



# Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

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## Winter 2012 Newsletter

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### Dates to Remember in 2012

#### **Sunday, February 12, 2012**

Winter Meeting, 2 P.M.  
Veridian Room  
Speaker: Jamie Gossard

#### **Region 2 Winter Symposium**

February 24-26, 2012  
Cincinnati, OH  
(see back cover page)

#### **Shirley Farmer Midwest Hybridizers**

Spring Meeting  
Saturday, March 10, 2012  
Wyndham Garden Dayton South

#### **Saturday, April 21, 2012**

Spring Meeting and Auction  
1:00 PM, Classroom Area

#### **AHS National Convention**

July 11-14, 2012  
Mariott Airport Hotel  
Columbus, OH

#### **Post-Convention Celebration**

Date: TBA

#### **Saturday, August 11, 2012**

Summer Sale 10:00 A.M. to noon  
Members' Auction 1:00 P.M.  
Classroom Area

#### **Sunday, November 4, 2012**

Fall Meeting, 2 P.M.  
Veridian Room  
Speaker: TBA

#### **Sunday, December 2, 2012**

Holiday Luncheon  
1:00-3:30 P.M.  
Veridian Room

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The warmest Daylily greetings to you all. 2012 will be a very busy year for the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society. We will have our hands full hosting a National Convention along with all of our normal activities; however, I am very confident that we will pull it off well.

This will be a year of hard work by all the members of MCDS. The level of commitment and co-operation from the members of MCDS gives me every confidence that this will be our best year yet.

I am equally excited by the prospect of our National Convention. Chairs Charles and Cynthia Lucius promise an AHS Convention that will show off our club to the whole country as well as showcase the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, our Ohio Hybridizers Historic Daylily Gardens and all the daylily tour gardens that we are so proud of. I look forward to working with all of you and share all the excitement the year will bring.

Mike Oatney

### February Program Features Jamie Gossard

By Bob Faulkner

Our February 12 meeting in the Veridian Room at Franklin Park Conservatory will be highlighted by a presentation from our own Jamie Gossard. Jamie is a well-rounded speaker and can talk knowledgeably on just about anything daylilies, so come and be prepared to have your senses titillated. Jamie has spoken all over the country and Canada and is regarded as one of the foremost hybridizers, especially when working with conversions. His break-through colorations and forms have set trends for many generations of daylilies, and he is to be commended for his tireless work. This is one talk you won't want to miss.

### Welcome New Members as of January 15, 2012

Clark Blevins

Ronald & Kathy Harris

Lanny Morry

Mick Morry & Jennifer Patterson

Eric Simpson

Ryan Stauffer

Gary & Becky Stickel

Mary Ziehm

## 2012 AHS NATIONAL CONVENTION – UPDATE

### The RSVPs Are Arriving!

We want to thank everyone who responded to our recent request for additional volunteers for this year's AHS National Convention, which MCDS is hosting in mid-July. In this brief summary, we want to let you know about the exciting progress that continues to be made for this event, and we want to remind you that there is still time to get personally involved.

When we first launched this effort (six years ago!), we described the Convention as a “party” where we were going to invite the rest of the daylily world to join us for a really great celebration of our favorite flower. As a result of the recent AHS Daylily Journal Convention article and our continued publicity related efforts, registrations are currently coming in from all across the United States! As expected, many daylily enthusiasts from the north are taking advantage of our central location – just yesterday we received registrations from New Hampshire and today a family signed up from Iowa. We have also received many registrations from the southern States, where our guests are looking forward to extending their season by visiting with us after their main bloom is over. Overall, we have exceeded 150 registrations by early January – excellent progress towards our goal of 600 participants!

We will be attending both the AHS Region 2 and Region 10 Mid-Winter Symposiums to personally extend invitations to the audiences to join us this July in Columbus.

