



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

Winter 2007 Newsletter

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Dates to Remember in 2007

Sunday, February 11

Winter Meeting
Speaker: David Kirchhoff
Franklin Park Conservatory at 2 p.m.

February 23-25

Region 2 Symposium, Cleveland, Ohio

Wednesday, March 7

Garden Judges Workshop 1
Franklin Park Conservatory from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14

Exhibition Judges Clinic I
Franklin Park Conservatory from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m..

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.
- Demonstration and workshop on designing small and miniature flower arrangements, in collaboration with *Creative Arrangers Guild* from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- 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.

Sunday, July 8

22nd Annual Flower Show
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

Sunday, February 11: Guest Speaker David Kirchhoff

We are thrilled to announce that David Kirchhoff will join us at our February 11th meeting. Although he is modest about his accomplishments, David is among the daylily world's elite, having won essentially every award presented by the AHS, including the Bertrand Farr Award for hybridizing and Stout Silver Medals for *Hemerocallis* 'Betty Woods' and 'Bill Norris'. Equal to the acknowledgments afforded to David for his cultivar introductions is the recognition of his outstanding service to the AHS – crowned by his winning the Helen Field Fischer Gold Service Medal in 2001.

David is especially known for his magnificent red daylilies, and for his breathtaking doubles. David and his partner, Mort Morss, operate *Daylily World*. David and Mort have moved their business from Sanford, Florida, to the Lexington, Kentucky, area in the past year, which—given the size and complexity of the business—should make for wonderful stories. ☞

President's Message

2006 was a wonderful year for our gardens with comfortable temperatures for us and plenty of rain for luxuriant daylily foliage and flowers. I am looking forward to 2007 with great enthusiasm.

The MCDS has thrived as well because of the generosity and support of our members who volunteer their time and share the bounty of their gardens so freely with each other through our sale and auctions. Special thanks are in order to Jamie Gossard and Dick Henley for donations of thousands of daylily fans to our sale. Bob Thomas has also offered to host a daylily dig in his garden this August.

I cannot thank enough all the Ohio hybridizers and society members who have donated valuable plants for the display gardens, and we are working

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MCDS Membership (as of January 15, 2007)

Adults (63% AHS): 276
Youth (100% AHS): 12
Total: 288
AHS Membership: .. 64.5%

Welcome New MCDS Members (as of January 2007)

Cheryl L. Dye 07 1967 Jervis Road Upper Arlington, OH 43221 eligible May 2008	Tom & Rita Isgro **07 67 Dayspring Drive Hamilton, OH 45015 513-307-3657 (cell)
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with Franklin Park Conservatory representatives to develop plans for future growth.

Plans are already set for a summertime bus trip to four southeastern Ohio gardens. Larry and Marla Work, Gerald and Ruth Rose, Kirk and Lee Underschultz, and Richard and Jan Norris have graciously invited us to visit earlier in the bloom season. Hopefully, it will not be as hot and humid as the July trips have been.

Charles and Cynthia Lucius are beginning plans for the July daylily show and will continue to develop ideas for the 2012 national convention. The City of Columbus will also be celebrating its bicentennial that year.

Join us for a visit from the ever entertaining David Kirchoff, who has moved his daylily gardens to the new "northern mecca," not quite as far as Ohio, but getting closer. It's sure to be a lively February meeting. ☘

Karen Ciula

Vice President's Message

AHS 2012 National Convention Planning Update

Activities are under way in preparation for the AHS National Convention to be held here in Columbus, Ohio, in July 2012 (only 5 ½ years to go!!). The Convention Executive Committee is in place and includes: Charles and Cynthia Lucius – Co-chairs; Bill Mellinger – Secretary; Winnie Garabis – Registrar; and Steve Williams – Treasurer.

