to ‘The Sound of Applause’, named for my daylily pal Dan Hansen. Words, like the flowers they represent, create moods and nuance. A name can be suggestive in subtle ways or obvious, pandering and mundanely boring.

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‘The Sound of Applause’
(Hanson-C. 2021)
Photo by Curt Hanson

What's in a *Name* (cont)



'Primal Scream'
(Hanson-C., 1994)

Awards: Stout 2003; AM 2000; HM 1997;
L/W 2001; PC 2013
Photo by Claude Carpenter

(2013), **'Occupy Your Garden'** (2014), **'Panties In A Knot'** (2010) and **'Freedom of Expression'** (2014). Names can be about finding your own vision, **'Identity Complex'** (2017), and not follow the trends of **'Another Man's Treasure'** (2016), with a little **'Wisdom of Insecurity'** (2020) and



'Lust Without You'
(Hanson-C., 2012)
Photo by Debbie Monbeck



Perhaps my best-known flower is **'Primal Scream'**; it might have been a bust had I named it Orange Twister! I often wondered if **'Je Suis Charlie'** (2016) might have intimidated people afraid of inviting an extremist attack in their garden, or if the irony of **'Just Another Yellow'** (1997) was lost. I've always tried to **'Keep It Fun'** (1987) with a few suggestive names. **'Statutory Gripe'** (1997) and **'Occupy Her Panties'** (2013) [a play on 'Occupy Wall Street'] created too much drama and were **'Flirting With Disaster'** (2011). My response was **'Question Authority'** (2013), **'Smug Indifference'** (2015). We can make a political statement, **'A Perfect Conversation'** (2020), **'Resist'** (2018), or chronicle our love life thru **'Heal Your Heart'** (2008), **'Lust Without You'** (2012) to **'Alone Again'** (2013). We can celebrate our Icons such as **'Edward Abbey'** (2013), **'Christopher Hitchens'** (2016) and, more immediately, the wisdom of **'George Orwell'** (2013). But for me it's all about **'Unraveling A Mystery'** (2009) and living as an **'Impossible Dreamer'** (2014), while following **'The Prime Directive'** (2018) here at **'Mission Control'** (2018) in **'Self Imposed Paradise'** (2006) and sharing the magic of **'Crintonic Happy Hour'** (2011) at the **'Paradise Bar and Grill'** (2008).

Cheers!
Curt Hanson
the **'Arrogant Bastard'** (2005)



'Keep It Fun'
(Hanson-C., 1987)
Photo by Debbie Monbeck

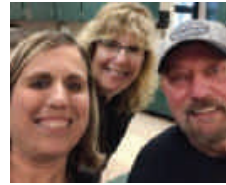
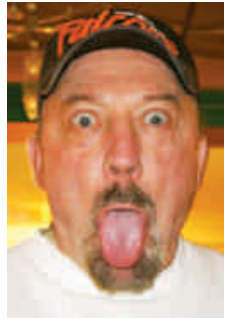


'Statutory Gripe'
(Hanson-C., 1997)
Photo by Debbie Monbeck

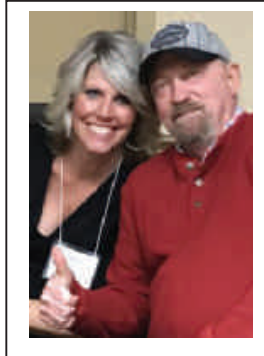
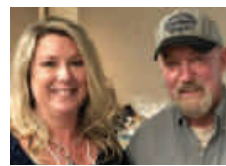


'Arrogant Bastard'
(Hanson-C., 2005)
Photo by Debbie Monbeck

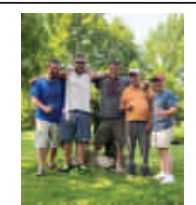
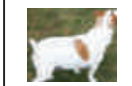
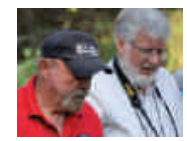
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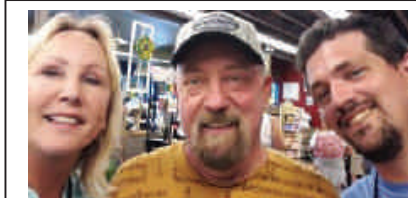
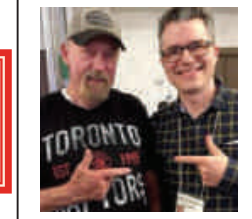
"So, you want to be a speaker. Do it! You will learn to take the good with the bad, and your life will forever be changed and enriched."



