

(E)SCAPE NEWSLETTER



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May 2019

Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 20 Program

Matt Bizzell, Horticultural Director
for Churchill Downs

Refreshments: Names N-Z to
bring refreshments for May
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

Well it's May and the anticipation of daylily bloom is increasing every day. I have two plants that have started to send up bloom scapes. One is a seedling that I continue to hold onto just because it is the first to bloom in the garden and the other is Bourbon On Ice which usually blooms about the third week in May. As I walk around the garden every day I know that I will start seeing more and more bloom scapes. I am a member of several Facebook daylily groups and some people are already posting pictures of blooms from their gardens from some of the southern states. It is fun to watch as more will be posting as the bloom season continues to march further north.

On April 27 we had our first plant sale at the Bullitt County Extension Office. I just want to thank the members that brought plants and worked at our booth. They included Bill & Chris Schardein, Marie Seaman, Bev Crittenden, Doris Stonska, Michael Stephens, Richard & Helen Porter, Steve & Donna Ward, Peter Fisher, and Claudia Wolff. The club sold out of plants early with \$1,092.00 in total sales.

The second plant sale of the year is May 18 in Elizabethtown at the new Hardin County Extension Office. The address is 111 Opportunity Way, Elizabethtown, Ky. Michael Stephens has put directions on our website under Sales and Show. The link is

<https://dsl.plantfans.com/>.

Again we need plants from DSL members for this sale. Be sure to give Doris the names of the plants you are intending to bring no later than Wednesday, May 15 so she can get the pictures ready for the sale. We will be setting up at 6:30am the morning of the sale.

Our speaker for our meeting on Monday, May 20 is Matt Bizzell, the Horticultural Director for Churchill Downs. He will tell us about what goes into the many plantings at the world famous race track that people come from all around the world to see each year.

Respectfully,
Don Wolff



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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DSL Board Meeting, April 15

ATTENDEES:

Don Wolff, President
Ron Byerley, First Vice President
Claudia Wolff, Second Vice President
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Helen Porter, Corresponding Secretary
Margaret Fisher, Recording Secretary

Richard Porter: Presentation to the Board on the updates for the June 22nd show and sale.

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

ITEM NO. 1

Old Business: There was no discussion.

ITEM NO. 2

New Business:

1. Don announced that the setup time for the Bullitt County Plant Sale on April 27th will be at 6:30 A.M. and should be completed by 7:30 A.M.
2. Doris needs to know the names of the cultivars to be donated for the sale so she can provide pictures.
3. All donated plants need to be cleaned and tagged.
4. Steve Williams will soon be shipping plants won by members at the October 2018 meeting. Don will distribute the plants at the Bullitt County Plant Sale. Please let Don know if you will not be present, and he will make other arrangements for your pickup.
5. Don provided directions for the new site of the E-town Master Gardener's Plant Sale on May 18th. Don noted that the new site is much larger and has better accessibility taking Ring Road exit 133 directly off of Western Kentucky Parkway and onto KY 3005. The new location is located a short distance off KY 3005 on 111 Opportunity Way.
6. Nikki Schmith posted a notable statistic on the AHS Facebook page stating that membership in the American Daylily society is on the rise. As of April 8, 2019, the total individual membership was 6,178 compared to May 14, 2018 with 5,373 members. The dual membership within the same period was also up from 4,304 to 4,955.

ITEM NO. 3

2. Richard brought a sample AHS trifold color brochure for distribution at the Bullitt County Plant sale and the June show at the Mid City Mall. Marie will be included them in the take away bags at the sale.
3. As of this meeting Richard announced that he has 5 committed judges for the show. He will give the names to Bev who will be writing the checks and thank you notes for them after the show's completion.

ITEM NO. 4

Don announced that he and Claudia will be attending the Region 10 Summer meeting in Kingsport, TN, June 28-29. Don encouraged members to consider going to this event as it heralded as a very enjoyable experience including a tour of the gardens of Blue Ridge Daylilies.

