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Springwood Gardens, Jordan, MN  
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Above—Springwood Gardens  
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An Extra Treat - Please see the web version of the Fall 2017 *Daylily Pioneer* for a beautiful article written by Linda Ferguson with photographs by Scott Ferguson.

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## REGION ONE DIRECTOR — MARY BAKER



Mary Baker was appointed and ratified/approved by unanimous email vote of the AHS Board of Directors to become AHS Region One Director, effective 8/22/17. She has replaced Kyle Billadeau. Additionally, Mary will become AHS Garden Judges Records Chair beginning 1/1/18.

### AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY MEMBER DONATIONS

AHS has received generous donations from Region One and Region Two members and we wish to acknowledge these contributions with appreciation.

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in memory of Jerry Steffenhagen*



Photograph of Susan Holland, Holland House Gardens, by Mike McCleary.  
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Happy autumn greetings to you, readers of the Daylily Pioneer. This summer has swept by so quickly, and here we are preparing for our winter “rest”. The photograph above was taken by Mike McCleary of the *Bismarck Tribune*. It accompanied an excellent article by reporter Cheryl McCormack about the Holland House Gardens, and the work that goes into preparing for a Regional garden tour. I enjoyed the chance to speak about daylilies, and our 2018 Regional event. Thankfully, *H. ‘B. J. McMullen’* (Bachman, 2004) was showing off that day!

During the 2017 MN Regional, I was so impressed with all the homeowners, gardeners, registration folks, auctioneers, volunteers, and all the photographers and writers who stepped up to help with this issue. In spite of

surgery to knee, back and guts, these stellar folks of Region One gussied up gardens and welcomed throngs of visitors with open arms. You can see the joy and pride in the happy faces shown within these pages that it all was worth while.

My learning curve with Adobe InDesign software has continued constantly during the production of this issue. What a vast and complex system it is, and the capabilities are amazing. Hopefully by the next issue I will have learned a little more about captions. Photographers, do forgive me if I have not given your masterpieces appropriate credit. We are all so grateful for the work you did to capture the magic of the Minnesota Regional. Thank You!

This issue we are placing a larger version of the newsletter on the Region One website. Do check it out!

I do want to encourage you to purchase a very beautiful book for yourself and as holiday gifts. The American Hemerocallis Society published *The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and Other Exotics*. It was edited and produced by Oliver Billingslea, and the 2017 book is stunning. Photographs of historic and contemporary daylily creations glow with plant health and vibrant color. It is a joy to hold and observe, and I learned so much about our fascinating hybridizers. Do treat yourself and your friends to a copy – it is a treasure.

*Susan H. Holland*

### **Fascinating Facts about the 2017 Region One Pop Poll**

- 14 cultivars received 10 or more votes
- The winning cultivar was selected by 39% of ballots
- 3 cultivars on the ballot did not receive any votes
- 72 cultivars received write-in votes, of which 8 write-ins received 3 votes or more

**(see page 8-9 for top results)  
see Region One website for  
161 total results  
<http://ahsregion1.org>**

### 2017 Region 1 Business meeting minutes

The Annual Business Meeting of Region One of the American Hemerocallis Society was held at 7:00 PM on July 29, 2017 in Plymouth, MN. It was presided over by Regional President Zora Ronan. Proper notice has been given and a quorum met. Introductions of all Officers, Committee Chairs and guests were made. All Clubs had representation.

### Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the 2016 Regional Meeting were published in the 2016 Fall issue of the Daylily Pioneer. There were no corrections. The minutes stood approved as published.

### Awards:

- a. 2017 Service Award goes to Nan Ripley. Zora presented her award to her.
- b. 2017 Newsletter Award certificates presented:  
Best Scientific Article—Jonathan Poulton, DPhil, "Genetically Engineering Those Blues?", Region 1 newsletter, Fall, 2016, The Daylily Pioneer
- c. No VEEP Scroll Award for 2017.
- d. Cultivar Awards for 2016:
  - i. Honorable Mention to Karol Emmerich for 'All Things to All Men', 'Faith That Moves Mountains', 'Minnesota Nice', 'Not Guilty', 'Spoken in Parables'.
  - ii. Award of Merit- Runner Up to Nan Ripley for 'Scarlet Pimpernel' and to Karol Emmerich for 'Desire of Nations'.
  - iii. Junior Citation to Phil Fass for 'Cynthia's Grace' #D0802, deferred from 2015.

Garden Judges—Mary Baker, Liaison. Region 1 currently has almost 20% of our membership as garden judges and we are almost at the top now. She would like to see it raised to 25% during the next Director's term.

Popularity Poll—Steve Horan, Regional Publicity Director. AHS is currently recommending some revisions to the Popularity Poll ballots for each region. Many of the recommendations follow the format used by Region Steve passed out some ballots and told where you can vote online.

