

(E)SCAPE NEWSLETTER

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Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.****February 19 Program**

Brenda Macy will do a PowerPoint presentation on the 2017 National Convention tour gardens.

Plant Raffle & Door Prizes
Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. so please come early.

Meeting Location:

Usually the third Monday of the month at the Farmdale Church of the Nazarene, 6501 Vandred Ave – Located off Smyrna Rd., about 0.1 miles before Outer Loop.

**President Elect Message**

Well it is finally February. We will have our first meeting of the year on February 19. The 2018 board will be inducted at the meeting, so come on out and enjoy the evening.

Brenda Macy will do a PowerPoint presentation on the 2017 AHS National Convention tour gardens. I don't know about you but I am ready to see some pictures of our favorite flower, the daylily. Brenda does an excellent job capturing the beauty of daylilies in the garden.

We will have a booth at the Home, Garden & Remodeling Show, March 2-4. We will have a signup sheet at the meeting. There will be 3 hour slots that you can choose from to work. Please consider working at the booth as this is a good opportunity to talk to other people that love daylilies and we may introduce others to the perfect perennial. This is also an opportunity to get new members and provide the dates of our sales and show.

Our annual show and sale will be on Saturday, June 23rd. Our show chairperson, Richard Porter has been busy getting judges for our show and is getting the application and insurance from AHS in order to hold an AHS sanctioned show. He has also obtained permission for us to stage the show again at the Mid-City Mall at no cost to the club. Good job Richard!

Michael Stephens has been working on our web site, adding information about our show and sales. Be sure to check it out at <https://dsl.plantfans.com>. Thanks Michael!

Respectfully,

Don Wolff

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AHS Region 10 Mid-Winter Symposium –
February 9-11, in Chattanooga, Tn.

DSL booth at the Louisville Home & Garden
Show, March 2-4

Bullitt County Master Gardener Plant Sale -
April 28

Hardin County Master Gardener Plant Fair –
May 19

Region 10 Summer Meeting & Garden Tours –
June 1-2 in Chattanooga, TN

2018 AHS National Convention – June 6-9 in
Myrtle Beach, SC

DSL Show and Sale – June 23 at the Mid-City
Mall.

FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

This month, by all accounts, has been brutal on our daylilies and other tender perennials. Why? No snow cover, which acts as an excellent insulation for our plants. This said, we will wait to see which ones survive this month's bitter cold days. Last year, for example, crocus were blooming in early February and daffodils were really breaking dormancy. We had 14 days with temperatures below 32° and 6 days OVER 70°! By the end of February, 2017, the early daffodils were blooming. These included Tete-a-Tete and Lemon Silk. In 2016 (2 years ago), we had some good snow fall on Feb. 14 and on Feb. 15, six inches was recorded for Louisville. When Helen and I got to fly to Phoenix on Feb. 17 (to visit our daughter's family), our plane had to be de-iced before take-off. Ice also tends to protect plants. That year (2016) we had 12 days with temperatures below 32°, and 5 days over 60°.

I have seen no crocus blooming the early part of this month, but I am happy to report the daffodils are definitely breaking dormancy, and depending on the variety, have poked up from 1/4th inch to over 6" in some cases. Surely, there will be bloom by the last week to 10 days of February. So keep a look out for daffodils in your beds or neighborhoods.

Happy gardening to all.

Richard Porter

Open Letter to DSL members and friends

When the February meeting is held, kicking off the 2018 DSL year, Helen and I will be visiting our daughter Claire Magnolo and her family (our 9 year old grandson, Grant is a big attraction), in Phoenix, Arizona. So I want to wish all the new officers and members a great year. Donna Ward did a fabulous job as president and the new officers under Don Wolff's leadership will no doubt accomplish some goals too. And congratulations to Don Wolff as he has not only presented his program to our area daylily groups, he was guest speaker at the Region 5 Winter Meeting in Warner Robins, GA., this month. Their auction of his plants was very successful. Way to go Don! And last. I am happy to report that The Mid City Mall will be the venue for our June 23 Annual Show & Sale. We will be using 6 judges and we have commitments for all positions as of Feb. 5th. Judges are very hard to get some years, with vacancies only being filled a day or two before the Show. So, this is good progress. Please keep the date on your calendars because we will need all our members in the usual positions to make the Show and Sale successful.

Regards to all.

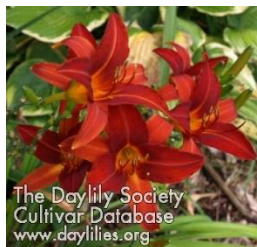
Helen and Richard Porter

Raffle Plants



[Zero Dark Thirty-2013 Marchant](#)

height 33 in., bloom 8 in., season M, Dormant, Diploid, 26 buds, 4 branches, Unusual Form Cascade, Begins the day as a smoky gray with a dark black eye, as the day progresses, the gray petals become a lighter purple. (*Starman's Quest* × *Apophis*)



[Baby Dragon's Tongue -2009 Blanton](#)

height 28 in., bloom 3.5 in., season M, Semi-Evergreen, Diploid, 28 buds, 4 branches, Dark red self. (*Red Squirrel* × (*Red Squirrel* × *sdlg*)) Awards: JC 2009

Nature looks dead in winter because her life is gathered into her heart. She withers the plant down to the root that she may grow it up again fairer and stronger. She calls her family together within her inmost home to prepare them for being scattered abroad upon the face of the earth. ~Hugh Macmillan, "Rejuvenescence," The Ministry of Nature, 1871



Program suggestions

In order to have fun and educational programs for future meetings we all need to think about what we want to have at our meetings. Collectively we should be able to come up with some good ideas. Please let Claudia f know what you want to hear about in future meetings.



Results of the Region 10 Popularity Poll

Cultivar

'Webster's Pink Wonder'

'God Save The Queen'

'Primal Scream'

'Blazing Cannon'

'Mary's Gold'

DSL Membership Renewal Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

AHS Member: Yes _____ No _____

Source List? (for those selling daylilies add \$5) Yes: _____

New _____ or Renewal _____ Membership?

Dues: Single \$10 Family \$15 Youth \$7

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