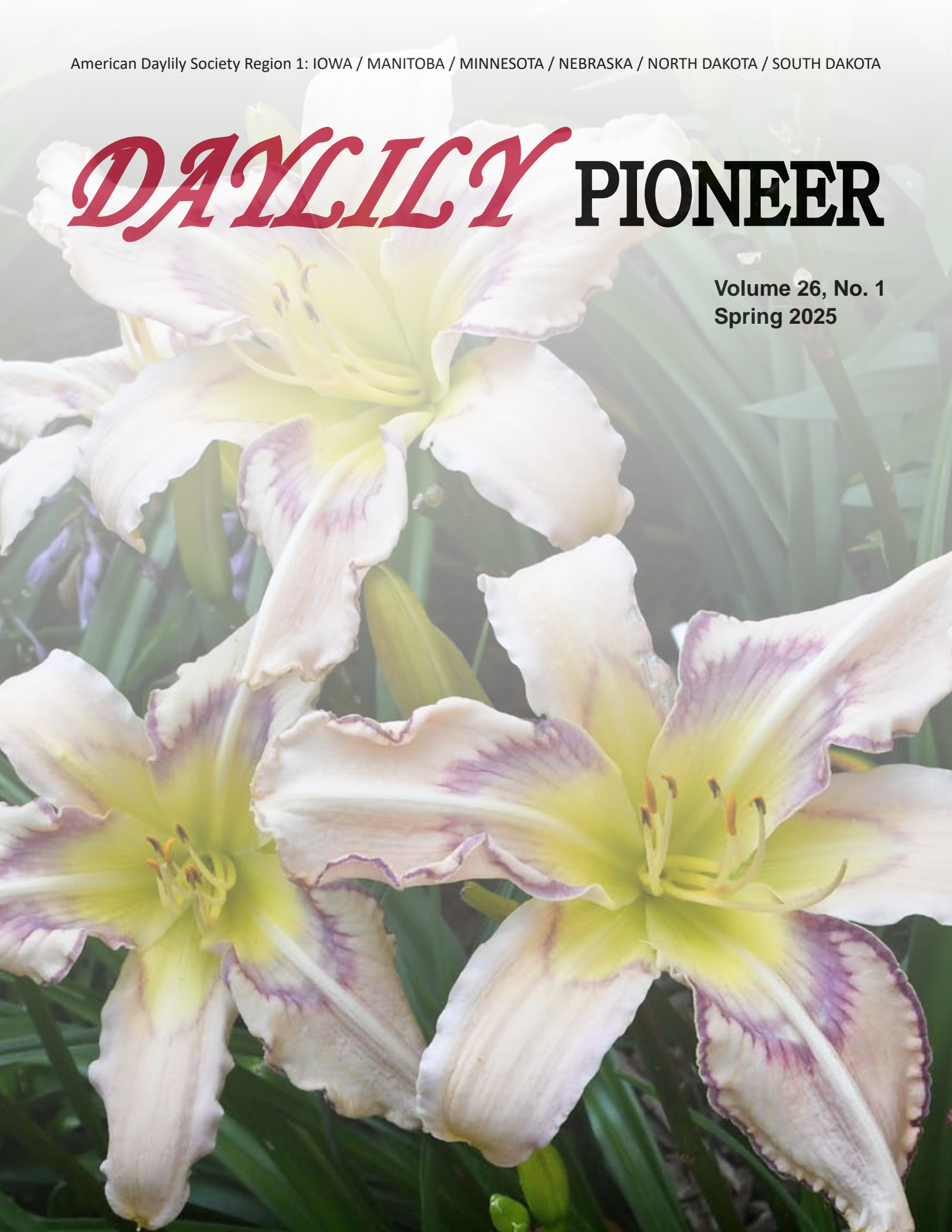


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Region 1 Director's Report

Scott Keller

While Spring officially made it on the calendar March 20, old man winter thought it only fitting to throw one last 'good-old-fashioned' blizzard onto the mid-west as a parting goodbye the day before. Although no one ever knows what lies ahead in April, the budding trees seem to think we are in the clear and I for one am more than ready!

As your new Region One Director, I was told to introduce myself. I'm Scott Keller, daylily enthusiast/hybridizer with Pick A Daylily Garden in Lincoln, Nebraska. I've been growing daylilies for about 15 years and active in our local Nebraska Daylily Society since 2010. My current hybridizing focus is doubles, with my first double registration just approved. Whoo hoo! Nationally, I've been given the responsibility to oversee Long Range Planning of the ADS and welcome feedback from Region One members. Comments can be directed to: planning@daylilies.org

As we look forward to summer, all daylily clubs should be planning at least one or more outreach events during bloom season to increase awareness of daylilies within the wider community and encourage membership in the local club. Most people in the general population only know daylilies as the Stella's which are seen growing in landscape designs and as 'ditch lilies' seen along roadsides in rural areas. To miss the annual opportunity for outreach and education greatly limits the opportunity for additions to the local daylily clubs. A focus on membership additions and outreach cannot be stressed enough for the long-term health of the local clubs as well as membership in the national organization.

