

Daylily Society of Minnesota



A message from our President:

Dear Daylily Friends,

Fall feels so wonderful after an especially hot, humid, and weed filled summer! Despite the weather challenges, our summer club activities went very well. We started off with the dig at the Stanislaws' Circle C Ranch on June 13th, where we washed and divided many dozens of daylily clumps, enjoyed a hot dog/brat luncheon with many sides, and had the adoption plant distribution. At the sale the following day at Bachman's Garden Center, our members enjoyed talking with customers, assisting with selections and answering questions about the more than 100 daylily varieties offered. Due to the extremely large amount of donations, 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.

Our offscape show was held on July 18th at Bachman's. We had lots of blooms, great volunteers and a wonderful display, but the weather that week was marked by heavy smoke from wildfires, high humidity and temps in the mid 90's with heat indexes approaching 100. Saturday looked to be yet another scorching day and there were fewer visitors than usual at the garden center.

We held our garden bus tour on July 25th, spending a day of fun and companionship as we visited three gorgeous gardens in the western metro area. The first stop was Karol Emmerich's Springwood Gardens. It was a beautiful morning, and the gardens were in full bloom. The second stop was the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, where we toured its expansive daylily collection. After a festive BBQ lunch at JP Shelstad's home, we continued on to Julie Carley and Gary Mosiman's Minnetonka garden, lush with hostas and ligularia in the shade and lilies and daylilies in the sun. As an added benefit, Bill and Dory Lidinsky generously provided gift plants for all of our very happy tour participants.

The banquet was held on August 9th at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest. Everyone enjoyed the food buffet, photo contest, silent auction and catching up with each other, followed by a fast-moving and very fun auction with lots of great plants. Many many thanks to all of our plant donors, volunteers and attendees who made the summer so much fun. I look forward to seeing you at our member meeting at Bachman's on Sunday October 25th.

-Karol Emmerich



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Education and General Meeting

October 25th, 2026

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

Open to the public-bring a friend



Agenda:

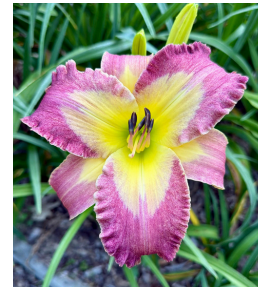
12:30pm-1:00pm Registration/Mingle

1:00pm-1:15pm Daylily Society Business Meeting

1:15pm-2:15pm Speaker: Ann Townsend

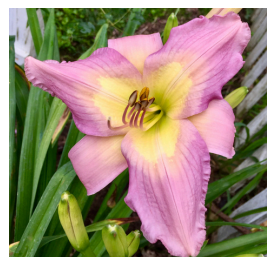
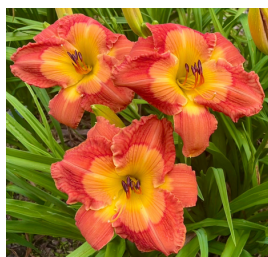
2:30pm-3:45pm Educational Forum: garden judging (Kris Henning and Steve Horan), results of members' favorite daylilies questionnaire (Karol Emmerich), panel of experts to answer questions about daylilies and daylily care

Speaker: Ann Townsend



Bittersweet Farm (Granville, Ohio) - "Match Making for Daylilies"

Ann views her daylily hybridizing as a collaboration between science and creativity. As a writer and college professor of English and creative writing, she tends to see things through an artistic lens. She has also spent a great deal of time learning and thinking about daylily genetics and how traits are expressed generation to generation. She will talk about her breeding program, including the rationale behind the choices she makes when keeping and culling.



Daylily Dig & Sale

This year's Dig & Sale was a tremendous success. We have maintained a healthy profit from this event thanks to our generous plant donors, hard working volunteers, and the extra effort by Dawn Bryant to maintain the sale after the main event at Bachmann's.



Robin Stanislaw and her family 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. Volunteering is the perfect way to help support the club, bond with fellow growers, and add high performing plants to your collection.



The sale was at Bachmann's on South Lyndale the following day. Throughout the day, we enjoyed a steady stream of shoppers. Volunteers for the sale got to help educate less experienced growers and assist them in finding the perfect plants to add to their gardens. After the sale at Bachmann's Dawn continued selling the remaining plants, and those extra sales were a huge boost at the end.

Region 1 Meeting Recap



The Nebraska Daylily Society hosted the 2026 regional in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Ruby Red Jubilee was a weekend full of garden tours, meals, auctions, and presentations. If you haven't attended a Regional, the weekend-long meeting is a lot like our Garden Tour, Educational Meeting and Banquet combined.



The main speaker for the weekend was Carole Hunter, from Prairie's Edge Garden. She gave a presentation on her hybridizing program which focuses on northern hardy rebloom. The gardens that were featured at the regional were; Hello Gorgeous Gardens - Jenny & March Cich, Lowe Family Gardens - Robin Lowe, and Lincoln Sunken Gardens.

Off-Scape Show at Bachman's

This year, our Off-Scape Show at Bachman's featured an explosion of blooms. Numerous 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 tables were absolutely covered in every color, form, and size imaginable. We had many visitors come through the room and they couldn't believe that all of that variety was daylilies, and several were interested in joining the club and attending more events next year.