The mild Fall/early Winter allowed Tour and Open Garden owners to stay busy right until the end of the year in continuing their efforts to prepare for next summer. Through our committees, innovative plans have been developed for the plant auction (Thursday and Friday evenings), the raffle, and the boutique. Meal logistics have been finalized, including the decision to now include breakfast along with lunch and dinner on both Friday and Saturday. Our guest handbook design has been finalized, and bus contracts have been signed. We invite you to track our progress, and to get additional information, through the wonderful Convention website

[http://www.columbusdaylilies.us/2012\\_daylily\\_convention.htm](http://www.columbusdaylilies.us/2012_daylily_convention.htm)

The activities still requiring additional volunteers are primarily related to plants associated with the Convention. Specific activities, along with the appropriate committee chairs, are listed below. If you are able and willing to help, please contact the chair by March 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

- Plant Sale (digging, washing, tagging plants for the boutique sale; manning the sales table Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the Convention) – Mike Oatney (740 746-8337)
- Gift Plant Preparation (may include plant pick-up, washing and tagging) – Charles Lucius (614 851-0334)
- Bus Plants (digging, washing and tagging) – Steve Williams (740 756-7230)

Volunteering is a great way to be a part of what is sure to be a positive and memorable experience. Please join us in this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Charles and Cynthia Lucius,  
Convention Co-chairs

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

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### Ohio Hybridizers Daylily Garden:

Karen Ciula (see above)

### Meeting and Special Events Coordinator:

Karen Ciula (see above)

## Vice-President's Message

By Bob Faulkner

There are few things in life that make us stop, and just think. I remember the first meeting I ever attended at the MCDS, and I was so surprised at the attendance. I had no idea of the depth of our membership. Over time, I have been able to take part in more and more events, and I've come to the conclusion that we have not just a good club, but a 'great' club. In my daylily travels that have taken me to most parts of the U.S. and Canada, I have met and spoken with members of many clubs. The AHS is blessed with the amount of good folks that take part in its organization, but I have to say that the MCDS is hands down the finest club in the AHS.

As I biased? Maybe a bit, but in working even more with many of the members on the National Convention Committee, I can see their work first hand, and let me tell you, this upcoming National will do down in the books as one of the best; and not only that, but I predict it will be one that other Nationals will be imitating for many years to come. We are indeed blessed.

So it is with much admiration, great flattery and humility that I have been chosen to, and accepted, the gift that has been given me to take over as Vice-President of this great and important organization. Just know that you can trust me to keep the programs as viable and fun as in the past, and don't be surprised if we just have a few things up our sleeves to make the meetings even more fun. The truth of the matter is, if you make things fun, people will come. And after all: daylilies should first and foremost be fun.

## Help MCDS When You Shop at Kroger

By Bill Johannes

Our Kroger numbers are way down, both in number of members registered for MCDS and in the amount received from Kroger each quarter. If you shop at Kroger and are not supporting an organization with your purchases, please register your Kroger Plus card to support MCDS!! It's easy to enroll...just visit:

<http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com>

click on Ohio, and then click on ENROLL to register your Kroger Plus card. Follow the prompts to complete the registration, including selection of Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (**our organization number is 82204**).

If you need assistance registering, don't hesitate to contact Bill Johannes at 614-486-7962.

## And the Award Goes To...

MCDS members hybridized 6 of the 8 Ohio cultivars receiving AHS Honorable Mention Awards in 2011. AHS Garden Judges vote for no more than 12 cultivars from a list provided by the AHS. Winners must receive at least 20 votes from at least four different AHS regions. Three years after winning an Honorable Mention, the cultivar automatically moves into competition for the AHS Award of Merit. The 2011 Honorable Mention award winners from MCDS are:

Dan Bachman for: *H.* 'B. J. McMillen'

Jamie Gossard for: *H.* 'Heman'  
*H.* 'Venus Flytrap'

Richard Norris for: *H.* 'Memorial To Steve'

Tom Polston for: *H.* 'Bob Faulkner'  
*H.* 'Wild Hair'

Junior Citation Awards are given to seedlings or pre-registered cultivars that appear to have outstanding qualities and distinction. The 2011 Junior Citation award winners from MCDS are:

Dan Bachman for: *H.* 'Debbie Monbeck'  
*H.* 'Duane Nickel'  
*H.* 'Jumpin' At The Woodside'  
*H.* 'Straight No Chaser'

Sandy Holmes for: *H.* 'Circuit Breaker'  
*H.* 'Lemon Strawberry Twist'  
*H.* 'Walt Lowry'

Tom Polston for: *H.* 'Anna Irene Polston'  
*H.* 'Blue Ringed Octopus'  
*H.* 'Boats and Sunsets'  
*H.* 'Pastor Z'

MCDS member Dan Bachman was the runner up in the AHS Extra Large Diameter Specialty Awards category for *H.* 'Jackie Bachman'.

### You can help select the 2012 AHS Award Winners.

Take the class Garden Judging 1 at the Region 2 Winter Meeting and Garden Judging 2 at the 2012 AHS Convention to become eligible for voting this year's ballot.

