



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

Spring 2007 Newsletter

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April 2007

Dates to Remember in 2007

Saturday, April 21

- Demonstration and workshop on container gardening with mini hostas, in collaboration with Central Ohio Hosta Society from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Franklin Park Conservatory. Please see page 3 for important details.
- Demonstration and workshop on designing small and miniature flower arrangements from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at FPC. Please see page 3 for details.
- Spring Meeting
Franklin Park Conservatory
Member Auction, Member Plant Drawing.
Franklin Park Conservatory at 2 p.m.

June 22-24

Region 2 Summer Meeting in
Evansville, Indiana

Saturday, June 30

Bus trip to Southeast Ohio gardens with Garden Judges Workshop 2 offered. See page 2 for details.

Sunday, July 8

**22nd Annual Flower Show
Exhibition Judges Clinic III.** See page 7 for details. Franklin Park Conservatory

July 25-28

AHS National Convention, Minneapolis, MN

Saturday, August 18

Public Daylily Sale 10 a.m. to noon.
Auction, member plant drawing at 1 p.m.
Franklin Park Conservatory

Sunday, November 11

Fall Meeting, Speaker TBA
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 9

Holiday Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m.
Franklin Park Conservatory

President's Message

Mother Nature gave us a break and allowed us one fine day in a cold and snowy February. Our guest speakers David Kirchhoff and Mort Morss received a sunny and warm reception to the largest attendance ever for our winter meeting. David Kirchhoff offered us a glimpse of the roots of the AHS through a photo album memoir about leading hybridizers from the past. Both David and Mort Morss discussed their decision to relocate from flat, swampy Sanford, Florida to the green, rolling hills of their new home near Lexington, Kentucky. Imagine facing such a change after all those years living and hybridizing in the South. It was a monumental task last year to relocate six semi loads of daylilies, aided by hybridizer friends, both Northern and Southern. We enjoyed the gorgeous images of their recent and future introductions. MCDS wishes them the best of health and happiness in their new Daylily World.

Talking with David and Mort reinforces my philosophy about the importance of three C's to a garden society: communication, collaboration, and a willingness to change if necessary. That said, let me assure you that we are not planning any drastic changes in the organization of the MCDS.

However, it is essential to keep the lines of communication open with other societies. We order Eureka's for three other societies. We plan our meeting and show dates to share speakers and judges. We are collaborating with the hosta society to offer workshops, which many MCDS members attend. We encourage website links for garden information. Many of our members belong to other garden societies that share our educational goals. This spring the Columbus Iris Society will be planting display beds adjacent to the Ohio Hybridizers' Historic Garden in preparation for their national convention in 2009. More organizations are affiliating with the Conservatory, requesting meeting space, and sharing equipment. All of these changes require us to become innovative planners.

I am proposing that MCDS become an affiliate of the Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. For many years, we have indirectly been associated with that organization through the Artistic Design section of our show that is judged by National Garden Club certified judges. Aside from paying annual society dues of \$15 per year, MCDS will have no obligation to financially support GCO projects.

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Welcome New MCDS Members (as of March 2007)

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724-929-6644

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419-289-7178

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6657 New Horizon Ave.
Enon, OH 45323
937-327-6417

MCDS Membership (as of March 15, 2007)

Adults (64.1% AHS): 290
Youth (100% AHS): 12
Total Members: 302
Total AHS Members: 198
Total AHS Membership: .. 65.6%

President's Message (continued)

This would be a Society affiliation, not individual memberships. Our members would pay no dues but may opt to subscribe to GCO and NGC publications and attend workshops and seminars. Our affiliation would be mutually beneficial for informational purposes.

We will have a short business meeting before the auction on Saturday, April 21, to discuss this proposal.☞

Karen Ciula

Vice President's Message

We're 5 years away from our 2012 National Convention, and several planning activities are under way using the committee structure summarized in the last newsletter. Jeff Melaragno, Garden Selection Chair, and his committee will begin the multi-year garden evaluation process this summer for potential tour and open gardens. Darlene Kerr, Hotel Chair, has been gathering hotel information; and Alan Hersh, Transportation Chair, and his committee have been exploring bus options and issues. Kit Walter, Gift Plant Chair, initiated contact with a variety of hybridizers, inviting them to identify and begin growing daylilies that we can use as gift plants for Convention visitors. Our plan is to distribute new plants that have been named to relate to our Convention theme of "Discovery." Numerous hybridizers already have committed to provide gift plants for the Convention!

