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Message from Steve Horan, Region 1 Director



truly enjoyed. You may be aware that the national society has decided to eliminate the poll effective this year. In my conversations with several people, this had been a fun activity that many of us looked forward to. However, the level of participation had dropped off significantly across the country and the society has decided to move on. Quite frankly, this will allow my successor as publicity director to focus on actual publicity, and this is needed now more than ever as we work to prop up the membership of our favorite society.

As I begin my term as Region One Director, I first want to thank my predecessor, Kris Henning. Kris has done a fabulous job and represented our Region extremely well. Kind of ironic, Kris even wrote the gold standard of position descriptions for the committee role I have been assigned, which I am so grateful for and the guidance it gives me. Thank you so much Kris, for all your contributions. I can only hope and strive to do as well. I also want to encourage you to reach out to me with any suggestions or concerns you may have for the region that I can address at the national level. I'll do my best to give you a voice.

Now let's spend some time in our gardens. Spring and warmer weather is hopefully on the way soon. With it come daylily get-togethers at the local, regional, and national levels. This year especially, I am so looking forward to these events as I am travelling to both the national convention in Asheville, NC and the Region One convention in Marshalltown, IA this summer, something I haven't done for the last two years in these pandemic times. It will be so awesome. Won't you join me? See you soon.

Hello Daylily Friends,

Thank you for electing me as your new Director for Region One. It is my first national position for the daylily society and with it comes new responsibilities. Our ADS President Scott Elliott has appointed me as the Garden Judges Records chair, not for the faint of heart, as it involves work throughout the year. I will be attending national events, participating in the ADS Board meetings, reporting ADS news to our Region, and fulfilling the responsibilities of my committee assignment. And I get to do this for three years. It should be fun and rewarding. Thank you so much.

As a result of these new responsibilities, I am stepping aside as your Region One Publicity director. Kind of funny, I don't really know when I started in this position, I just know I've been doing it a long time—at least twelve years. In this role, I focused primarily on promoting, tabulating, and reporting on the Popularity Poll for our region, a role I



'Catch Me If You Can' (Houston, 2018)
Image Credit: Lisa Schmidt

Message from Val Hofer, Region 1 President



Happy Spring Everyone!

I am really looking forward to the weather warming up so I can get outside and do something that I love. We haven't had much snow cover all winter; the only thing I can vouch for is a lot of wind. There can't possibly be much left in the garden, no mulch, hoping not a lot of winter kill but am sure there will be plenty of weeds to keep me busy this spring.

Kris Henning has retired from the volunteer job of Regional Director and Steve Horan has replaced her in this position and does he have some shoes to fill. I am sure Steve will do a wonderful job. Steve, taking on the director position, gave up the Regional Publicity Director position and Jason Halonen from Minnesota has volunteered to fill this position. He is the administrator for the Facebook page Northern Hardy daylilies and doing a wonderful job with this so this position should fit in nicely with his activities.

Please take a moment to vote for the Presidential nomination for Regional President with the results to be announced at the Regional meeting in July @ Marshalltown.

CIDS has been working hard and putting in a lot of time to make this a great meeting for us so I hope everyone attends and fills out the fillable registration page that is very easy to do. I know I really need some daylily time and seeing all the daylily people it has been too long.

Message from Sabrina Sumsion, Daylily Pioneer Editor



As I gaze out of my window,

the ground is covered in snow and the temperature in Nebraska is 21 degrees. The winter has been bizarre with warm temperatures that confused my Irises enough that they started to come up. I can only pray that they didn't exert too much energy and will come up again when true spring is here.

I had a lovely surprise this winter when a copy of 'The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and Other "Exotics"' by Oliver Billingslea showed up in my mailbox. The book is gorgeous and informative. I wrote a book review you can find later in the newsletter. The downside? I dropped a few hundred on cultivars I discovered inside that weren't originally in my budget. I suppose that is the fate of daylily aficionados. We want all the pretties!

I would like to welcome all of the new leadership. It's a labor of love and sacrifice to serve all of you and I am in awe of the amazing volunteers who shoulder the responsibility of running this incredible, supportive organization.

Also, a huge thank you to everyone who submitted articles and images.

Without you, this newsletter wouldn't be nearly as interesting and definitely less eye-catching. Please know that I adore all submissions. If you take a beautiful picture that you think others would enjoy, please send it my way. If you have an idea for an article, send it over! I am always willing to help with wording and editing if you are worried about quality. My email is regionleditor@gmail.com. I can't wait to hear from you!

Message from Jason Halonen, Region 1 Publicity Director



Making Memories in Marshalltown

The Regional Convention is right around the corner, and there's of course an exciting and full schedule of daylily related activities planned. Our host town is Marshalltown, a

small town in central Iowa with a vibrant and resilient community. They've had to overcome several challenges in the recent years, but they're still raring to go! Consider tacking a bit of extra time onto your trip, or squeeze in these and other non-daylily attractions as you're able. In no particular order, here's 8 of the many marvels of Marshalltown:

- The Flying Elbow - If I had to guess, I would assume it's on everyone's bucket list to dine at a wrestling themed restaurant. This American style joint has rave reviews, and you'll go home bragging to friends about how you even did a bit of wrestling! Wrestling over the tantalizing and unique menu options, that is. All hot dogs and burgers are available in a vegan option, too. flyingelbowfood.com 229 N 13th St
- Lillie Mae Chocolates - We all love daylilies, but chocolate is also pretty sweet. Lillie Mae has been around since 1939, so they can give you the scoop on everything chocolate. Actually, on a warm summer day, their decadent scoops of ice cream would make for a cool treat! lilliemaechocolate.com 217 N 13th St
- Marshalltown's Gallery Garden - What's one more garden to add to your itinerary? This one is a smaller, modern style garden, located right in town. Pick up a cup of coffee from Scooter's and head on over to this garden to soak up the caffeine and artfully tasteful garden vibes. From the 1,000 plant green wall, to the melodic fountains, you'll want to spend a few minutes in the comfy chairs to take it all in. This garden is open to the public unless private events are being held. 135 E

Main St

- Marshall County Freedom Rock - A large boulder painted to honor 5 veterans, but dedicated to all who served. The artist is Ray "Bubba" Sorensen II, who has been painting these rocks all across Iowa and then in other states. If you're able to spare a few moments, this amazing memorial would make for nice reflection. Check out thefreedomrock.com for more information on this project. 1301 S 6th St
- F-4 Fighter Jet - Flown by Marshalltown resident Joe Latham, this jet is a memorial to all veterans. 1301 S 6th St
- Central Iowa Fair - If you're able to arrive in Marshalltown a bit before our scheduled daylily activities begin, the Marshall County annual fair could be worth checking out. I think it'd be fair to say that this could be fun. Wednesday, July 13th - Saturday, July 16th. 1308 East Olive St
- Echo Sculpture - A beautiful 34 foot tall stainless steel statue, by sculptor Bruce White. The Echo Sculpture weighs a bit more than 4 tons, and has become an icon of Marshalltown. N 13th St
- Marshalltown Mural Program - One could probably spend an entire day gallivanting through Marshalltown, finding each of the many murals. A better option would be to squeeze a few in each day of your visit. Bring a selfie stick or tripod, as these murals are surely great for photo ops! Visit artsandculturealliance.org/murals for more information and mural locations.



One of the many attractions in Marshalltown
Image Credit: Debi Estabrook

Regional Preview by Phil Fass, Garden Judge Liason

Regional Preview

BACK IN THE SADDLE!

Hello Region One. As you all know, Central Iowa Daylily Society will host the 2022 Region One Meeting from July 15 – 17. The theme Back in The Saddle! is not explicitly meant as an ode to the mythic cowboy west, little doggies and yippee yo ki yay, but more of a hats off to the resiliency of the human family (in this case, Iowans) to get up after having been knocked down.

If you thought that the COVID pandemic had something to do with this choice of theme (and for good reason) you would only be partially right. Marshalltown (and much of Iowa) is emerging from some challenging years. In 2018, Marshalltown was hit by a Tornado, almost literally down Main Street. Take a few minutes to drive by the rebuilt city hall. It is worth the drive as the resurrection is astounding (a couple years back when the building was surrounded by scaffolding and tarps, it reminded me of the large-scale installations by Christo and Jeanne-Claude). A derecho struck in 2020, destroying millions of trees, damaging untold numbers of buildings, and leveling a large swath of the state's corn crop. This event also affected many of our members' gardens.

