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Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.****October 21st Meeting –**

Nikki Schmith Presentation

Refreshments: All members are asked to bring refreshments for October meeting. Club to provide chicken.

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 is enjoying the cooler temperatures that we have seen over the past few days. The local weather reporters say we should not see temperatures in the nineties any longer. I think many of us and the daylilies will welcome the cooler weather. Now we need some long awaited rain and there is some forecasted for late this afternoon and evening so I think I will not roll out the hose to water today.

I want to thank those that came to the picnic at the Louisville Nature Center. We had a good time just relaxing and eating some delicious food made by our talented members.

We have been mentioning in past newsletters and meetings that our October program will feature Nikki Schmith as our speaker. She had originally planned to speak at our August meeting but had to reschedule due to work commitments, and rescheduled to speak in October. We have been trying to contact her to make sure that she is still coming but have not heard back from her. With that, I think that for now we can only plan on her coming but if she does not we can still have a good meeting on October 21. So I am asking that everyone bring a dish and the club will provide chicken.

A nominating committee consisting of Richard Porter, Michael Stephens and myself have come up with a slate of officers to fill the three positions that are being vacated at the end of this year. The proposed slate is Richard Porter for President, Junelle Edrington for First Vice President, and Donna Ward for Second Vice President. When we meet at our annual Holiday Dinner In November we will entertain any other nominations and vote and induct the officers for 2020. Bev Crittenden, Helen Porter and Margaret Fisher have agreed to remain on the board for 2020.

Respectfully,
Don Wolff



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I've just reviewed my last 3 years (2016, 2017, and 2018) of garden diaries to see what typifies this month in our gardens. Very interesting! Weeding in two of those years was still happening in October, and watering was typical in all 3 years, to supplement any good rainfall.

Last year (2018) I was really behind in getting potted daylilies into the good earth. Thirty pots got planted in October. I was in such a hurry, that I lost exactly where I planted some of them - signs faded out due to poor magic markers - or got heaved out during the ensuing Winter! Boo! Same for year 2016, when I got ten new pots planted. Bumper crops of black walnuts in 2017 and 2018 had me picking up lots of nuts. They attract squirrels! Deer were active in October in all three of the last years. In 2016, a pair of ground hogs decided to invade our yard. I think they have moved on.

October was a good month to travel. We recorded some long and short trips, so a few days I was not in the garden. Even when out of town, I diary the highs and low temps. for each day from the "Weather underground" website which logs official temperatures from the National Weather Service at Standiford Field. Some Octobers, I was planting a few proliferations from the DSL picnic in September.

The biggest surprise were the October temperatures. Last year (2018) was very hot and humid for about the first ten days in Oct. Four of those days, wet hit the 90's and 6 days in the 80's. Fourteen days had 60-70° as highs, and 7 days only topped out in the 50's. There were some really lows at night the latter part of the month, which made the month average out from the early highs.

In 2017, 6 days hit only the 80's for a high, 14 days in the 70's, 9 in the 50-60 range, and two only made it to 40 degrees for highs!

So, it is kind of "up in the air" as what to expect this month. Will October be so hot like last year, that you will not want to be out in the garden in the extreme humidity and temperatures in the 90's? Or, will we have the warmish days punctuated with a couple of days in the 40's like 2017? We shall see! Have fun and make sure you get those last few daylilies out of their pots and into the ground! It is not too late.

P.S. If you were the door prize winner of DAVEO HOLMAN at the Picnic, it is a Holman registration 1979, 23" x 9.5" pink bloom.

by Richard Porter



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