

Daylily Society of Minnesota



SPRINGWOOD GARDENS

A message from our President:

Dear Daylily Friends,

What a wonderful summer our members had participating in our many club activities! We started off with the Dig and Sale (plus distribution of the club adoption plants) at Bill and Dory Lidinsky's, where members had a grand time washing and dividing the more than 90 varieties of donated daylilies. At Bachman's the next day we had a steady stream of customers and sold the majority of the plants, but due to the large number of donations, we had lots of plants left over – so we also held an after sale for a few days, which allowed even more people to obtain the lovely plants we had offered at the main sale. It was a great success and we raised a total of \$5000.

The Off-Scape Show was held on July 26 at Bachman's. The children who came were fascinated with the daylily blooms, and excited when we let them take one home. Our Bus Tour was held the next day and left with a full bus to Northern Lights Daylilies (Mike Grossmann and Kathleen Nordstrom). Our stop there was not only an opportunity to see a garden bursting with blooms from their stunning introductions and many other northern hardy cultivars, but it was also a chance to see their selected seedlings and vote on which ones really caught our attention. As an added bonus, our visit was during their annual U-dig sale, where they sell seedlings that didn't make it through their selection process. Needless to say, the bus left full of both happy members and the beautiful seedlings they had dug. After a nice lunch at Perkins, we headed to Bill and Char Scurry's home, where we were awed with lovely landscaping (including a small pond) and many varieties of daylilies. We were also provided with gift plants that Joan Zettel had brought down from North Dakota.

The banquet was held on August 10 at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest. It was great to see so many people attend, and we are finally back to pre-COVID attendance levels for our events. At registration, everyone received a surprise daylily gift - "Summer in Minnesota" - provided by Northern Lights Daylilies. Everyone enjoyed the food, photo contest, silent auction and good company, followed by a fast-moving auction of many plants. Mike Grossmann served as auctioneer and did a great job as always. Bidding was fierce and everyone had a great time.

Many, many thanks to all of our plant donors, volunteers, and attendees who made the summer so much fun! I look forward to seeing many of you at our member meeting at Bachman's on October 26.

Karol Emmerich, President

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October 26th, 2025

Bachman's Garden Center Heritage Room
6010 Lyndale Ave, Minneapolis

Open to the public-bring a friend



Agenda:

12:30pm-1:00pm Registration/Mingle

1:00pm-1:30pm Daylily Society Business Meeting

1:30pm-3:30pm Speakers: Member Presentations

Speaker & Topics

James Sherepa – Favorite Extra Early Daylilies

Steve Horan – Favorite Late Daylilies; Highlights of the 2025 National Convention

Michelle Smith – Highlights of the Region 1 Meeting in North Dakota

Dawn Bryant – Invitation to the 2026 Region 1 Meeting in Nebraska; Labelling Plants



Ruby Red Jubilee

Kris Henning, Dawn Bryant, Karol Emmerich – Favorite Garden Tools

JP Shelstad and James Sherepa – Plans for a new DSM Daylily Display Garden

Karol Emmerich – Educational topics depending on time available (Choosing Hardy Daylilies; How and When to Divide/Move Daylilies; Daylily Midribs; Hybridizing Basics)



Daylily Dig & Sale

We are happy to report that our annual Dig & Sale event was a huge success. Thanks to the many generous plant donations and volunteer efforts, we were able to meet our sales goal and generate revenue for our club.



Bill and Dory Lidinsky hosted the dig where volunteers separated clumps, washed fans, and labeled each DF for sale. After a long day, the volunteers were able to get first pick of plants to buy at a nice discount, a reward that many took advantage of. Keep that in mind next year when you are deciding whether or not to join us next year.



There are never too many volunteers!



The sale was at Bachmann's on South Lyndale the following day. There, we got to share modern cultivars at bargain prices with our many visitors. Just as importantly, we got a chance to share our love of daylilies with people that had no idea what these amazing plants are capable of.



Region 1 Meeting Recap

Central North Dakota Daylily Society organized and hosted an exciting Region 1 Conference in Fargo, North Dakota this past July. If you weren't able to make it, you missed a fun weekend with fellow daylily enthusiasts. Here are a few highlights from the event.



- A huge selection of plants available at registration, the bargain tables, and the auction
- A silent auction filled with many items worthy of bidding on
- Bus tours of spectacular gardens: NDSU historic and modern gardens plus more garden themes, Northern Plains Botanic Garden, Rich Roehrdanz's garden, and Don and Mary Kinzler's garden
- Educational opportunities with hybridizing updates from: Mike Grossmann, Bob Langabee, Tom and Mary Keast, Francis and Genni Kleckner
- Good food
- Quality speakers: Esther McGinnis talking to us about the progress of the NDSU gardens, Dave Mussar (Ontario) talking about his hybridizing successes, and Karol Emmerich (Minnesota) talking about the history of her Daylily program.



Off-Scape Show at Bachman's

This year, our Off-Scape Show returned to Bachman's and it was a rousing success. Many of our members were able to bring in beautiful blooms they had picked from their personal gardens. These blooms showed everything the modern daylily can do, and the table displays were drawing Ooo's and Ahh's from everyone that came through the door.



Top 3 Named Cultivars

Top 2 Seedlings

Per tradition, there were votes cast for favorite named cultivar and favorite seedling on display. The winners earned the highly coveted **Bragging Rights**.



Double Blessing
(Korth-P. L. 2019)
Steve H.



Isabel Marrafi
(Trimmer 2001)
James S.