ITEM NO. 5

Bev provided Don with an application for a club credit card for his review.

ITEM NO. 6

Don asked if there were any other items to discuss (negative), then called for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Claudia motioned to adjourn. Helen seconded the motion. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:38PM.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES, April 15

ITEM NO. 1

2. Don called the general membership meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
3. Don announced our speaker for the evening: Bryan Cobban, Private Land Biologist with The Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources. Bryan will address Nuisance Wildlife, specifically Deer, and as it pertains to the concerns of our membership.
4. Don announced the setup time will be at 6:30 A.M. for the Bullitt County Plant Sale. Donated plants are still needed. The plants should be cleaned and tagged. Please let Doris know the names of the cultivars by next Wednesday so she can provide photos at the sale.
5. Steve Williams will be shipping plants won by members at the October 2018 meeting next week. Don will distribute the plants at the Bullitt County Plant Sale.
6. Don reminded the membership that the Hardin County Master Gardener's Plant Fair on May 18th will be held at a new location. For directions: Take Ring Road exit 133 directly off of Western Kentucky Parkway and onto KY 3005. The new location is located a short distance off KY 3005 on 111 Opportunity Way. [Recording Secretary's Note: The actual site of the fair will be by the Livestock Pavilion as verified by Amy at the Hardin County Cooperative Extension Service.]
7. Don announced that the next newsletter will have more updated information on the June 22nd show.

8. Don announced that he and Claudia will be attending the Region 10 Summer meeting in Kingsport, TN, June 28-29. Don encouraged members to consider going to this event as it is heralded as a very enjoyable experience including an auction and a tour of the renowned gardens of Blue Ridge Daylilies.
9. Nikki Schmith posted a notable statistic on the AHS Facebook page stating that membership in the American Daylily society is on the rise. As of April 8, 2019, the total individual membership was 6,178 compared to May 14, 2018 with 5,373 members. This was the first time in a number of years that the AHS saw an increase in membership.

ITEM NO. 2

Richard updated the membership on the progress of the preparations for the June show. Five (5) of the six (6) judges have been selected and confirmed. The sixth potential judge cannot as yet make a commitment. A list of all the sub-committees will be announced in the next newsletter.

ITEM NO. 3

Donna asked the question about whether a new category of "Color Changers" has been added to the AHS. Don replied in the negative.

ITEM NO. 4

Don asked if the membership received and read the recent treasury report as printed, and asked for a motion to approve the treasury report. Junelle motioned to approve the report, and Claudia seconded the motion. The motion was carried and approved.

ITEM NO. 5

Don introduced our guest speaker of the evening, Bryan Cobban, who is a Private Land Biologist with The Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources. Bryan addresses nuisance wildlife issues on private pastures and conservation lands covering five (5) counties in Kentucky.

Bryan's topic for this evening: "Deer, Too Much of a Good Thing."

Once a species in decline and protected by the Lacey Act in 1900, the white-tailed deer have successfully adapted to their ever changing available resources and environments and become the most abundant species of the deer family. Bryan presented slides detailing the Pros and Cons of various approaches to deter, discourage, and minimize the damage caused by the current overpopulation of white-tailed deer throughout Kentucky. Bryan took into account the specific problems of intruding deer experienced by our members. Some of the options discussed for deer control are: Exclusion by using a physical barrier such as a fence; Scare Tactics using decoys, dogs, air dancers; Harassment by setting out sprinklers, alarms; Chemicals/Repellents like coyote urine, Irish Spring soap, human hair; and more labor intensive options such as Contraception, Relocation, and Hunting. While the majority of these approaches have various degrees of effectiveness, cost, and logistical practicality, they are mostly a temporary solution. Bryan concluded that the most effective control of white-tailed deer is through hunting due to the disruption of the balance of the predator/prey relationship. This option still has resistance, however, due to the presence of deer in highly populated areas where such actions are limited by local restrictions and stigmatized by public perceptions. Communities still need to build a consensus for a resolution as the negative impacts of increased deer presence in densely populated areas continue to rise. Not only are our gardens impacted, but human health as well. Diseases such as Lyme disease and serious accidents involving vehicle-deer collisions will continue to be public health and safety issues if serious control measures are not implemented. For more information visit: fw.ky.gov

Presentation ended 8:38 PM.

