



# Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

## Winter 2008 Newsletter

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January 2008

### Dates to Remember in 2008

- Sunday, February 3, 2008  
Winter Meeting  
Speaker: Charles Douglas  
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 p.m.
- February 22-24, 2008  
AHS Region 2 Winter Symposium  
Cleveland, OH
- Sunday, May 4, 2008  
Garden Judges 1 Workshop TBA 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  
Tangled Vine, Valley of the Daylilies,  
River Bend, Pleasant Valley Gardens
- 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

A few early thoughts as we get ready to start the new year:

- I'm glad to put 2007 behind us. A super cold February, a severely damaging April freeze, and a very dry summer all added up to a tough gardening year.
- I'm excited about what 2008 will bring in our garden, as many of our newer daylilies should be reaching peak performance size.
- I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to serve you as MCDS President, and
- I'm extremely excited about what 2008 will bring for MCDS.

I have come to believe that gardeners are, in general, an optimistic group. In nearly all cases, gardens are long-term endeavors, where we don't really see the fruits from our labors until many years after the initial efforts. Thus, we have learned to work hard now with the expectation of wonderful results to follow.

Our daylily club is very much like a garden in that results we see today are a direct result of the hard work done before us. We are extremely blessed to have had many, many dedicated volunteers who have laid the foundation for our current success, and I know that more great things await us during this new year – including our exciting plant auctions, the wonderful Ohio Hybridizer Garden at the Conservatory, our fabulous flower show, the garden tours, exciting guest speakers, continuation of our planning for the 2012 National Convention, and much more.

I hope you all join me in celebrating the year yet to come, and remembering the many individuals who have truly made MCDS the great organization that it is.

*Charles Lucius*

Looking for something to do in January? Membership in the AHS also gives you free access to an online Daylily Email Robin. If you are not familiar with the workings of a Robin List, this is how it goes. When you write an email to the List address, it is automatically distributed to the entire membership. You can opt to only read or to respond at will. The Webmaster, Tim Fehr, will also send you instructions on how to manage your incoming List mail as well as turning it on and off. Send your request to:

[fehrtj@charter.net](mailto:fehrtj@charter.net)

### MCDS Membership (as of January 7, 2008)

Adults (65.0% AHS): ..... 263  
 Youth (100% AHS): ..... 9  
 Total MCDS Membership (66.2% AHS): .... 272

### Welcome New MCDS Members (as of January 7, 2008)

Lee Miller 6221 Condit Road Centerberg, OH 43011 740-965-3940	Kate Morrow 7989 Hillingdon Drive Powell, OH 43065-7076 740-881-4983	Tony and Jen Williams 448 Voyager Drive Groveport, OH 43125 614-562-3307
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## Charles Douglas Guest Speaker for February 3, 2008

Charles Douglas started Browns Ferry Gardens in 1994 and introduced his first daylily, *Hemerocallis* 'Strawberry Patch' in 1999. The nursery started with the help of his mother, who taught him to love flowers. They both became hooked on daylilies and decided to turn a passion into a business. Browns Ferry Gardens is an AHS Display Garden with over 1000 cultivars on display and for sale. The daylilies are sold in containers as well as through mail orders.

Charles loves all daylilies, but is especially fond of eyed daylilies and is well known for many of his hybrids, such as *H.* 'Black Mingo' and *H.* 'Seal the Deal'. His hybridizing has started to focus on pinks and reds with lots of ruffles. He has won several Honorable Mention Awards for *H.* 'Strawberry Patch', *H.* 'Carolina Sun Fun', *H.* 'Pick of the Litter', and *H.* 'Bold Secret'.

Charles and Heidi Willet were married at Thanksgiving, and they are enjoying hybridizing and traveling together. Charles' presentation not only includes his flowers, but you will see some of Heidi's flowers and flowers from Gene Tanner, who also hybridizes at Browns Ferry.

You can check out their website at [www.brownsferrygardens.com](http://www.brownsferrygardens.com)

*Steve Williams*



*image by Karen Ciula*

Charles Douglas with Charles and Cynthia Lucius at the 2007 AHS Region 2 Winter Symposium.

