

Autumn
2013

Daylily Society of Minnesota DSM Daylily News

Calendar of Events

Oct 26	Science Meeting @ Karol Emmerich's, Edina
Oct 27	Program & General Meeting @ Bachman's
Jan. 11	Board Meeting @ Karol Emmerich's, Edina
Feb. 15	Science Meeting @ Karol Emmerich's, Edina
Feb. 16	Program & General Meeting @ Bachman's
May 4	Spring Fling @ Springwood Gardens
May 17	Dig @ Kyle Billadeau's
May 18	Sale @ Bachman's
July 11-12	Region I Meeting @ Sioux City, Iowa
July 26	Off Scape Show @ Bachman's
July 27	Daylily Tour of Arboretum & Springwood Gardens
Aug. 17	Banquet & Auction @ Sofitel
Nov. 1	Science Meeting @ Karol Emmerich's, Edina
Nov. 2	Program & General Meeting @ Bachman's

Presidential Ramblings

Hello Fellow Daylily Enthusiasts!

Welcome to Fall! I wonder what form this season will take? After snow in May, and a crazy daylily blooming season last summer, I can hardly wait to see what Mother Nature has in store! Did I mention that my daylilies on the North Shore hit peak bloom on Labor Day? I have to say, I doubt that my hybridizing efforts will amount to much of anything!

We had a great summer. Hosting the 2013 AHS Convention in Minnesota was exciting! The gardens were beautiful and the attendees seemed to have a great time. Thanks to everyone for stepping up to help. Helpful members showed up for deadheading and weeding in the gardens, at registration, in the boutique, at the bargain tables, in the tour buses, at the auction, in the classes, and everywhere they were needed. Volunteerism is alive and well in DSM, and I am so proud of our accomplishments!

We have a great meeting ready for you at Bachman's the last Sunday of October. Steve has lined up some great speakers for an interesting afternoon, and you can drop by Karol's place on Saturday evening for more daylily fun. All are welcome, and you never know what interesting tips you will pick up. Check out the information in this issue!

This is the last president's article I will be writing. I had hoped to write a poem like Gerald did when he was president, but I guess that that will have to wait until another day! I have enjoyed the opportunity of being the president of DSM, and I look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks at our next meeting!

Amanda Engstrom



DSM General Meeting

(Open to the Public—*bring a friend!*)

Sunday, October 27, 2013

Bachman's Garden Center Heritage Room

Agenda

11:15 - 12:30 Sunday Brunch
with Nikki Schmith

Meet at Patrick's Café at Bachman's prior to the
General Meeting on Sunday afternoon.

No Reservations are necessary--*just show up!*



12:30 - 1:00 Social Time

(bring a snack to share with the group)

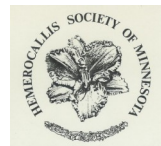
1:00 - 1:15 Bi-annual business meeting

1:15 - 2:15 What's Going on in Daylily Patterns by Stacy Swain

2:15 - 2:30 Social time

2:30 - 3:30 Daylily Travels with Nikki Schmith





Our Speakers

Nikki Schmith Travels with Camera

Former Region 2 President Nikki Schmith will share her recently updated presentations “Daylily Travels with Nikki Schmith” and “Exhibition Shows for the Enthusiast” with our club on Sunday, October 27. These digital presentations are full of photos of her summer adventures from seven states and five years of growing daylilies and entering exhibition shows in the AHS. She is a three-time Best In Show winner of AHS accredited exhibition shows and has won head table awards in many other daylily shows.

She and her entire garden, which now contains approximately 450 daylily cultivars along with hundreds of other perennials and various unique container plantings, recently relocated "back home" to Illinois. Her former Michigan gardens were featured in *The Michigan Gardener* magazine. Nikki's written work and photography have been featured in several daylily regional publications, as well as the AHS Journal. The British Hemerocallis Society recently featured her photography in their 2011 and 2012 Bulletins.

Nikki likes to integrate technology as a fun gardening tool. Whether it is using PowerPoint, Camtasia, FaceBook, Photoshop, Photo Story, or Blogger, she likes to share new ways to use her computer and daylilies together. She also travels extensively, speaking about the daylily and teaching judges clinics. Her recently acquired garden-related obsession is floral design, and she is currently soaking up all the knowledge she can to someday win a blue ribbon with one of her designs. Nikki is an Exhibition Judges Instructor, a Senior Exhibition Judge, a Garden Judge, and the AHS Media Librarian.

In her 9-to-5 job, she is a trainer and education specialist for Ford Motor Company, working virtually for Ford's World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan. But her "real job" is as a mother, wife, daughter, and daylily addict in an amazing family where it is no secret that exhibiting daylilies and being a daylily ambassador is her passion!

As an officer of the Region 2 daylily club, Nikki travelled extensively to daylily gardens around the country and she is not ever without her camera. As her popular daylily blog at <http://agirlandhergarden.com/> demonstrates, Nikki takes fantastic pictures and has numerous stories to go along with the pictures. Her bubbly personality will have you smiling and laughing as she shares her favorite images from her daylily travels.

Stacy Swain

What's Going on in Daylily Patterns?

