

# (E)SCAPE

# NEWSLETTER

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## March 21 Program

Janet Smith from the Kentucky Orchid Society will give a PowerPoint presentation on orchids.

**Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Plant Raffle & Door Prizes  
Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. so please come early.

**Refreshments: All members are asked to bring a dish of their choice.**

### 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

Hello Everybody! It is really good to be meeting as a group again. With the covid restrictions being scaled back, we seem to be returning to more customary schedules. This is a relief. I am looking forward to seeing You All at the regular March meeting. Looks like Claudia Wolff has secured another interesting program that will educate us on orchids.

I was very happy to have Marie Seaman back with us in person. Just keep her in your prayers for a full recovery. If anyone is in need of our attention, please let one of the officers know. We were very sorry to learn of the Byerleys loss of Patti's grandson in an accident and the passing of Ron's sister due to cancer. There is an update on Helen Porter included in the following pages.

The Kentuckiana Hosta Society, under Anne Cartright, is acting as a clearing house for all garden activities. DSL is submitting our programs to them for inclusion in their monthly bulletin. This is a kind service for the garden community. Anne was one of our speakers last year on the topic of miniature hostas. I am

pleased that Chris Schardein will spearhead our hosting of the Region Ten Summer Regional in 2024. Much planning needs early attention. She would appreciate knowing if you would like to help her with the planning and execution of that event. The Summer Regional will be in

Lexington, KY., this summer. See "Upcoming Events" for the dates. The Bluegrass Club is in charge.

Again, I want to thank all of you who volunteer month in and month out to make the DSL so much fun for everyone. Beverly Crittenden, our Treasurer, has secured a new policy to protect our funds at a much lower premium. Thank you for your work on that. The Gdaniecs keep our food table and microphone system in good shape. Thank you Kathy and Bill. And everyone helps with neat door prizes. Hopefully, we can resume the raffle plant drawings. We have enjoyed that a lot. And Don Wolff, our illustrious Editor of this Publication, be sure to thank him for keeping us up to date on DSL activities.

Stay safe and see you at the meeting.



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

Lincoln Trail Area Master Gardener Plant Sale in Elizabethtown - May21st, 2022

DSL Show and Sale – Saturday, June 18 at Mid-City Mall.

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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## DSL MEETING February 21, 2022

### Board Meeting:

#### ATTENDEES:

Richard Porter, President  
Junelle Edrington, First Vice President  
Bev Crittenden, Treasurer  
Margaret Fisher, Recording Secretary  
Don Wolf, (E) Scape Editor

Richard called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

#### ITEM NO. 1 Old Business:

1. Chris and Bev will perform the 2021 DSL annual financial audit.
2. The 2016 National Convention Hybridizer Donation plants need to be dug up from Bill and Chris Schardein's host beds. Volunteers will be needed to help with this effort in order to have plants ready for sale at the Bullitt County Master Gardener's Garden Art and Plant Sale on April 30<sup>th</sup>. A target date of April 29<sup>th</sup> has been set for the dig. Doris Stonska's host plants labels have been lost making it difficult to identify for removal at this time. Once in bloom an effort will be made to identify and list available plants. Richard suggested that the club should create a master list of all plants available.

#### ITEM NO. 2 New Business:

1. Richard asked Chris if she would accept the responsibility to Chair the 2024 Regionals for DSL. Chris accepted with the caveat that she would receive enough support in this effort. She also wanted members to consider the same new format that LADS first proposed. Participants were responsible for their own hotel stays and transportation to the various gardens listed for viewing. Further discussion will be needed as to how to implement the process.
2. Chris announced that Scott Elliott, ADS President, is on a quest to visit many of the display gardens across the country. He already has Region 10 gardens scheduled for his tour. Also, the upcoming National Conventions to keep on your radar are in Nashville, TN June 2023, Oklahoma City, OK, June 2024, and Seattle, WA July 2025.
3. Don reported for Claudia, who was absent this evening, that the speaker for our next meeting will be Janet Smith of the Kentucky Orchid Society.
4. Richard passed on Don's suggestion that we ask all our members to bring a dish for our potluck break to balance out the number of members that are present for each meeting.

Meeting was adjourned without a motion at 6:47 PM.

## **General Membership Meeting:**

Richard opened the meeting at 7:01 PM.

1. Richard officially announced that all our officers have been sworn in. There are no (E)Scape published minutes to approve since our last official meeting in October 2021. The Treasurer's report had been sent to all members via a separate email.

2. A signup sheet was passed around to update the membership roster.

3. Richard gave an update on the health status of three of our members, two of whom were able to be present this evening and given a warm welcome: Marie Seaman and Bill Schardein. Helen is progressing well with still some issues to overcome. She is thankful for our members' support and welcomes their prayers.

4. Chris announced her acceptance to chair the 2024 Regionals which DSL is hosting. She presented the format that was originally proposed by LADS minimizing a lot of logistics and cost in hosting the Regionals. There still is a lot of work that goes into the planning and execution of this event, so she hopes that all will participate in helping make our turn at hosting the regionals a success.

Chris reminded members of the dates of the Nationals in Asheville, NC (registration is at capacity, however there is a wait list), and the Region 10 Summer Meeting in Lexington, June 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. (Still accepting registrations until May 31<sup>st</sup>).