While there is still clean up to be done, and while we are all painfully aware of the impact COVID 19 has had, we are certainly ready for some good times!

We have a great time planned for all! Besides wonderful tour gardens, our speakers will be Margo Reed and Jim Murphy. Margo has been hybridizing since 1980, and Jim since 1990. Jim has 239 introductions to date, and Margo 284. They have garnered numerous awards and honors in the daylily world. Both have received the Region 3 Service Award. Jim is a Garden Judge Instructor and a Senior Exhibition Judge. He has ten ADS Honorable Mentions to his name and two introductions have won Awards of Merit ('Ocean Spirit' and 'Margo Reed Indeed'). 'Margo Reed Indeed' also received the Lambert Webster and the Lennington All American Award. Margo is a Senior Garden Judge, an Exhibition Judge Instructor, and a former Region 3 Exhibition Judge Liaison. Thirty of her plants have won ADS Honorable Mentions, and three have won Awards of Merit: 'Creature Of The Night', 'Dances With Giraffes', and 'Grey Witch'. 'Dances With Giraffes' has also won the Lambert Webster and Lennington All American awards. This is not their first time in Iowa. They were speakers at Pollen Dabbers in 2008, and Mar-

go was the speaker at the Region One meeting in 2012.

Our auctioneer will be Paul Owen (WooHoo indeed!), and Mary Baker will chair Garden Judges Workshop 2. Her teaching assistants will be Paul Owen and Nan Ripley. Collectively they have 41 years of judging experience. I urge any ADS member interested in Garden Judging to take advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity. All three instructors are hybridizers as well, collectively representing 83 years of experience (and one has a Stout Medal!). If you take the workshop, you will have fun and learn a lot!

Region One must thank a number of people for their help in organizing this event. Our planning committee consists of the following brave souls: Don Lovell, CIDS President Ex-officio and basic Yoda type; Selwyn Rash, Registrar and Man of Numbers; Deb Husak, Bus Mistress; Deb Kerr, Food Wrangler (she really does know everybody with anything to do with food in Marshalltown); Ed Siems and Teresa Vokoun, Deans of Photography; Shelley Barron, Kathy Larson and Deb Kerr, Dames of the Boutique; and Philip Fass, email drudge, scheduling vassal and general toiler. Without the help of these brave and illustrious few, we would definitely not be getting back in the saddle! If you see them at the Regional, please give them three pats on the back (seven if you are having a great time), two "Attaboys!" (or girls as the case may be), and one "Way to go!" All three can be done at the same time, but not while chewing gum.

This is a great point in this epistle to introduce our tour gardens and gardeners, a number of which will be on tour for the first time. Also, please consider visiting the open gardens on Friday morning. This is the only time these gardens will be open as their owners will be spending time up at Prairie Wind Gardens on Sunday morning. I asked each tour or open garden owner to share a welcome in writing with the region. We hope you are looking as forward to getting Back In The Saddle! as we are.

And remember, "The only good reason to ride a bull is to meet a nurse." —Cowboy saying

Regional Preview (cont.)

TOUR GARDENS

Asher Creek Haven



*Sunset at Asher Creek Haven
Image Credit: Ed Seims*

True to its name, we have been blessed with a “haven” away from the stresses of the pandemic and our radically changing world. We have a small slice of heaven in which to while the days of our retired status and share it with the myriad of critters that make it their home also.

When we purchased our acres in the late 90’s, there was only a bean field, a creek and some pasture ground. Today, we have evolved into mature trees and shrubs replacing the bean field, still have the creek plus four ponds and a marsh area, a three acre prairie, our home and numerous gardens.

As we kept the mature oaks around the building site of our home, we naturally started out with hosta gardens. When invited to join CIDS, we again evolved into starting daylily gardens in the sunny areas which soon took over the other perennials.

I would like to invite you to our “haven” of informal gardens and share in the evolution of our hobbies and passions over the last 20+ years.

—Teresa Voukon and Ed Seims

Husak Gardens (Ee I ee I o)

After a visit to Husak Gardens you may find the children’s nursery rhyme “Old MacDonald Had a Farm” running through your head.

Besides being home to numerous daylilies and an assortment of other flowers, Husak Gardens is a working farm. Five of the tractors used

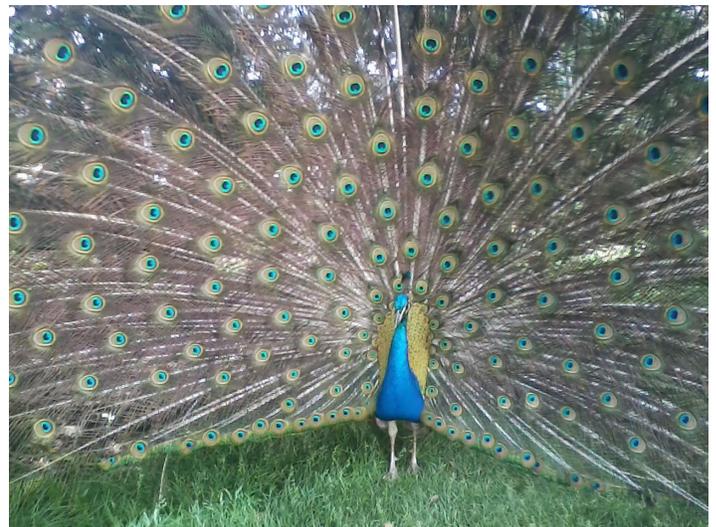
here are considered antiques. If it is a dry day there could be some setting out waiting to be put to work.

As you stroll around the gardens, you may see peacocks and peahens, turkeys, chickens, guineas, geese and cats. In the summer months, the peacocks spend most of their time with their tail feathers fanned, trying to attract the attention of the hens.

Now back to the flowers, the real reason for the visit. The biggest flower bed started as a labyrinth. The labyrinth becomes hidden, or impassable, about the time the daylilies start blooming. The flowers have just grown so big! It is mid-November and I’ve just now been able to walk in and out without getting lost.

I’ll quit here, I want to leave a few surprises for you. We’re looking forward to your visit and welcome you to the farm and flowers.

—Deb Husak



*A peacock struts at Husak Gardens
Image Credit: Deb Husak*

The Garden of Karla and Roger Brannaman

We moved to our Marshalltown home in early 1984. The lot is about 60’ x 240’ and it was greatly over-planted with trees when we acquired it. Over the years we have removed 22 large trees (mostly pines), because they died out or were otherwise damaged in storms. At one time, a big white pine in back had branches completely to the ground and ice storms caused many branches to break, often with loss of power to the house. A Pin Oak (a gift of the squirrels) grows where a large blue spruce once stood. Numerous smaller shrubs around the east side of the property were removed to make way for a walkway and patio. The Neighbor’s property to the east

Regional Preview (cont.)

had many fruit trees that died over time, as well as two large walnut trees (which hung over the house and driveway). These were removed when their garage was built.

Daylilies became an interest of mine when a very generous neighbor wanted to divide her many plants and often left starts on the deck. This started over 15 years ago, and the daylilies found homes as more of the above mentioned trees were taken down. I joined CIDS about 2016. I have no idea how many daylilies I have. No “map.” I plant what I love because that’s what a garden is for. Last fall I “traded spaces” between many daylilies and hosta (and other shade-loving plants) because of the changed sun/shade patterns and much more sun. I have shared many hosta and older daylilies with others to make room for the newer ones from daylily club auctions.

Over the years, the continual change of light patterns has provided frustration and opportunities, but always offered an excellent environment in which to grow a wide variety of perennials. The 2018 tornado took a Bradford pear in the front yard. Not the biggest change, but the 2020 derecho took six pines, one in the front and five in the back yard, resulting in lots more sunshine. The garden continues to be a work in progress.

One thing for sure, there are many opportunities in my “new” sunny spaces.
—Karla Brannaman



*The Flag Garden, one of a number of gardens at the Geetings residence.
Image Credit: Ginny Geetings*



*A well-considered architectural change in level creates a rich topography at the Brannaman Garden (it may look a bit different this year).
Image Credit: Karla Brannaman*

Ginny Geetings Garden

My love for flower gardening started many years ago. I come from an Amish background and mom always had a large vegetable garden, but there was something missing. Color!

