



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

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Summer 2008 Newsletter

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June 2008

Dates to Remember in 2008

- Saturday, June 28, 2008
 Bus tour to Southwest Ohio gardens
 Garden Judges 2 Workshop on tour
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Leaving from Franklin Park bus lot
 See further information on page 2
- Tuesday, July 1, 2008
 Garden Judges Workshop II
 Home of Jamie Gossard
 1069 Amity Road, Galloway
 6:30 p.m. Contact Alan Hersh (see page 3)
- Tuesday, July 8, 2008
 Grooming show daylilies workshop
 Home of Bill and Gail Johannes 7:00 p.m.
 1964 Cardigan Avenue, Columbus
 614-486-7962 wjohannes@sbcglobal.net
- Sunday, July 13, 2008
 Daylily Show
 Preparation of entries 8 to 10:30 a.m.
 Franklin Park Conservatory atrium
 Show open to the public 1 to 5 p.m.
- July 18-19, 2008
 Region 2 Summer Meeting
 Madison, WI
- Saturday, August 16
 Daylily sale, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Meeting, Auction, and Plant Drawing
 Franklin Park Conservatory, 1 to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, November 9, 2008
 Fall Meeting, Speaker TBA
 Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, December 7, 2008
 Holiday Dinner
 Franklin Park Conservatory, 6 to 8 p.m.

President's Message

I want to begin by sincerely thanking everyone who helped make our Spring meeting and plant auction such a super success. If you have helped tend the plants at our Ohio Hybridizer Garden at the Conservatory, if you helped dig and prepare plants from this garden for the auction, if you brought a favorite plant from your own garden to share through the auction, if you helped organize or facilitate the auction itself, and/or if you purchased a new plant to add to your personal daylily collection, you were a significant part of the most successful Spring MCDS auction ever! Once again, I am amazed by the generosity of our members. We really do have one of the very best clubs in the entire country – which we will demonstrate to the daylily world when we host the National Convention here in 2012.

Speaking of the convention, Cynthia and I enjoyed our trip to Houston last month to participate in the 2008 AHS Convention. MCDS had great representation at this event, the weather was just about perfect, and we saw some fantastic gardens and flowers. As usual, the highlight for us was spending time with really wonderful people who share our passion for gardening with daylilies. We returned home with new and renewed friendships, a keen excitement for our own bloom season yet to come, and a substantial “wish” list created from great plants we saw on the garden tours.

The highlight of our own daylily year is about to occur, as we near July and our own peak bloom period. We have had daylilies (not Stella!) blooming in our garden since the middle of May, and the warmer weather is really kicking the plants into scape-producing gear. Overall, this has been one of the best springs we can remember, and the plants are really large and healthy. I can't wait to see this year's flowers!

I'm also excited about our annual daylily show, scheduled for Sunday, July 13th. The show is a wonderful way to share our gardens with each other, and with many people just discovering the spectacular variety and beauty of daylilies. I encourage all of you to start thinking about the show, and selecting flowers from your yard that you might want to enter. Like every other MCDS activity, the success of the show very much depends on each member. If you would like to get involved, or if you have any show-related questions, be sure to contact me or our show chair, Winnie Garabis. I look forward to seeing you at the show.

Charles Lucius

MCDS Membership

(as of June 13, 2008)

Adults (60% AHS): 273
 Youth (100% AHS): 9
 Total Membership (67.13% AHS): ... 282

Welcome New MCDS Members (as of June 13, 2008)

Kathy Martino	Janet Withers	Lilian Ebert
6440 Lambert Road	6582 Mount Royal Avenue	2611 Andover Road
Orient, OH 43146	Westerville, OH 43092	Columbus, OH 43221
614-877-9194	614-557-9173	614-488-8815

MCDS extends condolences to the family of Margaret Vance, who passed away recently, and to all others in our MCDS family who have lost loved ones in the past year. Margaret, an Emeritus member of MCDS, often made floral designs for our shows.

The PRE-Wright Mad About Daylilies Tour

Over the July 4th weekend the hybridizers of the Northern Mecca in southwest Ohio are hosting an open garden tour that has cleverly been named the "Wright Mad About Daylilies Tour." However, the MCDS will kick off the daylily bloom season with our own Northern Mecca bus tour one week earlier on **Saturday, June 28, 2008** with extra-added attractions.

