

Spring
2015

Daylily Society of Minnesota DSM Daylily News

Calendar of Events

May 9	Spring Fling @ Springwood Gardens
Jun 5	Dig @ Schaben's
Jun 6	Sale @ Bachman's
July 26	Bus Garden Tour
Aug 2	Off-Scape Show & Garden Guiding @ Arboretum
Aug 23	Banquet, Auction & Photo Contest @ Marriott Minnetonka
Oct 31	Science Meeting @ TBA
Nov 1	Program & General Meeting @ Bachman's

Dear Members,

Presidential Ramblings

Preparing for a Change

April showers brought lots of May digging and dividing to my garden this spring. The showers were few and far between, but the digging will be the most ever. I'm on a mission to downsize the garden from 750 named daylilies to two fans each of my 200 favorites this summer. Not to mention dividing more than a few hostas and other perennials.

As many of you have heard me comment over the years, we knew we would downsize our home once our kids were done with high school. As of January, that time has come, with our youngest getting his high school diploma a semester early.

So, it's time to do all those things you see on the HGTV shows: declutter, update, stage the house for sale. And yes, the garden needs staging too. It can't be so vast that a potential buyer who is not a gardener runs screaming away at the thought of the upkeep. Yet the garden adds that curb appeal that will set our home apart from the others.

We are planning way ahead, because if you ask me where I am moving, I can only say I have no idea at this point. A small lake cabin, somewhere with enough sun to grow lots of daylilies, would be our dream retirement home. As a matter of fact, I recently told a realtor our requirements were simply (1) 2BR +2BA directly on a lake or river, (2) an area of

full sun, not deep in the woods, and (3) the ability to build an eight-foot deer fence, if needed. That's it. The rest I'm going to be pretty flexible on.

Workers Needed (Plants too!)

I am going to miss June's Dig and Sale for the first time in years, as we will be out of state for a college graduation. But the rest of you should all head up to Gary and Rita Schaben's in Monticello on Friday, June 5th to help out.

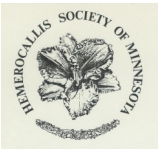
Here's the deal: Do you really think that \$10 for our annual club Garden Bus Tour really covers the cost of your bus plus your lunch? (Nope.) Do you really think that \$25 for the August Banquet covers the cost of your hotel meal? (Nope, again!)

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Special Donation Received

We are pleased to acknowledge that a special donation was made to the Daylily Society of Minnesota by the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club. The club visited Karol Emmerich's greenhouse recently for a tour and talk about hybridizing daylilies. They made crosses for seeds and have a goal to create a "Lake Minnetonka Garden Club" daylily. At the conclusion of the tour, they presented Karol with a check for \$250 payable to DSM, asking that it be in her honor.

What a great way to celebrate the daylily! Our thanks go out to both Karol and the Lake Minnetonka Garden Club!



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The fact is, as a member, you get to attend these events at a subsidized rate. And it takes a couple dozen people to pull off that Dig and Sale. If we don't have enough helpers, then it's a very long Friday night of digging, washing, and labeling for the committee members who do show up.

Sure we need your plants, too. But if you don't happen to have daylilies to divide this spring, or if you just don't have time to dig any from your own gardens, we still need your help at the Dig at Schaben's. I challenge you: if you love coming to the Bus Tour or Banquet, then lend a hand at the Dig. We usually have 20 people or so helping at the Dig. Can you imagine how fast it would go if 40 showed up? Many hands make light work!

We have an amazing new label maker, so fewer hands are needed to handle the labeling part of the process, but only if you get your cultivar names and pictures to Jenn Lanz early in the Dig week. What we really need is for everybody to come prepared to get dirty—because the largest task now is the dividing and washing. Come in your garden clothes please!

I have enjoyed sharing my garden with visitors here for the past 15 years. But I'm already imagining my next garden in my head. Life is such an adventure. I can't see past all the corners but I know something beautiful awaits me. I hope for the same for each of you in your garden dreams!