If you have not already done so, please make every effort to join us at the Region One gathering this summer in North Dakota on July 18-20. Dave Mussar from Hillside Daylilies in Ontario, Canada is the guest speaker. Further details and registrations forms can be found at <https://www.ahsregion1.org/R1-events.html>. Significant effort is put into organizing these events and regional support is important.

Along with that, do not forget the National Daylily convention is coming up on July 9-12. This 'Once In A Lifetime' opportunity as it is billed can be seen in this promo video at the following link <https://youtu.be/TV8uUdTWgBs>. Amazing! Take a quick peek and you'll be hooked! Registration is still open, and further information can be found at <https://www.ads2025national.org/>.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in the garden(s) this summer!

Scott



"Much Ado About Magic" (Salter, 2005)
Photo by Lorraine Manz

Region 1 President's Report

Lisa Schmidt

Hello spring, and it looks like we are zipping into summer! It sounds like a lot of our gardens in Region 1 did not get much snow cover this winter and spring is bringing in the warmer temperatures pretty quickly, so I think we might have an early season this year.

Get ready to see wonderful gardens at the Nationals in Seattle in July. A 'Once in a Lifetime' event! Check out the articles in this issue of the Pioneer and online at daylilies.org. Get signed up and come along to meet up with all our daylily friends and see new gardens.

This year's regional is in Fargo, ND (way on the east side of the state, so it is a lot closer for most everybody to get to). We here in North Dakota are especially excited to show off the Historic and Modern Daylily Display garden at North Dakota State University (NDSU), which is one of the three largest ADS historic daylily gardens in the country! We have a few more gardens for you to come see also. Uff Da there are a bunch of daylilies to be seen up here! You said in the surveys we sent out last year that you like to tour daylily gardens and get together with your daylily friends, so here is your opportunity to do just that when you come up to North Dakota for the Region 1 meeting. See you there!



A big thank you to all who took part in our surveys at the regional and at your club meetings. We are trying to find out what people like about the regional meeting, and what brings them to meetings about daylilies. We want to look into different formats or alternatives for regionals, as they are expensive to host and clubs are becoming hesitant about taking them on. Many of you agreed that the hardest part about hosting a regional meeting is finding gardens to tour. Our committee is still analyzing the surveys and we hope you will join us in discussions about how to encourage more participation in regionals as we plan for the future. You can read more about the survey results on pages 24 and 25 of this newsletter. At the 2024 regional meeting, a motion was passed to discontinue the \$5 per registration fee that goes to Region 1 effective immediately. This means that the hosting club keeps all of the registration fee, which may make it possible to reduce registration fees for future meetings somewhat. Again, thank you for participating in the surveys, and as always, if you have any ideas or concerns for the region, please contact me at my email: adsregion1president@gmail.com or my phone: (701) 595-3263.

Let's have a great time enjoying our favorite flower, the daylily, in its many unique forms and colors.

Happy Gardening!

Lisa Schmidt



Photo by Lisa Schmidt

From the Editor

Lorraine Manz

“The first snow fell on October 1st. It wasn’t more than a dusting, but by Halloween that year enough snow had fallen to bury the ground in a blanket several inches thick. And it was getting cold. On December 19th the temperature dropped below freezing and did not rise above 32° for two months.

In mid-February, I began to develop a disturbing feeling that the people who live in North Dakota must be nuts. What possible reason besides insanity would compel them to put up with such long, bone-chillingly cold winters year after year? When the snow finally began to disappear sometime in April the rivers began to rise and there was flooding. After that came howling spring winds that turned every kind of outdoor activity into a joyless chore. It was too much. I didn’t want to live among crazy people anymore. When my husband was offered employment with a company in Ohio I couldn’t wait to get away from this awful place. We escaped on a morning in early June, just before the ticks and mosquitoes arrived.

Except for occasional short visits we did not return to North Dakota for six years. Then circumstances brought us back again, and something in me changed. It was July and the evening was glorious. Clear, golden sunlight slanted through heavily leafed trees and bathed the ripening wheat fields in a warm haze. The air was still, birds sang and bees buzzed lazily among the flowers. As summer drifted into fall, I began to take pleasure in being outside. For some reason the mosquitoes weren’t quite as irritating as I remembered and I developed a habit of taking long walks along the gravel roads and cow trails that are so much a part of the Midwest. Day by day I watched the seasons change and came to know the woods and fields with a familiarity that was denied the occupants of the motor vehicles that now and then passed me by. I saw moose, beavers, foxes, more skunk than I would have liked and even what I am still convinced was an otter - an acknowledged rarity in that part of the country. I watched fall turn to winter, winter to spring and spring to summer, all the while growing more and more fond of the landscapes around me.