Many other committee actions are underway as well. Activities will continue to build as we move closer to July 2012. There remain plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved – if you're interested, please let us know.☞

Charles and Cynthia Lucius
2012 AHS National Convention Chairs

MCDS Officers

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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.
Spring is almost here! Jeff Kerr

Reservation Fee Needed to Hold Seat on the MCDS Bus Trip



Kick off the daylily bloom season with our bus tour to four Southeast Ohio gardens on Saturday, June 30, 2007. We have finalized arrangements to head off to Richard and Jan Norris' **Ashwood Garden**, where Garden Judges Clinic 2 will be offered. Several members have completed Clinic 1 at the symposium and at the Conservatory this winter and could finish their certification on the bus trip. If enough members sign up for the trip, we might also consider a second bus.

Our delicious potluck lunch stop will be at Kirk and Lee Underschultz's **Firefly Hollow Gardens**. Then on to Gerald and Ruth Rose's **Rose's Gardens** and Larry and Marla Work's **Gardens in the Works**.

More information will come in the next newsletter, but we need your paid reservation by the next meeting on **Saturday, April 21**. Send a check made out to MCDS to Jeff Kerr, 2840 Shady Ridge Drive, Columbus, OH 43231 to confirm your seat on the bus. The cost is \$25 per person.

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:	15-inch Plant Markers \$7.00	Plates only \$3.00
	20-inch Plant Markers \$7.75	15-inch wires only \$4.00
		20-inch wires only \$4.75

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:

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Deadline: June 15.

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614-851-0334

ceandcflucius@sbcglobal.net

Ohio Hybridizers' Daylily Garden:

Alan Hersh (see above)

Karen Ciula

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kciula@columbus.rr.com

April 21, 2007 Workshops:

Karen Ciula (see above)

Plant Sale Dig Coordinators:

Mike Oatney (East Side)
740-746-8337

moatney@columbus.rr.com

Charles Lucius (West Side)
(see above)

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Jim Rush
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jrush2@columbus.rr.com

APRIL 21st CONTAINER GARDENING WORKSHOP FILLING FAST

Only 10 spaces remain in the Saturday, April 21 "Container Gardening with Miniature Hostas" workshop. Participants will receive a heavy pottery container, planting mix, and three miniature hosta plants for the \$25 workshop fee.

Deb Bocknek will demonstrate how to plant a large trough for artistic effect and will answer questions about how to care for your trough garden. Beth Veldey will discuss how to arrange multiple containers in a fairy garden effect.

Please arrive at the north side employees' entrance to the Franklin Park Conservatory Lower Level Classrooms by 8:15 AM. At that time participants may choose a work station. The workshop will run from 8:30 to 11:00 AM. Additional containers and any extra hostas will be available for sale after the workshop. ☺

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP OFFERS IDEAS FOR THE SHOW

On Saturday, April 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jane Adkins, Karen Ciula, and Beth Veldey will discuss, demonstrate, and assist participants in making small and miniature artistic designs.

Participants will receive a tiny container, flowers, foliage, and instructional materials for the \$10 workshop fee.

Please bring scissors and any miniature containers that you might also wish to use in the workshop. Meet in the classroom area on the lower level of Franklin Park Conservatory.

Small and miniature designs always attract attention at the daylily show in July. This workshop is guaranteed to be fun and informative. There is no participant limit for this workshop, but you must register with Naomi Hatfield by Sunday, April 15. ☺

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Don't be closed out on these popular workshops. Make out a check payable to COHS and send to:

Naomi Hatfield, Registrar

1060 Virginia Avenue

Columbus, OH 43212

Telephone: 614-421-1217

E-mail: nzhatfield@columbus.rr.com

• **Container Gardening \$25**

• **Flower Arranging \$10**

• **Both Workshops \$35**

In Memoriam



MCDS extends condolences to the family of Dorris Emig, who passed away this winter, and to all others in our MCDS family who have lost loved ones in the past year.

Dorris was a Charter Member of MCDS. She and her sister Lura served as a daylily show tabulators for many years. ☺

Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society Minutes of Meeting Held February 11, 2007.

After an interesting program by David Kirchhoff and Mort Morss highlighting the challenges they faced during their move from Florida to Virginia as well as the latest results of their respective breeding programs, MCDS President Karen Ciula called the meeting to order.

