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2014

# Daylily Society of Minnesota DSM Daylily News

## Calendar of Events

	No Science Meeting on Feb. 15
Feb. 16	Program & General Meeting @ Bachman's
May 4	Spring Fling @ Springwood Gardens
May 16	Dig @ Kyle Billadeau's
May 17	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, Photo Contest & Auction @ TBA
Sept 6	Board Meeting @ Karol Emmerich's, Edina
Nov. 8	Science Meeting @ Karol Emmerich's, Edina
Nov. 9	Program & General Meeting @ Bachman's

## *Presidential Ramblings*

### **Back to Normal!**

Do you feel like something was missing last year in your daylily life? Yes, there sure was! In the ramp up to the AHS National Convention, we canceled several of our usual opportunities to connect with each other. Each of our regular club events has a fundraising or educational purpose, but the main attraction for me is always the conversations with other daylily enthusiasts. So I am looking forward to getting back to normal, both in club events and in my own garden.

You'll notice a few changes on our DSM board this year. I would like to thank Judie McGraw for serving as Secretary. When I think of Judie, the words "hard worker" come to mind. She is always ready to lend a hand at our events—and does it with a smile! And then there's Amanda Engstrom, who is much appreciated for doing an extended term as President. Amanda juggled club president duties with National Convention duties and pulled both off with smashing success.

Newcomers to the board are Kathleen Nordstrom as Programs Director and Mike Grossmann as Science Director. Mike and Kathleen enjoy attending other Regional meetings and national conventions, and keep their daylily fever going in the offseason with winter symposiums. They get to see a whole lot of daylilies, both recent and future, as well as meet and talk with many hybridizers. We can't wait to see what they bring back to share with the club!



# DSM General Meeting

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

Sunday, February 16, 2014

Bachman's Garden Center Heritage Room

## *Agenda*

### 11:15 - 12:30 Sunday Brunch

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)*

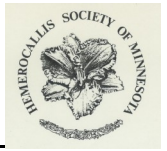
1:00 - 1:15 Business meeting

1:15 - 2:15 Daylilies and daylily hybridizing by Karol Emmerich

2:15 - 2:30 Social time

2:30 - 3:30 True Lilies, including Minnesota hybrids, by  
Barbara Ronningen, North Star Lily Society





## Our Speakers

### Our Own Karol Emmerich

Although Karol Emmerich has spoken to more than 40 daylily clubs across the US and at events in 12 of the 15 AHS regions, we realized she has never spoken to DSM. She will share her most recent presentation titled "Called to Create," excerpts of which were featured in the Fall 2011 edition of *The Daylily Journal*. It is the inspirational, and often humorous, story of creative people throughout history who have had a calling to create or invent things which have made our lives richer. She will talk about the joys involved in creating a garden or a new daylily, but also the many trials and temptations that face the daylily hybridizer. And, there will be beautiful pictures throughout her talk.

Karol has been hybridizing seriously since the late 1990's. After apprenticing for three years in Alabama, she moved her daylily operation back to Minnesota to the place we know as Springwood Gardens. (A full description of Springwood Gardens will be available in the next newsletter, as it is one of the gardens which will be featured on our summer tour). Karol is dedicated to breeding daylilies with great color, form, and plant habit. Her keen focus and ruthless selection process have produced award-winning daylilies that are quickly becoming favorites of AHS members. To date, she has introduced approximately 140 cultivars and for these, AHS has awarded 24 Honorable Mentions (HM) and two Awards of Merit ('Heartbeat of Heaven' in 2010 and 'Intelligent Design' in 2011). Some of her HM winners include 'Entwined in the Vine', 'Born to Reign', 'Man of Sorrows', 'Fear Not', 'Blood Sweat and Tears', 'Woman at the Well', and 'Light of the World'.

