

Spring  
2013

# Daylily Society of Minnesota DSM Daylily News

## Calendar of Events

Feb. 9	Science Meeting @Karol Emmerich's, Edina
Feb. 10	Program & General Meeting @Bachman's
Mar. 8-9	Pollen Dabbers @Marshalltown, Iowa
Apr. 28	Spring Fling @Springwood Gardens, Jordan
July 24-27	AHS National Convention @Doubletree, Bloomington
Aug. 18	Auction Banquet @Doubletree, Bloomington
Oct 26	Science Meeting @Karol Emmerich's, Edina
Oct 27	Program & General Meeting @Bachman's

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## *Presidential Ramblings*

### Happy winter fellow daylily fans!

I hope everyone is warm and happy. Sometimes the Springtime and all of its glory seems so far away. Fortunately, Steve Horan has done it again! He has put together a wonderful meeting for February for daylily and general gardeners alike. Make sure you look for the details in this issue. I hope to see you all there. Bring a friend to enjoy the unusual Bonsai demonstration as well as view the pictures of the Korth's daylily gardens. It will still be a long time before we see green shoots in our own frozen ground — images will just have to do for now!

Our committee for the National Convention has been very busy planning, planning, and planning some more. I get emails every day and the registrations are rolling in from everywhere! It is going to be quite an event. Make sure you sign up to be there. Early registration before May 1st offers a discount and several discounted pricing options for volunteers are detailed in the registration insert in this newsletter. It's not too late, not only to attend but to be a volunteer. Helpers are needed at tour gardens, so if you can help at a convention tour garden, contact me to volunteer; you could help to weed or deadhead before the convention or help serve refreshments during the garden tours on one or both tour days. Helpers are also needed at the registration desk at the beginning of the convention at the Doubletree. At the boutique and bargain plants tables, helpers will be needed not only during scheduled open hours but for set-up and to solicit vendors as well. Volunteering is a great way to get to know other members of our club.

If you have ever thought about trying your hand at hybridizing daylilies, consider attending Karol Emmerich's Science Meeting on the Saturday evening before our program meeting on Sunday afternoon.

See you at the upcoming February meeting at Bachman's!

*Amanda Engstrom*

*P.S. Just some housekeeping notes: (1) If you change your email or move, please let our Treasurer & Membership Chair, Don Unruh, know. The Post Office does not forward our newsletters after a few weeks and we often don't get a forwarding address to re-mail it to you. Check the membership listing enclosed for accuracy. (2) Please look at your address label as it should have a date listed through which your DSM dues are paid. Contact Don if there are any discrepancies to your personal records of dues payment.*

## ***Open Invite to Sunday Brunch***



***with this meeting's speakers!***

**February 10th, starting at 11:15 a.m.**

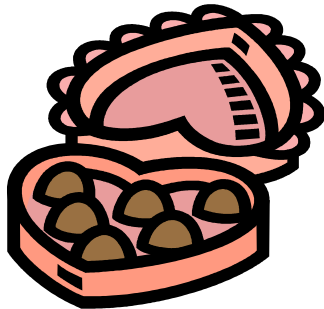
Join Phil and Luella Korth, along with Karol Emmerich and Steve Horan in Patrick's Café greenhouse seating area prior to the General Meeting on Sunday afternoon

## **DSM General Meeting**

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

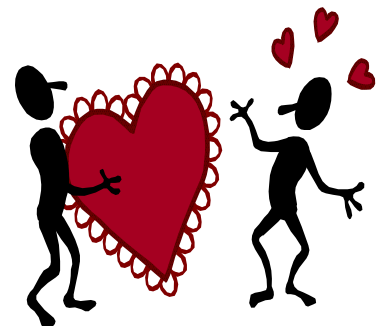
**Sunday, February 10, 2013**

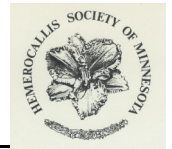
**Bachman's Garden Center Heritage Room**



### ***Agenda***

12:30 - 1:00	Social time
1:00 - 1:15	Business meeting
1:15 - 1:30	National Convention update
1:30 - 1:45	Daylily malaise "yellows," Gary Schaben
1:45 - 2:30	Bonsai, Michael Porcaro
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 3:45	Pinewood Gardens in Green Bay, Phil & Luella Korth