The first official Convention planning meeting was held in late October to discuss the subcommittees and their roles and responsibilities. These subcommittees, along with the volunteer chairs who will provide leadership for each subcommittee, are listed below:

- Gift Plants– Kit Walter (419 462-5852)
- Guest Plants – Jamie Gossard (853-0522)
- Hotel – Darlene Kerr (794-7090)
- Garden Selection – Jeff Melaragno (478-5834)
- Budget/Insurance – Trish Nicholson (759-6592)
- Transportation – Alan Hersh (253-3889)
- Program – Pat Henley (740 862-2406)
- Plant Auction – Patricia Milligan (777-1567)
- Exhibition Judges Clinic and Garden Judges Workshop – Patsy Bushdorf (873-5187)
- Garden Judges Workshops – Dick Henley (740 862-2406)
- Advertising/Publicity – Karen Ciula (471-3246)
- Program Handbook – Bill Johannes (486-7962)
- Convention Photographer – Linda Baker (738-6841)
- Convention Artwork – Lee Underschultz (740 989-2405)
- Convention Web Master – Jeff Kerr (794-7090)
- Meal Planning – Joyce Hersh (253-3889)
- Hospitality – Jean Bower (888-7847)
- Garden Host/Hostesses – OPEN

There is still plenty of time (and need) for you to get involved in the Convention planning activities. If you would like to join any of the subcommittees listed above, you are invited and encouraged to contact the appropriate chairperson(s).

Over 30 MCDS members have nominated their gardens for consideration as tour or open gardens for the Convention. We will begin the garden evaluation process this *(continued on page 3)*

MCDS Officers

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- ☒ **Recording Secretary**
Winnie Garabis
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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.

Winter is almost here! Jeff Kerr

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

Cedarthorn daylily calendar orders:
 Mike Oatney
 740-746-8337
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Eureka daylily catalog orders:
 Trish and Jim Nicholson
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MCDS Draw Plants/Labels & Stakes:
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Newsletter:
 Gisela Meckstroth
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gisela-meckstroth@worldnet.att.net
 Deadline: March 31.

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Ohio Hybridizers' Daylily Garden:
 Alan Hersh (see above)
 Karen Ciula
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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)
 Donna Kowalczyk (North Side)
 740-524-0092
daylilylady@hughes.net

Plant Sale Floor Manager:
 Gary Baker
 614 309 5024
Gbaker3@columbus.rr.com

Auction:
 Jim Rush
 614-844-5018
jrush2@columbus.rr.com

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summer, and will continue evaluations for the next 2 years before making final selections. These gardens are listed below. If you'd like to have your garden included and you are not yet on the list, please contact us as soon as possible.

The foundation is in place, and we're ready to continue our exciting journey towards 2012! ☞

Charles and Cynthia Lucius

**MCDS Member Gardens Currently Nominated
 for the 2012 AHS National Convention**

(Contact Charles and Cynthia Lucius for Inclusion)

GARDEN NAME	OWNER(S)
Amity Abloom	Charles and Cynthia Lucius
Baker's Garden	Gary and Linda Baker
Chalet in the Valley	Duane and Debbie Hurlbert
Daylily Lane	Dick and Pat Henley
Deep Ditch Farm	Donna Kowalczyk
Double Vision	Jeff and Darlene Kerr
Firefly Hollow Garden	Kirk and Lee Unterschultz
Garabis Garden	Antonio and Winnie Garabis
Gwen's Garden	Gwen Erdeljac
Heavenly Gardens	James Gossard
Hensley Garden	Chris and Kim Hensley
Jonsol in Bloom	Bill and Sylvia Mellinger
Karen's Garden	Jerry and Karen Ciula
Kit's Garden	Kit Walter
Losasso Garden	Donald and Theda Losasso
Lucius Lilies	Corey and Arielle Lucius
Lynd Fruit Farm	Mitch and Penny Lynd
Marble Cliff Gardens	Bill and Gail Johannes
Myers' Garden	Ed and Virginia Myers
O'Bannon Springs	Steve Williams
Ohio Hybridizer Daylily Gardens	Franklin Park Conservatory
Osman Garden	Cindy Osman
Paradise Garden	Jeff and Michele Melaragno
Pleasant Valley Gardens	Tom Polston and Doug Sterling
Rabbit Patch Daylily Garden	Bob and Marilyn Thomas
Rickly Daylily Garden	Shawn Rickly
Riverbend Gardens	Mike and Sandy Holmes
Rose's Daylilies	Gerald and Ruth Rose
Sayer Garden	David and Barbara Sayer
Skier's Off Season	Jim Rush and Beth Mitchell
Valley of the Daylilies	Dan and Jackie Bachman
Vertumnus Garden/Old Jim's Homestead	Jim and Trish Nicholson