In time, I came to realize that the people of North Dakota aren’t crazy at all, because I had discovered what they had always known: North Dakota is beautiful. The long winters are a small price to pay for the breathtaking vistas of the Little Missouri Badlands, the high, grassy buttes, wide open prairie and endless skies.”

This is an excerpt from a piece I wrote more than 20 years ago when I was still a relative newcomer to North Dakota.



I still love it here and have even learned to embrace its winters.

Earlier this week, the first flowers of spring bloomed in my garden – six crocuses, three white and three yellow. They’re so tiny you have to look for them, but the joy they bring is huge. To me, those little flowers mark the beginning of another glorious northern summer. If you think I exaggerate, then come and see for yourself. Fill in a registration form, make your reservations and come to the 2025 Region 1 meeting in Fargo when North Dakota is at its finest. It really is “North of Normal” up here!



Photo by Lorraine Manz

ADS Region One 2024 Garden Judges Report

By Phil Fass, ADS Region One Garden Judges Liaison

ADS Region One membership is 175 as of March 22, 2025 (a decrease of 24 members since the 2024 membership count of 199).

A region's maximum number of Garden Judges (GJs) is 20% of its annual membership, so Region One can have a maximum of 35 GJs in 2025. We currently have 26 GJs, four of whom are Garden Judge Instructors (GJ Instructors). We can add up to 9 new GJs.

ADS Region One had 30 GJs in spring of 2024. By October 2024, four GJs stepped down due to choice or circumstance. However, we added two new judges in 2024, and two new judges in January, 2025. This maintains the number of GJs in our region at 26.

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 2025 ADS Awards & Honors ballot postmark/online voting deadline is Monday, September 1, 2025.

We need more GJs to represent our region. More votes on the annual AHS Awards & Honors Ballot from our region can help daylily enthusiasts pick plants that do well in Region One. Please consider taking Garden Judges Workshops 1 and 2—in any order—for initial appointment as a new GJ. After their initial appointment, a GJ wishing to renew can only take GJW 3 online for reappointment. Dates of those workshops are provided by the national organization, or can be requested through the Region One Garden Judge Liaison.



Garden Judges Workshop 2 at Steve Horan's garden, July 2024. Photo by Lorraine Manz

Pollen Dabbers 2025

BY PHIL FASS

We had a great time at Pollen Dabbers this spring, and Central Iowa Daylily Society thanks everyone who attended for their support. 32 attendees (four short of our record 2013 attendance) enjoyed the presentations of ten different daylily hybridizers and one daffodil hybridizer. Daylily societies represented by hybridizers included Central Iowa Daylily Society, Nebraska Daylily Society, Minnesota Daylily Society, Wisconsin Daylily Society, Chicagoland Daylily Society, Daylily Society of South East Wisconsin, and the American Daffodil Society.

On Friday evening, slides of Karol Emmerich (Jordan, MN) and Mary Baker (Omaha, NE) were presented by Nan Ripley and Phil Fass respectively. First-time presenter Tenny Hinshaw (Kellog, IA) presented what he's been up to for the past few years, and Bob Langabee (Omaha, NE) presented his continuing work in patterns. Following that, a fascinating lecture "Perspectives from another genera: What is different and the same in Daffodil breeding" was delivered by daffodil hybridizer Michael Berrigan (Oakdale, MN). With daffodils, it's eight years from seed to bloom (and daylily hybridizers think we have to wait!).

Socializing is one of the most important aspects of Pollen Dabbers, and it was enhanced by the delicious soup buffet provided by our food crew on Friday evening. Karla Brannaman, Teresa Vokoun, Ginny Geetings, and Shelley Baron kept us fed and happy, and they knocked it out of the park again with lunch on Saturday. Thank you so much ladies!

Saturday started off with a presentation of state-of-the-art full forms by Stout Medal winner Nan Ripley (CIDS). Carole Hunter (Rockford, IL) then presented her tet program. Michael Grossman (Dodge Center, MN) showed the progress he has made in spectacular toothy hems (the colors get more saturated, the edges get whiter and the teeth get longer!). The tet breeding efforts of Ginny Kleckner (Muscala, WI) were presented by Francis Kleckner, which included an intro celebrating the Music of Uriah Heep, a British progressive rock band of the seventies (there were only three or four people in the room that knew who Uriah Heep was). Finally, Kathleen Nordstrom (Dodge Center, MN) presented her stunning diploid patterns. In Curt Hanson's words "Ground breaking!"

