



# Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

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## Winter 2009 Newsletter

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### Dates to Remember in 2009

- Sunday, February 15, 2009  
Winter Meeting, Speaker John Rice  
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2:00 P.M.  
See information on page 3
- Region 2 Mid-Winter Symposium  
February 27-March 1, 2009  
Crown Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash, Ohio
- Midwest Hybridizers Spring Meeting  
Saturday, March 14, 2009  
Dayton/Fairborn Holiday Inn  
See information on page 3
- Saturday, April 4, 2009  
Early Spring Workshop Collaboration  
Franklin Park Conservatory classrooms  
9:00 A.M. to noon  
See information on page 4
- Sunday, May 3, 2009  
Spring Meeting, Auction, Plant Drawing  
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2:00 P.M.
- AHS National Convention, Lake Mary, Florida  
May 21-24, 2009
- Sunday, July 12, 2009  
Daylily Show, Franklin Park Conservatory
- Region 2 Summer Meeting, Chicago, Illinois  
July 10-12, 2009
- Saturday, August 15, 2009  
Daylily Sale 10:00 A.M. to noon  
Meeting, Auction, and Plant Drawing  
Franklin Park Conservatory, 1:00 P.M.
- Sunday, November 8, 2009  
Fall Meeting, Speaker TBA  
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 P.M.
- Sunday, December 6, 2009  
Holiday Dinner 6 to 8:30 P.M.  
Franklin Park Conservatory classrooms

### MCDS Membership

(as of January 15, 2009)

Adults (68.4% AHS): ..... 244  
 Youth (100% AHS): ..... 12  
 Total Membership (69.9% AHS): .... 256

### President's Message

Happy New Year! Today the temperature dipped to -13 degrees at our house (not counting the wind chill factor), and several inches of snow blanketed the ground. I worried about pipes freezing and slipping and sliding to work. And for a few moments, I worried about how our daylilies were faring, especially the ones we dug and divided late in the fall. (Today will be a true test of "northern hardiness.") But I know there is one thing I don't have to worry about – daylily rust. It doesn't stand a chance against this kind of winter!

If the last few weeks of winter weather have put you in the mood to think about warmer spots on the map, consider signing up for the 2009 AHS National Convention, which is being held this year in sunny Lake Mary, Florida, May 20-24. The Convention, chaired by Frank Smith, will feature tour garden visits to several well-known hybridizers. If you're on the 2012 Convention Planning Committee or will be one of our tour garden hosts, try to attend if you can. It will help you have a better sense of how everything works (or doesn't work!) at a National Convention – and an ability to incorporate first-hand lessons learned into our planning activities. The registration form is available on the AHS website.

Closer to home, plan to join us at the Franklin Park Conservatory for the MCDS Winter Meeting on Sunday, February 15, 2:00 p.m. and hear noted hybridizers John and Annette Rice from Thoroughbred Daylilies (see related article). Prior to the meeting, at 1:30 p.m., Karen Ciula and Alan Hersh will offer 20 cultivars from the Conservatory Awards bed for presale at a flat rate of \$10 for no fewer than 3 fans. The daylilies will be dug and divided in April. This is a great deal – one you won't want to miss!

The Conservatory is actively encouraging its plant society associates to become more involved in offering joint workshops and lectures to the public as well as coordinating efforts to offset some of the new expenses levied on its smaller societies. It's a worthwhile endeavor to promote this cooperation, considering all societies are losing membership and funding. According to Bill Mellinger, MCDS has lost more than 20% of our memberships in the past year. The latest database from Bill lists only 170 household addresses, down from nearly 200 in October. Although we will send copies of the newsletter to all of our 2008 members, those who have not renewed their membership will also receive a message: "Sorry, but this is your final issue." Please encourage all of those you know who have not renewed about the benefits of MCDS membership.