In Memoriam

MCDS extends condolences to the family of Margaret Endicott, who died in October, and to all others in our MCDS family who have lost loved ones in the past year. ☞

LAST CALL FOR EUREKAS!

If you ordered a Eureka but have not paid for it, please contact Trish Callis Nicholson at 614-759-6592 or trishcallis@hotmail.com immediately! Otherwise, we will release all available Eureka's for sale at the February meeting. ☞

2007 SPRING WORKSHOPS

MCDS will once again collaborate with the Central Ohio Hosta Society and the Creative Arrangers Guild to offer workshops on the morning of our spring meeting. Several members have already expressed interest in attending these workshops, but we will also be taking reservations at the February meeting.

The cost will be \$25 for "Container Gardening with Miniature Hosta," which includes all potting supplies and 3 recent cultivars. This workshop is from 8:30 to 11 AM on Saturday, April 21.

The cost will be \$10 for "Exhibition Flower Arranging for Small and Miniature Designs," which includes all flowers and foliage. Please bring various tiny containers, but some will also be provided. This workshop is from 11 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday, April 21.

Please contact Karen Ciula at 614-471-3246 to make your reservation.

We will be set up to receive your auction plants by 1 PM. Our regular spring meeting with auction and plant drawing will begin at 2 p.m.

JUDGES EDUCATION PROGRAMS

MCDS will offer two programs for individuals who wish to become AHS Judges.

Garden Judges Workshop 1 will be offered on Wednesday March 7 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Exhibition Judges Clinic I will be offered on Wednesday March 14 from 6:30 till 9:30 p.m.

Both programs will be offered at the Franklin Park Conservatory. Persons who wish to participate must have a current copy of the AHS *Judging Daylilies Handbook*.*

These courses may be taken for credit at a cost of \$5.00 or as an auditor for \$3.00. Interest participants should contact Alan Hersh at 614-253-3889 or ahersh@columbus.rr.com at least one week prior to the course.

Alan Hersh
140 North Cassady Ave.
Bexley OH 43209
(614) 253-3889

Note:

The AHS *Judging Daylilies* handbook is available by mail order from:
Jimmy Jordan, AHS Publication Sales
276 Caldwell Road
Jackson TN 38301
(Order form can be found on page 499 of the AHS Winter 2006 Journal/
Vol 61, No 4)
or
you can order directly from the AHS web pages
(<http://www.daylilies.org/AHSpubl.html>) and pay via PayPal.
Please contact Alan Hersh before you order the handbook.

Newly Elected

MCDS Recording Secretary



Winnie Garabis hails from Canton and moved to Columbus to attend Ohio State. Upon graduation, Winnie joined Nationwide and currently works in their Office of Corporate Real Estate.

Winnie celebrated her 10 year wedding anniversary with husband Antonio in December. Since joining MCDS in 2003, they have incorporated over 500 varieties of daylilies in their Upper Arlington garden.

With encouragement from Karen Ciula, Winnie and Antonio have participated in at least the Design Division of each MCDS show since becoming members. Winnie was thrilled to win the Tri-Color Award with her miniature design at last year's show. Winnie and Antonio will serve as Design Chairs for this year's MCDS and COHS (Central Ohio Hosta Society) shows.

The couple joined AHS in 2004 and Winnie completed the Exhibition Judge Course I in 2006. She has also agreed to serve as Registrar for the 2012 AHS Convention in Columbus.

