



# Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

## Fall 2006 Newsletter

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### Dates to Remember

#### In 2006

#### Sunday, November 12

Fall Meeting. Speaker: Gil Stelter  
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 p.m.

#### Sunday, December 10

Holiday Dinner  
Franklin Park Conservatory, 6-9 p.m.

#### In 2007

#### Sunday, February 11

Winter Meeting  
Speaker (to be arranged)  
Franklin Part Conservatory at 2 p.m.

#### February 23-25

Region 2 Symposium, Cleveland, Ohio

#### Saturday, April 21

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

#### Sunday, July 8

22nd Annual Flower Show  
Franklin Park Conservatory

#### July 25-28

AHS National Convention, Minneapolis, MN

#### Saturday, August 18

Public Daylily Sale, Auction, Club Plant Draw  
Franklin Park Conservatory, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

#### Sunday, November 11

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

#### Sunday, December 9

Holiday Dinner at Franklin Park Conservatory

#### MCDS Membership

##### (as of October 10, 2006)

Adults (55.8% AHS): ... 326  
Youth (100% AHS): ..... 12  
Total: ..... 338  
AHS Membership: 194 (57.4%)

## November 12 Guest Speaker:

## Gil Stelter

Gil is working on producing Unusual Form daylilies and spiders that are hardy in the North. As many other hybridizers have done, he has been crossing the recent exotic introductions from Florida with more hardy northern types. What makes his hybridizing program distinctive, however, is his successfully crossing recent tetraploids to *Hemerocallis fulva*, the dreaded wild "ditch lily."

Gil will also show examples of three generations of these crosses, which many folks thought impossible. Many of the crosses are proving to be very vigorous, hardy, and quite beautiful. He credits the idea of using *H. fulva* to his research on Dr. Arlow Stout and will show how Stout's work is still relevant today.

Gil is a retired university professor of urban history and writes and lectures about world cities. AHS awarded Gil the award for "Best Hybridizing Article" published in the Fall 2005-Winter 2006 Region 2 Newsletter. He and his wife Sally will spend most of October in Istanbul, Turkey. They garden in the historic city of Guelph, Ontario, about fifty miles west of Toronto, where Gil is also very much involved in heritage preservation.

Please note that Mr. Stelter indicated that he will share with us results from his program that have not been seen before. His hybridizing program has advanced significantly since he was guest lecturer at the Region 2 Symposium in 2005 in Cleveland. ↵

### Welcome New MCDS Members

(as of October 2006)

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## President's Message

When we chose the theme of "Where the Wild Things Are" for our 2006 show, we had no idea how similar to a prophecy it would be. It has indeed been a wildly successful year for MCDS.

Some of our members' gardens were hit early with hailstorms and floods, and our Gahanna gardens were shredded in the recent surprise hailstorm. Nevertheless, overall weather conditions favored daylily growth this year, and we can look forward to strong growth next spring.

Our membership continues to hold steady, thanks to everyone who invites friends to our meetings and the sale. We are financially strong thanks to our plant sale and auctions.

We can be proud of the successful relationship between MCDS and the Franklin Park Conservatory. The Ohio Hybridizers' Gardens have thrived with a current total of 233 cultivars, including seventeen 2005 and 2006 introductions. Daylilies donated from sale leftovers were planted near the special events tent and will be seen by hundreds of wedding guests. Clumps removed from the stone circular beds were divided and replanted into the entrance gardens. The remainders will be transplanted in April to make space for a new species collection.

I have received thank you notes from the Conservatory, the Union County Master Gardeners, Fairfield County MRDD, and the Ohio Daylily Society for plant donations after the sale. Fragrant daylilies were also added to gardens for the blind and the Motts Military Museum. We have also received acknowledgments and thanks from the AHS and Region 2 for our financial contributions.☺

*Karen Ciula*

## Vice President's Message

### AHS 2012 National Convention Update

Although we still have a lot of time before MCDS will be hosting the AHS National Convention in Columbus, the planning process has already begun. We have been focusing our initial activities in two areas – identifying potential open and tour gardens, and defining the organization structure we will use to actually accomplish the many necessary tasks required to make this event a success.

Over 30 MCDS members responded to our request to nominate gardens for the Convention! This provides a fantastic foundation for our Convention, and represents a wide variety of both garden types and geographic locations. We developed an evaluation template for the gardens (to facilitate an objective selection process) and asked the "owners" to perform a self evaluation this first year. During the next couple of years, the same gardens will be evaluated by independent reviewers, using the same evaluation process. We'll publish the list of potential open and tour gardens in the next newsletter.

