

Winter
2012

Daylily Society of Minnesota
DSM Daylily News

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 11 Science Meeting
@ Karol Emmerich's, Edina
- Feb. 12 Program & General Meeting
@ Bachman's
- Apr. 29 Spring Fling
@ Springwood Gardens
- June 1 Dig
@ Kyle Billadeau's
- June 2 Sale
@ Bachman's
- July 11-14 AHS National Convention
@ Columbus, Ohio
- July 20-22 AHS Region I Meeting
@ Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- July 28 Off Scape Show
@ Bachman's
- July 29 Garden Tour
by Bus
- Aug. 12 Auction Banquet
@ Doubletree
- Sep. 22 Board Meeting
@ Karol Emmerich's, Edina

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Presidential Ramblings

Welcome to Winter?

It is hard to believe that this could be a Minnesota winter, but here we are!

I hope you are all looking forward to the upcoming Daylily Society events that have been planned. Steve Horan, as usual, has an interesting program set for our February meeting. You won't want to miss it!

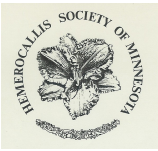
Dawn Tubbesing will be at the February meeting looking for Dig and Sale volunteers. If you are looking for deals on daylilies, or opportunities to share overgrown daylilies from your garden, here is your chance!

If you are going to try your hand at hybridizing this year, or just want to touch base with fellow northern hybridizers, drive over to Emmerich's in Edina for the Science Meeting the evening before the General Meeting. Karol is also having a hybridizer's Spring Fling that is open to Daylily Society members throughout Region 1. There is ample opportunity to get some hybridizing tips before summer as well as to get to know some interesting people!

Our 2013 National Convention is getting closer. Guess what? I am the Volunteer Coordinator for this event. Yikes! Just so you know, we will need help before, during and after the convention. I would like to highlight one area that can be particularly stressful for our tour garden owners: Deadheading! Each tour garden has a wealth of daylilies, all of which have to have their flowers removed on the day before the tour. As you can imagine, the garden owners have plenty on their plate on the day before a tour. Having a crack team of Deadheaders come to help out would be appreciated. Personally, I love doing this because it gets me out in a tour garden on the day before a tour!

See you in February!

Amanda Engstrom



Open Invite to Sunday Brunch with Bob Faulkner



February 12, starting at 11:15 a.m.

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

Please RSVP to Steve Horan (651-402-4681 or smhoran@gmail.com)
by Friday, February 10, so that Steve can make advance reservations.

DSM General Meeting

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

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Bachman's Garden Center Heritage Room

Agenda:

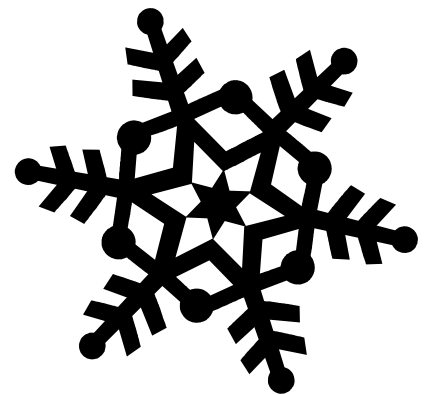
12:30 – 1:00 Social Time

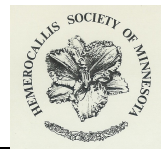
1:00 – 1:15 Business Meeting

1:15 – 2:30 “The Mad Hatter Hybridizer Speaks,” *Bob Faulkner*

2:30 – 2:45 Social time

2:45 – 3:30 “Gardening with Native Plants,” *Lynn Steiner*





February Program Speakers

Bob Faulkner

*“Have I gone mad?” asked the Mad Hatter.
“I’m afraid so,” replied Alice, taking a step closer to feel his forehead.
“You’re entirely bonkers,” she diagnosed.
“But I’ll tell you a secret. All the best people are.”*

This is how our guest speaker in February introduces himself to the world and summarizes his life as a hybridizer. Bob Faulkner did not expect to introduce daylilies when he first started hybridizing in his back yard. He just wanted to create a few unique daylilies of his own to admire in his own yard. And the rest is, as they say, history.

As you can tell from his introduction, Bob has an intriguing way of describing his world. Here are a few excerpts from an interview that is posted on his website at www.naturalselectiondaylilies.com:

Q: Any horticultural background?

A: Nothing that comes with a certificate. I’ve been growing plants my entire life, and learning. I’ve never attended a session other than at daylily functions. Although the corporate standard today is that you don’t have a title unless it comes with written proof, a hundred years ago, you just “were” because that’s what you did—and everyone knew

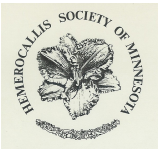
it. Funny how things and technology change.