Other Garden Pursuits:

- President, Serendipity Garden Club, 2007-08
- President, Greater Columbus Council of Garden Clubs, 2007-08
- Secretary, Nationwide Garden Club
- Member, Central Ohio Hosta Society
- Completed Flower Show School Course I in 2006

Winnie's interests besides gardening include playing card and board games of all kinds, crossword puzzles, and adding to her Longaberger basket and spoon collections.☺

MCDS Members Appointed to

2007-2008 AHS-Region 2

and AHS

National Positions



Karen Ciula—AHS Exhibitions Committee

AHS Exhibitions Chairman Joanne Larson, has recruited Karen Ciula as a member of the AHS Exhibitions Committee for 2007. This committee discusses any problems or issues associated with daylily shows or exhibition procedures; then it directs any requests for major changes to the AHS Board of Directors at the national convention. Karen welcomes any suggestions for ways to improve or change the way flowers are exhibited and judged at the show and will pass them along to the committee for discussion.



Region 2 Vice President John Sheehan has appointed and reappointed four Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society members to the following positions at the regional level:

Joyce Hersh—Publicity Director

Joyce has been active in the Columbus Metropolitan Daylily Society in small ways for almost 10 years. She has helped with the auctions, the holiday potlucks, and the daylily sales for many years. She is a garden judge and an exhibition judge, and she has attended several regional daylily meetings as well as a number of national conventions. Joyce has attended four Region 2 Winter Symposiums and has written articles for the newsletter. She is one of the “Food” chairs on the planning committee for the 2012 AHS National Convention. She works full time as a health educator for the Ohio Department of Health.

Joyce says that part of her RPD responsibilities is to collect the results of the regional popularity poll. So, as your daylilies start blooming, and as you visit various gardens and attend conventions, stop to think about your favorite daylilies. She will be preparing a ballot for you to complete and return to her. Stay tuned for further information.

Bill Johannes—Treasurer

Bill has held several officer positions in MCDS. He and his wife, Gail, have been growing daylilies at their Marble Cliff home for the past 16 years. About 550 different cultivars are complemented by various perennials, annuals, and roses. Bill is retired from Bank One and works part time at the Marble Cliff Village Hall. Travel is a passionate hobby, although it must be timed to avoid gardening season and OSU football. They have gone south of the equator the last few years to see big game in Tanzania, the blue lagoons of Polynesia, and soon, the gardens of New Zealand and Australia.

Sharon Fitzpatrick—AHS-Region 2 Garden Judges Liaison

Sharon is an AHS Garden Judge and instructor and also an AHS Exhibition Judge and instructor. Since 1985 Sharon has been active in MCDS as secretary, VP, president, flower show co-chair/flower show chair, Christmas Party chair, publicity chair and registration chair for many shows. She has helped with multiple plant “digs” for club sales and served for nine years as MCDS guest plant chair. She helped plan and plant the *AmeriFlora* daylily bed at Franklin Park.

On the regional level, Sharon served on the 1999 Region 2 planning committee, and her garden was on that regional tour. She instructed GJ Workshops 1 and 2 for MCDS, ODS, and Region 2. She has filled in as show judge when needed. Sharon served as Region 2 Secretary, Region 2 Garden Judge Liaison and registrar for the Region 2 Symposium. She chaired and served on Region 2 nominating committees. She has also won two AHS “Best Article in a Regional Newsletter” awards and two AHS Photography awards, one for a slide sequence for planting the AHS *AmeriFlora* bed for the 1992 celebration and one for best garden slide.

Sharon is also a member of the Ohio DS and supports the Mid West Hybridizers meetings in Dayton, Ohio. Sharon hybridizes daylilies, and she has donated her introductions to auctions benefiting Region 2 Symposiums, Region 2 summer meetings, and the MCDS Guest Plant drawings.

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 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.*

Alan Hersh—AHS-Region 2 Exhibition Judges Liaison

Alan has grown daylilies for more than ten years. He has been an American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) member for ten years, and he has attended AHS national conventions and regional meetings. Alan is a past president of MCDS, is currently chair of the Ohio Hybridizer Garden, is MCDS Judges Education chair, holds accreditation as a Garden Judge and Garden Judges Instructor and as Exhibition Judge and Exhibition Judges Instructor.