When I had my own yard I started adding a flow-

er garden here and there. I had some “ditch lilies” that were already there, and then years later a landscaper introduced the famous Stella D’ Oro to my yard. I did like the drift of color, but I needed more! About 1999 I found Wilson Gardens in Knoxville, Iowa and was hooked from then on. After that I found the National Gardening Association (NGA) while I was checking to see why the daylily I ordered did NOT bloom anything like the picture in the ad (imagine that!). Oh the pictures they shared! The colors, sizes and shapes... WOW! I outgrew my local garden centers quickly, was introduced to the LA (Lily Auction), and then I found individual hybridizers!

When we moved across town in 2011 my new home had nothing but a few plants and, you guessed it, Stella D’ Oro’s. I split and brought over 300 perennials to my new home, mostly daylilies, and I have incorporated my love for daylilies into all of my mixed perennial gardens for the diversity, and am now up to around 850 known cultivars and several NOIDs (no identifications), along with around 250 different liliium cultivars. I now have an entire foundation garden and several outlying gardens. I love to have garden themes, American Garden, Prayer Garden, Memory Garden, Grandchildren Garden (which includes other surprises), Mini Garden (where all the daylilies, lilies, daffodils, alliums and iris are minis or smalls), Bathroom Garden (no outhouse, I can see the garden from my bathroom window LOL) to name a few.

Working in my flower gardens is very therapeutic after being in the office all day, but most of all I love to share the beauty with others. I remember several years ago, I refused to pay more than \$20 for a daylily. Now I buy collections from individu-

Regional Preview (cont.)

al hybridizers, and regularly add a few new introductions from a few of my favorite hybridizers every year. I've told my children if I die not to let my husband sell my flowers for what I SAID I paid for them! We need a 10 step program for hemerocallis addicts like myself!
—Ginny Geetings

Wilson Gardens



*Broken pattern diploid UF by Bob Wilson.
Image Credit: Bob Wilson*

Wilson Gardens was established in the early 1990s when brothers Bob and Randy planted some perennials in one of their Dad's old garden spaces on the property of their boyhood home. By the end of that decade they were growing a great number of hostas and daylilies, and to this day that has not changed much. What has changed is that much time is now devoted to hybridizing daylilies with several seedling fields now on the property. The hostas have taken over many of the old daylily beds as they have become too shady. Many other perennials abound throughout including numerous ornamental grasses. By and large, the daylilies are planted for convenience in hybridizing rather than garden design.

Bob's hybridizing focus is wide and varied as the seedling fields will attest. Spiders and unusual forms have given up some of their bed space to other daylily shapes and colors. The daylily offers so many tempting directions in

hybridizing. Bob believes that one must select what shows up in seedlings and see where that will lead in the future. Of course, certain goals are also a part of the regimen.

Bob belongs to the Central Iowa Daylily Society (CIDS) based out of Marshalltown, Iowa. He also belongs to the American Daylily Society. Once summer comes Bob belongs to his garden. Being a part of a local club has enabled him to increase his knowledge of gardening while staying informed about the daylilies that he grows.
—Bob Wilson

OPEN GARDENS

Walkabout Garden

Walkabout Garden is the personal botanical collection of Nan and Merwyn Ripley. Located on 10 acres of rich Iowa farmland, the landscape presents guests with gardens, each with its own name and variety of plants. Here Nan and Merwyn display the result of their fifty-year devotion to gardening. Their passion is seen in the many collections of varied genera (conifers, liliium, hosta, spring flowering trees and shrubs, and so much more). Look for garden art throughout the gardens. A lovely berm garden of miniature and small conifers is in a lazy L shape. White Pines border the north side of the property, providing a lush green backdrop to the gardens.

As you walk about you will be struck by the va-



*A Nan Ripley future
Image Credit: Nan Ripley*

Regional Preview (cont.)

riety of tree and plant specimens. Nan is a true plant's woman and is constantly on the search for unique plants to expand their collection. Nan especially likes liliiums, the Tango Asiatic lily series, shade loving Martagons, Flash Point fragrant Orienpets, Interdivisional Hybrids, and has a large collection spread throughout the gardens. There is a small orchard on the south side of the property containing apple, peach, plum, Asian pear, and other pear trees. Most of the plants have labels with name and the date of planting. Nan is an accomplished hybridizer, winning the Stout Silver Medal for 'Scarlet Pimpernel' in 2019. You will see clumps of many of her stunning introductions and new introductions from other hybridizers throughout the garden. She tests her seedlings on the south side of the property behind the orchard, and plants about 1500 a year. Ask her about the black landscape fabric and you'll get a seminar on weeding and watering. You will also see those special cultivars she has kept over the years, so bring your notebook!

—Nan & Merwyn look forward to seeing you in their garden July 15, 2022.

Kramers Flower Farm Wind Chime Gardens

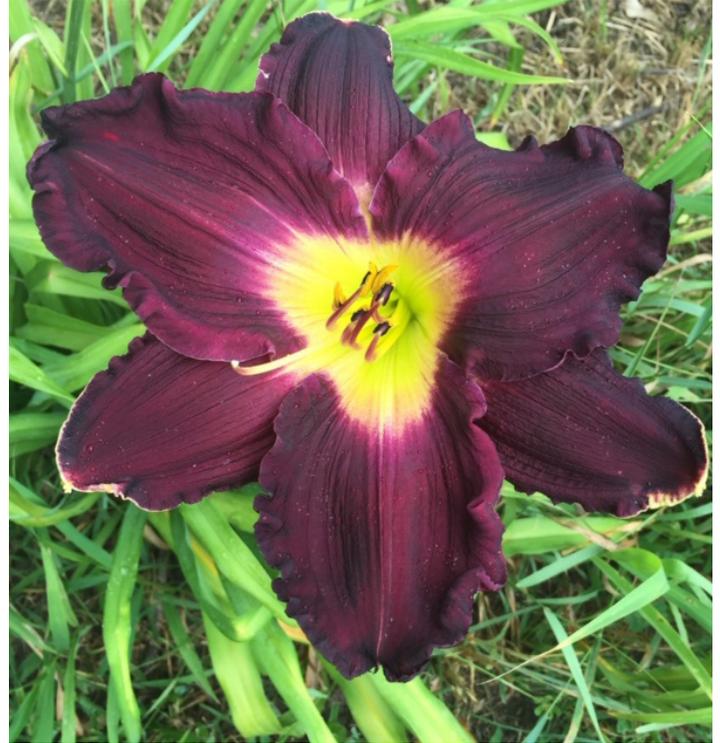
Kramers Flower Farm Wind Chime Gardens are located in northwest Cedar Rapids. The front gardens are a combination of sun and shade under the canopy of 150-200 year old White Oaks. We lost a number of those oaks during the derecho in 2020 and have been increasing the number of daylilies in front due to the additional sun. Further back on the property a large field in full sun contains a collection of around 1000 registered daylilies and several years of seedlings. If there is a breeze, the sound



*Guests of Kramers Flower Farm enjoying a day of sun and daylilies.
Image Credit: Sue Kramer*

of wind chimes can be heard throughout the gardens.
—Sue and Dave Kramer

Timbercreek Garden



*A deep purple seedling by Don Lovell.
Image Credit: Don Lovell*

Welcome to Timbercreek Garden. We are located 10 miles east of Marshalltown, Iowa. It is a rural setting that is mostly flat but with a few rolling hills. We have good ole Iowa farm soil, and everything here grows well. Other residents here are a red Austrian Shepard dog, six horses of various pedigrees and an array of barn cats.

We have many other hybridizers' plants, of which most will be in clump form. As years have passed, it has become more challenging to keep up with all the seedlings I'd love to grow. I now have about 800 that I am keeping my eye on.

My concentration has been with striped flowers and trying to create a black daylily, and both those adventures continue. We also grow a mix of perennials. We have very few trees left as a result of the derecho, but the increase in light is going to be great for the daylilies and the additional vegetables we will be able to grow.

Hoping to see all of you on Friday morning!

—Don Lovell

Regional Preview (cont.)

