

Winter
2016

Daylily Society of Minnesota DSM Daylily News

Calendar of Events

Feb 27	Science Meeting @ Hampton Inn Airport
Feb 28	Program & General Meeting @ Bachman's
May 7	Spring Fling @ Springwood
May 21	Dig @ Schaben's
May 22	Sale @ Bachman's
July 22-24	Region 1 Meeting & Tours @ Flandreau, South Dakota
July 30	Bus Garden Tour & Lunch @ three eastside gardens
July 31	Off-Scape Show @ Arboretum
Aug 21	Banquet & Auction @ Marriott Minnetonka
Sep 10	Board Meeting @ Steve Horan's
Oct 29	Science Meeting @ Hampton Inn Airport
Oct 30	Program & General Meeting @ Bachman's

Presidential Ramblings

Dear Members,

Daylilies Make Friends

I write to you today in my first column as President of the Daylily Society of Minnesota. Seems appropriate we begin with introductions: my name is Steve Horan and I garden in Woodbury, MN. I grow several hundred daylilies and my garden has been on several daylily tours. Wait! What? My family and friends would scoff if I had told them that fifteen years ago! At one time not so long ago, I didn't know the difference between an annual and a perennial. I loved to golf and fish, but I barely had time to mow the lawn. Gardening? Daylily collector? Are you kidding me?

I suspect my story isn't so much different from most people who have found the love of gardening in their lives. We first decide to add some landscaping around the house. We then realize that we like doing it. We add a few more plants and start to develop some favorites. We add a new bed. We start to connect with people who seem to share a similar interest. A friend invites us to a local garden club meeting. We start to hang out at local nurseries. We buy a gardening magazine. We enjoy working in the garden and find it to be a relaxing and rewarding pastime. We start to collect more plants. We start to get more involved in plant societies. The people we meet in gardening circles become great friends. We visit each other's gardens. And so it goes.

So in my first column, I want to welcome everyone to the Daylily Society of Minnesota. I am so glad you found us. If you are just getting started, DSM is for you. If you like plants and would like to learn more about daylilies, DSM is for you. If you're already a serious collector, DSM is for you. If you would like to tour beautiful gardens, DSM is for you. If you would like to connect with people who share your love of gardening and your passion for daylilies, DSM is for you. If you like to hybridize daylilies, DSM is for you. If you'd like to get more involved, DSM is for you. For sure, you are always welcome in the Daylily Society of Minnesota.

I also want to thank a few people as I begin my first term as President. First of all, I want to thank our Past President, Kyle Billadeau. Kyle did a fantastic job and was a great help to me as I prepared to take over. I want to thank the Board members who so faithfully serve DSM. We have a committed and talented group of people that make it fun to be part of this great organization. I want to thank Karol Emmerich, Kris Henning, and Kathy Lamb who have taken on leadership for the Regional tour in 2017 that will be hosted by DSM. They are doing us proud.

As I conclude my first column, I also want to recognize Jerry Steffenhagen. Jerry recently passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Jerry was the epitome of what it means to be a member of DSM. He served in several official capacities on the

Board, including Past President and most recently as Treasurer. He was a fixture at all of our events. He graciously opened his gardens for tours. He hybridized daylilies and would offer his introductions at club auctions. But most of all, Jerry and his wife Jolly are great friends of mine and friends of a great many of us in the society. Thanks for everything, Jerry!

So spread the word. DSM is a great organization. Daylilies are fun. I hope you'll bring a friend to one of our next club events. See you then!

Steve Horan



DSM General Meeting

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

Sunday, February 28, 2016

Bachman's Garden Center Heritage Room



Agenda

11:15 - 12:30 Sunday Brunch
*with **Bret Clement***

12:30 - 1:00 Social Time (*bring a snack
to share with the group*)

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

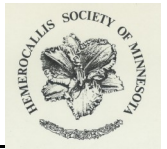
1:15 - 2:15 Guest speaker Bret Clement “Hybridizing and
Lawyering Do Mix”

2:15 - 2:30 Social time

2:30 - 3:30 “The World of Pollen-less Lilies” by Tim
Zimmerman, City Horticulturist for Edina, MN

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

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



***New* Location for Science Meeting**

Saturday, February 27, 2016

7 - 10 p.m.