5. Brenda Macy gave a PowerPoint presentation from her trip to the 2021 AHS National Convention in Hattiesburg, MS. Brenda highlighted many of her favorites from the "Diamond Dusted Daylilies" of the South. As always, she added her personal observational vignettes with enthusiasm and humor.

6. Richard asked all our members to bring a dish for our potluck break to balance out the number of members that are present for each meeting.

7. Due to a majority approval, our DSL Flower Show will take place at Mid-City Mall on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

8. Don announced that our guest speaker for our next meeting will be Janet Smith from the Kentucky Orchid Society.

9. Door prizes were drawn thanks to the generous donations by members.

10. Richard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bev motioned for the general meeting to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Ron.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Fisher

## **MARCH MAGIC by Richard Porter**

It is magical! Daffodils and forsythia bushes start blooming. Perennials break dormancy! Or is it March Mania? I am checking the garden (when it is not raining and mushy) every few days to see what's going on! What's blooming? What has survived the Winter? And when are those calla lily bulbs coming? And when shopping at any store with a garden center or area, are there any new stocked items - bulbs, grass seed, etc. Yep! It is mania!!!

Last month I was lamenting that not even the lowly crocus was showing itself by the 8th day of the month. So, of course, crocus started blooming on the next day! They are still blooming over the next 30 days since then. Small white ones, intense yellow gold ones, delicate lavenders and no doubt the big fancy striped ones are up next. Not to worry! The Lenten Rose started to bloom greenish white and maroon flowers on Feb. 27th, and so appropriately during Lent, are still blooming well. Deer do not eat hellebores! Not sure why, as we have seen deer eating the lower branches of pine trees and that awful invasive euonomus (sic) vine during winters when there is not a lot of forage. They don't eat daffodils either.

Typical blooming this month: trees (feel the pollen); Bradford pears; lots of daffodils; hyacinths; English primroses; creeping phlox; iris reticulata (the little creeping types); iris Harmony; Star Flowers; star magnolias; and trilliums toward the end of the month. Breaking dormancy: Peonies; climbing roses; hostas; black raspberries (yummy); barberry bushes (so sharp); monarda (bee balm); liatris (gay feather); clematis vines; Solomon's seals; Giant asters; German bearded iris; spuria iris; and crabapples AND DAYLILIES! Inch by inch, the daylilies are doing their stuff!

Had to miss Mid Winter Symposium and Region Two Winter Symposium this year. That's a bummer. The weeds are starting to grow too. On warmer days, it is so tempting to do "head start" weeding, late month.

METEROLOGICAL/WEATHER: Lots of rain, with some low frosty morning temperatures here and there. About half the month, daytime highs get into the 60-70° range. Two March days in 2020 hit in the 80°s. Almost balancing out that two days the preceding year (2019) which only topped out in the 20°s. In 2019, coming back from Region 2 Winter Meeting in Indianapolis, on March 3, Louisville got 3 inches of snow. It closed schools and the court system.

St. Patrick's Day will be on the 17th of March, like always. Happy St. Patrick's Day! The full moon will be the next day, Friday, March 18th. Keep on gardening.

## **Update on Helen Porter**

Helen is improving;. She is having cardiac therapy three mornings a week at Baptist Hospital. In addition, she sees her internist once a month on a regular basis. Various experimental medicines are being prescribed to give her an adequate blood pressure. She is still fearful of the covid virus, even though having had it twice. Her internist is lowering her Prednisone dosage very

slowly. Her eyesight has been saved with high doses of that drug starting last year and tapering off into this year. She thanks everyone for their support. Please keep her in your prayers.

### **Our speaker for March meeting**

Jan Smith learned to love plants while growing up on a small farm in southern Jefferson County. She was a 4H member and in high school won the 1964 & 1965 top National Junior Horticultural Association prizes. Her horticultural efforts were for many years limited to garden vegetables, houseplants and a few perennials. In about 2015, a bit of internet research led to success in reblooming Phalaenopsis orchids, which she had collected over the years. Eager to learn more, she joined the Kentucky Orchid Society. As her knowledge grew, so did her collection and eventually it outgrew the metal shelves that had been erected in the basement for orchid culture. These days she grows her 300+ orchids in a real greenhouse which she calls her 'happy place'.

She has served on the board of the KOS for 6-7 years and is currently immediate past president of the organization. She enjoys growing plants of all sorts, including daylilies, hydrangeas, annuals, vegetables, houseplants and, of course, orchids. In her "free time", she is mother of five grown children, grand-mom to two little boys, and has been in cardiology practice in Louisville for almost 40 years.

### **Raffle Plants**



#### **Thoroughbred Kitty Cat** (Rice-JA, 2019)

height 38 inches (96 cm), bloom 7 inches (17 cm), season M, Dormant, Diploid, Unusual Form Crispate-Cascade, Pinkish lavender with green throat to star shaped, yellow eyezone.. (*Dream Sequence* × *Isabelle Rose*)



#### **Blue Dolphin** (Rice-JA, 2011)

height 34 inches (86 cm), bloom 8 inches (20 cm), season M, Dormant, Diploid, Lavender blue with a very waxy smooth substance. (Regency Heights × sdlg)

**It is time to pay our dues for 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

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