GARDEN JUDGES WORKSHOP 2

at Prairie Wind Gardens
Prairie Wind Gardens will host Garden Judges Workshop 2 this year. Our principal shoveler and pollen lifter experienced a herniated disk in March, 2021. As a result, many plants he was looking forward to killing are still alive (drat and alas!). That said, half of the south bed dates from 2014 through 17, so regional attendees that visited in 2015 will not have seen these. A couple years ago Don Lovell invited Phil down to his place to collect green seedlings. About 35 were brought back to Prairie Wind and 28 of these are in a dedicated bed (this summer we hope to see some of the first seedlings from those plants).

One of the old barns fell down in 2021, but it wasn't because of the derecho (we were lucky to be spared). It was just simple old age. We are hoping that doesn't happen to us for at least 20 years.

Deb and our dear friend Melissa stepped up big time last summer and rescued the north bed from an encroaching army of weeds, and we finally got to some of the other beds in September and October. We hope to have all the beds cleared as well as they were in 2015, but it's surprising how well weeds will grow in a hot, dry Iowa summer (or maybe not... a 30 x 50 foot bed filled with six foot tall Marestalk and Lambsquarters is impressive, but not in a good way).

Fortunately, we have moved numerous selections to the north bed over the last few years, so that's where the action will be! Also, many of the seedlings in this bed will be blooming for the first time in 2022. We look forward to some wonderful near whites, greens, patterns and UFs. In all, a little more than an acre of daylilies are cultivated on this rich Grundy County soil. There will be plenty to see!

—Phil Fass and Deb Deemer



*A near white UF seedling by Phil Fass.
Image Credit: Phil Fass*

That's about it. Central Iowa Daylily Society is looking forward to seeing all of our Region One friends this coming July. Let's hope we are at a more happy point in time by then as we look forward to great friends and great flowers.

Editor's Note: There is a sign up form for regionals in the middle of the newsletter. We formatted the newsletter so you can take out the middle pages to submit your votes as well as register for regionals and nationals without losing any other pages. We hope this change makes it easier for you to register and vote.

ADS Region One 2022 Garden Judges Report

ADS Region One membership is 199 as of March 1, 2022 (a decrease of four members since last year's regional membership count of 203).

A region's maximum number of Garden Judges (GJs) is 20% of its annual membership, so Region One can have a maximum of 39 GJs in 2022. Our region currently has 30 GJs, so we can add up to nine new GJs. Six of our GJs are Garden Judge Instructors (GJ Instructors).

ADS Region One had 35 GJs in 2021. In 2022 we lost one GJ due having moved, and four more GJs stepped down due to choice or circumstance.

It is very important for existing Garden Judges to 1) pay their ADS dues on time and 2) vote the annual ADS Awards & Honors ballot by the deadline (either by snail mail or online). The 2022 ADS Awards & Honors ballot postmark/online voting deadline is September 1, 2022. Per ADS President Scott Elliott, even if you did not visit any gardens in 2022 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is still important to vote your ballot—even if it is blank.

We need more GJs to represent our region, for more northern votes on the annual AHS Awards & Honors Ballot. Consider taking Garden Judges Workshops 1 and 2 for credit to become a new GJ. Students can take the workshops in any order.

--Phil Fass, ADS Region One Garden Judges Liaison

Region 1 Daylilies Online

Thanks to the efforts of many people, Region 1 of the American Daylily Society is developing an impressive online presence. Our new publicity director is Jason Halonen and he has developed a Facebook page for us to share information about our region. It's in the beginning stages, but there is a link to regionals there if you need to find it.

The Facebook link is:

<https://www.facebook.com/Region1Daylilies>



Other places you can find Region 1 information is through our website located at:

<http://www.ahsregion1.org/>

The website lists current leadership, upcoming events, the history of our region, bylaws, display gardens and past editions of the Daylily Pioneer. There is also a page dedicated to the display gardens in our region.

*Below: 'Clump of B Positive' (Cline, 2021)
Image Credit: Lisa Schmidt*



Region 1 Financial Report

Total Amount Checking/Savings Accounts **\$ 29,833**
January 1, 2021

Income:
Auction \$ 0
Contribution from regional meeting (\$5 per attendee) \$ 0
Donations \$ 0
Postage refund from AHS \$ 453
Miscellaneous (newsletter subscription) \$ 18

Total Income: **\$ 471**

Expenses:
Postage and printing – Pioneer \$ 1266
Editor stipend \$ 1500
Garden Judges 2 workshop \$ 137
Miscellaneous (fees, insurance) \$ 81
Travel reimbursement (RP, Director) \$ 2675

Total Expenses: **\$ 5659**

Net Loss (Change in Assets) **\$(5188)**

Total Amount Checking/Savings Accounts **\$24,645**
December 31, 2021

With the exception of certain mailing expenses related to the newsletter, the Region receives no income from the AHS, and the Region is not allowed to charge dues. All income for Region One comes from regional auctions and fees, plus donations from clubs and individuals.

The Regional President and the region's AHS Director are reimbursed for travel expenses for AHS's RP and Director meetings.

Article: Sharing Your Garden by Nancy Rash, Past President of CVIDS

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn." - Hal Borland

It's the start of a new garden year and the "to do" list is long even before it is time to begin digging in the dirt and pulling weeds. I am already looking for the first green shoots from daffodils, tulips, crocus, winter aconite and snow drops. It seems like it might be an unlikely time to think about sharing the garden. But sharing the garden begins with these first blooms that bring color into our world after a winter of white sparkling snow and dreary days with no sun. These are the plants that are planted in between the day-lilies that are still resting but will be showing green in time. Once the daylilies begin to bloom, I don't even think about the spring bulbs until I accidentally dig into a clump in an attempt to find an empty space for one more daylily. This is another reminder of the importance of mapping the plants in your garden! Soon it will be time to evaluate the space in the flower beds and decide how to share the abundance of growth with others.



*Pink Poppy and Bupleurem
Image Credit: Nancy Rash*

Sharing flower bouquets from my garden is an opportunity to evaluate the color combinations and the bloom times in the garden so I have enough flowers at one time to create a vase bouquet of flowers. Delivering the flowers is a time to visit a friend or neighbor and stop to hear about their memories of gardening. Gardening friends that moved into retirement homes or care centers were always delighted to have me bring fresh flowers. They could no longer garden themselves but it brought their garden back to life. Most annuals produce seed that can be collect-

ed and shared with others for their garden. Members of the American Daylily Society and

Region One are familiar with the Open Gardens and Tour Gardens that are part of the annual national and regional meetings. This is sharing your garden on a BIG scale. Some persons may be too intimidated to host a regional or national tour garden so start small. Lyle and I have hosted two open house garden tours and yes, it takes lots of planning and lots of work but it is worth the effort to see how many folks are interested in seeing your garden and learning about the plants you grow and the techniques employed. Members of the Cedar



*'Narcissus Poeticus'
Image Credit: Nancy Rash*

Valley Iris and Daylily Society can invite members to tour their garden each summer. In past years, the club has scheduled tour days and in the last 2 years, members have posted the times and dates that they will host an open garden and members are invited to come tour. CVIDS members Barb and Bob Papenhausen, Jackie Westhoff and Heather Harroun are CVIDS members with official American Daylily Display Gardens. They welcome visitors and hope to share their garden with you.

We all have the dilemma of daylilies that need to be divided and taken to new homes. If you belong to a daylily club, you have lots of friends that might be interested. Most of my favorite daylilies were given to me by a friend. Thank you for sharing! Your club may have a plant sale for the public that is a great way to share and make money for the club. Region One Summer meetings are another opportunity to share

Sharing Your Garden (cont.)

your daylilies. On the Region One website, <http://www.ahsregion1.org/>, there are instructions for how you may contribute daylilies to the Region One meeting. Please follow the rules and contact the host club.

