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November 18, 6:00 PM, Holiday Dinner at Carrabba's Italian Grill

Meeting/Dinner Location: 617
South Hurstbourne Pkwy

Bev Crittenden needs a count by November 11th of those attending so that she can give to the restaurant. If you did not sign up at the October meeting or talk to Claudia & Don you MUST contact her. Carrabba's needs a total count in order to plan for our dinner. You can contact her by phone 231-8687 or E-mail at bevcrittenden@gmail.com

We will be drawing for great holiday gifts again this year. Bill Gdaniec is again getting some great items. Don't miss out on a great time.

President's Message



It's hard to believe it is November and it's time for our annual Holiday Dinner. We will get together at Carrabbas Italian Grill on November 18 at 6:00pm at 617 Hurstbourne Lane for good food and fantastic door prizes. Bev Crittenden needs to give an accurate count of those planning on attending. At our meeting in October we had a signup sheet for those attending to sign up for the dinner. If you have not signed up or was not contacted by Claudia you must contact Bev or Claudia not later than November 11 so that we have an accurate count. If you know that you will not attend and we have you down to attend please also let Bev or Claudia know that you are canceling by November 11. The dinner is free for all members but guests that are not members must pay for their dinner. Bill Gdaniec is again purchasing door prizes and I am sure we will be pleased with his selections again this year.

The slate of officers for the three board members being vacated at the end of 2019 were presented at the October meeting. They are Richard Porter for President, Junelle Edrington for 1st Vice President and Donna Ward for 2nd Vice President. We will have the election of officers and induction at our Holiday Dinner on November 18.

As in previous years the November Holiday Dinner will be the last time that we will get together in 2019. We will not meet in December and January and the first meeting in 2020 will be in February.

This will be my last President's Message after serving

Margaret Fisher, and Helen Porter for their support and hard work this year. They made my second year as President a pleasure. I also want to thank Kathy Gdaniec for taking care of the hospitality table, Richard Porter for being our Show Chairman, Bill Gdaniec for securing our meeting place and getting everything set up before the meeting and all of our members for stepping up when things were needed to make our club a great success.

Respectfully, Don Wolff



DSL Holiday Dinner – November 18 at Carrabba's Italian Grill

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DSL Meeting October 21, 2019 Board Meeting:

ATTENDEES:
Don Wolff, President
Ron Byerley, First Vice President
Claudia Wolff, Second Vice President
Bev Crittenden, Treasurer
Margaret Fisher, Recording Secretary

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

ITEM NO. 1 Old Business

Helen is absent as she is still recovering from her knee replacement surgery.

ITEM NO. 2

Nikki Schmith is unable to give her presentation tonight due to a work schedule conflict.

ITEM NO. 3 DSL Annual Functions

- 1. Our annual holiday dinner will be on Monday, November 18th. Venue is at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Bev detailed the menu options:
- a) Chicken Marsala
- b) Tuscan-Grilled Sirloin
- c) Tuscan-Grilled Pork Chop (1 or 2)
- d) Shrimp & Scallop Linguine Alla Vodka
- 2. Please let Bev know by November 11th if you wish to attend. This is a DSL paid event (alcoholic beverages excluded) for our members. Guests who are not DSL members, must pay for their meals.

ITEM NO. 4

Don announced the current nominees for next year's vacant board positions: Richard Porter for President, Junelle Edrington for 1st VP, and Donna Ward for 2nd VP. Voting and installment of the new board members will take place at the annual holiday dinner on November 18th.

ITEM NO. 5

Don asked if everyone received the treasury report. Noted and accepted.

ITEM NO. 6

The next official DSL meeting will be in February 2020.

ITEM NO. 7

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. Ron seconded the motion. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

General Membership Meeting

Fellowship began at 7:00 with meeting to follow.

Don called the general membership meeting to order at 7:35 PM

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ITEM NO. 2

- 1. Don announced the current nominees for next year's open board positions: Richard Porter for President, Junelle Edrington for 1st VP, and Donna Ward for 2nd VP.
- 2. Don opened the floor for suggestions for other nominees. Negative response from the membership.
- 3. Voting and installment of the new board members will take place at the annual holiday dinner on November 18th.

ITEM NO. 3

Due to a work schedule conflict, Nikki Schmith is unable to give her presentation tonight.

ITEM NO. 4

Region 10 Mid-Winter Symposium will be held on February 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2020 in Bowling Green. More detailed information will be included in the next newsletter.

ITEM NO. 5

Richard and Helen are absent this evening as Helen is still recuperating from knee surgery.

ITEM NO. 6

Raffle Plants: Don't Mess With Me (Carpenter-J., 2004) Won by Patti

Murphy's Law (Murphy-J.P., 2004) Won by Patti

ITEM NO. 7

Don asked for a motion from the floor to adjourn. Claudia motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Fisher

NOVEMBER IN ZONE 6 by Richard Porter

Keeping a garden diary has, for the most part, been fun. Recording high and low temperatures, rainfall amounts, and other data, like what's blooming, and so on, really tells the story of our gardens.

2018: November high temperatures ranged from the 30's to the 60's. Chasing deer out of the yard was a usual activity. Our next door neighbors, you might have heard, feed the deer. A large concrete block-size salt block is put out as soon as the last one is eaten. The salt block is also laced with corn. The deer love it. They also eat the neighbor's bird seed by head-butting the cylinders containing the seed. It falls to the ground where it is then consumed. After salt and seed, the daylilies are too tempting. Vegetables too.

Last year, the first hard freeze came on Nov. 10, followed on Nov. 11th with a second hard freeze. Growing season was over!

Nov. 15th an ice storm hit the trees before leaves were off. Crashing limbs knocked power out over a wide local area. Thanksgiving Day was a very important day every November, reminding us all of the blessings of our Maker.

I also found myself taking pots of proliferations (not yet planted) in and out of our garage to provide sunshine on the warmer days, and protection from night time lows. I told Helen I may need to bring some of these tiny pots inside for Winter growing. She vetoed that. Just better put the pots in the ground for removal and planting next Spring.

2017: A warmer year for November. Daily highs ranged from the 40's to the 70's. Note: daily highs were never in the 30's like last year. Turbulence from the warmer days produced tornadoes across southern Indiana, just 35-55 miles North of Louisville!

November 15th brought the first hard freeze.

2016: Another relatively warm November. Incredibly we had high temperatures in the 80's several days. Many days had highs in the 50's, 60's and 70's. Only late in the month did we get a couple of days in the 40's for highs. Several species of iris re-bloomed. Warm temps. with adequate rainfall seems to be the catalyst for this welcome bloom.

First hard freeze came on November 13th. I had covered the iris and our tomatoes. On November 20th we picked the last of our green tomatoes. The second hard freeze came on November 21st, killing the tomato vines.

2019: What will this year bring?? I cannot even begin to guess. Happy gardening to all.

Best Time to Divide Peonies

While this is not about daylilies per se, a question came up about the best time to divide peonies. It is now! Fall is the very best time. If you have some clumps that need this attention, there is a wonderful video on exactly how to do it. The video also shows how to amend the soil and how to "hill" the soil for the best results. The video was produced by Carol Adelman, owner of the Adelman Nursery. Go on the internet at www.dividing peonies and the Adelman website will appear. Point your cursor and click on the picture. It is very educational.