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Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 19 Meeting –

AHS Media Library Power Point Presentation

Refreshments: Names A-M to bring refreshments for August 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

I hope everyone has had a great bloom season. As I walk our garden there are very few daylilies still in bloom. We have some that are reblooming and that is great to see especially in new seedlings. I hope they continue to rebloom in future years because that can definitely be a good trait.

I am in the process of cutting my daylilies back to about 6 to 8 inches. This allows me to remove the brown leaves and weeds growing in the beds. Some say that they should not be cut back until the fall of the year but I have done this for years and it works for me so I will continue to do so. In just a few weeks they will grow back and you won't be able to tell that they have been cut. Since the summer has been so dry I am also watering the beds to give them a boost to start growing again. I can only hope for rain but it doesn't look like much is the foreseeable future.

At our last meeting in July I announced that Nikki Schmith would be our speaker for this month. She however had to cancel due to her job. We have rescheduled her to speak at our October meeting. We will not have a speaker for our meeting on August 19. Claudia and I have decided to show some power point presentations that we got from the AHS Media Library. We hope everyone will like what we have to show.

I just want to remind everyone that the deadline to vote in the Region 10 Popularity Poll is September 1, 2019. You can vote on line at <https://daylilies.org/PopPoll/> for up to 10 cultivars. The only requirement is that you must be an AHS member to vote. If you are a Garden Judge the deadline to vote the 2019 Garden Judges Ballot is also September 1.

We have 3 board positions that will need to be filled for 2020. They are President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. We need 3 volunteers to form a Nomination Committee to search for members to fill these positions. We will discuss this at our meeting on August 19.

Respectfully,
Don Wolff



DSL Picnic – Sunday, Sept. 22 at The Louisville Nature Center.

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Board Meeting:

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Claudia Wolff, Second Vice President
Helen Porter, Corresponding Secretary
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Richard Porter: Presentation to the Board on the results of the June 22nd show and sale.

Don called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

ITEM NO. 1 Old Business

Bev is absent as she is still recovering from her accident.

ITEM NO. 2

June 22nd Show:

1. Even though the numbers were down from last year, there was still a good representation of entries for this year's event. The plant sale was also very successful, totaling \$2,206.88 in sales.
2. The Best In Show winner was *Miss Jessie*, exhibited by Brenda Macy.

ITEM NO. 3

Nikki Schmith is scheduled for next month's speaker. [Updated information: Nikki will be not be able to come to the August meeting as she has a work related conflict. Her presentation has been rescheduled for October.]

ITEM NO. 4

1. Richard submitted the Final Report of the June show for official record to MaryAnn Duncan.
2. Despite the weather conditions, the show still was very successful. Richard thanked all who worked throughout the preparation process and at the various duties at the event.

ITEM NO. 5

1. The annual picnic will be on Sunday, September 22nd at the Louisville Nature Center.
2. Claudia asked for suggestions for a speaker in October. [No longer needed for October as Nikki will be presenting. Opening now for August.]
3. Don reminded the Board that this will be the last year he and Claudia will serve as DSL President and Second Vice President respectively.
4. Don will be asking the General Membership for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee.
5. Speaker for this evening is Olivia Dangler from KY Department of Fish and Wildlife.
6. 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. Claudia seconded the motion. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

General Membership Meeting

ITEM NO. 1

1. Don called the general membership meeting to order at 7:03 PM
2. Don announced that even though the number of entries were down from last year due to the bad weather, the show was still a very good show.
3. Judges now have to sign their scoring sheets. Don suggested that this gives an indication of the individual judges' level of scrutiny for each entry category. Clerks feedback would be helpful as they get to hear the deliberations of the judges.
4. Don thanked everyone who worked at the show, sale and made donations to the sale to make it a success. Don specifically thanked Richard for all his time and talent over several years as Chairman for the show.
5. Richard also thanked the members for all their hard work at the show and sale. He informed the members that he had submitted the Final Report as an Official Record to Mary Ann Duncan to complete the Accreditation of the Daylily Show.
6. Brenda Macy's entry, *Miss Jessie*, won Best In show. All the results of the show are in the July Newsletter.

ITEM NO. 2

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

ITEM NO. 3

1. Don reminded the General Membership this is the last year for the current members serving as President, First VP, and Second VP.
2. A nominating committee of three members needs to be selected no later than the next meeting in August.

ITEM NO. 4

Nikki Schmith, former AHS President, is to be our next speaker. [New information: Nikki will not be available for the next meeting due to a work related commitment. She has been rescheduled for the October meeting.]

ITEM NO. 5

1. Marie announced that Anita is to have surgery. Keep her in your thoughts.
2. Helen has sent a Get Well card to Bev and included everyone's name on the card.

ITEM NO. 6

Don introduced Olivia Dangler as the speaker for the evening. Olivia is a Hunting Educator for the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife, covering 30 counties in Kentucky, the R3 (Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation) and Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW) Coordinator.