ITEM NO. 6

Auction Plants provided by Doris:

Stone Palace Merrymaker (Evick, 2012)
Won by Junelle

Topguns My Friend Ellen (Scott-B., 2010)
Awards: AM 2018; HM
Won by Bev

ITEM NO. 7

3. Don announced the speaker for our next meeting on May 20th will be Matt Bizzell, Churchill Downs Horticulture Director.
4. Don asked for a motion from the floor to adjourn. Bev motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Richard seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Fisher

Hybridizing Program of Bill Gdaniec

It was a dark and stormy night and a heavy mist hung in the cool air. I slowly turned and faced the gaping dark chasm of the alleyway in front of me and proceeded oh so carefully. The darkness swallowed me as I made my way left then a sharp right, the rain dripping from the eaves above echoing into the night.

Suddenly a shot rang out,

A woman screamed. I stood stunned in the darkness trying to clear my head of..... HEY!! WRONG STORY! SORRY, REBOOT!!!.....

It was beautiful June weekend in 1990, my wife Betty and I were out for a ride in the Kentucky countryside when we came upon a nursery near Crestwood selling daylilies. Out in a field at \$5 a clump. Such a deal. We bought two, a small pink and a small purple. Little did we know these were rejected seedlings from an Indiana hybridizer. And so it all began! You all know the drill, the daylilies looked great, so the next summer I bought a few more at the Daylily Society of Louisville Show and Sale at Oxmoor Mall. Again, we just happened to be there when they were having their show. It was Fate! Joined DSL in 1992, got more daylilies, 10, then 20, 40, 100! Next thing I know I was up to 400! What!?! How did that happen! Took up the whole yard. I'd been seduced into the wild, wild world of daylilies. Betty and I enjoyed them for years, anticipating their return each year; earlies, mediums, lates, we had them all summer. It was great. The landscape looked great.....

THEN...some of the elders in DSL suggested I should try and hybridize. "It's fun" they said. "Growing them for your pleasure is one thing, but hybridizing is where it's really at" they said! "You'll enjoy it for years to come" they said. Well, I did. Made my first crosses in 1998, and it's led to digging, digging more beds for seedlings, more seedlings, seedlings were everywhere. I finally talked to the owners of a farm behind our property and they allowed me to use a bit of land for my new seedling beds. It was great. Digging beds and more beds, and bed extensions till I filled all the space! I was a hybridizing maniac those early years. Crossing pollen with all of the best of the best that I had, saving seeds, planting seeds, planting seedlings, anticipating what's to come, composting a lot, I mean A LOT of bad seedlings, but saving a few each year that turned out pretty nice. Patience is key! By 2015 (that's 17 years of hybridizing), I had accumulated a lot of nice daylilies and thought it was time to get some registered with The American Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society. I had a lot of catching up to do. To date, I've registered 56 cultivars, all shapes, sizes, heights, colors, forms, seasons, diploids, and tetraploids. I have a group of 5 or 6 new ones to be registered this year.

Since about 2010, I've concentrated my hybridizing efforts on double and late-blooming daylilies with modest success. I have become very particular with my crosses. Not making as many crosses but better, more defined crosses. Crossing seedlings with seedlings. Fewer seedlings but hopefully better seedlings in the end. And patience, a lot of patience. A dab of pollen here, a dab of pollen there with a never-ending anticipation of special blooms to come. My seedling beds are always full, amazing how that happens!

I hope you can make some time to visit the garden, you're always welcome. The garden is closed Sundays and Mondays and when we are gone for doctor and dentist appointments, which as we get older, seems

to happen more often these days. Please call, 502-407-2390, that's my cell, to make sure I'm around, or for directions. You don't want to get lost down some dark mysterious alley on your way over here...but hey, that's another story!