Alan is serving as a consultant for deMonye’s Greenhouse for daylilies, hostas, alpines and other specialty plants as well as working for the greenhouse during the spring as a sales consultant.

Congratulations to You!

Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society Minutes of Meeting Held November 12, 2006

After a delightful and informative program by Gil Stelter and an auction of three of Mr Stelter's introductions, MCDS President Karen Ciula called the meeting to order.

2006 MCDS Holiday Party

- Volunteers are needed to help with the Holiday Party scheduled for December 10th at 6pm. A sign-up sheet was routed for volunteers. Please contact Karen Ciula if you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to volunteer.
- Invitations were available for attendees and will be mailed to those that were not present. Please be sure to respond either way to help with meal planning.
- Once again, there will be an optional gift exchange. If you are interested, bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$10 or less. Everyone that brings a gift leaves with a gift.

2007 Meeting Refreshment Volunteers

- We love our sugar! Sign-up sheets were routed to recruit volunteers to bring refreshments to the 2007 meetings. They will be routed again at the next meeting.

Ohio Hybridizer Garden Work Continues...

- Volunteers will continue to work on putting the Ohio Hybridizer's Garden to bed on November 16th with a rain date of 11/28. Please contact Alan Hersh at 614-253-3889 or ajbherh@columbus.rr.com with questions.

2007 Eureka Guides

- If you ordered a Eureka Guide and have not yet paid, please send your check written to MCDS to:
Trish Callis Nicholson
3032 Highland Park Dr
Pickerington OH 43147
- Send \$26.53 if you plan to pick up your copy at a meeting and \$30 if you want it mailed to you. You can contact Trish with questions at 614-759-6592 or trishcallis@hotmail.com.

2007 Cedarthorne Daylily Calendars

- If you ordered a calendar and have not yet paid, please contact Mike Oatney to arrange payment at 740-746-8337 or moatney@columbus.rr.com.
- There are a few extras, so contact Mike if you are interested. They make great gifts for your gardening friends!

2012 National AHS Convention Planning

- A meeting was held on 10/29 and all Convention Committee Chairs have been named. Volunteers will be contacted to begin work. If you're interested in volunteering and haven't yet supplied your name to the Convention Committee, please contact Charles or Cynthia Lucius for more information at 614-851-0334 or ceandcflucius@sbcglobal.net.

Membership Report

- MCDS currently enjoys 339 members with 191 members being AHS members (56.3%).
- Dues must be received or postmarked by December 31st to be eligible for plant draws in 2007. There will be no exceptions.
- Dues can be paid at the holiday party or mailed to:
Sylvia and Bill Mellinger
706 Jonsol Court
Gahanna OH 43230-3118
- Check your newsletter label if you have questions about your dues' expiration date. The year they expire is printed on your label. AHS members will also have an asterisk (*) on their label. If you are an AHS member and do not have an asterisk OR if you have an asterisk and are not an AHS member, please let the Mellinger's know so they can update club records accordingly.
- E-mail the Mellingers at williewagtail10@sbcglobal.net if you need a current membership list. It is available in a pdf format. Hard copies of the roster will be made available at the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Mike Oatney reviewed the current treasury balance. Barbara South made a motion that the report be filed. It was seconded and approved.

2007 Budget

- The move to a calendar fiscal year and the desire to create a balanced budget uncovered a potential budget deficit. The Executive Committee proposed a raise in dues effective for 2008 to address that need.
- Bill Mellinger made a motion to divide the question of approving the budget into two questions: the approval of a dues increase and the approval of the 2007 budget. The motion was seconded and carried.
- A dues increase from the current \$5 for single and \$6 for dual to \$10 for single and \$15 for dual was proposed. The current dues have been effective for over 20 years. After discussion, Bill Mellinger made a motion to increase the dues which was seconded by Dick Henley and approved by the attending members.
- Mike Oatney reviewed the proposed 2007 Budget on a line by line basis. After discussion from the floor, Dick Henley made a motion to approve the budget which was seconded by Bill Mellinger. The motion was carried.

