



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

Fall 2007 Newsletter

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October 2007

Dates to Remember in 2007

Sunday, November 11

Fall Meeting

Speakers:

Joel Thomas Polston and Richard Norris
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 9

Holiday Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m.

Franklin Park Conservatory

Dates to Remember in 2008

Sunday, February 3

Winter Meeting

Speaker: Charles Douglas

Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 p.m.

February

Region 2 Symposium, Cleveland

Look for date in the Reg. 2 Newsletter

Sunday, May 4

Spring Meeting, Auction, Plant Drawing

Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 p.m.

May 2008

AHS National Convention, Texas

June (date to be announced)

Bus tour to Southwest Ohio gardens

Saturday, July 13

Daylily show

Franklin Park Conservatory

July 18-20

Region 2 Summer Meeting, Madison, WI

Saturday, July 13

Daylily show

Franklin Park Conservatory

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

Fall Meeting

Speaker (to be announced)

Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 7

Holiday Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m.

Franklin Park Conservatory

MCDS Membership

(as of October 10, 2007)

Adults (65.9% AHS): 306
Youth (100% AHS): 12
Total MCDS Membership (67.2 AHS): 318

President's Message

Changes Planned for 2008 Spring Auction

Once again, I am so proud of the progress that the MCDS has made this year. Several of our members have excelled in regional and national service positions. Richard Norris won Region 2's Hite Award for hybridizing excellence. Youth member Arielle Lucius won the Bertie Ferris Scholarship Award.

Over 40 daylilies were added to the Ohio Historic Gardens thanks to the generosity of our members and Ohio hybridizers. Ten members faithfully responded to requests to weed, plant, and groom the gardens. All of you have helped in some way to strengthen our society.

In 2001 we changed the length of time between spring plant drawings to auction from three years to two in reaction to concern about importing rust disease into our gardens. Consequently, the August draw plants currently have three growing seasons to multiply, but the spring drawing plants have been returned after two growing seasons. Furthermore, because of the bizarre weather conditions this year, several of our members have reported poor or no increase in the draw plants due back next spring.

The MCDS Executive Committee believes that we have a unique opportunity to improve this situation. This is our plan for the May 4 auction.

- Draw plants due back in spring 2008 will be returned in spring 2009, and we will return to the 3 year cycle for spring drawing plants.
- The 2000s bed of the Ohio Hybridizer Gardens will be thinned to provide at least 100 double fans to auction.
- Members are asked to donate a double fan of either an old favorite or a new cultivar (2000 or later) to auction.
- Draw plants given out in spring 2008 will not be returned until spring 2011.

I have been proud to be your President for the past two years, but my term ends the end of this year. The Nominating Committee will be presenting a new slate of officers for election at the November 11 meeting. We will also be hearing a report from the Convention Chair and voting on the 2008 budget. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Karen Ciula

Welcome New MCDS Members (as of October 10)

Rick & Sharon Stilwell
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Penny Adams & Marc Leroux
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Blacklick, OH 43004
740-964-6852

2012 AHS National Convention Planning Update

The focus during this year has been on kicking-off the subcommittee structure through which most program activities will occur for the 2012 AHS National Convention. Although the MCDS-hosted Convention is still nearly 5 years away, MCDS members have been busy in several important areas.

Convention Hotel Selection . This is the biggest news we have to report – The Airport Marriott hotel has been selected as the main site for the Convention! The Hotel Committee, chaired by Darlene Kerr, evaluated hotels throughout a large geographical area, and made this selection based on a number of evaluation criteria, including access to out-of-town guests, access to highways for garden tours, banquet facilities, cost, cleanliness, and overall positive impression. Most downtown hotels were already booked for the week of our Convention because of other scheduled events in Columbus, so we're thrilled that we were able to find such a wonderful facility. This venue, however, will limit our banquet capability to under 700 total people.

Tour Garden Evaluations, During 2006 we asked all owners of potential Convention tour gardens to perform a "self-evaluation" of their gardens. A process has been defined where gardens are reviewed based on:

- Their ability to accommodate the logistics associated with being on the tour (which includes having approximately 100 people in the yard at the same time),
- The number and variety of daylilies, and
- The overall garden condition.

This year, members of the Tour Garden Committee visited and evaluated these same gardens. Chair Jeff Melaragno's plans call for repeating the evaluation process again in 2008, and to make selections at the end of next year. Our goal is to find the absolutely "best" gardens that we can use to showcase daylilies in Central Ohio to our Convention visitors. Feedback from this year's evaluations will be provided privately to the garden owners.