Primal Scream
(Hanson-C 1994)
Michelle S.



Seedling
Robin S.



Seedling
Robin S.



Abbey's Ambition
(Nordstrom 2024)



Trembling Heart
(Emmerich 2025)

2026 Plant Adoption

By Kris Henning, Plant Adoption Director



Earl of Camelot
(Grossmann 2025)



Fiery Red Horse
(Emmerich 2025)

Every year, eligible applicants get to choose from great plants to "adopt" for a couple of years and grow on for the Club Auction.

Next year, it could be you!

Our Plant Adoption Program is a reward for volunteering for the Club during the year, so if you helped at any activities this year or were on the Board or a committee for us, PLEASE APPLY! (see eligibility requirements below). You get to choose and raise a newer cultivar (sometimes the current year introductions!) for 2-3 years and give the increase back to the Club for the Auction. You get to keep the original number of fans (up to 2) that you received, and the Club gets the proceeds at the Auction---it's a WIN-WIN situation for all! We are hoping for big, fat, healthy fans to sell, so please take the very best care you can of the babies!

Application forms are included in this newsletter and are due by our fall meeting on **October 26, 2025**.

You may either scan / email or snail mail them to Kris Henning or bring to the meeting that day. If you have any questions, please contact either Kris: kristiehenning@gmail.com

Eligibility

(must meet all requirements every year you participate)

- Be a member of DSM for 1 or more years.
- Be current in club dues.
- Attend any two of our annual events (Fall or Winter regular meetings, Dig &/or Sale, summer tour, Show, Banquet/Auction, or any Regional meeting that we host).
- Assist at one of the above events or miscellaneous help such as Plant Fairs, special club projects, serving on the Board or committees, hosting garden tours, helping at a Regional that we host etc., or donate plants to Plant Sale or Auction.
- Must submit application form.
- Must sign and be willing to follow the contract (copies available upon request).

All members in a household that qualify are eligible to adopt!

Contract highlights

- DSM retains ownership of the plants and will ask for annual updates of their progress, and to be notified if the plant expires;
- the member agrees to care for the plant to the best of their ability—adequate watering, fertilizing, weeding, no dividing of the plant and no seed pods allowed to form to promote the best growth;
- if the member is not able to continue growing the plant, or is not a paid member of DSM, they will return the plant; and,
- the member will dig the plant for the auction as directed, retaining the number of fans originally received—but not to exceed 2 fans.

2025 Garden Tour

Our garden tour took us to two wonderful gardens this year. The bus full of eager daylily enthusiasts first descended upon Northern Lights Daylilies. We were greeted by the incredible hybridizing pair Mike Grossmann and Kathleen Nordstrom before getting to roam the gardens. At Northern Lights we were able to dig from their seedling beds, vote on our favorite selected seedlings, and enjoy their rainbow display bed, all while being surrounded by thousands of daylilies.



After an enjoyable lunch at Perkins, the bus made its way to Woodland Gardens. This impeccable example of landscaping is the hard work of Char and Bill Scurry. At their gardens we were able to see both historic and modern cultivars thriving in mixed beds and daylily display beds. Their garden was a perfect place to see what types of companion plants there are to choose from that help add variety to your garden and look great with daylilies.



2025 Banquet-Silent Auction-Auction



Our 2025 banquet was in the lovely Lake of the Woods banquet hall at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest. The early evening event started with a silent auction and photo contest. Our silent auction had numerous items that were donated by members. Items up for sale included cold wraps, table runners, home décor, and various gardening accoutrement.



After members had a chance to bid on items and vote on photos, we had a wonderful buffet dinner. The banquet hall was full of people eating, chatting, and perusing the plant auction list preparing to bid. The live auction had 109 items and our auctioneer Mike Grossmann was back by popular demand. Mike has earned a reputation for being an efficient and effective auctioneer. The sale was fast paced and exciting. Thanks to the generous plant donations and enthusiastic bidders, we were able to raise funds to help balance the club's budget.



We would like to extend an extra message of gratitude to Northern Lights Daylilies for providing a gift plant for all banquet attendees. Everyone received a generous double-fan of Summer in Minnesota (Grossmann-M 2024)



Amateur Photo Contest 2025

This year's photo contest was a huge success. We had beautiful entries from several of our members. This is a fun way to show off your gardens and have a chance at some Daylily Bucks.



Multi-Bloom Category
My Fuzzy Valentine (Grossmann-M 2020)
Steve H.



Our 2025 Photo Contest Winners with their mini-piñatas
-Daylily Bucks inside-



Open Category
Frog in Bloom
Michelle S.



Single Bloom Category
Pomegranate Prize (Grossmann-M 2022)
Dawn B.



Landscape Category
Abby Volden Landscape
Joan Z.



Seedling Category
Nordstrom-K Selected Seedling
James S.

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2026 Calendar Events



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DSM Website QR Code

- February 22, 2026 Program & Discussion @ Bachman's
- June 13, 2026 Dig-location @ Stanislaw's
- June 14, 2026 Sale @ Bachman's
- July 18, 2026 Daylily Off-Scape Show @ Bachman's
- July 25, 2026 Garden Tours
- August 9, 2026 Banquet, Auction & Silent Auction, Marriott SW
- October 25, 2026 Program & Discussion @ Bachman's

The Daylily Society of Minnesota (DSM) promotes the development and enjoyment of the daylily—*Hemerocallis*—with an emphasis on culture in northern climates.

The Daylily Society of Minnesota was founded in 1980 as a 501(3) organization under the name "Hemerocallis Society of Minnesota