



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

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Dates to Remember in 2008

Sunday, November 9, 2008
Fall Meeting, Speaker Bob Faulkner
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 P.M.

Sunday, December 7, 2008
Holiday Dinner
Franklin Park Conservatory, 6 to 8 P.M.

Dates to Remember in 2009

Sunday, February 15, 2009
Winter Meeting, Speaker TBA
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2:00 P.M.

Region 2 Mid-Winter Symposium
February 27-March 1
Cincinnati, Ohio

Sunday, May 3, 2009
Spring Meeting, Auction, Plant Drawing
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2:00 P.M.

AHS National Convention, Lake Mary, Florida
May 21-24, 2009

Sunday, July 12, 2009
Daylily Show, Franklin Park Conservatory

Region 2 Summer Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
July 10-12, 2009

Saturday, August 15, 2009
Daylily Sale 10:00 A.M. to noon
Meeting, Auction, and Plant Drawing
Franklin Park Conservatory, 1:00 P.M.

Sunday, November 8, 2009
Fall Meeting, Speaker TBA
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 P.M.

Sunday, December 6, 2009
Holiday Dinner
Franklin Park Conservatory, 6 to 8 P.M.

MCDS Membership (as of October 17, 2008)

Adults (60% AHS): 285
Youth (100% AHS): 8
Total Membership (63.7% AHS): ... 293

President's Message

Although we're still very busy, there's no question that the cycle of gardening is drawing to a close for this year. Fall has arrived, as the daylight hours have gotten noticeably shorter and the temperatures are much cooler. We've spent the past couple of weeks cleaning up from the "Ike" windstorm, and we've started to get the garden ready for next year. We've only had about a half inch of rain in the last 6 weeks, so the yard is dry and looks about done. However, in the midst of this season of closure, we've still got color in the yard from the fall perennials and several dozen daylilies blooming in our garden. With lots of rebloom scapes still forming, we'll have daylilies until we have a hard freeze.

Although our MCDS calendar year is also drawing to a close, many exciting things are still underway in club as well.

As announced at our spring meeting, we have implemented a process to allocate the funds raised through the Kroger shopping program to "Special Projects." The Special Projects nomination form is posted on the MCDS website. Any club member can fill out a form and submit it for evaluation by the club officers. Project ideas approved by the officers will be presented to the club membership for a vote. Any idea that supports the basic intent of our club is valid and will be considered.

2012 National Convention planning efforts are continuing. We have selected the core set of tour gardens, and garden owners are being notified. The logistics surrounding the tour gardens – transportation, lunch, and publicity planning – are all underway. Guest and gift plant planning has started as well.

I'm looking forward to our fall meeting, when we showcase the fabulous patterned daylilies being created by Bob Faulkner. I believe it is important that we continue to recognize some of the outstanding hybridizing efforts occurring in our local area. I hope that you support this effort by attending our November 9th meeting.

We're also getting ready for our annual holiday party on December 7th. This event is a great way to celebrate with family and friends – and to start the planning process for yet another exciting year in MCDS. Just like in our own gardens, the cycle comes to a close, and then starts again.

Charles Lucius

Welcome New MCDS Members (as of October 17, 2008)

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Bob Faulkner Guest Speaker for November 9, 2008

by Steve Williams

Our presentation at the November meeting will be by Bob Faulkner from Dayton, Ohio. Bob was first attracted to eyed daylilies and started hybridizing in the early 1990's. In 2000 he realized that patterns were his passion, and he decided to concentrate on developing patterns in larger eyes than those currently on the market. He wanted to showcase the eye and not limit the patterns to just a small area of the flower. To accomplish that, he focused on flat flowers showing more of the eye-zone with petals that were not so wide as to prevent the patterns from showing on the sepals also.

Bob was greatly influenced by the late Shirley Farmer, and he currently leads the Midwest Hybridizers' group that Shirley started. Hybridizers of all experience levels meet in the Dayton area twice a year to share their knowledge and photographs of their creations. Bob strives to help and encourages others the way Shirley did for so many people.

Bob is a rising star in the daylily world. He has created some incredible seedlings with fabulous patterns and amazingly, a majority of them are diploids. His beautiful pictures, insight, and sense of humor are sure to entertain. A sampling of Bob's seedlings is pictured on the Natural Selection Daylilies section of the www.northernmecca.com website.



