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Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

April 15 Program

Bryan Cobban a Private Lands Biologist with Kentucky Department of Natural Resources will be our speaker this month. His Bio is on page 8.

Refreshments: Names A-M to bring refreshments for April 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

Our speaker this month is Bryan Cobban. Bryan is a Private Lands Biologist with Kentucky Department of Natural Resources. I know some of us have problems with deer so this should be a chance to voice our concerns with the ever increasing population and destruction caused by deer.

Our first sale will be April 27 at the Bullitt County Master Gardener Plant Sale. As in the past we are asking for donations from our members to make the sale successful. The plants need to be washed and each double fan identified with the name of the cultivar. We need to send the names to Doris so that she can get pictures of every cultivar that we will be selling. The money that we make helps to pay for the cost of our show on June 22 and any other costs our club may have such as our Annual Holiday Dinner in November. We will discuss the plant sale in depth at our meeting on April 15.

With the warmer temperatures and longer daylight I can see our daylilies growing more every day. Now is a good time to get out and clean up our daylily beds and apply some fertilizer. I have been using milorganite in recent years and have put some around our plants a few weeks ago. I have found milorganite to be safe and I don't think you can apply too much and it is also organic. Some even say that the odor even helps to keep the deer away from their garden.

As always we welcome door prizes from our generous members. Richard Porter has informed me that he and Helen will be donating Monarda (\$8.00 in the Brent & Becky's catalog), Lamb's Ear, Hellebores, a yellow Pseudacorus Iris, Shelford Giant Iris and some daylilies.

The Region 10 Summer Meeting is being held in Kingsport, Tn. on June 28 – 29. This should be a good time for all with a tour of gardens on Saturday. One of the gardens is Blue Ridge Daylilies. From what I understand this garden is very spectacular. Remember DSL will reimburse each member \$50.00 for attending a Region 10 Summer Meeting and \$100.00 for attending an AHS National Convention.

Respectfully,
Don Wolff



Bullitt County Master Gardener Plant Sale -
April 27

Hardin County Master Gardener Plant Fair –
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

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Richard Porter: Presentation to the Board

Don called the meeting to order with all Board Members present at 6:15 PM.

ITEM NO. 1

Old Business:

1. Don reminded anyone who attended and worked the booth at the Louisville Home, Garden, and Remodeling Show March 1- 3 to submit their parking receipts to Bev.
2. The winner of the drawing for a free membership is Lee Dooley.
3. Don asked the Board members for comments on the show, and asked if DSL should continue to participate. Responses:
 1. We had many people stop by the booth, but no obvious interest in membership
 2. Publicity for the June 22nd show was very positive.
 3. DSL's presence at the show is a good public face to the community.
4. Bev will send the check for the donation to the Louisville Nature Center.
5. Don will announce club dues reminders for membership renewals.
6. Bev asked for a restatement and clarification of Item No. 4 of the February 18th meeting minutes. The Board's consensus is to defer to the DSL Bylaws concerning active membership and its subsequent benefits. Bylaws state for **Active Members**: *"Active membership shall be allocated to any person paying annual dues or for those paying dues for two (2) members of the same household. Dues for new members joining after June 15 shall be 50% of the annual dues. Those joining after September 15 shall pay a full 100% of the annual dues which covers the balance of that year and the subsequent year."*

ITEM NO. 2

New Business:

1. Don announced the upcoming events to be further discussed at the next meeting in April: Bullitt County Plant Sale, April 27th and the E-town sale, May 18th.
2. Richard addressed the board on the preparations for the DSL Show on June 22nd.
 - a. Richard is the General Show Chair of the event and has prepared the Application for AHS Daylily show Accreditation along with the Request for Certificate of Insurance and Order Form for additional AHS show materials. It is ready to be sent to MaryAnn Duncan, AHS Exhibitions Chair.
 - b. Richard requested an additional \$31.00 from Bev to cover purple ribbons which are in low supply. Total Order amount is \$113.00
 - c. Mid-City Mall site is confirmed.
 - d. The same members from last year's event will be working their respective assignments.
 - e. We will collect ribbons after the event.
3. Don asked that a motion be brought to the floor to give \$150.00 to each of the six (6) judges at the show. Claudia moved to give that amount to the judges and Helen seconded the motion.
4. Richard will give a report at each meeting to update the progress of the preparations for the show.

