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**Back cover:** The VEEP Perpetual Scroll is an award established by AHS Region One in 1963 to recognize service to AHS Region One and support for the Region One President. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

**Facing page:** "Cat dancer" (Moore-G., 1992). Photo by Lorraine Manz

**Above:** "Fandango Sunset" (Smith-Mar., 2013). Photo by Lyle Moen

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# Region 1 Director's Report



## Steve Horan

Hello gardening friends in Region One. Steve Horan here and I'm coming up at the end of my second year as your Director for Region One. This year I attended the first Board meeting of the year at the National in Nashville. It was fun as I started off the week by going to Grand Ole Opry with another Board member and friend. I'm not big into country music, but it was a great experience just to see the place we have all heard about and they put on a great show.

The second Board meeting of the year is coming up in October and may have already happened by the time you read this column. It will be taking place in Oklahoma City as they always hold the Fall Board meeting at the location of the National for the following year, allowing us a sneak peek at the convention hotel. So, if you haven't already made your plans to attend the 2024 National in Oklahoma City, now is a good time to do so. The preview at this year's convention looked spectacular. The following convention in 2025 will be in Seattle and several possibilities are being considered for 2026. It is always great fun and I try to go every year.

"Webster's Pink Wonder" (Webster-Cobb, 2003). Photo by Lyle Moen.

I also attended Region One's Summer Meeting in Muscatine (Pearl City), Iowa. We were blessed by the attendance of the current AHS President, Scott Elliott, and the AHS President-elect, Rhonda Veroveen. That was special! Our featured speakers were Mike Grossmann and Kathleen Nordstrom, who even contributed three convention plants with the 'Pearl City' moniker for attendees. It was put on by the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society and oh my goodness do they know how to put on a convention! Thank you to Nancy Carlisle and Keith Riewerts. The gardens were magnificent, the food was great with a wonderful view of the Mississippi River, and I enjoyed a soda jerk at The Candy Kitchen. The Regional Summer Meeting in 2024 will be in Minneapolis on July 19-21. I will be one of the host gardens! Hope you can make it!

You may know that each director is assigned a task in the AHS. My committee assignment is the Garden Judge Records chair. I've been a Garden Judge for several years myself for Region One and enjoy the program. But the program doesn't administer itself and so that's where I come in. Read on for a short primer on the program. Garden Judge terms last for five years and each year I notify judges whose terms expire that year. If you ever receive this email notification from me, please respond because it makes everything run more smoothly and efficiently. New judges are asked to complete Garden Judge workshop 1 (covers the basics and is offered in a classroom setting or online) and Garden Judge workshop 2 (an immersive experience taking place in a garden setting). Experienced judges renew after five years and do so by completing Garden Judge workshop 3 (a combination of topics from the first two workshops and is offered in person or online). It is my responsibility to record the results from all these workshops and notify individuals during each step in the process. It is an important program for the AHS as Garden Judges vote the ballot for all the cultivar awards such as the Stout Silver Medal, Awards of Merit, and Honorable Mentions, along with specialty awards for various aspects of the daylily. I hope more of you will consider becoming Garden Judges as it is a fun and enriching experience that will help you get the most out of your AHS membership.

Whew, enough from me! Happy gardening everyone and see you soon at a daylily event.



# Region 1 President's Report

## Lisa Schmidt

Boy this summer has just flown by for me. My husband, Jeff, and I have a lot of miles on this summer going to lots of daylily events, from Region 1 club meetings, the National convention in Nashville, TN and fantastic regional meetings for Region 1 in Muscatine, IA and Region 2 in Lansing, MI. You should consider going to next year's National convention in Oklahoma City, OK and the Region 1 meeting in Minneapolis, MN. It is so much fun getting together with fellow daylily lovers, seeing fantastic tour yards and the chance to bid on the latest new daylilies.

Much of what was discussed at the national president's meeting and our Region 1 board meeting was the need to grow our clubs with new members and membership for our Region and National. There has been a drop in membership to ADS, as seen in smaller numbers at our regional meetings. But this may be somewhat due to COVID, slowing down peoples' travels, so hopefully more people will return to traveling to our regionals in the future. Nancy Rash is helping on the National ADS Marketing committee and in working with Russ Allen, the ADS Marketing Director, has received from him an article he compiled of other clubs' successful means of building membership. I am hoping we can have this very interesting, helpful article published in the Pioneer, so it can be shared with all clubs to help them increase membership. Furthermore, I am working on a survey that will enable our clubs to express their concerns about hosting a regional meeting, and also share ideas about how to streamline costs and encourage more attendees.

The VEEP Award plaque had its last available spot filled this year. It was started in 1963 with the first name entered on it (Edgar C. Lehman). The VEEP Award is for someone who has helped the Region and the Region 1 president and is only given once in a lifetime to that person. It would usually go back home with the Region 1 president to be stored until the next year when the award would be presented to the new winner. Since this year's winner filled in the last spot on the award plaque, the plaque will be retired and sent to the national ADS historian to be properly stored in the national storage site. I wish more people could have seen the plaque, as it really was full of history – so many active,



helpful, encouraging people in Region 1 helping each other. (Editor's note: a photo of the VEEP scroll is on the back cover of this newsletter.)

The ADS president Scott Elliott and president-elect Rhonda Veroeven attended our Region 1 meeting and toured more yards after the meeting. They presented the ADS Region 1 service award medal to Phil Fass and encouraged submissions be made for ADS awards in the future so that our many service-minded and helpful people in our Region 1 can be recognized and rewarded for their service.

Have fun out there. Enjoy your gardens. I have enjoyed many of your beautiful gardens this year and getting together with old and new friends.

*Happy Gardening!*

"Larry's twilight Bite" (Gossard, 2012).  
Photo by Lorraine Manz.



## From the Editor

### Lorraine Manz

Writing is something that rarely comes easily to me. I have been known to spend literally hours agonizing over a single sentence, a week over a single paragraph. I don't think it's always been that way, but it's certainly gotten worse as I've grown older. Truth is, I'd much rather read than write which, as editor of this newsletter, is pretty much what I do. Others do the writing, I read it, make changes as necessary, then compile everything into a document that is published twice-yearly as the Daylily Pioneer. This job is made even more gratifying because I enjoy reading what you, the contributors write, and because you are all so good at it. And you graciously accept my edits and comments without taking offence (as some do). I received many kind remarks after my first issue of the Pioneer came out last spring, for which I express my grateful thanks. But as the saying goes, you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, and likewise you can't produce a good publication without quality material.



"Puffer Fish" (Gossard, 2006). Photo by Lorraine Manz.

I also love receiving your photographs and already have accumulated quite a collection, thanks in particular to Lisa Schmidt and Lyle Moen. It's very useful to have a large stock of pictures on hand when a space needs to be filled. One of my projects for this winter will be to compile them into some sort of library before the numbers get completely out of control. (I know, we've all said something similar about the thousands of pictures on our smartphones, but I mean it this time, honest!)

Many of the Pioneer contributors are regulars, but that doesn't mean that I wouldn't welcome submissions from anyone else. If you have something you think would interest the members of Region 1 and are willing to share, let me know. Write an article and/or send me pictures. Check out the submission guidelines in the column on page 3 or drop me a line at [adsregion1editor@gmail.com](mailto:adsregion1editor@gmail.com) if you have questions.

*Happy fall!*

## From the Region 1 Historian

### Kathy Larson

Daylilies are one of the easiest perennials, but tips and tricks have floated around since the founding of the AHS. When I first started growing them the FIRM rule was to remove the developing scapes in a new plant's first summer! I don't think anyone does that now – and they establish just fine.

I've been rereading the excellent *Daylilies and How to Grow Them* by Ben Arthur Davis (1954). He describes a method of propagation I've never heard of.



"Another method of vegetative propagation little used, but entirely worthwhile, entails removing the lower section of the root. Most plants that have been growing for a year or more have a number of dark-colored old roots at the very bottom of the root system, with a number of fresher roots up nearer the crown. With a sharp knife you can cut across this root system, removing the old roots and leaving the newer ones with the plant. The piece bearing the old roots will invariably grow a new plant if planted in good soil and kept watered. When I receive a plant of a new or high-priced variety, I immediately examine it to see if the root system will admit this method of propagation."

Has anyone tried that? I'm going to experiment a little next year – but not on a "new or "high-priced variety"!



**2023 ADS REGION 1  
VEEP AWARD WINNER  
KAREN SCHOCK**



*By Lisa Schmidt*

Established in 1963, the VEEP award is a once in a lifetime award for service to the Region and helping the president.

I would not be Region 1 president if not for Karen Schock. She started the North Dakota daylily club 21 years ago, and she keeps it going with many generous donations of daylilies and her time. Every year she is the auctioneer for the Central North Dakota Daylily Society's annual June auction so that she can give great details about the plants and entice people to buy more! She was there with the group that helped get the NDSU Historic Daylily Display Garden in Fargo, ND established. She has already received a Region One Service award in 2010. My deepest thanks for all your service for promoting daylilies.