Hampton Inn by the Airport and Mall of America
2360 Metro Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425



Grey Witch x (Nuit D'Amour x (Unseen Evidence x Betty's Pick)

Join us for a discussion centering on hybridizing topics with Bret Clement. Please bring digital pictures of your seedlings to share with the group. Please let Science Chair Mike Grossmann know if there's anything specific you'd like to have covered:
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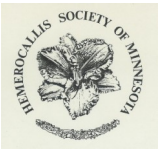
Three of Bret Clement's seedlings



Two Cats Dancing x Unknown



Nuit D'Amour x (Unseen Evidence x Purple Thunderbird) x Navajo Pony)



Meet Our Speakers

Bret Clement

Bret Clement was born and raised in Wisconsin. He obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and his law degree from the University of Michigan. Since that time he has practiced law in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bret started growing daylilies twenty years ago as a solution to a landscaping problem. After a few years, he discovered that he had created something beautiful—almost by accident—and started hybridizing.

Bret is active in many aspects of the daylily world. Shortly after becoming serious about daylilies, he co-founded the Hoosier Daylily Society. For the past ten years, he has served as general counsel to the American Hemerocallis Society and is currently serving in his fourth year as President of AHS Region 2. In 2015, Bret won the Howard Hite Award which is given annually to a Region 2 hybridizer for hybridizing excellence.

Bret has introduced approximately 160 daylilies to date. Most of his introductions have been diploid unusual forms, with a smattering of tetraploid introductions as well. Bret focuses his hybridizing efforts on clear color, interesting form, and strong plant performance.

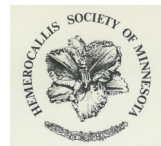


Tim Zimmerman

Tim Zimmerman has worked for 32 years for the City of Edina's Parks and Recreation Department and is the City Horticulturalist. He attended North Hennepin Community College and the University of Minnesota. Tim works with 120 volunteer members of the Edina Garden Council and area residents at the City's greenhouse each spring. He has a summer part time staff of six college students who work with him to maintain over 130 gardens within the city limits of Edina.

Last Autumn, Tim moved his lilies (*genus liliium*) from his boyhood home in Hanover to his new residence and gardens in Rogers. He has been working on developing new lilies since 1984. About 20 years ago, he started hybridizing to develop Asiatic lilies without pollen. He has registered six lilies with the Royal Horticultural Society, the international cultivar registration authority for lilies. Two of his registered lilies are pollen-free lilies and he is in the process of registering more in the next few years. Tim is known throughout North America and parts of Europe for his work with pollen-free lilies.

In addition to his hybridizing efforts, Tim has also been active locating and maintaining lily cultivars which have been developed by Minnesota hybridizers. He was instrumental in establishing a new garden section in Edina which showcases all known Minnesota hybridized lilies.



Jerry Steffenhagen – A Man of Many Colors

by Steve Horan and Kyle Billadeau

On January 2, 2016, our special friend and Daylily Society of Minnesota board member Jerry Steffenhagen, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family. Diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer this past Autumn, Jerry lived the last few months of his life much as he had the rest of his 70 years: with purpose and generosity to others. He knew that his time was limited, so he quickly took care of the details that would affect his family. His thoughtfulness to his wife Jolly was evident at the funeral, as she showed us a beautiful silver daylily pin that he had searched for online, and recently gave to her. Jolly is pictured at right wearing the pin at Jerry's funeral. They enjoyed 39 happy years of marriage.

We knew Jerry as a hybridizer and fellow daylily lover, but he was very much a man of many colors. Some of us were blessed to hear a few of the details of his other passions in life as we visited with Jerry and Jolly the past few months.