ITEM NO. 3

Helen requested stamps for correspondence.

ITEM NO. 4

Don asked if there were any other items to discuss (negative), then called for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Helen motioned to adjourn. Bev seconded the motion. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:47PM.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES

Don called the general membership meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ITEM NO. 1

Don announced that our speaker of the evening will present first to accommodate her personal situation. Don introduced our speaker for the evening: Presentation by Rebecca Huffman, Certified Extension Master Gardener in Jefferson Co., and University of KY Horticulture Assistant in Bullitt County.

ITEM NO. 2

Rebecca's focus of the evening was to present her goals in ways to stimulate interest and growth in plants and flowers through participation at the Kentucky State Fair. Rebecca sees this event as a pathway to

build relationships and partnerships with like-minded people. She also emphasized the balance between gaining personal education in plants and flowers and sharing our new found knowledge by giving back to others, especially younger gardeners. Rebecca provided a hand out that identifies the ways that we can achieve these goals by being a volunteer, a sponsor, or a mentor. She also indicated that by participating in these types of events, like the Fair, an organization can have marketing opportunities to promote their own particular focus and events.

Rebecca showed that she practices what she preaches by offering to help with printing lists of our daylily cultivars in preparation for the Bullitt County Plant sale!

Rebecca concluded with an invitation for our members to become volunteers at the KY State Fair, August 15th through August 25th. A special judging of plants will take place, on Friday, August 14th. There will be 3 - 4 hour shifts on each event day. Please contact Rebecca if you wish to schedule a day and time to work at the Fair at TheNeverEndingFlowerPot@gmail.com.

End of Presentation at 7:37 PM.

ITEM NO. 3

Don thanked Rebecca for her presentation at our meeting then continued with the business of the General Membership.

1. Don opened the floor for a motion to approve the current treasury report dated 02/08/19 through 03/11/19. Claudia made the motion to approve. Patti seconded the motion. Motion carried and approved.
2. Don asked the membership if there were any questions concerning the updated membership list. Negative.
3. Don thanked everyone who set up and worked at the Louisville Home, Garden, and Remodeling Show. DSL presence at the show was significant in that it sparked interest in the June 22nd show by a good number of visitors to our booth.
4. It was announced that Richard, as General Show Chair, has prepared the show application to AHS and is ready to send, while Helen has secured the space for the show at Mid-City Mall.
5. Don asked if there are any extra ribbons available, please give to Bev to be recycled for the show.
6. Don reminded membership that what we make at the April Plant sale helps with expenses to pay for the judges at the June show and our holiday dinner. Donations to the sale need to be cleaned and tagged.
7. It was announced that in order to be credited for the June show, DSL must have a 50% membership to AHS. DSL has a majority membership to AHS.
8. Don thanked Kathy for volunteering to host the pot luck table at our membership meetings.

ITEM NO. 4

Patti made an acknowledgment to the membership that Bill did a presentation to the DSSI.

ITEM NO. 5

Helen will send get well cards to J.J., Junelle's husband, who has been hospitalized, and to Darrell, Bev's husband, who also has been very ill.

ITEM NO. 6

Richard, as a member of the Region 10 nominating committee, announced that the committee nominated Bill Schardein of our Club to be the official nominee for Regional President to succeed Lorene Crone when her term ends. Watch for ballots and voting instructions in The Daylily Appeal.