Congratulations Karen!

Editor's note: Karen's name fills the 40th and last available space on the VEEP plaque (see back cover), which will now be retired and placed in the ADS archives. The annual presentation of the VEEP award will continue in 2024 with the presentation of a certificate.

*"Carnival in Caracas" (Santa Lucia, 2007). Photo by Lorraine Manz.*

## 2023 NATIONALS REVIEW

*By Nancy Rash*

*Past President Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society, Secretary, Region One*

American Daylily Society members from Region One attended the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention of the American Daylily Society in Nashville, TN, June 15-17, 2023. The theme, "Grand Ole Daylilies", set the stage for fun and fabulous daylilies in the Nashville area. Attendees participated in plant sales, auctions, and a garden boutique. Classes available were Photography, Garden Judges Workshop III, Exhibition Judges Clinic I and II, and the Hybridizers Forum. Youth participants were welcomed with their own conference schedule of events.

A highlight of the garden tours is voting for Convention Cultivar Awards. Membership attendees viewed daylilies in four gardens, noted their nominees and cast their ballot on the bus ride back to the hotel. The President's Cup Award is to encourage hybridizers and introducers to send their newest registered cultivars to national convention gardens. The Florida Sunshine Cup award is for the best registered small flower or miniature daylily displayed in a convention tour garden. The Georgia Doubles Appreciation Winner must be a registered double flower, miniature through large flower. The most outstanding registered spider or unusual form daylily receives the Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form award. It's a tough decision after viewing hundreds of daylilies in some of the most beautiful gardens in Region 10. The awards were presented at the Saturday Awards and Honors Banquet. The winners can be viewed on the home page of the American Daylily Society website.





At the Awards and Honors Banquet was the announcement of the Regional Service Award to Phil Fass of Iowa. The award was established in 1974 for outstanding service to ADS at the regional level. The presentation of the award was made to Phil at the Region One Meeting in Muscatine, IA on July 15, 2023. Congratulations to Phil on a well-deserved award. Details can be seen at the Region One Daylily BlogSpot, and on pages 10-11 of this newsletter.

The four beautiful tour gardens featured provided daylily collections as well as pollinator and prairie plants, specimen tree collections, water features, fun garden art and sculptures and impressive hybridizing programs. The bus ride provides an opportunity to meet new folks, review the daylilies seen and learn new practices. Wonderful hosts were warm and welcoming and we thank them for sharing their garden and the love of daylilies.

Mark your calendar for future ADS National Conventions in Oklahoma City, OK in 2024 and in Seattle, WA in 2025.

*You can find the registration form  
for the 2024 Nationals  
on page 35*



**Above:** ADS Region One Members in the photo, Left to Right: Kris Henning, Jeff Schmidt, Lisa Schmidt, Bob Langabee, Joanne Langabee, Nancy Rash, Mike Grossmann, Vickie Aughenbaugh, Kathleen Nordstrom, Donna Steele. Photo by Lyle Moen.  
**Opposite:** Eden's Edge Garden – National Convention Tour Garden. Photo by Nancy Rash.

## 2023 REGION 1 SERVICE AWARD GOES TO PHIL FASS

by

*Kathy Larson*, ADS Region One Historian and Central Iowa Daylily Society Vice President;

*Nancy Carlisle*, Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society Past President; and

*Mary Baker*, past ADS Region One Garden Judges Liaison and Nebraska Daylily Society member



Photo by Lyle Moen

Phil Fass of Cedar Falls, Iowa, received the 2023 American Daylily Society (ADS) Region One Service Award at the 2023 ADS National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Phil has significantly contributed his time, knowledge, and skills as well as donated numerous daylilies to Region One since he joined ADS in 2001. Phil became a Garden Judge in 2005 and a Garden Judge Instructor in 2012. Phil freely shares his expertise in garden judging to help others learn how to consistently evaluate daylilies.

Phil instructed Garden Judges Workshops 1 and 2 during the 2013 ADS National Convention hosted by the Daylily Society of Minnesota in Minneapolis/St. Paul. He chaired and instructed Garden Judges Workshop 2 (GJW2) during

the 2019 ADS Region One Meeting hosted by the Nebraska Daylily Society in Omaha. Phil became ADS Region One Garden Judges Liaison in 2021. When COVID and a powerful derecho forced us to cancel our 2021 regional meeting, Phil collaborated with three other Region One Garden Judge Instructors so we could offer GJW2 to members in three states (Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska) within our geographically widespread region.

Phil is a long-time active member of two Iowa daylily clubs: the Central Iowa Daylily Society (CIDS) in Marshalltown and the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society (CVIDS) in eastern Iowa.

Phil is a talented daylily hybridizer. He and Debbie Deemer grow their large daylily collection and Phil's daylily seedlings and cultivars on their beautiful acreage garden in Parkersburg, Iowa. Phil is a gifted speaker who presented his daylily program at Lilyhemmer in 2019 and as banquet speaker for CVIDS in 2021. Phil has also presented his daylily program during the annual CIDS-hosted Pollen Dabbers as well as annual Region One Hybridizers Slide Presentations.

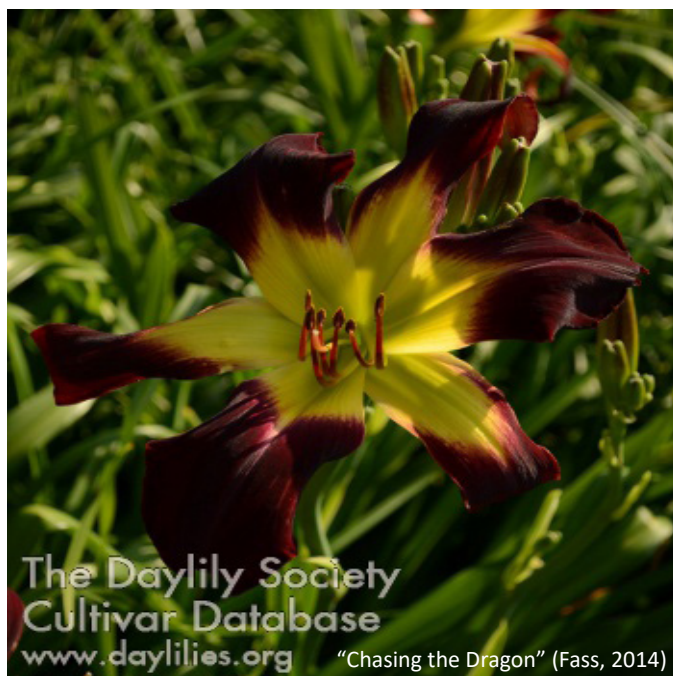
Phil and Debbie's Parkersburg garden has been the site for GJW2 whenever CIDS hosts an ADS regional meeting (approximately once every five years). That included hosting GJW2 during July 2022 in their Parkersburg garden while Phil simultaneously chaired the 2022 ADS Region One Meeting "Back in the Saddle" hosted by CIDS.

Phil generously hybridized and donated the beautiful daylily 'Swiss Vanilla Cream' (Phil Fass, 2022) as a registration gift plant to each 2022 ADS Region One Meeting attendee. Phil also hybridized and donated the lovely bus plant daylily 'Chasing the Dragon' (Phil Fass, 2014) when CIDS hosted the 2015 ADS Region One Meeting.

Phil coordinates the Region One Hybridizers Slide Presentations whenever CIDS hosts the ADS Region One Meeting. For many years Phil has co-chaired the annual Pollen Dabbers event hosted by CIDS, bringing in outstanding hybridizers from across the U.S. and Canada to speak to our region's members. Phil runs the laptop and projector

during these events, taking care of technology to ensure speakers' daylily presentations are smooth and flawless. Phil's background as a college professor makes him a valued mentor—his intelligence, energy, and sense of humor are contagious!

Whenever a need arises, Phil steps up and gives 100%. This was most notable when CIDS hosted the 2022 ADS Region One Meeting, the first in our region since 2019. Because of pandemic complications and limitations, Phil chaired, organized, and kept tabs on every aspect of the 2022 regional meeting. Phil became the liaison to the hotel and meeting venues, oversaw meals, hosted our speakers, and designed and produced the meeting handbook. Phil and Debbie even served as tour bus captains—Phil captained one bus, while Debbie captained the other bus.



Kathy and Mary have known Phil for many years. Nancy first met Phil in 2011 at Pollen Dabbers in Marshalltown. During Phil's daylily presentation, he mentioned he was looking for daylily names. She and Phil collaborated on naming the daylily he registered as 'Lemon Sorbet' (Phil Fass, 2016). Phil helped Nancy understand the complicated process of naming a daylily and registering it with ADS. After Phil introduced 'Lemon Sorbet', he generously contributed a large clump to CVIDS.

Phil frequently contributes many high-quality daylilies for annual ADS regional auctions. He has used some cutting-edge cultivars with the intent of improving his own amazing hybridizing efforts. When CVIDS hosted the 2012 ADS Region One Meeting, Phil generously donated over 40 daylily plants for the auction. Eastern Iowa had been hard hit



with a drought and this helped greatly with that auction. A 13-year-old club member helped dig those daylilies for the auction. Phil contributed several different daylilies to the teen so she could increase her own personal collection of award-winning cultivars.