Karol has been an active member of DSM since the mid 1990's, serving in various leadership roles including President, Regional Tour Chair, and Science Chair, and is currently the Secretary. She is the Regional President for Region 1 of the AHS, and the host for the Region's Annual Spring Fling at Springwood—a time for both new and experienced hybridizers to share ideas and make practice crosses in a "laboratory" full of blooming daylilies.





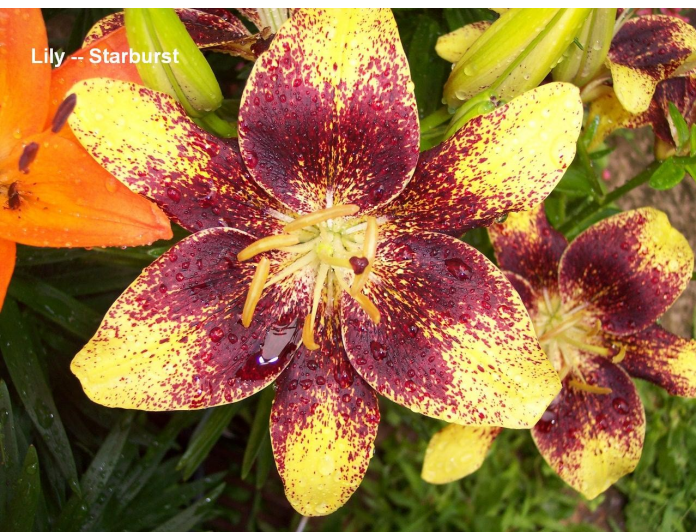
Barbara Ronningen

## Lilies will be on Display at National Convention in Bloomington

Since true lilies make good garden companions for daylilies, our second speaker in February is a long-time member of the North Star Lily Society, the Minnesota area club.

As convention chair for the North American Lily Society, Barbara Ronningen is uniquely qualified to speak about lilies in Minnesota. The local society is hosting this national annual meeting and show at the Airport Hilton July 9-13, 2014. At this national show, which is free and open to the public in the mezzanine ballroom of the hotel, there will be every type of lily on display, from early season martagons, mid-season asiatics, late season orientpets to exotic species lilies, including many that are not strong growers in Minnesota gardens. The fragrance in the ballroom should be overpowering!

The local society sponsors an award at the national show, wherever it is held, for the best Minnesota-hybridized lily. For the past several years, the local society has been vigorously trying to collect all *Lilium* cultivars which have been hybridized by Minnesotans. Their collection is on display in brand new

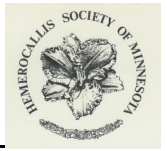


raised beds at Arneson Acres gardens in Edina, Minnesota, and is prominently featured on the club's website:

[www.northstarlily.com](http://www.northstarlily.com).

In addition, the local society donates to and helps maintain the lily collection at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, most recently adding some native species lilies to the prairie areas of the Arboretum.





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On a somber note, we will dearly miss our friend, Bill Tonn, who passed away on January 8. Our "Mr. Bill" was a true connoisseur of the daylily. As I was building my collection, I spent many hours on the Lily Auction website looking for the latest daylilies to try here. It never failed – if I saw a new listing with one of the hottest daylilies – I would click on it and Mr. Bill already had his bid in. I could never bring myself to bid against Mr. Bill! It didn't really matter as generous Mr. Bill would just trade with me later!



Mr. Bill (left) was captured lecturing to attendees at last year's Spring Fling in the greenhouse at Springwood Gardens.

I'll never forget going to the August banquets, and seeing Mr. Bill make a beeline for me. He would ask me question after question about which daylilies were growing well in my garden, and which ones had not thrived He was constantly selling or trading newer acquisitions, while bringing in a new boatload of recent introductions. I thought there was high turnover in my garden, but I

think he had me beat! His standards were tough. And he never stopped talking about the daylilies.

Just remember, there's much to be shared when we get together, so put this year's dates on your calendar, and I'll see you there. In the meantime, stay warm everybody!