"Traveling and showing pictures does promote the AHS and daylilies in general. But the most rewarding thing that ever came to me was from helping others."



"Every person you come across who you give love to is like a deposit of gold in the bank of their future."



2021 Flag City Daylily Tour

The 6th annual Flag City Daylily Tour will take place Friday-Sunday, July 9-11, 2021, in Findlay, Ohio (aka Flag City USA). This year, the tour will feature seven different daylily gardens all located within a 10-mile radius of downtown Findlay. The tour is FREE, and the gardens are open for self-guided tours from 10:00 a.m. (noon on Sunday) to 6:00 p.m. Attendance for the tour has continued to increase each year, and in 2020, more than 500 people visited the tour from all over Ohio and at least nine different states.

In the Spring of 2018 the Flag City Daylily Tour was honored to have been named the first “Daylily Ambassador” by the American Daylily Society. All seven owners of the gardens on the tour are members of ADS, and several of the gardeners are active members of one or more of three Ohio ADS clubs: Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society (Toledo), Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society, and Ohio Daylily Society (Mansfield).

While in Findlay, visitors can dine at a large number of very fine restaurants throughout the city in all price ranges. Also, they can visit Dietsch Brothers Fine Chocolates & Ice Cream, which has been voted the “second best ice-cream shop” in the United States by Trip Adviser.

With seven large gardens on the tour, it may be difficult for visitors to have enough time to tour them all in one day. To help with this situation, special arrangements have been made at Findlay’s Towne Place Suites by Marriot for a discounted rate for overnight stays during the tour. (Please contact Mike Anders directly for details about the hotel rate.)

Maps to all the gardens will be available during the tour, and for more information about the 6th annual Flag City Daylily Tour, “like” the tour’s page Facebook and/or feel free to contact Mike Anders via email (anders@findlay.edu) or telephone (419-889-8827). For 2021, the seven featured gardens are again quite diverse and include the following:

Mike & Denise Anders

There are more than 2000 registered daylilies and non-registered seedlings growing in this eastside Findlay garden that is located on a half-acre city lot. Most of the cultivars are large-flowering classic forms, with an emphasis on purples and lavenders. Also, this garden features a significant historical collection of registered cultivars by Steven Moldovan, Roy Woodhall, and Ron Valente, as well as a substantial number of non-registered Moldovan seedlings. In addition, the garden features numerous hostas and a wide collection of garden art.



Sharon & Ron DeCooman

Located on the northeast side of Findlay, this garden is on a rural farm and includes 1400 registered daylilies, many of which are for sale. The garden emphasizes tall, large-flowered daylilies and includes many newer varieties by Judy Davisson, Jamie Gossard, Sandy & Mike Holmes, and Dan Bachman. The garden, which also includes many hostas and other perennials, has an extensive hybridizing program that has produced literally thousands of daylily seedlings that are on display in open fields.



Richard & Robin Hopkins

After only a few years of growing daylilies, this “beginner” daylily collection already has over 400 registered cultivars in a garden that is located in one of Findlay’s oldest historic south-end neighborhoods. The garden also includes an assortment of hostas, as well as various perennials and annuals surrounding a Victorian house and original carriage house that were built in 1874. The garden also includes several water features, garden art, and a small chicken coop that all blend with the numerous plants.



