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# NEWSLETTER

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**No meeting in 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 Vandre Ave – Located off Smyrna Rd., about 0.1 miles before Outer Loop.



**President's Message**

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!! This year has got to be better than last. COVID should be waning. Please keep safe and be careful, though. We don't want any more ill health situations for our friends and families. Updates on Helen Porter and Marie Seaman should be included in this issue. Junelle Edrington looks like she has recovered very well. So too with Bill Schardein. I am looking forward to meeting in February on the 21st of the month and seeing everyone again. A short swearing-in of the new officers is in order.

In reading the AHS Daylily Appeal, I see the popularity poll nationally is being discontinued. Very low participation meant this has served its purpose. Perhaps our Region Ten will continue it in some form or other. Our club was recognized for having a high participation of members belonging to the American Hemerocallis Society. I submitted our club for the prize drawing in this regard, but we did not win this year. 😞😞 In other news, we were able to recover some sales tax money from the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet from 2019 and 2021. As a non-profit, we never owed any Kentucky sales taxes. Bill Schardein has completed his term as president of Region Ten. New leadership is taking over for our Region. Elizabeth Trotter, Georgetown, KY., is the new Regional president. Many of you know her and will give her your support. She is a lovely person and along with her husband, Greg, will represent us well.

Mid Winter Symposium is coming up in a few weeks. It should be a lot of fun and information for us daylily growers. In Bowling Green, KY, again this year, it is so accessible. I would recommend this event. Chris Schardein has all the details. Her phone number is 239-8963. That's about all the news I have. Please stay safe and warm.



**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Symposium – Feb. 4-6, 2022 in Bowling Green, Ky.**

Bullitt County Master Gardeners Plant & Yard Art Sale – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

AHS Region 10 Summer Meeting – June 24-25, 2022 in Lexington, Ky.

ADS National Convention in Asheville, NC – July 6-9, 2022

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**JANUARY JOURNAL by Richard Porter**

What's going on in the garden this month? I wasn't sure if I should not call this report "January Jitters" or not. Januaries are one of our colder months. We have a few days, but very few, days topping out in decent temperatures, however, for the most part, we have Winter. Most of my daylilies have retreated under the ground - seems like more than usual, too. The tall spuria iris Shelford Giant's dead bloom stalks need cutting back. Leaves and daylily scapes have gone into the compost pile. And we really need to hope for snow cover when the temperatures drop very low. Experts and novices alike have recognized the benefit of the snow cover in protecting our daylilies.

Looking over my garden diary for the last 3 years (2019, 2020, 2021), hardy little dianthus are still blooming and, late month, the daffodils are poking up all over. Never really knew they sprouted in January, but they sure do. Depending on the variety, they are up from 2" to 9" or more. The leucojum bulbs are up 3" when I checked them on Jan. 3rd. Buds should form on hellebores late month. I have not seen any buds yet, but the leaves and clumps are loving the rain and cold. Figure that!

METEROLOGICAL/WEATHER: Heavy frosts, adequate rainfall, and snow. Expect it. We had a 3" snow on 1-27-21; 1.6" on 1-8-21, and 1.5" on 1-31-21. 4" fell on 1-11-19; 3" on 1-19-19. In 2020, 1+ inches on 1-31-20. Smaller accumulations have occurred regularly over this month. Low overnight temps. in single digits are common. Daytime highs are in the 40's and 50's. A very few days (one to 5) have topped out into the 60°

The full moon will be on January 17th, same as the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

### **Update on Marie Seaman, Helen Porter, and Bill Schardein**

Marie recently went to the doctor for the last time in 2021 and got what she considers a good report. Nothing much has changed in the past 3 months so her next appointment with the surgeon who did the feeding tube will be in June. He was pleased with the way the incision has healed. In late January she will have an extensive eye exam and at the end of February and extensive hearing test to see if there has been any improvement or change in the past three months. She has been able to get out and drive some and return to volunteering at our Bread for Life Food Pantry.

She wants to thank everyone for the loving support, care, cards, emails and especially your prayers.

Helen continues to improve with the elimination of two medications which were causing "low blood pressure." With low blood pressure, you are lethargic and have no energy. Hematologist reported her blood is fine and said don't come back. Internist physician has referred her to cardiac rehabilitation (like gym work) at Baptist Hospital (3x week). Immune system is still controlled by Prednisone, a powerful drug. She is being weaned off of it, but this is done very slowly. 60 mg. was used to save her eyesight and it is down to 9 mg. the week of Jan. 4th. With the suppression of the immune system, she must shelter at home for the next several months. Keep her in your prayers. Helen thanks everyone for their prayers. The prayers are working!

Bill is still working with the doctors about the blood clot situation he has and hopefully when he goes back this time he can go off the blood thinners.

## Mid-Winter Symposium UPDATE

Well we are almost at that time to be able to enjoy the Mid-Winter Symposium in Bowling Green on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>! I do hope that some more of our club members are going to attend since this is so close to home again.

There have been some changes that I wanted to keep you aware of. Margo Reed and her husband, Jim Murphy, have had a medical problem arise that will keep them from attending (not COVID related) and their travel companion, Janice Kennedy will not be coming, although Janice will be doing her presentation over ZOOM. Jason Reeves and Rhonda Veroeven, the AHS Vice President, will be filling in for Margo and Jim.

I know that some are concerned about the pandemic still going on, but I believe that the hotel has all the precautions in place to keep everyone safe. We will all have to do our part there to be safe.

You can still make your registration with me, but please do this as soon as possible as I have to keep the hotel aware of how many attendees we will have for the meal preparations. Also, get the hotel reservations asap as the cutoff date was set for January 7<sup>th</sup>. If you call after that date and have any problems getting the MWS rate, call me and I will in turn call my contact there to see if I can help get the rate changed. Remember that the registration will include the dinners on Friday and Saturday nights (there will be servers to dish food out so we don't handle the utensils ourselves), but you *must have a reserved room at the hotel* to get the breakfast vouchers.

We hope you will attend this event to enjoy the speakers as well as join in on the daylily auctions both nights, which goes to help cover the costs of printing *The Daylily Appeal* that we all enjoy.

See you there,  
Chris Schardein  
Region 10 Registrar

**It is time to pay our dues for the upcoming year 2022. Please fill out the renewal form completely and mail to Bev Crittenden. It is very important that we have your current phone, E-mail, and home address.**

### **DSL Membership Renewal Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

AHS Member: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ or Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Membership?

Dues: Single \$10 Family \$15 Youth \$7

***Make Checks Payable to DSL and Mail To:***

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*The simplicity of winter has a deep moral. The return of Nature, after such a career of splendor and prodigality, to habits so simple and austere, is not lost either upon the head or the heart. It is the philosopher coming back from the banquet and the wine to a cup of water and a crust of bread. ~John Burroughs, "The Snow-Walkers," 1866*