Convention Gift Plants. Everyone who attends the Convention will receive a gift daylily. It is our intention to highlight and honor Region 2 and adjacent region hybridizers by providing plants created by these talented folks. We have contacted many hybridizers and have initial commitments for over 600 plants! These daylilies will be new introductions registered specifically for the Convention, and will carry the Convention theme of "Discovery" in their title.

Energy and activity will increase as we move into the new year, with more committees becoming actively engaged. There is still plenty of time and opportunity to get involved. We still need chairs for the Boutique and for the Garden Hospitality Committees, so contact us if you are interested in these areas. We would also be happy to answer any questions or address any issues you may have.

Charles and Cynthia Lucius
2012 Convention Chairs

Unique Holiday Gifts Sale

Any member who has daylily arts and crafts items may bring them to sell at the November 11 meeting. Please come by 1:00 to set up your display at the back of the meeting area. A seller's donation to the MCDS to defray Holiday Dinner expenses would be appreciated.

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MCDS WEBSITE

The MCDS website www.columbusdaylilies.org is up and running. We have the site split up into a number of pages including an activities page that we are keeping up to date. Please check this page periodically to see what events are coming up. If you have a plant related event that you would like to post on the web site for the information of club members, please send me an e-mail at kerr.jeff@sbcglobal.net

Also, we are continuing to update the Member's Garden page. We don't have much posted so far but would like a description of your garden and a couple pictures. Eventually we would like a good members garden section with a couple dozen gardens featured. Lastly, if you have a website, give MCDS a link and we will reciprocate. This will increase the readership of our site and your site. Send me a message and I will add your link.

Our Holiday Party will be here soon!

Jeff Kerr

New Prices for 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:	15-inch Plant Marker sets \$8.25	Plates only \$3.75
	20-inch Plant Marker sets \$9.25	15-inch wires only \$4.50
		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

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Heading into the Sunshine Bus Tour

By Karen Ciula



The majority of the 52 garden enthusiasts who traveled to Southeast Ohio on June 30 had not previously visited many of the four gardens on our tour this year. The sunshine and temperature could not have been more perfect that Saturday.

Our first stop was at Jan and Richard Norris' Ashwood Gardens, where tens of thousands of Richard's seedlings were coming into peak bloom. Several members completed the Garden Judges Workshop 2 in the display area, while everyone enjoyed seeing many of Norris' future introductions.

Although our bus captains and driver opted out of driving down the hill into Lee and Kirk Underschultz's Firefly Hollow Gardens, those who preferred to be shuttled by car had a pleasant ride into Lee's lovely forest clearing garden where we set out our picnic lunch. Nothing was finer than food and flowers!

After a short hop to Ruth and Gerald Rose's Gardens, we were all attracted to a gorgeous pink bloom on Frank Smith's *Hemerocallis* 'Princess Diana' and many other beauties from their rolling hillside gardens.

The final stop at Marla and Larry Work's Gardens in the Works near the Ohio River gave us a delightful surprise. Not only did they offer us a feast for the eyes of over a thousand clumps of daylilies at peak bloom, but we were also invited to feast on hot dogs, baked beans, and ice cream treats before leaving on our 2-hour trip back home.

Many thanks to our garden hosts for their gracious hospitality and generosity for also providing us with the excellent raffle plants awarded on the return trip. It was a tour to remember.



Left: Lee and Kirk Underschultz's welcome sign

Right: Larry and Marla Work welcoming the bus-tour visitors.

Images: Bill Johannes (See page 6 for image of Richard Norris)

AHS Endowment Funds Chair Jerry Pate Williams Thanks MCDS:

May 8, 2007

Dear Members of the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society:

The Board of Directors joins me in gratefully acknowledging your Gold Donor Level gift to the American Hemerocallis Society's William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust. We appreciate your financial contribution and wish your club continued success and another outstanding year.

Your contribution should be published in the fall 2007 issue of The Daylily Journal.