2021 Flag City Daylily Tour (cont)

Rick & Barb Kidwell

Located on the south end of Findlay, this garden has almost a thousand registered daylilies in numerous lush beds that display a profusion of colors and feature all the various daylily bloom forms. Several beds of evaluation plants from an “amateur” hybridizing program provide additional character to this immaculate garden. In addition to daylilies, there are several water features, lovely garden art, and several unique trees.



Keith & Becky McClelland

McClelland's Daylilies is located on the rural south end of Findlay, near the University of Findlay Western Equestrian Farm. The garden includes over 500 older and newer daylilies, planted in raised beds that create the visual impact of a sea of color. In addition, there are over 150 different types of hostas. The emphasis of the daylily garden is on extra-large forms, both spiders and doubles, from very early through very late bloomers, most of which are for sale. Also featured are several newly registered cultivars from the garden.



Linda & David Spahr

This is a classic country garden surrounding a white farmhouse at a bend in the road in the middle of a large dairy farm. The garden contains more than 800 different daylilies, including many old and new cultivars mixed with a large collection of hostas, perennials, and annuals. There is an emphasis on doubles, as well as numerous tall and late bloomers.



Ann, George & Michelle Brickner

Located on the far east side of Findlay, the Perennial Plant Peddler has over 1200 newer and classic daylily cultivars and seedlings in this ADS Display Garden. Many of these plants are for sale and include all sizes, shapes, colors, and forms of daylilies. Also featured are some of the new and unusual cristate (sculpted or “bearded”) daylilies. This extensive garden also includes 200+ hosta varieties, approximately 250 irises, and well over 1000 other perennials.



Region 2 Club Reports

Wisconsin Daylily Society

by Monique Warnke



Hello fellow gardeners, The days are getting longer and the hopes of a better year are beginning to blossom! I was a little concerned about having Zoom meetings with a large group, but my fears were put to rest within five minutes of the first meeting. It was so nice to see everyone healthy and how everyone's hair has changed over lockdown! (We love a natural look).

The first two Zoom meetings this year were all about hybridizing and the membership really needed this! There were many new, beautiful daylilies to choose from. I had trouble deciding which ones I couldn't live without!

Wisconsin Daylily Society also held the annual photo contest which continued to delight, as it does every year! It was hard to choose just one winner in each category, which can be seen through the number of ties we had! I would like to congratulate the winners' circle, each of whom are listed below. However, I applaud all who submitted an entry, as all photos were a feast for the eyes!

I am pleased to announce our new co-editors for our newsletter. Welcome Marcie Johnson and Shannon Meyer. I know you two will do a terrific job!

As with everything in life there must be change. This year will be a change for the better! Think spring!

Winners of the Sixteenth Annual Wisconsin Daylily Society Photo Contest

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

The Sixteenth Annual WDS Photo Contest greeted WDS members with plethora of eye candy at their February Zoom meeting. Since the inception of the first WDS Photo Contest in 2006, the entries have become more varied and creative. The 2021 photo contest was no exception.

The contest format featured four categories. Each WDS Member could submit a maximum of four photos distributed in any fashion among the four categories. Photos could be of a named cultivar or a seedling. The four categories are described below.

- ❖ Category 1: Single Flower – Close-up of a single bloom without companion plants or other daylilies prominent in the background.
- ❖ Category 2: Clump – Group of two more daylily flowers without companion plants, or other daylilies prominent in the background.
- ❖ Category 3: Daylilies in the Landscape – A daylily clump with companion plants or multiple daylilies in a garden or landscape setting.
- ❖ Category 4: Creative Artistry – A daylily viewed from a different perspective or a garden critter landing on or nestled in a daylily flower.

WDS members attending the February meeting via Zoom voted for their favorite photo in each category. Two winners were selected in each category by the top number of votes received.

In Category 1 Genni Kleckner had a winning photo with a close-up photo of the daylily, 'Up the Wazoo' and Kristen Hatfield with a close up of the double flowered daylily, 'Ann's Blue Eyes'.