See lots of pictures of named daylily patterns along with pictures of their parents while exploring AHS definitions and descriptions of various pattern attributes like halos, twinkles, and more.

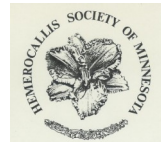
From Stacy Swain:

About 20 years ago my sweetheart and I found a house we could afford along the Mississippi river at the top of Hennepin County. We moved in during early autumn and enjoyed our first winter of bird watching. As the ice broke up on the river and the spring rains with their annual floods went racing by, we watched in horror as eight feet or more of our front yard disappeared down river. The kind DNR man, who came to look at our situation and consult with us, pointed to a spot on the river bank and said, "Drop 20 ton of rock right here, plant hostas in the shady places and daylilies in the sunny spots." That advice led me to Norm and Peggy Baker's nursery. Being that our yard is mostly sun, I was dismayed by how much lots of daylilies would cost. But Norm Baker said, "You could hybridize and grow your own." He introduced me to the local Club, I joined as a permanent member, and the rest is history. It has been such fun meeting you-all and becoming part of a daylily family.

I am still filling the yard with daylilies and the river hasn't eaten any more of the front yard. In fact, 20 ton of rock and many, many daylilies grown from seed later, we've grown some yard and river bank back. Daylilies and their nice deep roots solved our erosion problem and are beautiful to boot.

I love daylilies and especially those with patterns. At the last science meeting, the slide show I presented was a look at what was going on in the world of patterned daylilies and it was suggested that the whole Club would enjoy it as well; and I sure hope you do, too!.





Science Meeting

Saturday October 26, 2013 7-10 p.m.

Karol Emmerich's
7304 Claredon Drive, Edina

Join us for a discussion centering on hybridizing topics

Please bring digital pictures of your seedlings to share with the group.

Please let Karol know if there's anything specific you'd like to have covered
(kdemmerich@aol.com or 952-941-9280)

Directions to Karol's: Take Crosstown 62 to Gleason Road exit (this is just east of Hwy 169). Go south on Gleason about a mile and a half to where it intersects with Dewey Hill Road. Go left on Dewey Hill Road 3 blocks (going east). Turn left on Claredon and go to the end of the street.

DSM Banquet and Auction

The 2013 DSM auction was another success! For the more than 60 banquet guests, there were great plants at great prices and lots of reminiscing about the convention and beautiful tour gardens. The Bargain Table plants and the Auction plants generated \$3,895 for the evening. There were over 80 cultivars available for auction. Most plants were guest plants provided to host gardens for the national convention, then generously donated to the Club by the hybridizers. Many more will be available for the auction next year. Many also came from the adoption program plants and the balance came from our generous local hybridizers and members.



*******CONGRATULATIONS*******
PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



The 2013 photo contest was a rousing success! With 87 entries in the five categories, there were plenty of choices for each voter to find and vote for their favorite. All of the entries will be on display at the October 27 DSM meeting at Bachman's.

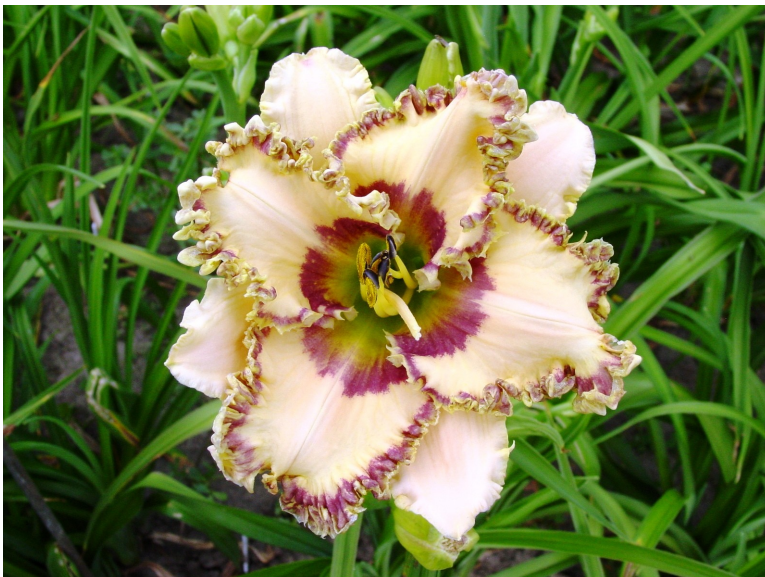
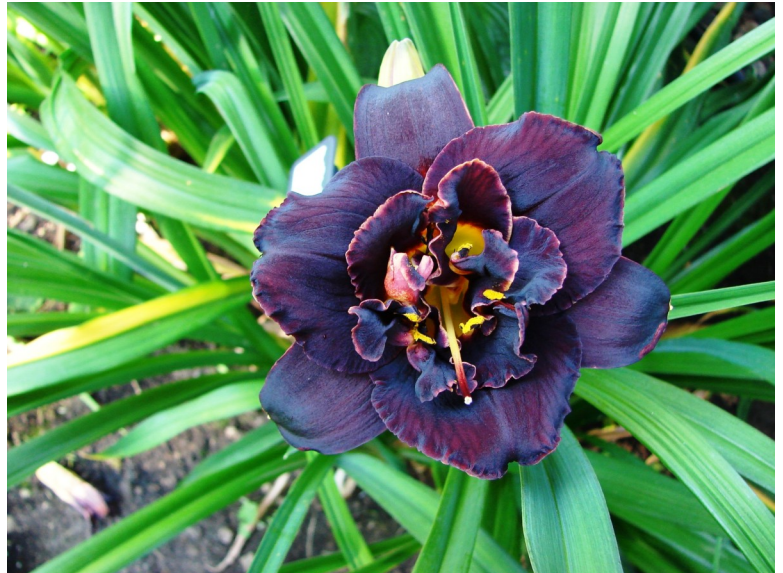
See you there!

