

# (E)SCAPE NEWSLETTER



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**Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.****Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**June 17 Meeting is devoted to discussions about our Show and Sale on June 22.**

Refreshments: Names A-M to bring refreshments for June 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**

Isn't this just the best time of the year for daylily lovers? Every morning when I walk through the garden in great expectation of seeing some new plant blooming for the first time it is just a great time. The only thing better is seeing a first year seeding bloom for the very first time. After at least two years of waiting to see the results of a particular cross I can finally see if it has any potential or not. It is like a child at Christmas time finding gifts under the tree.

At our meeting last month we were treated to a great program by Matt Bizzell, the Horticulture Director at Churchill Downs. If you have been to the world famous horse race track or seen it on the television you sure have seen some of the beautiful flower and landscape design. Matt is responsible for the work that goes into this. We were able to hear about and appreciated all the hard work he and his staff do on a very large scale.

We are quickly coming up on our main event of the year, the show and plant sale. Our meeting this month will be devoted entirely on this yearly event. We will talk about the duties of the various show committees to make sure that everyone is on board as to what we need to do to make the show a success. In the past we talked about grooming our entries at the show, but since most have done this for many years we will spend

little time on this. I will however bring a scape or two for those that may have questions. All our encouraged to enter in the show and those that have questions concerning grooming will be helped by those of us who have been doing this for many years. We are not allowed to actually groom for another but can offer some valuable tips.

Since part of the show includes a plant sale we will again be asking for plant donations from members. All plants should be cleaned and tagged with correct name. Please let Doris know the particular cultivars you

are planning on bringing so that she can have pictures ready for the morning of the sale. She will need the names no later than Wednesday, June 19.

If you have not already signed up to attend the Region 10 Summer Meeting in Kingsport Tenn. on June 28-29 there is still time to do so. This should be a good time for all, and if you have never been to a Region 10 event you owe it to yourself to attend. Remember that those that do attend will be reimbursed by our club in the amount of \$50.00.

Respectfully,  
Don Wolff



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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### Board Meeting: May 20, 2019

#### ATTENDEES:

Don Wolff, President  
Ron Byerley, First Vice President  
Claudia Wolff, Second Vice President  
Bev Crittenden, Treasurer  
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:

1. Bullitt County Plant Sale was a success netting \$1092.38 as a result of the many donated plants.
2. Steve Williams' auction plants were distributed.
3. The Hardin County Sale was also successful in netting \$1017.00 in plant sales and \$184.76 in squares. The new building is near completion.

#### **ITEM NO. 2**

New Business:

1. The speaker for the evening is Matt Bizzell, Churchill Downs Horticulture Director.
2. There will be no guest speaker for the June meeting as the focus will be devoted to the June show.
3. There will be no formal presentation on grooming an entry for the show during the meeting, but help will be provided before the show on June 22nd.
4. Claudia will prepare an article for the Garden Section in the *Courier Journal* the week before and the week of the show.
5. \*Richard presented updates as to the progress of preparation events for the show:
  - a. Bev is in charge of the clerks and will handle the thank you notes and the checks.
  - b. The 6th judge has been confirmed.
  - c. Don will prepare the badges for the judges.
  - d. Event schedule will be sent to Mary Ann Duncan for approval.
  - e. Doris and Michael will download the plant check list.
  - f. Claudia has purchased all but four (4) gifts for the prize winners.
  - g. The order for tables at the Mid-City Mall included too many tables. Bill Schardein will adjust the order and check on the stanchions, ropes, and hooks for the display area.
  - h. More plants are needed for the sale. Don suggested that we use the 2016 National Convention Guest Plants. Doris will make further inquiries with other club members who have been growing them in their gardens.

#### **ITEM NO. 3**

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 6:42PM.

### **General Membership Meeting: May 20, 2019**

#### **ITEM NO. 1**

1. Don called the general membership meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. Don thanked all those who worked at the Hardin County plant sale: Bill and Chris, Michael, Doris, Bev, Norma and David, Steve and Donna.. The sale was a great success, selling out by 1:00.
3. June's meeting will be devoted to the show, but there will not be a grooming clinic.
4. \*See Board Meeting notes on Richard's updates on preparations for the show. Additional notes:
  - a. Bev will explain clerk responsibilities at the next meeting
  - b. Ann Coats will be working on classification
  - c. Chris will be providing the Judges' luncheon.
  - d. Helen and Junelle will be doing the tabulations.
  - e. Doris will be in charge of the plant sales. Donations are still needed.

#### **ITEM NO. 2**

Don welcomed guests, Loretta Aberli and Linda Luck and Ray Clark.

#### **ITEM NO. 3**

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

#### **ITEM NO. 4**

Don introduced the speaker of the evening, Matt Bizzell,. Matt has been a biologist for 22 years with 10 of those recent years as Churchill Downs Horticulture Director.

Matt presented an insightful and comprehensive perspective of the “behind the scenes” activities in the extremely work-intensive and time sensitive preparations for installations of the plantings at Churchill Downs. Matt provided a historical perspective with his slide presentations of past efforts, current design work, and noted future expansion plans, often adding amusing anecdotes of events during his tenure. Membership gained a great appreciation of all the efforts that go into preparing the site of Churchill Downs, not only for the Derby, but for many other events throughout the year.

Presentation ended at 8:40 PM.