**Charles Lucius**

## Add Award Winners to Your Garden

The AHS Awards section of our Ohio Hybridizers' Daylily Gardens will be thinned this spring, providing members with the opportunity for adding some proven winner flowers to your garden this summer. Starting at 1:30 on Sunday, February 15, sign up to buy a clump (generally 3 to 4 fans) for \$10 each. Mike Oatney will collect a pre-payment at the February meeting, and the daylilies will be dug, washed, and ready for you at the May 3 meeting. See the flower photos on our website and on the sign-up sheets. Many of these are not available in the general trades, and all have won either Honorable Mention or an Award of Merit from the AHS.

<i>H. Avante Garde</i>	<i>H. Nosferatu</i>
<i>H. Blessing</i>	<i>H. Ocean Rain</i>
<i>H. Buried Treasure</i>	<i>H. Rahotep</i>
<i>H. Crown Royal</i>	<i>H. Rain Dance</i>
<i>H. Dancing Shiva</i>	<i>H. Silk and Honey</i>
<i>H. Earth Music</i>	<i>H. South Seas</i>
<i>H. Erin Lea</i>	<i>H. Strutter's Ball</i>
<i>H. Forty Carats</i>	<i>H. Vera Biaglow</i>
<i>H. Full Reward</i>	<i>H. Watership Down</i>
<i>H. Geppetto</i>	<i>H. Wynnson</i>

## And the Award Goes To...

Once again our MCDS hybridizers' cultivars have taken AHS Honorable Mention Awards for good performance in at least four different AHS regions. Three years after winning an Honorable Mention, the cultivar moves into competition for the AHS Award of Merit. The 2008 award winners are:

Dan Bachman for:	<i>H. 'Ben Bachman'</i>
	<i>H. 'Klaatu Barada Nikto'</i>
	<i>H. 'Monkey Hips'</i>
	<i>H. 'Shoo-Fly Pie'</i>
	<i>H. 'Shoutin' The Blues'</i>
James Gossard for:	<i>H. 'Heavenly Dragon Fire'</i>
	<i>H. 'Heavenly Pink Fang'</i>
	<i>H. 'Orange Splash'</i>
	<i>H. 'Smoke Scream'</i>
Richard Norris for:	<i>H. 'Belle of Ashwood'</i>
	<i>H. 'Clarification'</i>
	<i>H. 'Coral Majority'</i>
	<i>H. 'Mary's Baby'</i>
	<i>H. 'Substantial Evidence'</i>

Junior Citation Awards are given to seedlings or pre-registered cultivars that appear to have outstanding qualities and distinction. The 2008 award winners are:

Dan Bachman for:	<i>H. 'The Sisters'</i>
	<i>H. 'Tom Barnes'</i>
J.R. Blanton for:	<i>H. 'Feather Duster'</i>
Joel Thomas Polston for:	<i>H. 'Born of Magic'</i>
	<i>H. 'Gina Rizzo'</i>

## MCDS Officers

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## MCDS Website [www.columbusdaylilies.org](http://www.columbusdaylilies.org)

Darlene Kerr has redesigned a large portion of the MCDS website. It now contains many new photos taken by Jeff and Darlene Kerr as well as an improved Ohio Hybridizer Daylily Garden, Daylilies for Sale, Member Gardens, Display Gardens, Membership, and Newsletter pages.

Improvements are still in progress and we need your garden descriptions and photos! We would like to have at least one photo and a description of each AHS display garden in the club and each garden proposed for the 2012 tour. There is also room for individual garden descriptions and photos.

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

Please visit the new site at [www.columbusdaylilies.org](http://www.columbusdaylilies.org) and send your information to [kerr.jeff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kerr.jeff@sbcglobal.net)

## AHS Eugene S. Foster Award

The Eugene S. Foster Award is given to the daylily cultivar voted best late blooming. The 2008 award winner is:

Dan Bachman for *H. 'Suzy Cream Cheese'*

See many of the award winning daylilies on our website and in the Ohio Hybridizers' Gardens.