The winners are:

**Single Blossom Close-up—
Registered Cultivar**

Voodoo Dancer – Peat 2001

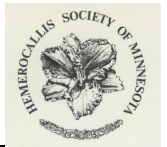
Photo submitted by Jerry Steffenhagen



Single Blossom Close-up—Seedling

Seedling #29-B-11 A

Photo submitted by Jolly Steffenhagen



Clump Photo—Any single cultivar, showing two or more blooms

Ruby Spider – Stamile 1991

Photo submitted by Robin Stanislaw



**Daylilies in the Landscape—
Landscape beds including daylilies**

Rock garden

Photo submitted by Kyle Billadeau

NEW CATEGORY for 2013!

**Art and Nature in the garden—
Art and/or nature together with
daylilies**

Art & nature flower

Photo submitted by Dawn Tubbesing



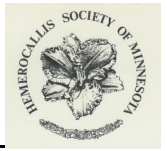
Convention Tour Goers



At Judie McGraw's gardens



At Kyle Billadeau's gardens



Thank you from Dawn Tubbesing!

Donations made the National Convention Bargain Table a Success!

I would like to thank all the people who volunteered at the National Bargain Table for all their hard work, long hours, and dedication to making it a great success! We sold all the plants we had except for 11 plants which we held back and donated to the 11 youth at the convention (some of whom are pictured at right). We met many people from around the country and they had very high praise for our gardens and the people they met from our Club. Great job everyone. Thank you!!!



2014 Dig & Sale Planning

Now if you're looking for a good time and great company, set aside some time on May 16 and 17 and come join in the fun at the Dig & Sale. You can get a good deal on some plants, earn an adoption plant (*see page 10*), and make new friends or greet old ones, and help our Club continue to have the funds for great Garden Tour Bus Trips, Banquets, and Meeting Speakers.

We will need lots of volunteers and lots of donated plants to make this a success. Kyle Billadeau has graciously volunteered to let us have the Dig at her Turtle Rock Gardens again this year on Friday, May 16. The Sale will be Saturday, May 17, and we will need volunteers from 8 to 3:30. The Sale will take place at Bachman's in Edina in their Heritage Room.



So as you bed down those daylilies for a long winter nap, keep an eye out for some you might want to donate to a new home in someone's garden. Again, volunteers are needed and welcome for both days even if you only have an hour or two to spare.



Plant Adoption is Back!

Our Plant Adoption Program is a reward for working for the Club during the year. So if you helped at this year's National Convention or another activity for us, please apply. You get to choose and raise a newer cultivar for three years but you must give the increase back to the Club for the Auction. You get to keep the original number of fans that you received, and the Club gets the funds at the Auction---it's a WIN-WIN situation for all! We are hoping for big, fat, healthy fans to auction in three years.

The Board has voted to continue this program again for next year, so I hope everyone who is eligible will submit an application to adopt a daylily! Application forms are included in this newsletter and are due by our fall meeting on **October 27, 2013!** You may either mail them to Kris Henning or bring to the meeting that day. If you have any questions, please contact either Kris Henning or Karol Emmerich.

Eligibility (must meet all requirements every year):

- ◆ Be a member of DSM for two years and current in club dues.
- ◆ Attend any two of our nine annual events: Feb. or Oct. program meetings, Feb. or Oct. science meetings, Spring Fling, Dig & Sale, summer tour, Show, Banquet, or 2013 National Convention.
- ◆ Assist at one of the above events or help at Plant Fairs, special club projects, serving on the Board or committees, hosting garden tours, or donating plants to Plant Sale or Auction, or having helped at 2013 National Convention.
- ◆ Must submit application form.
- ◆ Must sign and be willing to follow the contract (*copies available upon request*).
- ◆ All members in a household that qualify are eligible to adopt!



Contract highlights:

- ◆ DSM retains ownership of the plants and will ask for annual updates of their progress, and to be notified if the plant dies;
- ◆ the member agrees to care for the plant to the best of their ability—adequate watering, fertilizing, weeding, no dividing of the plant, and no seed pods allowed to form to promote the best growth;
- ◆ if the member is not able to continue growing the plant, or is no longer a paid member of DSM, they will return the plant; and,
- ◆ the member will dig the plant for the Club's Auction as directed, retaining the number of fans originally received—but not to exceed two fans.

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