'Up The Wazoo' (Reed, 2013)
entered by Genni Kleckner



'Ann's Blue Eyes' (Stadler, 2017)
entered by Kristen Hatfield

In Category, 2 Cynthia Wadsworth's winning entry featured a striking of photo of a clump of the daylily 'Velvet Handcuffs.' Scott Elliott's winning entry featured eye catching blooms on his daylily cultivar 'Ghost Ranger.'



'Velvet Handcuffs' (Rice-JA, 2009)
entered by Cynthia Wadsworth



'Ghost Ranger' (Elliott-S., 2015)
entered by Scott Elliott

In Category 3, the two winners were Lisa Imhoff's entry of the daylily 'Linda' with a swallowtail butterfly delicately landing on a pink cone flower (Echinacea purpurea) in the foreground and Rhonda Veroeven's daylily garden scene featuring a panoply of color accented in the center by a garden sculpture.



'Linda' (Stout, 1936) entered by Lisa Imhoff
with cone flower 'Echinacea purpurea'

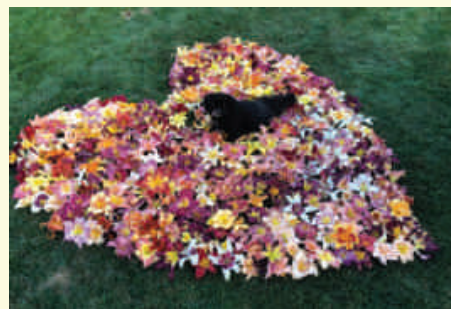


Garden Scene
entered by Rhonda Veroeven

In Category 4 there was a three-way tie. Amy Bishell's entry was an angled super close up photo of the aptly named daylily '**Emperor's Royal Red.**' Barb Buikema's entry featured a daylily flower arrangement in the shape of a heart and Theresa Schwandt's entry shows a grasshopper prominently nestled in a single daylily flower.



'Emperor's Royal Red' (Klehm, 2006)
entered by Amy Bishell



Daylily Heart Arrangement
entered by Barb Buikema



Grasshopper in Daylily
entered by Theresa Schwandt

Each contest winner will receive a certificate for a free daylily of their choice at the WDS Daylily Sale in August and their choice of a mug or tile artistically imprinted with their winning photo by WDS Member R. Vaughn James. The winning photos are featured on the WDS website (www.wisdaylily.org).

WDS members are encouraged to photograph their favorite daylilies in the coming summer months for entry in the Seventeenth Annual WDS Photo Contest, which will be held in 2022.



A scene from Serenity Gardens



Southern Michigan Daylily Society

By Marietta Crabtree

Several gardens were visited during the 2020 summer as the daylilies put on a beautiful display.

Nancy Cooper’s spectacular Serenity Garden on Joslin Lake in Gregory, Michigan, was visited in July during peak daylily bloom and perfect weather. Nancy grows approximately 800 different daylilies with a great variety of companion accent plants so there is always colorful bloom from spring through fall. Approximately 70 varieties of ornamental grasses also accent the garden. Shady areas display over 500 different varieties of hostas. The garden is also home to a great variety of beautiful statues and garden décor. Nancy has been developing her two acre garden for thirty years. Nancy graciously gave SMDS members a private garden tour. Members enjoyed lunch on the huge deck overlooking the garden and lake. Every moment was a “Kodak photo moment.”



Hostas at Serenity Gardens



Daylilies and companion plants at Serenity Gardens



“Marietta Melon” (Waldrop, 2011) at Serenity Garden

It was a “double header” daylily garden day. After lunch at Nancy’s garden, we visited fellow SMDS member Sandra Dunn’s huge “Along the Fence Daylily Garden” in Dansville, which is near Serenity Garden. Sandra grows 2,200 varieties of daylilies which are also for sale. Seeing fields of daylilies in peak bloom was overwhelming to the senses and choosing and purchasing the daylilies was exciting. It was a “dream daylily day” break from the isolation and stress of the Covid-19 pandemic.

SMDS member Phyllis Cantini also opened her beautiful garden for member visits. Phyllis grows 1,100 varieties of daylilies which include 600 spider and unusual form cultivars. A large number of double forms are also grown. The shady areas display approximately 100 varieties of hostas. Phyllis is downsizing and generously gave daylilies and hostas to garden visitors.