Q: What are your talks or presentations about?

A: My talks are about goals, dreams, challenges and how-to’s of hybridizing daylilies. That is topped off with nice photos of my work. I love doing talks; I really enjoy meeting the different daylily enthusiasts all around the country. The AHS is very blessed to have such a large number of quality people everywhere. It is a dream for an organization to be that fortunate. I love answering questions and I also really enjoy the enthusiasm that giving a presentation seems to bring about.

Q: Advice for amateur hybridizers/growers?

A: Well, I get this question a lot. Funny how it sounds like a great question, and interestingly enough, you would think people would lean on every word, but that’s usually not how it plays out at all. What I find is that most people enjoy hearing your



February Program Speakers – continued

advice, then when they get to their own back yard, they will do it their way anyhow. So I think that experience is the best teacher—honestly. The old adage is, “Good judgment comes from experience, experience comes from bad judgment.” And I’m the same way. The first three years I hybridized, I did everything people said you should, and the results were terribly boring. The fourth year I began to do unlikely crosses, yellows to purples, big to little, and that’s the point at which I began to become a hybridizer. You can’t possibly know what works unless you find out what doesn’t work. Edison did hundreds of light bulbs before he did one that worked well. Were the others a failure? No, they were learning tools.

My advice is to listen, read and watch everything everyone does. Then, when you get to your garden, do what your instinct tells you. If you learn to rely on your gut feeling (your spirit), you will soon realize it will quickly gain an abundance of credit.

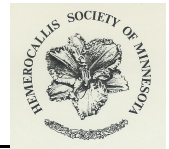
Lynn Steiner

As one of the best-known gardening writers in Minnesota, her

enthusiasm for native plants and gardening stems from her childhood curiosity about all things natural as well as 20 years of tending her own extensive home gardens. Lynn has a bachelor of science in natural resources and a master's degree in horticulture with a minor in agricultural journalism.

For fifteen years, Lynn was the driving force behind *Northern Gardener*, the official publication of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. As editor, she took the magazine from a society-based publication to a nationally recognized and respected gardening magazine. Now a freelance writer, editor, and photographer, Lynn's work has appeared in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, *Gardening How-To*, *Sunset's Midwestern Landscaping Book*, and *Miracle-Gro Plant Care Encyclopedia*.

Lynn will talk about “Gardening with Native Plants.” She will talk about our natural plant heritage and why it is a good idea to use native plants in gardens and landscapes. She will have lots of photos showing good garden design as well as profiling individual plants that are among the best for landscape use.



HYBRIDIZERS' SPRING FLING

Sunday, April 29, 2012

1-4 p.m.

Springwood Gardens

7700 Old Highway 169 Boulevard, Jordan, MN 55352

- * *Want to see and smell a greenhouse full of daylilies **two months** before outside bloom?*
- * *Learn more about hybridizing and share ideas?*

Whether you've been hybridizing for many years or are just a beginner—or even if you've only thought about doing it—this event is made just for you! It's a day that folks throughout our region really look forward to. In past years, we've had attendees from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska.

Past exercises at the workshop have included:

- * making dream crosses
- * choosing which five daylilies you'd want to start a hybridizing program with
- * selecting the most distinctive flower
- * finding the parents of a seedling
- * figuring out which flowers to use to produce a particular look

If there are specific topics you'd like to see covered, please email or call science chair Karol Emmerich at kdemmerich@aol.com or 952-941-9280.

(P.S. DSM club members are welcome to visit Springwood at any time – flowers are in bloom from early April through the end of August. Just please call ahead!)



*The crew
from 2010
in the
greenhouse*

Minnesotans Win 2011 AHS Cultivar Awards



'Entwined in the Vine'
Photo by Gerald Steffenhagen

Garden judges from around the world cast their votes and the results were announced on October 14. AHS Cultivar Awards for 2011 went to two Minnesotans for their hybridizing efforts.



'Handwriting on the Wall'
Photo by Kathleen Nordstrom

Honorable Mention

Minnesotan Karol

Emmerich won 2011 Honorable Mention Awards for *H.* 'Entwined in the Vine' (122 votes – the top vote getter!); *H.* 'Handwriting on the Wall' (35 votes); and *H.* 'Storm Shelter' (24 votes). Our own Gary Schaben won 2011 Honorable Mention Awards for *H.* 'Captain Jack' (27 votes); *H.* 'North Wind Curly Joe' (25 votes); and *H.* 'Hakuna Matata' (21 votes).



