

Winter
2018

Daylily Society of Minnesota
DSM Daylily News

**The Holidays are done
A New Year has come
Now is the time, I must say
For Garden books to make my day
I'll order a plant and daylily or two
Here's wishing the same for all of you**

John and I hope you are looking forward to the upcoming Daylily Society events. The schedule is full of many enjoyable activities.

*Presidential
Ramblings*

Our first activity for the new year is the March 4th winter/spring meeting at Bachmans on Lyndale featuring Margo Reed as our keynote speaker. Margo's talk will be followed by a panel of daylily society members set to answer many of your gardening questions.

We are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and making new friends. We hope you will participate in one or more of the planned activities throughout the year.

Barbara Sautner



DSM General & Science Meetings

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

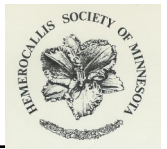
Sunday, March 4, 2018

Bachman's Garden Center Heritage Room



Agenda

- 11:00am – 12:00pm Science Meeting**
- 12:00pm – 12:30pm Brunch at **Patrick's Café** — no reservations necessary
—*just show up!***
- 12:30pm - 1:00pm Registration and Social Time (bring a snack to share)**
- 1:00pm - 1:15pm Semi-annual Business Meeting**
- 1:15pm - 2:15pm Margo Reed presents, “Unusual Forms from Woodhenge Gardens”. Margo comes from Virginia and has won the Bertrand Farr Hybridizer Award.**
- 2:15pm - 2:30pm Break**
- 2:30pm - 3:30pm Panel Discussion**



Meet our Guest Speaker:

Margo Reed

Margo Reed specializes in hybridizing unusual form daylilies from her garden located just outside Charlottesville, Virginia. Margo started hybridizing in 1978 as a hobby and now has 20 daylily introductions that have earned an Honorable Mention. She also received the Bertrand Farr Hybridizer Award in 2013. Jim Murphy, her husband, is also an active hybridizer. She writes on her website that they have 9 acres, wonderful for walking except most of it is vertical. A river runs through it. And there is still more room for daylilies!



Garden Fairy, 2018



Dances with Giraffes, 2005

Daylilies are not only fun to grow, but are also easy to hybridize and create new varieties. This does not need to be done on a large scale, a few seeds can sometimes result in some nice surprises. Even ten to twenty seeds will eventually become an equal number of clumps.

Most gardeners first start by growing a number of different varieties and then try crossing some of those that might have good potential as pod or pollen parents. It's fun to see what the new flowers that you have created will look like. Another advantage of crossing plants in your own garden is that over time you will likely only be keeping those seedlings that perform the best and as a result you will have a collection of plants that perform well and thrive in your garden.

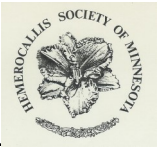
Hybridizer
Feature:
Bill
Lidinsky

There is no right or wrong way to hybridize. Some start by creating a good plant and then work on improving the flower in subsequent crosses. Others try to create a beautiful flower and then work on improving the plant. Another approach used by some is to simply cross everything and see what happens.

Unless you have a greenhouse, most seedlings will not bloom the first year. A good seedling will perform better each year and for a few it can take four or five years to see its full potential.



Lidinsky seedling



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 2017,
you owe dues to keep your
membership active**

Please send your dues check—\$5 per year—to our Treasurer Barry Whiteaker.

10507 Vessey Road
Bloomington, MN 55437

Please include your

Name, Street address,
City, State, Zip Code,
Telephone, and E-mail.

Moving? New E-mail?

If you change your e-mail or have moved, please let Barry Whiteaker, our Treasurer, know. The Post Office does not forward our newsletters after a few weeks of your change and we often don't get a forwarding address to re-mail it to you.

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Address correction requested

Calendar of Events

March 4	Program & Science Meeting @ Bachman's
March 16-17	Region 1 Pollen Dabbers @ Marshalltown, Iowa
May 19	Dig / Plant Adoption distribution @ Lidinsky's
May 20	Sale @ Bachman's
July 21	Garden Tours In SW Metro
July 22	Off-Scape Show @ Arboretum
July 27-29	Region 1 Summer Meeting @ Mandan, North Dakota
Nov 11	Program & Science Meeting @ Bachman's