### MCDS Officers

#### President

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#### Secretary

Winnie Garabis  
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### MCDS Website

[www.columbusdaylilies.org](http://www.columbusdaylilies.org)

The website includes a number of pages that are updated frequently. Newsletters are posted after each issue. Please check the activities page periodically to see what events are coming up. Photos of MCDS events and other activities are linked from the home pages.

If your other societies or clubs have a garden related event that you would like to post on the website for the information of our society members, please send a .pdf page to the webmaster, [kerr.jeff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kerr.jeff@sbcglobal.net)

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

Also, we are continuing to update the Members' Garden pages. Please send a description of your garden and accompanying photos in .pdf format.

## 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

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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](mailto:daylilylady@hughes.net)

## Plant Sale Floor Manager:

Gary Baker  
614-888-4936

## Workshops:

Karen Ciula (see above)

**January Dreaming**

January is not National Daylily Month in Ohio. Unless you are fortunate enough to have a greenhouse, plants are pretty much out of the picture, except in catalogs.

So what do we do in January—after all, our life does rotate around daylily bloom season. As a bachelor, I do laundry. I never have enough time to do it all during growing season. So I try to catch up...and being that I must go to the laundromat to do the laundry (the well water has way too much iron in it), I take advantage of the extra time. Then, I clean house. Other than cleaning up baby vomit, cleaning house is my second least favorite thing to do.

Then, one of my very favorite things is to go through the packets of seeds to see if any are moldy, to count the number of seeds in each cross and record them. This will give me an idea of the garden space I will need in the coming spring. I usually count on 90% germination.

As I record the crosses, I try to remember what the parents looked like and dream of what they might produce. I use a lot of seedlings for crosses, so trying to remember them is no small challenge. I store my seeds in small zip-lock baggies in the vegetable drawer of the refrigerator. This year it is full. I try to keep my seedlings to a maximum of 2000 each year. Last year I planted 2400, so space is becoming a factor. I hate not planting all my crosses because I don't cross anything unless I think there could be something worthy coming from the cross.

So I may need to dig up more garden space. That's why it is important for me to know somewhat in advance of how many I might need to plant. I add generous amounts of coarse sand to the clay soil in my garden. This keeps the soil loose and allows for better root growth, and it tends to hold a little more moisture too. And the sand is relatively inexpensive.

I also participate in the AHS e-mail robin. This can be very entertaining to read, and if you choose to participate, it can also be a lot of fun and informative. But there are times when tempers get a little out of hand, so it isn't for the faint of heart. The Robin "Marshals" are good to jump in if anything gets a little too hot, but most of all, the robin consists of a group of very sharp, funny, interesting, and well-known daylily people.

January and February are good months to top fertilize. I raise pigeons, so pigeon manure is 'salted' over the beds. I wait until there is snow cover so that it will be slow to go into the ground. Horse, cow, and chicken manure are also great natural fertilizers. Another product I use during snow cover would be urea. It comes in white, round pellets, slow release, and is best applied in colder weather. It is 40-0-0 rated, and I usually only apply it once, sometimes twice, but before the spring thaws.

The only thing left in January is the beginning of "American Idol," ice skating, and dreaming about bloom season.

*Bob Faulkner*

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see also [www.northernmecca.com](http://www.northernmecca.com)

**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](mailto: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 CARE 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 club.

A big thank you to members who are recharging your CARE card before checking out! In just 7 weeks since the program was introduced at the November meeting, you have recharged your cards for over \$8500 and earned MCDS \$426.58 for special club activities.

### Computer Purchased for Society Activities

MCDS purchased a Dell Vostro 1400 laptop computer in December, completing our 2007 equipment purchase budget. Current plans for its use this spring include:

- An "All About Daylilies" presentation by Charles Lucius to the Greater Columbus Council of Garden Clubs on January 28, 2008.
- A presentation by Charles Douglas at the February 3, 2008 MCDS meeting.
- An educational display at the Green Thumbs Garden Fair on March 29, 2008.

### Container and Design Workshop Planned

MCDS will again collaborate with the Central Ohio Hosta Society to offer a container and floral design workshop on Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. This workshop has been popular with several of our members for the past two years.

- "Container Gardening with Miniature Hosta" includes all potting supplies and 3 recent hosta cultivars.
- "Accessories for Your Garden" includes ideas for garden ornaments and planning a fairy garden.
- "What's New for the Daylily Show" includes a demonstration of a Duo Design and ideas for Exhibition Table Designs and backgrounds.

