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Region 1 Director's Report

Steve Horan



Hello daylily friends, Steve Horan here writing to you from the office of Director for Region One. In today's column, I'm going to write about the fall board meeting that took place in October 2022. This was my second board meeting and I participated remotely as I was on a fishing vacation in Alabama. We were fishing for bass on Lake Eufaula and it was a grand time. The logistics of the board meeting for me were quite interesting as I was a passenger with my fishing buddy on the drive home from Alabama, trailering my friend's bass boat. We took our driving breaks when the board took their meeting breaks, and we took our lunch break when the board took their lunch break. It actually went quite well. Isn't technology amazing? But I look forward to participating in the next board meeting in person at the 2023 National Convention in June.

One of the things the board does in the fall meeting is vote on the personal awards including the Lenington Award, the Regional Service Awards, the Electronic Media Award, the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award, the Bertrand

Farr Silver Medal, and the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal Award. It is such an honor to vote on these awards and is one way we recognize excellence in the American Daylily Society. Rhonda Veroveen leads this discussion in her role as the Awards and Honors Chairperson. With one exception, the personal awards are kept in strictest confidence until announced and presented at the 2023 National Convention and is one of the highlights of the convention that we all look forward to.

The one exception is the Lenington All American Award, which is announced at the 2022 fall board meeting and information about the winner is provided to the Daylily Journal and published immediately on the AHS Website. The winner is formally presented at the 2023 National Convention. I thought it might be keen to provide some background on the Lenington and the process the board goes through to select a winner.

The tradition of the Lenington was begun in 1970 when the AHS Board approved the first Lenington Award for best performance over a wide geographic area. A slate of candidates is prepared by Rhonda's Awards Committee. These cultivars, no longer eligible for the Stout Medal, were selected because they won votes for the Award of Merit in a large majority of regions and because of their continued popularity over the years. Each board member votes for one cultivar. Those four cultivars, which receive the most votes, constitute the second ballot. More ballots with fewer candidates are cast as needed to achieve a simple majority. The winner in 2022, as announced in the Daylily Journal and the AHS Website, was Papa Goose. Papa Goose was hybridized by Heidi Douglas in 2011. I do not personally grow Papa Goose in my Minnesota garden, but I have seen it thrive in gardens around Region One. I have particularly fond memories of Papa Goose in the garden of Phyllis McIntosh at the Regional in 2019 that took place in Omaha, NE. A deserving Lenington award winner.

Well, there you have it. A bit of a look behind the scenes of the 2022 Fall Board meeting which took place in Nashville, TN and the passenger seat of my fishing buddy's SUV.

The weather may be a little uncertain this time of year (c'mon spring!) but one thing you can count on is daylilies in summertime. Hope to see you all on the daylily circuit this summer.

Region 1 President's Report

Lisa Schmidt

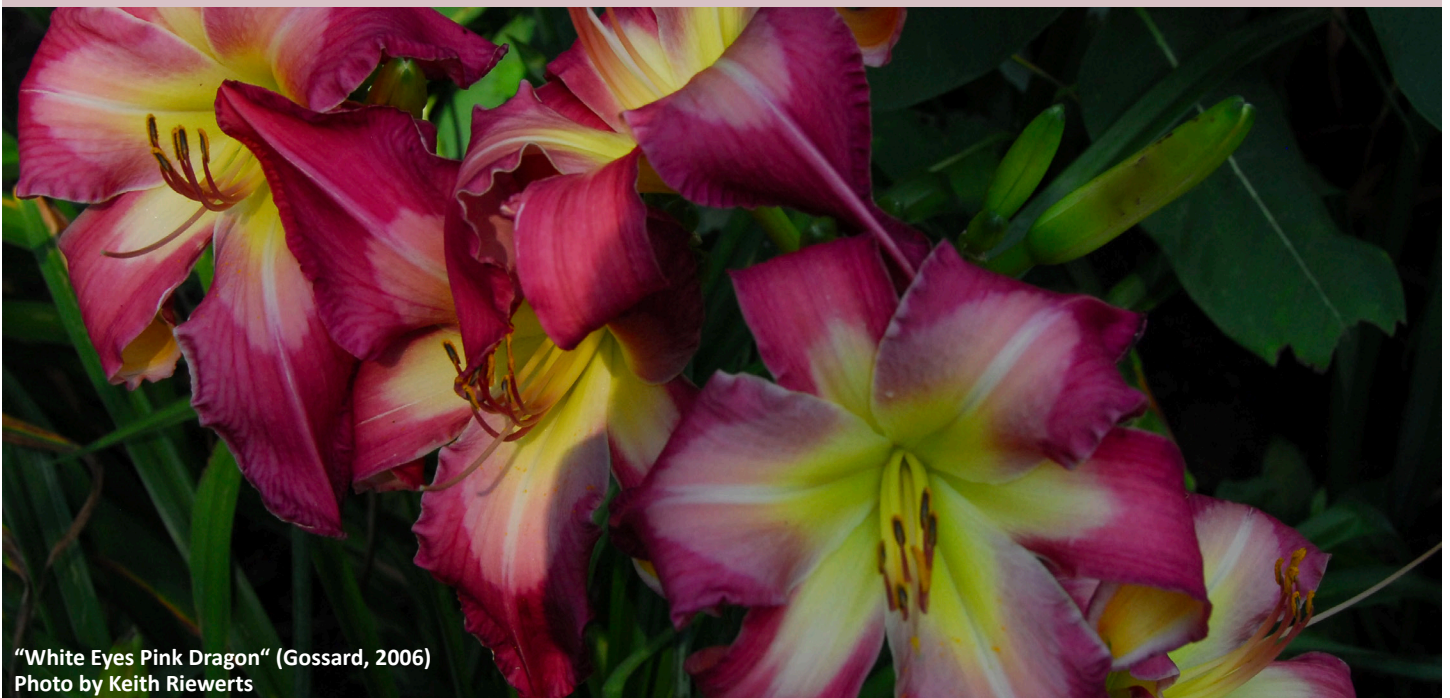
Hi. I am Lisa Schmidt from Bismarck, North Dakota. I am the new Region One president. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone. I think I've already met quite a few of you, but please come up and introduce yourself or just to say Hi. I want to know if there is anything our region can help you and your club with or that you want brought forward to National. I am trying to get around to the different clubs in our region, going to club meetings when I can. We've had a few changes to our Region One board and important positions. All these important people should be listed inside the front cover. Nancy Rash is the new secretary from Washington, Iowa with the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society (CVIDS) club. We also have a new 'Daylily Pioneer' editor, Lorraine Manz, also from Bismarck. If you have any stories, news, or pictures you want to share, please send them to Lorraine - she would love to have them to include in the 'Daylily Pioneer'. Help me welcome and thank all these people and the other valued members serving the region for their volunteer service.

I am sitting here writing this waiting for the next snow storm to blow through with even more snow, pushing Bismarck's snow levels ever closer to a new record! I am afraid spring might be a little late in coming to this north country, just waiting for all this snow to melt. So, I am really looking forward to seeing some daylilies again. One of the places I recommend to see daylilies is the Region One summer meeting, which this year is in Muscatine Iowa, hosted by the CVIDS club. The Region One meetings are always a



great time to get together with old friends and to meet new ones, and oh, seeing the flowers blooming in the yards on tour! Please sign up and come to the summer Region One meeting, it should be a wonderful get together. Hope to see you all in Muscatine!

