



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

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Spring 2008 Newsletter

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April 2008

Dates to Remember in 2008

- Sunday, May 4, 2008
Garden Judges 1 Workshop 9:00 a.m.
Spring Meeting, Auction, Plant Drawing
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 p.m.
- May 15-17, 2008
AHS National Convention
Houston, TX
- Saturday, June 28, 2008
Bus tour to Southwest Ohio gardens
Garden Judges 2 Workshop on tour
8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Leaving from Franklin Park bus lot
See further information on page 2
- Sunday, July 13, 2008
Daylily Show
Franklin Park Conservatory, 1-5 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 4 p.m.
- Sunday, November 9, 2008
Fall Meeting
Speaker: TBA
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, December 7, 2008
Holiday Dinner, 6 to 8 p.m.
Franklin Park Conservatory

President's Message

Spring is boldly making itself known in our yard, as daffodils begin to bloom, the grass begins to green up, little leaves start to unfold on shrubs and trees, and daylilies start to send up new green shoots. It is easy to be excited about our garden at this time of the year!

As I look at our calendar, I am equally excited about the May 4th MCDS meeting. As you know from previous communications, we're trying something new for this Spring's plant auction. We've asked that you leave the MCDS "club-loaner" plants in your garden for one more year, giving them a chance to really grow into nice clumps. To maintain our operating budget, and to maintain the spirit of plant sharing that occurs through the auctions, we have asked that you each bring one of your favorite plants (double fans) from your own collections to the May meeting. I am anxiously awaiting this event, as I know that these plants will have proven themselves in our environment – and that they were selected by our members as some of the best of the best!

We'll also have outstanding plants from our Ohio Hybridizer Garden and several new introductions from our February speaker, Charles Douglas, as part of the auction. I encourage all of you to come to the May meeting with checkbooks in hand, ready to acquire some great new plants for your own gardens while continuing the excellent support for our club that you have shown in the past.

In the area of club support, I remain thrilled – and amazed – at the great response to the Kroger gift card special project fund-raising activity headed by Bill and Gail Johannes. Our Executive Committee has outlined a process that we will propose for the allocation of these funds. More on this will follow during the summer, but basically any club member will be able to nominate a special project idea through the use of a standardized form that will be available on the MCDS website. The nominated projects will be reviewed by the Executive Committee; and if they receive a majority approval vote, they will be presented to the club for a similar approval vote. We feel it is important that the special projects stay linked to the MCDS mission, but we also feel it is equally important that all members have a say in what we choose.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our May meeting, and continuing to work together to make our club the very best organization it can be.

Charles Lucius

MCDS Membership

(as of April 1, 2008)

Adults (64.3% AHS): 269
 Youth (100% AHS): 9
 Total Membership (65.5% AHS): 278

Welcome New MCDS Members (as of April 1, 2008)

Karen Brenner
3613 Triway Lane
Wooster, OH 44691
330-263-1023

Janet Hannaway
2340 Middlesex Road
Upper Arlington, OH 43220
614-442-1043

Joel & Laura Mast
2901 S. Limestone
Springfield, OH 45505
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Robert & Marilyn Carbonara
6080 Blacklick Eastern Rd.
Pickerington, OH 43147
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Judy Leist
1905 Torchwood Drive
Columbus, OH 43229
614-847-3627

Carol Rutter
1639 W. Audubon Blvd.
Lancaster, OH 43130
614-920-3152

SEE SPRING AUCTION LIST
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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 8:00 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 7:30-8:00 p.m. **Send your reservations with a \$35 per person check made out to MCDS to Alan Hersh, 140 North Cassady Avenue, Bexley, OH 43209 to confirm your seats on the bus.** These gardens and the show will be new to most of our tourists, so register between now and the May meeting.