### New Business:

Budget. Zora presented the 2017 budget as prepared by Treasurer Karol Emmerich and asked for any questions. Karol Emmerich motioned, Mike Grossmann seconded to approve the budget. The budget stands approved.

Regional Newsletters. AHS has ruled that publishing a newsletter can mean either printed or digital. Regions may use any format and it is up to them to decide how to proceed. Region 1 has formed a Committee and will take 1 year to discuss it and will present recommendations at the next Regional Business Meeting.

Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee for the upcoming RP and Director Elections will be Nan Ripley, Chair, Don Lovell and Kris Henning. Zora will not run for a second term.

Regional Meeting Schedule. Previous schedule had the two Iowa clubs in a row. Nebraska will now switch with Iowa. In 2018 the meeting will be July 27-29, hosted by the Central North Dakota Daylily Society. In 2019 the meeting will be July 5-6 in Omaha. In 2020 the meeting will be held in Cedar Rapids, date to be determined.

Announcements: The President thanked the Daylily Society of Minnesota, the Garden Owners, the Committees, Volunteers, plant contributors and all who helped to put on a great meeting in Plymouth, Minnesota.

Any Other Business: None.

Adjournment. No further business being brought up, the meeting stood as adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kris Henning, Regional Secretary*



Paul and Zora Ronan  
*Photo Susan Holland*

fabulous selection of plants and our favorite auctioneer, Paul Owen, the Region is in good financial condition.

Another wonderful adventure was the AHS National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia. Congratulations again to Nan Ripley who received the Regional Service Award for Region One. Jonathan Poulton was recognized for writing the Best Scientific Article "Genetically Engineering those Blues." Nan Ripley and Karol Emmerich received Awards of Merit and Honorable Mentions in the cultivar categories.

This year was the first time I attended the National as an officer and attended the regional officers' meeting. How to publish a newsletter, printed or digital, has been an ongoing discussion item for several years. Every region is struggling with changing technology and rising printing and mailing costs. The final word, according to the AHS legal counsel, is that a region may use any format that works for them.

Before a decision is made, we would like to hear from you. I hope you will email or call me with ideas, thoughts or concerns.

I would also like to encourage anyone to email or call me with ideas, thoughts or concerns about any subject or aspects of our society. The daylily society is only successful if our members and the clubs they form are satisfied. If you have a concern or question, please contact me. I can't guarantee the answer will suit you but you will get an answer.

Be happy in your garden.

*Zora Ronan*

Another growing season is about to end and I have officially given up trying to determine if the weather is normal or not. Or what normal is. My area started out with adequate water but no floods. Scapes were big and strong with high bud counts. Bloom was early and abundant. What a joy to see our hard work and vision coming to life. The end of summer was not quite as good for my garden. We have not had any measurable rain in almost two months and the temperature has been more like Texas than Iowa. Oh well, next year will be another adventure.

The Regional Meeting in Minneapolis was such a treat. Thank you, again, to the Daylily Society of Minnesota for their gracious hospitality. The gardens were spectacular and the hosts so welcoming. Thanks also goes to those who donated so generously to the auction. Because of a

Please note that the Ronans moved.  
New address: 190 Cottage Grove Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids IA 52403

Greetings, Region One daylily friends.

In February, I wrote to you encouraging you to vote in the Popularity Poll. As I write this in September, I thank you for your votes as we had 67 members cast ballots, a five year high! This represents 31% of eligible members and something we can be proud of in Region One.

This year's Popularity Poll was hotly contested and it is my honor to announce the winner is *H.* **'Chasing the Dragon'** by Phil Fass with 26 votes. Second place was **'Neon Flamingo'** with 24 votes and third place was Ruby Spider with 17 votes.

Full results can be found at <http://ahsregion1.org>

*H.* **'Chasing the Dragon'** will now be added to the AHS Region One Hall of Fame. Since instituting the Hall of Fame

for Region One in 2012, the winners are below.

Sometimes people ask me about how the Popularity Poll works for Region One. As a starting point, AHS provides guidelines on how to conduct the poll and regions have autonomy to conduct the poll in ways that make sense for its members.

With this in mind, Region One introduced the concept of a Hall of Fame for our region in 2012. The AHS has since adopted the HOF for the entire society. Each year, I start with last year's ballot, subtract any cultivars that did not garner votes, and add cultivars that were award winners or popular write-ins from the previous poll.

In 2017, 72 cultivars received write-in votes, of which 8 write-ins received 3 votes or more.

The Pop Poll winner is entered in the Region One Hall of Fame for special recognition. HOF winners are no longer eligible in subsequent Pop Polls, as they are already winners.

As we head into the daylily offseason, good luck with your fall cleanup and plans for next growing season. Happy gardening!