Phil's knowledge, generosity, and enthusiasm for Region One and promoting daylilies make him a terrific leader. The depth and breadth of his strong service and dedication to Region One make him a worthy recipient of the ADS Region One Service Award.

Congratulations, Phil, and thanks for all you've done and continue to do for our region!



## 2023 REGION 1 OPEN GARDENS



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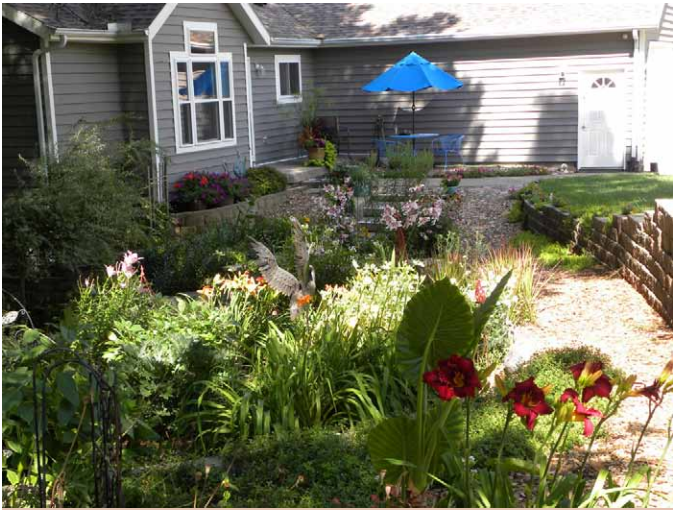
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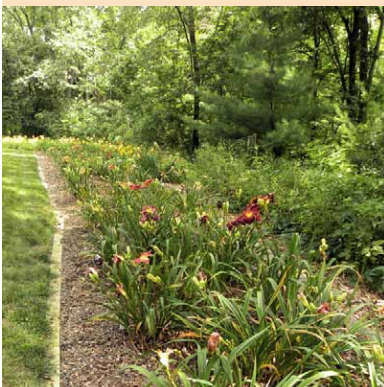
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# William Blair & Virginia Houser

Photos by Lisa Schmidt





# Tom & Linda Jones

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Nancy Carlisle (left and below)



# Dave & Sue Kramer

(See also Region 1 Garden Judge Training, p. 26)

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Lisa Schmidt (center and right)



"Red Dragon Sunrise" (Kramer, 2017)





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Nancy Rash (center left, bottom center, bottom right)

Lisa Schmidt (top left, bottom left, center)

Daylily closeups:

Center left – “Peggy Jeffcoat” (Joiner-J, 1995)

Bottom center – “Frances Busby” (Bell-T, 2006)

# Barbara McCreight



Top center: “Drop Shadow” (Polston, 2010)

Above: “Coral Corduroy” (Carpenter-J, 1992)

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Lisa Schmidt (top right, bottom center)

# Gary Oster

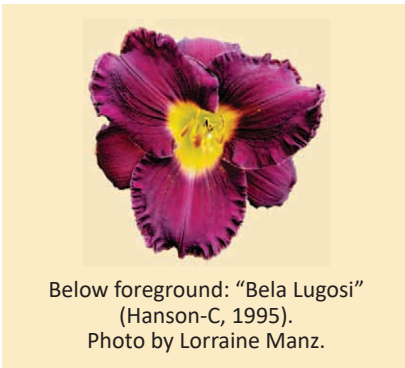


# Joyce & Larre Petersen



Photos by Lisa Schmidt

Joyce Petersen



Below foreground: "Bela Lugosi"  
(Hanson-C, 1995).  
Photo by Lorraine Manz.



# Bruce & Becky Whitaker

Photos above and left by Bruce and  
Becky Whitaker



# Cornell College

By Jonathan Poulton and Lorraine Manz

The foundation of the daylily gardens at Cornell College is a 250-plant collection donated by Cornell alum and CVIDS member Gary Oster. This collection, which Gary has continued to add to over the years fills the flowerbeds along the circular drive going up to the Commons area. The photo below clearly show that he has done a marvelous job.

Before Jonathan and Susie left for Colorado, when Jonathan was giving away daylilies to anyone who'd take them, Gary was delighted to accept 50 or so of his seedlings on Cornell's behalf. As it turned out, Jonathan's lilies were not planted by the main collection at the campus center but instead joined a few at another location on campus. The campus gardeners dug them in, and this year was Jonathan and Susie's first year back to visit them. They'd settled in well there.



Top: Main daylily garden. Photo by John Bauer.

Far left: One of the other beds around campus where Jonathan's seedlings were planted. Photo by Jonathan Poulton.

Left: Some of Jonathan's seedlings. Photo by Jonathan Poulton.



## 2023 REGION 1 BOARD & LIAISON MEETING

July 14, 2023, 4 PM Clark Room  
Merrill Hotel, Muscatine, IA

1. The ADS Region One Board Meeting was called to order by Region 1 President Lisa Schmidt at 4:01 PM.
2. Introductions were made.
3. The financial report was previously sent by Treasurer Karol Emmerich. A motion was made by Val Hoefler to approve the budget for 2023. A second to the motion was made by Kris Henning. The motion carried.
4. The Secretary's report of July 15, 2022 Board Meeting was sent previously by Secretary Kris Henning. A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Val Hoefler. A second to the motion was made by Lorraine Manz. Motion carried.
5. Lisa Schmidt appointed Val Hoefler to be chair of the nominating committee. Nancy Carlisle and Dory Lidinsky have been asked to serve on the nominating committee. Lisa Schmidt has consented to serve a second term as Region 1 President. No nominees are needed until we replace Steve Horan as Region One Director. The ADS president assigns Directors to a committee.
6. Regional Meeting Schedule: 2024 – Minnesota; 2025 – Fargo, ND; 2026 - Nebraska (needs confirmation); 2027 – Marshalltown, IA (CIDS)? Phil Fass will ask the Central Iowa Daylily Society if they will host in 2027.
7. Discussion of membership focusing on recruiting, retaining and engaging members. Nancy Rash will ask Russ Allen for permission to share an email sent as the ADS Marketing Chair. Most thought the pandemic changed the dynamics of club meetings. Ideas for membership: bring guests to club tours, recruit at county fairs and garden expos. Doing regional meetings "differently" was discussed with the requirement of a business meeting to be held. Our agenda for 2024 will revisit: What do we do differently for regional meetings? Discussion included, what is a viable number attending regional meetings? Minnesota votes on how much money they can "lose" to hold a region one meeting. Nebraska will determine if registrations deem one bus with Nebraska members driving private vehicles. A suggestion was made to use a survey at the 2024 banquet asking what registration fee members are willing to pay. Because we are a nonprofit, we must hold a board meeting once per year. A quorum at the Business Meeting is 5% of the membership which is about 10.
8. Discussion was held noting that ADS will celebrate 80 years anniversary in 2026.
9. At the business meeting a report will be given by Phil Fass, Garden Judges Liaison.
10. The VEEP Award Plaque is filled with dates 1963 to 2023. This year's recipient will have their name on the Award Plaque and receive a crystal medallion. A motion was made by Kris Henning to give a paper certificate in the future. The second to the motion was made by Val Hoefler. Motion carried. The scroll will be retired and stored in the ADS archives.
11. A motion to adjourn was made by Phil Fass with a second to the motion by Val Hoefler. Motion carried. The Board Meeting for Region 1 was adjourned at 4:58 PM.

*Respectfully submitted*

Nancy Rash, Region 1 Secretary

Attendance: Lisa Schmidt, RP; Val Hoefler, PRP; Lorraine Manz, Editor; Phil Fass, Garden Judges Liaison; Darrin Lett, CVIDS President; Kris Henning, Nancy Rash, Secretary.

Absent: Karol Emmerich, Jason Halonen



# 2023 REGION 1 FRIDAY NIGHT GATHERING & AUCTION



Auctioneer and CVIDS President Darrin Lett.



L-R: Vicky Aughenbaugh, Regio One Director Steve Horan, ADS Treasurer Kyle Billadeau, ADS President Scott Elliott, speaker Kathleen Nordstrom.



Region One members Bruce and Betty Whitaker.



L-R: Pioneer Editor Lorraine Manz, ADS Region One President Lisa Schmidt and husband Jeff.



Region One members Barb and Bob Papenhausen.



L-R: Region One members Karmin Mullins, Ellen Jones, Erik Holland.



Far left: CVIDS member Deb Hansen ready to receive auction proceeds.



Left: CVIDS charter member Joy Adams.

All photos by Lyle Moen.