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

Top 4 Seedlings



Seedling
J3
James Sherepa



Seedling
26.10
Michelle Smith



Seedling
ND-22-77
Debra Scott



Seedling
ND-20-208
Debra Scott

Top 2 Named Cultivars



Grand Gesture
(Rice 2010)



Fear Not
(Emmerich 2005)



2027

Plant Adoption

This year ten lucky applicants got to choose from 18 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 funds at the Auction,

it's a WIN-WIN situation!!!

We are hoping for big, fat, healthy fans to sell, so please take the very best care you can of the babies!

The Board has voted to continue this program again for next year, so I hope everyone who is eligible will submit an application to adopt a daylily! Application forms are included in this newsletter and are due by the fall meeting on October 25th, 2026. You may either mail, scan/email, or bring the application to Kris Henning at the meeting that day. If you

have any questions, please contact 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

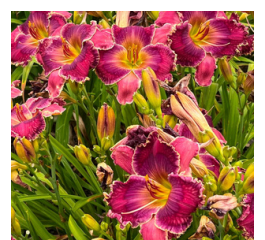
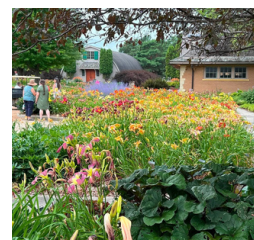
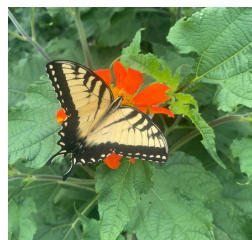
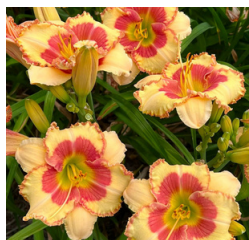
- DSM retains ownership of the plants and will ask for annual updates of their progress, and to be notified if the plant expires;
- the member agrees to care for the plant to the best of their ability—adequate watering, fertilizing, weeding, no dividing of the plant and no seed pods allowed to form to 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.

2026 Garden Tour

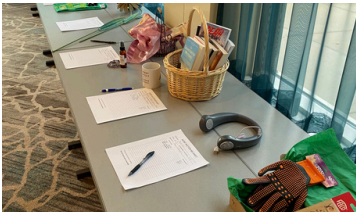
This year's garden tour was filled with friends, flowers, and fun. We started the day by piling in to the bus and heading to Springwood Gardens. The timing was perfect, as Karol's garden was in peak bloom. The sea of blooms was awe-inspiring and the guests were constantly stopping to take pictures of the impressive display. From there, we went to the Arboretum, where we got to see DSM's display garden, as well as the surrounding gardens. This collection of daylilies is maintained by DSM and Robin Stanislaw and it is a great way for us to show the many visitors of the Arb just how spectacular daylilies can be.



After leaving the Arb, we were treated to a fantastic lunch at J.P. Shelstad's house. The delicious barbecue and her beautifully landscaped property made lunch feel like a bonus stop. Speaking of bonuses, thanks to Bill and Dory's generosity, everyone on the garden tour got to select a gift plant before heading to the last garden. Our last garden belongs to Julie Carley and Gary Mosiman and has been featured in multiple garden publications. They have a jaw-dropping shade garden that filled with hosta, ligulara, lillium, and of course, daylilies wherever sun would allow.



2026 Banquet-Silent Auction-Auction



Our 2026 banquet was in the lovely Lake of the Woods banquet hall at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest. The room was absolutely full of members and their families enjoying the photo display, silent auction, delicious food, and looking over the list of plants up for auction.



Thanks to several members donating plants for the live-auction, banquet attendees were able to bid on an impressive and diverse selection of daylilies. The sale featured a wide range of hybridizers and expected price points. The sale was captained by the highly sought after, and much appreciated auctioneer, Mike Grossmann. This year we also had a handful of plants as door prizes, which was an exciting addition to the already jam-packed event.

Amateur Photo Contest 2026

This year's photo contest was an impressive display. We had beautiful entries from several of our members, many of them submitting photos for the first time. This is a great way to show off your gardens and have a chance at some Daylily Bucks.



Multi-Bloom Category
Persian Ruby (Trimmer 1998)
Walt H.



Single Bloom Category
Pray Without Ceasing (Emmerich 2019)
Karol E.



Open Category
Bill being Bill
Michelle S.



Landscape Category
Mick and Gabe's Garden
James S.



Seedling Category
Grossmann Selected Seedling
Mike G.

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2026/2027 Calendar Events



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October 25, 2026 Program & Discussion @ Bachman's
February 21, 2027 Program & Discussion @ Bachman's
June 5, 2027 Dig-location @ Lidinsky's
June 6, 2027 Sale @ Bachman's
July 17, 2027 Garden Tours
July 24, 2027 Daylily Off-Scape Show @ Bachman's
August 8, 2027 Banquet, Auction & Silent Auction, Marriott SW
October 23, 2027 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"