Sincerely, Jerry Pate Williams (Contribution Amount: \$500, April 16, 2007)

Daylily graphics on pages 1 and 8 of web-pages version of newsletter:

Courtesy Lee Alden of Frog's Leap Daylily Gardens, White Lake, Michigan

2007 Region 2 Popularity Poll

By Joyce Hersh, Region 2 Publicity Director

Below is a list of the daylilies voted on by Region 2 AHS members as their most favorite cultivar for the year 2007. 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. In 2007, 19 % (295 ballots) of the membership participated in this poll. A total of 1312 cultivars were nominated with only 480 cultivars (37%) receiving more than one vote and 1071 cultivars (82%) receiving one or two votes. Joyce Hersh, Regional Publicity Director, tabulated the results below:

Voting Place	Name of Cultivar	# of Votes
1	Ruby Spider	63
2	Primal Scream	60
3	Bela Lugosi	37
4	All American Chief	34
5	Red Volunteer	29
6	Beautiful Edgings	24
7	Bill Norris	22
	Strawberry Candy	22
8	Webster's Pink Wonder	20
9	Holly Dancer	19
10	Foiled Me	17
	Heavenly Angel Ice	17
	Moonlit Masquerade	17
11	South Seas	16
12	Lavender Blue Baby	15
	Mildred Mitchell	15
13	Big Kiss	13
	Chance Encounter	13
	Indian Giver	13
	Peggy Jeffcoat	13
	Persian Ruby	13
	Sabine Baur	13
	Shores of Time	13
14	Smoky Mountain Autumn	12
15	In the Heart of it All	11
16	Frances Joiner	10
	Point of View	10
	Spider Man	10
	Taos	10
17	Condilla	9
	Desperado Love	9
	Killer	9
	Mister Lucky	9
	Orange Velvet	9
	Ram	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
 706 Jonsol Court
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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 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. **Note:** AHS membership fees have increased, 2007:

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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E-mail: gmercer@nlaamerica.com

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

2007 AHS Popularity Poll — Showing Results from all 15 Regions

Cultivar	Total	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	R-7	R-8	R-9	R-10	R-11	R-12	R-13	R-14	R-15	Intl	Diversity
1. Primal Scream	217	5	60	44	23	10	9	1	3	3	21	21	0	0	5	11	1	13
2. Ruby Spider	209	2	63	31	24	16	11	1	5	0	18	12	1	7	7	11	0	13
3. Red Volunteer	168	0	29	13	19	6	44	0	6	0	24	3	3	7	3	11	0	12
4. Orange Velvet	145	1	9	12	2	37	40	0	4	0	9	2	1	2	14	12	0	11
5. Strawberry Candy	137	2	22	11	21	13	16	0	5	1	15	4	0	3	16	8	0	12
6. Moonlit Masquerade	124	2	17	12	9	22	20	0	1	3	10	3	4	3	5	13	0	13
7. Sabine Baur	121	0	13	15	2	5	14	5	5	4	18	12	3	8	14	3	0	14
8. Bela Lugosi	114	7	37	14	14	2	9	1	1	1	11	5	1	4	5	2	0	14
9. Shores of Time	112	5	13	20	10	6	3	2	1	4	9	6	2	3	11	17	0	13
10. Peggy Jeffcoat	110	0	13	19	11	6	1	0	0	0	24	6	0	0	2	28	0	9
10. Victorian Lace	110	0	7	16	7	6	4	4	1	1	14	4	9	7	18	11	1	14

Note: The "Diversity" column shows how many regions voted for that cultivar.

MCDS Members Receive Regional and National Honors

2007 Region 2 Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence: Richard Norris

By Winnie Garabis



Richard Norris in his Ashwood Gardens during MCDS 2007 bus tour visit.
Image: Bill Johannes

To think it all started with a Park Seed Catalog. Richard was preparing a mail order, liked the look of the daylily and added a packet of seeds to his list. That order was the first step in the path that led to Richard's winning the 2007 Region 2 Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence.

Richard didn't start out to introduce cultivars, but it never occurred to him to not cross. Richard appreciates beauty in its many forms, albeit art, music or the like. Richard's creations in those areas were never able to meet his expectations. Hybridizing daylilies is his outlet for creating something original and beautiful. Richard was instilled with a love of gardening from his father. His dad always liked the showy flowers and he does as well. Richard didn't participate in the garden much growing up because that meant doing it dad's way and he had his own ideas.

Richard credits Steve Moldovan as his most important daylily mentor. They met in a most unusual fashion in 1990. Richard's sister happened to live 10 miles down the road from Steve. He decided to stop one day and became a regular visitor. Richard shadowed Steve and still shares his guiding philosophy that a plant be judged by its overall quality.