Pleasant Valley Gardens

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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 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.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Membership Secretaries:

Bill & Sylvia Mellinger
614-418-4786
williewagtail10@sbcglobal.net

Cedarthorn Daylily Calendar orders:

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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
614-851-0334
ceandflucius@sbcglobal.net

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)

2008 SPECIAL SPRING AUCTION**DO NOT DIG THE PLANTS THAT YOU RECEIVED IN THE SPRING 2006 DRAWING! HOLD THEM FOR THE 2009 SPRING AUCTION.**

Instead, bring a double fan of a "favorite" daylily to share in our auction. This does not need to be an expensive plant, but choose one that grows well and is a good garden flower. **Please label it with NAME, HYBRIDIZER, DATE, CULTIVAR INFORMATION, and AVERAGE EUREKA PRICE if known.** Write the name of the plant on a plastic grocery bag to help with organizing. **If you know what you will be digging, please send the information to ceandflucius@sbcglobal.net by April 30.**

Digging a plant is entirely voluntary. If you are a newer member or do not wish to dig a plant, come join the fun and get a bargain plant to take home. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy a proven winner garden flower and help out the society at the same time.

We will be thinning the Ohio Hybridizer Daylily Garden and plan to have the following plants to auction. These will have a minimum starting bid because many of them are not available in the trades. If we cannot get the minimum bid, the plant will be lined out for the 2012 convention.

Ashwood Still Night (Norris 2004)	Light Is Sweet (Applegate 2000)
Bela Lugosi (Hanson 1995)	Lorie Dawn (Fitzpatrick 2003)
Buckeye Barnstormer (Haehn 1999)	Monita Fergus (Rickly 2003)
Citrusicle (Warrell 2004)	Monkey Hips (Bachman 2003)
Coral Majority (Norris 2004)	Ohio Eye Oh (Haehn 1998)
Dark Monkey (Gossard 2004)	Orange Splash (Gossard 2004)
Date with an Angel (Moldovan 2002)	Raspberry Suede (Blaney 1998)
Dragon's Castle (Biaglow 2001)	Red Eyed Jack (Gossard 2003)
Flight of the Raven (Norris 1999)	Red Squirrel (Blanton 2005)
Gisela's Sunshine (Mondron 2001)	Ruffles and Ribbons (Polston 2003)
Heavenly Angel Ice (Gossard 2005)	Sharon Fitzpatrick (Grebus 2001)
Heavenly Fission (Gossard 2005)	Simplicity in Motion (Fitzpatrick 2003)
Heavenly Flight of Angels (Gossard 2003)	Sundance Ridge (Woodhall 2001)
Infield Fly Rule (Gossard+Henley 2004)	Uncommon Valor (Benz 2000)
Irish Lullabye (Warrell 1980)	Volcanic Eruption (Gossard 2004)
Knower Spider (Warrell+Knower 2003)	Walkabout (Benz 2000)
La Dolce Vita (Moldovan 2002)	Wandering Minstrel (Moldovan 2001)

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 members who are recharging your CARE CARD before checking out!
Since the program was introduced at the November meeting,
you have recharged your cards and earned MCDS \$1096.21 for special club activities.

GUEST PLANT DRAWING INFORMATION

Bill and Gail Johannes have selected a wide array of recent daylily introductions for our Spring guest plant drawing. Cultivars to be given to members are all 4 of Richard Norris' 2008 Ashwood Gardens intros, including the much coveted *H. "Memorial to Steve."* The 55 cultivars purchased from Tim Bell's Georgia garden come from 13 different hybridizers including Jack Carpenter (8 cultivars), Stamile (18), Dan Trimmer (6) and Frank Smith (5). When selecting the cultivars, Bill and Gail looked at bud count (the higher the better in their opinion), color, form, and dormancy. There will be 11 cultivars with pink flowers, 6 with white or near white flowers, 7 red (red and pink have traditionally been MCDS member favorites), 5 lavenders, and many with eyes or patterns. Their selections include 8 doubles, 3 unusual forms and 2 bitones.