Happy Daylilies,
Bill Gdaniec

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2015 Highview Passionette



2015 Highview Sassy Lassie



2016 Highview Raspberry Spritzer



2016 Highview Double Orange Frizz



2017 Highview Cosmic Fire



2017 Highview Double Magnifique



2018 Highview Bongo Billy



2018 Highview Sweet Genevieve



2019 Highview Nora Catherine



2019 Highview Elfin Dancer

IT'S MAY!!

What is our weather usually like? A few days may only top out in the 50's, but very typically, most days top out in the 80's. My garden activity is largely spent weeding!! Ugh! I don't finish until Memorial Day weekend. Creeping Charlie is the stinky worst weed every year. I am slightly allergic to it as well. It seems to live and grow over the Winter, but with wetter and warmer days in the Spring, it just goes crazy. This year, a new weed is well-established in the un-mowed field behind our yard. If I remember correctly our last "expert" speaker on weeds, called it Golden Rocket. Helen and I were out over the first weekend this month in Southern Indiana, near Palmyra. Golden Rocket has invaded fields and fields along Hgwy 150 and I-64 West. The fields are covered in Golden Rocket. Quite beautiful, but the locals hate it. We have removed perhaps 20 plants from our back yard this year. With that super growth behind us and the seeds blowing in the wind, next year looks rough!

Another task has been replacing faded venetian blind signage on newer daylily plantings. The signs look great and readable, and a day later they faded out. Most of the time I have a mapping of where daylilies are located, but some planted last October have lost or faded signs. Hopefully, next month's blooms will help identify these fans or clumps. I believe Dan Bachman even named a daylily about "permanent" marker failure! Thanks Dan.

With May, the blooming of all iris types, peonies, flowering trees, and some poppies, really start the beautiful garden bloom season. Trees are mostly leafed out returning green to our environment. Best of all, the daylilies - the really early ones - start to bloom at the end of May! To mention a few consistently early ones for us: HELEN MARIE (Scott, R. '82); BOURBON ON ICE (Don Wolff '11); SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC (Henry, P. '85); and WHATCHAMACALLIT (Williams, S. '10). You cannot go wrong with any of these!

May is also DSL's Sale of prime daylilies in Elizabethtown, KY. We set up our sales booth in conjunction with the Hardin County Master Gardeners Sale. We have done this so many years now, it has finally dawned on us that our customers who patronize our great daylilies buy with a focus on COLOR. Most folks have already bought YELLOW ones, so the public wants other colors. We have sold out of PURPLE, RED, WHITE, and darker chocolate colors first. A few buyers want only the short scapes. They refuse to buy any over 12", 15" or about 19" So the "little" ones sell very well. SO, if you are selecting cultivars to donate for the Sale, keep in mind which colors and sizes sell best in making your selections. And thanks to everyone who made the Shepherdsville Sale in Bullitt County so successful. Helen and I donated 204 fans (16 different kinds) which sold for about \$ 510.00. Come join us in the booth at E-town. It is really a lot of fun and fellowship.

-Richard Porter

DSL SHOW COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

Co-chairs for 2019 - Don & Claudia Wolff

Schedule chair - Bill Gdaniec

Staging & Properties chairs - Bill & Chris Schardein

Classification chairs - Doris Stonska & Mike Stephens

Tabulation chair - Helen Porter

Placement chair - Larry Kirzinger

Judges chair - Richard Porter

Awards/Prizes chairs - Don & Claudia Wolff

Hospitality chairs - Helen Porter & Junelle Edrington

Judges Luncheon chair - Chris Schardein

Publicity chair - Claudia Wolff

Dismantling - all Club members

Sale of Daylilies chair - Doris Stonska

General chair - Richard Porter

Free scalloped edging

Scalloped, curved bricks for around flower beds or where ever needed. I have 18 - 24 or 25 inch ones and 12 - 12 inch ones. Free for the asking. Let me know if you are interested.

Call Bev Crittenden at (502) 231-8687