The transition from personal hobby to introducing cultivars was gradual. The first real push forward came in 1993. Ed and Virginia Myers visited his garden and remarked about his seedling T93-1. Richard had also picked it out of the crowd and began using it widely as a parent. That seedling became Richard's introduction, *H. 'Ruby Regalia'*. It is the parent of his introductions, *H. 'Ashwood Darkside'* and *H. 'Ruby Grandeur'*. Richard's first introduction was *H. 'Flight of the Raven'* in 1999.

For the past 15 years, Richard has faithfully attended the semi-annual *Midwest Hybridizers Meeting* coordinated by Shirley Farmer. He has also attended the annual Hybridizer meeting held in Myrtle Beach over Thanksgiving weekend for about as long. Richard explained that each hybridizer brings a set of slides of their program to share with the group. It is a great opportunity to learn from others. Everyone is treated as an equal whether it is their 1st or 15th year in attendance. Richard is pleased to share his experiences with others. He is actively mentoring a number of people including Larry Work, Lee Underschultz, Mike Derrow and Charles Dorsey..

Richard's current favorite daylily is his *H. 'Coral Majority'*. When the rest of the garden is winding down, it is just hitting its stride. The color is electric and the scape density is impressive. Nearly every fan produces a scape. It exemplifies the garden impact Richard strives for. He says there may be prettier flowers, but this plant insists on being noticed and fulfills the criteria required to be considered a quality plant.

Richard's favorite parents right now are *H. 'Memorial to Steve'* and seedling T04-13. The latter is Richard's most sophisticated eyed and edged daylily and is the grandchild of *H. 'Clarification'*. T04-13 will be introduced in 2008. A name has not yet been selected.

One trait Richard is currently focused on is what he calls, "instant rebloom". This is when a second scape emerges from a fan, often before the initial scape has bloomed. The density of flowers has a terrific impact in the garden. It is important because a gardener is more willing to dedicate valuable garden space to plants that produce more color for an extended period of time. Ten years from now, Richard thinks this should be more than a desired trait, it should be expected on all new introductions. His introductions *H. 'No Blue Oxfords'*, *H. 'Belle of Ashwood'*, *H. 'Clarity of Vision'*, *H. 'Forever in Love'* and *H. 'Ashwood Wray of Sunshine'* feature this trait.

Richard is also currently working on a new flower form that opens wide without the trumpet shape. The throat becomes the feature with the petal color being the icing on the cake. He believes that these "no trumpet" daylilies will someday be considered their own AHS category Richard's

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MCDS Member Gisela Meckstroth Honored at the 2007 National Convention with the AHS Regional Service Award



Gisela Meckstroth
Image: Bob Meckstroth

The Regional Service Award was established by AHS in 1974 to allow the Board of Directors to honor a limited number of members for their outstanding service to the society at the regional level.

Gisela joined MCDS in the early 1990s, served as MCDS secretary, as MCDS editor (1996-98 and again in 2006-07), and began service on the regional level when she was appointed senior Exhibition Judge and Garden Judge in 1996 and 97. She served as MCDS show co-chair and show chair, as Exhibition Judge and Garden Judge, and became an instructor in both areas. Gisela accepted the Region 2 editor

position and performed those duties in 1999-2000, 2003, 2004, and 2005. She served as Region 2 Publicity Director in 2001-02 and as Regional Vice President in 2005 and 06. On the national level, she served as International Membership Chair from 2000 through February 2007 and, in that position, served on the Publicity and Media Committee. In February 2007, she was appointed as special chair of the Regional Newsletter Exchange. She also served for several years on the AHS Education Committee and contributed to the 2002 *AHS Judging Daylilies* handbook revision.

At the 2007 Region 2 Summer Meeting, RVP John Sheehan announced that Region 2 Members elected Gisela to serve as one of the 15 AHS Board of Directors beginning January 1, 2008. In that position, Gisela will take over the duties and responsibilities of AHS Exhibitions Chair, 2005-2007 AHS Board Director, and Region 2 Member Joanne Larson .