## Small and Impactful City Garden

By Dory Lidinsky

John and Colleen’s Garden encompasses the side and front areas of a small city lot. The beds were set up to allow visitors access to the plants from all sides with room to walk through the beds. Interspersed between northern hardy daylilies and other perennial plants, fairies and gnomes caught one’s attention. Colleen writes that her, “true love of daylilies began when I walked into the gardens of Barret and Lynn Stoll.” The garden features several of the plants hybridized by Lynn Stoll, (including one hybridized jointly between Lynn and Colleen) and lovingly tended in Lynn’s memory.



Colleen and John have added edible plants and shrubs into the flower beds and have included herbs in the flower beds to attract butterflies and other pollinators. In addition, planting edible plants alongside daylilies helps make the best use of their small garden space.



Daylily plants introduced by Phil Fass from Iowa were putting on quite a show during our visit and it was delightful to see several daylily introductions from the late Jerry Steffenhagen out of MN.



**Clockwise from top right:**

- Colleen and John Hansen. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.
- “In the Clouds” (Gossard, 2013). Photo by Lorraine Manz.
- “My Brain is Full” (Bachman, 2008). Photo by Lorraine Manz.
- Visitors to the Hansen garden enjoying the flowers. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.
- “Lynn’s Peppermint Pink Dream” (Stoll-Hansen, 2015). Photo by Dory Lidinsky.



## 2023 REGION 1 GARDEN TOURS

Heather & Jim Harroun, Illinois City, IL

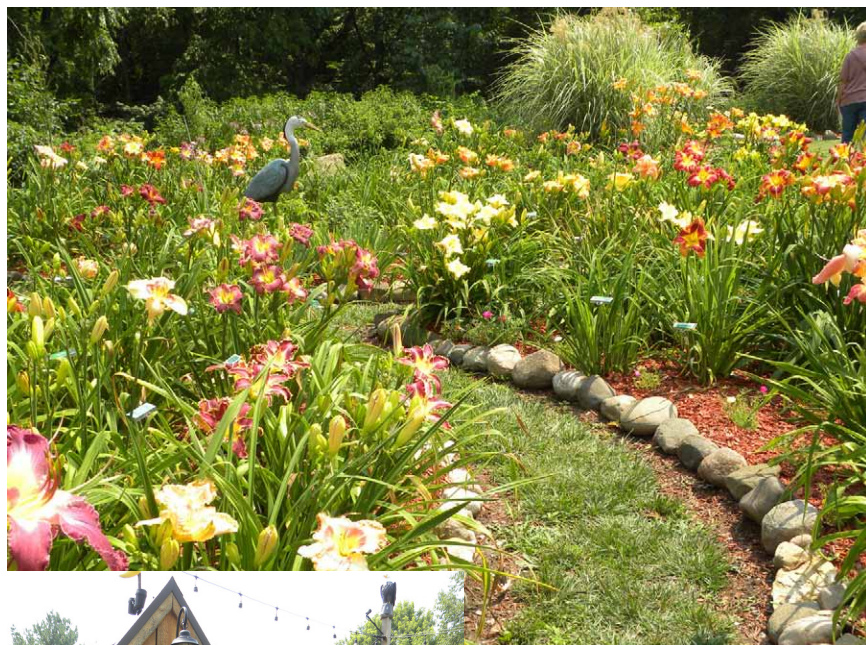
### Gnomans' Land Gardens

By Lorraine Manz

Heather and Jim's gardens are set among woodland at the end of a long driveway flanked by beds packed with daylilies and other perennials and annuals. We were greeted at the house by a host of gnomes and a large, very sociable tabby cat.

About an acre of the property is occupied by a maze of flowerbeds separated by walkways that enable visitors to fully appreciate the masses of colorful flowers and abundant yard art, including a whimsical "gnome home" and some elegant statuary. Many of the plants throughout the Harroun's gardens are pollinator-friendly. The gardens are beautifully lit during the evening hours by overhead strings of soft, yellow lights.

Before we left, we were each invited to take home a red geranium, potted up by Heather and Jim especially for the occasion.



**Above:** Heather and Jim's flower-lined driveway. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.

**Top right:** A life-size heron statue watches over the flower beds. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.

**Middle left:** The Gnome Home. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.

**Middle right:** Jim and Heather Harroun. Photo by Nancy Rash.

**Bottom right:** Visitors explore the Harroun's garden. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.

## 2023 REGION 1 GARDEN TOURS

### Darrin & Shelly Lett, West Branch, IA

By Kris Henning

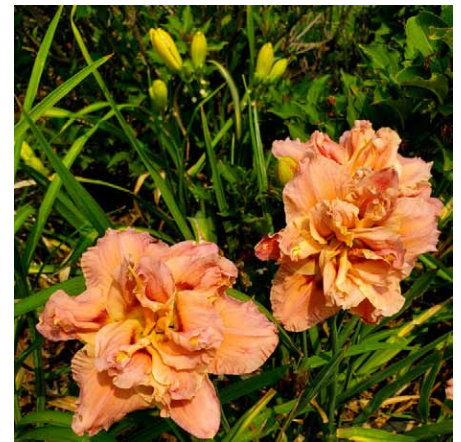
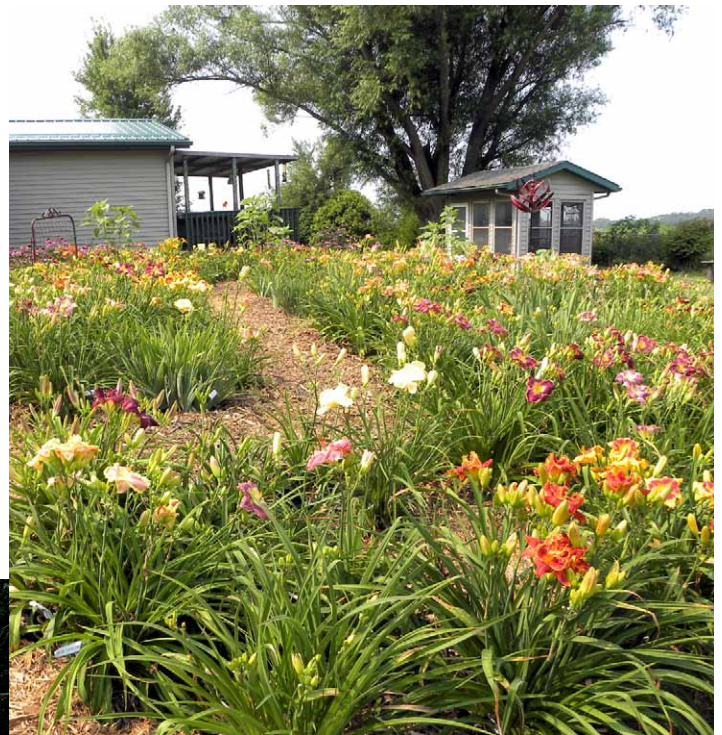
Darrin and Shelly are two of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet. When our bus stopped at their home, you could see the love and pride they have for their property.



They moved to their acreage in 2014, started raising vegetables and then Shelly started hybridizing daylilies and iris. Their gardens have expanded to include a 5-acre vegetable truck garden, iris gardens to the rear of the house, and several large daylily gardens which include Shelly's hybridizing program, all while both of them work full-time off the farm.

Throughout the beds were many whimsical and antique items to accentuate the flowers. I was attracted to Shelly's pastel double seedling that she calls 'Clara Mae' after her grandma, whom she credits with her mother as giving her the love of flowers.

Shelly told me that her 'comfort zone' is a day of weeding and hybridizing in the gardens, and Darrin says that he's living his dream with his wife on their property. They both consider it their little slice of heaven. I think a lot of us did, too!



Clockwise from top left:

Darrin and Shelly Lett. Photo by Kris Henning.  
Daylily gardens at the back of the house. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.

Shelly's seedling, "Clara Mae". Photo by Kris Henning.  
Lett garden by the road with seedlings. Photo by Kris Henning.

## 2023 REGION 1 GARDEN TOURS

### Keith & Sally Riewerts, Long Grove, IA

By Janell Quinlan



As we came up the driveway at the Riewerts home, we were greeted by a bright lemon yellow, diamond dusted daylily beauty. What a way to start the day and the garden tour!

This spring a couple of oak trees had to be taken out of the front yard. Keith dug out the center of the stumps and turned them into flowerbeds. This gave the front yard a unique look. It also opened up the front yard to more sunshine so there can be room for more daylilies. Hosta compliments the tricolor beech and other shade trees in the front yard.

When we came around to the backyard, we were welcomed by a feast of color and daylilies. There was a variety of colors, hybrids, shapes and sizes. There are more than 350 daylilies and Keith likes to consider it an eclectic collection. He has come to prefer taller daylilies for easier deadheading. His morning walk through the garden with his cup of coffee while deadheading is what he refers to as his "God Time" and an important way to the start of his day.

Sally loves giraffes. A friend made her a mother and baby giraffe for her. These giraffes stand guard over the daylily beds to make sure all can enjoy the beauty. Sally was also a music teacher so there are a number of daylilies with musical names.