We will manage the Convention planning and implementation process through a Convention Executive Committee and a network of Subcommittees. My wife, Cynthia,

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## MCDS Officers

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## MCDS WEBSITE UPDATE

The MCDS website [www.columbusdaylilies.org](http://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](mailto: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:**

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## Eureka Daylily

### 2007 Reference Guides on Order

To take advantage of the lowest price available, we combined orders from the Ohio Daylily Society, the Northeast Ohio Daylily Society, and the Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society. The following MCDS members have placed orders and may pay in November. The price is \$26.53 to pick up or \$30 for mailing. We have ordered some extras that you may reserve from Trish Callis Nicholson at 614-759-6592 or [trishcallis@hotmail.com](mailto:trishcallis@hotmail.com)

Fred Blyth, Beverley Campbell, Patsy Bushdorf, Karen Ciula, Debby Colvin, Rich Connell, Robert Faulkner, Winnie Garabis (2), Marie Gill, Marlene Harrington, Naomi Hatfield, Dick Henley, Kim Hensley, Alan Hersh, Jane Higgins, Jeff Hovatter, Bill Johannes, Eugene Kepler, Jeff Kerr, Diane Koman, Donna Kowalczyk, Karen Layne, Tedd Long, Don Losasso, Charles Lucius, Marianne McCamont, Carolyn McKinley, Becky McMurry (2), Gisela Meckstroth, Sylvia Mellinger, Ed Mongold, Heidi Moore, Ed Myers, Cindy Osman, Hope Phillips, Ruth Rose, Jane Saliaris, Carolyn Schieffer, Debbie Spangler, Doug Sterling, Jeanne Sutton, Kathie Szymczak, Oksana Tadich, Gil and Karen Whiteside (2), Larry and Marla Work (2).

### Free AHS Membership for all Youth Members in 2007

The AHS-Region 2 officers proposed, and the Region 2 membership voted at the 2006 annual summer meeting, to pay all AHS Youth Memberships up to a total of \$1,500 per year.

For additional information, please contact your club president or the Region 2 Vice President.

### A Big Thank-You from AHS

The AHS Board of Directors gratefully acknowledged the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society "Gold Donor Level" gift to the American Hemerocallis Society's William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust and wishes our club continued success and another outstanding year. The contribution will be published in the Winter 2006 AHS Journal pages.

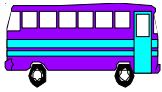
*Jerry Pate Williams*, AHS Endowments Chair

The MCDS editor would like to thank MCDS President Karen Ciula for her invaluable help gathering the newsletter material, revising it, and proofreading the text. In fact, Karen has acted as co-editor for all five 2006 newsletter issues.

*Gisela Meckstroth*

# Fun in the Sun Bus Trip

By Karen Ciula



After several days of record rainfall, we were blessed with a steamy hot but rain free Saturday for our July 15 bus trip.

Our first stop was at Beth Veldey's beautifully landscaped hosta, daylily, and perennial garden in Lewis Center. Beth was President of the Central Ohio Hosta Society for several years, but she has recently discovered how daylilies can complement her hosta collection.



*The unexpectedly extended lunch at Larry and Pat Bullen's garden provided a golden opportunity to form friendships. Image: Karen Ciula*

ently extended into an afternoon of eating, drinking, chatting, and admiring their lush field of flowers because our bus became stuck in the rain-soaked turf. After a giant tractor failed to budge the bus, an industrial-sized tow truck finally arrived to save the day.

Heading back into Gahanna, we stopped at the home of Bill and Sylvia Mellinger where they broke out the ice cream treats for a much needed energy boost. The Mellingers' beautifully



*A much appreciated tow truck finally arrived to get the bus "back on the road." Image: Karen Ciula*

Bob Thomas' Rabbit Patch AHS Display Garden near Centerburg was a rush of rainbow colors and at peak bloom. Bob's wife, son, and Ohio Daylily Society friends Chuck and Carol Stinnett were ready to dig and sell at bargain prices. Bob grows large numbers of Gossard and Hanson cultivars as well as the best from the southern hybridizers. We filled the bus trunk with our treasures. The lunch stop at Larry and Pat Bullen's garden was inadvert-

groomed collection was sensational.