**MEMBERSHIP SERVICES**

## Membership Secretaries:

Bill & Sylvia Mellinger  
614-418-4786  
[williewagtail10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:williewagtail10@sbcglobal.net)

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## MCDS Draw Plants/Labels &amp; Stakes:

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## Newsletter:

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## Website and Education:

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**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

## Bus Trip:

Alan Hersh (see above)

## Convention Planning:

Charles & Cynthia Lucius  
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## Ohio Hybridizers' Daylily Garden:

Alan Hersh (see above)  
Karen Ciula (see above)

## Plant Sale Dig Coordinators:

Mike Oatney (East Side)  
(see above)  
Charles Lucius (West Side)  
(see above)  
Donna Kowalczyk (North Side)  
740-524-0092  
[daylilylady@hughes.net](mailto:daylilylady@hughes.net)

## Plant Sale Floor Manager:

Gary Baker 614-309-5024  
[gebaker10@yahoo.com](mailto:gebaker10@yahoo.com)

## Special Events:

Karen Ciula (see above)

## John Rice

### Guest Speaker for February 15, 2009

John Rice has been a professional horticulturist for over 35 years, and his wife Annette is a professional artist. Annette and John Rice founded Thoroughbred Daylilies in 1993 after collecting and hybridizing daylilies for several years. They were one of the first in the country to sell daylily seeds. In 1998 they purchased 10 acres in Bourbon County just a few miles from Lexington, Kentucky, where they have two acres planted in daylilies and a greenhouse for hybridizing and propagation.

They have introduced over 100 daylilies, including 20 for 2009. Their goal is to introduce the healthiest and most distinctive daylilies possible.

They will be bringing their new catalog to the meeting. All of their daylily introductions can be seen on their website at [www.ThoroughbredDaylilies.com](http://www.ThoroughbredDaylilies.com).

### Midwest Hybridizers Spring Meeting

Can't get enough of what's new in daylily hybridizing? You do not have to be a pollen dabber or have registered a daylily to enjoy a full day of slides and PowerPoint presentations along with a delicious luncheon, drinks, and a super cookie. You may even stay for pizza after the meeting if you want to extend the fun into the evening.

The spring meeting is informational and will feature MCDS members Steve Zolock and Tom Hart from the Pittsburgh area. Steve will give a presentation on a new "in-ground" conversion method he has used with a high degree of success. Tom will discuss color inheritance in daylilies. Other presentations include weed control, photography and website tips, record keeping, plus Sandy Holmes' and Karol Emmerich's programs.

The group meets on Saturday, March 14 at the Holiday Inn, Dayton/Fairborn I-675, 2800 Presidential Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324 from 8:00 AM until mid-afternoon. Please send your \$30 reservation to Sandy Holmes, 12310 Singletree Lane Apt. 2352, Eden Prairie, MN 55344 no later than March 6. Contact Sandy at [ohiodaylily@yahoo.com](mailto:ohiodaylily@yahoo.com) or 937-287-8122 for further information.

### ATTENTION HYBRIDIZERS

Englerth plants for the 2010 Region 2 summer meeting should be sent to Kingwood Center, Attn. Chuck Gleaves, 900 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44906. Kingwood Center phone number is 419-522-0211 for more information.

### HELP MCDS WHEN YOU SHOP AT KROGER

DO YOU SHOP AT KROGER? If you do and want to support special MCDS projects, call Bill Johannes at 614-486-7962 or e-mail him at [wjohannes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjohannes@sbcglobal.net) to get your KROGER CARE CARD. Over 40 MCDS members now carry the KROGER CARE card and recharge it before checking out each time they shop at Kroger. All you have to do is RECHARGE your care card with cash, check, or credit card at the Kroger service desk or at the checkout counter and MCDS receives 5% of every dollar recharged on the card!! So don't hesitate to contact Bill to get your card and discuss how the program works. It's very easy, costs you nothing, and supports your daylily society.