Happy gardening!



"White Eyes Pink Dragon" (Gossard, 2006)
Photo by Keith Riewerts

From the Editor

Lorraine Manz

Greetings from your new Region 1 editor! I am Lorraine Manz and I live in Bismarck, North Dakota, although my origins are a long, long way from here. My British accent still gives me away, even after almost 30 years in the U.S.

As editor of the Daylily Pioneer I have some very tough acts to follow and my publishing software skills are a little rusty. Please bear with me while I clamber back up the learning curve!

Meanwhile, some thoughts. . .

I planted my first daylily, "One Two Kangaroo" (Mason-M., 2000) in 2011. It was a freebie – a gift from the Central North Dakota Daylily Society for becoming a member. I still have it, which is more a testimony to its hardiness than my horticultural skills.

Hardiness is one of the things I admire most about daylilies. Anything that can survive a North Dakota winter is worthy of the utmost respect in my book. Not all daylilies can do it, of course, but those that do never cease to amaze me when, every spring, those pale green points begin to poke up out of the soil. (But oh, it's going to be a long wait this spring as the snow continues to fall and the 2023 seasonal total here in Bismarck, North Dakota creeps ever closer to a record high!)

The daylilies will eventually flower, nonetheless. And what flowers they are! Once the growing season has started in earnest, I'll be out every day looking for buds. In my garden, the first flowers usually appear in late June or early July and reach their peak around the end of the month. And every single one is a work of art. Whenever I look at my daylily flowers, I ask myself how, as a fairly unexceptional gardener, I am able to grow something so sublime with so little effort. Really, what is there not to love about these beautiful, tough, incredibly forgiving, plants? But I'm preaching to the choir.

Happy spring!

ADS Region One 2023 Garden Judges Report

By Phil Fass, ADS Region One Garden Judges Liaison

ADS Region One membership is 200 as of March 15th, 2023 (an increase of one member since the March 1, 2022 membership count of 199).

A region's maximum number of Garden Judges (GJs) is 20% of its annual membership, so Region One can have a maximum of 40 GJs in 2023. Our region currently has 28 GJs, five of whom are Garden Judge Instructors (GJ Instructors). We can add up to 12 new GJs.

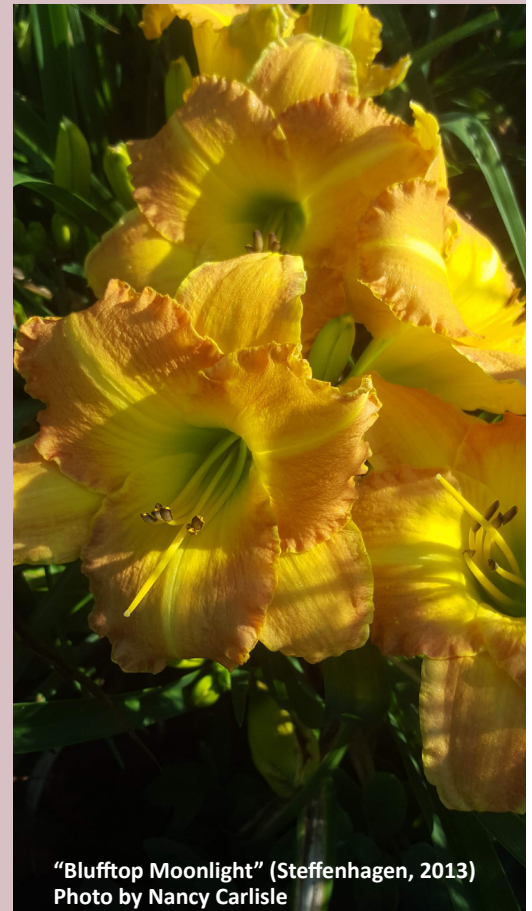
ADS Region One had 30 GJs in spring of 2022. By July 2022, two GJs stepped down due to choice or circumstance.

It is very important for existing Garden Judges to 1) pay their ADS dues on time and 2) vote the annual ADS Awards & Honors ballot by the deadline (either by snail mail or online). The 2022 ADS Awards & Honors ballot postmark/online voting deadline is September 1, 2023.

We need more GJs to represent our region, for more northern votes on the annual AHS Awards & Honors Ballot. Consider taking Garden Judges Workshops 1, 2 and 3 for credit to become a new GJ. Students can take the workshops in any order.



"One Two Kangaroo" (Mason-M., 2000).
Photo by Lorraine Manz



"Blufftop Moonlight" (Steffenhagen, 2013)
Photo by Nancy Carlisle

ADS Region One Display Gardens



Background: "American Freedom" (Grace-Smith, 2003)
Photo by Lisa Schmidt

Iowa, USA

Hillsdale Lily Garden: 61258 U.S. Hwy 275, Glenwood, IA; **Contact:** Todd and Lu Peverill, **Phone:** (402) 917-0510, **Email:** hello@hillsdalelily.com, **Web:** <https://hillsdalelily.com/>. Preferred contact method: phone call, Email. Children are welcome, mostly flat terrain, large garden (more than an acre), historic display garden, commercial garden.

Keast Daylily Gardens: 412 S Parker Rd, Oakland, IA; **Contact:** Mary & Tom Keast, **Phone:** (712) 355-1393, **Email:** keastdaylilygardens@gmail.com. Hybridizer's garden, mostly flat terrain, commercial garden, private garden.

My Savanna Nursery: 6161 32nd Ave, Shellsburg, IA; **Contact:** Jackie A Westhoff, **Phone:** (319) 521-1607, **Email:** jackie.mysavanna@yahoo.com.

Manitoba, Canada

Beausejour Daylily Gardens: 1539 First Street North, Beausejour, MB, Canada; **Contact:** Mary Veldman, **Email:** maryveldman59@gmail.com. Children are welcome, mostly flat terrain, large garden (more than an acre), botanical garden.

Minnesota, USA

Deer Haven Gardens: 2841 147th Ave NE, Ham Lake, MN; **Contact:** William & Dory Lindisky, **Phone:** (773) 786-1948, **Email:** bbbbluesky@yahoo.com. Preferred contact method: phone call, Email. Hybridizer's garden, appointment necessary.

Springwood Gardens: 7700 Old Highway 169 Boulevard, Jordan, MN; **Contact:** Karol Emmerich, **Phone:** (952) 941-9280, **Email:** springwoodgarden@aol.com. Hybridizer's garden, hills and valleys, large garden (more than an acre), commercial garden, private garden.

Minnesota, USA (contd.)

University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum: 3675 Arboretum Blvd, Chaska, MN; **Contact:** Robin Stanislaw, **Phone:** (651) 233-6847, **Email:** robin.stanislaw@gmail.com. Large garden (more than an acre), features other plant collections, botanical garden.

Nebraska, USA

Ferguson Fantasy Flowers: 19615 Pierce Street, Omaha, NE; **Contact:** Linda & Scott Ferguson, **Email:** lindamom@cox.net.

Garden Perennials: 85261 State Highway 15, Wayne, NE; **Contact:** Gail Korn, **Phone:** (402) 375-3615, **Email:** gkorn@abbnebraska.com.