A long overdue award was presented to Don Lovell for his many years as president of CIDS, and for his mentoring of hybridizers. Don touched so many lives through his love of daylilies, and that includes inspiring our club hybridizers to pursue this spectacular and addictive activity. Nan Ripley, Selwyn Rash, Bob Wilson, Kathy Larsen, Debbie Deemer and Phil Fass all had wonderful anecdotes to share about how Don entered their lives and supported their initial efforts in hybridizing not only by providing advice, but also sharing cultivars that would produce gorgeous seedlings. Speaking for myself, there will always be room for Don's 'Timber Creek Ace' and H. 'Kathy Larson' in our garden. TCA is one of my best dark hems, and Kathy Larson is truly unique.



Michael Berrigan explaining that the word "narcotic" is derived from Narcissus. Photo by Phil Fass



Don Lovell accepting his Service Award for the many years spent as president of the Central Iowa Daylily Society, and his mentoring of hybridizers. Photo by Lisa Schmidt



All hybridizers that presented at Pollen Dabbers 2025. Left to right: Tenny Hinshaw, Michael Berrigan, Bob Langabee, Kathleen Nordstrom, Mike Grossman, Carole Hunter, Curt Hanson, Nan Ripley, Genni Kleckner, Francis Kleckner. Photo by Lisa Schmidt.

Curt Hanson then took the stage and shared his newest work in tetraploids with the audience. Interspersed with images of top-shelf tets were gorgeous landscape photos from a variety of locations Curt has visited over the years. The talk was a merging of hybridizing know-how and personal philosophy that was visually rich and deeply engaging. The progress Curt has made in cristate forms is remarkable. Thank you Curt, for coming to Iowa!

An article is never the same as being there. However, Region 1 President Lisa Schmidt shared this anecdote: “After the Pollen Dabbers meeting, over margaritas, I asked Peggy Rash Daniels (a 1st timer) what she liked.... She loved all the hybridizer slide shows, seeing what the hybridizers were working on and how they got there. I also asked the

Kleckners (who have gone to many PDs). They love coming to see and visit with the friendly people. Region 1 has the friendliest people. As for me, I like to get my winter daylily fix and visit with daylily friends. I also really like ‘tool time’ because I get to hear about some new tool someone is using that looks intriguing to try. For me, hearing about daffodils and Curt Hanson’s many other plants he grows makes me think about how many other things I want to try, should try, or at least dream about trying.”

We will be back next year for more fun, food and daylily fellowship. I invite anyone that enjoys daylilies to come to Marshalltown, Iowa, next March. And if you have seedlings to show, let us know!



2025 Pollen Dabbers Spring meeting speakers and almost all attendees. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

Pollen Dabbers 2025

Hybrid Gallery

ALL PHOTOS BY HYBRIDIZERS EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED



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 21.171 = (IPF x 9.160)
 LPP = (Wild Dreams x Sub MLB)
 LIE = (Wild Dreams x L RBo @ Dawn)
 IPF = Ima Pansy Face
 9.160 = (KM 16.5 x 6.230)
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Kathleen Nordstrom seedling of complex parentage (details above).

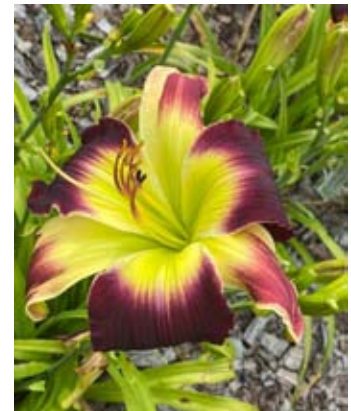


Genni Kleckner seedling: 2023-5 David White X Echo Beach



Left: Bob Langabee seedling:
 (Gaudy Grasshopper x Wild Chicken) X (Everybody Loves Earnest x I'm Just Cute #4)

Right: H. 'Kathy Larsen', Don Lovell, 2015 (JC 2015)
 Photo by Ginny Geetings



Michael Grossman seedling: Opa's Whiskers x 19116.



H. 'The Art of the Deal', Curt Hanson, 2025



Nan Ripley seedling: 16NR50 All the Glory to God X (sdlg x Great Greator)

More on Pollen Dabbers 2025

BY PEGGY RASH-DANIELS

CEDAR VALLEY IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY



The Central Iowa Daylily Society (CIDS) was the host of the 2025 Pollen Dabbers Spring Hybridizers Meeting held at the Marshalltown Community College Campus on March 28 and 29, 2025.

I was a first-time attendee, so I am unsure how many daylily hybridizer enthusiasts usually attend, but several people commented that we had a good group of people for the meeting. I checked with Phil Fass and there were 33 people that were in attendance, not including the 2 speakers.