*Kyle Billadeau*



Board members Kathleen Nordstrom and Kyle Billadeau are pictured in Kyle's garden last summer during the AHS national convention.



# HYBRIDIZERS' SPRING FLING

**Sunday, May 4, 2014 1-4PM**

**Springwood Gardens**

7700 Old Highway 169 Boulevard, Jordan, MN 55352

952-941-9280

Whether you've been hybridizing for many years or are just a beginner – or even if you've only thought about doing it – or if you'd just like to see daylilies blooming in May - this event is made just for you! This is a day for learning, or perhaps just breathing in the humid warmth of the greenhouse while walking the rows of beautiful daylilies. Attendees from all over Region 1 (Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska) plus Wisconsin have joined us in past years.

Past exercises at the workshop have included:

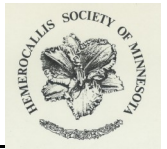
- \* selecting the most distinctive flowers and the ones with the best color
- \* imagining possibilities – with a given flower as a pollen parent, thinking about what might be produced from an array of pod parents
- \* making dream crosses

**If there are topics you'd like to see covered, please e-mail DSM's science chair Mike Grossmann at [mike144mann@msn.com](mailto:mike144mann@msn.com) (or host Karol Emmerich at [kdemmerich@aol.com](mailto:kdemmerich@aol.com) ). No RSVP necessary.**

***Hope to see you there!***

P.S. A reminder – Springwood is a “rust free” zone, so please take precautions before coming (clothes and shoes) if you have taken recent delivery of any daylilies or are growing them inside.

*Thank you!*



## Dig and Sale

*It won't be long and the snow will melt away into a distant memory. Let's get together to make some memories and money for our club!*

We haven't had a club sale since 2012 so *everyone* must have several plants looking for new homes. Let's spread the joy of our daylilies into some new gardens!

Our Dig this year will again be hosted by Kyle Billadeau, our new club president. She has graciously offered to let us hold the Dig at her home. The Dig will be held on Friday, May 16 and begin at 2 p.m. and we'll work until all the daylilies are ready for sale. Please try to deliver your daylily donations by 3 p.m. on Friday, if at all possible. We need all the help we can get even if you only have a limited amount of time to spare on that Friday afternoon. 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 donate some plants

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; please, no seedlings or unknown plants. 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. If you have pictures of your plants, please send them along with your plants or ahead of time. If you don't have pictures but can get me a list so that I have time to locate some

pictures, that is very helpful. The plants sell much better to the public with a picture. Send your list of donated plant to me as early as possible.

Our Sale will be at Bachman's in Edina in the Heritage Room on Saturday, May 17. Volunteering will begin at 8:15 a.m. for set-up. 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.

#### Kyle's Address:

3190 Autumn Woods Drive  
Chaska, MN 55318

#### Dawn's Contact Information:

Telephone: 715-262-4001

Please leave a message if I'm not home and I will get back to you.

E-Mail: dtubb@presenter.com

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!

Hope to see you there. Thanks!

Dawn Tubbesing





## Plan Ahead Photo Contest

Reminder: Don't forget to take pictures for the photo contest held in conjunction with our club banquet in August. It was a lot of fun at the 2013 banquet and promises to be so again in 2014!

One \$50 'Daylily Bucks' prize will be awarded in each of the following five categories:

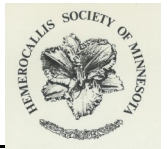
1. Single Blossom Close-up—Registered Cultivar
2. Single Blossom Close-up—Seedling
3. Clump Photo—Any single cultivar, showing two or more blooms
4. Daylilies in the Landscape—Landscape beds including daylilies
5. Art and Nature in the garden—Art and/or nature together with daylilies

Additional information will be published in the next newsletter.

*Note: Spring Fling photos taken in the greenhouse at Springwood Gardens have been winners in the past. Take your cameras!*







# PLAN AHEAD

## Daylily Society of Minnesota Club Garden Tour July 27, 2014

Tour includes bus and lunch and entrance fee.