Pick-A-Daylily Garden: 5911 Robin Ct, Lincoln, NE; **Contact:** Scott Keller, **Phone:** (402) 310-7670, **Email:** PkDaylily@gmail.com. Hybridizer's garden, appointment necessary, mostly flat terrain, small garden (less than one acre), commercial garden

North Dakota, USA

Fancy Fence Garden: 120 6th Ave SE, Mandan, ND; **Contact:** Gwen Brady, **Phone:** (701) 663-6998, **Email:** mbrady@bis.midco.net.

NDSU Plant Science Dept. Display Gardens: 1200 18th St N, Fargo, ND 58102; **Contact:** Barb Laschkewitsch, **Phone:** (701) 231-7484, **Email:** Barbara.Laschkewitsch@ndsu.edu. Features other plant collections, historic display garden, botanical garden.

South Dakota, USA

Driftwood Gardens: 41873 211th St, Iroquois, SD; **Contact:** Vicky Aughenbaugh, **Phone:** (605) 354-1244, **Email:** vlaughenbaugh@gmail.com. Preferred contact method: phone call, appointment necessary.

Regional Preview

Daylilies:

The Pearls of Region One

July 14-16, 2023
Muscatine, IA



By Nancy Carlisle and Keith Riewerts

Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society
CVIDS.org

Mark your calendars, July 14th – 16th, check out our web site (CVIDS.org), make your hotel reservations, send your checks and get ready to have a great time in Pearl City, Muscatine, Iowa!

The Merrill Hotel on the Mississippi River is the site for the 2023 Region One Summer Meeting hosted by CVIDS. The “Pearls” of Region One ascribes the beauty of these gems to the beauty and value of our Region One daylilies.

Our featured speakers, **Mike Grossmann and Kathleen Nordstrom** of Northern Lights Daylilies bring their experience and expertise as noted growers and hybridizers to our regional. The Region One Auction will include all of Mike and Kathleen’s 2023 introductions!



Left: Northern Lights Daylilies: 2023 Introductions

Above right: “Selwyn” (Lovell, 2011)

Below right: Darrin and Shelly Lett

Tour Gardens:

John and Colleen Hansen, Wilton, IA

With a degree in Horticulture. Colleen loved everything plants and gardening. She, like so many, thought that the extent of daylilies was the Stella De Oro or the “Ditch Lilies” that are so prevalent in Iowa. Her true love of daylilies began when she walked into the gardens of Barrett and Lynn Stoll. She was so awed by all the different colors, sizes, and forms. Her husband John and she have tried to make their small garden unique and clever. Our garden is smack dab in the middle of town. Here you will find a quaint garden that is friend to Fae and Gnomes.



Darrin and Shelly Lett in West Branch, Iowa have a multi-use acreage. Shelly focuses on daylilies, including hybridizing, while Darrin, our current CVIDS president, has established a very successful vegetable/truck farm working alongside Shelly with the daylilies.



Regional Preview (contd.)

Heather and Jim Harroun of Illinois City, Illinois, are the proud owners of Gnomon's Land Gardens. They have created an elaborate gnome-enhanced garden with water features and lovely special areas. Heather is also involved with some outstanding hybridizing.



"Barb's Brightest Star"
(Papenhausen-Harroun, 2022)

The **Riewerts, Keith and Sally**, reside in Long Grove, Iowa. Their garden reflects 50-plus years of collecting, growing and hybridizing daylilies, with more than 350 cultivars. Favorite hybridizers include Faulkner, Murdock, Emmerich, Gossard, Korth and Papenhausen.



Sally Riewerts

The **Saturday Bus Tours** feature our lunch break in Wilton, Iowa, catered by the historic Candy Kitchen, where Bubba Sorneson's mural and Muscatine County's Freedom Rock are located at our

lunch stop. He has placed his Freedom Rocks in each of Iowa's 99 counties, as well as all but one Region One states. Sorenson is such an Iowa character that has given so much to promotion of our Iowa heritage.

Our Judge's Workshop 2 will be hosted in the gardens of **Dave and Sue Kramer** in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The session will be given by **Phil Fass**, of Cedar Falls, Iowa on Sunday, July 16. Phil has taught hundreds in these important learning sessions. More information is available at registration.

Special Guests:

Region One welcomes American Daylily President Scott Elliott, who will be attending our Regional, as will **ADS Vice President Rhonda Veroeven**, who will hold a special session on awards and honors during the sharing time for hybridizers.



Riewerts' back yard

Pete and Pat Connolly gardens, Bellvue, IA



Registration and Room Reservations

are available on-line at CVIDS.org.

More tour and local points of interest are available at our CVIDS web site.

Please visit our web site for the schedule, menus, room prices and any special needs. <http://www.CVIDS.org>

Regional Preview (contd.)

OPEN Gardens

Are you coming to the Regional in Muscatine from the east, the west, the north or the south? There are many trails that lead to Muscatine in southeast Iowa. The Great River Road National Scenic Byway, Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway, Iowa Valley Scenic Byway, Grantwood Scenic Byway, Historic U.S. Route 6, Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail, Cody Trail, White Pole Road, The Freedom Rock Tour and the Walnut Tree Link.

You have been invited to gardens on your way to Muscatine and on your way home, or make the loop and try and see as many as you can. Driving details will be provided by email to persons who are registered for the July 14-16th meeting. View highlights of these open gardens and bus tour gardens on the cvids.org website using the tab of 2023 Region One meeting. A wide variety of gardens will be available for viewing. College campus beds, hybridizer's, country gardens, a master gardener's delight, several small city gardens and three lifelong garden club friends. The Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society membership is delighted that you are coming to visit. Our membership is spread over 10 counties in the southeastern section of the state. We have members who reside from Bellevue to Burlington, from Oskaloosa and North English, to Shellsburg and Dyersville, and many gardens in the acres of Iowa between those vistas.

From the south, there will be garden gems in Bonaparte and Burlington. Both of these gardens started their collections with daylilies that were hybridized by our CVIDS charter member, Gerald Hobbs. Farmers with a passion for daylilies and growing other crops will delight you. Two different rivers are near these bountiful gardens. Make these gardens a top priority to visit.

In the center will be gardens in and near Muscatine, one overlooking



Two views of Barbara McCreight's Lowden garden
Photos by Barbara McCreight

the mighty Mississippi with plantings from the Iowa State experimental test plot, a garden with the artistic touch of a butterfly painted on the fence, a garden with a historical railroad trestle in the backyard with the plantings created by a Federated Garden judge and a daylily bed in Weed Park.

Entering CVIDS territory from the west will lead you past Herbert Hoover



Presidential Library and Museum into an area heralded as part of the Underground Railway. Stop and see history from World War I in the displays of flour sacks sent to Belgium from Midwest flour and grain mills. Take a rest stop near Wilton to view how quilts signaled a safe stop along the Underground Railway in Cedar and Muscatine counties.

From the north is the hybridizer garden that had the Derecho of 2020 blow through, creating opportunities for new seedling beds. Stop in Mount Vernon to see the Cornell College campus that has benefited from the graduates' touch in beautification of their entry drive and signs with purple and white daylilies for the school colors, along with beds of seedlings that could not make the journey to Colorado when a CVIDS member moved. Travel on the

Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway to the Cedar County town of Lowden to visit that octogenarian graduate of Cornell and the colorful beds that surround his condo. He started his humble gardens in the 70s and has created several lovely hybrids of his own creations, including "Gary's Unstoppable Gold." (Revisit his passion in a past Spring 2021 issue of the Daylily Pioneer.)