Plan to arrive between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m. to the Franklin Park bus parking lot. Leaving promptly at 8:00 a.m., we will travel south to J.R. and Donna Blanton's **Tangled Vine Garden** near Morrow. Then we take a short drive to Dan and Jackie Bachman's **Valley of the Daylilies** where we will offer **Garden Judges Workshop 2** for those completing Workshop 1 at this year's Symposium and the morning of May 4 at the Conservatory. Our delicious potluck lunch will follow.

Then on to our extra-added attraction, a one-hour stop at the **Cincinnati Daylily Show** held at the Colerain Mall in northern Cincinnati.

Promptly at 2:00 p.m., we will head north to Mike and Sandy Holmes' **River Bend Gardens** at Spring Valley. At Joel Polston and Doug Sterling's **Pleasant Valley Gardens** in Dayton, we will enjoy a refreshing BBQ and dessert to keep us energized for our last stop at Bob Faulkner's **Natural Selection** garden just off Route 70. We plan to return to Franklin Park by 8:00 p.m.

We have a full bus at this time; however, please contact Alan Hersh at 614-253-3889 to check for seat availability. Alan plans to send confirmation letters to everyone registered for the trip.

Registrants may contact the garden owners to pre-order plants; however, no plants will be dug during our visit.

Garden Judges Education Opportunities

Garden Judge Workshop II instruction will be given on the bus with the follow-up at Bachman's **Valley of the Daylilies**. These workshops can be taken out of order, so if you would like to become an AHS garden judge and have not yet taken Workshop I, please enroll with Alan Hersh for this session. For those current judges whose status expires in 2008 or 2009, this is a close-to-home chance to renew. **Please contact Alan Hersh or Karen Ciula before the bus trip so that we can have enough materials on hand.** Another Workshop II is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 6:30 p.m. at Jamie Gossard's **Heavenly Gardens**.

MCDS Officers

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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

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.

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.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Membership Secretaries:

Bill & Sylvia Mellinger
614-418-4786

williewagtail10@sbcglobal.net

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Bill Johannes
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Karen Ciula
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Website and Education:

Jeff Kerr
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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Bus Trip:

Alan Hersh (see above)

Convention Planning:

Charles & Cynthia Lucius
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Ohio Hybridizers' Daylily Garden:

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

Plant Sale Dig Coordinators:

Mike Oatney (East Side)
(see above)

Charles Lucius (West Side)
(see above)

Donna Kowalczyk (North Side)
740-524-0092

daylilylady@hughes.net

Plant Sale Floor Manager:

Gary Baker
614-888-4936

Workshops:

Karen Ciula (see above)

Shall We Dance?

Yes, we shall! MCDS members will come together on Sunday, July 13th to spotlight their smooth moves at the 23rd Annual Daylily Show.

Volunteers make the show a success, so please be sure to get involved. Several groups are still looking for help, so if you haven't already signed up for a particular committee, check the list of Committees in the Show Schedule and contact the Chairperson for the area that interests you. I know that we still need a few more Clerks which is a terrific learning experience. Help with set-up on Saturday would be appreciated. Maybe you would prefer to place scapes on the tables on the morning of the show? Do you have artwork to display in our Daylilies in the Arts section? Maybe you're a social butterfly and serving as a greeter is perfect for you. There is definitely something for everyone.

We want to make a great first impression on Show visitors and having a broad variety of specimens on display is one way to draw the public in. I hope that everyone will exhibit at least one scape from their gardens. If design is your thing, there are slots available. The show is one of our primary methods for growing our membership, so let's strut our stuff and show them what we've got.

New members, don't be afraid to waltz right in. Participating in the show is a terrific way to learn all about a show and to get to know other members. If you have no idea how to decide which plants you should enter, you'll definitely want to attend the daylily grooming workshop that Bill and Gail Johannes have generously agreed to conduct on July 8th at 7pm at their home (1964 Cardigan Ave.). They will explain how to select scapes to exhibit and how to properly groom them for the best results. Please reserve your spot as soon as possible by contacting them at 614-486-7962.