REGION 2 MID-WINTER SYMPOSIUM WE'RE MOVING!

by Sunny Barbee

Everyone is invited to the Region 2 Mid-Winter Symposium this winter. It will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The Crown Plaza is actually in Blue Ash, a northern suburb of Cincinnati, located near I-71. The symposium will begin on Friday evening, February 27th, and run through noon Sunday, March 1st. J.R. Blanton and Dan Bachman will be the co-chairs. Plan to enjoy presentations of many topics about daylily cultivation and hybridization. Hope to see you there!

Note: MCDS member Sunny Barbee will be the new Registrar for the event. Sunny's e-mail address for Symposium information is daylily@datablitz.net. Look for additional information in the January newsletter.

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MCDS Website www.columbusdaylilies.org

Darlene Kerr has redesigned a large portion of the MCDS website. It now contains many new photos taken by Jeff and Darlene Kerr as well as an improved Ohio Hybridizer Daylily Garden, Daylilies for Sale, Member Gardens, Display Gardens, Membership, and Newsletter pages.

Improvements are still in progress and we need your garden descriptions and photos! We would like to have at least one photo and a description of each AHS display garden in the club and each garden proposed for the 2012 tour. There is also room for individual garden descriptions and photos.

If your other societies or clubs have a website, please publish our MCDS link and we will reciprocate.

Please visit the new site at www.columbusdaylilies.org and send your information to kerr.jeff@sbcglobal.net

CONGRATULATIONS AND A BIG THANK YOU

Congratulations to Gisela Meckstroth for receiving the AHS International Service Award for 2008. Gisela also contributes hundreds of hours of service to the AHS as Exhibitions Chair and to Region 2 as its Director.

Thank you to Joyce Hersh, our Regional Publicity Director for tabulating all the votes from garden judges for Region 2 Popularity Poll winners this year.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Bus Trip:

Alan Hersh (see above)

Convention Planning:

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Ohio Hybridizers' Daylily Garden:

Alan Hersh (see above)
Karen Ciula (see above)

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Mike Oatney (East Side)
(see above)
Charles Lucius (West Side)
(see above)
Donna Kowalcyk (North Side)
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Plant Sale Floor Manager:

Gary Baker
614-888-4936

Special Events:

Karen Ciula (see above)

Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale

Any member who has arts and crafts items may bring them to sell at the November 9 meeting. Please e-mail or phone Karen Ciula by November 1 to reserve a table. Plan to set up by 1:00 at the back of the meeting area. The sale is a wonderful place to purchase those \$5 to \$10 gifts frequently exchanged at holiday parties as well as to treat yourself to a more expensive but quality hand crafted item. Some of the unique items for sale last year were daylily greeting cards, screen-printed clothing, embroidered totes or shopping bags, and jewelry. A seller's 10% donation to the MCDS to defray Holiday Dinner expenses would be appreciated.

Ohio Hybridizers' Historic Gardens Update

MCDS volunteers have trimmed back the foliage and weeded the five current gardens at the Conservatory. Conservatory personnel have replaced the overgrown perennials and shrubs in three areas with cultivars that will thrive but hopefully behave better. In November two more areas will be tilled and compost added to settle throughout the winter. These areas will become sites for an additional Awards garden and a complete Stout collection. Signage will be replaced in the spring.

A large tree fell during the windstorm, narrowly missing the 1980s collection. However, that area will now be sunnier. At least two more huge trees are marked for eventual removal in that area.

Unidentified daylilies in the stone circle have been removed, and the area will be amended for additional species and early 20th century cultivars.

MCDS needs more volunteers to help plant, divide clumps, and maintain the gardens next year. Our group of volunteers worked six times during 2008 for approximately one hour and a half sessions. Please volunteer to help on your membership renewal form enclosed with this newsletter.

Please contact Alan Hersh or Karen Ciula to volunteer or to donate AHS award winning daylilies from the list posted on the MCDS website. The gardens currently hold 321 cultivars, and several members have already promised to donate additional plants in the spring.

Midwest Hybridizers Fall Meeting

Can't wait for the Mid-Winter Symposium to see what's new in Region 2 hybridizing? You do not have to be a pollen dabber or have registered a daylily to enjoy a full day of slides and PowerPoint presentations along with a delicious luncheon buffet, drinks, and a super cookie. You may even stay for pizza after the meeting if you want to extend the fun into the evening.