The cost will be \$35 for the entire morning's activities. Reservations may be made with Karen Ciula at the February 3 meeting or by contacting her at 614-471-3246.

### MCDS Junior Citation Winners in 2007

The AHS Junior Citation is given to a daylily cultivar that has not been registered before September 1 of the award year. Garden Judges must cast their votes only for seedlings personally observed that show outstanding merit. Seedlings or pre-registered daylilies must receive a minimum of 10 votes to receive a citation. The hybridizers must complete registration within one year after being notified.

#### Congratulations to:

- Dan Bachman for *Hemerocallis*
- 'Charlie Parker's Private Hell'
  - 'Fifi Saves The Day'
  - 'Five Hundred Percent More'
  - 'Jazz At The Wool Club'
- James Gossard for *H.*
- 'Heavenly Final Destiny'
- Sandra Holmes for *H.*
- 'Martha Lowry'
- Joel Polston for *H.*
- 'House of the Sun'
  - 'Lady Stephanie Victoria Redding'

## Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

### 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](mailto:williewagtail10@sbcglobal.net) or Karen Ciula 614-471-3246, [kciula@columbus.rr.com](mailto: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@n1america.com](mailto:gmercerc@n1america.com)

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

### Another Royal Occasion for 2007

Once again our Holiday Dinner Party was an outstanding affair with approximately 110 in attendance. There is no better way to celebrate the season than with our MCDS family sharing good food, beautiful gifts, and lively conversation.

We wish to thank Eugene and Jennifer Kepler for bringing roses and orchids to distribute at the Holiday Party. What a delightful special gift!

You can view photos from the dinner on the MCDS website.

## Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society Minutes of November 11, 2007

MCDS President Karen Ciula called the meeting to order just after 2pm.

### 2007 Holiday Party

- The Annual Party will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the Conservatory. A sign-up sheet was routed to solicit volunteers for set-up, appetizers, etc.
- Pat Bullen routed the individual party invitations through the group so those in attendance could pick up their invitation and complete and return their response cards at the meeting.

### 2008 Meeting Refreshment Volunteers

- Jane Saliaris has agreed to continue as the Cookie Committee Chair. A sign-up sheet was routed to solicit volunteers willing to bring refreshments to a 2008 meeting. Reminder calls will be made to those that have signed up.

### Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from the previous two meetings were approved with no changes. They will be filed by Winnie Garabis, MCDS Secretary.

### Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Mike Oatney reviewed the current treasury balance. The current balance of \$14,489 includes \$1,016 encumbered for the Ohio Hybridizer's Garden. The current unencumbered balance is \$13,472.
- Mike also reviewed the 2008 budget which calls for \$18,600 in both income and expenses, of which \$500 of the income is projected to come from reserves. Bill Johannes made a motion to approve the 2008 budget. Membership voted and it was approved.

### Special Projects Fund

- Bill Johannes introduced an exciting new program that MCDS can use as a non-profit to raise money. A detailed outline of the program was distributed, but basically all you have to do is secure a special Kroger gift card from Bill and then recharge it as needed to pay for your groceries. MCDS receives a 5% rebate on all sales using these specially marked cards. Please contact Bill to get started!

### Membership Report

- Sylvia Mellinger reported that MCDS has 322 members with 13 being youth members. 58% of members belong to AHS.
- The AHS Voucher Incentive Program, implemented to encourage AHS membership, will continue in 2008.

### Kudos to MCDS Members Highlighted or Published in the AHS Region 2 Newsletter

- Congrats to Debbie Hurlbert for winning the Mildred Schlumpf Photography Award, Richard Norris for the Hite Hybridizing Award, Arielle Lucius for winning the Bertie Ferris Scholarship and Mark Williams for winning the Youth Award at the MCDS Show.
- Articles written by the following members were published in the latest issue: Jeff Kerr, Bill Johannes, Winnie Garabis, Bob Faulkner, Sandy Holmes, Mike Holmes, Gisela Meckstroth and Joyce Hersh.