*H.* 'White Eyes Pink Dragon' (Gossard, 2006) *Photograph by Susan Holland*

## REGION ONE HALL OF FAME

2012 – North Wind Dancer (Schaben, 2001)

2013 – Love and Dazzle (Lamb-K, 2006)

and Scarlet Pimpernel (Ripley, 2006)

2014 – White Eyes Pink Dragon (Gossard, 2006)

2015 – Entwined in the Vine (Emmerich, 2007)

2016 – Primal Scream (Hanson-C, 1994)

2017 – Chasing the Dragon (Fass, 2014)

## POP POLL RESULTS — STEVE HORAN

	2017 Region One Popularity Poll	Total
1	Chasing the Dragon	26
2	Neon Flamingo	24
3	Ruby Spider	17
4	Bela Lugosi	16
5	I Lava You	16
6	Persian Ruby	16
7	Webster's Pink Wonder	15
8	Ambrosia Rows	14
9	Mango Punch	13
10	Heavenly Angel Ice	12
11	Mabou	11
12	Soli Deo Gloria	11
13	Kathy Larson	10
14	Red Volunteer	10
15	Cosmic Struggle	9
16	Minnesota Sunshine	9
17	Pixie Chick	9
18	Rose F. Kennedy	9
19	Supreme Scream	9
20	Carnival in Mexico	8
21	Fooled Me	8
22	Heavenly United We Stand	8
23	Ravishing Rita	8
24	Scandinavia	8
25	Vicky's Radiance	8
26	Fear Not	7
27	Hawkeye Fringe	7
28	Orange Clown	7
29	Timbercreek Ace	7
30	Cinnamon Crunch	6
31	Fearfully and Wonderfully Made	6
32	Jerry Hyatt	6
33	Oy Vey	6
34	Screamcycle	6
35	Stella's Ruffled Fingers	6
36	Brenna	5
37	Dakota Marmalade	5
38	Faith that Moves Mountains	5
39	Flying Purple People Eater	5
40	Golden Tide	5



*H. Chasing The Dragon* (Fass, 2014)  
*Photo Susan Holland*



*H. 'Neon Flamingo'* (Gossard, 2006)  
*Photo Susan Holland*

See the full list on the Region One website

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## GAVIN STANISLAW—A YOUTHFUL PERSPECTIVE

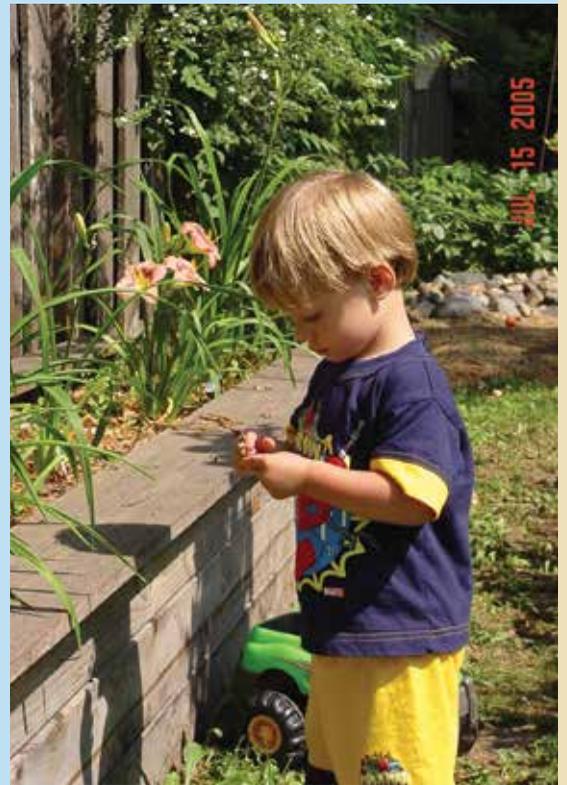
For as long as I can remember, I have always loved being outside following and watching my mom as she took care of the plants, watered the flowers, or in the gardens as she dabbed pollen from one flower to another. I would take my safety scissors and walk around the yard trimming the shrubs and plants and also try my hand at pollen dabbing, although at the time, I really did not know or understand what I was doing. I was not really doing what I saw my mom doing but rather, I was plucking off the blooms or pulling the tags off the flowers saying what cross they were and proudly handing them to mom. I was only about three so I think I got a free pass on that.

About 5 years ago I started going to the daylily meetings and first banquet with my mom. I remember the comments that were made, “Do you really enjoy coming to these?” I guess they thought I was taken there unwillingly but to their surprise, I was not. I had my own opinion on what I liked or disliked and I really did enjoy going. I guess when you’re the youngest one there you get those looks and questions. At that time I didn’t do too much for making crosses, my mom really did not like me in the gardens because I was not always careful walking between the plants, and many times I would knock off blooms or seed pods which did not make her very happy.