Minimal cost of \$10.00 per person for club members, \$15.00 per person for non-members

Comfortable bus  
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum  
Springwood Gardens  
Lunch



Details to be announced later:

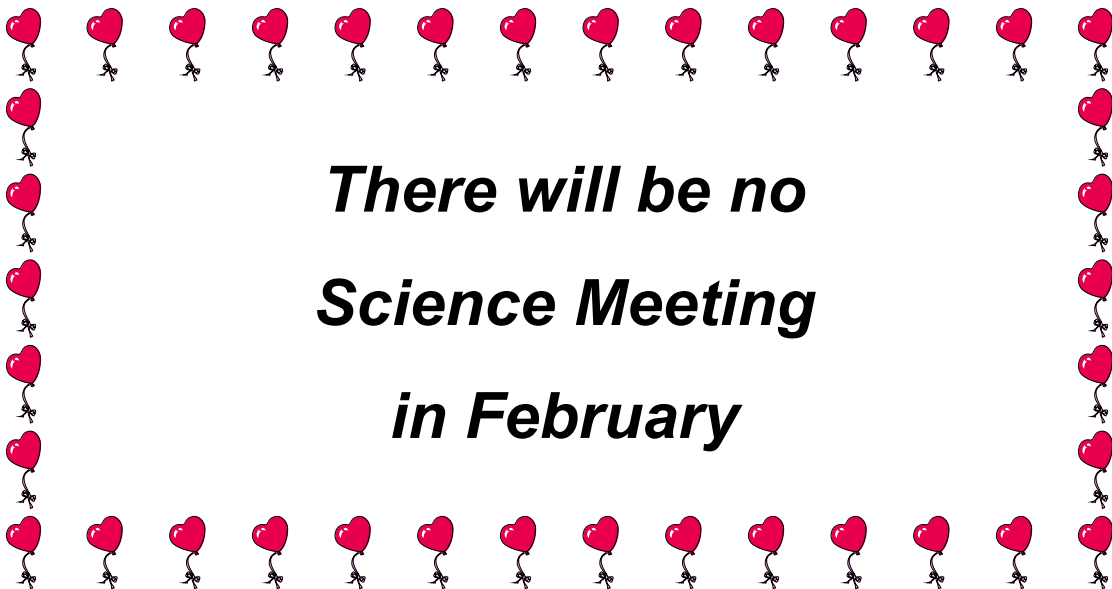
Pick up and return times  
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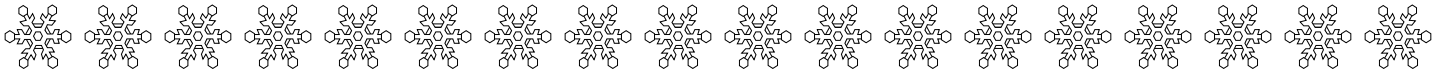
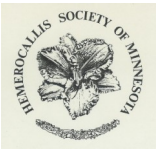
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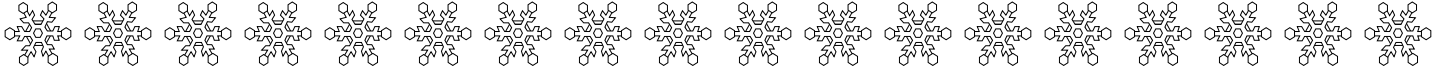
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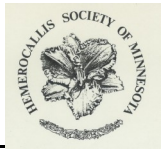
*Every member should bookmark this site!*

***Charlotte's Daylily Diary***

***[www.daylilydiary.com](http://www.daylilydiary.com)***

*This site lists virtually every daylily nursery by name and owner with links to their websites and catalogs. It even includes a search tool for those of us who easily forget business names but remember the names of the owner. It also contains posts to several daylily robins, a history of daylilies, and more photographs than one could count!*





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