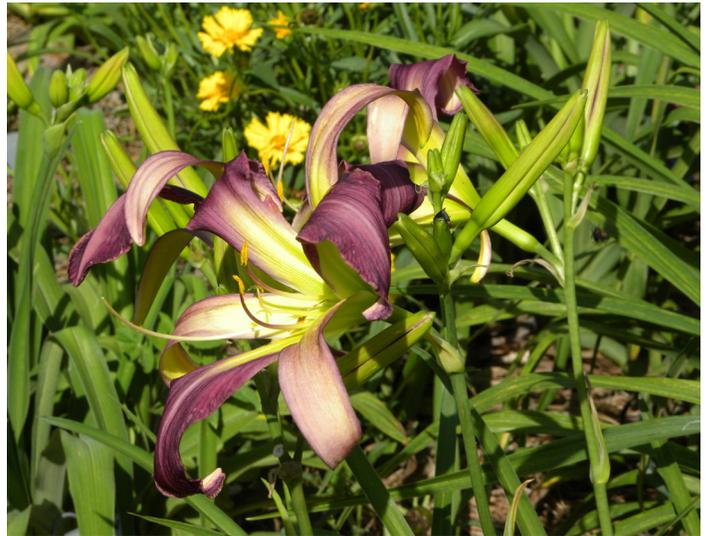
My neighbors have daylilies that came from my garden. They are strategically planted so I can see them from my patio. When pushed for time I have been known to set whole clumps of daylilies on the driveway. There has always been someone driving by that stops and picks them up to take home and replant. The elementary schools updated their landscaping and were happy to take my plant donations to supplement their landscaping.

In 2016, Reiman Gardens started a bulb and meadow garden and asked for donations of bulbs. I was able to deliver Narcissus 'Cheerfulness' and Narcissus 'Poeticus' bulbs to Reiman Gardens and they were planted along with 9,000 other bulbs to create the Reiman Gardens' Alumni Family Bulb Meadow Garden in 2016. The original bulbs came from my mother's garden. It was a fun and wonderful way to share my garden with others.

"We may think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us." - Jenny Uglow



'Suburban Main Street' (Watts, 2017)
Image Credit: Lisa Schmidt



'Orchid Waterfall' (Stamile, 2004)
Image Credit: Lisa Schmidt



'Cheerfulness'
Image Credit: Nancy Rash



'Minnesota Sunshine' (Lamb-K., 2006)
Image Credit: Lisa Schmidt

Beausejour Daylily Gardens Update by Mary Veldman

Beausejour Daylily Gardens

Challenges and rewards

I found myself humming away to the Roberta Flack song “I will survive” while writing my article on “daylilies surviving despite uneven weather patterns”. Gardening has become more challenging over the last few years. One thing we know is that perennial weeds continue to flourish during these challenging years. Go figure. With a little bit of help we can crack the code on gardening during these difficult times by choosing drought tolerant plants like daylilies, using mulch as a way to conserve moisture, and watering wisely -less often and deeply -versus every day and lightly. Growing plants that provide food (nectar and pollen) for the bees, moths and other pollinators is also another suggestion. It will help. Insects love flowers, birds need insects. It’s a cycle of life that we must not take for granted.

The ever-popular Daylily is a must for the flower garden. *Hemerocallis* is the Latin name, meaning “a flower for a day .” But we know that daylilies will provide many flowers over many weeks making them an ideal choice in the border. With zones that stretch from the cold of Beausejour, Manitoba (zone 2B) to the heat of the North Carolinas in the USA (zone 7A), some daylilies tolerate temperatures as cold as -40 Celsius. But this is not true of all daylilies. It’s critical to pay attention to this when purchasing daylilies. Buy locally and do your homework to ensure you



'Hot Chocolate' (Slaughter, 1956)

Image Credit: Mary Veldman

aren't buying plants that won't survive your climate .

At the Beausejour Daylily Gardens we are fortunate to carry an extensive collection of Historic Daylilies. Historic daylilies are all daylilies registered on or before 1990. This is a rolling date which extends by 10 years every decade. In 2030 the new date will be on or before 2000. What good is an Historic Daylily you might ask? Many Historic daylilies have spectacular “garden habit”. Hybridizers will often use an Historic daylily as a parent. They grow very well, exemplifying the meaning of true hardiness. Once established, (established being the key word) daylilies will live for many years and can survive through poor conditions such as depleted soil and extremely dry conditions. Historic daylilies have beautiful true colors, and they tend to be star or trumpet shaped. They are also most always fragrant or very fragrant.

There are three types of daylily growth habit. There is dormant, semi dormant and evergreen. Dormant daylilies are deciduous. Evergreen daylilies will retain their foliage through the winter months. Of course, here in Manitoba the likelihood of the foliage retaining its greenery is highly unlikely as the overwintering of foliage is dependent on climate and at -40C it's safe to say all will appear dormant. Semi evergreen daylilies are in between the two. Quite often I will avoid purchasing an evergreen daylily because the chances of it surviving our cold winters is low. This rule is not always the case, but increases the possibility of a failure. At the Beausejour Daylily Gardens we have successfully grown all three growth habits, but



'Bali Watercolor' (Stamile, 2002)

Image Credit: Mary Veldman

Beausejour Daylily Gardens Update (cont.)

have more success with the dormant and semi dormant varieties. A few successful evergreen varieties worth mentioning are 'Hot Chocolate' (Slaughter, 1956), 'Irish Elf' (Hudson, 1978), 'Joan Senior' (Durio, 1977), 'Night Beacon' (Hansen, 1988), 'Raspberry Pixie' (Williamson, 1969), 'Tooth' (Hansen-D., 2000), 'Bali Watercolor' (Stamile, 2002), 'Dark Star' (Connell, 1953), and 'Easy Ned' (Brown-B., 1987).

We continue to push the boundaries. During the summer of 2022 we will be introducing some of Paul Owen's collection of daylilies. Paul Owen is a hybridizer and daylily grower in North Carolina, USA. Slightly Different Nursery is owned and operated by Paul. He claims his hybrid daylilies are bred for hardy performance. Cold tolerant and drought resistant daylilies are his specialties. He has noticed that over the years climate change has affected scape height, flower color saturation, and foliage vigor. He uses an inordinately high ratio of dormant daylilies in his hybridizing. He explained there are several genes that are involved in deciduous behavior.

Dormant daylilies form root tubers which look like fat little cigars with frayed short roots at the tips. He says hard dormant daylilies are the most winter hardy and have roots that are nearly all tuberous. Semi evergreen daylilies generally have about 30-50% tubers, and evergreen daylilies have none at all. They just have long, fleshy roots.

In order for the daylily to survive a complete shut down over winter, they store energy in the tubers and in the spring, they can successfully re-emerge. He also says he has learned that cold tolerance is not the same thing as hardiness, and it's been climate change that has taught him that. This spring we will be planting Paul's babies and give them a true test in the coldest Daylily Display Garden of the world. We will look forward to such blooms as 'Hotta Pinkie' (Owen-P., 2008), 'Kinky Boots'

(Owen-P., 2017), 'Passive Aggressive' (Owen-P., 2013), 'Smoke Shop' (Owen-P., 2017), 'Tweaked Out' (Owen-P., 2018), 'Vicky's Radiance' (Owen-P., 2010), 'Burning Curiosity' (Owen-P., 2022), 'Chillax' (Owen-P., 2020), 'Cookin' with Gas' (Owen-P., 2019), and 'Erudite' (Owen-P., 2021).

I've noticed, too, that over the last few years the daylilies aren't as spectacular as they usually are. Fewer blooms because of the lack of moisture, the colors are washed out (especially the darker colors) from the smoldering heat, and the blooms are deformed or mutated. I'm sure that the colossal heatwaves, strong winds and lack of regular Mother Nature's precipitation are a result of this. Though they are hardy and will carry on, it's times like these that make me wish for the good old days. 'Cute as Can Be' (Stamile-G., 2000) is an example of a daylily that suffered from heat and drought. The 'Open Hearth' (Lambert, 1976) grew extra petals and sepals due to heat and drought of 2021.



'Open Hearth' (Lambert, 1976) with extra petals and sepals due to heat and drought.
Image Credit: Mary Veldman



'Cute as Can Be' (Stamile-G., 2000) suffering from heat and drought.
Image Credit: Mary Veldman

Beausejour Daylily Gardens is a 2-acre AHS display garden for daylilies. We also showcase irises, peonies, lilies, ornamental trees and shrubs. We are located in Beausejour, Manitoba on First Street North. Just look for the garden shed that welcomes you to Beausejour. This year we celebrate 20 years from the time of conception. We are open to the public from sunrise to sunset. For more information: look us up on Facebook @ Beausejour Daylily-Display Gardens, or our website <http://www.beausejourdaylilygardens.com>. Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted.

Central North Dakota Daylily Society (CNDDS) Lisa Schmidt, Past President

I am so excited

that we finally are going to be able to have a Region One meeting —in person, again! I for one am looking forward to getting together in Marshalltown, Iowa this summer. I already sent my registration in!

