

CHALET IN THE VALLEY
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AHS Display Garden, Region 2 Located in Apple Valley...
7 miles east of Mt Vernon OH

PLANT COLLECTIONS:

Our garden includes 1200 plus daylilies, which begin blooming mid June, peak is usually around July 7. It stars a complete collection of Matthew Kaskel introductions, many Wilds, Brookwoods, an ever expanding collection from Jamie Gossard, plus a very diverse group from almost 200 different hybridizers. Trading has been a key factor in building our collection. Duane is doing some hybridizing, mixing northern hardy and southern evergreens. His interests lie mainly with spiders and UF's, although he likes many so called "bagels". Our first introductions will hopefully be registered soon, "Kalyn's Joy" and "Aubrey's Faith" both named after our grand-daughters.

Our garden also includes 400 plus Hosta. Since our 1 acre is about 50% shade from some very old oak trees, Debbie concentrates on hosta of all forms, but collections of pulmonaria, hellebores, ferns, huecheras and all manner of euonymus have overtaken the place! May is the month to see the hosta at its' finest.

And let us not forget the close to 500 daffodils that hide amongst the other plantings, they are from around the world. Our perennial beds are ringed with named daffodils which bloom in April and welcome spring in a very colorful way. The collection has bulbs from the Netherlands, England, Holland, Australia, and Northern Ireland. All 13 daffodil divisions are represented.

The gardens are nearly always open by appointment. Hosta open house (actually Garden) starts on Memorial Day weekend which coincides with a Big Plant Sale! Y'all Come!

Don't worry about that Big Brown Dog, that is Brody, the Chocolate Labrador, and he wouldn't hurt a fly, he might lick it to death, but NEVER hurt it. The attached garden photos were taken in the year 2005:



*Duane and Debbie Hurlbert
and of course, Brody*