ITEM NO. 7

Auction Plants provided by Doris:

Winners:

'Paint in Black' (Benz-J., 2004)

Won by Norma

"Screamcicle" (Cochenour, 2003) AM 2014; HM 2009

Won by Peggy

Auction of Hedge Shears donated by Michael**Winner:**

Junelle

Don asked for a motion from the floor to adjourn. Claudia motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Helen seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Fisher

Plumber to Gardener

I have a BS degree from Morehead State University in Industrial Education with a teaching certificate. I left that to earn more money for my new family as a plumber with my family's plumbing and air conditioning Company that was established in 1872. Whoever thought that I would take another leap of faith and jump into hybridizing daylilies? Heck, I didn't even know what a daylily was back then!

In the summer of 1989, just before Chris and I were married, we happened to come up on a sight I'd never seen before! Other than the roadside orange ditch lilies you are accustomed to seeing in the country, we had no idea what awaited us as we walked into the Mall to see so many colors, sizes and variations of one flower. My mind was blown away.

Therein began a long love affair, second to Chris of course, with the daylily. I talked to the people working at the show and learned about their club, The Daylily Society of Louisville and where it was meeting each month. I began to attend and have been a regular ever since.

Chris got my first daylily book for a Christmas gift that year, so I began to read about this wonder every night before bed. Then I went to the club meetings and began to ask all sorts of questions and even the difference between the diploid and tetraploid daylilies. The following summer I began to play around (as they say) with hybridizing. The next few years were fun because I never knew what would come from the seeds I had sown the prior year.

When I became a Garden Judge under the tutelage of Vince Paciano and Dale Finney, I began to understand more about how to look for the best daylilies to pollenate. Later, somewhere around 2002, I took over for LaVone Jolly as the Region 10 Garden Judges Liaison and really began to get serious about hybridizing.

I had been planting about 200 seeds a year until I was able to use some of my neighbor's field and planted 2000 in one season. I learned it was a bad idea by the second year when you could barely move in that area. Now, I only put out a small area and then each year select the ones I like to put into another separate area to be watched for another couple years.

I start by collecting seeds, then dry the seeds and store them in small zip lock plastic jewelry bags. I mark the crosses and place them in the refrigerator until March. Then I start them out in plastic shoeboxes where they grow until I can get on my hands and knees to plant them in new seedling beds in June. I collect and grind the leaves from around the house each fall and use this as my mulch in these and the other beds around the house. Putting one to two inches around them gives protection from the sun and helps keep weeds under control while holding moisture around the plants. It also softens the soil when cultivated. We like to consider ourselves as gardeners in God's Garden, we do the work and He does the rest!

I'm just trying to produce daylilies that people will like and possibly want. I want my lilies to be big, round and flat, with good flower substance, 30 plus inches tall, 4 to 6 inches in diameter, with 4 to 5 way branching and over 20 to 25 bud count. I like green throats, dark colors and the plant to be as close to dormant as possible. Due to a lack of acreage, I work mainly with tetraploids. But, as always, I will always settle for a pretty face while I work toward my goals. I'm just glad that Chris and I can still work outside with Mother Nature and these plants.

Since the first hybridizers started their magic years ago, they have blazed a path to give us some of the most beautiful daylilies you can imagine and with the hybridizers we have today it just keeps getting better. I'm just trying to get in on the fun! I wish those who have passed before us could see what their energies, hard work and dedication to this field has blessed us with today. So come visit us and let us show you our little piece of Heaven on Earth that God has blessed us with.

Bill Schardein



Nature's Artwork



Golden Reward



Bob Weiss My Love



Bi Tone Beauty

APRIL, 2015 by Richard Porter

No, this is NOT a mistake! Three years ago (2015), the couple who bought daylily grower John Morgan's former home on Southern Parkway decided to build a swimming pool where John had been growing his daylilies, hostas and other plants. Consequently, I got a call that April saying the new owners had opened the property to the public to dig up any plants they wanted from the proposed pool area. Both Don Wolff and I were able to make it over there to dig some of these.

It was very dismaying to arrive at the home on a cold, rainy kind of day and find out ALL THE METAL STAKES WITH DAYLILY NAMES ON THEM WERE REMOVED and thrown in a big pile about two feet high! These stakes were to be thrown away as they were "in the way" of the pool builders. Fortunately, Helen Porter remembered that us daylily growers were all told to bury a name tag UNDER each cultivar just in case a name sign got lost somehow. Sure enough, John Morgan had carefully placed tags under most of his daylilies!! Hooray!!

