



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

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Winter 2011 Newsletter

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Dates to Remember in 2011

- Sunday, February 13, 2011
Winter Meeting
Guest Speaker: Gerda Brooker
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2:00 P.M.
Classroom area
- Region 2 Winter Symposium
February 25-27, 2011
Cincinnati, Ohio
- Shirley Farmer Midwest Hybridizers Spring Meeting
Saturday, March 12, 2011
Holiday Inn, Dayton/Fairborn
- Green Thumbs Gardeners' Fair
Saturday, March 26, Olentangy Liberty HS
- Saturday, April 23, 2011
Spring Meeting, Auction, Plant Drawing
Franklin Park Conservatory, 1:00 P.M.
- AHS National Convention, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
May 26-28, 2011
- Bus Trip to Southeast Members' Gardens
Date in late June or early July TBA
- Ice Cream Social in the Ohio Hybridizers' Gardens
Date in June or July TBA
- Sunday, July 10, 2011
Daylily Show, Franklin Park Conservatory
- Region 2 Summer Meeting, Troy, Michigan
Host: Southern Michigan Daylily Society
July 15-17, 2011
- Saturday, August 13, 2011
Daylily Sale 10:00 A.M. to noon
Meeting, Auction, and Plant Drawing
Franklin Park Conservatory, 1:00 P.M.
- Sunday, November 6, 2011
Fall Meeting
Speakers: Guy & Karen Pierce
Floyd Cove Nursery, Enterprise, Florida
Franklin Park Conservatory, 2 P.M.
- Sunday, December 4, 2011
Holiday Luncheon, Classroom area
Franklin Park Conservatory, 1 to 3 P.M.

President's Message

A new year brings hope for good things to come. In spite of the cold winter weather, the days are getting longer and we know spring isn't too far away. It's a good time to peruse daylily catalogs, searching for things we must add to our collections. We can catch up on our record keeping and make plans for new projects, or old projects that we never seem to get done. It's important to keep the mind busy and to find things to look forward to.

As much as I enjoy the constant work that spring and summer bring, I do try to use this time to get a little rest and to recharge my batteries for the next growing season. I like to study the popularity poll and the new award winners to look for daylilies that I don't already grow. A good recommendation from others is more meaningful to me than a pretty picture in a catalog. As hard as it might be, I try to make a list of plants that I need to get rid of. There are countless more on my wish list than I will ever have space and money for.

There are always plenty of things going on in the world of daylilies. We'll be welcoming Gerda Brooker as our speaker on February 13. The Region 2 Winter meeting in Cincinnati at the end of February is very worthwhile, and the Midwest Hybridizers program in March is interesting, entertaining, and informative. And, it's never too early to start saving those pennies for our auction in April.

See you soon,
Steve Williams

MCDS extends condolences to the family of Barbara Sayer, who died December 2, 2010. Long-time members, Barbara and husband David Sayer consistently supported all of our activities and worked in the Ohio Hybridizers Historic Daylily Gardens at the Conservatory.

MCDS Membership (as of January 15, 2011)

Adults (70.9% AHS): 217
Youth (100% AHS): 7
Total Membership (71.9% AHS): 224

Welcome Our New Members
Suzanne Koebel
Michael Wyss

And the Award Goes To...

The AHS **Award of Merit** is given to a cultivar that is not only distinctive and beautiful, but also performs well over a wide geographic area. AHS Garden Judges vote for no more than 12 cultivars from those that received the Honorable Mention Award a minimum of three years previously. A cultivar must receive votes from at least half of the AHS regions, and not more than one-third of the total votes shall come from any one region. Two years after winning an Award of Merit, a cultivar automatically moves into competition for the Stout Silver Medal.