**SMDS members choosing dayliies at
Along The Fence Garden**



Scene from John Kulpa Garden

SMDS member John Kulpa also opened his amazing specialty garden for member visits. John grows several hundred daylilies which includes 250 seedlings which he has hybridized. John’s hybridizing specialty is developing hardy daylilies with teeth, fangs and /or tendrils on both petals and sepals. He has registered 105 Kulpa daylilies. Garden visitors selected daylilies generously donated by John Kulpa and, in return, the visitors receiving the daylilies made a donation to SMDS.

SMDS is planning more garden visits and a garden picnic for 2021. If it is safe to meet this fall, SMDS hopes to hold some indoor meetings, including a PowerPoint program about member gardens and recommended garden daylilies.

A huge “thank you” is sent to Nancy, Sandra, Phyllis and John for graciously sharing their gardens and uplifting our spirits during this difficult and stressful time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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John Kulpa Seedling



Grand Valley Daylily Society

By Claire Sheridan

The Grand Valley Daylily Society was treated to a Zoom presentation in January by Ginny Pearce, well known Region 2 hybridizer. Ginny has been hybridizing since 1996, working on tetraploid, round, ruffled daylilies and more recently hybridizing for tall, unusual forms. Reds and purples are a special love of Ginny's although she also works her magic with other colors. The club was excited to see the gorgeous seedlings that are coming in the future. Region 2 President Charlie Harper joined the meeting and praised the work that Ginny is doing.

Ginny Pearce Seedlings



In February Sandra Dunn gave club members a chance to compete for prizes with a daylily trivia game. The game is played with Kahoot, and it challenged the members' daylily knowledge and knowledge of the club. We found out that with a fast response and the right answer you could be the winner of a gift certificate from AlongThe Fence Gardens. It was an entertaining and fun way to spend an evening on Zoom with daylily friends.



The March presentation was a Zoom program by Sandy Holmes on what was new at Riverbend Gardens. Sandy showed many of her seedlings and future introductions. The vivid colors and forms were fascinating to see and it was equally fascinating to see the changes from parent plant to first and second generation kids in her hybridizing. It was heartwarming to hear the stories Sandy told of her life and the daylily passion that she and husband Mike share. She told how she had to make a decision early about whether to work with diploids or tetraploids. At the time many people were working with diploids and she decided that in order to stand out from the crowd she would work with tetraploids. One only has to look at her introductions to see how well that decision has played out.

Sandy Holmes Seedlings



We are all looking forward to our April 1 presentation on photography tips by Region 2 President Charlie Harper.

Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (MCDS)

By Debby Colvin, Charles Lucius, Karen Ciula

Like so many other clubs and social/entertainment activities, we at MCDS have been significantly impacted by the coronavirus. Keeping our members safe is very important to us, and therefore we will not be meeting in person until late summer of 2021 at the earliest.

The MCDS late winter/spring schedule normally includes in-person meetings in February and late April/early May. For our February meeting this year, our president Charles Lucius organized a virtual slide show with pictures from club member and hybridizer Steve Williams, who presented slides showcasing the history of his hybridizing program. Steve has been collecting daylilies since 1991, when he received 16 daylilies from hybridizer Bernie Grebus. Steve started hybridizing in 1995, joined MCDS in 1996 and ADS in 1998. He started collecting seeds as a way to increase his daylily collection. Steve is currently focusing his efforts on double, unusual, and miniature spider forms. Steve's daylily property is named O'Bannon Springs Daylilies.



Steve Williams Seedling

(photo by Steve Williams)

The April/May meeting format has not been finalized – although we hope to have another virtual meeting. Since



**Bob Faulkner at 2018 Region 2 Symposium
with Debby Colvin and Cathryne Redenbarger**

(photo by Debby Colvin)



**Bob Faulkner at his pond site
with Virginia and Ed Myers, Don Losasso, and Jeff Kerr**

(photo by Karen Ciula)

this is the time when we usually return our guest plants for auction, we are also working on the logistics associated with moving our May 2021 auction/plant sale on line.