Tour the other two town gardens that are lovely oases of flowers, iron works, and statuary. As you journey toward Muscatine, check out the Cedar County Freedom Rock on the town square in Tipton, view the Carnegie Library and stop for the famous Tipton Crescent at Tiffany's Bakery. This 85-year-old recipe is a coveted favorite when brought to CVIDS society meetings.

Whichever route you take will lead you to Muscatine with four additional tour gardens on Saturday, lunch catered by the historic longest functioning ice cream parlor, the Wilton Candy Kitchen. You can visit the Muscatine County Freedom Rock and a mural painted by Bubba Sorenson while eating. Welcome to southeast Iowa.

Regional Preview (contd.)

Contributions for the Region One Meeting Silent Auction

The Region One Silent Auction committee is requesting items for the Silent Auction on July 14th and 15th, 2023 in Muscatine, Iowa. We welcome each individual, society and club attending to bring a basket or items for the auction. Gardening items, daylily memorabilia, and other items of interest are always welcome. Items pledged to date include a glass dragonfly, Isabell Bloom limited edition gnome, stainless steel garden spade, framed iris and daylily diamond pictures, gardening sleeves, Edison garden lamp, decorated Bee thermos and a custom daylily wall hanging. Please let Nancy Carlisle know that you are contributing items.



Examples of Silent Auction baskets at the Asheville National Convention July 2022
Pictures all taken by Nancy Carlisle

Calling on all hybridizers to present your up-and-coming creations

A Hybridizer Forum will be held on Friday, July 14th at 4 pm during the 2023 Region One Summer Meeting, Muscatine, Iowa. Please limit your presentation to 10 or less slides to allow time for discussion and questions. Slides may be sent to Ellen Jones at ellen-jones@uiowa.edu for assembling into a presentation. ADS Vice President, Rhonda Veroven will be there to give a presentation on the registration and award system of daylilies.

Local News



Beausejour Daylily Gardens by Mary Veldman



Beausejour Daylily Gardens is located on First Street North on the west side of the street. It is the first driveway on your right if coming from Highway 44. Beausejour, Manitoba, is about 45 kilometers (27 miles) northeast of Winnipeg.

It all started in 2001 when the mayor at the time, Fred Kazina, envisioned a park on the edge of town that would invite visitors to stop and rest. Fred approached the owners of the land (Kisloski's) and they graciously donated one acre.

The town of Beausejour purchased the other acre. Work began quickly on the park after hiring Mrs. Wilke to draw out a design. They built several large, raised beds and planted 300 Brandon Cedars, 50 Amur Maples, and 50 Prairie Sky Poplars all along the 2-acre property. This was the beginning of what would ultimately become Beausejour Daylily Gardens: a display garden for daylilies, irises, peonies, lilies, ornamental trees and shrubs; and also a place for people to stop to get directions, take a break, have lunch, play a

game of checkerboard or bocce, or just sit back and relax or meditate.

The whole project came crashing down a few months later when all the Brandon Cedars died. The mayor became quickly disillusioned and frustrated. Interest in the park languished until a group of volunteers (later to be known as the Friends of the Beausejour Daylily Gardens) from several garden groups approached the town council and suggested that they allow them to organize and maintain a daylily display garden. It



Photo by Darryl Gershman



refreshments, live entertainment. Mary Veldman and Shaunda Rossington have stepped in to take over the coordinator position. Yes, it took two women to fill the position as Carol left a very high bar to follow! To date, volunteers at the Beausejour Daylily Gardens have planted around 600 daylily cultivars; and hundreds of lilies, irises and peonies. We are open to the public all year round, and we recommend you visit often to see everything that there is to see. We have live entertainment and a farmers market every Sunday in July and August. This year we will add more daylilies and peonies and a new garden shed for storage.

was easy to convince the committee that daylilies were the way to go. So, the group received the council's blessing and support in 2002. The following spring a small group of hard-working and determined individuals made several trips to Belmont, Manitoba, and Riding Mountain National Park where they dug up and replanted hundreds of daylilies, lilies, irises and peonies donated by Patrick Healey. By the end of 2003 they had planted over 150 daylily cultivars, and many other perennials. Several years later the garden was awarded AHS Display Garden status.



It was Carol Bender's idea to start up the AHS display gardens. It was her hard work and determination that has made the Beausejour Daylily Gardens one of the most beautiful display gardens in Manitoba Canada. We proudly boast it is the coldest AHS display garden in the world, and the only one in Canada in AHS Region 1. We are indebted to the many volunteers, and the support of the Town of Beausejour, and the

Rural Municipality of Brokenhead, Manitoba, for helping us achieve our goal.

Carol stepped down in 2020 as coordinator, but is still an active member of the Friends of the Beausejour Daylily Gardens committee. In July of 2022 we hosted a birthday party to celebrate the Beausejour Daylily Gardens' 20 years. We had cake,

Top: Photo by Darryl Gershman

Bottom: Pat Thibault and her granddaughter Gabrielle, volunteer gardener. Photo by Mary Veldman

"Earth laughs in flowers"
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Central Dakota Daylily Society
by Gwen Brady

Well, we have had quite a winter, not just long (and occasionally very cold!) but with a lot of snow cover and moisture as well. Hopefully we will be rewarded with fan increases in our yards this spring, once the snow has disappeared. Maybe we will also see some new seedlings from the crosses some of our members made last summer. One of our club members introduced a new seedling that won best of show last year during our blossom blast. Hope it gets registered!

For our upcoming spring meeting the club decided to showcase some of our local nurseries and has invited owners to do a spring program to talk about the plant selections that will be available this summer. We have also scheduled a June club auction and sale, and a summer garden tour. We will have a fall speaker, although we're not sure who, among our many options, that will be yet.

Our club has been busy making plans for the 2025 regional daylily meeting, which will be in Fargo. We've already made a lot of progress.

May winter soon be over so we can get into our gardens!

Happy gardening!

Daylily Society of Minnesota
by Dory Lidinsky

Our fall meeting was held on October 30th at the Bachman's Garden Center in Minneapolis. Guest speaker was Phil Fass from Iowa. Our business meeting involved re-electing several current members and adding two new directors, Dave Beckman and Linda Horsman as our Garden Tour Directors. Dave and Linda have been active members for many years.

On Feb 26th, 2023, many excited and motivated individuals attended our winter meeting where we were honored to hear from Phil Korth out of Green Bay, WI. We met several first-time attendees and were happy to sign up seven new members. At this meeting Karol Emmerich initiated an exciting new education series.

We are looking forward to an active summer again with the Dig and Sale scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 3rd-4th. the garden tour scheduled for Saturday July 22rd, the Off-Scape Show scheduled for Sunday June 23rd, and our banquet and auction planned for Sunday, Aug 13th. More information on these activities can be found at our website: daylilysocietyofminnesota.org.