MCDS is proud to recognize our 2010 Award of Merit winner:

Jamie Gossard for: *H.* 'Heavenly Angel Ice'

MCDS members hybridized 14 of the 15 Ohio cultivars receiving AHS **Honorable Mention Awards** in 2010. AHS Garden Judges vote for no more than 12 cultivars from a list provided by the AHS. Winners must receive votes from 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 2010 Honorable Mention award winners from MCDS are:

Dan Bachman for: *H.* 'Charon the Ferryman'
H. 'Choo Choo Ch'Boogie'
H. 'Aunt Wimp'
H. 'Smokestack Lightning'

Sharon Fitzpatrick for: *H.* 'Simplicity In Motion'
H. 'Fitzasaurus'

Jamie Gossard for: *H.* 'White Eyes Pink Dragon'
H. 'Neon Flamingo'
H. 'Purple Cheetah'

Ryan Gossard for: *H.* 'Get R' Done'
Richard Norris for: *H.* 'No Blue Oxfords'
H. 'Evidence of Aliens'

Tom Polston for: *H.* 'Raspberry Goosebumps'
H. 'Forever Blowing Bubbles'

Junior Citation Awards are given to seedlings or pre-registered cultivars that appear to have outstanding qualities and distinction. The 2010 Junior Citation award winners from MCDS are:

Dan Bachman for: *H.* 'Mary Levi'
H. 'Cincy's Margaret Kaiser'
H. 'Rollin' and Tumblin''
H. 'Cow Cow Boogie'

J.R. Blanton for: *H.* 'Evansville's Girl'
H. 'Charmed By A Snake'
H. 'Ron Wilson's Online Garden Party'

Sandy Holmes for: *H.* 'I Lava You'
Tom Polston for: *H.* 'Carnivore'
H. 'Beyond the Big Bang'

Two MCDS members were runners up in the AHS **Special Awards** categories. Dan Bachman for *H.* 'Mascara Snake' for the Harris Olson Spider Award and Jamie Gossard for *H.* 'Heavenly Curls' for the Lambert/Webster Unusual Form Award.

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MCDS Website

www.columbusdaylilies.org

Darlene Kerr has redesigned a large portion of the MCDS website. It now contains many 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.

Please visit the site at www.columbusdaylilies.org and send your information to kerr.jeff@sbcglobal.net

Kroger Fund Update

Twenty five members generated \$358.88 for MCDS in the quarter 8/1 to 10/30 in 2010. We appreciate all of you who have registered and show your card at Kroger grocery or Turkey Hill fuel stations. If you or friends and family have not registered your Kroger Plus card yet, register online at:

www.krogercommunityrewards.com
using our organization number **82204**.

To date, we have used Kroger funds for signage in the Ohio Hybridizers Daylily Gardens.

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Alan Hersh (see above)

Karen Ciula (see above)

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Karen Ciula (see above)

Our Warm**Welcome to****Gerda Brooker****Guest Speaker in February**

Gerda Brooker and her son Malcolm Brooker Jr. continue the hybridizing program started 15 years ago by her late husband Mal Brooker. Victorian Garden specializes in round and unusual form daylilies at the home and business in Strongsville, Ohio. Gerda and Mal Jr. grow over 4,000 seedlings annually and are highly selective in their introductions that perform well in our area. MCDS welcomes a beautiful lady and a presentation of her recent work.

Spring Plans for the Ohio Hybridizers Garden

In April the Conservatory staff plans to add one additional bed to the Moldovan collection area. To date, 67 cultivars have been promised for spring planting, adding to the AHS Awards collection, the 2010s collection, and the Moldovan collection.

February Ohio Hybridizers' Garden Plant Pre-Sale

The 2000s section of our Ohio Hybridizers' Daylily Historic Gardens was thinned last fall, providing members with the opportunity for adding more beautiful flowers to your garden this summer. **Starting at 1:15 on Sunday, February 13**, sign up to buy a clump (generally 3 to 4 fans) for **\$10 each**. Treasurer Patty Hitt will collect your pre-payment at the meeting, and the daylilies will be dug, washed, and ready for you at the April 23 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 they are proven multipliers in our garden. We divided clumps that had over 15 fans from only 4 or 5 growing seasons.

H. 'Admiral Brown' (Haehn Ralph 2004)

H. 'Dragon's Castle' (Biaglow James 2001)

H. 'Happy Together' (Benz John 2000)

H. 'Holy Kiss' (Applegate Charles 2003)

H. 'Janet Benz' (Benz John 2000)

H. 'Karri Lynn' (Barrere Williard and Carlson 2006)

H. 'Knower Spider' (Knower Franklin and Warrell Dottie 2003)

H. 'Light Is Sweet' (Applegate Charles 2000)

H. 'Lorie Dawn' (Fitzpatrick Sharon 2003)

H. 'Monita Fergus' (Rickly Shawn 2003)

H. 'Sharon Fitzpatrick' (Grebus Bernie and Dora 2000)

H. 'Simplicity in Motion' (Fitzpatrick Sharon 2003)

H. 'Sundance Ridge' (Woodhall Roy 2001)

Favorite Daylilies for Region 2 Gardens

In 2010, 24% of AHS members in Region 2 voted in the Popularity Poll. From these 306 ballots, the resulting list of the top cultivars provides an excellent guide for collecting the plants that bloom well and are reliable growers in our climate. They are listed in voting placement order with the number of votes received. Be sure to participate in the 2011 poll later on this year.