We currently remain optimistic that our August club meeting can occur as planned, in person, with a public plant sale and members-only auction.

Also on our schedule is renewal certification for our many ADS garden judges this coming June or July. Fortunately, we have three instructors in our club - Dick and Pat Henley and Karen Ciula- who will be able to teach the refresher class.

Lastly, the club is saddened by the loss of our friend and former president, Bob Faulkner, who died from complications of COVID-19 on December 26, 2020. Even more than the beautiful daylilies that he hybridized, he will be remembered for his down-home sense of humor and genuine graciousness. He was always willing to step up to help at plant auctions, or open his garden for friends and visitors. Some of us were fortunate to participate in the fall 2020 Shirley Farmer Midwest Hybridizer's Zoom Meeting that Bob hosted in collaboration with Sandy Holmes. Little did we know that it would be the last time we saw Bob talk about his passion for daylily patterns and plans for their future. It will now be up to others to continue his work.

Daylily Society of Southeast Wisconsin (DSSEW)

By Patricia Adrian

It's been one quiet year for the Daylily Society of SouthEast Wisconsin (DSSEW) members. We managed to conduct a normal club meeting on January 26th, but then cancellations rippled through the year. They continue into 2021, although more and more of us are gaining Covid protection from vaccinations.

Despite in-person meetings being postponed, the daylilies made fine progress in our club garden. Our club rents a garden space at a community garden in Milwaukee. Dedicated members have amended the soil, planted and tagged daylilies, weeded the garden and dug for our annual sale. We compost the weeds in one corner of the garden. Normally, we remove bloom scapes to encourage more root development. But in 2020, club members were invited to visit the garden by appointment (to control crowd size) to view the blooms. Seeing the daylily perform locally helped sell plants via our modified, member-only plant sale.

The annual DSSEW Daylily Sale is typically held on the first Saturday in June and is open to the public at a local farmer's market venue. Member volunteers dig, divide, clean, bag and tag the daylilies just days before the sale. Whatever plants remain after the sale are replanted in the club garden in two-fan groupings.

This year we planned a safer way to conduct what was necessarily a smaller sale. We provided a list of all daylilies available in our garden; also a photo gallery was posted on our website. Orders were gathered



2011 Plant Sale Crew ready to sale daylilies



2020 Plant Sale Crew, masks when close, tables and workers spaced

for two separate delivery days. A few volunteers went to the garden to dig out requested plants and bag them for orders. Thanks to excellent organization by Board Member and Secretary, Bonnie Papham, two diggers were deployed, one to each side of the garden. Two runners carried plants in separate directions to two tables where plants were divided and bagged. Plants were then placed into boxes – one order to one box. Since we only had about 25-30 orders total, it was very manageable to be safely spaced. Orders were picked up from the porch. A few members visited the garden and ordered their favorites through the middle of August, thanks to President Mark Pawlak's generous offer to dig at a moment's notice! I purchased several plants via an order, but after visiting the garden with my sister, I found another daylily I had to

have – **'Martha Lowry'** (Holmes-S., 2007). It's a stunner in the garden.

Our newsletter *FANFARE!* featured two extensive articles celebrating our club's 25th anniversary! From founding member Harold Steen's first letter looking for southeastern Wisconsin daylily enthusiasts in early 1996, the articles traced the growth of DSSEW—plant sales, garden tours, community garden grants of cash and plants, bus trips, speakers, photo contests. It was fun to look back to our beginnings and see photos of

club activities. The source for these articles was the Historical Library, kept up-to-date by another founding member, Barbara Nickel. She has archived all previous newsletters and keeps photo albums and newspaper clippings. Thanks, Barbara!