We had a pretty good year last year. We tried a Zoom meeting for a spring meeting, and we had our usual June auction. We had yard tours in two different months, one in June to see how some gardens look in the spring and our usual yard tours in July. We had public plant sales at one yard at each of the June and July tours. This helped to bring in interested gardeners as new members. Then there was a fall brunch meeting where the speaker was Bret Clement. The club is purchasing many plants from Bret for this year's auction.

We also held elections of officers for the club. Peggy Boe is replacing Lisa Schmidt as president but retaining Gwen Brady as co-president. Our long-time treasurer Marlene Larson passed away in December from pulmonary fibrosis. We are planning a memorial daylily garden at the Bismarck Zoo. Jeff Schmidt was elected treasurer. We finally have elected a secretary with Diane Gronfur willing to serve in that position. She has been doing a fantastic job already. We have had a planning meeting already this year for 2022, and I want to thank all the board members and all members that came to help plan for a fun new year.

We are planning on a spring meeting in April to hear about the International Peace Garden where the club is planning on sponsoring a daylily bed. We will have the club auction in June, and yard tours in July. We



Froggy in the garden
Image Credit: Lisa Schmidt

are still working on who we will have for a speaker at the fall meeting.

I am happy to announce we have started planning the Region One meeting for 2025 that will be in Fargo. The North Dakota State University [NDSU] historic daylily display garden, with 1200 historic cultivars, will be the feature garden. It was the first historic ADS Display Garden and has the largest public collection of daylilies in the nation. It has a Facebook page at “NDSU Historic Daylily Display Garden”. Mary Baker has written blogs about the NDSU garden in the Region One Blog at region1daylily.blogspot.com.

The garden will include a bed for new daylilies just from Region 1 hybridizers. If you would like to have your new daylily added to this garden, contact Barb Laschkewitsch (barbara.laschkewitsch@ndsu.edu), but please note that at this time, according to NDSU policy, once plants go into the garden, they cannot be returned to you.

Stay tuned for more updates about NDSU and the 2025 Region One meeting!



Entrance to the Peace Gardens.
Image Credit: Lisa Schmidt



'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts, 2004) clump
Image Credit: Lisa Schmidt

Nebraska Daylily Society 2021 Update by Linda Ferguson



From left to right: Karla Kluver, Annette Langan, Peggy Hanner, Tom Keast, Val Hoefler, Scott Ferguson. Image Credit: Linda Ferguson

We held our winter social

on Saturday, February 5th in Scribner Nebraska. It was held at the Scribner Furstenau Building which is their community center. We had 30 in attendance. Social time with coffee, juice and many tasty treats started at 9:30 am and the meeting began around 10 am. We so enjoyed getting to see each other again that we had a major chat fest both before and after the meeting.

The meeting was hosted by Betsy and Mark Langemeier and Val Hoefler. Val Hoefler gave a presentation on "How to Downsize Your Garden". Scott Keller handed out some great seeds he crossed in his garden and also presented a brief Treasurer's Report.

Our next meeting will be held May 7th in Sloan at Christ Community Church 502 Beall St. Peggy Hanner and Karla Kluver will be our hosts. Club plants will given to those who earned them in 2021 and there will also be an auction of plants from club members and from Sandy Holmes.

We are planning on holding a one-day auction of plants to the community at Lauritzen Gardens on May 21st. This sale supports a scholarship to a Nebraska college horticulture student. Donations from club members are what we auction at this sale. Because of COVID we did not run the sale for the last 2 years.

July 9th will be our flower show and garden tour meeting. This year it will be held in the Lincoln area. Doors will open at the church at 8:30 for show

flower entries and social time. We will leave for the garden tours at 9:30. Club members will be touring Scott Keller and Robin Lowe's gardens and then return for the flower show awards and a brief meeting. After the meeting is adjourned, those who would like to tour Mark and Jenny Cich's garden may do so. Their garden is somewhat on the way back to Omaha from Lincoln.

August 20 we will be meeting at St. Leo Catholic Church in Omaha. This meeting will be hosted by Annette Langan, Phyllis McIntosh and Lyle and Rita Kahn. Social hour begins at 9 am. At 10 am we will have a brief meeting following by a talk by Chad Bush of Colorful Chaos Daylilies after which he will be auctioning his plants and those donations we receive from club members.



From left to right: Mark Langemeier, Betsy Langemeier, Sharon Jobs, Carolyn Lingenfelter, Val Hoefler, Jenny Cich. Image Credit: Linda Ferguson



"The Incredible Earl Watts" (Salter, 2012)
Image Credit: Lisa Schmidt

Daylily Society of Minnesota 2021 Update by Dory Lidinsky

It has been a quiet winter

for The Daylily Society of Minnesota. Our February semi-annual meeting was canceled due to uncertainty regarding the latest virus version. We are looking forward to returning to a regular summer of activities starting with our annual Dig and Sale June 3-5.

Friday, June 3rd we will be literally digging daylily plants at Kris Henning's former home in Wisconsin. Saturday, June 4th, we will be cleaning, sorting, and labeling the donations, and on Sunday, June 5th the sale will be held at Bachman's Garden Center in Minneapolis.

Our garden tour, scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd, will once again include visits to three private gardens on a comfortable bus with lunch included. The tour is followed up the next day, Sunday July 24th, by the off-scape show at the Minnesota Arboretum from 10:00-3:00. We hope to see hundreds of blooms brought in by our dedicated volunteers, lots of visitors, and good weather.

Our final events of 2022 are the annual Banquet and Auction, scheduled for Sunday, August 14th, and the semi-annual meeting to be held Sunday, October 30th, at the Bachman's Garden Center in Minneapolis with Phil Fass as the guest speaker.

For more specific details of the events mentioned above, visit our website at:

<https://www.daylilysofminnesota.org>

The board of DSM is happy to welcome two new directors: Dawn Bryant as Sales and Auction Director and Jason Halonen as Social Media Director.

Our club has gained new members since last summer and we are happy to have so many members step forward to volunteer.

The saying goes that along with good comes some bad, so we are sad to report the passing of Elsie Riggs at the age of 81. She was a master gardener for over 30 years and a long-time member of the Daylily Society of Minnesota as well as a dear friend to many other lovers of daylilies, irises, and hostas. We will miss her.



*Elsie Riggs, 81
Image Submitted by Dory Lidinsky*

Newbie Corner

I may have the skills to put together a newsletter, but I'm still new to this daylily world. I'm including a newbie corner for people like me who are still learning daylily terminology.

What is a Spider Daylily?

This segment was inspired by my copy of 'The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and Other "Exotics"' by Oliver Billingslea. I knew about all of the fun forms that daylilies can come in but I admit, it took me a little while to appreciate the unusual forms. Now, I want to learn more as the unique shapes of the petals have worked their way into my heart.

It wasn't until 2003 that the final definition for a daylily was set. For a daylily to be considered a spider, the petals need to have a ratio of petal length to width of 4.0:1 or higher (Billingslea, p. 27). For example, if a

petal measures 4 inches long and is only 1 inch wide, that flower qualifies as a spider. In other words, if you straighten the petal and measure the length of the petal from tip to the notch where the adjacent sepals separate at the neck of the flower then divide it by the width of the petal at the widest part without flattening it, the number must be 4 or greater.