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| 'Primal Scream' (101) | 'Bill Norris' (24) |
| 'Webster's Pink Wonder' (73) | 'Desperado Love' (24) |
| 'All American Chief' (72) | 'Smoky Mountain Autumn' (24) |
| 'Ruby Spider' (67) | 'Simplicity in Motion' (23) |
| 'Bela Lugosi' (60) | 'Spider Man' (23) |
| 'Heavenly Angel Ice' (55) | 'Victorian Lace' (23) |
| 'Persian Ruby' (49) | 'Coral Majority' (22) |
| 'Swallow Tail Kite' (46) | 'In the Heart of it All' (22) |
| 'Shores of Time' (45) | 'Joan Derifield' (22) |
| 'Beautiful Edgings' (41) | 'Barbara Mitchell' (21) |
| 'South Seas' (41) | 'El Desperado' (21) |
| 'Destined to See' (39) | 'Orange Velvet' (21) |
| 'Moonlit Masquerade' (38) | 'Ram' (21) |
| 'Red Volunteer' (37) | 'I See Stars' (20) |
| 'Lavender Blue Baby' (32) | 'Mary Todd' (20) |
| 'Michael Bennett' (32) | 'Megatron' (20) |
| 'Peggy Jeffcoat' (32) | 'Mascara Snake' (19) |
| 'Condilla' (30) | 'Paper Butterfly' (19) |
| 'Highland Pinched Fingers' (30) | 'Strawberry Candy' (19) |
| 'North Wind Dancer' (30) | 'Gisela's Sunshine' (18) |
| 'Jerry Hyatt' (29) | 'Alabama Jubilee' (17) |
| 'Big Kiss' (28) | 'Cluster Muster' (17) |
| 'Fooled Me' (28) | 'Vatican City' (16) |
| 'Holly Dancer' (27) | 'Elegant Candy' (15) |
| 'Indian Giver' (27) | 'Heartbeat of Heaven' (15) |
| 'Moses' Fire' (27) | 'Heavenly Curls' (15) |
| 'Sabine Baur' (27) | 'Holiday Party' (15) |
| 'Siloam Double Classic' (27) | 'Regency Heights' (15) |
| 'Chance Encounter' (26) | 'Smoke Scream' (15) |
| 'Wild Horses' (25) | 'Web of Intrigue' (15) |
| 'All Fired Up' (24) | |

Shirley Farmer's Midwest Hybridizers

The spring meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12, at the Holiday Inn Dayton Mall at 31 Prestige Plaza Dr., Miamisburg, OH 45342 starting at 8:00 AM. Please send your \$32 reservation to Sandy Holmes, 1950 N. Regent Park Dr., Bellbrook, OH 45305 no later than March 5. The Program includes:

- Wanda Evans — "The Name Game"
- Mike Walters — "Garden Genetics 101"
- Barry Matthie — "Hybridizing at Bonibrae"
- Nikki Schmith — "Death By PowerPoint"
- Richard Norris — "Work Smart, Not Hard"
- Dan Bachman — "Beginning Hybridizing"
- Mike Holmes — "The New AHS Website"

Surprise speaker — "Selling Daylilies Takes More Than Plants"

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Memberships (due January 1)

Single Membership	\$10.00
Dual Membership*	\$15.00

Pay MCDS Membership either at the meeting or send to:
Sylvia and Bill Mellinger
706 Jonsol Court
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*Note: Two adults living in same household.

The \$10 Youth memberships to AHS will be paid by MCDS.

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 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



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: gmerc@nlamerica.com

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

PLANT MARKERS

Bill Johannes has EON plant markers for MCDS members to purchase at cost. Contact Bill at 614-486-7962 or wjohannes@sbcglobal.net to arrange to pick up your order at the next meeting or at his home in Marble Cliff.