Since the program was introduced, you have recharged your cards and earned MCDS \$3355.36 for special society projects.

Submit project ideas to the President for the Board's consideration  
and membership's approval at the November meeting. Find the form on our website.

## Early Spring Workshop Collaboration

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual spring workshop will include presentations by members of the MCDS, the Central Ohio Hosta Society, and the Columbus Bonsai Society. This year's workshop will be held Saturday, April 4 from 9:00 A.M. to noon in the classroom areas of the Conservatory.

**“Planting a Hosta Bonsai”** includes a handmade bonsai container, a recent hosta cultivar (different cultivars from the past workshops), soil mix, and instructions. Additional plants and pots will be available for sale.

**“What’s New in Flower Show Designs”** is a demonstration of some of the floral designs for the hosta and daylily shows this year.

**“The Natural Alternative”** is a presentation by Fred Williams about the value of adding earthworm castings to planting beds, lawns, and containers. Fred will bring bags of his product to sell.

Reservations may be made with Naomi Hatfield at 614-421-1217 or Karen Ciula at the February 15 meeting.

### Tell Us Where and When—We Will Be There to Help

We salute all of our long-time and new members who have volunteered to help with the planned activities in 2009. It's going to be a wonderful year!



Tony and Jen Williams enjoy the Holiday Party

## Plant Markers and Plates

Bill Johannes has plant markers for MCDS members to purchase at cost. Call Bill at 614-486-7962 to arrange to pick up your order at the next meeting or at his home in Marble Cliff and to check prices for larger quantities.

Prices per package of 25 are:	Plates only \$3.75	
	15-inch Plant Marker sets \$8.25	15-inch wires only \$4.50
	20-inch Plant Marker sets \$9.25	20-inch wires only \$5.50

So we can continue to purchase the markers at wholesale prices and with no tax, plant markers and plates are available only to MCDS members for their personal (not commercial) use.

## Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

### Memberships (due January 1)

Single Membership	\$10.00
Dual Membership*	\$15.00

Pay MCDS Membership either at the meeting or send to:

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

\*Note: Two adults living in same household.

### A Note from our Membership Chairs

#### MCDS *New Members Packet*

If you have joined MCDS recently, please contact Bill and Sylvia Mellinger 614-418-4786, [williewagtail10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:williewagtail10@sbcglobal.net) for a “New Members Packet.” It will contain the MCDS Bylaws and much important information you will want to have at your fingertips.

#### AHS Membership

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

## The American Hemerocallis Society

### Membership Rates

Individual (1 year).....	\$25.00
Individual (3 years).....	\$70.00
Dual Membership (1 year)*.....	\$30.00
Dual Membership (3 years)*.....	\$83.00
Life Membership.....	500.00
Dual Life Membership.....	750.00
Youth.....	\$10.00**



**\*\*Note: Region 2 or MCDS will pay all AHS Youth membership fees.**

Dues are to be paid by January 1 of each year.  
*Make checks payable to the AHS.*

*Mail to: Pat Mercer  
P.O. Box 10  
Dexter, GA 31019*

*E-mail: [gmerc@nlamerica.com](mailto:gmerc@nlamerica.com)*

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

## Minutes of the November 9, 2008 Meeting

MCDS President Charles Lucius called the meeting to order at 2pm.

### Meeting Minutes

- The May 2008 minutes were updated to properly reflect Gisela Meckstroth as AHS-Region 2 Director. Minutes were approved with no further changes.

### Special Projects Fund

- Bill Johannes announced that we've raised over \$3,000 from the use of the Kroger Gift Card Program since it was initiated last November. See Bill to sign up and get your card if you don't already have one and shop at Kroger.
- The money raised through this program will be used for special projects. Any member can nominate a project to the MCDS Executive Committee. If passed by the Committee, membership will vote on the proposal.

### Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Mike Oatney reviewed the current treasury balance. The current balance of \$16,301 includes \$931 encumbered for the Ohio Hybridizer's Garden. The current unencumbered balance is \$15,370.
- Mike also reviewed the 2009 budget which calls for \$17,900 in income and \$23,600 in expenses. Gisela Meckstroth made a motion to approve the 2009 budget. Membership voted and it was approved.

### Membership Report

- Sylvia Mellinger reported that MCDS has 293 members with 8 being youth members. One new member joined at today's meeting. 64% of members belong to AHS.

### Announcements

- The Annual Party will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the Conservatory. See Winnie and Antonio Garabis to sign up for the party.
- Joyce Hersh, Region 2 Publicity Director, announced the top spots in the 2008 Region 2 Popularity Poll. 272 ballots were submitted and they listed 1,217 different cultivars!
- Joyce reminded the group that the Region 2 Winter Symposium will be held in the Cincinnati area on 2/27 – 3/1, 2009.
- Karen Ciula shared that the Ohio Daylily Society is sponsoring a bus trip to the 2009 Region 2 Summer Meeting in Chicago at a cost of \$300 per person. Unfortunately, the meeting is the same weekend as our Daylily Show.
- A list of daylilies needed for the Ohio Hybridizer's Garden was posted. If you are willing to donate one or more of the listed cultivars, please contact Karen Ciula. The list is also posted on the MCDS website.
- Members Steve and Sarah Zolok have contributed the entire set of Stout Collection cultivars for planting at the Conservatory.
- Please submit your membership form and 2009 dues to the Mellingers if you have not already done so. Dues must be received by year-end to remain eligible for guest plant drawings.
- Gisela Meckstroth was recognized for receiving the 2008 AHS International Service Award.
- Gisela Meckstroth announced that hybridizers interested in being part of the Englerth Bed for 2010 at Kingwood should move forward by Spring 2009.
- Gisela asked members to vote on their favorite of the posters that MCDS has developed to support membership growth.
- Cynthia Lucius shared the 2012 National Convention Logo that was created by Lee Unterschultz.

### 2009 MCDS Officers

- Karen Ciula presented the Nominating Committee's list of candidates. She asked for nominations from the floor and there were none. The Officers were approved as follows:
  - o Charles Lucius, President
  - o Steve Williams, Vice-President
  - o Mike Oatney, Treasurer
  - o Winnie Garabis, Secretary

President Charles Lucius adjourned the business meeting. Vice-President Steve Williams introduced our speaker, Bob Faulkner, who shared his experience and photos with the club.

Respectfully submitted by Winnie Garabis on 1/15/09.

**AHS REGION 2 WINTER MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2009  
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL IN BLUE ASH, OHIO**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

\$90 per Adult before February 8 \$40 per Youth anytime  
\$110 per Adult postmarked after February 8, 2009  
Fee includes full breakfast buffet Saturday & Sunday plus  
Saturday night buffet and wireless internet.

Make checks payable to: AHS Region 2  
Send name, address, phone, and e-mail address to:

Sunny Barbee  
6436 Morse Road, Alexandria, OH 43001  
(740) 924-8845

See Schedule of Events on the MCDS website

Garden Judges Workshop and Exhibition Judges Workshop  
offered on Friday afternoon.

**MEETING AND LODGING INFORMATION**

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
5901 Pfeiffer Road  
Blue Ash, OH 45242 (Exit 15, just off Rt. 71 in North Cincinnati)  
(513) 793-4500

Contact the hotel directly and mention the AHS meeting to get the  
special room rate of \$95.00 single or double, plus tax. Rate good if  
booked by February 1, 2009.

Symposium Chairs:

J R Blanton  
2950 State Route 123  
Morrow, OH 45152  
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Dan Bachman  
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INFORMATION ON THE BACK COVER**

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