**Top:** Visitors enjoying the daylies in the Riewert's garden. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.

**Center left:** Sally's giraffes on guard duty. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.

**Center right:** "Wild at Heart" (Polston, 2010). Photo by Lorraine Manz.

**Left:** L-R ADS Vice-President Rhonda Vereoven, Keith Riewerts, Sally Riewerts, ADS President Scott Elliott, Region 1 Director Steve Horan. Photo by Nancy Rash..



## 2023 REGION 1 BUSINESS MEETING

2023 ADS Region 1 Business Meeting  
July 15, 2023, Banquet Ballroom  
Merrill Hotel, Muscatine, IA

1. The ADS Region 1 Business Meeting was called to order by Region 1 President Lisa Schmidt at 7:41 PM.
2. Lisa welcomed attendees and introduced the regional officers and liaisons.
3. Lisa Schmidt thanked Nancy Carlisle and Keith Riewerts as co-chairs and CVIDS members for their work. Region 1 members were thanked for attending and keeping the Region 1 meeting going.
4. The Secretary's report from the 2022 business meeting was published in the Fall 2022 Daylily Pioneer. Donna Steele made a motion to approve the minutes as published. A second to the motion was made by Val Hoefler. Motion carried.
5. The Treasurer's statement was presented to the Region 1 Board members at their board meeting July 14, 2023. Kris Henning made a motion to approve the treasurer's statement and a second to the motion was made by Mike Grossman. Motion carried.
6. Val Hoefler was asked to chair the nomination committee. Her committee of Val Hoefler, Dory Lidinsky and Nancy Carlisle was presented to the membership for approval. Scott Keller made a motion to accept the committee and Sylvia Banguess made a second to the motion. Motion carried.
7. Garden Judges Liaison report was given by Phil Fass. Phil stressed the need for more garden judges. It is fun and improves your enjoyment of daylilies. It makes you a better observer of daylilies. Garden Judges take and pass classes 1 and 2. Ballots from judges are due September 1. Judges must pay dues on time and visit lots of gardens. Garden Judges training will be held 9:30-11:30 AM at the garden of Sue and Dave Kramer on Sunday, July 16, 2023.
8. Region 1 Director Steve Horan from Woodbury, MN reported on the Garden Records Judges Chair position. He records the requirements met of being a garden judge: Garden Judge Class 1; Garden Judge Class 2 – held in the garden; Garden Judge Class 3 is new and online to renew status as a garden judge. The term of garden judge is 5 years.
9. Serving his second year as the Region 1 Director, Steve attended the ADS Board Meeting in Nashville. 2023 daylily registrations are now recorded on the ADS website. ADS has been without a webmaster but a new webmaster has been hired. Technology director Rich Crider will be prioritizing the work to be done on the ADS website. ADS President Scott Elliott will be ending his 4-year term as president and on January 1, 2024, Rhonda Veroeven will be the new ADS president. Thank you to Scott Elliott and congratulations to Rhonda Veroeven.
10. Recognition was given to Nan Ripley for Honorable Mention for Supreme Scream. Recognition as given to Karol Emmerich for Honorable Mention for Kingdom Bound.
11. The 2023 Regional Service Award for Region One was announced as Phil Fass by Rhonda Veroeven at the ADS National Meeting in Nashville. Rhonda read a portion of the nomination for Phil Fass prior to the presentation of the Region 1 Service Award at the Region 1 Meeting in Muscatine. Phil was congratulated and presented a well-deserved medal for his work in Region 1.
12. Joan Zettel, Historic Daylily Garden Liaison is coordinating donations to the NDSU Historic Daylily Display Garden. Donations may be made to the Historic (older) hybridizations or to the Region 1 Hybridizer Garden.
13. VEEP Award 2023 – The Region 1 President presented Karen Schock the lifetime achievement VEEP Award for service to the American Daylily Society's Region One. Karen started the North Dakota daylily club 21 years ago and helped establish the NDSU Historical Gardens in Fargo, ND. Thank you from Lisa and Region 1 for the promotion of daylilies. Her name was added to the VEEP Award Plaque and a crystal medallion were presented to Karen prior to the Region 1 Meeting.
14. No other business was brought before the group. Nancy Carlisle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was made by Steve Horan. The Region 1 business meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

Nancy Rash, Region 1 Secretary



# 2023 REGION 1 SATURDAY NIGHT GATHERING



**Clockwise from top left:**

Nancy Carlisle, CVIDS Past President.

L-R Scott Elliot, ADS President; Phil Fass, 2023 ADS Region One Service Award Recipient; Rhonda Veroeven; ADS Vice President; Steve Horan, ADS Region One Director.

Steve Horan, ADS Region One Director.

ADS Region One members Donna Steele and Vicky Aughenbaugh.

Lisa Schmidt, ADS Region One President.

Dory Lidinsky, DSM President, and Kris Henning, former ADS Region One Secretary.

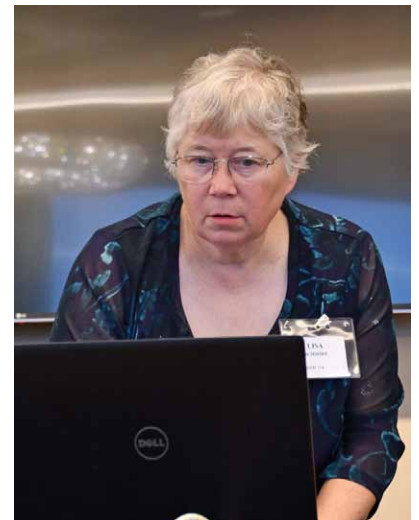
ADS Region One members Joyce and Steve Parsons.

ADS Region One members Susie and Jonathan Poulton.

L-R Kyle Billadeau, ADS Treasurer, speakers Kathleen Nordstrom and Mike Grossmann.

**Bottom:** Team CVIDS

All photos by Lyle Moen





## 2023 REGION 1 GARDEN JUDGE TRAINING

### The Value of Attending a Garden Judge Workshop

*By Gretchen Little*

I signed up for a garden daylily judging workshop on a whim after getting an invitation by email. I'm someone who primarily just likes to look at daylilies, but I thought it might be interesting. It was a great class that gave me a lot to think about and a way to appreciate daylilies at a new level.

We met at the gardens of Sue and Dave Kramer in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Phil Fass was our teacher for the next couple of hours. Not only did I find out what is judged when looking at a daylily plant, but also why judging is important.

I learned to see beyond what I think is pretty. We were taught how to identify many distinct aspects of a plant such as how healthy and vigorous the leaves are, how tall and how many bloom stalks there are, the sturdiness of the flowers, and overall aesthetics. These points are evaluated next to standards that come from a consensus of what makes a superior daylily from the collective opinions of other judges.

But what's the point, you may ask. I went into the class not even really knowing why judging a daylily would be valuable to begin with. My only experience with flower judging had been at the county fair.

There are two types of judges in the American Daylily Society: Exhibition and Garden. This workshop was about becoming a Garden Judge who evaluates daylilies growing in a garden. Once someone has taken the classes and successfully applied to be a judge, they then have an excuse to grow a lot of daylilies, visit other gardens and talk to people about daylilies.

A judge is expected to participate in voting every year. There is a list of daylilies that the judge tracks down to view during the growing season. The ballot is then sent in by September 1. I like the idea of going on a quest to find specific daylilies. Events like the Region One meeting I attended provide judges with opportunities to see several of the plants on the list at one time.

Voting is only available to members of AHS who have taken all of the training and become certified. To officially start training you must be a member for at least 12 months. To send in the application to become a judge you must be a member for 24 months.

The process is this: Read chapters 1 and 2 of *Judging Daylilies in the Garden* (available to download on the AHS website), take Garden Judges Workshops 1 and 2, then submit an application. For detailed information go to the Garden Judges Home Page on the AHS website.

I was able to audit the class (which was Workshop 2) because I wasn't a member yet. I got a lot from it anyway!

My mom and I have grown daylilies for thirty years simply because we liked them. Looking at daylilies through the lens of a judge adds another layer of interest. It's like adding a filter to a photograph. The photo may have been great to begin with, but a filter can make the details pop.

I highly recommend attending a judging workshop whether you intend to go on and become a judge or not. It gives you the ability to see daylilies through new eyes. Also, anyone who goes on to become a judge can play a part in identifying the best-of-the-best and creating the standard. Plus, it gives everyone a common language to talk about daylilies. Last, but not least, it's just fun.



Garden Judge Workshop participants and instructor Phil Fass (far right) in the Cedar Rapids garden of Sue and Dave Kramer. Photo by Nancy Rash.



Hosted by the Daylily Society of Minnesota  
 Registrations capped at 112

**FEATURED SPEAKER – ERIC SIMPSON, BLUE RIDGE DAYLILIES**

**FEATURED TOUR GARDENS**

Dick & Karol Emmerich – Springwood Gardens  
 Karl & Denise Haldorson – K & D Gardens  
 Steve Horan – Horan Gardens

**GARDEN JUDGES WORKSHOP 2 ON SUNDAY**

Held at Horan Gardens for new judges. Drive-yourself directions will be provided. See box below.

**REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:**

Friday & Saturday programs, Saturday bus tour, gift plant, and all meals from Friday dinner through Saturday dinner. Guest 'dinner only' is also available (see below).

**REGION ONE AUCTION**

Mike Grossmann, Auction Chair

[mike144mann@msn.com](mailto:mike144mann@msn.com)

**PLEASE CONTACT MIKE TO DONATE FOR REGION 1!**

**REGISTRAR/CO-CHAIR**

Kris Henning, P. O. Box 135, Frederic, WI 54837

Cell: 715-431-0249 Email: [kristiehenning@gmail.com](mailto:kristiehenning@gmail.com)

Contact Kris if you have any registration questions

**OTHER QUESTIONS?**

Chair Dory Lidinsky: 763-772-7941, [dliidinsky@comcast.net](mailto:dliidinsky@comcast.net)

Co-Chair Karol Emmerich: 952-941-9280,

[kdemmerich@aol.com](mailto:kdemmerich@aol.com)

**SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, JULY 19**

10 AM–4 PM  
 12:00–5:00 PM

Open gardens, hours as noted  
 Boutique open-Silent Auction  
 Raffle, Bargain Table  
 Registration; open time poss. earlier  
 Region 1 Board meeting  
 Hybridizer slides  
 Social hour  
 Dinner  
 Region 1 Auction

**SATURDAY, JULY 20**

Breakfast at hotel  
 Staggered, TBA  
 3:30–3:40 PM  
 3:30–5:00 PM  
 5:00–6:00 PM  
 6:00–7:00 PM  
 7:00–7:30 PM  
 7:30–8:30 PM  
 8:30–9:00 PM

Tour buses depart  
 Tour buses return  
 Boutique open  
 Social hour  
 Banquet  
 Region 1 Business mtg/Awards  
 Guest speaker–Eric Simpson  
 Special auction of Blue Ridge Daylilies  
 Invitation to 2025 Regional & close

**SUNDAY, JULY 21**

10 AM–12 PM  
 10 AM–4 PM

Garden Judges Workshop 2–if held\*\*, Steve Horan, Instructor  
 Open gardens, hours as noted

***-Schedule subject to change–check at Registration-***

**SATURDAY IS “STAR OF THE NORTH” VOTING!  
 (INFORMAL PRESIDENT’S CUP)**

**HOTEL–MINNEAPOLIS MARRIOTT SOUTHWEST**

5801 Opus Parkway, Minnetonka, MN 55343

Reservations are open! Hotel reservations can only be made via the link on the DSM website to get the block rate:

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

Group room rate is **\$129 + tax** until 6/27/24 or until hotel sells out. Rate is good for Thursday & Sunday nights too.

Come early and stay late!

**REGISTRATION FORM–2024 REGION ONE SUMMER MEETING**

Make checks out to “DSM” & mail with form to: Kris Henning, Registrar, P. O. Box 135, Frederic, WI 54837

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please list name(s) as you would like them shown on your name badge(s). Mark Youth with a “Y” after name.*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special needs? \_\_\_\_\_ (Bus, meals, etc. Please use back). Will you accept email confirmation info? \_\_\_\_\_

**Late fee if postmarked after June 19<sup>th</sup>. Final cut-off date is July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Garden Judges 2 (you must pre-register by 6/19/24):**

**\*\*Workshop 2** is for **new judges only** to complete the GJ training, not for renewing judges anymore. \$5 to register, \$3 to audit (observe). Cash fee collected at garden. Do not pay now.

Name(s) of those who will attend Workshop 2:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**We need you!** Consider becoming a Garden Judge. ADS website

<https://www.daylilynetwork.org/page/GardenJudgesHome>

**Workshop 1** is to start becoming a judge and is online.

**Workshop 3** is for renewing judges and is also online.

**Fees: (\$5 of each registration fee goes to region)**

\_\_\_\_\_ # Adults postmarked by 6/19 @ \$169 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # Adults postmarked 6/20–7/19 @ \$189 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # Youth @ \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest dinner-only @ \$55 each night:**

\_\_\_\_\_ # Friday \_\_\_\_\_ # Saturday \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fees = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## LOCAL NEWS

### Beausejour Daylily Gardens

by Mary Veldman

2023 will go down in history as the hottest, driest summer. We started the year off with a broken irrigation system that took almost two months to fix. That led to many concerns on how it would affect the daylily blooms. Would it be an early bloom? Short bloom? In the end it all worked out. Daylilies are so resilient. That's why I love them. They pulled through even when climate change or whatever you want to call it tried so desperately to alter our world. The world looked like it was on fire most of the summer, and in some places, it still is burning. Manitoba was one of the few provinces in Canada that didn't have much fire activity, but we were still affected by the smoke and haze making it hard to enjoy spending time outdoors especially if you suffer from asthma.



"Deer Haven Lemon Martini" (Lidinsky-BD, 2020). Photo by Mary Veldman

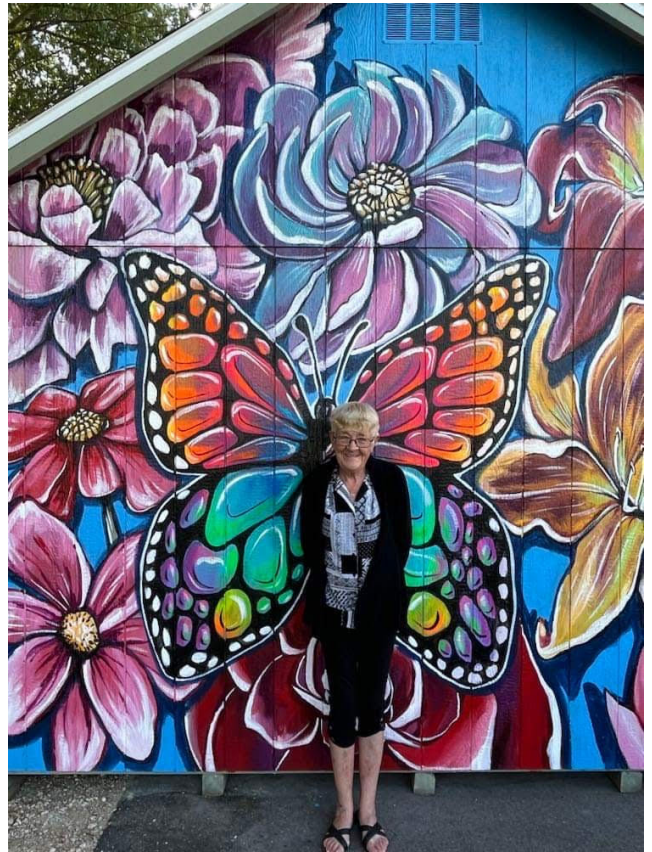
The good news of 2023 was the generosity of a certain hybridizer couple from Minnesota by the name of Bill and Dory Lidinsky (<https://deerhaven.webador.com/>). They own

a daylily business called Deer Haven Daylilies. I met Bill and Dory a few years back when they came to Beausejour to visit our display gardens. They generously donated us daylilies then, a lovely collection of Brian Culver cultivars. This year we were very fortunate to receive many of Bill's own creations as well as some of his favorite daylilies that he has in his yard. I had never seen such beautiful fans. We planted them all up as soon as they arrived. Many of his daylilies have already bloomed for us! I'm looking forward to next summer when I can see them all bloom again.

We also received some daylilies from Harbour Breezes Daylily. We added a good collection of double form daylilies to our gardens from this grower. I can surely recommend Harbour Breezes Daylily from Nova Scotia Canada (<https://harbourbreezes.ca/>) if you are looking to purchase.

Summer is officially over, and we are now gearing up for our fall plant sale September 16<sup>th</sup>. We have so far dug up around 45 daylily cultivars for the plant sale as well as some peonies, lilies, irises, and other perennials.

This summer we purchased a new garden shed to store all of our wagons and



The mural on our new shed by local artist Rachel Lancaster with garden volunteer Diane posing as Madame Butterfly. Photo by Shaunda Rossington.

wheelbarrows, and other big items that we use throughout the season. We hired an artist Rachel Lancaster to paint a mural on the east side of the new shed. There are daylilies in the mural as well as some pollinator wings that will enable folks to stand in front of the mural and have their photos taken. It will add a nice splash of color to the gardens during those long cold winter months.