15-inch Plant Marker sets of 25 @ \$9.25

20-inch Plant Marker sets of 25 @ \$10.25

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.

Minutes of the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society Meeting November 7, 2010

Steve Williams, MCDS president, called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. The August 14, 2010 meeting minutes were approved.

Announcements:

Joyce Hersh presented the 2010 Popularity Poll winners. She reported that 306 out of 1298 AHS Region 2 members participated.

Karen Ciula announced the annual holiday party at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 5. Members are asked to RSVP to Jennifer Kuehn. She also reminded members that the April 23, 2011 meeting is on a Saturday.

Tom Hart announced the AHS Region 3 Summer Meeting in Washington, PA, July 15-17.

Trish Callis Nicholson is taking *Eureka Daylily Reference Guide* orders.

Alan Hersh reported on the number of cultivars in the Ohio Hybridizers Daylily Gardens. We have all of the Ohio 2010 award winners either in the garden or promised. There are some cultivars we need and members were directed to a poster and handout with more details. Members who helped in the gardens last year were acknowledged.

Alan Hersh reported from the Awards and Honors Committee. This year, there were 14 Honorable Mentions from MCDS member hybridizers: Dan Bachman, Sharon Fitzpatrick, Jamie Gossard, Ryan Gossard, Richard Norris, and Tom Polston. Jamie Gossard took an Award of Merit for *H. 'Heavenly Angel Ice'*. Dan Bachman took second for *H. 'Mascara Snake'* in the Harris Olson Spider Award. Jamie Gossard took second for *H. 'Heavenly Curls'* in the Lambert/Webster Award.

Membership Report:

Sylvia Mellinger updated the group on membership: 267 adult members; 10 youth; 277 members total; 62.5 percent are AHS members. She reminded members about 2011 dues.

Treasurer's Report:

Winnie Garabis presented the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's Report and Proposed 2011 Budget were approved.

Nominating Committee:

Charles Lucius presented the slate of officers for 2011: Steve Williams, President; Mike Oatney, Vice President; Jennifer Kuehn, Secretary; and Patty Hitt, Treasurer. Members voted and approved the new officers for 2011

2012 National Convention Update:

Cynthia Lucius reported that MCDS hosted a successful AHS board meeting in Columbus on October 29-30. She acknowledged MCDS members who made the event a success.

Business meeting was adjourned at 2:40. Steve Williams introduced the guest speaker, Paul Owen, of Slightly Different Nursery.

Respectfully Submitted By: Darlene Kerr

Paul Owen's Feelin' Frisky Program Wows the Crowd

Paul Owen is a dynamic, highly entertaining speaker with a progressive hybridizing program set in the hills of North Carolina, where he moved his business from Pennsylvania in 2005. Slightly Different Nursery now offers a venue for weddings and other social gatherings along with newly renovated growing fields.

Concentrating on improving plant habit for gardeners, Paul selects seedlings with improved foliage, sun tolerance, rapid reblooming, and dormant characteristics. He is attracted to flowers with more tendrils than teeth for reliable full opening on cool mornings.

image and review by Karen Ciula



AHS REGION 2 WINTER SYMPOSIUM FEBRUARY 25-27, 2011 CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL IN BLUE ASH, OHIO

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\$99 per Adult before February 8
\$50 per Youth anytime
\$110 per Adult postmarked after February 8, 2011
Fee includes full breakfast buffet Saturday & Sunday
plus Saturday night dinner and wireless internet.

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

Diane Pruden
1455 Edgewood Lane
Milford, Michigan 48381
dianepruden@gmail.com 248-821-5272

Garden Judges Workshop 1 and Exhibition Judges Clinics
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 \$96.00 single or double, plus tax. Rate good
if booked by February 1, 2011.

Presentations by:

Sandy Veurink, Michigan
Gail Story, Illinois
Karol Emmerich, Minnesota
Sandy Holmes, Ohio
Charles Dorsey, Ohio

Mark Carpenter, Texas
Mort Morss, Kentucky
Pat Wessling, Massachusetts
Brian Burley, Ohio

See Upcoming Events on the Region 2 website www.ahsregion2.org

First Class

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