November 2006 Meeting Minutes

- Minutes as published in the January newsletter were approved with no changes. Minutes will be filed by new secretary, Winnie Garabis.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Mike Oatney reviewed the current treasury balance. The current balance of \$17,315 includes \$992 encumbered for the Ohio Hybridizer's Garden. The current unencumbered balance is \$16,323.
- Alan Hersh made a motion to deposit \$500 from the budgeted 2007 Convention Fund into the 2012 AHS Convention Fund checking account. The remainder will go into a CD in July as approved last November. It was seconded by Charles Lucius and approved.
- The Treasurer's Report and books have been audited by Steve Williams.

2007 Meeting Refreshment Volunteers

- Thank you to all volunteers. Everyone enjoys our break-time treats. 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.

Green Thumbs Event at Olentangy Liberty High School on March 31st

- MCDS will have a booth at this event sponsored by the Delaware County Master Gardeners. Volunteers are needed for two shifts, 8:30a.m. - 12:00p.m. and 12:00p.m. - 3:30p.m. Please contact Karen Ciula if you can assist.
- MCDS members Charles and Cynthia Lucius will present a program on daylily hybridizing at this year's event.

April 21st Workshops The Morning of our Spring MCDS Meeting

- Sign-up sheets for the "Container Gardening with Miniature Hostas" (\$25) and "Exhibition Flower Arranging for Small and Miniature Designs" (\$10) were routed.
- If you are interested and not yet registered, please contact Naomi Hatfield, (614) 421-1217.

2007 MCDS Show and 2012 National AHS Convention Planning Update

- Charles Lucius reported the 2007 Show plans are underway. More information will be available at the Spring meeting.
- The Convention Committees have started meeting. Committee Chairs are still needed for the Exhibition and Garden Host committees. If you're interested in chairing one of these committees or in volunteering for any committee, please contact the Lucius' for more information at 614-851-0334 or ceandcflucius@sbcglobal.net.

Membership Report

- MCDS currently enjoys 298 members with 65% being AHS members. 12 members are youth members and 5 new members joined during the meeting.
- 50% AHS membership is required to have an accredited show. Sylvia Mellinger, Membership Chair, explained the new Voucher Program implemented to encourage membership in AHS.

MCDS Well-Represented at the Regional Level

- Joyce Hersh was introduced as the new Regional Publicity Director. In her new role, Joyce will be responsible for the Popularity Poll naming the Top Ten Plants in the region.
- Alan Hersh is serving as the Exhibition Judges Liaison. Alan encouraged participation in the Judges Education Classes scheduled in March. Region 2 needs more garden judges to represent our growing experiences. We are significantly under the 15% allowed by AHS.
- Sharon Fitzpatrick is serving as the Garden Judges Liaison.
- Bill Johannes is continuing as Region 2 Treasurer.

Spring Guest Plants

- Bill Johannes, MCDS Draw Plants Chair, announced that plants have been ordered from Tim Bell in Georgia and MCDS Member Richard Norris for the 4/21 Guest Plant Draw.

MCDS Website

- Jeff Kerr, MCDS Webmaster, reported that the website has been updated for 2007. Take a look at www.columbusdaylilies.org.
- Some members have submitted photos of their gardens and more are welcome. Links to member websites are also possible.

Summer Garden Bus Tour Date Announced

- This year's summer bus trip will be held on Saturday, June 30th.
- Thank you to the following MCDS members for welcoming us to their gardens:
 - Richard and Jan Norris
 - Gerald and Ruth Rose
 - Kirk and Lee Underschultz
 - Larry and Marla Work

Respectfully submitted by Winnie Garabis on 03/18/07.

Midwest Hybridizers Group Announces New Website



Have you heard about the *Northern Mecca*? This new website is designed to provide easy access to information about hybridizers offering new northern hardy daylilies. Originated by MCDS members Tom Polston and Bob Faulkner in the Dayton area, the site is expanding to include directions to Midwest Hybridizers' gardens in Ohio, as well as a few in Kentucky, Indiana, and Michigan.

Visitors can read a quick preview of the member's breeding program and link to the primary website to see more of the hybridizer's introductions. The group plans to organize driving tours and social gatherings to promote cooperation between growers in different cluster areas.

Check out the site at <http://www.northernmecca.com> today.