'Storm Shelter' Photo by Steve Horan



'Captain Jack' Photo by Gary Schaben

A cultivar must receive a minimum of 20 votes from at least four different AHS Regions to win an Honorable Mention Award. Representing the work of 48 hybridizers, 90 cultivars won Honorable Mention Awards in 2011, with the number of votes ranging from the minimum of 20 to a high of 122 for *H.* 'Entwined in the Vine.'

Award of Merit

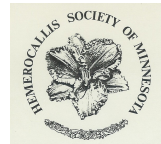
Karol Emmerich also won a 2011 Award of Merit for *H.*



'North Wind Curly Joe'
Photo by Steve Horan



'Hakuna Matata' Photo by Steve Horan



'Intelligent Design' (61 votes). Cultivars which have won Honorable Mention Awards a minimum of three years previously are eligible for the Award of Merit; cultivars remain eligible for the next three years of voting.

Awards of Merit are given each year to the top 12 vote-getters, using a formula that requires votes from at least half of the AHS regions and no more than a third of the total votes from a single region. *H.* 'Intelligent Design' won the Award of Merit in its second year of eligibility, having finished as one of the 12 runners-up in 2010 with 51 votes. Karol's *H.* 'Light of the World' made it into the 12 runners-up in 2011 with 42 votes, and will be on the Award of Merit ballot again next year.



'Intelligent Design' Photo by Tim Fehr

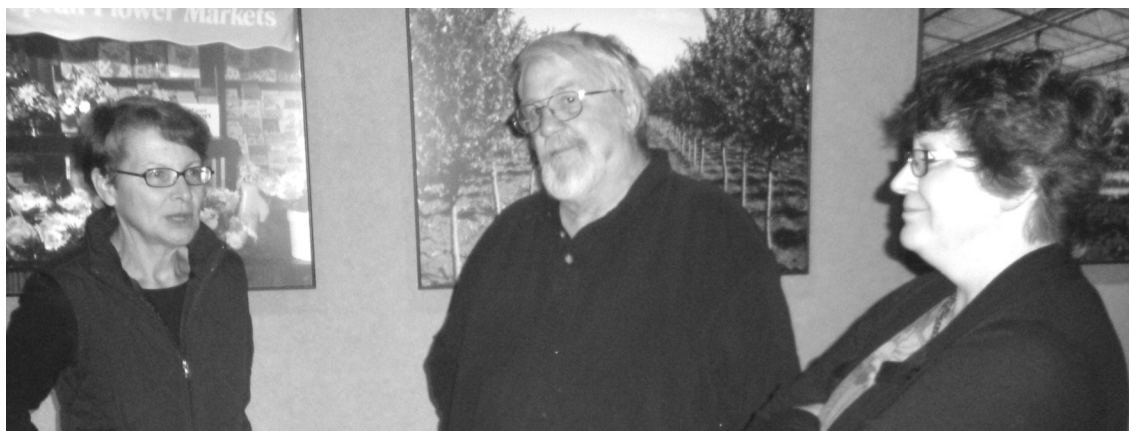


'North Wind Dancer' Photo by Karen Schock

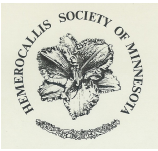
Stout Silver Medal

An Award of Merit winner becomes eligible for the Stout Silver Medal after two more years of voting and remains eligible for the next three years of voting. After finishing as First Runner-up in 2010, *H.* 'North Wind Dancer' by Gary Schaben won the Stout Silver Medal in 2011 in its final year of eligibility with 55 votes. This is a great achievement for a hybridizer from Region One, and he is a Minnesotan! Congratulations poured in from throughout the country for the wonderful cultivar and its hybridizer.

Congratulations to both Gary and Karol for their achievements!



Karol Emmerich with Gary and Rita Schaben Photo by Steve Horan



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Job Fair—Help Wanted!

Employment figures for the AHS 2013 National Convention are booming with many new job openings. We will be accepting applications on Sunday, February 12.

Volunteers made our last national convention a huge success. Get involved for the 2013! It's a fun way to mingle and meet with daylily growers from all over the country. Look for sign-up sheets! We'll have National Convention Committee members on hand to answer your questions.

Here are some of the areas where we need workers:

*Garden Workers: Help is needed before and during the convention, especially for deadheading!

Gardens and locations: Kyle Billadeau (Chaska); Karol Emmerich (Jordan); Steve Horan (Woodbury); Kathy Lamb (Champlin); Judie McGraw (Lakeland); Keith Miller (Stillwater)

*Registration Committee

*Bus Committee: Navigators, Organizers, Pre-convention Prep

*Lunch hosts on Garden Tour days at lunch locations

*Optional Arboretum Tour on Thursday (before Garden Tour days)

*Hospitality at the convention hotel

*Boutique at the convention hotel

*Bargain Table at the convention hotel

*Live Auction at the convention hotel

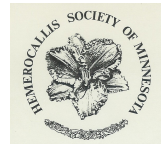
*Liaison for Exhibition Judges Clinics

*Photographers at all locations

*Fill-ins as needed

If you miss the February Meeting and want to volunteer, please contact Convention Volunteer Coordinator Amanda Engstrom.