Jerry the servant: For the Daylily Society of Minnesota, Jerry served in many positions, including President, Treasurer, Tour Director, Science Director, Photo Contest Director, among others. We now know why Photo Contest Director was his favorite, as we learned that at church he frequently created elaborate bulletin boards for everyone to enjoy. He was very involved at his church as well, serving as Secretary and Treasurer there. Jerry also was on the St. Croix Lutheran High School Board of Regents.

Jerry the Grandpa: When we visited Jerry in the hospital, he had a large Ziploc bag full of marshmallows. He explained that he loved spoiling his eight grandchildren with marshmallow treats, buying several bags at a time on sale and saving them for when the grandkids came to visit. Jerry adored his grandkids and loved it when they called his daylilies "Grandpa's flowers." In addition to marshmallows, Jerry also enjoyed preparing meals and desserts for the family to share when they gathered at Jerry and Jolly's home.

Jerry the musician: Jerry and Jolly especially loved playing piano and organ duets at church. Steve was honored to enjoy an impromptu piano duet by them in their home during a recent visit. In addition to playing the piano and organ, Jerry also loved to sing, play the hand bells, and direct the church choir.

Jerry the award-winning crochet artist: Jerry created dozens of afghans, many of which went to others as gifts, donations, or fundraisers for daylily events. Since it seems rare that a man would take up crocheting, we asked Jerry how in the world he became hooked (pun intended) on crochet? He said that when he started his first job after college his apartment was cold, so he

learned to crochet afghans to stay warm. And 40 some years later, he entered them in county and state fair competitions, winning several ribbons as awards.

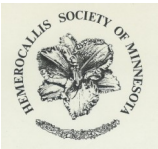
Jerry the hybridizer: Born in Red Wing, Minnesota, Jerry grew up on the family farm just south of Red Wing. And he went back to the farm in retirement in 2011, playing with his flowers there. He was proud to learn the family farm was recently awarded Century Farm status, a special designation for a farm that has been in a family for at least 100 years. With six



registered daylilies and many thousands of seedlings, Jerry generously donated large clumps of daylilies to club events. We also met several people at the funeral who remarked that they had been given daylilies by Jerry. He also shared his knowledge and fun facts about daylilies with the club, arriving at just about every DSM meeting with a PowerPoint presentation to delight us.

So many colors, and yet a few strong themes were woven throughout all the different parts of Jerry's life: Service; Generosity; Faith; Love.

We'll miss Jerry deeply, and we send our hugs and prayers to Jolly and family. Cards may be mailed to 8265 Jergen Avenue S., Cottage Grove, MN 55016.



Ramblings of a Novice Grower about Spring Sickness in Daylilies By Bill Lidinsky

My wife and I have had the daylily addiction for quite a few years now and have learned a lot—mostly by trial and failure!

Where we choose to live never seems to have the best soil, so we have had to amend our garden beds significantly at each home. Since the number of daylilies we have never seems to decrease, only increase, the labor involved in creating new beds has increased proportionately.