What I did do was help decide what to cross with what, help evaluate what seedlings we liked or did not like and decide what stays and what goes. I, of course liked everything so I always said “it stays”. I even got my mom to like a few spider varieties, she never really cared for them or their look. I really like spiders, so now we have a few; *H.* ‘**Primal Scream**’, ‘**Typsy Butler**’, ‘**Waterdale Waltz**’ and ‘**White Eyes Pink Dragon**’, to name a few. I was in charge of the bidding number at that first banquet, so I chose these.

Over the last couple of years I have really enjoyed helping pick cultivars to add to our collection. Orange is my favorite color but I also love a dark almost black bloom color, lavender and purples too. I like flowers that have bright, stand out colors that you spot from across the field begging you to come over. Big, ruffled or toothy edges are a must. Something that is a little different or unusual. Something no one else has.

After attending the daylily regional in July this year I saw some really spectacular flowers and qualities that I like. I really like the striping of colors, also the flowers that are sculpted, pleated or bearded. Kinda different, but I like that. I am hoping to be able to work with some of these and add some to our collection. I am also intrigued by a variegated daylily. I’ve never seen one, just heard about it.



Gavin

Gavin Stanislaw



A happy band of North Dakota daylily lovers.

L to R. Jeff Schmidt, Lisa Schmidt, Erik Holland, Susan Holland, Meigan Cameron, Jeremy Smerage, Gwen Brady, Karen Schock, Donna Maston.



Region One Round Robin Members. L. to R,  
Phyllis McIntosh, Don Lovell, Jonathan Poulton, Susan Holland,  
Nan Ripley, Donna Steele, Val Hoefler, Vicky Aughenbaugh,  
Linda Ferguson, and Gerald Hobbs

# discover dakota daylilies

region one  
summer event

July

27-29

2018

Bismarck,

North

Dakota

Watch for registration information  
in the Spring 2018 Daylily Pioneer,  
and on the Region One website

[ahsregion1.org](http://ahsregion1.org)

# DAYLILY DREAMS IN '17—REGIONAL MEETING, PLYMOUTH, MN

In a special ceremony, Vicky Aughenbaugh and Donna Steele knighted Paul Owen as an Honorary Member of Region One for all of his help to our region.



Janet Byers and Linnea Seume, Welcome & Registration.  
Photo by LJM



Vicky Aughenbaugh as Ambassador Westley and Donna Steele as Queen Buttercup.  
Photo LJM



The auction offerings



Paul Owen  
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Auction winner Sammi Gabriel  
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Photos above and below by LJM





Photo above of Kris Henning by SH - R. by LJM

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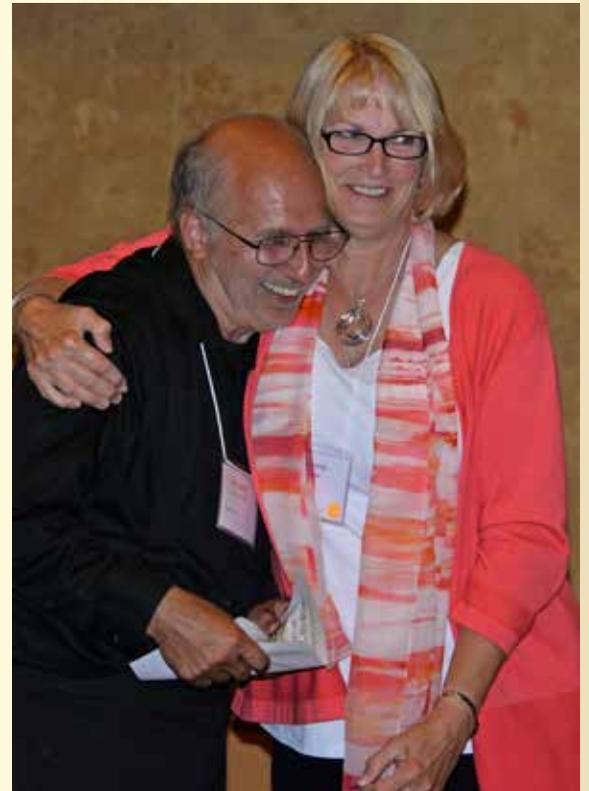
A NOTE FROM STEVE HORAN,  
PRESIDENT OF THE DAYLILY SOCIETY OF  
MINNESOTA

It has been a fun year for Daylily Society of Minnesota members in 2017. Most significantly, we hosted the 2017 AHS Region One Summer Regional, "Daylily Dreams in '17". It is always an honor to do so and this year we showcased several new host gardens.

Our thanks to the beautiful open gardens, and our four host gardens including Linda Horsmann & Dave Beckman, Bill and Dory Lidinsky, Judie McGran, and Jenn and Steve Lanz. In addition, Karol & Dick Emmerich hosted Garden Judges Workshop 2 at Springwood Gardens with a full breakfast buffet. Our guest speaker was Bryan Culver of Canada and there was a special Live Auction that included several Culver daylilies that were showing off in the Lidinsky garden.