Olivia's presentation included introducing the various programs offered by KY Fish and Wildlife to educate, support and promote responsible hunting, fishing and conservation in Kentucky. She also provided a slide presentation of wildlife once threatened, but now being monitored to restore and preserve healthy populations in Kentucky. For more information on programs go to fw.ky.gov.

ITEM NO. 7

Doris announced the raffle plants for the evening:

(Donated by Ron and Patti)
Four by Four (Plaisance, 2008)
 Won by Margaret

Depends on the Whether (Elliott_S., 2014)
 Won by Kathy

ITEM NO. 8

Don asked for a motion from the floor to adjourn. Claudia motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Margaret Fisher

GARDENING IN AUGUST by Richard Porter

I could just say "It's hot!" But you all know August in this area. 🙄 Humidity and high temperatures, combined with thunderstorms as cool fronts come through from up North, make for some mixed weather. Between 100° heat indexes, we often have low humidity days where we rejoice at being outside.

Typically, weeds are thriving so we do what weeding we can on the "good" days and avoid the yard on the days of heat extremes.

Chasing deer away from late bloomers: GOLDEN JUBILEE (Richards, V. - '57), HIGHVIEW VERMILLIONAIRE (Gdaniec, Bill - '16) and AUTUMN RED (Nesmith - '41), and our hostas fills the month. Gathering a few seed pods and clipping proliferations for rooting in water is also typical for our daylily gardens.

Try rooting proliferations. It is easy! Cut the stems an inch or more just below where the proliferation is growing. The mid to latter part of the month is a good time. I use small glass pickle or olive jars which I fill with water so that the base of the proliferation is touching the surface of the water level, and the stem is completely in the water to get moisture to the new little plant. Keep the water level up and watch for little white roots to grow into the water. It's amazing how fast the roots appear! The stem acts like a straw to water the prolif.

When the roots look well-established, perhaps 2 to 3 inches long into the water, you can pot the proliferations for planting in the ground in late September. If you wish not to plant, bring the "prolifs"

in plastic baggies (wet with some water) to the DSL September picnic to "swap" for a daylily prolif you don't have. Or simply donate the prolif for the great annual door prize drawing we have at the picnic!

Region 10 Meets at Kingsport! by Richard Porter

Kentucky and Tennessee are the two states designated by the American Daylily Society as "Region 10". For decades, Region 10 has had wonderful summer meetings, rotated around the Region, to conduct Regional business and showcase local daylily gardens. These summer meetings and garden tours are a lot of fun (and a lot of WORK for the host Club).

This year the Regional was sponsored and hosted by the Tri-Cities Daylily Society in Kingsport, TN. In my humble opinion, it was absolutely amazing!! Helen and I both enjoyed participating. Other DSL members who attended were Bill and Chris Schardein, Don and Claudia Wolff, Doris Stonska, Michael Stephens, Patti and Ron Byerley and Brenda Macy. (Bev Crittenden had planned to attend, but the auto accident kept her at home to recuperate).

LOCATION: Nestled in the far Eastern hills of Tennessee bordering Virginia, and just a few miles north of Asheville, N.C., Kingsport is one of the Tri-Cities, which also include Bristol and Johnson City, TN. Quite surprisingly, for an area with a modest population, Kingsport has a first class convention/resort center: The Meadowview. This resort was a great venue for our Regional. The Meadowview is so large, several other conventions were there the same weekend. There was a golf tournament, a Robcon convention and a high school baseball tournament with quite a few teams from Tennessee and Kentucky high schools in attendance.

THE PROGRAM; Friday, after Helen and I checked into our excellent rooms, we registered and selected which tour bus we would ride on during the weekend to visit various club members' gardens. Around 11:30 a.m. the garden and exhibition judge classes were made available for any of the 80 or so attendees. Helen and I went early to make up the "Master Panel" (three current exhibition judges). This Panel judges a number of seedlings and registered daylilies to set a standard for those who later take the Exhibition class as part of the process in becoming a show judge. Patti Byerley took this class from our Club. Way to go, Patti!

Later that afternoon, I took the "Garden Judge" refresher class taught by Brenda Macy. (Garden judges are required to "refresh" every 5 years). Quite a few of us went out to the garden of Jo and Greg Durham, where the class was held for about two hours. Brenda did a good job teaching this class.

Dinner was "on your own." I got to catch up with Ray Tessmer, our friend from Chattanooga, TN. He drove us downtown to a good restaurant. Ray explained that the large industrial complex we passed on the way was Eastman Kodak Chemical Company. With Kodak film no longer used, Ray explained the Eastman Company is now making other chemicals. It was huge!! We later passed this plant on our tour bus the next day.

After dinner, Regional President Lorene Crone conducted the annual business meeting. One of the important items of business was the election of the next President of Region 10. I am very pleased to report that our own DSL member, Bill Schardein, was selected to take the presidency in January, 2020.

After the business meeting hybridizer William Marchant from Douglasville, Georgia, presented his hybridizing program. It was very entertaining while showing us some extraordinary registrations from his daylily program.