Kyle Billadeau

2015 DSM Plant Adoption

**Distribution June 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Plant Sale Dig
gary & Rita Schaben's home**

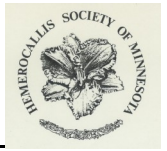
8951 Hamilton Avenue NE, Monticello, MN 55362

***Alternate distribution will be
the next day at the Sale at
Bachman's at noon.***

Applicants will get more information and a list of the available plants prior to the Dig to look up and determine their favorites.

If you have any questions, please call or email Kris Henning 715-689-2333 or henning@grantsburgtelcom.net; or Karol Emmerich, 952-941-9280 or kdemmerich@aol.com.





Dig. . .

For the first time, our dig will be at the home of Gary and Rita Schaben (*see address on page 2*). They are downsizing his gardens, eliminating many cultivars from his collection, so we will be digging from his beds. The Dig will be held on Friday, June 5 and begin at 2:00 p.m. We'll work until all the daylilies are ready for sale. There will be multiple jobs: digging, washing, dividing, and putting labels on. We need all the help we can get even if you only have a limited amount of time to spare on that Friday. The Dig is a good way to meet the members of our club and make some new friends or greet some old ones. Refreshments will be served. Please email or call me to let me know you'll be able to volunteer.

Please donate some plants

If you are donating daylilies for our Sale, **they must be at Gary's by 2:00 p.m. that Friday.** If you are not able to make it to Gary's by that time, please contact me and I'll try to arrange for them to be picked up sometime on Thursday or Friday morning. We need all the plants we can get to make the sale a profitable one for our club.

Plants to the public sell best in the \$5 to \$20 range; save your more expensive plants for the Auction and Banquet in August. Plants need to be of named varieties—no seedlings or unknown plants, please! Make sure you mark your plants and/or containers well when you bring them so they can be accurately labeled for the Sale. Plants will be cleaned and divided at the Dig, but any cleaning you can do beforehand is greatly appreciated.

Last year we tested out a new labeling machine and will be using it again. What does that mean for you? It means I will need to know which varieties and approximately how many double or triple fans you will be donating by Tuesday noon, June 2nd in order to get labels made in time for Friday. So, walk around your beds now and see which varieties you would like to divide this spring. If you have pictures of your plants, please email them to me ahead of time. The plants always sell better, especially to the public, with a picture.

. . .and Sale

Our Sale will be at Bachman's on Lyndale Avenue in Richfield in the Heritage Room on Saturday, June 6. Volunteers are needed for setting up at 8:15 a.m. Our Sale opens to the public at 10 a.m. and goes until 2:30 p.m. or whenever we sell out of plants. Then there will be clean up that takes about one hour.

Another perk of volunteering either of these days is that you get first chance at getting some new daylilies for your garden--and a discount on them as well! Please email or call me and let me know you'll be able to volunteer and which day.

Hope to see you there. Thanks for volunteering!

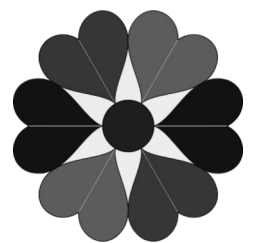
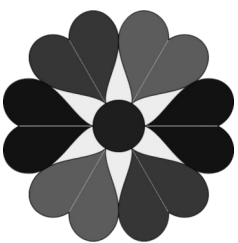
Jenn Lanz

Cell: 651-270-0281

Please leave a message if you get my voice mail and I will get back to you.

Sorry, I don't have texting.

E-Mail: froggymcgee@yahoo.com





2015 Daylily Society of Minnesota Garden Tour Sunday, July 26, 2015

Opportunity:

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to visit two beautiful gardens south of the Twin Cities.

Time:

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Loading begins at 8:15)

Place to Meet the Bus:

Pilot Knob Elementary School, 1436 Lone Oak Road, Eagan.

Directions:

Please use Google Maps to find the routes to the pick-up site from your location.

AGENDA:

The bus will first travel to the garden of Mike Grossmann and Kathleen Nordstorm in Dodge Center, MN. There you will see 20,000 seedlings and over 400 cultivars. They are also having a dig your own seedling clump sale.

Our next destination will be Faribault where we will tour the garden of Roger and Kathleen Koopmans. Lunch will be provided in the garden by Malene Gustaffsen Catering.