For those of you that like to prepare your entry tags prior to arrival at the show, tags will be available on the bus tour and at the grooming workshop. If these opportunities don't work for you, please provide me with your mailing address and I will ship some to you.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the show or need help finding a volunteer opportunity. I look forward to seeing everyone on their toes at the Show.

Thank you for your support,
Winnie Garabis
2008 MCDS Show Chair
614-486-1324
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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.

A big thank you to the 16 members who recharged their CARE CARD between April 18 and May 17! You earned MCDS an additional \$210.40.

Since the program was introduced at the November meeting,

you have recharged your cards and earned MCDS \$1537.69 for special club activities.

Daylilies Boot Scootin' to Texas

Seventeen MCDS members enjoyed a rousing good time at the AHS Convention in Houston in May. Thankfully, we had cool and comfortable weather for touring the nine gardens, all at their early to peak bloom period. Pat Henley presented a scientific session on "Daylily Rust," and Gisela Meckstroth led an Exhibition Workshop. Charles and Cynthia Lucius, Karen Ciula, and Darlene Kerr attended the Convention Planning Workshop. JR Blanton won the "ticket to anywhere" raffle prize from Continental. Pictured are Jeff and Darlene Kerr's photo mural at **Payne's In the Grass Daylily Farm**, Pearland, Texas.



2008 AHS POPULARITY POLL

The 2008 AHS Popularity Poll website is open this year. All AHS members are eligible to vote for up to, but no more than ten (10) daylily cultivars. Select your favorites: a) Registered, well established cultivars (no seedlings) and b) Observed in your garden or immediate area.

Vote online at
www.daylilies.org/PopPoll/ballot2008.html

or submit your completed ballot to:
Joyce Hersh
140 North Cassidy Avenue
Columbus, OH 43209
daylilylady@columbus.rr.com

Votes must be received before September 1, 2008.

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.

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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
706 Jonsol Court
Gahanna OH 43230-3118

*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 or Karen Ciula 614-471-3246, kciula@columbus.rr.com 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
P.O. Box 10
Dexter, GA 31019*

E-mail: gmercerc@nlamerica.com

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

Letters of Appreciation

MCDS has received a letter of appreciation from Kay Day Pricola, Endowment Funds Chair of the AHS for our annual contribution to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust. The contribution should be published in the Fall 2008 issue of *The Daylily Journal*.

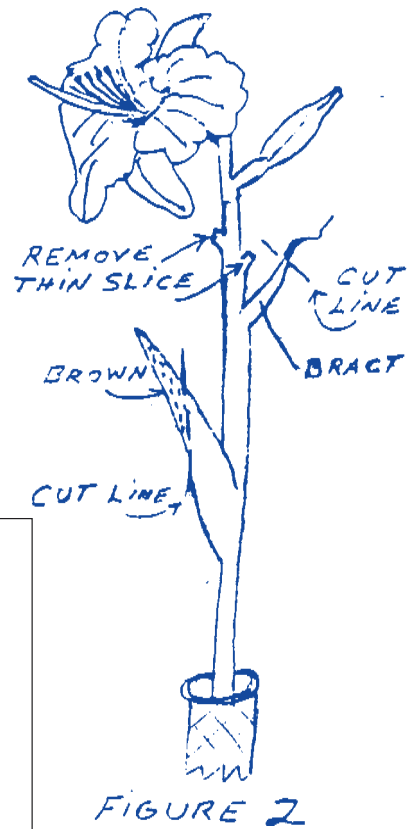
We have also received a letter of appreciation from Edward G. Kraus, Treasurer, AHS Region 2 for our contribution to support Region 2's award-winning newsletter, our annual meeting and Winter Symposium, and to provide AHS memberships for youth across the nation.

Grooming Daylilies for the Show

by Gordon Riggle

(as revised by Ed Myers in 1994)

You will want to remove all yellowed or brown bracts, insect scars, and spent flower stubs with your tools (razor blade, sharp knife, etc.). Brown tipped bracts should be cut with a sharp knife to remove the discolored portion, but remain pointed like their original form. Brown scars of the scape can be precisely sliced from the surface. Be careful to take a very thin slice; go too deep, and you have a white scar. Often it is better to choose another scape. Slice off the brown tip off the old flower stubs, buds that are preventing flower(s) from opening, small damaged and discolored buds, and deformed, damaged, or touching flowers. Do not remove proliferations (small plants that develop on the scape).