ANNOUNCING A VOUCHER PROGRAM FOR NEW AHS MEMBERS



- Any individual who is **not** an AHS member as of October 1, 2006, and becomes a **new** member at the **one-year level** (single or dual membership) will be provided with a voucher to be used for redemption of daylilies. The new member is entitled to the voucher on a one-time basis only. Individuals who join one year and fail to renew the next year are not eligible for a voucher in future years.
- Any individual who becomes an AHS member at the **three-year level** (single or dual membership), including **new members as defined above or current AHS members who renew at the three-year level for the first time** will be provided with a voucher to be used for redemption of daylilies from a single commercial grower. The new three-year member is entitled to the voucher on a one-time basis only. Members renewing in subsequent years at the three-year membership level are not eligible for a voucher in future years.
- Any individual who becomes a **lifetime** member between October 1, 2006 and February 1, 2008 (14 months) will be provided with a voucher to be used for redemption of daylilies from a single commercial grower. **A life membership provided by a region or AHS in recognition of service as an RVP, President, or other officers, or other honor is not eligible for the voucher program.**
- The voucher, provided by the Executive Secretary to the new member, will entitle the new member to obtain daylilies, based on the conditions established by the participating commercial growers. While the participating grower may establish the value of the voucher, the minimum we have requested is \$25.00. The cost of shipping will be the responsibility of the purchaser

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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. **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

P.O. Box 10

Dexter, GA 31019

E-mail: gmercer@nlaamerica.com

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

AHS New Member Voucher Program (continued from left column)

unless otherwise advised by the commercial grower. Currently we have 30 participating daylily growers, and we expect more to participate. The complete list of participating growers and their established values will be available on the AHS page www.daylilies.org.






Editor's note:

Please refer to AHS Membership Rates printed above.

Spring Plant Auction to Kick Off April 21 Meeting

Dust off your checkbook and “want list” and come ready to bid for an impressive assortment of cultivars (check out the list of returning plants). Remember, our plant auctions fund the purchase of future member guest plants.

Plants to be returned include those passed out at the 2005 spring plant drawing and cultivars that haven’t been returned for last year’s auctions. If your name appears on the list, get out your shovel and dig the listed guest plant(s) you’ve been growing the last few years. **Be sure to dig, wash, trim, tag, and return ALL BUT ONE FAN for this auction, even if your guest plant has only increased to 2 fans.** If you cannot bring your plants back personally, send them with another member. And if you know someone on the list who is no longer a member, offer to bring their plants back to the auction for them. If the plant has died or not increased to 2 fans, you must contact Bill Johannes at 614-486-7962 or wjohannes@sbcglobal.net and let him know. If you fail to notify Bill by April 20 about plants that have died or not increased, you will not be receiving a guest plant in the drawing. 🌸