Winner of Best of Show at last year's CNDDS Blossom Blast
Photo by Lisa Schmidt

Nebraska Daylily Society
by Linda Ferguson

We held our Winter meeting on January 28th in Scribner. It was hosted by Mark and Betsy Langemeier and Val Hoefer. We start all our meetings with a social hour so members can catch up with friends. At this meeting we took several votes, which focused on our initial arrangements for the Regional in 2026. Four of our members, Mary Baker, Scott Keller, Tom Keast and Linda Ferguson, presented their hybridizing programs. Great things are on the pathway to introduction!

Our second meeting will be May 6th in Lincoln. Scott Keller, Kay Roberts and Robin Lowe will host. We will hold our meeting and a club auction to be made up of plants from members' gardens and also from Bobby Scott of TopGuns Daylilies. A dozen members have earned club plants and will receive Topgun Daylily plants at this meeting.

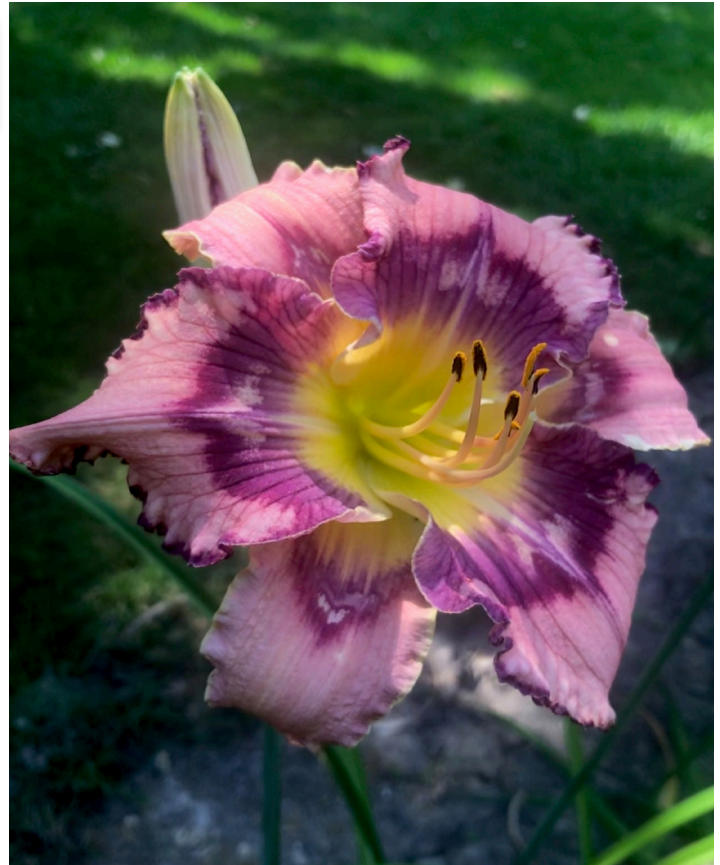
July 8th is our Flower Show and Garden Tours meeting. The Ferguson's and Phyllis McIntosh and Lyle and Rita Kahnk will host. It will be held in Bellevue. Gardens on tour will be Mary Baker and Bob Langabee. The flower show is off-scape and is open to all members. We will deliver flowers, have refreshments and socialize and then go out to see the gardens. Upon return the flower show winners will be announced and the traveling trophy awarded.

The August 26th meeting will be held in Omaha. Following the meeting our speaker will be, Dr. Scott Elliot of Maneki Neko Gardens in Ellabell, GA. Dr Elliot is the current American Daylily Society President. Dr. Elliot will be offering some of his daylilies for our auction along with plants donated by members of the club.

We are planning on holding two sales for older daylilies to benefit our scholarship program. One sale will be in the spring and one in the fall.

"There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments."

Janet Kilburn Phillips



Top right: "Get Jiggy" (Stamile, 2008)
Bottom right: "Pigment of Imagination" (Norris-R., 2008)
Photos by Keith Riewerts

What's in my Garden?

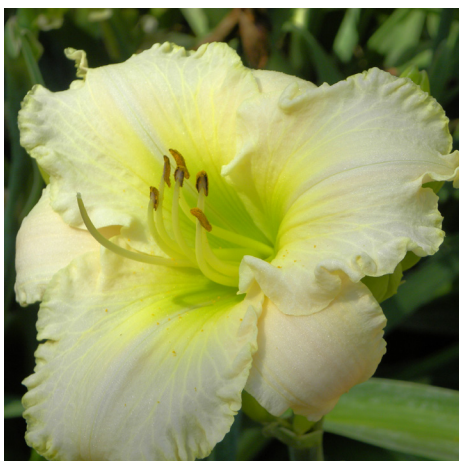
By Nancy Rash
Region 1 Secretary
Past President CVIDS



For the last issue of the Daylily Pioneer, I wrote about creating a daylily inventory. As I started this article, I searched my Excel files on my laptop to locate the inventory. I could not find it! Oh, no! After searching many files and not finding the inventory I took a short break. When I came back to the office, I decided to look on the desk top computer and there it was. What a relief!



"Evermore Teeth" (Grossmann, 2017)
Photo by Lorraine Manz



"Bryce Farnsworth" (Baker-M., 2013)
Photo by Lisa Schmidt

My earliest records show that I was acquiring daylilies back in 1991 when my mother shared Gilbert Wild daylilies she had in her garden and I visited Blooming Hill in Cedar Rapids. I was limited to what was available at nurseries and garden centers until I read an article about Gerald Hobbs and Hobbs Hilltop Gardens. Fortunately, Lyle was ready for a road trip and we visited Gerald and his wife Elnora at Fort Madison, IA. I still have the Daylily 1991 Inventory List from Gerald with the date of our visit, July 5, 1991. I purchased 5 daylilies – all still in my garden and Candy Hearts Hosta. A "gift" daylily was added to the order. Lyle's request was that I purchase red and yellow daylilies so that is what I added to the garden. At that visit, I did not know that Gerald was a charter member of the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society.

When first married, I worked in Cedar Rapids and I found a favorite "flower spot" to visit on my lunch hour, Kramer Flower Farm. I don't remember buying daylilies but I did buy hostas and other perennials to fill in my garden. This was the garden of Sue and Dave Kramer, CVIDS members, garden tour hosts and daylily hybridizers. The best part of the visit was that the perennials could be seen growing in their garden beds. Years later, I met them again as CVIDS members. They are very active members and their garden is a treasure trove of plant materials. Sue has presented programs to the CVIDS membership and is an accomplished hybridizer.

Before I started writing, I thought this was going to be an article about what is in my garden, like how many daylilies are from how many different hybridizers. But when I started writing, it was more about how seeking daylilies brought me to meet others. When I met others at daylily meetings and conferences, I then wanted to purchase at least daylily created by hybridizers that I know personally. The first daylilies I purchased from Gerald Hobbs were not his introductions but I do have four nice Hobb's daylilies growing now in my garden. I donated three of his first introductions to the historical daylily garden at Fargo, ND. They were happy to have a Region One hybridizer represented in the garden.

Region One hybridizers represented in my garden are Karol Emmerich, Phill Fass, Gerald Hobbs, Barb Papenhausen, Don Lovell, Nan Ripley, Mary Baker, Jonathan Poulton, Mike Grossmann, Bob Wilson, Sue Kramer and Kay Hill. My apologies if I have missed anyone!