The group meets on Saturday, November 8th at the Holiday Inn, Dayton/Fairborn I-675, 2800 Presidential Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324 from 8:00 AM until mid-afternoon. Please send your \$25 reservation to Sandy Holmes, 12310 Singletree Lane Apt. 2352, Eden Prairie, MN 55344 no later than November 1. Contact Sandy at ohiodaylily@yahoo.com or 937-287-8122 for further information.

HELP MCDS WHEN YOU SHOP AT KROGER

DO YOU SHOP AT KROGER? If you do and want to support special MCDS projects, call Bill Johannes at 614-486-7962 or e-mail him at wjohannes@sbcglobal.net to get your KROGER CARE CARD. Over 40 MCDS members now carry the KROGER CARE card and recharge it before checking out each time they shop at Kroger. All you have to do is RECHARGE your care card with cash, check, or credit card at the Kroger service desk or at the checkout counter and MCDS receives 5% of every dollar recharged on the card!! So don't hesitate to contact Bill to get your card and discuss how the program works. It's very easy, costs you nothing, and supports your daylily society.

Since the program was introduced at last November's meeting, you have recharged your cards and earned MCDS \$2671.53 for special society projects.

Submit project ideas to the President for the Board's consideration and membership's approval at the November meeting.

2008 Region 2 Popularity Poll Results

by Joyce Hersh

Below is a list of the daylilies voted on by Region 2 AHS members as their most favorite cultivar for the year 2008. The *Hemerocallis* cultivar names are listed in voting placement order with the number of votes indicated. As you can see, the voting was very close for number one and two. Again, Ruby Spider and Primal Scream battled neck and neck all summer. There are a lot of new faces with a high number of votes in the poll this year, as well as quite a few ties. In 2008, 18 % (272 ballots) of the membership participated in this poll. That is down from 295 ballots last year. A total of 1217 cultivars were nominated with only 444 cultivars (36%) receiving more than one vote and 1004 cultivars (82%) receiving one or two votes.

Joyce Hersh, Region 2 Publicity Director, tabulated the results below:

1	Ruby Spider	51
2	Primal Scream	47
3	All American Chief	34
4	Bela Lugosi	24
5	Heavenly Angel Ice	22
6	Beautiful Edgings	20
	Persian Ruby	20
	Red Volunteer	20
	Webster's Pink Wonder	20
7	Bill Norris	17
	Foiled Me	17
8	Strawberry Candy	16
9	Heavenly Curls	15
10	Big Kiss	13
	In the Heart of it All	13
	Moonlit Masquerade	13
	Shores of Time	13
	Victorian Lace	13
11	All Fired Up	12
	El Desperado	12
12	Michael Bennett	11
13	Barbara Mitchell	10
	Jerry Hyatt	10
	Peggy Jeffcoat	10
	Sabine Baur	10
14	Coral Majority	9
	Lavender Blue Baby	9
	Schnickel Fritz	9
	Simplicity in Motion	9
	South Seas	9
	Taos	9

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Memberships (due January 1)

Single Membership	\$10.00
Dual Membership*	\$15.00

Pay MCDS Membership either at the meeting or send to:

Sylvia and Bill Mellinger
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*Note: Two adults living in same household.

A Note from our Membership Chairs

MCDS *New Members Packet*

If you have joined MCDS recently, please contact Bill and Sylvia Mellinger 614-418-4786, williewagtail10@sbcglobal.net for a "New Members Packet." It will contain the MCDS Bylaws and much important information you will want to have at your fingertips.

AHS Membership

Those of you who have not joined AHS are missing a lot of valuable information from our national and Region 2 organizations. Joining AHS also benefits our MCDS since we need more than 50% of our members to join AHS in order to have an accredited daylily show and qualify for AHS Judges.

The American Hemerocallis Society

Membership Rates

Individual (1 year).....	\$25.00
Individual (3 years).....	\$70.00
Dual Membership (1 year)*.....	\$30.00
Dual Membership (3 years)*.....	\$83.00
Life Membership.....	500.00
Dual Life Membership.....	750.00
Youth.....	\$10.00**



**Note: Region 2 or MCDS will pay all AHS Youth membership fees.

Dues are to be paid by January 1 of each year.

Make checks payable to the AHS.

Mail to: Pat Mercer

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*Dual Membership means: Two persons living in same household.