Gisela is celebrating her 50th year in the United States. She emigrated from Germany in 1957 when she was 22 years old and followed the American Dream, becoming a US citizen in 1961. She received BS (Ohio University) and MA (OSU) degrees in Education and taught in the Columbus Public Schools and at Ohio University-Lancaster. Gisela and her husband, Bob, have a melded family. Gisela has one daughter and 3 grandsons; Bob has one daughter, 2 sons, four grandsons, and 1 granddaughter. Gisela and Bob just moved into a new home in Reynoldsburg this past winter, just 4 miles from their previous abode. The toughest part was not being able to move all of her daylilies and companion plants to their new digs! Of course, Gisela made sure that she rescued her own daylily introductions. Gisela and Bob are dedicated duplicate bridge players, and for 17 years they have lectured and directed bridge games on cruises. Gisela has maintained strong bonds with her beloved family members, childhood friends, and classmates who still live in Germany. ♡

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Minutes of April 21, 2007

A short business meeting was held prior to the Spring Auction and Guest Plant Assignments. MCDS President Karen Ciula called the meeting to order.

February 2007 Meeting Minutes

- Minutes were edited to correct the state of residence for David Kirchoff and Mort Morss to Kentucky. Amended minutes will be filed by Winnie Garabis, MCDS Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Mike Oatney reviewed the current treasury balance. The current balance of \$12,347 includes \$992 encumbered for the Ohio Hybridizer's Garden. The current unencumbered balance is \$11,355.

2007 Meeting Refreshment Volunteers

- Thank you to all volunteers. Please contact Jane Saliaris if you haven't yet signed up to bring refreshments to a 2007 meeting. Reminder calls will be made to those that have signed up.

2007 MCDS Show on July 8th

- Charles Lucius reported the 2007 Show plans are moving forward, but more volunteers are needed. Specific opportunities include assisting with:
 - the Welcome Table. Contact Barb and Dave Sayer to sign up.
 - the Judges' Lunch. Contact person: Joyce Hersh.

2012 National AHS Convention Planning Update

- Charles Lucius indicated that Garden Evaluation Tours will begin this summer. Contact Jeff Melaragno, Garden Selection Chair, to join the group.
- The Hotel Selection Committee asked members present at the meeting to complete a short survey to get an idea of how many MCDS members would need hotel rooms for the 2012 Convention for planning purposes.
- The Hotel Selection Committee indicated the need to incorporate to protect MCDS and its members. Darlene Kerr made the motion. It was seconded and passed.
- 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 ceandflucius@sbcglobal.net.

Membership Report

- MCDS has 306 members with 12 being youth members. 198 members belong to AHS.

Garden Club of Ohio Affiliation

- Winnie Garabis made a motion that MCDS become an affiliate of GCO. The \$15 annual affiliate membership fee provides MCDS members with the opportunity to subscribe to GCO and NGC publications and to attend workshops and seminars. Jan Clark seconded the motion and it was passed.

Regional Updates

- Joyce Hersh reminded AHS members to submit their votes for Region 2 AHS Director for 2008-2010. The Region 2 Nominating Committee has presented MCDS Member Gisela Meckstroth for this position. Please mail in your votes by May 15th.
- Joyce also reminded the group that registration is still open for the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Evansville, Indiana from 6/22-24.

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Summer Garden Bus Tour

- 35 spots have already been reserved for the June 30th bus trip. Contact Jeff Kerr to reserve your spot.
- Garden Clinic II will be offered as part of the bus trip.

2007 Rose Show Booth on June 9th and 10th

- MCDS will have a booth at this event at the Columbus Park of Roses. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Jeff Kerr if you can assist.

Respectfully submitted by Winnie Garabis on 04/23/07.

About our Guest Speaker Joel (Tom) Polston:

Joel (Tom) Polston operates *Pleasant Valley Gardens* with Doug Sterling. He has been hybridizing for 12 years, and he has introduced more than 25 cultivars since 2003. His goals are to hybridize northern-hardy flowers with big ruffled edges. When you look at the results of his program, you will see that he is meeting his goals as he continues to produce some really gorgeous flowers. He is active in the Midwest Hybridizers group and is very involved in promoting the new *Northern Mecca* website and tours. Tom and Doug live on a turn-of-the-century farmstead, west of Dayton. In addition to their magnificently landscaped gardens, they also raise exotic farm animals and breed draft horses.