So if you've been a member for over one year, paid your dues by 1/1/08, and the mailing label on this newsletter says eligible, come prepared to receive at least one fan of a super daylily. To receive a spring drawing plant, a designated member of each household (same address) must register and receive a number card before the drawing starts. By registering, the member(s) agree to treat the drawing plant as a guest in their garden until 2011 when they must dig the plant, keep 1 fan, and return the increase for the member's auction. Only after returning the guest plant increase to the club does the 'MCDS guest plant' become their personal property. If a member cannot adhere to the MCDS guest plant rules, please do not accept a plant. The future of MCDS member's guest plant drawings hinges on how many plants are eventually returned for the members' auction.

Bill and Gail often are asked about what kind of labeling system works best for the daylily garden plants. Several members of MCDS have found that the Brother brand P-touch electronic labeling system using "TZ" tape is easy to use and will last indefinitely through any kind of weather. Look for sales on the keyboards at office supply stores. Look for tapes in 2-packs for the best price.



MCDS thanks Jeff and Darlene Kerr, Jim McMurry, Jennifer Kuehn, and Karen Ciula for working the Green Thumbs Garden Fair on March 29.

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: gmercer@nlamerica.com

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

April 26th Container Workshop Filling Fast

Only a few spaces remain in the Saturday, April 26 "Container Gardening with Miniature Hostas" workshop sponsored by the Central Ohio Hosta Society and MCDS. Participants will receive a heavy pottery container, planting mix, and three miniature hosta plants for the \$35 workshop fee. Send a check made out to COHS to Virginia Williams, 2643 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43207.

Beth Veldey will demonstrate how to design and plant a faery garden for miniature hostas and daylilies. Antonio Garabis and Karen Ciula will demonstrate a duo design flower arrangement and other ideas for flower show designs.

Please arrive at the north side employees' entrance to the classrooms between 8:30-9:00 a.m. The workshop will run from 9:00 to 11:00. You are invited to remain for the COHS meeting with a presentation by Fred Williams about "Earth Worm Castings: The Natural Alternative." He will bring free samples and will sell 40# bags for \$8.00.

Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 3, 2008

MCDS President Charles Lucius called the meeting to order.

November 2007 Meeting Minutes

- Minutes as published in the January 2008 Newsletter were approved with no changes after a motion by Alan Hersh and second by Gisela Meckstroth. Minutes will be filed by MCDS Secretary, Winnie Garabis.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Mike Oatney reviewed the current treasury balance. The current checking account balance of \$14,577 includes \$1,016 encumbered for the Ohio Hybridizer's Garden. The current unencumbered balance is \$13,561. The 2012 Convention Fund CD value is \$2,573 and \$7,500 is currently invested in a 6-month CD.

2008 Meeting Refreshment Volunteers

- Thank you to all volunteers. Please contact Jane Saliaris if you haven't yet signed up to bring refreshments to a 2008 meeting. Reminder calls will be made to those that have signed up.

Regional News and Information

- Joyce Hersh, Region 2 Publicity Director, reminded the group that there is still time to sign up for the Region 2 Winter Symposium in Cleveland. MCDS will be well-represented on the agenda – Dan Bachman, Jamie Gossard and Richard Norris are among the presenters.
- The Summer Regional Meeting will be held in Madison, WI.

Green Thumbs Event at Olentangy Liberty High School on March 29th

- MCDS will have a booth at this event sponsored by the Delaware County Master Gardeners. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Karen Ciula if you can assist.

April 26th Hosta and Design Workshops

- MCDS is again working with the Central Ohio Hosta Society to conduct a spring workshop. The cost is \$35 to attend. Each attendee will create a Hosta Container Garden and receive training on how to create fairy garden furniture and duo designs.
- That afternoon, the COHS is hosting a speaker on worm composting and MCDS members are invited to attend.
- If you are interested in the workshop and not yet registered, please contact Naomi Hatfield, COHS President and MCDS member at (614) 421-1217.

Seeds of Friendship Program

- Karen Ciula shared information about the Seeds of Friendship program designed by the "Partners in Conservation" at the Columbus Zoo. MCDS is an affiliate member of Garden Club of Ohio and they support this cause. Specific seed types are collected and distributed to Rwandan families so they can grow their own fresh produce. Monetary donations of \$35 were accepted at the meeting for the purchase of seeds.