## MCDS Officers

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## MCDS Website

[www.columbusdaylilies.org](http://www.columbusdaylilies.org)

## Memberships Due January 1

Single Membership	\$10.00
Dual Membership	\$15.00
(Two adults living in same household)	
Youth Membership	\$10.00
(paid by MCDS upon request)	

Mail MCDS Membership dues to:  
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Membership in the AHS provides you with three issues of *The Daylily Journal* and two issues of *Daylily: Region 2/Great Lakes Newsletter* each year. Joining AHS also benefits our MCDS because we need more than 50% of our members to join AHS in order to have an accredited daylily show and qualify for AHS Judges. Register at:

[www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org)

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## Minutes of the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society Meeting November 6, 2011

Steve Williams, MCDS President opened the meeting at 2:08. The minutes of the April and August meetings were approved as published in the October Newsletter.

### **Announcements:**

Trish Nicholson gave “last call” for ordering Eureka’s this fall.

Signup sheets for the holiday party as well as providing cookies at 2012 meetings were circulated.

Karen Ciula is taking discounted club orders for the upcoming AHS book, *Landscaping with Daylilies*, by Oliver Billingslea, that will be published in 2012.

### **Membership Report:**

Sylvia Mellinger reported the club now has 256 members, including 8 youth members. One new member joined today and 64% of our club members are also members of AHS.

### **Treasurer’s report and budget presentation:**

Patty Spahr Hitt reported on our club 2012 budget. Without a club show in 2012 because of the National Convention, the club will not have the typical show expenses in 2012. The projected budget was approved by a club vote.

**Convention update:** Charles Lucius asked club members to volunteer for one or more of the areas where the National Convention requires extra help. Please refer to the October newsletter for the list of volunteer opportunities in several areas and the committee chairs to contact.

**Election of officers:** Charles Lucius, chairman of the nominating committee, announced the slate of officers for 2012:

President: Mike Oatney

Vice-President: Bob Faulkner

Treasurer: Patty Spahr Hitt

Secretary: Becky Stickel

The slate of officers was elected by club vote. Thanks were given to Jennifer Kuehn, outgoing club secretary, for her two-year service and to Steve Williams for his 4-year commitment.

### **New Business:**

Registration for the National Convention is open now and 70 registrations have been received already. Sign-up now at: [http://www.columbusdaylilies.us/HTMLobj-2570/2012\\_Registration\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.columbusdaylilies.us/HTMLobj-2570/2012_Registration_FINAL.pdf)

In addition to individual donations members may want to make to honor Jane Saliaris, the club passed a motion to donate \$50 in memory of Jane Saliaris to both Region 2 and AHS in honor of her MCDS activities.

The business meeting was adjourned and Mike Oatney introduced our guest speaker, Mick Morry of Avalonia Daylilies in Ontario.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Kuehn, Secretary

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### **Mick Morry Presents “King of the Hill” Award to Tom Polston**

Following his program at the November 6 meeting, Mick Morry presents his original coloured pencil drawing of the daylily that won the seedling contest at [www.mydaylilies.com](http://www.mydaylilies.com). The winning seedling, hybridized by Tom Polston, was voted the members’ favorite in the 2010 contest. Membership in [mydaylilies.com](http://www.mydaylilies.com) is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about hybridizing, growing, sharing photographs, and promoting the passion of gardening with daylilies. The website currently has 1467 members.



# AHS REGION 2 WINTER MEETING

## FEBRUARY 24-26, 2012

### CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL IN BLUE ASH, OHIO

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\$99 per Adult before February 8, 2012  
\$110 per Adult after February 8  
\$40 Youth Members any time  
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:

Gail Braunstein  
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#### MEETING AND LODGING INFORMATION

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
55901 Pfeiffer Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45242  
(513) 793-4500 or (513) 793-1710

Contact the hotel directly and request the  
AHS Region 2 Daylily Meeting.  
Special Room Rate of \$96 if booked by February 1, 2012.

#### Presentations by:

Eric Simpson, Indiana	Mike Grossman, Minnesota
Don Herr, Pennsylvania	Julie Covington, Virginia
Karen Perkins, Massachusetts	Richard Norris, Ohio
Pat Wessling, Massachusetts	Dave Mussar, Ontario
Ted Petit, Florida	Round Table Discussion

Hybridizers Forum at 3:30 PM on Friday  
\$500 gift certificates given away Saturday & Sunday

#### FIRST CLASS

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