The final stop at Jerry and Karen Ciula's and Bob and Marie Gill's gardens was just down the hill. By then the heat of the day was softening, but their daylilies had held up well and were gorgeous. The group may have been a bit wilted when they arrived back at Franklin Park at 6 PM, but it had been a fine journey with loads of good-natured fun. ☺



*A snapshot from the Ohio Hybridizer Garden dedication ceremony, July 9, 2006, in Franklin Park. Image: Meckstroth*



*Image: Karen Ciula*

## AHS Honors MCDS Youth Member Corey Lucius with the Bertie Ferris Scholarship Award



Corey Lucius with his Tricolor Ribbon winning Design at the 2005 MCDS Show.  
Image: Cynthia Lucius

Congratulations from all MCDS members to Corey for winning the \$1,000 scholarship. Corey has been one of our club members for quite a few years. He, his older brother Nick, and their younger sister Arielle have participated in many MCDS activities and events. He won the Tricolor Ribbon for his design in the Design Division at the 2004 MCDS show, and his large oil painting of a daylily scape was the center attraction in the 2004 "Daylilies in the Arts" exhibition during the same show. He also won the Tricolor award again in 2005 along with a Blue Ribbon award. Corey has won many AHS Purple and Blue Ribbon awards over the years.

Corey's brother Nick had the first AHS Youth Display Garden, and Corey and his sister Arielle continue to maintain this garden.

The AHS, Region 2, and MCDS are very proud to count Corey as one their members. Corey's college classes have already started, and we all wish him much success with his studies. ☺

## Make Plans to Attend the 2007 Region 2 Symposium February 23-25 in Cleveland, Ohio.

**S**ymposium organizer Curt Hanson has extended a warm invitation from himself for the interesting information exchange during this Region 2 Symposium.

The speaker lineup is, of course, once again tops:

Sandy Holmes (OH), Linda Michaels (NY), Bob Scott (OK), Joann Stewart (GA), Liz and Jeff Salter (FL), Kathy Lamb (MN), Nikki Schmith (MI), Tommy Maddox (MS); Peggy and Jim Jeffcoat (SC), and Mort Morss (KY), Alan Hersh (OH), Jamie Gossard (OH).

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.

If you have or will have completed Clinic I or Workshop 2 by July 21, why not sign up for the next clinic or workshop and finish up your training. If you need to keep your judges credentials up-to-date, don't overlook the Refresher Clinic and Workshop 2 (you can check your status with your Region 2 VP Gisela Meckstroth, tel: 614-864-0132 or e-mail: [gisela.meckstroth@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gisela.meckstroth@worldnet.att.net)).

The Region 2 Symposium agenda/registration form is available on the MCDS web pages ([www.columbusdaylilies.org](http://www.columbusdaylilies.org)), the Region 2

## Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

### Memberships (due January 1)

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Single Membership | \$5.00 |
| Dual Membership*  | \$6.00 |

Pay MCDS Membership either at the meeting or send to:

Sylvia and Bill Mellinger  
706 Jonsol Court  
Gahanna OH 43230-3118

\*Note: Two persons living in same household.

### A Note from our Membership Chairs

#### MCDS New Members Packet

If you have joined MCDS recently, please contact Bill and Sylvia Mellinger 614-418-4786, [williewagtail10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:williewagtail10@sbcglobal.net) or Karen Ciula 614-471-3246, [kciula@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kciula@columbus.rr.com) for a "New Members Packet." It will contain the MCDS Bylaws and much important information you will want to have at your fingertips.

#### AHS Membership

Those of you who have not joined AHS are missing a lot of valuable information from our national and Region 2 organizations. Joining AHS also benefits our MCDS since we need more than 50% of our members to join AHS in order to have an accredited daylily show and qualify for AHS Judges. **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*

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*E-mail: [gmercer@n1america.com](mailto:gmercer@n1america.com)*

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

web pages ( [www.ahsregion2.org](http://www.ahsregion2.org) ), or you can ask your MCDS President Karen Ciula or your MCDS Editor Gisela for a copy at the November 12 MCDS meeting or to have it mailed to you.

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

*Gisela*



Graphic: MCDS Member Jill Yost

## MEMBERS TRAVEL TO LAKE TAHOE

By Bill and Sylvia Mellinger



In late September several members of MCDS, Dan & Jackie Bachman, Jamie Gossard and Bill & Sylvia Mellinger, attended the Lake Tahoe International Daylily Conference (LTIDC) held at the Granlibakken Resort, Tahoe City, CA. The LTIDC was sponsored by the Southern California Hemerocallis and Amaryllis Society (SCHAS) of which Frank Cusenza is the current president. Each person was given a Stamile *H. Tahoe* daylily to add to their garden daylily collection.