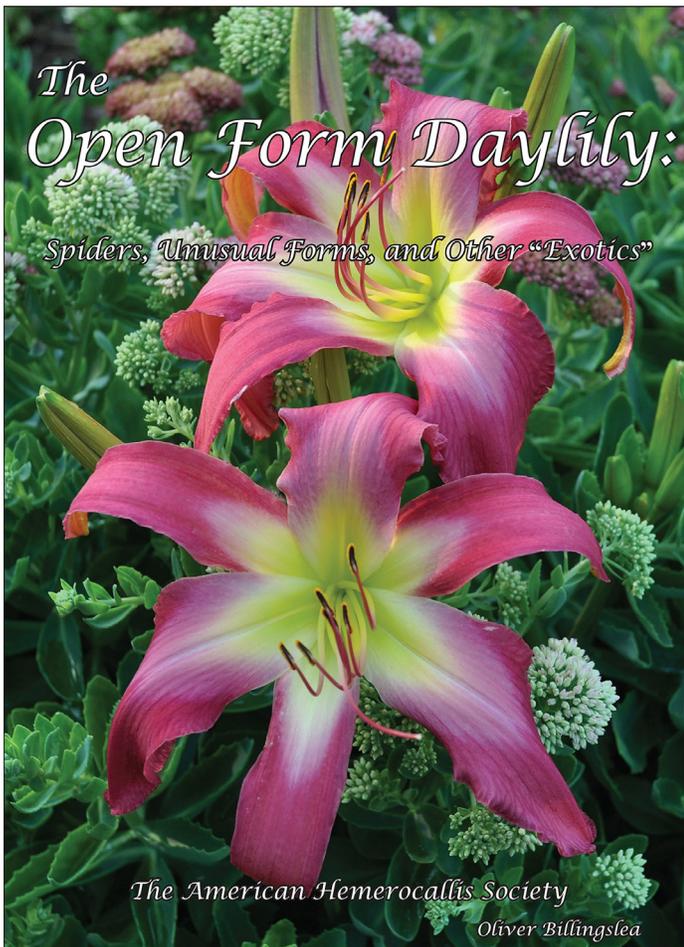
The shape of the petals and sepals does not affect whether the daylily is a spider or not. Only the ratio.

I hope this helps the other new daylily aficionados understand exactly what we mean by "spiders".

Love, Sabrina

Billingslea, O., Postlewait, C., & King, M. (2017).

The open form daylily: Spiders, unusual forms and other "exotics". Thomson-Shore.



I was delightfully surprised

to receive a copy of **'The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and Other "Exotics"'** by **Oliver Billingslea** in the mail. Immediately, I was drawn to the vibrant pink daylilies on the glossy cover and did not hesitate to open the book. My reward was over 200 pages full of high resolution pictures of stunning Daylilies.

"The Open Form Daylily" begins with the earliest record of open form daylilies in the beginning of the 1900's. In the 1950's a few were registered, but the style went out of fashion until the 1980's. At this point, the book separates into the contributions to the individual hybridizers such as Lemone J. Bechtold, Arlow Burdette Stout, Elizabeth Nesmith and more. The chapters go through the decades featuring hybridizers from each that impacted the form. There are several chapters scattered throughout that define and explain the differences in the different open forms. I'll be referencing this

book for several editions of the Newbie Corner. Each page is filled with vibrant photographs that the author has striven to ensure represents the true form and color of each hybrid. Each hybrid mentioned includes the date it was registered, average height and width, form, color and pedigree.

There are several region 1 hybridizers listed in The Open Form Daylily. Current members who are featured include: Mary Baker, Karol Emmerich, Kathleen Lamb, Nan Ripley, Gary Schaben, and friend of region 1 Paul Owen.

About the Author:

Growing up on a farm in rural, central Mississippi, Oliver has raised daylilies since he was a teenager. Among those earliest cultivars were Hemerocallis 'Frances Fay', H. 'Satin Glass', 'Bess Ross' and 'Cartwheels'. He graduated from Ole Miss in 1964, and after a year abroad as an exchange student in Germany, attended Johns Hopkins University and the University of Wisconsin. It was only after he and his wife Nancy moved from Wisconsin to Alabama, that they became members of the AHS in 1971. They both received degrees from the University of Wisconsin, his a Ph.D. in American literature, hers a B.S. in mathematics. Until his retirement in 2011, Oliver taught English at Auburn University Montgomery.

Oliver has served on the AHS Board of Directors on two occasions, chairing the Awards and Honors committee, 1996-2001. Most recently, he served as chair of Special Projects, during which tenure he authored four books pro bono on behalf of AHS: "Landscaping With Daylilies" (2012), "The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies" (2015), "The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and Other Exotics" (2017), and "The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies, Revised Edition" (2017). His editorial work on behalf of Region 14 includes twenty-seven issues of The Dixie Daylily (2004-2018). He is a hybridizer with 56 registrations to his credit, 18 of which received an HM, and one of which, H. 'Xia Xiang', an Award of Merit. In 1999, his 'South Sea Enchantment' received the President's Cup at the National Convention in Oklahoma City. During his years of service as editor/writer, he essentially stopped hybridizing, although he has recently registered three new cultivars. His primary hobby is photography, for which he has received several awards from AHS. His most recent work is a PDF on HISTORICAL DAYLILIES: 1980-1990, dedicated to AHS.

Seed Starting by Kathleen Wiese, Science and Education Liason



*Wiese Acres garage: Where the magic begins
Image Credit: Kathleen Wiese*

Seed starting happens in one corner of our garage. Seedlings are started there in a warming box made with salvaged house windows and old wood. The sides are corrugated plastic to reduce weight. After the seedlings emerge, they are moved to the lighted shelving units, where they live until temps are no longer dropping below 20 degrees so they can be moved to the greenhouse. Once the seedlings are on the shelves, oscillating variable speed fans are set up behind the shelves to provide humidity control and stem strengthening.

The shelves are made from industrial shelving and wire racks. White plastic washing machine trays help contain water spills and reflect light between the shelves. Each shelf has two four foot shop lights staggered to light the entire shelf, and equipped with full spectrum bulbs. Before anything is planted, everything is rinsed with a 10% bleach solution and allowed to air dry.



*Lighted shelving units at Wiese Acres
Image Credit: Kathleen Wiese*

I invested in these hard plastic trays with high humidity domes a few years ago. They are the best investment I've made, greenhouse wise.

Sterile seed starting mix is moistened with room temperature, dechlorinated water. For those of you who are familiar with cattle, yes that is a calf sled. It works great for mixing potting medium. It has a large



*Open warming box and closed warming box
Image Credit: Kathleen Wiese*

A close up view of the warming box with the cover open on one side and closed on the other. Each side is 4 feet long and 26 inches wide, just large enough to set four trays side by side in each section.



*Sterile seed starting mixed in a calf sled
Image Credit: Kathleen Wiese*

Seed Starting (cont.)

horizontal area and a shallow depth so it is easy to mix. Any water proof container will work, though, as long as it can be kept clean. I moisten only as much mix as I plan to use in a day or two. I don't want soggy starting mix setting around to get moldy or breed the dreaded fungus gnats. I purchase seed starting mix in bulk from the Greenhouse Megastore.

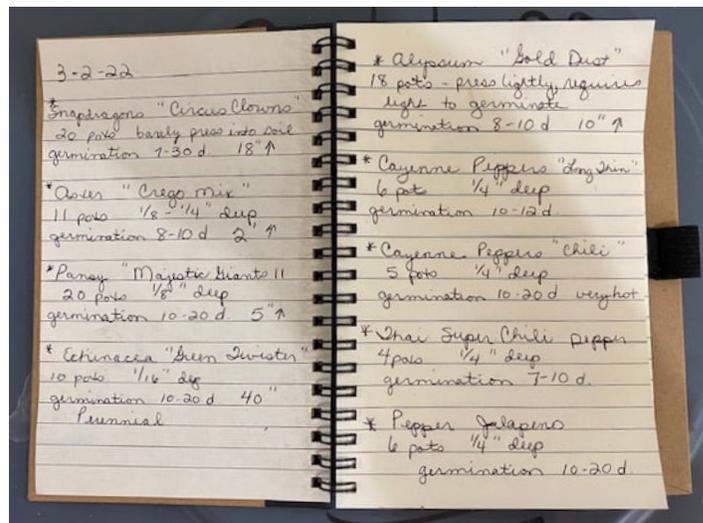
I like to start seeds, but I am not crazy about the transplanting that is necessary to keep them healthy, so I've looked for easier ways to accomplish that. Now I start all my seeds in 3 oz. paper cups. They are inexpensive, easy to handle, and stay together just fine until it is time to transplant into potting soil and larger containers. Removing one or two seedlings from a cup is much easier than trying to untangle several which have been growing together in a tray.



Seed starting supplies at Wiese Acres
Image Credit: Kathleen Wiese

Another plus of the cups is that you can label each one using a waterproof permanent marker - no more mix-ups during the starting phase.

I journal everything I plant with the date planted, name, variety, planting depth, days to germination, days to harvest for edibles, and color and size for flowering plants. It makes it easier to look back for me, since remembering all that stuff just isn't in the cards anymore.