Many thanks to Kris Henning (Chair and Registrar) and her Co-Chairs Karol Emmerich and Kathy Lamb and all of our volunteers for making this a fun event for all of our members.

Steve Horan



## Requesting your Help to Improve our Region One Website

By Jonathan Poulton  
Region One webmaster

In 2016, I gladly accepted the Board's kind invitation to become the webmaster for Region One. I warned them that my website would be "nothing flashy" but would be easy for everyone to use. At the outset, I was unsure what all was involved but reckoned that, since I'd been CVIDS' webmaster for nearly a decade, I'd probably be able to manage! I established our website at

<http://ahsregion1.org>

Now 15 months later, my impression is that I haven't been overworked but neither have I received much feedback from the membership. As you know, the major items that are covered each year are our Summer Regional, any awards received by Region One members, and the Pop Poll.

Our website also provides easy access to such items as

- \*Region One history and bylaws
- \*officers contact information
  - \*daylily societies
  - \*display gardens
- \*recent editions of Daylily Pioneer
  - \*links to many daylily gardens
  - \* NDSU Historic AHS Garden.

**As summer is drawing to a close, my thoughts are turning towards improving our website, and I'd greatly welcome any suggestions from you.**

Are you happy with the current layout and content of the website?

Do you have suggestions for its improvement?

Would you like to contribute photos or other materials?

What don't you like about the website?

### MY WINTER FOCUS

Whilst awaiting your feedback, I intend to focus on promoting sharing of information between our clubs and the Region One website.

I wonder if there are any articles in your club newsletters that you'd like to share with others in the region by having them posted on the Region One website.

### Perhaps the website could help you with outreach?

Are you going to have, a meeting that might be of interest to other Region One members or to the general public (e.g. off-scape or on-scape flower shows, a special speaker)? The website could help you report on it or advertise it. A prime example is that CVIDS is hosting Scott Elliott (Maneki neko Gardens, GA) at its November 2017 banquet, open to non-members too.

### LINKS

I'd like to improve links to databases, the Lily Auction, daylily society links, favorite hybridizers (including outside our region), hosta societies, etc. Send me links to your favorites!

### PHOTOS

Please send me as e-mail attachments photos taken at the Minnesota Summer Regional or other photos of common interest (e.g. cultivars that you really like or that fare well in your garden).

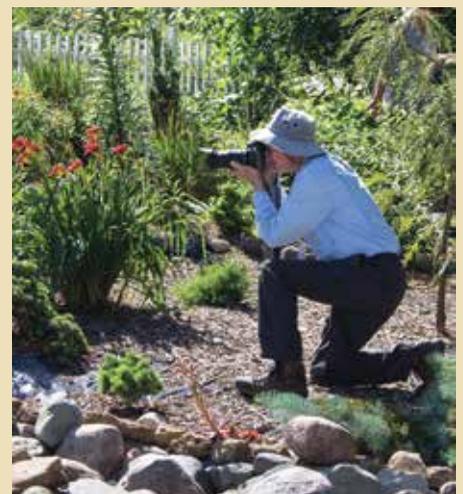
### EDUCATIONAL ASPECTS

I'd like to set up links to, for example, daylily propagation and hybridization techniques (e.g. YouTube videos). Do you have any that you'd recommend?

I look forward to hearing from you. I may be contacted by e-mail at:  
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Thank you in advance for your help.

*Jonathan Poulton*



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Photograph by SH

# OPEN GARDENS

TURTLE ROCK GARDENS OF KYLE BILLADEAU- EDEN VALLEY, MN  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY LYLE J. MOEN





Barbara and John Sautner have been gardening at their Bloomington home for many years, and have developed a lush spread of lilies, daylilies and perennials.



Pathways through the shade lead you to a gazebo, a perfect spot to rest and restore while watching the butterflies delight in the many colorful offerings. The Sautner's sell Minnesota hybridized heirloom lilies.







Photographs of Patti Preston and above by Susan Holland. Others by Lyle J. Moen.