This conference, with an opening address by the current AHS President Kevin Walek, brought together many of the major daylily hybridizers currently working in the United States and Canada. During the three-day meeting the conference attendees were treated to a variety of presentations from our own Jamie Gossard (“Unusual, Got it Covered”) to Grace and Pat Stamile (“Miniature Kingdom” & “Growing Daylilies of Distinction”), David Kirchhoff, Mort Morss (“As the Daylily World Turns”), Dan and Jane Trimmer (“From Seeds to Bloom in Nine Months” & “The Other Half of Watermill”), Jeff and Elizabeth Salter (“Here’s Looking at you Kid”), Karol Emmerich (“Daylilies on Ice”), Ted Petit (“Green Eggs and Ham. What next?”), Frank Smith (“Big, Bold, Round and Ruffled”), John Peat (“Size Counts”), and John Kinnebrew (“Taking off with Spacecoast”)

Within the next two to three years we can look forward to many new and exciting introductions from the creative talents of these successful hybridizers.

David Kirchhoff’s presentation, “Daylilies, Then and Now” was interesting in that he traced the history of the modern daylily from the pre Stout period to the modern day hybridizing efforts of those folks in the United States and Canada. It would be good to have David make this interesting presentation to MCDS at one of our regular meetings. David and Mort Morss have relocated from Florida and are now residing in Kentucky; so, both of these gentlemen are now much closer to the Columbus and Cincinnati areas and could be invited to attend the Cincinnati and Columbus Club meetings.

Karol Emmerich extended an invitation to everyone to attend the 2007 AHS National Convention. The 2007 AHS National Convention will be held in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN from July 25-28, 2007.

At the end of the second day there was a spirited Chinese auction and daylily auction, with both events raising monies to support this endeavor. The food was excellent, and the camaraderie was first rate. The LTIDC was a great way to end the 2006 daylily season. ❧

## “Where the Wild Things Are”

By Karen Ciula, Show Chair

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual MCDS flower show was held at Franklin Park Conservatory on Sunday, July 9, 2006. 374 scapes were entered, plus 25 artistic floral designs, and two tables of Daylilies in the Arts displays.

We are extremely proud of our Youth members who entered 50 scapes and took numerous top awards. Arielle Lucius’ *Hemerocallis* ‘Don Stevens’ took the Best-in-Show rosette; Ryan Gossard’s *H.* ‘Red-Eyed Jack’ was Best Extra-Large flower; Mark Williams took 8 purple ribbons. Corey Lucius, Corey Gossard, and Nathan Sayer also earned high honors.

The success of this show was directly related to the 125 members who showed their flowers and volunteered for committee assignments. 430 came to admire the beauty of all those fabulous flowers both inside the conservatory and outside in the historic gardens.

### Congratulations to the following winners:

- Best-of-Show and Best Youth: ... *H.* ‘Don Stevens’ ..... Arielle Lucius
- Best Extra-Large: ..... *H.* ‘Red-Eyed Jack’ ..... Ryan Gossard
- Best Large and King-of-Show: ... *H.* ‘Mary’s Gold’ ..... Charles Lucius
- Best Small: ..... *H.* ‘Custard Candy’ ..... Cynthia Lucius
- Best Miniature: ..... *H.* ‘Pookie Bear’ ..... Ed Mongold
- Best Double: ..... *H.* ‘Vanilla Fluff’ ..... Bill Johannes
- Best Spider: ..... *H.* ‘Curly Cinnamon Windmill’ ..... Bill Johannes
- Best Unusual Form: ..... *H.* ‘Starman’s Voyage’ ..... Bill Johannes
- Best Popularity Poll: ..... *H.* ‘Bela Lugosi’ ..... Darlene Kerr
- Best Seedling: ..... *H.* ‘Doc Branch’ X *H.* ‘Surprises Inside’ ..... Cynthia Osman
- Novice Award: ..... *H.* ‘Siloam Baby Doll’ ..... Joyce Hersh



Arielle Lucius with her **Best-in-Show Winner *H.* Don Stevens** at the 2006 MCDS Show. Image: Karen Ciula

## TWO DEDICATED MEMBERS: ED AND VIRGINIA MYERS

By Bill Johannes

It was MCDS Charter Member Bernie Grebus, who introduced Ed and Virginia Myers to daylilies, and the flower has been a significant part of their lives ever since. Wishing to have a local, Central Ohio club since joining the Ohio Daylily Society in 1982, this couple were charter members of MCDS and been very active ever since. They have served as AHS Garden Judges since 1994, Region 2 Master Panelists (1997), Region 2 Newsletter Co-editors (1995-96), Region 2 Summer Meeting registrars (1992 and 1997), Region 2 Summer Meeting Chairs (1999 in Columbus), MCDS committee chairs and Plant Sale cashiers and auctioneers for many years, and Region 2 Bylaws-changes committee members.