The meeting started on Friday afternoon with registration, food, and social time. Before long, Phil was bringing everyone to attention to listen to the speakers. First up were slide presentations from several hybridizers: Mary Baker (slides only), Karol Emmerich (slides only), Bob Langabee, and Tenny Henshaw. After their slide presentations guest speaker Michael Berrigan presented a program entitled “Perspectives from Another Genera: What is Different and the Same in Daffodil Breeding”. It was informative and we enjoyed his pictures and sharing his knowledge of daffodils! He is a scientist by trade and has traveled extensively to view and research daffodils. He mentioned Holland, New Zealand, Ireland, and Germany.

On the next day of the meeting, we were treated to breakfast items during registration and social time. During breakfast, Phil led a discussion of our favorite gardening tools. Attendees were encouraged to bring a favorite tool and to demonstrate or talk about it. There were quite a variety of tools: a stool to sit on, a battery-operated Craftsman drill and auger, a Radius Garden Root Slayer trowel, a Garden Shark rake for mulch, and the claw tool to separate daylily clumps. With Phil’s signature whistle, the morning program began, reminding all of us to stop talking and start listening. We enjoyed viewing more hybridizer slides and pictures of daylilies. Presenting to the group were Nan Ripley, Sue Kramer, Carole Hunter, Michael Grossman, Francis & Ginni

Klecker, and Kathleen Nordstrom. All the pictures were beautiful! We were able to ask questions about the breeding program and goals of the hybridizers.

After viewing the hybridizers’ presentations, lunch was served. We could visit and talk about the presentations and interact with everyone. The CIDS club members provided some really great food for all of us!

Special recognition was given to long-time CIDS member and hybridizer, Don Lovell. Several hybridizers gave personal stories of how Don Lovell impacted their lives and supported their daylily journey. He has given selflessly of his time and expertise to help new daylily enthusiasts get a good start. Don was presented with an award for his dedication to the daylily organization. Thank you to Don Lovell for all you have contributed to our organization!

After the tribute to Don, Curt Hanson began his presentation, “Self-Imposed Paradise: You Can’t Get There From Here”. This was the second time I have listened to Curt speak. He is always an interesting speaker and has great pictures. He reminds me of the ultimate hippy! He speaks from the hip and many times cuts through the noise and says what we all are thinking but don’t say. He’s not afraid to express himself. We got to see some “groovy” new introductions from Curt!

I thoroughly enjoyed going to the meeting and would encourage others to attend next year. It will increase your knowledge of daylilies and bring you closer to hybridizers and other daylily lovers. It will enlighten you as to what new daylily traits are being developed and who to will have them for sale.





Nationals Preview

Come Make Daylily Memories in Seattle July 9-12, 2025!

By Caroline Zebroski, President: the Puget Sound Daylily Club

Our motto is “Once in a Lifetime”, and we mean to live up to it. For almost five years, we’ve been preparing for this convention; no detail is too small. We even have a signature cocktail called the “Daylily Delight”. Our boutique will feature many garden items, raffles, daylily sale, and silent auction items.

Seattle is a gardener’s paradise with more than 350 local public gardens. We have six outstanding gardens on our tour, plus a beautiful Botanical Garden for our lunch stop with time to admire the gardens. Have you ever seen a “Hardy Fuchsia Garden”?

Within these gardens you will discover three ADS Display Gardens, a complete Stout winner collection, Award of Merit contenders for judges to critique, many newer introduction guest plants, lots of daylilies by a wide variety of hybridizers that grow very well in our area, and approximately 450 cultivars of Japanese iris blooms. We are ready for you to be impressed. There will be a plethora of choices from which to vote for convention awards. What beauties will win this year? These gardens are described on our convention website at [https://](https://www.ads2025national.org)

www.ads2025national.org but seeing them in person is going to be a WOW!

We are offering an optional local area tour will include the beautiful Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum located at the base of the iconic Space Needle (Space Needle not included). The glass inside the museum is amazing, but I am equally entranced by the reflection of the Space Needle in the glass art amongst the garden plants. After lunch, we will sail on a narrated Harbor Tour with Mt. Rainier as a backdrop.



But wait, there’s more! On Wednesday evening, you can attend the premiere of a new daylily documentary at a historic theater. Transportation to and from the hotel is being provided by the organizers. The one piece they didn’t get to film was a national convention, so we’ve arranged for them to do some filming at our convention. Just think, you could be in a movie! And you will also have an opportunity to attend a chocolate tasting on Friday after the tour buses return.

Seattle weather in July is glorious: 80°- 90°, low humidity, no rain. Our summers are the same as the weather



on the Italian Riviera, perfect daylily weather! It is cooler at night and some of the daylilies are a little slow waking in the mornings. So, unlike other conventions, tour buses will not leave the hotel prior to 8 a.m. to give them time to show their full potential, plenty of time for you to have breakfast which is included in the hotel price. We don't have a lot of mosquitoes either! Maybe a break from your local heat would be welcome, but bring a light jacket for the evening.