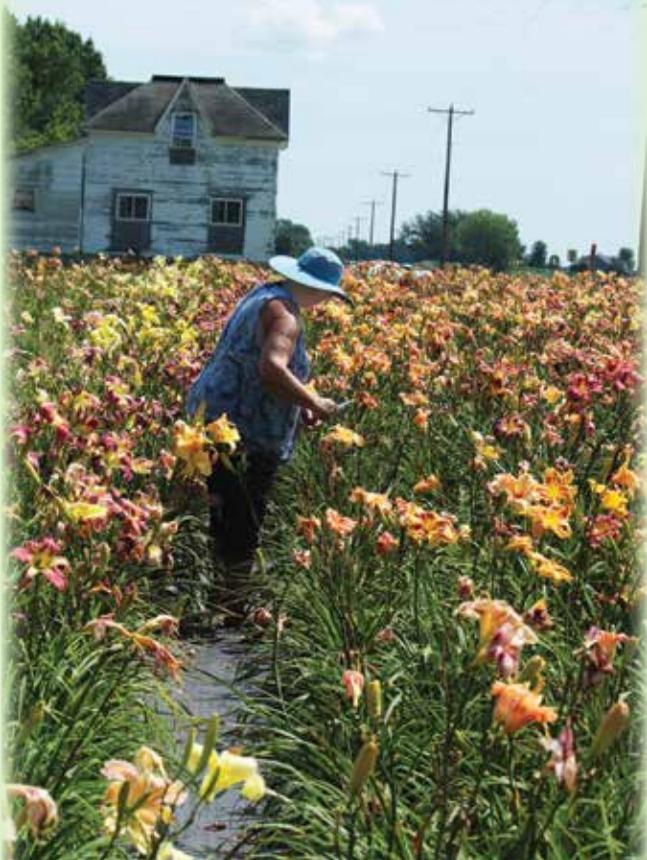


UNCANOONUC DAYLILIES — DAVE AND REGLINDIS EMERSON — PRIOR LAKE, MN



Photographs by Susan and Erik Holland





# Northern Lights Daylilies

Photographs by Susan Holland





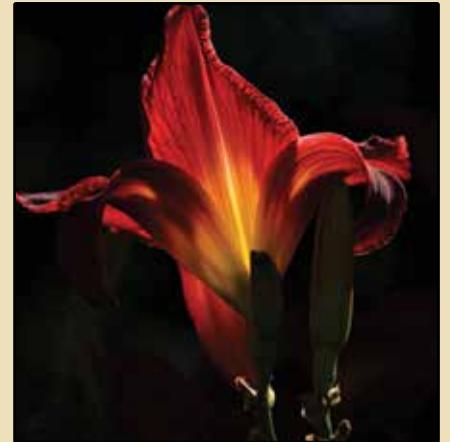
Photo LJM



## JUDIE MCGRAW GARDEN — BY VAL HOEFNER

*Photographs by Susan Holland, Lyle J. Moen and Jonathan Poulton.*

Approaching Judie McGraw's garden you find a cul-de-sac of daylilies that she has shared with her neighbors and planted in the center island. This tells me a real treat is in store for us. The front yard is filled with many varieties of daylilies which are a delight to the eye and grown to really show off their beauty. You will find a multitude of companion plants such as peonies, grasses and shrubs. Entering the back yard through an arch you immediately see more daylilies along with oriental and orienpet lilies, hostas, astilbe and ferns. To complete this wonderful landscape and calming environment, Judie has included many animal statues and unique whimsical items for further pleasure in this lovely garden.



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## BILL AND DORY LIDINSKY GARDEN, HAM LAKE, MN

*By Jonathan Poulton*

*Photographs by Jonathan Poulton*

As our bus started reversing into a cul-de-sac, everyone craned their necks to left and right, eager to catch a first glimpse of our final tour garden of the day. But, as the bus took off again, we soon realized that it was a false alarm. After another five minutes of driving through a delightfully wooded community, we arrived at the Lidinsky Garden.



There to greet us were our hosts Bill and Dory, with their friend Bryan Culver from Ontario. Behind them, the driveway angled up to a very attractive house atop the hill flanked by tall trees.



I remember hearing an audible gasp as the folks on the right side of the bus caught sight of a sea of daylilies in several beautifully manicured beds lying in a hollow close to the road. We tumbled off the bus as fast as we could to get a better look. All the daylilies

were in prime condition, showing no signs of any damage by heavy rain that had recently flooded these beds three times with two feet of water, causing Bill to install a sump pump. How resilient our favorite species is to tough environmental conditions!

Two cultivars immediately caught my attention, namely *H. 'Adelyn Marie'* (Korth-P. Korth L., 2011), and *H. 'Love and Dazzle'* (Lamb-K., 2006) below, the latter of which was awarded Honorable Mention in 2012.



For our visit that afternoon, was polymorous and came complete with a frog.



To reach the back garden, we skirted the east side of the house, passing by an impressive wall made from three layers of glacial boulders. We then came face-to-face with a magnificent bronze statue of a bald eagle in full flight over a globe.

Behind it was a picturesque white barn adorned with garden art. Just as in the front, the back garden was stunning and was designed so that both gardeners and visitors could easily access every plant. Daylilies were generally arranged in two rows in each bed.