Journaling by Wiese Acres
Image Credit: Kathleen Wiese

After the trays are filled, I add about 1/4 inch of water to the bottom, cover them with the humidity dome, and place the trays in the warming box. All watering is done from the bottom. Greenhouse heat mats are used to provide bottom warmth to seedlings which require warmer temperatures to germinate.



Heating mats keep seedlings warm enough to germinate
Image Credit: Kathleen Wiese

Once seedlings have around 4 sets of true leaves, they are transplanted into peat pots and left under lights.

Note from editor: Thank you to Kathleen Wiese for volunteering to take over as science and education liaison. She runs an almost 5 acre farm in North Dakota where she grows many types of foods and creates jams, jellies and pickles that she sells at local farmers markets. You can follow her on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WieseAcres> or visit her blog at <https://wieseacres.blogspot.com>.

AHS Region One President Election Ballot—Cast YOUR Vote!

For the 2-year term beginning January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024.

Per AHS Region One by-laws, Directors and RPs must be elected by mail ballots. Kris Henning, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will announce the election results at the 2022 AHS Region One business meeting on July 16, 2022, during the AHS Region One Summer Meeting hosted by the Central Iowa Daylily Society in Marshalltown, IA.

To be eligible to vote, you must be an AHS member in good standing. All ballots must be mailed to Kris Henning, Tabulator, P. O. Box 135, Frederic, WI 54837. Ballots must be postmarked on or before June 1, 2022.

AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY REGION ONE Election Ballot for

REGION ONE PRESIDENT

For the 2-year term January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024.

Vote for one. Mark your ballot with an 'X.' Ballot must be mailed and postmarked on or before June 1, 2022.

AHS Member 1 AHS Member 2 Candidate

Lisa Schmidt (Nominee)

Write-in candidate

Signature of AHS Region One member 1

Date signed

Print name of AHS Region One member 1

Signature of AHS Region One member 2

Date signed

Print name of AHS Region One member 2

Mail Ballot to: Kris Henning, Tabulator, P. O. Box 135, Frederic, WI 54837

BACK IN THE SADDLE!

American Daylily Society Region One Summer Meeting • July 15, 16 & 17, 2022 • Marshalltown Iowa

Featured Tour Gardens

Asher Creek Haven
Husak Gardens
The Garden of Karla & Roger Brannaman
The Garden of Ginny Geetings
The Garden of Bob Wilson

Open Gardens

Don Lovell
Nan Ripley

Garden Judges Workshop 2

Prairie Wind Gardens

Registration fee includes: Friday & Saturday dinners and programs; Saturday bus tour (breakfast & lunch).

Guest Dinner Only option is available (see form).

MEALS

Friday night Dinner at the Midnight Ballroom, (1700 S Center St #2, Marshalltown, IA 50158) followed by Region One auction

Saturday Box breakfasts on bus
Lunch and Buffet Midnight Ballroom

CONFERENCE HOTEL

Hampton Inn & Suites Marshalltown

20 Iowa Ave E, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Group Rate (*first 25 rooms*): \$129.00

Phone: (641) 753-6795

Call hotel for reservations.

Group room rates until **June 21st**

You must mention "Central Iowa Daylily Society."

REGISTRAR

Selwyn Rash

4230 Eisenhower Ct., Ames, IA 50010

Email confirmations will be sent.

Questions: Email Selrash@aol.com

Or call: 515 290-1007

AUCTION CHAIRS

Don Lovell & Phil Fass

Ship plants to:

Don Lovell, 3352 275th St., Marshalltown, IA. 50158

Email: DMLovell@aol.com or pfass@cfu.net

Please donate for Region 1!

REGISTRATION FORM: 2022 ADS Region One Summer Meeting Hosted by Central Iowa Daylily Society

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 _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Do you have any dietary or accessibility concerns or accommodations? Please explain:

NEEDS: _____

Name(s) of those who will attend GJW2 _____

Registration capped at 125 attendees. Late fee after June 15th. Final cut-off date is July 7th.

FEES (\$5 of each registration fee goes to Region)

_____ # Adults postmark by 6/15 @ \$150 \$ _____ # Adults postmark by 7/7 @ \$160 \$ _____

_____ # Youth @ \$75 \$ _____

Guest Dinner Only @ \$45 each night:

_____ #Friday _____ # Saturday \$ _____

Please make checks payable to CIDS (Thanks!)

Total Fees included \$ _____

Mail registration to Registrar



2022 ADS National Convention

"Meet Me in the Mountains"

July 6-9, 2022

Asheville, North Carolina

Hosted by the Western North Carolina Daylily Club

Convention website: www.ahs2022national.com

Registration includes two days of garden bus tours,
2 breakfasts and box lunches, two dinners,
and four new 2022 gift plants!

Final Deadline is June 18, 2022!

(Registration is limited to 450 people!)

CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS

Eric Simpson (828-676-4000)

simpsondaylilies@gmail.com

Robert Selman

Jean-Marie Smith

HOTEL INFORMATION

Crowne Plaza Asheville

1 Resort Drive, Asheville, NC (844) 330-0296

\$149 (2 Queen Beds) or \$164 (King Bed)

Rooms available after July 27, 2021. To get the block rate, mention "American Daylily Society-2022 Convention" before 6/5/22.

REGISTRATION INFO

USD check or M.O. payable to:

WNC Daylily Club 2022 National Convention

Mail To: Kris Henning, Registrar

P. O. Box 135, Frederic, WI 54837

kristiehenning@gmail.com

(715) 431-0249

(Register online to pay with PayPal)

CANCELLATIONS

Received by 5/15/22- full refund; from 5/16/22

to 6/14/22- 50% refund; after 6/15/22- no

refund. You may swap your seat if you can't

attend. Please notify the Registrar ASAP!

OPTIONAL THURSDAY TOUR (Non-refundable!)

Biltmore Estates Bus Tour (House and Gardens)

Adult: (Includes box lunch) \$125.00

Youth: 10 -16 (Includes box lunch) \$95.00

Child: 9 and under (Includes box lunch) \$65.00

OPTIONAL THURSDAY DINNER

6:00 PM Blue Ridge Buffet \$40 per person

Followed by a Live Plant Auction at 7:00pm!

*Visit our website for important details on
Auction Donations, Vendors, and Volunteers
and the latest Convention updates!*

Registration Form

Print names as you wish them to appear on your name badges. Indicate Youth registrations with a "Y" after name. Put additional names on back.

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ REGION: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Is email confirmation acceptable to you? Yes No

Do you wish to have your contact info on the attendee list? Yes No

Do you have any special needs (food, accessibility, bus, etc.)? Provide name and details (use back for additional space if needed).

ADS or Regional Officer? Provide name & office: _____

Optional Thursday Dinner Buffet (Pre-Auction- recommended) \$40 Yes

Saturday Dinner Choice: Chicken Ribeye Vegetarian

Companion Dinners (Guest's name and Saturday menu choice) **\$50** per dinner

Friday Companion(s): _____ (Buffet)

Saturday Companion(s): _____ Chicken Ribeye Veg

Judges Clinics and Workshops. (Do not send fees now) Indicate name(s):

Exhibition Judge Clinic I: _____

Exhibition Judge Clinic II: _____

Exhibition Judge Clinic III: _____

Garden Judge Workshop 1: _____

Garden Judge Workshop 2: _____

Optional T-Shirts: 2022 "Meet Me in the Mountains" T-shirts ~\$20 each

(See description on website) Pick up your t-shirts at the Registration desk.

Quantity: () S, () M, () L, () XL, () 2XL, () 3XL

Optional Biltmore Tour*: (Time TBD) List names and cost per person:

1) _____ \$ _____ 2) _____ \$ _____ 3) _____ \$ _____

Number Attending / Totals:

Fees:

____ Registration Fee @ \$289 postmarked by 6/03/22 \$ _____

____ Late registration fee @ \$329 postmarked 6/04-6/18/22 \$ _____

____ Youth registration (18 and under) @ FREE! \$ FREE

____ Optional Biltmore Estate Tour- *Total from above \$ _____

____ Optional Convention T-shirts Total @ \$20 each \$ _____

____ Optional Thursday Dinner (Pre-auction) @ \$40 each \$ _____

____ Companion dinner(s) @ \$50 each meal \$ _____

Specify # Friday _____ # Saturday _____

Total amount due: \$ _____



*Peace Gardens Floral Clock
Image Credit: Lisa Schmidt*