They have attended every Region 2 Summer Meeting since 1989, attended all but two National Conventions since 1993, opened their garden to numerous garden clubs and guests annually, and made numerous daylily presentations to area garden clubs.

Virginia served as MCDS Membership Chair from 1989 through 2005, overseeing Club growth from less than 100 to more than 300 today. She has been MCDS Secretary and Treasurer, Hospitality Chair for several MCDS Flower Shows, Region 2 Secretary for two terms (1999-2000 and 2003-2004), AHS Exhibition Committee member for several years, an active Exhibition Judge since 1994, and an AHS Garden Judge.

Ed has been Region 2 RVP for 2003-2004, Region 2 RPD for 1999-2000, Member of the 2001, 5-state Region 2 Committee that studied the AHS suggested "Region 2 split-issue," an active Exhibition Judge since 1992, an AHS Garden Judge, Ohio Daylily Society Vice President and Trustee, MCDS President, MCDS Spring Guest Plant Chair for many years, and a contributor of articles and pictures for Region 2 newsletters.

Both were born and raised in Central Ohio and graduated from Groveport High School where they played in the band together. Three years after graduation, they married and settled in the Groveport area. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in 2006! After serving in the Marine Corps in Korea, Ed was a telephone engineer for Buckeye Telephone and its successors for 37 years before retiring in 1988. Virginia worked for State Auto Insurance for 7 years before starting their family and for 23 years as Secretary with the Groveport Madison School system before retiring. They are proud parents of 2 daughters and a son and 7 grandchildren. Virginia has been an active member of the Groveport Garden Club for 25 years and enjoys sewing. Ed is active in the Lions Club, having served as its President and for 12 years, its secretary. Both are active at the Groveport Zion Lutheran Church. Ed enjoys hybridizing daylilies and has introduced several, including *H.* 'Royal Ring' and *H.* 'Little Summer Star', which won the Region 2 Englerth Award in 1997. He says some of his favorite daylilies are *H.* 'Sherry Lane Carr', *H.* 'Ed Brown', and *H.* 'Bela Lugosi'.

MCDS has certainly been blessed to have these two dedicated members amongst us for the past 20 years. Here's hoping we have them for many more. 🌸

### 2006 AHS Region 2 Service Award Bestowed on Ed and Virginia Myers



The American Hemerocallis Society's Board of Directors announced at the 2006 AHS National Convention that Ed and Virginia had been honored as recipients of this prestigious award of merit for their dedicated and longtime service at the regional 2 level. AHS Director Joanne Larson presented the award during the 2006 Region 2 Symposium award ceremony. AHS established this award in 1974 to recognize deserving members for their outstanding service to the society at the regional level.

Image: Region 2 Editor Narda Jones

### Vice President's Message (continued from page 2)

and I have volunteered to serve as Convention Co-chairs. Other members of the Executive Committee include:

- Secretary, Bill Mellinger,
- Treasurer, Steve Williams,
- Registrar, Winnie Garabis.

We are currently filling Subcommittee Chair roles, and will be meeting to discuss responsibilities of each subcommittee in late October. When this has been accomplished, all positions will be submitted to the MCDS Officers for approval. A list of all Subcommittees, along with the Chairs, will be published in our next newsletter. Although we have many volunteers already signed up, we'll also include another invitation for all of you to get involved in the area(s) that interest you. 🌸

Charles Lucius

## **Cedarthorne Daylily Calendars on Order**

To take advantage of a lower price, MCDS ordered 31 calendars for \$13 each. The following members have placed orders and may pay when the calendars arrive, hopefully before our next meeting. Please call Mike Oatney at 740-746-8337 or [moatney@columbus.rr.com](mailto:moatney@columbus.rr.com) if you wish to place an order. We do have some extras ordered.

Janice Bailey (1); Patsy Bushdorf (1); Gerald Bushong (1); Trish Callis (1); Karen Ciula (1); Marlene Harrington (1); Naomi Hatfield (1); Dick Henley (1); Elizabeth Herbein (2); Jeff Hovatter (1); Diane Koman (1); Charles Lucius (3); Becky McMurry (1); Mike Oatney (2); Jane Saliaris (1); Carolyn Schieffer (1); Debbie Spangler (1)✿

## **Fall Meeting Sunday, November 12, 2006 Franklin Park Conservatory Lower Level**

**Time: 2 p.m.**

**Guest Speaker: Gil Stelter  
from Guelph, Ontario**

**Members: Bring a guest**

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## ***Holiday Dinner* Sunday, December 10, 2006 at Franklin Park Conservatory Time: 6-9 p.m.**



### **Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society**

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