Adkins Jane	Micro Dots		Lepard Sandra	Spacecoast Fantasy Flight
Adkins Jane	Substantial Evidence		Liebschner Gary	Shawnee Moon
Bachman Dan	Empire Returns		Liebschner Gary	Jamaican Music
Baker Gary	Ashwood Still Night		Liebschner Gary	When Bears Fly
Baker Gary	Velvet Eyes		Long Tedd	Ashwood Still Night
Bazzle Janet	French Twist		Long Tedd	Elderberry Candy
Bazzle Janet	Mulberry Frosted Edge		Losasso Don	Ashwood Blue Highway
Beal Carol	Chaotic Symmetry		Losasso Don	In Search of Angels
Beal Carol	Leslie Marie		Lucius Charles	Chili Spice
Blyth Fred	Minstrel’s Fire		Lynd Penny	Traditional Treasure
Bullen Pat	String Bikini		Lynd Penny	Tropical Sensation
Bullen Pat	Francois Verhaert		McCamont Marianne	Ain’t She Nice
Bullen Pat	Mulberry Connection		McCamont Marianne	Lady Kahn
Callis-Nicholson Trish	Francois Verhaert		McGowan George	Francois Verhaert
Ciula Karen	Taras Bulba		McGowan George	Mulberry Frosted Edge
Ciula Karen	Joan Hood		McKinley Carolyn	Lavender Blue Baby
Cornish-Gerwig Jo	Heavenly Breezes		McKinley Carolyn	Micro Dots
Cornish-Gerwig Jo	Sailor’s Dance		McMurry Jim	Performing Magic
Dailey Shirley	Virgil Earp		Meglan Carol	Traditional Treasure
Dailey Shirley	Spiny Sea Urchin		Mellinger Bill	Bandito Rojo
Dietsch Donna	Mary Lightfine		Mellinger Bill	Just Kiss Me
Dietsch Donna	Beyond My Dreams		Milligan Patricia	Grace from Above
Fanning Katey	Corolla Light		Milligan Patricia	Red Eyed Fantasy
Fanning Katey	La Dolce Vita		Mongold Ed	Belle of Ashwood
Faulhaber Mary	Mardi Gras Beads		Mongold Ed	Designer’s Art
Faulhaber Mary	Enticing Elegance		Montei Judy	Good Intentions
Fausnaugh Willi	Baffin Bay Beauty		Montei Judy	Joan Hood
Fausnaugh Willi	Coral Majority		Myers Ed	Pink Embroidery
Galbreath Kathy	Hawaiian Luau		Norris Richard	Patricia Corbett
Garabis Antonio	Jamaican Music		Oatney Mike	Velvet Eyes
Garabis Antonio	Missouri Morning Melody		Oatney Mike	Micro Mini
Gossard James	Enticing Elegance		O’Donnell Miriam	Virgil Earp
Gossard James	Russian Ragtime		Osman Cindy	Beyond My Dreams
Guyton Elizabeth	Skinny Dipping		Osman Cindy	Quiet Wyatt
Henley Dick	Winter in the Woods		Park Peggy	Mary Lightfine
Henley Dick	Baffin Bay Beauty		Park Peggy	Lavender Heartthrob
Hersh Joyce	Winter in the Woods		Phillips Hope	Minstrel’s Fire
Higgins Jane	Adventurous Journey		Phillips Hope	Terry Lyninger
Higgins Jane	Candy Gram		Rush Jim	Tropical Sensation
Hitt Patty	Ashwood Blue Highway		Saliaris Jane	Terry Lyninger
Hitt Patty	Substantial Evidence		Saliaris Jane	Northern Fancy
Hovatter Jeff	Adventurous Journey		Sayer Barbara	Stardust Heiress
Hurlbert Debbie	Amethyst Reflections		Sayer Barbara	Lavender Border
Hurlbert Debbie	Sorcerer’s Hat		Sayer Nancy	Cosmic Courier
Hurlbert Debbie	Another Chance Today		Sayer Nancy	Ruby Moon
Johannes Bill	Missouri Morning Melody		Schiefer Carolyn	Pink Embroidery
Johannes Bill	Notable Novelty		Schiefer Carolyn	Micro Mini
Kerr Jeff	Lavender Fantasia		Shillington Colleen	Open My Eyes
Kerr Jeff	Shawnee Moon		Shillington Colleen	Stone Beacon
Kersten Ron	Broadway Raves		Singer Bonnie	Count On It
Kersten Ron	New Day Dawning		Smith Eleanor	Quiet Wyatt
Koman Diane	Belle of Ashwood		Smith Eleanor	Hillbilly Heart
Kowalczyk Donna	Julianna’s Jewel		South Barbara	Empire Returns
Lepard Sandra	Glory Bright		South Barbara	Giant on the Mountain
Lepard Sandra	Lady Kahn		Stein Jan	Just Kiss Me

Guest Plants to be returned for plant auction (*continued*)

Stein Jan	Performing Magic
Sydow Marilyn	Chili Spice
Tadich Oksana	Mardi Gras Beads
Treece Ron	Mary Lightfine
Treece Ron	Sorcerer's Hat
Underschultz Lee	Another Chance Today
Underschultz Lee	Innocent Blush
Weaver Cathy	Mildred Brooker
Weaver Cathy	Time Line
Whiteside Gib	Frank's Fire Opal
Williams Steve	Notable Novelty
Williams Steve	Stardust Heiress
Work Larry	Don Luis

**SPRING DRAWING PLANTS ORDERED**

By *Plant Drawing Chairs Bill and Gail Johannes*

MCDS member and hybridizer, Richard Norris, has generously offered all 13 of his 2007 introductions to MCDS for our spring plant drawing, to be held **Saturday**, April 21. Cultivars coming from Richard's Ashwood Gardens include *Hemerocallis* 'Belief in Vein' (a bright orange with red/orange eye and prominent red/orange veins), 'Hip to be Square' (a rich cream rebloomer that polytepals about 60% of the time), 'Red Carpet Moment' (we always need good reds in our gardens), and 'Sharon's Delight' (a 34" cultivar with a 7" reddish purple flower).

