

(E)SCAPE NEWSLETTER



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Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

April 16 Program

Lorilee George from the Bullitt County Extension Office will do a presentation on attracting song birds to our gardens.

Refreshments: Names A-M to bring refreshments for March meeting.

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's Message

Boy, the spring weather has really been crazy. This morning the temperature was down in the low 30s with frost. Just two days ago the temperature reached 80 degrees. I think snow is expected this weekend. Will warmer temperatures ever come? I think the daylilies don't know whether to grow or not.

Don't miss our next meeting on April 16. Lorilee George from the Bullitt County Extension Office will do a presentation on song birds in our garden. Many of you may remember Lorilee from last July when she did a program on weed identification. She did a great program and I am sure this one will be also.

I would like to welcome Margaret Fisher to our club. Her first meeting last month came with winning one of the raffle plants. I hope this will only be the beginning of more wins and good times to come for her.

Last month we saw a presentation on irises presented by Dave O'Brian, a member of the Louisville Area Iris Society. I think a lot of our members grow irises in their gardens. We have found in recent years that they are a welcome addition to our garden.

Our first sale is quickly approaching. The date is April 28 at the Bullitt County Master Gardener Plant Sale located at the Bullitt County Cooperative Extension Office, 384 Halls Lane, Shepherdsville, Ky. As in the past the plants will come from member's gardens. If you would like to donate plants from your garden please let Doris Stonska know the name of daylily so that she can have photos to show at the sale. You can bring list to April meeting or send to her email dstonska@msn.com. As always we thank you and appreciate your help in making our sales successful. Money from our sales helps make it possible to put on our annual flower show by paying for gifts, table rentals and judges.

Thanks Richard Porter for the articles you have written for the newsletter. They are always welcomed and it's great to hear about things that are happening in member's garden. If any member would like to send pictures of your garden or submit an article for this newsletter, please send me an email.

Respectfully,

Don Wolff

**BOARD MEETING
March 19, 2018**

6:15 Called to order by President Don Wolff. Those present Donna Ward, Claudia Wolff, Bill Gdaniec Junelle Edrington, Beverly Crittenden, and Ron Byerley.

OLD BUSINESS

The Home & Garden Show went very well; we had lots of people stopping by to ask questions about the day lilies. We gave a free membership for the year to someone who signed up. That person was Darrell Hester of Shepherdsville. People who signed up got our newsletter and we had one person to join the club.

Monarch Butterfly: The projects are underway at Cherokee and Seneca. Iroquois has not been started yet

Guest Plants: The two plants that are raffled tonight are some of the guest plants. We are going to incorporate some of these plants into our plant sales at a higher price than our normal plants. We are exploring the possibility of having an auction for these plants. Since there are so many of them it may take two or three years to dispose of them.

Bill Gdaniec had a get well card for Betty Wilbourn that was signed by all the board

NEW BUSINESS:

Doris is working on getting some information for a new projector for the club. The old one has seen better days.

Bill Gdaniec got the article off to the appeal in time for printing.

The club is going to make a donation to the Louisville Nature Center. They can use it anyway that they want to. Claudia contacted Bright Side of Louisville but got no response from them.

Our guest speaker will be from the Bullitt County Extension Office, and will give us ideas about songbirds in our gardens.

Discussion on the Golden Eagle that winters in Bernheim Forest.

There are some butterfly bushes that are toxic to the butterflies. Be careful what you buy.

Adjourned 6:45 Bill G and Claudia

Respectfully Submitted By
Junelle Edrington
Recording Secretary

GENERAL MEETING

March 19, 2018

The treasurer's report was discussed and was approved by Marie seaman and Junelle Edrington.

Home and garden show was a successful venture. Lots of people stopped by the booth to talk daylilies. The club gave away a free membership to someone who signed up. That person was Darell Hester of Shepherdsville. We got one new member from the show. Margaret Fisher, from here in Louisville. Everyone turned in their parking receipt from the show and was reimbursed.

A get well card was signed by all present for Betty Wilbourn. She was fell in the garden, broke the 2nd vertebra in her neck.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dave and Robin O'Brian spoke about the different kinds of iris. They are quite varied. An Iris for all seasons. He explained all the different kinds of Iris. They bloom between Thunder and Derby. They will have an Iris show May 12 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Frankfort Avenue. Sale starts at 11:00 a.m.

RAFFLE PLANTS:

Aaron Brown, was won by our new member Margaret Fisher
Top Gun Sharon Scott was won by Bev Crittenden.

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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.

APRIL IN THE GARDEN (and BEYOND)

When will we get a break in the weather? It's been too wet or cold to do much, except walk our gardens to see what daffodils are blooming and which perennials are breaking dormancy. (Note: dandelions are blooming well!) April truly is a month for showers in our area. Weeds, slow down!

