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No meeting in January. We will meet again in February.

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 Outer Loop.

President's Message



Here we are into the second week of the New Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and survived the New Year Eve celebrations. Claudia and I as usual were in bed before midnight. I guess we are not into the festive activities to usher in the New Year.

It is time to pay our membership dues for 2019. I have attached a Membership/renewal form at the end of this newsletter. You may mail to Bev or pay at upcoming meetings. Please be sure to provide all of the information on listed on the form. We want to make sure that we have your current address, telephone number and email address.

We will once again have a booth at the Home, Garden & Remodeling Show this year. The show is scheduled for Marsh 1-3. We will have signup sheets for those wishing to work in the booth and hopefully the tickets to get into the show at our February meeting. We had a good response from our members last year wanting to work and I think we all enjoyed our time talking to people about our love for daylilies.

Claudia has been busy lining up speakers for our meetings this year and I think we will enjoy their programs. Remember, if you have any ideas for speakers and programs just let Claudia know.

It's not too late to sign up for the upcoming Mid Winter Symposium (MWS). It will be held in Bowling Green, Ky. on February 8-10. There is a good list of speakers and programs scheduled and everyone should have a good time. This is the first time the MWS has been held in Kentucky, which makes it easier for many of us to attend.



AHS Region 10 Mid-Winter Symposium – February 8-10, 2019 in Bowling Green, Ky.

Bullitt County Plant Sale – Saturday, April 27

Elizabethtown Plant Sale – Saturday, May 18

DSL Show and Sale – Saturday, June 22

AHS Region 10 Summer Meeting in Kingsport, Tn. – June 28, 29

AHS National Convention in Madison, Wisconsin – July 10-13

It is the life of the crystal, the architect of the flake, the fire of the frost, the soul of the sunbeam. This crisp winter air is full of it. ~John Burroughs, "Winter Sunshine"



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January in our Louisville area gardens is quite colder, generally, than December. Last year was exceptionally cold. On Jan. 2, for instance, we had a minus 2° and only 5 for a high the next day. A couple of days spiked up to 58 and 61, but most were cold. Two inches of snow fell overnight on the 12th and 13th. 2016 saw 8" of snow on Jan. 22nd. So, definitely, we could get some significant snow this month. Having said that, I see daffodils were breaking dormancy for sure. The early varieties are up a fraction of an inch to 2 o3" by the end of January. Several of us grow Lenten roses. They really like this cold month and start forming buds, and if warm enough, will bloom by the end of the month. What welcome plants these are! My daylilies really look beat this year. No snow cover is really hard on them. Most are looking dormant.

All is not lost! Our Region Ten of AHS is sponsoring the Mid Winter Symposium again. This time in Bowling Green, KY, closer than it has ever been to Louisville. Starting in Chattanooga over 25 years ago, it has been held annually as the Premier Winter Event for daylily enthusiasts. Brain child of the late Lee Pickles, this Symposium has been copied all over the U.S. From emails among our members, many members of our Club will be attending. MWS is scheduled for Feb. 8-10 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Bowling Green, KY. Contact Don Wolff if you need more information. DSL member Chris

Schardein is the Registrar for the MWS and Doris Stonska is the Secretary for the Meeting portion of the program. Helen and I were honored to help produce five Mid Winters over some years ago. They are a lot of fun. Come join in on it!

Another Symposium will be held in Region 2 of AHS. If you cannot attend Bowling Green, March 1-3 will be the dates at Crowne Plaza Airport, Indianapolis, IN. Region 2 has followed our Region 10 efforts quite admirably. Greg McMullen is the Registrar. His contact information is email <r2registrar@gmail.com> He offers to answer any question. His address is 7836 Creekview Circle, Indianapolis 46250.

Come on February! - Richard Porter

Hybridizing of Don Wolff

I bought my first daylily in 1993 after seeing daylilies at a show put on by the Daylily Society of Louisville. Within 3 years and purchasing several daylilies I began hybridizing in 1996 to see if I could come up with plants that were different from their parents. I did not have any goals of ever registering a daylily but in 2004 I registered two, 'Gretchen's Surprise' named for our first dog, Gretchen and 'Double Sanibel Sunrise', named for our favorite Vacation spot, Sanibel Island.

I have always considered myself a back yard, side yard and front yard hybridizer. Claudia and I live on an average size residential lot and thus have a limited amount of space to plant seedlings, evaluate them and line out those I have registered and evaluate those that are potential introductions. To date I have registered 26 daylilies and 23 have been doubles. A number of my seedlings have won Best Seedling at past DSL Flower Shows.

My favorite form of daylily is the double, and in recent years I have been working with double unusual forms. 'Ginseng Man' (Wolff-D 2013) even though registered as a double exhibit the double unusual form. 'Sippin Bourbon' (Wolff-D, 2014), 'Anie's Quilts' (Wolff-D, 2015), 'Bourbon and a Fine Cigar' (Wolff-D, 2016), are also this form. For those that attended the 2016 National Convention in Louisville, you may have seen these in some of the tour gardens.

Over the years I have donated my introductions to Region 10 events such as the Mid-Winter Symposium and Region 10 Summer Meetings, 2018 Region 3 Lilyhemmer Fall Daylily Festival, and 2018 Region 5 Winter Meeting. I have found that this is a way to get many of my introductions into gardens in other states around the country.



Ginseng Man



Sippin Bourbon



Bourbon And A Fine Cigar



Anie's Quilts



Tickle The Octopus



Bourbon In The Bluegrass



Kera's Doctor David



Bourbon Buzz



Seedling



Seedling

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