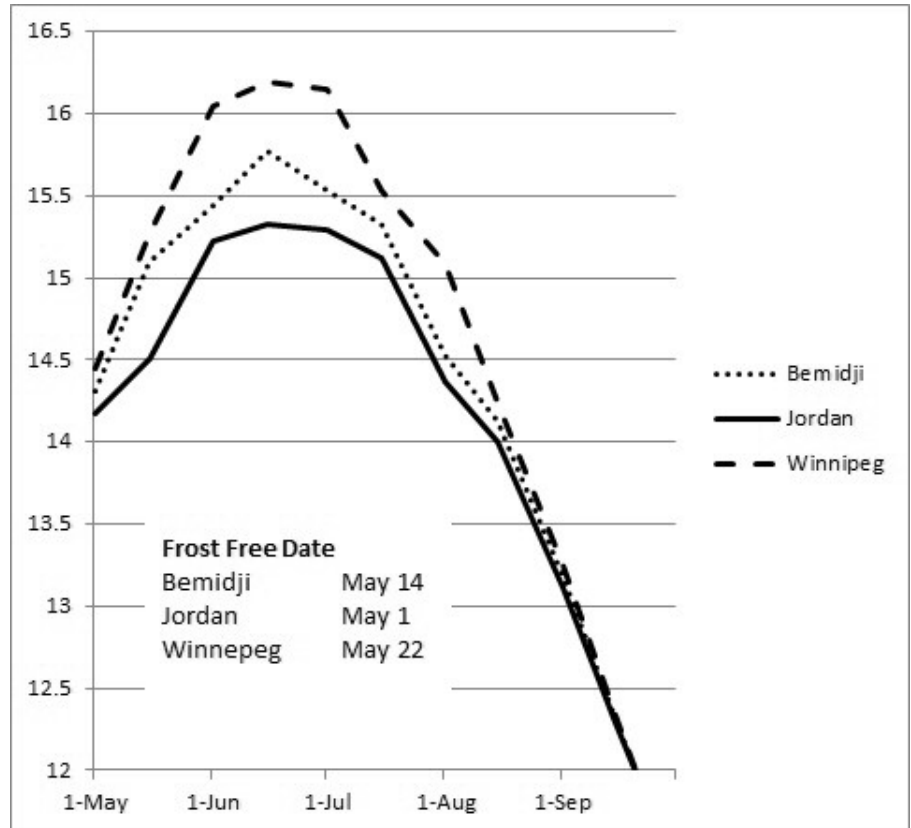
We live in the northern metro and would have to consider it in zone 3b. This is most noticeable in the Spring when Minneapolis is 35° F. in the morning, we are closer to 25° F. This ordinarily would not be a problem except we have experienced a number of Springs where there is a premature warm up in March or April which causes plants to start too early; they subsequently get hit by one or more hard frosts before May 15 in our Ham Lake gardens.

Spring 2015 was different. We had a gradual warm up and, despite losing our snow cover twice that winter, there were few losses and little to no spring sickness. This is interesting because, in a more typical year when we get hit with a hard frost, most of our plants are affected to some extent, even *H. fulva*. But even more interesting is the fact that we have given many of these same plants to family and friends in Bemidji (zone 3a) and they are not experiencing spring sickness there. What is going on here?

There are several things that may be a factor farther north. The snow cover lasts longer, the frost line is an average of five feet deep in Bemidji vs. three feet deep here and the daylight hours are longer when plants start to emerge. A combination of these factors may help to buffer the likelihood and effects of a premature warm up. When Winnipeg is Frost Free, averaging May 22, their daylight hours are 45 minutes longer than what we have in the metro on our average Frost Free date of May 15.

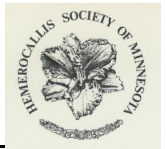
In theory, adding a thick layer of mulch should help

Daylight Hours from May 1 thru Sept 30



delay the ground from warming up. However, I've found that unless you are applying a mulch covering over a very large area, warmth from the soil adjacent to your covered bed will move laterally and mitigate the benefit of the mulch. For that reason, I primarily use mulch for weed control and retaining moisture and less for winter protection.

I will not dismiss other theories for spring sickness that may play a part—that would not be good science. These could include genetics, insects, pathogens, fall/spring freezing, soil type, mulch, micro-climates, wind, elevation, etc. I have no data to prove or disprove any of them and they could in fact also contribute. But I still prefer to compare spring sickness to frostbite. If a person has very severe frostbite, they will face serious complications regardless of their genetics. Infection will occur but is not the root cause and removal/amputation of the damaged tissue will save the patient. Daylilies usually



recover from their spring sickness but, in my experience, tend to recover slowly and poorly. If you allow damaged leaves to touch emerging scapes, they don't do very well. On the other hand, when I remove all of the damaged leaves, I am shocked at how quickly the plant recovers. The energy previously used trying to promote the growth of damaged leaves is diverted to new unaffected ones.

I am speaking primarily about dormant here. The effect on semi-evergreen and evergreen plants gets more complicated. If daylilies could learn from Peonies, we would have fewer problems here. Peonies always seem to know the proper time to stick their nose out of the ground. The ideal daylily plant for us would be a dormant that goes to bed early and emerges late. Instant rebloom is great, but extended bloom tends to be less than satisfying in gardens farther north.