In addition, we've ordered 47 cultivars from Bell's Daylily Garden in southern Georgia. Tim Bell says he'll send us huge double fans like he did last spring. We've selected a wide array of hybridizers (14), colors, forms (8 doubles, 4 spiders, and 3 UFOs), and recent intros (10 2006's and 18 2005's). Almost half are valued over \$90 in *EUREKA*. Cultivars include 'Sebastian the Crab' (Joiner), 'Woman at the Well' (Emmerich), 'Kay Day' (Kirchhoff), 'Aerial Display' (Stamile), 'Hold your Horses' (Trimmer), 'Jay Farquhar' (Carpenter), and 'Sycamore Orange Crush' (Bell). Before we see you on **SATURDAY**, April 21, take a moment and find a good place in your garden so your new drawing plant(s) will perform well and multiply!!

Guest Plant Drawing Rules

To receive a MCDS guest plant, a designated member of each household (same address) who has been a member of MCDS for one full year and whose dues were paid by JANUARY 1, 2007, (see MCDS Bylaws ARTICLE XI-Guest plants) must register and receive a number card before the drawing starts. By registering, the member agrees to treat the drawing plant as a guest in their garden until 2009 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 society does the "MCDS guest plant" become their personal property.

If you cannot adhere to MCDS guest plant rules or do not plan to become a long-term member, 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 auction. ☺

It's Show Time! And You All Are Invited to Attend A "Royal Occasion"!

We've picked a theme, "*Royal Occasion*," and the day is set. Grab your calendars and reserve Sunday, July 8th for the annual MCDS Daylily Show.

Have you never participated in a regal event before? It's a great time to get involved. Are you a veteran of many other coronations? Perhaps you've even worn the *Queen* or *King of Show* crown before? It doesn't matter – everyone is encouraged to participate.

Although it's only early April and we're still dreaming of our gardens yet-to-come, it's not too early to begin planning for the show. Our annual daylily show is a great way to share our favorite flowers with each other – without having to drive to multiple gardens! The show is also a great recruiting tool, as it is our club's best method to display the beauty and wonder of daylilies to a wide and varied audience. Many of our current members first learned of MCDS, and were immediately "hooked," because of the flowers they saw at one of our shows.

Most of the key volunteer positions are filled for the show, but preparation for royalty is a big deal and requires a lot of help. We'll distribute sign-up sheets at our April MCDS meeting, or you can contact one of us to explore how to get involved. Our annual show is one event that can involve every MCDS member – in planning and preparation, in set-up and take-down, in showing flowers/exhibiting floral designs/sharing daylily artwork, and in welcoming visitors and guests. By working together, we can truly make this a *Royal Occasion*!

Charles and Cynthia Lucius
Daylily Show Co-chairs

**Spring/Summer Judges Classes**

MCDS will offer a number of opportunities to its members to participate in various Judges Education classes this coming season. Two sections of Garden Judges Workshop 2 will be offered for those who need to complete their Garden Judges requirements. The first will be on June 30th on the MCDS Bus Trip, with the garden portion held in Richard Norris's Ashwood Gardens. A second session will be held during the week of July 2, with date and place to be announced later. Garden Judges who need the Refresher Workshop may participate in these Workshops. A third class will be scheduled if needed to meet demand.

MCDS will also hold an Exhibition Judges Clinic III on Sunday afternoon, July 8, to allow our local members and our visiting Judges to fill their requirements for renewal.

Persons requiring Exhibition Clinic II are reminded that it will be offered at the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Evansville/IN, at the AHS National Convention in Minneapolis/MN, and at the Region 3 and Region 10 meetings (both of those regions adjoin our own region 2). For more information about Judges Workshops and Clinics, contact Alan Hersh at 614-253-3889 or ajbherh@columbus.rr.com.

We hope we can keep up the high standard of leadership in providing Judges for AHS.

A Promise of Springtime

Several hundred garden enthusiasts hungry for warmer weather stopped by the MCDS booth on Saturday, March 31, at the *Green Thumbs Garden Fair*. The 7th annual fair was presented by the Ohio State University/Extension Master Gardener Association of Delaware County.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped promote daylilies and the advantages of MCDS membership at our table. Charles and Cynthia Lucius gave an excellent presentation on "Daylily Propagation" at one of the seminars.



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Spring Meeting Saturday, April 21, 2007

Franklin Park Conservatory Lower Level

Workshops

from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

and

from 11 am. to 12:30 p.m.

**MCDS Meeting, Member Auction,
Member Guest-Plant Drawing: 2 p.m.**

Members: Bring a guest



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First Class