## *About our February Speakers:*

### *Phil & Luella Korth*

Phil and Luella Korth have been hybridizing daylilies since 1997. They launched their website in 2005, [www.Pinewooddaylilies.com](http://www.Pinewooddaylilies.com). To date, they have introduced 108 daylilies. They have a 1.75 acre lot in Suamico, a northern suburb of Green Bay, Wisconsin. There they raise 3,500 to 4,000 seedlings a year and evaluate hundreds of second and third year seedlings for potential introduction. Their talk is titled "Hard Knocks - Hybridizing the Hard Way in Northeast Wisconsin." It covers challenges they faced starting a hybridizing program, how they hybridize and grow their plants, and what directions their hybridizing took. Their main focus is on the following types of daylilies:

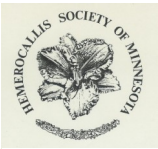
- \* ruffled pastels
- \* dark flowers with white and gold edges
- \* tetraploid patterns and blue eyes
- \* eyes and Edges
- \* teeth
- \* green eyed and patterned diploids

*Two of the Korth's 2013 introductions: Blazing in the Son (far right) and Swallowtail Butterfly (near right).*



### *Mike Porcaro*

Every year, television station KARE11 honors the outstanding volunteers in our community. Mike Porcaro and Ken Ellis were nominated in 2012 for the Eleven Who Care Award as a team for their work with bonsai at the St. Paul Como Conservatory. Working side by side, the two have grown the collection from 20 trees to about 110 trees over the past seventeen years. Today, the Marjorie



McNeely Conservatory's Bonsai Collection ranks among the top ten bonsai collections in all of North America.

The Daylily Society of Minnesota is delighted to host Mike Porcaro at our club meeting in February. In his talk, Mike will introduce us to his passion of bonsai. As an added bonus, Mike will demonstrate his craft for all to see and leave us with a living bonsai tree that will be awarded to one lucky club member. For a video clip of an interview with Mike and Ken, go to [KARE11.com](http://KARE11.com) and click on the Community page.



*One of the approximately 110 specimens of bonsai in the Como Conservatory's collection.*

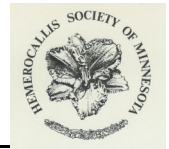


## Dues are Due!

Please check your address label on this newsletter for the yearend through which our records show your dues are paid. If the date is 2012, you owe dues for 2013. Dues are only \$5.00 per household for one calendar year (January–December); \$15.00 for three years; and \$75.00 for a Life Membership. Send dues, making your check or money order payable to DSM, to:

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## My “First” National Convention *by Kris Henning*

While I was part of the volunteer team organizing the Minnesota AHS National Convention in 2007, I have never travelled to an AHS national to experience it from the attendee side of the table.

I learned in the Autumn of 2011 that it is a tradition for the upcoming host club to go to the current AHS national convention to officially invite (i.e., persuade, entice, cajole) the members of the Society to attend the next year’s national. Well, it didn’t take much for the other Co-Chairs and me to decide we would all go and have a look at how the Columbus, Ohio, club was going to do it, and to see if we could glean any ideas from them. They have a huge club in the biggest AHS region, so we were sure everything would be done up to the nines. Amanda Engstrom and I had never been to any other National than our own in 2007, so this was going to be fun for us! We sent in our registrations, made our hotel reservations, and waited. And waited. *And waited.*

Of course, the anticipation of what the weather was going to be like was a major dilemma for me: what to wear, what to wear? Will it be beastly hot? Will it be cool? What about rain, which I was quite sure they needed, but could it please wait until *after* the daily garden tours? I decided upon HOT and packed an umbrella and decided to live with my choice. It was to be a good decision.

Amanda, Kathy Lamb, and I decided to drive rather than fly and do it in two days rather than one long one. The Midwest Heritage Quilt Show was being held in Danville, Indiana, so, being that we had TWO seamstresses in the car (not moi!), we decided to spend the night there, attend the Quilt Show in the morning, and then

continue on our way to Columbus. It turned out to be a fascinating show held in the Vermillion County Museum; the majority of their permanent exhibits were from Abraham Lincoln’s days in his Danville Law Office and the Vermillion County Courthouse where he practiced law. The many, many quilts displayed were awesome examples of stitchery from around the Midwest.