**2013 AHS National Convention —
Daylilies? You betcha!**



News of Upcoming Events

Spring Expo 2012 March 9–11 at the Arboretum

DSM will host a table on Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11, during the Arboretum's **new** Spring Expo 2012.

For the past several years, DSM has participated in the Arboretum's one-day Plantcetera program. This year, the event has a new name, "Spring Expo 2012," and will spread over three days. The line-up includes Seed Savers on Friday; talks by garden book authors from Timber Press and the University, and Canadian iris hybridizer, Chuck Chapman, on Saturday; and news from University of Minnesota horticulture scientists (tentative) on Sunday.

This is a great volunteer opportunity for club members. You can join us for all or part of either day. The hours are (tentatively) 10 a.m.-4 p.m. both days.

We'd love to see you there—as a visitor or as a volunteer! If you can volunteer for either day, contact Kathy Lamb.

Dig & Sale June 1–2

The Daylily Dig will be on Friday, June 1 and will take place at Kyle Billadeau's home from 2 p.m. to whenever we are finished.

The Daylily Sale will be on Saturday, June 2 at Bachman's on Lyndale in their Heritage Room. Set-up will start at 8:15 a.m. We'll be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are usually done with clean up by 5:30.

We will need volunteers for both days. Please try to donate a few hours if possible. Any hours you can volunteer will be appreciated. We will also need two people with large vans or pick-up trucks to help transport the daylilies from Kyle's on Friday to Bachman's early on Saturday morning.

We will need generous members to donate plants to make this fundraiser a success. Plants should be marked with the daylily cultivar's name. No seedlings or unidentified plants, please! Please remove as much dirt as you can. The plants will be washed, separated and labeled at the Dig.

If you have a printed picture of your daylily and can bring it along to the Dig, please do. If you are unable to send me a picture (printed or digital by email), but you know what you are bringing, please send me a list of what you are bringing **ahead of time** so that I can locate a picture **before the Dig starts**.

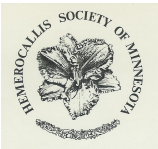
Try to donate plants that are less than \$20.00, *Eureka* value. Save your more expensive cultivars for the August Auction and Banquet Bargain Table.

There will be more information and sign-up sheets at the February Meeting. Contact Dawn Tubbesing to volunteer your time and/or plants.

2012 Plant Adoption Program June 1–2

We have 27 applicants for 2012 to be adoptive parents for select daylilies purchased by the club. Our distribution date will be Friday, June 1, starting at 6 p.m. at the Daylily Dig at Kyle Billadeau's. If not all adoptive parents attend the Dig that evening, the remainder of the plants will be in a second drawing, starting at noon on Saturday at the Sale at Bachman's.

Be sure to put this date on your calendar! Those present on Friday evening will get better choices than those who wait until Saturday! Also, you can bring some plants along to donate for the sale, too! If you have any questions, contact either Kris Henning or Karol Emmerich.



Science Meeting

Saturday, February 11, 2011 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 Hwy 62 to Gleason Road exit (this is just east of Hwy 169). Go south on Gleason Road about a mile and a half to where it intersects with Dewey Hill Road. Go left on Dewey Hill Road three blocks (going east). Turn left on Claredon and go to the end of the street.

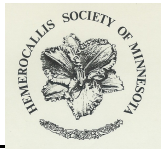
Photo Contest – Plan Ahead

Reminder: Don't forget to take pictures for the photo contest which will be held in conjunction with our club Banquet in August. It was a lot of fun at the 2011 banquet and promises to be so again in 2012!

There is a change from previous years in the four categories for entries. One \$50 "Daylily Bucks" prize will be awarded in each of the following four categories:

- *Single Blossom Close-up—Registered Cultivar
- *Single Blossom Close-up—Seedling
- *Multiple Bloom Photo—Any single cultivar showing two or more blooms
- *Daylilies in the Landscape—Landscape beds which contain daylilies

Additional information will be published in the next newsletter. Contact Gerald Steffenhagen with any questions or to enter photographs.



DSM has a blog on the web:

daylilysocietyofminnesota.blogspot.com

You can find:

- *Info on upcoming meetings and events
- *Links to the Regional and National websites
- *Links to other daylily blogs and websites

See you on the Web!

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