Alan and Joyce Hersh

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Minutes of August 18, 2007

A short meeting was held after the Public Plant Sale and prior to the Summer Auction and Guest Plant Assignments. MCDS President Karen Ciula called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Announcements

- Alan Hersh called for volunteers to assist in planting 20 new plants in the Ohio Hybridizer's Garden.
- Trish Nicholson will manage Eureka sales again this year. A sign up sheet was routed for those interested in purchasing copies at the reduced group rate. Delivery is expected in time for distribution at the Holiday Party. Copies can also be mailed at an additional rate.
- Joyce Hersh reminded members that the Region 2 Auction will close on August 19th.
- Joyce also encouraged members to complete the Popularity Poll. Members that complete the poll will be entered to win a daylily plant in a prize drawing at the end of the meeting.
- Plants left from the sale will be donated to Heidelberg College, Wittenburg College, the Ohio Daylily Society and Union County Master Gardeners.
- Richard Norris was awarded the Howard Hite Award. This is a Region 2 Award given for hybridizing excellence.
- Gisela Meckstroth was elected as the Region 2 District Director for 2008-2010.
- Arielle Lucius was awarded the AHS Bertie Ferris Youth Scholarship Award.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Mike Oatney presented a current unencumbered balance of \$9,013.86.
- This amount does not consider the \$5,251 in proceeds from the public plant sale and \$7,361 from the member auction.

2012 National AHS Convention Planning Update

- A complete report will be presented at the November meeting.

Membership Report

- Bill Mellinger announced that 6 new members joined MCDS at the sale. MCDS now enjoys 318 members with 12 being youth members. 65% are AHS members.

Popularity Poll Prize Winners

- The lucky winners drawn from the list of members that had submitted a complete ballot to Joyce before the meeting ended: Tedd Long, Tony Libertini and Winnie Garabis.

Respectfully submitted by Winnie Garabis on 08/21/07.

MCDS Members Receive Regional and National Honors (continued from page 5)

AHS 2007 Bertie Ferris Scholarship: Arielle Lucius



Congratulations to Arielle Lucius for winning the AHS Bertie Ferris Scholarship for 2007. Arielle has exhibited and clerked in our show for several years. Her flower took Best of Show in 2006. She is currently attending Columbus State.

Image: Karen Ciula

From the Editor:

I would like to thank all MCDS members who have contributed to this newsletter during the last two years, and I would like to express a special big Thank-You to MCDS President Karen Ciula for her invaluable help gathering the news, for proofreading each issue, and for mailing most of this year's issues. Karen has generously agreed to assume the editorship in 2008.

2007 Region 2 Hite Award: Richard Norris (continued)

introduction *H. 'Substantial Evidence'* displays this quality. Others are *H. 'Kermit's Scream'*, *H. 'Plane Geometry'*, *H. 'Evidence of Aliens'* and *H. 'Ashwood Wray of Sunshine'* which is named after Marti Wray, a Boston-area daylily aficionado and dabbler in hybridizing.

When asked about the hottest trend 10 years from now, Richard thinks the quality of the whole plant will be most important. The AHS membership is maturing and moving away from what Richard coined "high school syndrome". He described this as when the high school boy falls in love with the cheerleader with the pretty face and curves in all the right places. Members are falling in love with more than just a pretty flower and insisting on quality of the entire plant.

Plants will be judged by length of bloom, consistency of instant rebloom and bud count.

He is sure that something we've never even imagined will be taking the daylily world by storm and that some "clairvoyant" hybridizer is thinking it up as we speak.

When asked how he felt to receive the Howard Hite Award, Richard said that he had hoped to someday be worthy of it, but was surprised and thrilled to be recognized at this time. This recognition combined with the Honorable Mention Award his *H. 'Mary Lightfine'* received in 2005 confirms that his creations are beautiful and appreciated by many.

The daylily world is thankful to Park Seed Company for marketing what Richard has since learned were tetraploid seeds from Stanley Saxton, a hybridizer from the Northeast and we look forward to Richard's future creations.☞

Congratulations to Richard Norris for Winning this Prestigious Award!

Editor's note: Richard's sister Margaret Dickson is the AHS-Region 8 Vice President (Alaska, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Oregon, Washington, Yukon).

Please Take Note and Mark Your Calendars

Eureka Daylily 2008 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 \$27.25 to pick up or \$31.50 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 2008 edition daylily calendars may pay Mike Oatney at the November 11 meeting. We were able to take advantage of a lower price of \$13 each. Contact Mike if you wish to purchase one of the extra copies available.



MCDS November 11 Meeting Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 p.m.

Guest Speakers:

➡➡ Joel Thomas Polston and Richard Norris ←←

Don't miss reading about Joel and Richard in the newsletter pages!



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