Going to ADS meetings introduced me to David Kirchhoff, Darrel Apps, Bill and Diana Waldrop, Charles and Heidi Douglas, Eric Simpson, Robert Selman, Paul Owens, Scott Elliott, Jamie Gossard, Earl Watts, Lee Pickles, Paul and Luella Korth, Margo Reed and Jim Murphy so of course have some of their introductions as well.

I probably should have named the article, Who's in my Garden?



Sisters Nancy Rash and Peggy Rash-Daniels are members of the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society and proudly wear shirts "easily distracted by plants".



Notice to ADS Region One Board members:

We will hold a board meeting at the 2023 Region One Summer Meeting in Muscatine, Iowa. The board will meet before the Region One Business meeting on Saturday evening (July 15th), exact time and place to be determined closer to the event.

I want to invite everyone to the 2023 Region One Summer Meeting in Muscatine, Iowa. If anyone has concerns that they feel need to be addressed by our Regional Board, please send your issues to adsregion1president@gmail.com.

Lisa Schmidt
ADS Region 1 President

To Fertilize or Not to Fertilize: That is the Question

By Kathleen Wiese

“Daylilies don’t need fertilizer.” “Water is the only fertilizer you need for daylilies.” “Good soil equals good daylilies.” “Daylilies are best left to their own devices.” We’ve all heard these “facts” about daylilies, and while there is some truth in all of them, if we want the best foliage; the largest, most brilliant blooms; and reblooms on those varieties that provide that beauty, we may want to give them a little food.

Daylilies will grow and bloom without any fertilizer, but they do prefer to be lightly fertilized with moderate nitrogen (N) to promote healthy vibrant foliage, and phosphorus (P) and potash (K) to promote healthy blooms, tuber vigor, and disease resistance. Lower nitrogen levels promote not only foliage, but root growth as well.

Fertilization can be provided using organic or inorganic fertilizers.

Organic Fertilizers

Daylilies, like all plants, benefit from the periodic addition of compost. Compost improves the structure and health of the soil, which in turn helps it retain moisture and nutrients. Compost also attracts beneficial organisms to the soil and aids in preventing pests from attacking the plants.

As a fertilizer, the nutrient value of compost is very low, containing an average just 1.5% N, P, and K. Composted manure is even lower, with an average N, P, and K content of 0.5%. The nitrogen in compost is primarily a slow-release nitrogen, so it will do little for plants in the first year. Only about 30% of the nitrogen will be released per year. Phosphorus is even less available from compost, as it is tied up in large molecules that release the phosphorus over time; and when it is released, phosphorus combines strongly with soil molecules, making it mostly inaccessible to the plants. Compost’s potassium is readily available to the plants, but it is highly water soluble and is easily washed out of the soil.

All in all, this means that whereas compost is highly desirable to maintain the health of soil and therefore the health of plants, it is not all that useful as a fertilizer. In places with nutrient-rich soil that is heavily amended with compost, it may be enough, and if you are satisfied with the vigor and blooms of your daylilies using only compost, there is nothing wrong with that. Most daylilies, though, will still benefit from the application of a light fertilizer in addition to the compost.

It is easy enough to add compost when planting a new bed. Simply spread 2 to 3 inches of compost evenly over the bed and mix it with the top few inches of soil, using a garden fork. When planting a new daylily in an existing bed, a small amount of compost (a general rule of thumb is to replace about 1/3 of the soil from the hole with compost) mixed into the replacement soil is recommended.

Adding compost to an existing bed with growing plants gets a bit trickier. The easiest way to accomplish this is to use a degradable organic mulch which does the work for you. Any untreated wood mulch will slowly turn into compost and provide soil support. Cedar is a slowly degrading wood mulch, but it does still compost itself well enough to aid soil health. If you prefer to use compost itself as mulch, that same 2-to-3-inch layer of compost can be spread in

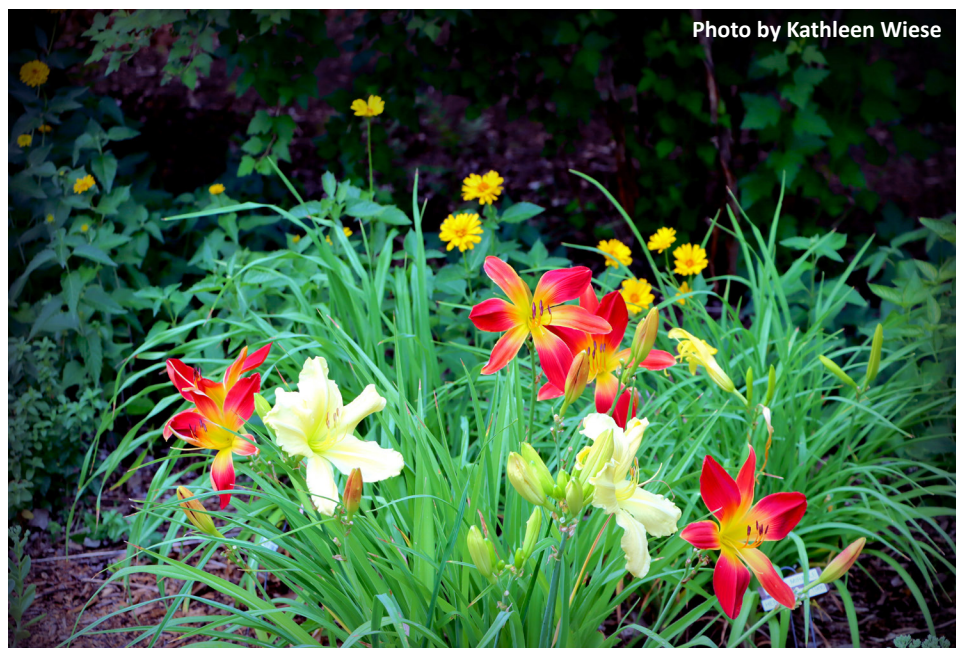


Photo by Kathleen Wiese

the beds, around the plants but avoiding the crowns, each spring or fall, leaving the compost on top of the soil.

Milorganite® is an organic favorite of many experienced daylily growers. Milorganite is one of the oldest branded fertilizers and one of the oldest recycling efforts. It is composed of heat-dried microbes that come from wastewater, and is relatively low in nitrogen and rich in iron. Wastewater enters a water reclamation facility, where the solid materials are removed. Microbes are then added to the water along with oxygen, which enables the microbes to digest the nutrients in the wastewater quickly. After digestion is complete, the microbes die and binding agents are added to cause the microbes to clump together and settle to the bottom of the collection tanks. Cleaned water is returned to Lake Michigan and the microbe clumps are dewatered and dried; then subjected to extreme heat to kill all pathogens. The end result is the small pellets that go into the bag, but only after rigorous testing and quality control to assure that it is safe for plants, animals, and humans.

Milorganite releases nutrients as plants need them, so there is little risk of burning or overfertilizing, if used according to label directions. About 80% of the nitrogen in Milorganite is slow-release and gets delivered to the roots of the daylily through microbial activity in the soil. If microbial activity is not available to the Milorganite because of drought, cold soil temperatures, or excessive use of pesticides in the soil, the nutrients stay bound in the pellets and are only released when conditions become more favorable.