Please note that the official entry tag has been modified to reflect the changes in the newly revised AHS *Judging Daylilies Handbook* (2006 Revision).

FILLING OUT YOUR ENTRY TAG

NOVICE

Each specimen to be identified as a Novice Award nominee must have an "N" marked on the upper lefthand side of the AHS tag.

SECTION

Section Numbers for Entries are found in the Show Schedule. If unsure, refer to Classification.

DIVISION

Division I- On Scape Entries
OR
Division II- Off Scape Entries

ARE YOU AN AHS MEMBER?

Please mark appropriately. If you aren't, why don't you consider joining?

ENTRANT NAME & ADDRESS

Be sure to fill in the name of the entrant only! Do not use last name only. Or Mr. & Mrs.. One person only please. It can save you a lot of time if you use pre-printed return address labels. But please be sure to edit labels as necessary to identify the single person entering.

DON'T REMOVE LOWER PORTION!!! LEAVE ATTACHED.

DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE THIS PORTION OF TAG!!!!!!
Fill in this portion with SAME information as on the upper portion of tag

NOTE:
DO NOT WRITE ON BACK OF TAG

LEAVE BLANK

OPENING

For hanging tag on entry

GROUP

The Group for most sections is the first letter of the cultivar name. Seedlings are grouped by type.

CLASS

The only Sections that need a class designation on the entry tag are **DOUBLES**. They have been divided into: **CLASS A**-(4 1/2" or larger) **CLASS B**-(Smaller than 4 1/2") These designations are **AS REGISTERED** (not actual physical measurement of bloom entered)

NAME OF CULTIVAR.

In case of seedling, only the word "SEEDLING" is permitted. (Numbers or pre-registration names may appear ONLY on the concealed portion of the, FOLD-UP area on the bottom)

LEAVE BLANK

DON'T REMOVE LOWER PORTION!!! LEAVE ATTACHED.

This perforation will be used to fold lower portion up over top of tag to hide the name of the entrant from the judges. We want everything to be fair!

Entry Number (N) (Show Use Only)

American Hemerocallis Society

Division 1 Section 2 Group B Class

Cultivar: BROCADED GOWN

AHS Member: Yes No

Name: Dee Winner

Address: 123 Any Street, Columbus, OH

AHS Results	Purple	1st	2nd	3rd	Hon Mention	Special	Special

American Hemerocallis Society

Division 1 Section 2 Group B Class

Cultivar: BROCADED GOWN (Please Print)

Name: Dee Winner

Address: 123 Any Street, Columbus, OH

Fallen pollen shows on all flowers but can be carefully removed by lifting off the pollen with a fine paint brush or cotton swab. Never brush against the surface of the flower petal. Trying too hard will cause a shiny spot on the petal, which is worse. If you cannot gently dislodge and lift the pollen easily, leave it.

Remember:

The sole purpose of grooming a scape is to make it look as natural and fresh as nature can grow it.

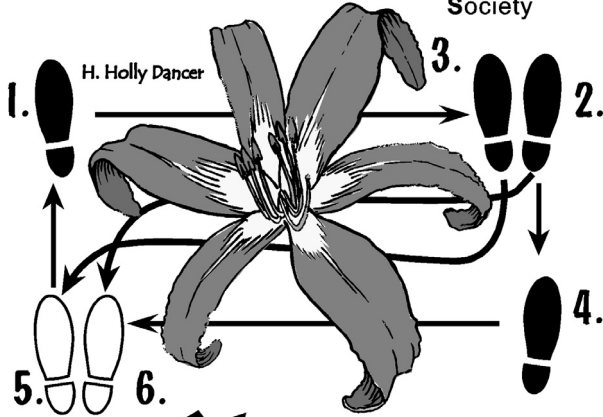


Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society
presents

Shall We Dance?

Franklin Park Conservatory
1777 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43203

Accredited by the
American
Hemerocallis
Society



Free Admission

Sunday
July 13, 2008
1:00PM-5:00PM

First Class

Waltz on down to the 23rd Annual MCDS Daylily Show

**YOUR 2008 DAYLILY SHOW SCHEDULE
IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER!**

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