Our web site at <https://www.ads2025national.org/about-5> offers additional local and regional activities and places you might want to explore. This includes things like The Space Needle, The Pike Place Farmers Market, and the Seattle waterfront. There are also many things to do in surrounding areas such as Snoqualmie Falls and The San Juan Islands. With a passport or enhanced driver's license, it is easy to pop up to Canada where there are many gardens and attractions such as Queen Victoria Gardens and Butchart Gardens. Also, we can babysit your plants for you or arrange mailing them so you have no border issues. Some attendees are even taking a cruise to Alaska after the convention! If you have any questions, please contact us at ads2025convention@gmail.com.

Travel tips: Check flights now! Check Alaska, Delta, American and Jet Blue for the best prices and routes. Seattle is Alaska Airlines' main hub and a good starting

point. The light rail ride takes an hour from the airport and drops you a couple of blocks from the convention hotel. It costs a whopping \$3! The convention is providing a private shuttle for the short distance from the light rail stop to the hotel. Our website has great video to help you find your way from Baggage Claim at the airport to the train as well as more information.

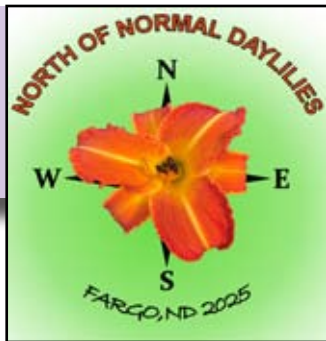
I am so excited to share our gardens with everyone!!! It will be worth your hard-earned money! Attending previous conventions, I have admired so many beautiful gardens, met other daylily lover friends and had great conversations that I cherish. Truly, you come for the flowers, and you stay for the people. If you are inclined to help with tasks, please contact me at ads2025convention@gmail.com, I have lots of helpful places for you and you get a free volunteer shirt! You don't have to be an AHS/ADS member to attend a convention!

Space is limited and registrations are filling up fast, so use the website or mail-in form to register now. Also get your hotel room reserved now for best price.

Please come make some great daylily memories with us!!



Garden photos by Daralee Newkirk
Ferry and moonrise over Mount Ranier by Blaine Amidon



Regional Preview

Compiled by Lorraine Manz

Central Dakota Daylily Society and Region 1 Editor

We are so looking forward to welcoming you to Fargo this coming July for the 2025 Region 1 Summer Meeting! If you haven't registered or made your hotel reservation yet, don't delay a moment longer! The meeting runs from July 18 to 20 but we hope you'll stay for an extra day or two and enjoy some of the many attractions North Dakota has to offer.

We will be meeting at the Holiday Inn Fargo Hotel and Convention Center, conveniently located near the intersection of Interstates I29 and I94, and within easy reach of Hector International Airport a few miles north of town. And if you like to shop, West Acres Mall is right across the street.

This year's guest speakers are Esther McGinnis and Dave Mussar. Esther is an Associate Professor in the North Dakota State University Department of Plant Sciences. She is also an Extension Horticulturalist and Director of the NDSU Extension Master Gardener Program. Esther will be talking to us on Friday evening about NDSU gardens past and present, including the daylily gardens we will be visiting on Saturday. Dave is the owner of Hillside Daylilies in Puslinch, Ontario. Since he began hybridizing in 2000, Dave has registered more than 100 daylilies, with a particular focus on striped, broken color and spotted varieties. He is a member and past president of the Ontario Daylily Society and also a garden judge instructor for the AHS. He appears to be a Beatles fan as well, with many of his hybrids named after their songs!

Registration and room reservations

A copy of the schedule, registration form and instructions for making your hotel reservation are on the Region 1 website at <https://www.ahsregion1.org/>. To qualify for the group room rate when making your reservation, you MUST call the hotel directly at (701) 282-2700 and enter 0 for the front desk. If you enter the reservations number you will be transferred to the national reservation system, which is unaware of the deal made for the price of rooms for our daylily meeting. You will be told there are no rooms available except at the full rate which is about double our rate of \$116.00 + tax. Please make sure you are talking with the front desk at Fargo and be sure to identify yourself with the 2025 American Daylily Society Region 1 Meeting.



Guest speakers Esther McGinnis and Dave Mussar

A pair of Dave's recent hybrids
Above: "Spots and Stripes" (2018)
Right: "Spraypaint" (2020)



Tour Gardens



NDSU Historic Daylily Garden

Daylily displays at NDSU go back to the 1960s when the Horticulture and Forestry Department (now in the Plant Sciences Department) had over 40 varieties in the campus display gardens. In 1998 the display garden became an official AHS display garden, thanks to Bryce Farnsworth. Bryce was employed as a technician in the Potato Breeding program at NDSU but had a passion for daylilies and is also the reason our collection grew so much.

