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NEWSLETTER

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Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 15 Steve Williams will be our guest speakers. See Bio. On page two.

Refreshments: All members to bring refreshments for October 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 Vandre Ave – Located off Smyrna Rd., about 0.1 miles before



President's Message

It's October and fall is here. The weather however still feels like summer. The temperatures have been in the upper eighties and today we are expecting low nineties. With a lot to do in the garden before much cooler weather sets in it is hard to get things done. If you still have plants in pots as I do, we need to get them in the ground so that they can get rooted in before temperatures get cold. We still have time but the clock is ticking.

On September 23rd we had our annual picnic at the Louisville Nature Center. We had a great turnout with members bringing many delicious dishes. Members brought proliferations to be swapped and brought a lot of plants for door prizes. I think everyone went home with several plants or other items from the many door prizes.

At our next meeting on October 15 we will hear about the hybridizing program of Steve Williams. Steve is the owner of O'Bannon Springs Daylilies located in Nashport, Ohio. His introduction, 'Adavier' won Best In show at our show back in June. We will be auctioning some of Steve's introductions at the meeting. Since the

meeting will be in the middle of October he will not bring the auction plants with him. He will ship sometime in the Spring. In order to cut down on shipping expense he will ship all of the plants to me prior to a meeting and I will make sure that they get to the rightful owner.

The club will provide chicken again at the meeting on the 15th and we are asking all members to bring a dish. Hopefully we will have guests from other clubs attending to hear the program of Steve Williams.

Respectfully,
Don Wolff



October Meeting – Steve Williams, O'Bannon Springs Daylilies will be our guest speaker.

Holiday Dinner – November 19 at Carrabba's Italian Grill

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Steve Williams Bio.

I started hybridizing in 1995, mainly as a way to get more daylilies, because I didn't know of many other sources. Now, I try to identify specific unique characteristics that appeal to me and concentrate on improving those traits. I work with all daylily forms, but early successes led me to do a lot with doubles. Later, I became interested in trying to develop miniature spiders and unusual forms. I also am interested in reverse bitones and variegated foliage.

I currently have registered 22 daylilies and most of my new crosses involve at least one of these plants or one of my unregistered seedlings. By doing this, I hope to create my own lines that are distinctive compared to cultivars from other hybridizers.

OCTOBER THOUGHTS by Richard Porter

This year at this time I am still having to weed!! Yes, the abundant rain and high temperatures created a perfect combination for exceptional plant growth. All the pesky grasses have gone wild in our yard: giant crab, Bermuda, barnyard grass, goose grass, etc. This is the downside. As to the upside, drier air and cooler October temperatures are sure to be arriving soon. I should be able to make good progress with the weeds and unwanted grasses in the next few weeks before the first frost.

Progress is needed to finish planting currently-potted daylilies into the new beds, too. September was too hot and humid to accomplish this, so October will be the make-up month. All those great daylilies from David Kirchoff, Mort Morss, and Don Wolff will be added to our landscape in the coming weeks. They need to be planted into their permanent spot in the garden now so they can spread out their roots through the garden soil and "anchor in" before frost comes.

Reviewing our Louisville area temperatures for the last three years, the range has been astounding. Most years saw big swings with lows in the 40's and 50's at night, but highs in the 80's, and we even had one 93° day in 2015. Late October last year saw our temperature dip to 30°. So, be careful to bring in tender plants and any green tomatoes you want to save during this month if forecasts indicate very low temperatures.

One more recommendation: If you got proliferations at the DSL picnic in September, the roots are not going to be very well-developed to survive our winter. Junelle mentioned she lost one of her proliferations last winter. Small root systems cannot "anchor" the little plants in the soil to keep them from "heaving" out of the ground over the cold winter months. What works best is to keep the proliferation in its pot and bury it, pot and all, into the ground to winter over. Next spring when the ground warms up and the plant begins to grow again simply remove the pot and plant the daylily wherever you choose. Most proliferations do best when planted in this manner, and next spring and summer will give them plenty of time to grow strong, healthy roots to sustain them. So, even in fall, there are gardening chores to do. These chores are very important to keep our favorite cultivars healthy and content to "bloom where they are planted" come summer.

Raffle Plants



Reggie the Clown (Kirchoff-D., 2013)

height 28 in.(71 cm), bloom 6 in., season EM, Rebloom, Evergreen, Tetraploid, 15 buds, 2 branches, Watermarked burgundy currant red with yellow to green throat, segments edged in pale yellow gold. ((*Red on Red* × *sdlg*) × *sdlg*)



Stone Palace Merrymaker (Evick, 2012)

height 36 in., bloom 7.5 in., season EM, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid, 27 buds, 5 branches, Bright orange with a slightly darker orange watermark, green to gold throat. ((*Red Volunteer* × *Mount Herman Marvel*) × (*All American Chief* × *Monster*))

Oh how we love pumpkin season. You did know this gourd-ish squash has its own season, right? Winter, Spring, Summer, Pumpkin.... We anxiously anticipate it every year. ~Trader Joe's Fearless Flyer, October 2010



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