## Central Dakota Daylily Society

by Gwen Brady

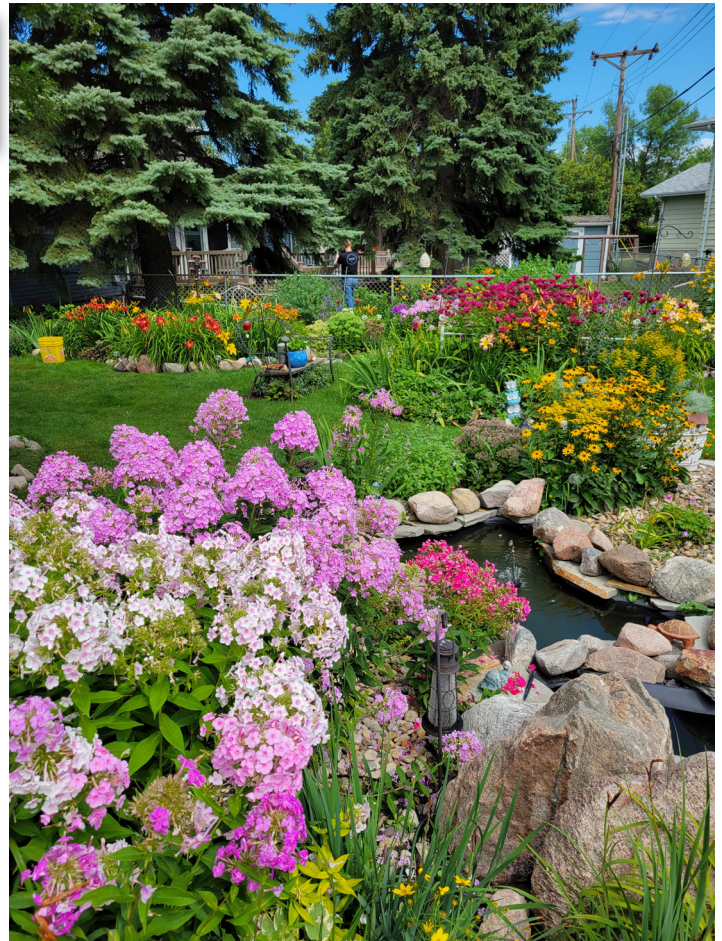
What a contrast between last year when we were sitting on drought conditions and this year with sufficient rainfall. It has made the daylilies grow like gangbusters. The blooms have been amazing this year and saw blooms do things that I have never seen like polys that had fused blooms and triple sets of petals and sepals making them look like a sunflower.

As far as the Central North Dakota Daylily Society goes we did have a spring meeting. We decided to highlight various businesses that support our garden obsessions. We had speakers from two different greenhouses talk at our meeting. One was a new owner of a nursery in Baldwin (Baldwin Greenhouse and Nursery) that spoke of the new ideas they are moving forward with and the other speaker was from Plant Perfect speaking on how to incorporate succulents with daylilies and new plant that are available.

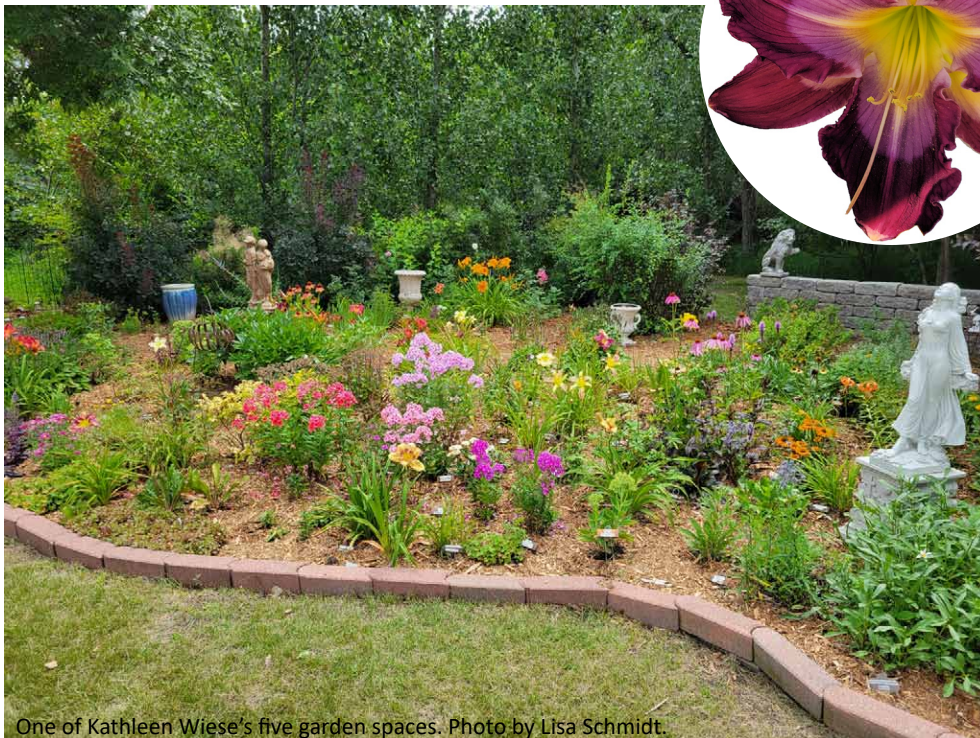
Our club daylily auction did well this year and we had our club garden tour and blossom blast in July. We visited two amazing yards. One yard had just as many plants as it had yardage. Don't know how she managed to get that many plants, sitting areas and little eye-appealing garden ornaments into that yard!

The other yard was spacious with different themes going into five different garden spaces. Thank you for opening up your garden to club members and a guest to visit.

We are having a fall speaker. Carole Hunter will be speaking on her hybridization program for re-blooming daylilies for the northern climate and the history of daylilies.



Connie Werner's flower-filled garden. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.



One of Kathleen Wiese's five garden spaces. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.



**Left:** "Surprise Me!" (Nordstrom, 2022), **Below:** "Coronation Day" (Emmerich, 2007) – joint winners of Best of Show at our annual Blossom Blast, which was held at Kathleen Wiese's garden. Photos by Lisa Schmidt.



## *Daylily Society of Minnesota*

by Dory Lidinsky

Our summer activities got off to a great start with the “daylily dig” on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Deer Haven Gardens in Ham Lake, MN. Deer Haven Gardens, owned by Bill and Dory Lidinsky, sits on 1 acre with about 350 separate daylily cultivars, including about 20 of their own introductions. With the goal of making more room for seedlings and other new cultivars, the Lidinsky’s donated close to 600 daylily fans from 55 different cultivars. Other daylily donations came from the University of MN Arboretum and Jon Harley, a long time DSM member. There was much digging going on followed by splitting, cleaning, and labeling for the sale to be held the next day. A large crew of dedicated daylily lovers spent the entire day working laughing, sweating, and longing finally for the large number of daylily fans to be labeled to come to an end. Our volunteers came from as far away as Faribault, MN, Wisconsin, and Bismarck, ND. The Sunday sale at Bachman’s Garden center in Minneapolis was well attended despite an unusually warm day, with total earnings just over \$4,000.

Our annual bus tour took place on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Traveling in style on a comfortable air-conditioned bus, we visited the garden of Jon and Donna Harley in Inver Grove Heights and Wayne Cole in Eagan. These two gardens were on the tour for the first time. After a filling meal at Olive Garden, we visited the garden of Dave Beckman and Linda Horsman in Mounds View. Everything went smoothly until the last 10 minutes when a poorly timed but very welcome downpour sent us running for the bus. The club sends a special thank you to the Harleys, Wayne, and Dave and Linda for inviting us into their gardens. We were especially thankful to Dave Beckman and Linda Horsman for organizing and running the tour this year!

The next day we held our Off Scape Show at the University of Minnesota Arboretum with many of us getting up early to pluck those gorgeous blooms to bring to the show. Visitors to the arboretum walked through our display area and once again we happily educated people in the ever-increasing variety of daylily blooms available to grow in our northern area.

Garden of Dave Beckman and Linda Horsman.  
Photo by Dory Lidinsky.



To end our summer activities, we gathered for the annual banquet and auction event on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest in Minnetonka. It was wonderful to see some newer members attending their first banquet and many long-term members returning to the banquet after an absence of several years.



Washing daylilies at Deer Haven Gardens in preparation for our annual sale. Photo by Dory Lidinsky.

Despite feeling like we should kick back a bit and rest, we are instead running full tilt into preparations for the 2024 regional to be held here in Minneapolis, MN. Our theme is “Daylilies Galore in ‘24” and scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>. Please save that date and stay tuned for more information in the next few months.

## Nebraska Daylily Society

by Linda Ferguson

The Nebraska Daylily Society held its first meeting of the year January 28<sup>th</sup> in Scribner. The meeting was hosted by Mark and Betsy Langemeier. There were 4 hybridizers who presented their seedlings. Mary Baker, Tom Keast, Linda Ferguson and Scott Keller presented their continuing programs. Val Hoefler agreed to chair the 2026 Regional meeting to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Other duties were assigned to various members for the regional meeting. It takes a lot of work to have a smoothly operating event.

The May meeting was held in Lincoln. The two tour gardens for the Regional were selected and those members agreed to host. The club will be paying for each garden to purchase new plants this year to be planted and grown to have a nice display by the 2026 Regional event. Several members agreed to donate plants for the registration give away and the Langemeiers agreed to grow them until needed for the Regional. Club plants from Bobby Scott were distributed to those who had earned them the previous year by doing club work. An auction was held of Top Guns plants and club donations.