As a result of the generosity of the property's new owners and the thoughtfulness of John Morgan, I was able to identify a number daylilies after digging them up, and donated the following ones to the Club as door prizes: H. Antique Nouveau (Salter, '05); H. Elegant Candy (Stamile, '95); H. Forever Red (Kirchhoff, '93); H. Mary Joyce Andrews (Talbot, '92); H. Riseman's Flame (Hansen, '90); H. Spacecoast Sea Shells (Kinnebrew, '03); and H. Victoria's Secret (Salter, '91). Another dig at the home yielded H. Atlanta Fringe Benefit (Petree, '85); H. Carolina Copper (Joiner, '04); H. Powder Puff Blush (J. Pryor); H. Save the Children (Hansen, '88); and H. Sea of Cortez (Petit, '02). Bev Crittenden asked for some of the nice metal sign stakes, and she did get a few of them. I only wish I had gathered more of them as well. You can only do so much in a short time, though.

Happily, some of these door prizes are now appearing in our DSL Flower Show. So that was what was going on three years ago this month. I wonder if any of our members who received these plants as door prizes would like to report on their results in growing them at a future meeting? If you would, let Don or Claudia Wolff know. I'm sure we would all like to hear how these transplants from John's former property are now doing in your gardens. Don and I were grateful to be able to save so many daylilies and other plants from destruction!

What's usually going on in our zone 6 gardens? April really seems to be a "transition" month, with temperatures ranging from the low 30's up to the 70's and 80's toward the end of the month. The days are punctuated with a few harsh freezes often accompanied by wind, only to mellow out to summer-like highs later on. For example, last year on April 5th the temperature went to 27°, followed on April 7th by two inches of snow! If April is cold and cool, daffodils bloom later in the month. (As I write today, April 5, 2019, the mid-season daffodils are at peak all over my yard).

April is characterized most years with lots of rain and (ugh!) weeding, weeding and more weeding!! I do apply fertilizer to the daylilies as they are really starting to grow as the sun warms the soil from its winter chill. The trees are blooming, including crabapples, dogwoods (yes, Helen and I saw one today), maples and redbuds, to name a few. Tree pollen is everywhere. And a lot of "wild flower" type plants are in bloom, such as Snow on the Mountain, Ipheion "Wisley Blue", Spanish Bluebells (not eaten by voles), Forget-Me-Nots (invasive!), and Solomon's Seals. Of course, the forsythia are beautiful all over town right now, and gives a bright "golden glow" wherever they are. Tulips and early and mid-season German bearded irises also begin blooming the later part of April. A lavender Creeping Phlox drapes lazily over a stone wall at our house, and is getting more colorful every day now. And our lovely pink and rose single-bloom peonies are growing by leaps and bounds in our front yard, putting up very healthy, straight and robust scapes! The Clematis vines out by the mailbox are just full of new leaves, also. Nature is awakening and showing her riotous colors once again.

In April, taxes are due on the 15th, this year Easter arrives on the 21st, and DSL will sell daylilies at the Bullitt County Master Gardener's Sale on the 27th. It's a great month!!

Bio of Bryan Cobban

Bryan Cobban is a Private Lands Biologist with Kentucky Department of Natural Resources and covers Jefferson, Spencer, Marion, Nelson, Bullitt, Shelby and Oldham counties. Bryan grew up in Louisville Kentucky and after high school attended Murray State University where he studied Wildlife Biology. Bryan will be presenting on wildlife and human conflict in urban environments.

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" ~Robin Williams



Raffle Plants



[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*))



[Topguns My Friend Ellen](#) (Scott-B., 2010) height 24 in., bloom 5 in., season M, Rebloom, Dormant, Tetraploid, 24 buds, 6 branches, Double 85%, Cherry red with darker veins white midrib and gold edges, with a green throat. (*sdlg* × *sdlg*)
Awards: AM 2018; HM