Each daylily was well marked, and there was plenty of room for expansion into larger clumps. One bed housed plants donated by our guest speaker Brian Culver (Culver Farm Daylilies, Ontario). After we left, these plants were dug and prepared for that evening's



auction. I especially liked *H. 'Tepin'* (Culver-B., 2016) (below) a yellow-gold tet with a red eye and edge, but unfortunately my bid came up short!



After the Lidinskys moved to Ham Lake about nine years ago, they have been adding 2-3 beds per year on their one-acre lot. Today, they not only have an enviable collection of registered daylilies but also about an equal number of seedlings resulting from their hybridization program. Creating cultivars that have large

crested blooms at high frequencies is their current goal. Don't for one instance think that the Lidinsky Garden is restricted to daylilies! To the contrary, it features many other species including hostas, milkweeds, hydrangeas, trumpet vine, and, my favorite of all, sea holly (*Eryngium maritimum*).

Having toured the garden, I took advantage of the refreshments being offered at the marquee and withdrew to the shade under trees in the northwest corner of the garden. From here, I had splendid views of the entire back garden and of the agricultural land to the north of their property. Time flew by far too quickly.

The sound of our bus captain's hand-bell signaled the conclusion of a very memorable day of garden visits. Reluctantly, we took leave of our gracious hosts. As we drove away, we saw stands of daylilies in many yards, a clear sign that the Lidinskys have been the inspiration and source of daylilies for several neighbors wishing to start their own daylily collections.



Bill Lidinsky. *Photograph by Susan Holland*



# L & D GARDENS, MOUNDS VIEW, MN

By Lisa Schmidt

*Photographs by Lisa Schmidt, Susan Holland, & Lyle J. Moen*



L&D Gardens was our third garden for the day, after a really good Italian buffet for lunch. Driving through the small city streets we wondered what was in store for us. Linda Horsmann and Dave Beckman have been working on the new yard since 2012. We were greeted by the little dogs and Dave and Linda. Flags were flying along the street in the front yard.



As you come around the corner of the house, you experience a big “Wow.” The yard is huge, filled with flowers and whimsical yard art. A pond, complete with fisherman, creatures and plants, made me smile. Flower beds were surrounded by a fenced, gated yard, located next to the house with cozy seating.



But keep going... the garden opens up to some big beds with really nice big clumps of daylilies. Toward the back “Panic in Detroit” a very nice tall red-orange with a huge yellow throat was claiming a lot of attention. There was even a carousel horse in the garden.



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Music wafts around you as you wander, enjoying all the lovely flowers, or taking a spin on the dance floor. This garden is a fine spot to heed the words of wisdom on the L&D Gardens’ sign – “Peace, Love, Music.”

*Lisa Schmidt*



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## JENN AND STEVE LANZ GARDEN, NEWPORT, MN

"Full of passion" describes Jenn and her gardening adventures. She is passionate about the hot colors: red, yellow and orange daylilies.



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## JENN AND STEVE LANZ GARDEN, NEWPORT, MN

The focal point at the far end of the garden is a curving waterfall created with natural stone flanked by Jenn's collection of conifers that begged me to touch each and every one. Clear, blue running water created a soothing effect in the garden.



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Susan Holland



Bryan Culver.



Jenn has been zealous in her collections of Martagon lilies, sedums and succulents in her garden. Her current enthusiasm for Dwarf Korean Firs has led to beautiful specimen plantings of 'Horstmann's Silberlocke' and 'Japanese Umbrella Pine'. A Weeping European Larch in the side yard added to the opportunity for tactile pleasure.



Above — Scott and Linda Ferguson



Thank you Jenn and Steve for sharing the wonder of your garden.

Nancy Rash  
Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

## CLUB REPORTS

### NDS

#### Nebraska Daylily Society

Members were treated to a presentation from Linda Ferguson covering Daylily forms at the annual Winter Social. She made it in a question form to let members test themselves and followed up with pictures to show examples of each form. This was a great review for everyone before the season began. Everyone enjoyed the presentation.

The Lauritzen Garden's Spring into Spring plant sale moved our booth outside of the front entrance under shade tents and proved to be a huge success mainly because guests needed to walk by our tent going in and out of the event. The scholarship dollar goal was met with ease.

July 8th was the annual flower show and garden tour. Tim Morrissey, Doug Bremers and Nancy Lee Anderson opened their gardens for our enjoyment this year. The gardens were in awesome shape and provided great viewing pleasure. Good Job!! The flower show had many displays to demonstrate the different forms of daylilies.

Eric Simpson of Blue Ridge Daylilies was the featured speaker for the August meeting. He had a wonderful program showing his goals and seedlings that he is working with. He will have some exciting intro's in the next few years. He even joined in the fun of the auction. Thanks Eric!