Our July meeting began with flowers being brought to the Bellevue church where the meeting was to be held. Members enjoyed a social time and voted on the flowers they liked best in each of the daylily categories. Then members left to tour Mary Baker and Bob Langabee's gardens. When members returned a brief meeting was held and the winners of each category were announced. Linda Ferguson won the traveling trophy for most first place wins.

Our fourth meeting was held at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Omaha. The meeting was hosted by Annette Langan, Phyllis McIntosh, Rita and Lyle Kahnk. Henri Shiphorst gave a brief presentation about his committee meeting with Nelson Mandela elementary school and our club offering to help them with their new greenhouse and getting a daylily program set up for the children.

We held two scholarship plant sales at the Omaha Extension office. We sell double fans for \$5 each that are donated by our members. The proceeds go to support a college student studying in the field of horticulture/agriculture. Trey Lampkins has been our scholarship recipient for the last 2 years. He is studying at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.



**Left to right:** Scott Keller, candidate for 2025 Region 1 Director; Linda Ferguson, Nebraska Daylily Society President; Scott Elliott, ADS President.

Photo by Scott Ferguson.



**Left to right:** Lisa Schmidt, Current Region 1 President; Linda Ferguson, Nebraska Daylily Society President; Val Hoefler, Region 1 Past President and Chairperson for 2026 Regional meeting.

Photo by Scott Ferguson.



# BEAUTIFYING OUR PLANET FOR MILLENNIA — THE HISTORY OF DAYLILIES

By Kathleen Wiese  
Science Liaison

Did you know that our beautiful daylily is not native to America? In fact, it is native only on the Asian continent, yet has spread nearly around the world. Daylilies made their way to Europe in the 1500s, probably as a result of “silk road” traffic, and came to America with the wave of European immigrants a few hundred years later. Being as versatile as they are, the dozen or so wild species that arrived here quickly adapted to conditions and naturalized to the point where some consider them invasive.

It was likely that tendency to spread prolifically in the garden, especially of *Hemerocallis fulva* (the classic tawny orange) and *H. flava* (yellow), also known as *H. lilioasphodelus*, along with a desire for more variety, that led to plant enthusiasts’ attempts to hybridize new varieties from the old ditch lily. In the 1800s, botanists looked at those prolific orange and yellow daylilies and thought “I bet I would be famous if I could make these a different color and a little better behaved in peoples’ gardens.” Or maybe it was more curiosity than a desire for fame, and no one was more curious than Arlow Stout.

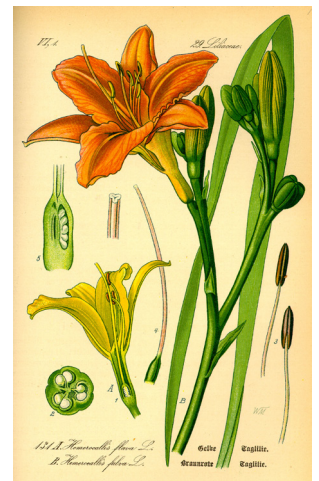
Stout, considered by many to be the father of modern daylilies, began hybridizing the species that he found growing on old farmsteads and in ditches in Wisconsin, as

well as in his mother’s garden. As a young boy, he noticed that the tawny orange daylilies in his mother’s garden usually didn’t produce seed pods. His curiosity led him to research why that might be and he discovered that they were “self-sterile”, meaning that they couldn’t pollinate themselves. By the time of his death in 1957, he had conducted over 50,000 cross-pollination experiments and had hybridized



**Above:** *H. flava*. Photo by Ulrich Stark, CC-BY-2.0.

**Left and below:** *H. fulva*.





over 100 cultivars of daylilies. He published a landmark monograph “Daylilies” in 1934. His book “Daylilies: The Wild Species and Garden Clones, Both Old and New, of the Genus *Hemerocallis*” can still be found in some bookstores. His work revolutionized the way the world looked at this versatile plant and created huge commercial monetary value from just one flower.

Stout’s first introduction, named ‘Mikado’, was first made available for sale in Pennsylvania in 1929. Its parentage is two fulvous daylilies, *H. aurantiaca* and *H. fulva* clone Europa. His first seedlings from this cross were somewhat unpredictable, with shades of yellow, orange, and red; solid color or with eye zones. Mikado was chosen for commercial introduction because its colors were more intense with greater contrast than had ever before been seen in daylilies.

Although Stout’s name is nearly synonymous with daylily hybridization, the first recognized hybridized daylily was created by a man named George Yeld in 1893 in his yard in Great Britain. ‘Apricot’, unfortunately, has been lost to the dust of time, but its beauty as an early blooming, very fragrant daylily led to further interest in hybridizing, and Yeld went on to introduce several more varieties, including ‘Sovereign’, ‘Gold Dust’, ‘Estmere’, and ‘Orangeman’, all of which are some variation of yellow or gold.

The only one of these early hybrid daylilies that is still widely available commercially is ‘Hyperion’. ‘Hyperion’ features large, profuse clumps of lemony yellow, modestly fragrant, 5-inch blooms that rise on 40-inch-tall scapes. Introduced by Mead in 1924, it is likely still around because no subsequent introduction of a yellow daylily has surpassed its vigor and beauty. In fact, it is still popular enough that it was awarded the Award of Merit in 2011.

“Hyperion” (Mead-FB, 1924). Photo by Paul Paradis, cropped, CC-BY-2.0.



“Mikado” (Stout, 1929).

By the 1950s, hundreds of hybridizers had entered the field. We still see the names Munson, Davidson, Parker, and Brother Charles, among others. Most of these folks are gone, but their names live on in the daylilies in our gardens. Today, there are thousands of hybridizers, some like the early pioneers in the field with formal education in botany or horticulture, and others who have learned because of their passion for the challenge of creating ever more beautiful and unique daylilies.

This interest in the daylily led to the creation of the American Hemerocallis Society, now known as the American Daylily Society (ADS) in 1946. As a non-profit organization, the ADS is dedicated to education, promotion of the daylily, and the fostering of ongoing improvement in the genus. ADS sponsors over 40 different award categories. In 1950, the society created the Stout Silver Medal, named after that “father of modern daylilies”, Arlow Stout. The Stout Silver Medal is the highest award a daylily can receive and is coveted by every hybridizer out there.

Today, there are close to 100,000 registered daylily cultivars. There are diploids and tetraploids; singles and doubles; many colors and bicolors, spiders and unusual forms; toothed and gold-dusted. The list goes on and on, but they all owe their beginnings to that dozen or so humble species that came here with European settlers all those years ago.

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# Did you know that . . .

*By Joan Zettel,*

*Historic daylily Garden Liaison*

Did you know that the Display Garden in Fargo at the NDSU Campus has both a Modern Daylily Display Garden and a Historic Daylily Display Garden? This means that they are looking for your donations of both modern and historic daylilies. Presently the gardens at NDSU have roughly 20% modern daylilies and 80% historic daylilies.

Did you know that the daylilies that are considered “historic” changes every 10 years? Historic daylilies are 30 years old or more, and each decade another 10 years of daylilies are considered historic. So, in 2020 any daylily registered before 1990 became a historic daylily. In 2030 those registered before 2000 will become historic, etc.

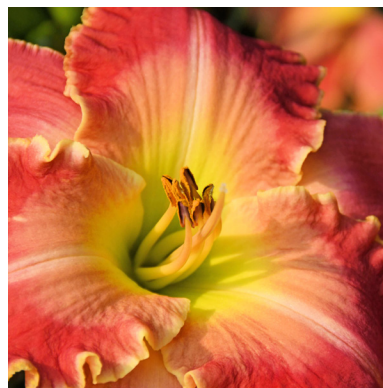
Did you know that in 2025 the NDSU Historic and Modern Daylily Gardens will be on display during the Regional Meeting? This would be a great opportunity to have your special introductions seen by the Region 1 daylily garden judges. AND there is a Region 1 Hybridizer’s Bed just waiting for your special introductions (old or new) to be added.

Did you know that you can donate a plant from a Region 1 Hybridizer who has passed away, and have their work remembered in the Region 1 Hybridizer’s Bed? What a nice memorial that would be.

Did you know that if Lisa Schmidt or Joan Zettel are coming to your daylily club event, you can send plants with them to drop off at NDSU? Or you can coordinate shipping with Barb Laschkewitsch at NDSU. Barb’s email is [Barbara.laschkewitsc@ndsu.edu](mailto:Barbara.laschkewitsc@ndsu.edu). Barb can also answer any questions you may have.

Did you know that even if you are dividing daylilies in late fall they can be sent to NDSU? Barb can pot them up and winter them in the greenhouse, or put them into the cooler to stay dormant until spring.

Well, now you know!



**Top to bottom:**

“Blue Lightning” (Simpson-E, 2019). Photo by Lisa Schmidt.  
“Much Ado About Magic” (Salter, 2005). Photo by Lyle Moen.  
“Neon Flamingo” (Gossard, 2006). Photo by Lisa Schmidt.  
“How Sweet You Are” (Pickles, 2012). Photo by Lorraine Manz.



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Any dietary/mobility/accessibility needs we should know of? Use back of form if needed.

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