MCDS Website – www.columbusdaylilies.org

- Jeff Kerr, MCDS Webmaster, reported that updates are made to the website as information becomes available. He recently added information about other garden club activities that might interest MCDS members. If you are part of a garden club or plant society and would like to share information about upcoming events, please let Jeff know.

2012 National AHS Convention Planning Update

- Charles Lucius reported that each Convention Committee will meet prior to the May 4th MCDS meeting to discuss budgets. This information is needed to develop convention registration costs.
- If you're interested in volunteering or have questions about the convention, please contact the Lucius' for more information at 614-851-0334 or ceandcflucius@sbcglobal.net.

May Member Auction Update

- Charles explained that no guest plant returns are due in May. We are moving the return date on those originally scheduled for return in Spring 2008 to 2009.
- In order to have plants available to auction, the plants that have multiplied in the Ohio Hybridizer's garden will be auctioned. Members are also asked to donate a favorite plant from their garden. If you know which plant you will bring, please send the name to Charles by April 1st so he can compile the list and include it in the newsletter and auction list.

Spring Guest Plants and Kroger Program News

- Bill Johannes, MCDS Draw Plants Chair, announced that plants have been ordered for the next draw.
- He also shared the exciting news that \$627 has already been raised from the use of the Kroger Gift Card Program since November. See Bill to sign up and get your card.

2008 MCDS Show

- Winnie Garabis, this year's Show Chair, explained that she is actively pursuing Show Committee Chairs. Please see her if you are interested in volunteering. The 2008 show theme is "Shall We Dance?" More information will be available at the next meeting.

Membership Report

- MCDS currently has 276 members with 62% being AHS members. 9 are youth members and 4 new members joined during the meeting.

Summer Garden Bus Tour Date Announced

- Alan Hersh is chairing this year's summer bus trip which will be held on Saturday, June 28th.
- We will visit gardens that were part of the Northern Mecca tour in the Lebanon, Cincinnati and Dayton areas.
- Garden Judges Workshop II will be conducted on the tour.

Exhibition Judging Workshops

- Members interested in Exhibition Judging Workshops should contact Alan Hersh.

Other Regional News

- Gisela Meckstroth, Regional Vice-President, announced that the Ohio Daylily Society will be hosting the 2010 Region 2 Summer meeting at Kingwood in Mansfield. Members interested in competing for the Englerth Award may contact Gisela for the application form.

The business meeting was followed by an entertaining program by Charles Douglas of Browns Ferry Gardens.

Respectfully submitted by Winnie Garabis on 02/28/08.

GARDEN JUDGE WORKSHOP 1

Sunday, May 4, 2008

9:30 a.m.

Mark Sunday, May 4 on your calendar for your opportunity to take the Garden Judge Workshop 1. The class will be held starting at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level classrooms at the Conservatory and will be over by 11:30 a.m. to allow for lunch before our spring auction and meeting.

We still need more than 50 AHS Garden Judges in Region 2. Even if you don't want to actually judge, this class equips you to understand the AHS system of awards and make better selections for your own personal garden.

The cost is \$5 for credit and \$3 to audit. If you are interested, please contact Alan Hersh at 614-253-3889 or ahersh@columbus.rr.com so that we can have materials on hand for all participants.

First Class

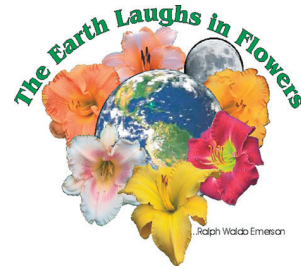
SPRING MEETING AND AUCTION

Sunday, May 4, 2008

2:00 p.m.

**Franklin Park Conservatory
Lower Level**

**Guest Plant Drawing following the Auction
Remember to bring a friend**



*Graphic contributed by Region 2 Member Lee Alden of Frog Leaps Garden,
White Lake, Michigan*

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