

Autumn
2015

Daylily Society of Minnesota
DSM Daylily News

Calendar of Events

Oct 31	Science Meeting @ Hampton Inn by Airport
Nov 1	Program & General Meeting @ Bachman's
Jan 9	Board Meeting @ Steve Horan's
Feb 27	Science Meeting @TBA
Feb 28	Program & General Meeting @Bachman's
May 7	Spring Fling @Springwood
May 21-22	Dig & Sale @ Schaben's & Bachman's
Jul 22-24	Region 1 Meeting @ South Dakota
Jul 30-31	Tour & Off-Scape Show @ Arboretum

Presidential Ramblings

Dear Members,

A Time of Transition

Fall is fleeting in Minnesota. It seems we go from shorts and sandals to long pants and jackets almost overnight. The drop in humidity is welcome, as I race against time to get my new garden put together before the frosts hit.

Normally in the fall, I am worn out, with little enthusiasm to get anything except the minimum cleanup done. No fall bulbs for me, nope, I'm too tired. But this year is different, as I tear down my city garden and pack what I can into the new country garden at the lake. I force myself to keep chugging along, bringing a load of rocks in my truck with every trip (well, I paid for them, and the new owners will never know they were there, right?) along with the daylilies, hosta, lilies, fairy garden things, garden art, containers, tools.

In my mind, I let go of my city garden before the daylilies ever bloomed. Each change I make, whether I'm removing whole beds, or moving around plants to fill the empty spots, is for someone else. I imagine how it will look when I drive by in a couple of summers. I'm trying to leave it as low-maintenance as possible, but will the new owners rip out even more beds and turn them to grass? Or perhaps I will drive by and see the 'old favorite' daylilies I left blooming their heads off in large clumps.

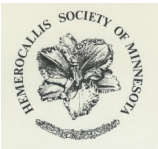
I am a dreamer, and the thing that keeps me heading outside each day is the thought of my new country garden coming to life next spring. Images of next summer dance in my brain, as I lovingly tuck each plant into its spot, with a good layer of mulch. I have planned this thoughtfully, and I hope it will be a happy transition.

Speaking of transition, this is my last President's Letter. Your DSM board met last month, and I was extremely pleased to see that no one asked to retire from their position! We have an enthusiastic, energetic board, and as I reflect back on this summer's events, I couldn't be more pleased with everyone's efforts.

That doesn't mean we don't need help though. If our events are to be just as successful next year, we already know we will need many hands to pull things off smoothly. Take a look at the calendar and keep those weekends in mind.

Hope to see many of you at the upcoming science meeting October 31--note new location--or the fall meeting at Bachman's on November 1. As we all batten down the hatches for winter, it will be nice to reminisce about this summer with our fellow gardeners!

Kyle Billadeau



DSM General Meeting

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

Sunday, November 1, 2015

Bachman's Garden Center Heritage Room



Agenda

11:15 - 12:30 Sunday Brunch
with **Rich Howard**
of **CT Daylilies**

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 Bi-annual business meeting

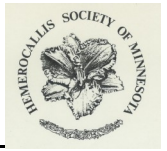
1:15 - 2:15 Guest speaker Rich Howard "CT Daylilies"

2:15 - 2:30 Social time

2:30 - 3:30 "A slide show of patterned seedlings from hybridizers across the country" by Rich Howard



Richard Howard is past president of the Connecticut Daylily Society and a master gardener. He resides in Wallingford, in growing zone 6. His two-acre home has many perennial—mostly daylily—beds, a greenhouse, and about 4,000 pots of daylilies. He grows about 1,800 different named varieties of daylilies as well as other perennials and some unusual annuals. He has been hybridizing daylilies for 15 years and has introduced over 30 of his own creations into commerce. He currently has several thousand of his own seedlings in various beds throughout his yard. He sells from his web site and on the Lily auction under the handle "rich." Many of his auction sales are for seeds. He operates an AHS-approved display garden. His web site is www.ctdaylily.com.



***New* Location for Science Meeting**

Saturday, October 31, 2015

7 - 10 p.m.

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

Join us for a discussion centering on hybridizing topics with Rich Howard.

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: mike144mann@msn.com



Two of Rich Howard's creations: a new seedling, above, and, right, 'Explosion in the Paint Factory'

The year's activities in pictures:



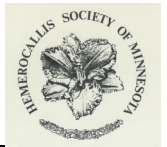
Spring Fling at Karol Emmerich's Springwood Gardens had AHS members from Region 1 amazed at what results from hybridizing efforts.



The dig at Schaben's yielded over 100 varieties for the sale in June at Bachman's the following day. Over 20 club members helped out!



Plant Adoption plants arrived in June from Karol Emmerich, Bryan Culver, Paul Owen, and Bill Maryott. See insert to sign up for next year's program!



At the new location of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum's Snyder Auditorium, the Off-Scape Show in August had high traffic viewing 430 blooms, including 15 seedlings!



Roger Koopmans, pictured right, greeted members at his garden for the first stop on July's Bus Tour. His garden beds feature his garden art creations, including palm trees!

July's Bus Tour highlight for hybridizers was the Grossmann and Nordstrom seedling fields.



The Bargain Table at the August Banquet and Auction was a big draw for members. The photo contest winners are on Page 6.

Your votes picked these Photo Contest Winners!



Landscape: Koopman's Garden photo by Steve Horan



Seedling close-up: Kropf seedling photo by Jenn Lanz



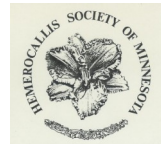
Multiple blooms: 'Zoe Josephine' photo by Jerry Steffenhagen



Art & Nature: Frog photo by Janice Jude



*Single cultivar close-up: 'Behold and Believe'
photo by Karol Emmerich*



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:

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and E-mail.

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Address correction requested



Cars from two different states displayed 'Daylily' vanity plates at the July Region 1 meeting in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Remember to set your clocks back
an hour!