

(E)SCAPE NEWSLETTER



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December 2019

No meeting in December or January. We will meet again in February.

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

We had our annual Holiday Dinner again this year at Carrabbas Italian Grill on November 18. We had a great turnout with over thirty members attending. The food was delicious and the many door prizes made for a fun evening. I want to thank Bill Gdaniec for purchasing to door prizes and Bev Crittenden for coordinating this wonderful event. The slate of officers was voted in and the board for 2020 was installed. I want to thank the new board members, Richard Porter as President, Junelle Edrington as First Vice President, and Donna Ward as Second Vice President for joining Helen Porter, Margaret Fisher and Bev Crittenden on the board for 2020.

Just as a reminder, we will not meet in December and January. Our first meeting in 2020 will be in February.

I want to thank everyone for being a DSL member and Claudia and I want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Respectfully,
Don Wolff



*Farewell, old year; we walk no more together;
I catch the sweetness of thy latest sigh...
Here in the dim light of a grey December
We part in smiles, and yet we met in tears;
Watching thy chilly dawn, I well remember...
~Sarah Doudney (1841–1926), "A Parting"*



AHS Region 10 Mid-Winter Symposium –
February 7-9, 2020 in Bowling Green, Ky.

Bullitt County Plant Sale – April

Elizabethtown Plant Sale – May

Region 10 Summer Meeting – June 26-27, 2020

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FROM THE 2020 PRESIDENT ELECT

To all of our members and families, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I am very, very humbled to be assuming the president's role next year. Especially true after the great job Don and Claudia Wolff have done. The Board will be loyal and experienced too, with the outstanding team you all have selected.

I did hear Don Wolff mention he's had "enough" Board meetings for a while. It was all I could do to keep quiet about DSL By-Laws which keeps the "Past President" on the Board for one year more after leaving office!! Yea!. Hmm!

Thinking back over many amazing years that Helen and I have enjoyed as members of DSL we have so many wonderful friends among our daylily people. Past president of the national American Daylily Society, Kay Day, famously said, "You come for the flowers, but stay for the people." That saying may not have originated with Kay, but it is so true. Yes, we have learned a lot about growing daylilies and companion plants along the way, but the people make it all worthwhile.

So, then, we are looking forward to another wonderful New Year with our friends. - Richard Porter

WHAT NOW IN OUR DAYLILY GARDENS

December is here and we cannot do too much outside. Weather determines that. Perhaps there is a little clean-up to be done. I know I have some dead tomato vines to dispose of and some leaves to get off the daylily beds. I have found that if you mulch daylilies with a bunch of leaves. On warm sunny days, aphids will magically appear, with their ant attendants, and eat the fans at the base, truly sucking the life juice out of the plants. Deer are still coming around looking for daylilies to eat. We saw a big buck eat pine needles lower branches. Did not know they would eat pines! (I still need a fence to keep out the deer.)

Here are the December stats from the last 3 years temperature wise and otherwise. Adequate rainfall, some snow flurries usually, but no accumulation, frosty mornings, and some windy chilly days. The lack of good snow cover is hard on the daylilies, as the snow protects them from the low temps. Starting with 2018, it was a comparatively warm December. Using the high temperature, 3 days made it into the 30's; 10 days into the 40's; 12 days into the 50's; and six into the 60's. That's pretty good. Leucojum bulbs Helen purchased from Summer Dawn broke dormancy toward the end of the month, poking up over one inch. This month so far, we had those two early freezes which turned our daylilies yellow and brown.

In 2017, again low temps. were hard on the daylilies. 4 days topped out in the 20's; 8 in the 30's; 6 in the 40's; 3 in the 60's; and 10 in the 50's. Early daffodil varieties broke dormancy the latter part of the month six inches or more.

Highs in 2016 were 3 in the 20's; 5 in the 30's; 17 in the 40's; 4 in the 50's and 1 each day hit 60 and 70° for a high. Frost, flurries and rain were still common.

December is always a good month to plant bulbs in our area. The ground is not frozen and so is workable.

More tips in January. R. Porter



Induction of 2020 board members



2019 Holiday Dinner



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2019 DSL Show



2019 Elizabethtown Plant Sale



2019 Bullitt County Plant Sale

Merry
Christmas
&
Happy
New Year!