Members sent in reports of their First Flowers Open (FFO) in summer, competed in our 2020 Photo Contest for fabulous prizes in fall, and composed entertaining 'Garden Updates' for our January, 2021 newsletter. No question that mem-



2020 DSSEW Photo Contest
"Pat Sturdevant's first place clump photo"



2020 DSSEW Photo Contest
Zannah Crowe's winning single bloom photo

bers were busy in their own gardens this year since we couldn't do much in getting together with fellow members. Our own Conrad Wrzesinski won the ADS first place award for Multi-Bloom Photography for his photo of Mary Kreger's 'Watchyl Managing Mary,' a 2004 introduction. To find out more about our club, please check out our current and previous newsletters at www.dssew.org.

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Greater Cincinnati Daylily-Hosta Society

By Sharon Rose, with biography of Don Farwick by Maryann Farwick

GCDHS has been in hiatus for most of the past year, only resuming the new year in February with a wonderful presentation by Kylie Johnson of the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center on the Secret Life of Bees. This was followed by an equally interesting presentation in March on water conservation, also by Kylie.

Unfortunately, 2020 ended sadly for all of us here at GCDHS with the loss of Bob Faulkner and Don Farwick. Region 2 has much to share about Bob for all of us. Here we will share our memories of Don.

“Don Farwick, a member of GCDHS since 2005, died December 12, 2020 from a three and a half year battle with cancer. He joined GCDHS because of the love of his wife but became active because of the many friendships formed (and the donuts!)

Don loved to serve, as was evident in his consistent pres-

ence at all GCDHS events: hosta and daylily shows, plant sales, and as bus captain at our 2005 National Convention. But the daylily digs at the Bachman's Valley of The Daylilies were his favorite – getting down and dirty cleaning daylilies. Don was always one of the last to leave after making sure everything was clean and put away properly. Although vegetable gardening was his passion, through association with GCDHS, he became quite appreciative and knowledgeable of good hosta and daylily cultivars in perennial gardens, frequently voting for the winning cultivars at regional summer meetings! His involvement and welcoming smile will be greatly missed.”

We are hoping for a much better 2021 and plan to start with a few garden meetings beginning in July. Until then, we are having a container contest which will be posted on our Facebook page. Check in the first week of May to see what GCDHS members are planting.

Fort Wayne Daylily Society

By Lana Wolfe

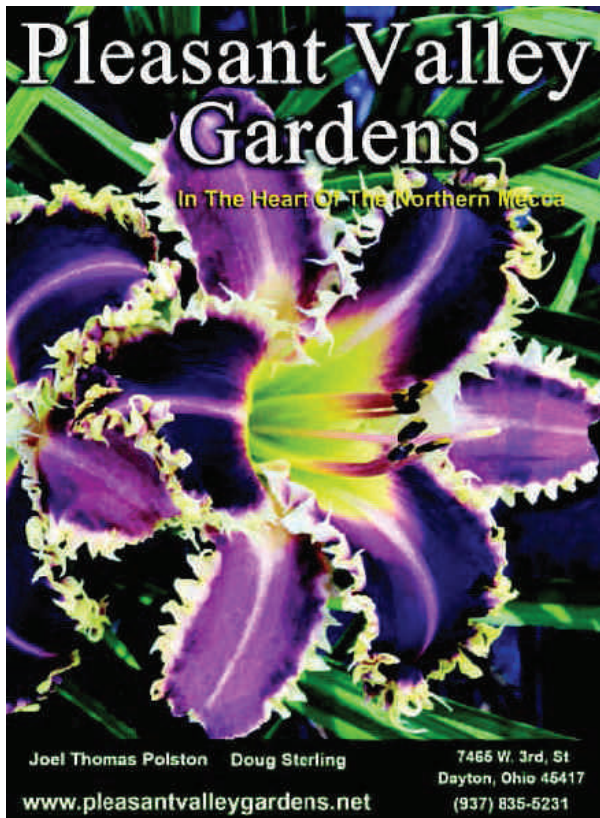
While many club activities were canceled this year due to Covid, we did have a successful daylily show in July. Safety protocols were in place. The show was very well attended and enjoyed by those who came.



Scenes from the 2020 Fort Wayne Daylily Society Show

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