Some of my thoughts regarding spring sickness may be contrary to popular views held by more experienced gardeners. Sometimes a complicated reason is looked for

when a simple one is staring us in the face. A good analogy to this is when experienced drivers were trying to find a way to get a truck under a bridge that was too low and the answer came from a little girl who suggested letting some air out of the tires of the truck. That being said, we are on the edge of the coldest zone in the lower 48 states and have the most experience with growing and observing the behavior of hundreds of cultivars and seedlings in this harsh climate.

This summer, prior to going to the Regional in South Dakota, my wife and I plan to visit the Beausejour Daylily Gardens near Winnipeg in zone 2b. They boast of having over 600 cultivars and are the coldest AHS Display Garden in the world. We are curious to see what grows well there and what might be beneficial in improving seedlings in our yard.

Gardening would not be fun without challenges to overcome. With the wide diversity of growing areas in the U.S., there will always be plenty to keep us busy.

Daylily Dreams in '17

DSM will be hosting the Region 1 Meeting in July of 2017. Planning is well under way but many details still need to be worked out. If you are interested in helping with this regional meeting, please contact Kris Henning, Kathy Lamb, or Karol Emmerich to volunteer. We will need open gardens to tour before and after the meeting, helpers to serve refreshments at tour gardens, bus navigators, donations of bargain table and auction plants, registration desk staff, boutique managers, table favors, door prizes, publicity help, speaker suggestions and more!

Volunteer if you can!

DSM hosts the Region 1 Meeting in rotation with other clubs in the region. We last hosted the Region 1 Meeting in 2011. We hosted the National AHS Convention in 2013.



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Dig & Sale: This is one of our major fundraising and outreach activities of the summer. We ask members to donate daylily clumps from their garden. We ask volunteers to help wash, divide, and label these clumps to be sold to the general public at Bachman's the following day. This year's Dig will be at Gary Schaben's in Monticello. Please volunteer to help Jenn Lanz with this major event May 21 and 22, all or part days.

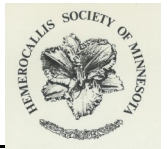


Bus Garden Tour: Bill and Dory Lidinsky have lined up three eastside gardens for touring on July 30 as well as a fabulous lunch stopover. This day-long garden tour has a reduced price for DSM members but charges a higher fee to non-members (subject to space being available). Our fundraising efforts subsidize this bus tour so the cost is really an outstanding bargain. Invite friends to join you! These gardens will provide much potential for you to take a prize-winning photo to enter in our Photo Contest in August.



Off-Scape Show: This is a showcase of gorgeous daylily flowers that elicit "oohs" and "aahs" from show visitors. Pick your open daylilies early in the morning of July 31, tape them to a flat box for transport marked with their cultivar name, and bring them to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. There, glass vases will be waiting for staging each individual blossom. Show visitors will be asking questions about growing daylilies and we will also need volunteers to be outside near the Arboretum's daylily collection (which we helped to update for the 2013 National AHS convention). Contact Barry Whiteaker if you can volunteer or bring blooms to the show.

See the Calendar on Page 1 and save all this year's dates on your personal calendar so you don't miss out!



Hybridizers' *SPRING FLING*

Saturday, May 7, 2016 1-4 P.M.

Springwood Gardens

7700 Old Highway 169 Boulevard, Jordan, MN 55352 Tel: 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. Please note that this year's event is on a Saturday, so everyone can be home for Mother's Day.

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 Mike Grossmann at mike144mann@msn.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!

In Memoriam: Jerry Steffenhagen chaired the very first Region 1 Spring Fling on April 24, 2004, working with Karol to design a memorable educational experience for members of our region. He served as an instructor for the next 11 years. Thank you, Jerry—we will miss you!



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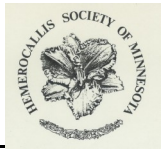
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Membership Corner

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 2016, you owe dues to keep your membership current!*

Please send your dues check to our new Treasurer Barry Whiteaker. Please contact Barry if there are any discrepancies from your address label to your personal records of dues payment:

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