In March of 2000, Bryce was at the Central Iowa Daylily Society Symposium and heard that John and Geraldine Couturier wanted to reduce the number of daylilies they grew and were willing to sell their historic collection. Bryce felt NDSU was a good place to house them and he pitched the idea to then chair of the department Dr. Al Schneider who agreed to help finance the purchase of over 800 plants from the Couturiers which started arriving in June of that year.

In 2002, a possible construction project threatened the area of campus where the daylilies were grown. The administration at NDSU was unaware of the historic nature of the daylily collection so Bryce enlisted the help of the AHS Region 1 RVP Mary Baker of Omaha, NE. She then contacted Karen Schock of Bismarck, ND who was president of the newly formed Central North Dakota Daylily Society, and Janice

Dehod of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The three of them came to NDSU in the summer of 2002 and met with then president Dr. Joseph Chapman, then VP and Dean of Agriculture Dr. Pat Jensen, Bryce Farnsworth, Dr. Ron Smith (NDSU Extension Horticulturist) and Barb Laschkewitsch (garden manager). This was a very productive meeting and ended with the display gardens being relocated to their current location, just south of the original site.

Groundbreaking for the new site took place in the fall of 2003 with most of the construction occurring in 2004. In 2003 the daylily gardens were designated 'The first public American Hemerocallis Historic Daylily Display Garden'.

In 2015 a bed dedicated to Lenington All-American award winners was added and in 2022 a bed for Region 1 hybridizers was added.

The daylily garden currently has about 2,500 cultivars (historic and contemporary) and species although there are some duplicate varieties.

After visiting the gardens on Saturday, we will stop at Loftsgard Hall on the NDSU campus where a boxed lunch will be provided. This will also be the venue for the Garden Judges Workshop 2, on Sunday, July 20.



Don and Mary Kinzler Garden

Don and Mary have moved their 1895 Victorian home twice in the past 35 years, first in 1990 from Fergus Falls, MN to south Fargo, and again in 2016 to its current location on Fargo's south edge, necessitated by Fargo's flood mitigation diking.

Each time the house was moved, as many landscape plants and perennials as possible were taken along. Landscape plantings include a combination of deciduous and evergreen shrubs interplanted with perennial flowers.

The two-acre site includes three large perennial beds and spacious annual flower plantings and container

gardens. The flowerbeds are also registered as an official All-America Selections Display Garden. Included in the perennial plantings are daylilies and other winter-hardy types, along with roses.

Don is the North Dakota State University Extension Horticulture Agent for Cass County and he and Mary are lifelong gardeners. During the first half of their 40-year marriage, they owned a retail garden center in south Fargo. Their yard, flowerbeds, and vegetable gardens are a joint venture.

Daylily Flats, Rich Roehrdanz

Rich Roehrdanz has a small urban yard in north Fargo. Rich researched genetic diversity in insects for 35 years, and his interest in the variation found in nature has carried over to his flower garden. This approach has resulted in what can be best described as a collection of cultivars. Organized landscaping has taken a back seat and the garden is crowded, perhaps too crowded for some garden aesthetics. The first daylilies were planted in 1983 and by the end of the 1980s there were about 40 cultivars. Currently there are about 300 daylilies.

Rich's compulsion for collecting plants is not limited to daylilies. Daylily blooming season in North Dakota lasts for 6-7 weeks in July and August. To keep something blooming there are about 130 iris, 50 true lilies, 25 hostas,

20 phlox, 15 geraniums, 13 peonies, and a host of other plants including around 40 native wildflowers. True to the informal landscaping they are all mixed up and most will not be blooming during the tour.

The Roehrdanz location is unofficially known as "Daylily Flats". It has daylilies and in true Fargo fashion it is flat. The origin of the name has little to do with gardening, however. Back in the 1980s Rich recorded a couple cassettes of songs for family and friends. The recordings were done on a tape deck in his living room. To complete the recordings, artwork, line notes, track list, and credits were prepared, and a name was needed to indicate where the recordings were made. After some thought "Daylily Flats Recording Living Room" was listed as the recording "studio".





Northern Plains Botanic Garden

Come and explore the eight different theme gardens that are maintained by the Northern Plains Botanic Garden Society, including the Children's Garden, Edible Forest, Woodland Garden, Japanese Garden, Butterfly Garden, and more! NPBGS, which has been promoting community through gardening since 1998, invites you to Grow, Cultivate, and Learn with them.

Discover more about NPBGS & the Northern Plains Botanic Garden at www.npbg.org.

Open Gardens

There will be nine open gardens for your viewing enjoyment, featuring a whole range of sizes, landscaping styles, colorful plants, and garden décor. Whatever direction you are traveling from, you are bound to pass at least one along the way. But why leave it at that? Most of these open gardens are very accessible from Fargo, so why not see as many as you can? North of Fargo you will find flower-filled urban gardens in Grand Forks and a 2.5-acre pollinator-certified landscape of living art near Thompson, ND. If you are coming up from the south, there is a garden just across the Red River in Breckenridge, Minnesota filled with over 200 registered daylilies, seedlings, and companion plants. All these gardens are within, or a short drive from, the I29 corridor. In Minnesota, for those visiting from the Twin Cities and points east there will open gardens in Clitherall and Perham. Another Certified Pollinator Garden awaits you in the Fargo metro area, along with two more urban jewels. All three are less than five miles from the hotel.