*Val Hoefler*, NDS President

### CNDDS

#### Central North Dakota Daylily Society Lisa Schmidt Co-President

This year we had a very dry and hot summer. Good thing daylilies are such good survivors. We had several very interesting programs this year. In April, member Janel Quinlan spoke about plant structure, and Gwen Brady illustrated color patterns. This basic information is always helpful for new people joining the club and great review for long time members.

Barb Laschkewitsch from NDSU spoke to us about the historic daylily beds in Fargo. I always make a point of stopping by the gardens at least once a year. It is an amazing collection and nice display. We really hope everyone can stop by Fargo to see these wonderful gardens on their way to Bismarck for the 2018 Regional meeting. (photo below)

In June, Karen Schock was our auctioneer for our club auction. She gives such great plant descriptions and we did very well with our sales. During the July tours we visited the lovely

yards of Karen Schock and Jan Maddock. The Beautiful Blossom Blast, held in conjunction with the yard tours, always gives members a chance to view even more flowers to add to their wish list. Along with the Blossom Blast we tried a couple of new ideas at the yard tours, we got to vote for our favorite blossom by those attending getting a sticker to attach to the name card of the flower, the owner of flower with the most stickers won a certificate to the local greenhouse.

Several of our members attended the Regional meeting in Plymouth, MN in July. The final 2017 meeting on October 14, is our fall potluck and the speakers are Kathleen Nordstrom and Mike Grossman.

We hope everyone has our next Regional meeting in 2018 (July 27 -29) marked on their calendars to come up to Bismarck and view our lovely gardens.

### Discover Dakota Daylilies July 27-29. Bismarck, North Dakota

Below. The beautiful NDSU Historic AHS Display Garden, Fargo, North Dakota  
*Photograph by Susan Holland*



**CVIDS  
Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily  
Society**

Since last report, CVIDS has been growing and blooming in many ways. From our May 6th Spring Plant Sale in Muscatine, Iowa, in which we partnered with two other gardening clubs, and our annual CVIDS Garden Tour on July 8, centered around Iowa City, to our Fall Sale and "Club Plant" return event, held in Monticello, Iowa, our members have been busy.

During the July 6th Garden Tour, we visited the gardens of Joe and Mary Jo Duffy, Jonathan Poulton, just north of Iowa City, Jim Seamans Jr. in Iowa City, Joyce and Steve Parsons in Conroy, Iowa and finally, the Cottage in the Meadow garden of Larry and Wilma Rettig in South Amana, Iowa.

Presentations in our monthly meetings, coordinated by Nancy Rash, have included Sam McCord's "All About Bio-Markers," which are made from recycled materials, Rose Bowl Float Decoration by Sara Hankemeier and Nan Ripley's presentation on Genus Lillium and Genus Hemerocallis."

And now, as fall approaches, our CVIDS Fall Sale and "Club Plant" return and auction in Monticello, Iowa on August 26th was very successful, bringing in new members and more than \$5000.

We are currently preparing for our CVIDS Hybridizers Round

up on October 14, to be held at the Coralville (Iowa) Public Library. Members will be sharing and showing off some of the best of their hybridizing efforts. Our CVIDS annual banquet will convene at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville, Iowa on Saturday, November 11. Our featured speaker will be Scott Elliott of Maneki Neko Gardens. The banquet will feature our annual Betty Miller Photo Contest, bucket raffle and daylily auction, as well as door prizes and a delicious buffet. For more information, go to the CVIDS.org website.

Along with all of this, we continue to plan for the upcoming 2020 Regional, which will be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Money has already been put in reserve for that event, which will be held in July of 2020. We are excited to announce the theme for the 2020 Regional – 2020: A Perfect Daylily Vision.

*Keith Riewerts,*  
CVIDS president



**Daylily Society of Minnesota**

It has been a busy year for Daylily Society of Minnesota members in 2017.

DSM conducted several member activities this summer as is our tradition, but I would like to call attention to the Daylily Dig which took place in May at the Steffenhagen farm. The Dig and Sale is the chief fundraiser for our club and an opportunity to share daylilies from member gardens with the buying public. We dig, divide, clean, and label daylilies for sale. As it turned out, Mother Nature had other plans as it rained hard all day long. It is a bit of a drive to the Steffenhagen farm in Redwing, MN and as I made the trek south I wondered if there would be anybody there to help. As I pulled up to the farm, I was astounded by what I saw. Twenty-five volunteers had braved the weather and were decked out in all sorts of rain gear. This event was a great testament to the service and dedication of our members and our love of daylilies.

And finally, we have one last event planned to close out the 2017 calendar year. Our next member meeting will be held at Bachman's Garden Center in Minneapolis on November 12. Our Program Chair, Kyle Billadeau, has arranged for David Jewell to be our guest speaker. David comes from Canada and is sure to bring an interesting presentation to our members.

We enjoyed a great daylily season in 2017 and I'm already looking forward to the 2018 daylily season. *Steve Horan*

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