#### **ITEM NO. 5**

Raffle Plants:

Topguns Bounty Hunter (Scott-B., 2011)  
Won by Richard

Clown for a Day (Simpson-E., 2011)  
Won by Patti

#### **ITEM NO. 6**

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 the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Fisher

#### **FLOWER SHOW REPORT**

Hello DSL members. Our meeting on Monday, June 17th will be right before our Show & Sale on Saturday, June 22nd. DSL By-Laws require a Show Schedule be given to each member. Bill Gdaniec is having them printed for distribution at the meeting. Please contact Bill for a Schedule. Bring your Schedule to the Flower Show to help get your entries in the correct categories listed in the Schedule.

At the Show, you will need entry tags for each flower. Only AHS registered daylilies may be entered. You CANNOT enter a flower for another person, child, hybridizer, etc. Your entry is what you grow yourself. Helen and Richard Porter will have entry tags at the meeting, so please pick them up there. Any extra tags will be taken to the Show. If you do not use all your tags, please bring any left over to the Show. We always seem to run out!

Bev Crittenden is the DSL Chair in charge of the Clerks. Her name should have been mentioned last month. 😊 She will bring the ribbons for the Clerks to place on the judged flowers. Please see her at the meeting if you are clerking, to go over the protocol for the Clerks. Any extra ribbons club member may want to donate back for re-use should be brought to the meeting. Thank you.

We will have 6 exhibition judges for our Show. They are Lorene Crone (current president of Region 10 AHS); Laurel Richardson; Debbie Monbeck, Debbie Smith, Lisa Meadows, and Cynthia Cory. Often a judge will need a motel room since he/she will travel a considerable distance just to help at our Show. Please speak to them and make them welcome as the opportunity presents itself. Do NOT talk to the judges during the judging process

Every member of DSL is encouraged to enter daylilies in the Show. All members who have entered before will be glad to help first-timers with grooming tips, if necessary. Don Wolff plans to bring a scape to show

grooming if it will help first-timers. Showing off your daylilies is fun and only one scape is "sacrificed". Last year we had 236 entries.

Bill and Chris Schardein handle the staging for the Show/Sale with placement of tables and the head award tables. They bring the bottles the Club uses for the Show and this will be done on Friday evening before the Sat. Show. Please help their work on Friday to set up the bottles in the table area. Times to be announced at the meeting. Volunteers are needed for this.

The SALE Chair is Doris Stonska. She will need to know as soon as possible the names of the daylilies you will donate to the Sale held in conjunction with the Show. She also will need volunteers on Friday evening to unload plants, plastic trays etc for the Sale. Doris must make pictures of the cultivar ahead of time. The public buys according to color and size, as mentioned in prior Escape articles. We grossed over \$ 1,600.00 last year. That's a lot of daylilies. I hear that there may be some special daylilies in the Sale this year which were expensive auction plants at the Louisville National Convention. Our membership and the judges are probably very interested in these because they are recent expensive introductions.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OUR MEMBERS FOR HELPING IN MANY CAPACITIES FOR THIS EVENT. You are the greatest!!

Richard Porter 😊

## **JUNE AND DAYLILIES**

It's here! At last! Daylily blooms and more blooms. Our big month! Rain and humidity combined with temperatures hitting daily highs in the 80's and 90's virtually every day, is just what daylilies need. They are thriving. How do the night marauders (deer) know our scapes are up and full of tasty buds??

Hostas and lilliums are blooming too, but we are getting ready for our annual Show and the last SALE of the year. June is also when AHS Exhibition judges are spending weekends helping in Regional daylily shows. Many DSL members will attend the Summer Regional and garden Tours in Kingsport, Tennessee, and the national AHS Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. Helen and I attended the Regional in Kingsport in a previous year, and it was absolutely great. The accommodations were superior and the host Club was wonderful. Traditionally at each of these summer events, you will be given new daylilies for your collection. Be sure to soak the roots in water for the first 24 hours after receiving them. Hmm....those black buckets we sold for a dollar should probably be packed along, as these make excellent repositories for the bare-rooted gift plants while at the summer meeting locale. The water-soak allows the tiny root-hairs to re-grow properly. The root-hairs are invisible to the naked eye, but that is where the plant takes in water and vital nourishment to survive. When you get your new plants back home, hybridizers recommend potting the daylilies for 7 to 8 days, before planting in the ground. Pots allow good water control and light fertilizer to get to the roots. After getting them in ground, be sure to water well for four or five days. June is hot and the heat index often goes over 100°

Remember our final sale of daylilies will be in conjunction with the Show on June 22nd. These plants make good gifts for friends and relatives. They are bare-rooted and easily transported. Our Club owns some recently introduced daylilies. The hybridizers priced them anywhere from \$100.00 to \$300.00 the year they were introduced. Some of these are under consideration for sale on June 22nd. These may be priced higher than other donated cultivars. Still they will be at bargain prices. Come early to the Sale if you want to get any of these latest introductions. They will go quickly among savvy growers.

That's about it. Enjoy your daylilies. Have a good time at daylily events. Have a great summer.  
-Richard Porter

## Raffle Plants



[Gizmo](#) (Weston-J., 1999)

height 22 in.(56 cm), bloom 3 in.(8 cm), season EM, Rebloom, Dormant, Diploid, Fragrant, 17 buds, 3 branches, Raspberry with lavender eye and dark fuchsia watermark with cream petal edge above green throat. (*sdlg* × *sdlg*) Awards:HM 2003



[Rhode Island Red](#) (Kirchhoff-D., 2002)

height 26 in.(66 cm), bloom 5.75 in.(15 cm), season E, Rebloom, Evergreen, Tetraploid, 22 buds, 3 branches, Deep cardinal red with orange red gold edge above green throat. (((*Chestnut Mountain* × *Bittersweet Holiday*) × (*Torrid Tango* × *Lady Arabella*)) × (*sdlg* × *Maria Callas*))