Milorganite is produced in only one plant in the United States. It has become very popular and the demand has out-paced the supply, so it is expensive and hard to find. There are some Milorganite clones on the market, however, they are not the same. Look for the ingredient “biosolids” as the only ingredient on the bag. If it has anything other than that, it is a clone made from synthetic materials.

Espoma Organic Flower-tone is another option that provides a NPK profile of 3-4-5, along with 5% calcium. Jobe’s Organics 09627 NPK analysis is 3-5-4, and EarthPods makes fertilizer capsules which are pushed into the soil near the plant, slowly releasing a 1-2-2 fertilizer. FoxFarm’s Happy Frog all-purpose fertilizer is a 6-4-5 formulation, and includes active soil microbes to help deliver the nutrients to the plant and enhance the plant’s nutrient intake. These are all made with natural and organic ingredients, if that is the preferred fertilizer type.

Inorganic Fertilizers

Daylilies do well with balanced, slow release NPK formulas, such as 5-5-5, 10-10-10, or 20-20-20. Others recommend a 5-10-10 formula to minimize excessive foliage growth at the



Top: “Papio Trevor Thomas” (Hansen-D.V., 2016)

Bottom: “Primal Scream” (Hanson-C., 1994)

Photos by Kathleen Wiese

expense of blooms. You may need to do some trial and error to see which works best in your garden.

Continuous release fertilizers such as Osmocote® or Proven Winners® Continuous Release Fertilizer, or balanced, slow-release lawn formulations without herbicides can be used. Miracle-Gro® is a well-known balanced fertilizer that is generally applied in liquid form. Miracle-Gro’s Bloom Booster® formulation is a high-phosphorus fertilizer for a mid-season fertilization to encourage blooming.

Photo by Kathleen Wiese



How and When to Fertilize

If once per year fertilizing is chosen, any balanced fertilizer applied in the spring, just as foliage begins to emerge but after the danger of frost is past, is sufficient. Sprinkle or pour the fertilizer mix around the base of the plant and water in well.

Twice a year may be desirable in some gardens, with a balanced formulation applied in early spring and in fall after blooming is done. Fall application is helpful for promoting the following year's foliage health and blooms, as it serves to strengthen the tuber.

For spring and fall applications, most fertilizers need soil temperatures of at least 50° F (10° C) to release to the soil. For fall applications, it also needs to be early enough to avoid a flush of tender new growth just before frost. A general rule of thumb is to stop fertilizing 4 to 6 weeks before first anticipated fall frost.

Growers who want the biggest, best, and healthiest daylily beds may want to follow a three times per growing season fertilization routine. Apply a 16-4-8 fertilizer in the spring

to ensure plant growth and foliage enhancement. This is followed by a mid-summer application of a 10-52-10 formulation. The high P (phosphorus) content provides for superior blooming. Since most avid daylily growers have gardens designed to bloom throughout the growing season, timing of the summer application should be when it supports most of the bloom season. A fall application of a 10-10-10 or 20-20-20 fertilizer will enhance the growth and strength of the tuber for the next season's blooms. The shorter the growing season, the more likely that this regime could end up over-fertilizing or wasting products, so use with caution in our northern zones.

Regardless of when you fertilize, the soil should be thoroughly moistened immediately after application. My dream is to someday live in a place where rain is reliable enough to do the watering for us, but in reality, most of us will need to get out the garden hose.

Daylilies and Soil pH – does it matter?

Although daylilies are not very particular about anything but a desire to not have their feet immersed in water-logged soil for long periods of time, like most plants they have a desired pH level. They prefer a slightly acidic soil, with a pH in the low 6s. For those of us who live in areas with considerably more alkaline (higher pH) soil, we might make our daylilies happier by giving them an acidic fertilizer. Adding acid to alkaline soil makes any fertilizer added to the soil more readily accessible by the plants. Fertilizers that contain the ammonium form of nitrogen (NH_4^+) will acidify the soil. These are often listed as ammonium phosphate, ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, or urea in the list of active ingredients. Of these, ammonium sulfate provides the highest level of acidification.

Sulfur-based fertilizers which contain elemental sulfur, aluminum sulfate, or ferric sulfate, are stronger acidifiers than the ammonium-based products and should be used cautiously on herbaceous plants.

For very minimal acidification, the addition of peat moss, compost, or composted animal manure can provide small, short-term effects. Mulching with pine needles may also provide some acidification as the needles break down, but, unless the soil is just borderline to the desirable pH level, these applications will not have much positive effect.

Sandy or very porous soils require less application than heavy clay soils to provide the same amount of acidification. Acidifying fertilizers should be used instead of other fertilizers, not in addition to. Acidification is an on-going process, not a one-time application.

Many of us have experienced seeing the same plant that



Swallowtail Butterfly
Korth P - Korth L. 2011

Photo by Kathleen Wiese

from 7.5 to 8.0 (very alkaline), and I definitely have some limpers. I am going to give them some acidifying fertilizer and tell them it's their last chance to perform. I'll let you know if they get the chance to hang around for another year.

If you have questions about your soil, whether it is pH, elemental content, or organic matter, most county extension offices provide a means for you to obtain a soil content assay at a very reasonable charge.

So, to fertilize or not to fertilize? It is really up to you. Maintaining good soil health with a periodic application of compost or a three-times-a-year fertilization schedule can all benefit daylilies.

*The author is not endorsing any type or brand of fertilizer.
Resources:

Gardenmyths.com/compost/fertilizer-numbers/ (Retrieved March 8th, 2023)

Milorganite.com/using-milorganite/what-is-milorganite/ (Retrieved March 8th, 2023)

Farmingmethod.com/best-fertilizer-for-daylilies (Retrieved March 8th, 2023)

catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/ec1585.pdf (Retrieved March 8th, 2023)

is limping along in our gardens growing and blooming profusely in someone else's garden. It seems like we limpers are providing the same tender loving care as the bloomers, so what is the difference? Maybe it is the soil pH. I know I have daylilies not doing as well in my garden as they do in other states even though it seems that conditions should be the same but for a different soil acidity. I couldn't find much research on this, so I would be interested in hearing from those of you who know more about the effect of soil pH on daylilies. If anyone is interested in experimenting with that this summer with any daylilies that are limping along in their garden, let me know and we can give an update on what we find in the fall newsletter. The soil pH in my gardens ranges