Solomon's Seals, hosta, sweet William and columbine are all growing well, along with daylilies. I just found out Solomon's Seals' blossoms are edible. Companion plants like iris will start to bloom on schedule toward the end of this month. Now would be a good time to apply some fertilizer on our daylilies AND to spray for thrips and spider mites. Dr. Patricia Henley (Ohio), has been a speaker at Mid Winter Symposiums, and with her husband, Dick, has been a judge at our Flower Show. She recommends using a systemic poison for thrips and spider mites, containing the active ingredient "imidacloprid." Spread this around each daylily in late March or early April. I found some thrip killers in Lowe's or Home Depot which worked quite well. Read the container instructions to see thrips listed.

If you bought daylilies at the Mid Winter Symposium or from other sources, they will probably be delivered late this month. Get them in the ground as soon as possible. Oh, Helen said remind everyone the Show & Sale is just two months away. That means lots of blooms are coming! Happy gardening. - Richard Porter

FLOWER SHOW REPORT

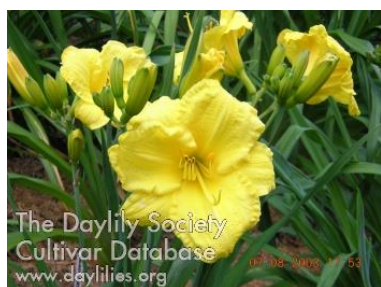
The annual DSL Flower Show & Sale will be here in just about two months! The Mid City Mall, 1250 Bardstown Road, Louisville, has offered its venue again on most favorable terms. Please support the merchants there as much as possible!

Our official Show Application has been mailed to MaryAnn Duncan, AHS Exhibitions Chair, so our Show will be recognized by the American Hemerocallis Society. Prize ribbons, show entry tags, and other supplies have been ordered. We will have 6 judges again this year. Two judges are coming from the Indianapolis area: Laurel Richardson and Jackie Schroeder. Both have judged our Show before. From Region 10 (KY and TN), we will have Lorene Crone (currently Region 10 President for AHS), of Jackson, TN.; Debbie Smith and Debbie Monbeck, both from the Lexington, KY., area. They have judged our Show before as well. And new this year, Bud Coltharp, Nashville, TN. area. This will be the first time judging the DSL Show for Bud. Please make these judges welcome when you encounter them at the Show.

Our faithful members are already working and planning their roles for our major event. 😊
 Bev Crittenden will secure clerks to assist the judges, and no doubt have a credit card reader for the Sale. Membership applications for both DSL and AHS will need to be available. Larry Kirzinger will handle placement again. Doris Stonska plays a tremendous part as Sale co-ordinator, and, with Michael Stephens, acts as Classification Chair. Don and Claudia Wolff have been hard at work selecting great prizes for the "Best of Show" category winners. They are also co-chairs of the Show. Bill Gdaniec is working on the Show Schedule, an AHS requirement. Chris and Bill Schardein will be getting tables and display bottles as Set-Up Chairs, plus Chris has agreed to host the judges' luncheon for our AHS judges. She has received many compliments over the years for this service. Helen Porter and Ann Coats will work on Tabulation for the sweet stakes award for whoever has the most blue ribbons. Junelle Edrington and Helen Porter will head up the Judges Hospitality Chair again. I would like to have one other person to help them. This is a fun job greeting our judges as they arrive at The Mall and visiting with them until the official judging begins around 10:30 a.m. Thanks to everyone for volunteering as you do. This creates a wonderful atmosphere for the best ever Show. (Please note Junelle Edrington has moved to Scottsburg Indiana. Her new phone number is 812-752-5370)

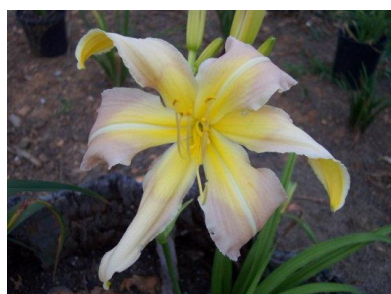
If you have any questions, bring them to the April meeting. If you would like to help with judges' hospitality or in any other area, call me at 502-454-0060 evenings or 584-7284 daytime, Voice mail works for both numbers so you can leave a message. Thanks to All. Richard Porter

Raffle Plants



Kathryn's Choice

(Fleche, 2013) height 24 in. , bloom 3.5 in., season E, Rebloom, Dormant, Diploid, Fragrant, Lemon yellow. (Stella de Oro × Camden Gold Dollar)



Louisville Ghost Orchid

(Massengill, 2016) height 36 in. , bloom 7 in. , season M, Dormant, Diploid, 14 buds, 2 branches, Unusual Form Spatulate, Orchid lavender blend with white midribs and yellow throat. (Winter Quarter × Simplicity in Motion)

Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer. ~Geoffrey B. Charlesworth



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 know what you want to hear about in future meetings.



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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