THE TOURS: Saturday morning we boarded our bus to see three gardens. We went to Earl Hockin and Carol McCreary's, Jo and Greg Durham's, and Dennis and Rebecca Hall's ... all private gardens. Dennis Hall has installed a sturdy, tall plastic mesh fence around his 3 acres. This has stopped the deer from eating his vegetables and daylilies. From the Hall's deck you can see views of both Virginia and North Carolina. Dennis is a past-president of the Tri-Cities Club. The Halls' grow over 400 registered daylilies.

The Durhams are descendants of early Tennessee settlers (on Greg's side) and Daniel Boone (on Jo's side). They grow over 500 registered daylilies. The Hockin/McCreary garden had a large koi pond; Carol's original clay artwork displayed throughout; and many types of plants to see.

Lunch was back at the Resort and was quite good. The Club also had a silent auction and a boutique for more fun during and in-between activities. After lunch we were on the buses again to the one commercial garden owned and operated in Alexander, N.C., by Bob Selman and Eric Simpson. Like the Regional five years ago, their "Blue Ridge Daylilies" garden was considered a "must-see" garden. On two acres they sell 1500 registered daylilies, many being their own introductions. The garden straddles a small creek that provides adequate water for the commercial beds and some very interesting landscaping plants. Bob and Eric donated the famous "bus plants" to every convention attendee. They also had a number of unusual ducks on the property which many of us enjoyed. Helen and I received "My Pet Dragon" (Selman, '19), and "Grove Park Terrace" (Simpson, '19). This was our last tour garden of the Regional meeting. Many door prizes were given out on our tour bus, entertaining us on the ride to and from North Carolina.

After leaving the last tour garden our bus captain passed out a ballot so we could vote on the "outstanding clump" seen in the several gardens AND registered by a Region 10 hybridizer. It was a close vote --- "Joy Dawns Bright" (2012) by Linda Hassler got the most votes, with "Louisville Ghost Orchid" (2016) by Chris Massengill, coming in a close second. (Someone in DSL brought a proliferation of "Louisville Ghost Orchid" to our annual picnic the last two years. I was able to get one and we love the flower!! Try to get it if you can - it's really outstanding!!

THE PEOPLE: The old saying "you come for the daylilies, and you stay for the people" is so true. It was really fun to see friends from other conventions and tours, and to meet new ones. Susan Okrasinski, (Kingsport), Dennis and Rebecca Hall, Janice Wood (Memphis), Sandy Merritt (Nashville) and Chris Massengill, president of the Tri-Cities Club, are all familiar faces. And MaryAnn Duncan, our Region 10 Board member from Lexington, KY, as well as Debbie Monbeck, of Frankfort, KY, who judged our recent DSL Show, and Elizabeth and Greg Trotter from Georgetown, KY, to mention a few more friends. Past national President, Maurice Greene and his wife, Dottie, were also in attendance. Linda Luck, current president of the Louisville Area Daylily society, and her husband, Ray Clark, were good company on our bus. It was great to spend time with all of these fellow daylily fanciers.

FINAL NIGHT: We all gathered in one of the Meadowview's banquet halls for a delicious dinner. Near the end of the dinner, Lorene Crone, Regional President, announced that the 2019 Region 10 hybridizer award went to David Kirchhoff and Mort Morss of Lawrenceburg, KY. David accepted the award which is given in honor of Virginia Peck, now deceased, who was an early hybridizer from Region 10.

Next, Lorene announced the 2019 Lee Pickles Service Award went to Chris Schardein and Michael Stephens, recognizing their significant contributions to the Region and in Co-chairing the Louisville National Convention in 2016. Congratulations to these two DSL members!

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A spirited auction of 70 daylilies capped off a great evening. Lucas Holman, David Kirchhoff and William Marchant provided humor and just plain fun as auctioneers. Thousands of dollars were raised for the Region. We were successful bidders on "Beauty for Ashes" (Simpson, E., '18), 36" x 6.5" burgundy with watermark and frosted edge; and "Preaching to the Choir" (Selman, '19), 36" x 5.5" ruffled yellow with large rose eye.

Helen and I were very very pleased with the Kingsport Regional.

Raffle Plants



Bourbon in the Bluegrass (Wolff-D., 2018)

height 38 in.(96 cm), bloom 7.5 in.(19 cm), season EM, Dormant, Diploid, Very Fragrant, 13 buds, 3 branches, Unusual Form Crispate, Double 99%, Peach blend petals and sepals with a light plum band above a yellow gold throat, diamond dusted.. (Tangerine Twirl Cupcake × Sebastian the Crab)



Ruby Slippers of Oz (Herrington-T., 2011)

height 25 in.(64 cm), bloom 5.5 in.(14 cm), season EM, Rebloom, Semi-Evergreen, Diploid, 20 buds, 5 branches, Ruby red with a lighter watermark and yellow throat. (Just for Joanne × Wispy Rays)