Officer Elections at the November Meeting

According to our bylaws, the Nominating Committee must present a slate of officers for election at the November meeting. The past-President Karen Ciula chairs that committee. Please contact Karen at kciula@columbus.rr.com or 614-471-3246 if you wish to volunteer to run for an office. Officers will commence duty on January 1, 2009.

ATTENTION HYBRIDIZERS

Englerth plants for the 2010 Region 2 summer meeting should be sent to Kingwood Center, Attn. Chuck Gleaves, 900 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44906. Kingwood Center phone number is 419-522-0211 for more information.

Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society Minutes of May 4, 2008

MCDS President Charles Lucius called the meeting to order.

February 2008 Meeting Minutes

- Minutes as published in the April 2008 Newsletter were approved with no changes.

Kroger Program News

- Bill Johannes announced that \$1,327 has been raised from the use of the Kroger Gift Card Program since November. See Bill to sign up and get your card.
- The money raised through this program will be used for special projects. Any member can nominate a project to the MCDS Executive Committee. If passed by the Committee, membership will vote on the proposal.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Mike Oatney reviewed the current treasury balance. The current checking account balance of \$6,705 includes \$1,016 encumbered for the Ohio Hybridizers' Garden. The current unencumbered balance is \$5,689. The 2012 Convention Fund CD value is \$4,170 and \$7,626 is currently invested in a 6-month CD.

2012 National AHS Convention Planning Update

- Charles Lucius reported that the Convention Committee Chairs met on April 25th to work on budgets and that the Tour Garden Evaluation process continues this summer.

Summer Garden Bus Tour Scheduled for June 28th

- Alan Hersh, chair of this year's summer bus trip, provided an update on the MCDS version of the Northern Mecca tour.

MCDS Website – www.columbusdaylilies.org

- Charles complimented the Kerrs for the recent website updates. E-mail Jeff Kerr, MCDS Webmaster, your garden photos and related news.

2008 MCDS Show, July 13th – Shall We Dance?

- Winnie Garabis, Show Chair, urged everyone to volunteer in some way to support the show. Contact her for more information and to get involved.

Membership Report

- MCDS has 279 members, including 9 youth members, with 65.5% being AHS members.

Regional News and Other Announcements and Events

- Joyce Hersh, Region 2 Publicity Director, asked the group to consider bringing scapes to enter in the Popularity Poll section of the show.
- Dick Henley introduced MCDS Charter Member, Janet Withers, who has returned to the area.
- The annual plant sale is Saturday, 8/16, followed by a member plant auction and draw.
- See the Kerrs to help with the MCDS Booth at the Rose Festival June 14-15.
- Contact Marla Work for more information about the July 12-13 tour happening in her area.
- Gisela Meckstroth, Regional Vice-President, announced that the Hybridizer Voucher Program will continue. She also gave away an AHS membership to one lucky member in attendance.

The business meeting was followed by an auction of plants provided by club members and the plant draw.

Respectfully submitted by Winnie Garabis on 06/04/08.

Plant Markers and Plates

Bill Johannes has plant markers for MCDS members to purchase at cost. Call Bill at 614-486-7962 to arrange to pick up your order at the next meeting or at his home in Marble Cliff and to check prices for larger quantities.

Prices per package of 25 are:	Plates only \$3.75	
	15-inch Plant Marker sets \$8.25	15-inch wires only \$4.50
	20-inch Plant Marker sets \$9.25	20-inch wires only \$5.50

So we can continue to purchase the markers at wholesale prices and with no tax, plant markers and plates are available only to MCDS members for their personal (not commercial) use.

Eureka Daylily 2009 Reference Guides on Order

To take advantage of the lowest price available, we once again combined orders from the Ohio Daylily Society, the Northeast Ohio Daylily Society, the Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society, and MCDS. The guides are on order; however, we may increase our order at the current price up until shipment in early December. If you wish to order a Eureka, the price is \$29.00 to pick up or \$33.00 for mailing. Please contact Trish Callis Nicholson at 614-759-6592 or trishcallis@hotmail.com today.

Cedarthorne Daylily Calendars on Order

Those members who ordered the 2009 edition daylily calendars may pay Mike Oatney at the November 9 meeting. We were able to take advantage of a lower price of \$14.75 each. Contact Mike if you wish to purchase one of the extra copies available.

**MCDS NOVEMBER 9 MEETING
FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY
2:00 P.M.**

**GUEST SPEAKER:
BOB FAULKNER**

First Class

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM
AND HOLIDAY DINNER INVITATION
ENCLOSED**

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