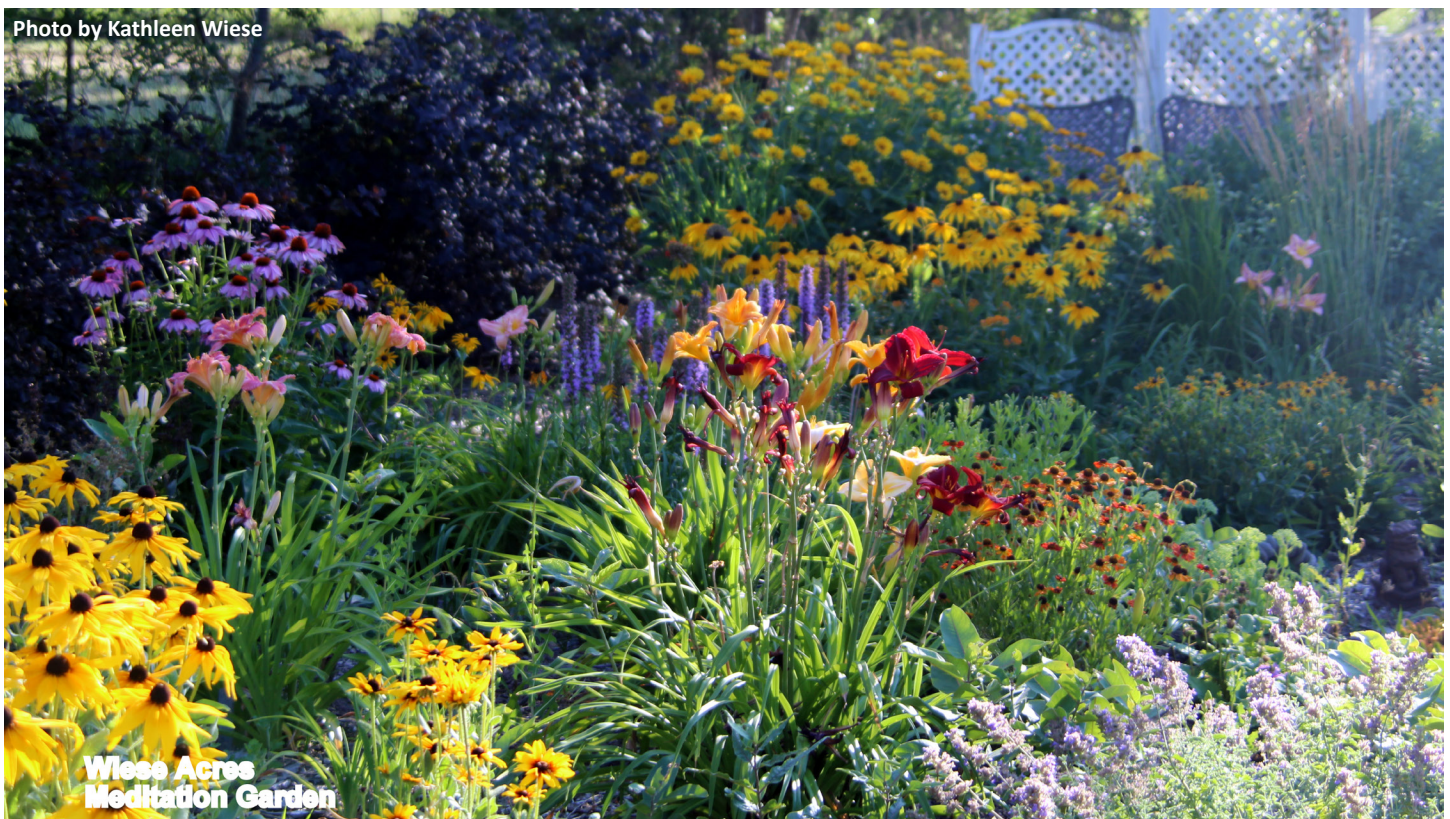


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Wiese Acres
Meditation Garden

2022 ADS Region One Financial Report December 31, 2022

**Total Amount Checking/Savings Accounts –
January 1, 2022** **\$24,645**

Income:

Auction	\$4,905
Contribution from regional meeting (\$5 per attendee)	\$365
Donations	\$5,870
Postage refund from AHS	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0

Total Income: **\$11,140**

Expenses:

Newsletter – postage, printing, software	\$1,636
Editor stipends	\$1,600
Website	\$229
Garden Judges 2 workshop	\$13
Miscellaneous (fees, insurance)	\$137
Travel reimbursement (RP, Director, Editor)	\$2,573

Total Expenses: **\$6,188**

Net Gain (Change in Assets) **\$4,952**

**Total Amount Checking/Savings Accounts –
December 31, 2022** **\$29,597**

With the exception of certain mailing expenses related to the newsletter, the Region receives no income from the ADS, and the Region is not allowed to charge dues. All income for Region One comes from regional auctions and fees, plus donations from clubs and individuals.

\$5,850 was received as a donation from the Dakota Prairie Daylily Society, representing the funds in its bank account when the club decided to close.

The Regional President and the region’s ADS Director are reimbursed for travel expenses for ADS’s Regional President and Director meetings, and the Regional Editor is reimbursed for the summer Regional meeting.

Jackie Westhoff, auditor for Region 1, has reviewed the financial statement above (and supporting documents) and concurs that it accurately represents the region’s financial position.



“Lavender Potpourri” (Stoll, 2006)
Photo by Nancy Carlisle



Final Deadline is May 27, 2023!

(Registration is limited to 500 people!)

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Sonesta Nashville Airport Hotel
600 Marriott Dr, Nashville, TN
(615-889-9300)

Room Rate - \$164 (2 Queen or 1 King Bed)
Rooms available after July 15, 2022 To get block rate, mention, "American Daylily Society-2023 Convention" before 5/22/23.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

USD check or M.O. payable to:

AHS National Convention 2023

Mail To: Kate Patrick, Registrar

322 Osborne Lane, Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Kateskatz70@gmail.com

615-479-9556

(Register online to pay with PayPal)

Cancellations

Received by 4/22/23– full refund; from 4/23/23 to 5/21/23 -50% refund; after 5/22/23-no refund. You may swap your seat if you can't attend. Please notify the Registrar ASAP!

Thursday Dinner Included!!

Companion Dinner(s) at \$50 per meal
Followed by a Live Plant Auction at 7:00pm!

Visit our website for important details on Auction Donations, Vendors, and Volunteers and the latest Convention updates!

2023 ADS National Convention

"Grand Ole Daylilies"

June 15-17, 2023

Nashville, Tennessee

Hosted by the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society

Convention website: www.ahs2023national.com

Registration includes two days of garden bus tours, 2 breakfasts and box lunches, three dinners and a brand new 2023 gift plant!

Registration Form

Print names as you wish them to appear on your name badges. Indicate Youth registrations with a "Y" after name. Put additional names on back.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Region: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you wish to have your contact info on attendee list? () Yes () No

Do you have any special needs (food, accessibility, bus, ets.)? Provide name and details (use back for additional space if needed).

ADS or Regional Officer? Provide name & office: _____

Attending Thursday Dinner (included) () Yes () No

Companion Dinners (Guest's name) \$50 per dinner

Companion(s): _____

Friday Dinner: _____ Beef _____ Chicken

Saturday Dinner: _____ Beef _____ Chicken

Judges Clinics and Workshops. (Do not send fees now)

Exhibition Judge Clinic I _____

Exhibition Judge Clinic II _____

Exhibition Judge Clinic III: _____

Garden Judge Workshop 1: _____

Garden Judge Workshop 2: _____

Optional T-Shirts: 2023 "Grand Ole Daylilies" T-shirts \$20 each (See description on website) Pick up t-shirts at Registration desk. Quantity: () S, () M, () L, () XL, () 2XL, () 3XL

Number Attending/Totals:

FEES:

____ Registration Fee @ \$319 postmarked by 4/22/23 \$ _____

____ Late Registration @ \$354 postmarked 4/23-5/21/23 \$ _____

____ Youth Registration (AHS members 18 and under) @ Free \$ FREE

____ Optional Convention T-Shirts @ \$20 each \$ _____

____ Companion dinner(s) @ \$50 each meal \$ _____

Specify # Thurs _____ # Fri _____ # Sat _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

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