Nominating Committee Report

- Jeff Kerr chaired the Nominating Committee and presented the following slate of officers for 2007:
President – Karen Ciula
Vice President – Charles Lucius
Treasurer – Mike Oatney

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What a Difference a Year Makes

By Karen Ciula

Balmy weather in December 2006 welcomed the 110 members, family, and friends to an evening of great food and companionship at the holiday party. A dramatically lit Chihuly Fiori glass garden in the lower atrium enhanced the delicious buffet selections. Donna Dietsch and Carol Beal organized the gift exchange along with Santa Jim Rush and his helpers. Many thanks go to Pat and Larry Bullen, who printed and mailed the invitations and made the nametags, and to everyone who volunteered to decorate tables, serve appetizers and punch, and clean up after the party. ❧



Above right: Donna Dietsch and Doug Sayer encourage helper elves Brandon and Ryan Sayer.

Left: Aunts Nancy and Amanda and Uncle Quentin Sayer admire Doug and Stacy Sayer's baby Kaylin.



Images contributed by Karen Ciula

Discover Daylilies in Columbus, Ohio AHS National Convention — 2012

The Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society has been approved to host the AHS National Convention in 2012. Planning is already underway, as there is much to be done. MCDS plans to continue the tradition of presenting a gift plant to each person who attends the convention. We are hoping to provide a variety of different daylilies as opposed to giving the same plant to every attendee.

MCDS is looking for hybridizers who are interested in helping to supply daylilies for this event. Below is a list of the criteria being considered for these gift plants:

- ◆ Daylilies from Ohio Hybridizers
- ◆ Registered daylilies that are not on the market prior to the convention
- ◆ Daylily names relating to the "Discover" theme
- ◆ At least 60 plants of each variety
- ◆ No tissue culture plants
- ◆ Daylilies that have been tested in other regions

If you are interested in contributing gift plant daylilies for this convention, please contact:

Kit Walter (2798 N. Union Street, Galion OH 44833)

MCDS November 12 Meeting Minutes *(continued from page 6)*

Secretary – Winnie Garabis

- Membership was asked if there were other nominations from the floor and there were none.
- Alan Hersh moved that the slate of officers presented be put to vote and Barbara South seconded. The slate of officers was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Winnie Garabis on 11/13/06.

Last Minute Reminder:
Attend the 2007 Region 2 Symposium
February 23-25 in Cleveland, Ohio.

\$90 Registration: Feb. 16

\$110 Registration: After Feb. 16

\$40 Registration for Youth Anytime

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

The speaker lineup is, of course, once again tops. There will also be an opportunity to bid on those valuable auction plants and to purchase this and that "must-have" item from the boutique. There will also be the opportunity to take Garden Judges Workshop 1 and possibly Clinic I (contact Alan Hersh if you are interested).

The Region 2 Symposium agenda/registration form is available on the MCDS web pages (www.columbusdaylilies.org), the Region 2 web pages (www.ahsregion2.org), or you can ask your MCDS President Karen Ciula or your MCDS Editor Gisela for a copy.

The drive to the symposium takes only a little more than 2 hours, and the hotel (well south of Cleveland) is easy to find.

Symposium Hotel info:

Doubletree Hotel Cleveland South
6200 Quarry Lane
Independence, OH 44132-2218
Tel 216-447-1300

\$84 single or double plus tax. Rate is good if booked by Feb. 12, 2007.

Winter Meeting
Sunday, February 11, 2007
Franklin Park Conservatory
Lower Level

Time: 2 p.m.

Guest Speaker: David Kirchhoff

Members: Bring a guest



Graphics on pages 1, 4, 5, and 8 were contributed by Region 2 Member Lee Alden of Frog's Leap Daylily Gardens, White Lake, Michigan.



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

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First Class