### 2012 National AHS Convention Planning Update

- Charles Lucius provided an update on the work underway to prepare for the convention.
- Theme: Discover Columbus' Passion for Daylilies
- The Airport Marriott has been selected as the Convention Hotel. The Hotel Selection Committee chaired by Darlene Kerr reviewed the options and this location rose to the top.
- The Gift Plant Committee led by Kit Walter has already secured commitment from Region 2 Hybridizers to provide over 600 plants. They will be new plants with names that coordinate with the convention theme.
- Garden Selection work continues under the direction of Jeff Melaragno. Over 30 gardens were nominated to be part of the convention tours. In 2006, garden owners performed a self-evaluation. In 2007, each garden was evaluated by several Garden Selection Committee members. In 2008, each Garden Selection Committee member will review every garden on the list. Garden owners will be asked to have their gardens open to these committee volunteers on 4 specific days during bloom season.
- New committees or changes to existing committee chairs: Alan Hersh will chair the Auxiliary Tour Committee, Gisela Meckstroth will lead the Exhibition Judges Clinics Committee, Lee Unterschultz will chair the Boutique Committee and Convention Photography will be managed by Debbie Hurlbert.
- All Committee Chairs have been asked to prepare and submit 2008 Action Plans and budgets to Cynthia and Charles.
- If you're interested in volunteering to assist with Convention Planning and haven't already signed up, please contact the Lucius' for more information at 614-851-0334 or [ceandcflucius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ceandcflucius@sbcglobal.net).

### MCDS 2008 Officer Nominations

- Jeff Kerr asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. He presented the Nominating Committee's list of candidates:
  - Charles Lucius, President
  - Steve Williams, Vice-President
  - Mike Oatney, Treasurer
  - Winnie Garabis, Secretary
- Bill Johannes made a motion to close the nominations. Jeff Kerr made a motion to approve the slate of officers for 2008. The motion was approved.
- Bill also thanked this year's officers for their efforts.

### Announcements

- Naomi Hatfield, MCDS Member and President of the Central Ohio Hosta Society, invited MCDS members to the next COHS meeting where Dr. Laura Deeter will speak. The meeting will be held at Howlett Hall on the Ohio State campus on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
- Beth Veldey displayed the elfin furniture she made at a recent workshop at the Conservatory. This and other design ideas will be presented at next year's Hosta and Design Workshop.

President Karen Ciula adjourned the meeting at 3:10pm. Interesting presentations by Tom Polston and Richard Norris followed.

Respectfully submitted by Winnie Garabis on 11/12/07.

**Attend the Region 2 Winter Symposium  
February 22-24 in Cleveland, Ohio**

**\$90 Registration: February 8, 2008  
\$110 Registration: After February 8  
\$40 for Youth Anytime**

Symposium organizer Curt Hanson has extended a warm invitation for this Region 2 Symposium.

Besides the excellent lineup of speakers, there will also be the annual winter auction, round table discussion, digital presentations of future introductions and seedlings, and the fabulous Grand Buffet on Saturday night. Alan Hersh will be leading Garden Judges Workshop 1.

(See contact information inside to register for the Workshop.)

The Symposium agenda/registration form is available on the MCDS web pages ([www.columbusdaylilies.org](http://www.columbusdaylilies.org)), the Region 2 web pages ([www.ahsregion2.org](http://www.ahsregion2.org)), or you can pick up a printed copy on Feb. 3.

The drive to the symposium takes only about 2 hours, and the hotel (just off of Rt. 77 southeast of Cleveland) is easy to find.

Doubletree Hotel Cleveland South  
6200 Quarry Lane (at the Rockside Exit)  
Independence, Ohio 44121-2218  
Tel: 216-447-1300

**Special Room Rates will be given if booked by February 1, 2008.**

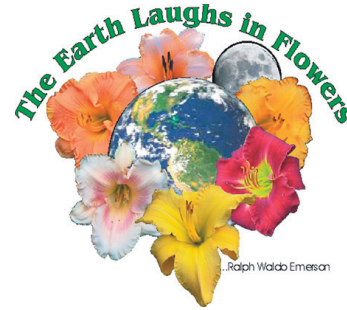
**MCDS**

**Winter Meeting  
Sunday, February 3, 2008  
Franklin Park Conservatory  
Lower Level**

**Time: 2 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker: Charles Douglas**

**Remember to bring a friend**



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



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**First Class**