Combined cost for bus and lunch:

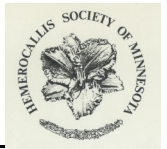
\$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Come along – bring a friend!

Questions?? – contact your tour directors Bill or Dory Lidinsky at dlidinsky@comcast.net or 763-772-7941 (Cell).

Return the insert in this newsletter to with your reservation check, payable to DSM, to Bill and Dory Lidinsky by July 16:

2841 147th Avenue
Ham Lake, MN 55304





New Location for Off-Scape Show

Arboretum Snyder Auditorium

- * Set Up: 10:00 a.m. Sunday, August 2
- * Open to Public: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- * Daylily Garden Guides: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- * Clean Up: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Because of scheduling conflicts with the Hosta Society for Bachman's Heritage Room, our Off-Scape Show will be held at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum this year. We are partnering with the Arboretum to show off single flower daylilies in water vases indoors, and also to show off their vastly improved daylily collection in the Arboretum's gardens outdoors. **We will need volunteers both inside for the show as well as outdoors roaming the daylily beds.**

If you are bringing individual flowers to exhibit, cut them early in the morning and label them with a Post-It Note or a Sharpie. Transport them in a flat box cradled with tissue paper or a soft dishtowel. We will also have a table for seedlings. There will be a maximum limit of five from each hybridizer. The public will be able to vote for their favorite seedling and the winner will be announced at our Auction and Banquet on August 23. Seedlings must be labeled with their Seedling Number or proposed name.

Because of the many donations from our club members which we put in place for our recent national convention, the Arboretum's collection is much more inviting and representative of modern daylily hybridizing. Arboretum staff continues to budget for annual additions to this collection and our members help evaluate garden performance of individual cultivars.

Please contact me to volunteer for all or part of the Show Day, indoors or out:

Barry Whiteaker, Show Chair

952-884-3035 or bwhiteaker@esi-engineering.com

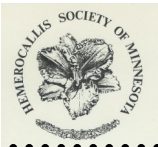


PHOTO CONTEST

Reminder: Don't forget to take pictures for the Photo Contest at our club Banquet in August.

Our Off-Scape Show and our Bus Tour will provide many chances to take that prize-winning photo! Send your entry photos by e-mail to Photo Contest Chair Jerry Steffenhagen at gsteffen1205@msn.com before August 17 so that he can get them printed for the balloting at our Banquet. Call him, 651-459-8902, with any questions.

One \$50 'Daylily Bucks' prize will be awarded in each category:

1. *Single Blossom Close-up—Registered Cultivar*
2. *Single Blossom Close-up—Seedling*
3. *Clump Photo—Any single cultivar, showing two or more blooms*
4. *Daylilies in the Landscape—Landscape beds including daylilies*
5. *Art and Nature in the garden—Art and/or nature together with daylilies*

Banquet-Bargain Table-Auction

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Minneapolis Marriott Southwest

5801 Opus Parkway in Minnetonka

This is always a fun event—great food, fun, fellowship—and, of course, lots of great plants to add to your garden! Please contact John Sautner (auction) or Jenn Lanz (bargain table) by August 17, if possible, with the names of the plants that you'll be donating for the auction and the bargain table so he has ample time to prepare handouts and she has time to print the labels in advance.

The evening's schedule is as follows:

- 4:30 p.m. Bargain table plants delivered
- 5:00 p.m. Photo contest voting and Social Hour/cash bar
- 5:15 p.m. Bargain table plants open for sales, if labeling is complete
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Welcome, Program, Auction

RSVP by Tuesday, August 18 at 10:00 p.m. No RSVP's after that date!

Please get your response in by check, e-mail, or phone, or we will miss seeing you! Send a check for \$25 per person, payable to DSM, and a note to Karol Emmerich indicating whether you would prefer chicken or pork or flank steak or vegetarian for dinner. *Yes, four choices!*

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Membership Corner

When Are My Dues Due?

Please look at your address label as it should have a date listed through which your DSM dues are paid. *If the date is older than 2015, this may be the last newsletter you receive as your membership will lapse!*

Contact Jerry if there are any discrepancies to your personal records of dues payment:

8265 Jergen Avenue S.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Please include your

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City, State, Zip Code,
Telephone,
and E-mail.

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