We arrived at the Convention hotel later in the afternoon and registered. After we found our rooms, we went back downstairs to see if any of the other members of our club had arrived yet. We encountered some friends and then perused the Bargain Tables, Raffles, and Silent Auctions before going out to dinner. It was early to bed, as we were going on the Optional Hybridizer’s Tour early the next morning.

This optional tour was to four hybridizer’s gardens: Pleasant Valley Gardens of hybridizers Polston & Sterling, River Bend Daylily Gardens of Mike & Sandy Holmes, Majestic Nursery & Gardens of Jeff & Karen Pansing, and Natural Selection Daylilies of Bob Faulkner. It was 95 degrees out, so at the afternoon gardens, most people preferred to congregate in whatever available shade existed rather than do too much walking in the sun. The entire Columbus area was experiencing severe drought and I truly felt sorry for the owners of the gardens. It was so dry that most of their lawns were totally burnt and their daylilies were stressed. Back at the hotel after the tours, there was the Boutique for shopping, just in case we missed anything the day before, and also all kinds of meetings we could attend. That night it was dinner on our own, and then a Daylily Auction ended the evening.

The next morning the buses loaded up early,



starting at 6:40 a.m. with 12 buses going two different routes to four gardens each. We were greeted at the first garden that day by David Kirchoff serving Bloody Marys and Mimosas in a shady spot in the back yard. How fun was that?! It set the precedent to have fun the rest of the convention. The four gardens were all beautiful, filled with great ideas for landscape design as well as cutting edge daylily plants to put on our want lists. We were on the bus with Paul Owen as our Bus Captain and he certainly kept up the entertainment for us! Back at the hotel, it was more Boutique or meeting time, or just relaxing in our room or by the pool. After the Friday night dinner was the AHS Business Meeting and Awards, with a second Daylily Auction following that.

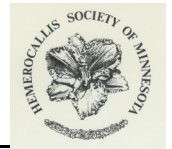
The next day we were up early again for four more gorgeous gardens. We had a little rain in the morning, but the gardens needed it so badly that we didn't begrudge it. After the tours, we had time to freshen up a bit before the AHS Awards and Honors Banquet. Then our big moment arrived: it was time for our invitation to the membership to attend the next national convention in Minneapolis. Karol Emmerich had put together a wonderfully humorous PowerPoint slideshow which Kyle Billadeau narrated while we four Co-chairs stood up in front of everyone wearing our Viking helmets. After the banquet, it was time to say goodbye to old and new friends and hit the sack for our morning departure and drive back home.

Some notes from gardens that we visited both days: One garden featured introductions of AHS women hybridizers and our own Kathy Lamb and Karol Emmerich were among them. A hit at another of the gardens was a huge parrot that would sit on your arm—Amanda was brave enough to do it, too! We visited hybridizer Jamie

Gossard's Heavenly Gardens and wowed at his new daylilies. Another stop on the garden tour was the Ohio Hybridizer's Historic Garden at the Franklin Park Conservatory which contains many beds of daylilies displaying the progress made in hybridizing. There was currently a display of Dale Chihuly Glass Sculptures there, which was fantastic, along with the popular butterfly room in the Pacific Island Water Garden which had koi swimming among floating Chihuly glass bubbles. Another cool garden was the Hensley garden, which featured many, many funny garden accessories made from used tools and implements. A garden that I thought was well-laid out was Angel's Paradise by Doug and Stacy Sayer. He is a landscaper and used many ornamental grasses (of which I am a fan) in the design of their 2 ½ acre garden. Another garden had huge metal daylily sculptures around it (see picture below), along with beautiful Clydesdale horses in the pasture. As attendees, we got to vote on several awards for the convention: the President's Cup is awarded to the best clump in a tour garden and was won by Jamie Gossard's "White Eyes, Pink Dragon" (a 2012 DSM Plant Adoption plant).



All in all, we had a great time and were able to come home with some ideas for our own National in 2013, plus more daylilies on our want lists! If you want to be a part of our 2013 Convention, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Co-Chairs to offer your help.



## ***Science Meeting***

Saturday February 9, 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](mailto: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.

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