More information on the open gardens, including driving directions and opening times will be provided via email to those registered for the July 18-20 meeting. Keep an eye on your inbox!

Besides all these fabulous gardens, there will be a silent auction and a raffle for a unique hand-made quilt. We will also have a bargain table where you will find a huge selection of daylilies for sale at ridiculously low prices. Newer and hard-to-find daylily cultivars will be up for bids at the Region 1 auction on Friday night. We are always happy to receive donations of plants and gifts for inclusion in the silent auction and bargain table. If you have an item (or items) you'd like donate, please contact Gwen Brady (Friday night auction) at mbrady@bis.midco.net, Karen Schock (silent auction) at kjschock@hotmail.com or Vicky Aughenbaugh (bargain table) at vlaughenbaugh@gmail.com.

See you in Fargo!



Regional Meeting Announcements

Notice to ADS Region One Board members

There will be a board meeting at the 2025 Region One Summer Meeting in Fargo, ND. The meeting will be on Friday, July 18 at 3:00 pm in the press room or possibly another arranged room. Board members and club presidents are invited to attend the 2025 Region One board meeting.

If anyone has concerns that they feel need to be addressed by our Regional Board, please send your issues to adsregion1president@gmail.com.



Volunteers wanted

Planning on coming to the Region One Summer Meeting? Looking forward to visiting all those beautiful gardens? Want to give your creative and literary talents a little workout?

The Pioneer is looking for volunteers to submit photos along with a brief write-up on each of the tour and open gardens for publication in the fall newsletter. You only have to do one, but if you want to do more, that's OK too.

If you're Interested in helping out or want more information, please contact Lorraine Manz at adsregion1editor@gmail.com.

Gardens will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis, so if you have a favorite, be quick!

ADS Region One Annual Business meeting

The ADS Region One Annual Business meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19 at 7:00 pm in Harvest Hall following the banquet. Regional award winners will also be announced. All board and Region One members are invited to attend.



GETTING ORGANIZED

By Nancy Carlisle
Region One Publicity Director



Who, What, Where, When. Basic questions we learned to answer in an English writing class that are still so important today. I recently read a newspaper ad for an event that I wanted to attend, but it did not list the date, nor was the date on the social media page. We all missed out. Use those basic questions and complete the answers for any event you wish to promote.

Who is your public? It may vary from your club membership, to school teachers to horticulture centers. Will your article be appealing to all aspects?

What are you wanting to promote? Be as specific and transparent in as few words as possible.

Use technology to create a QR code. I toured the Lake Mills “Freedom Rock” in northern Iowa that had a QR code for telling the story of why a Sherman tank came to be in the display. This added a whole new dimension to the adventure.

Where is your event? Be as specific as you can with an accurate confirmed address. Check the address out on google maps to make sure the web service takes you where you expect to arrive.

When is the event? Check the day, date, check the time. And check it all again. If the article is to be published by someone else, like in a newspaper, review the date in a preview and yes, you must check and verify it with a calendar in hand. I was early for a family member’s celebration of life by a week when I read the obituary online. I was able to spend a fun day with other family members who went with me, and then we did it all over again on the right day.

Gardening tips, meeting invites, upcoming speakers, ADS notifications, people updates, pertinent information are all welcome information and keeps our page fresh. Send ideas, meeting events, special notices that you want to have the Region One membership know about. I appreciate all who have added events and information to the Region One Facebook group.

Make memories for future stories as you plan to attend the Region One meeting in Fargo. Take pictures, post stories when you return. Check out the other attractions on your way, it is always an enhancement to our world as we look around our beautiful Midwest. I know I will be stopping at a few more ‘Freedom Rocks’ as I traverse across Iowa on my way.



“North Dakota Storm” Don Lovell, 2018 bonus plant received at Region One Meeting in North Dakota.
All photos by Nancy Carlisle



COME JOIN US!

Not a member of ADS Region 1 but would like to be? Visit the ADS website at <https://daylilies.org/> to find out how.

Your membership in the American Daylily Society (also known as the American Hemerocallis Society) supports efforts which:

- Educate gardeners on the care, propagation, and appeal of daylilies
- Maintain the official registry of daylily cultivars
- Evaluate, judge, and award daylily cultivars for outstanding plant habit and exceptional distinction.

Included with your membership, you will receive four beautiful issues of The Daylily Journal, our official newsletter magazine, each year. This magazine contains articles on award winning daylilies, the most popular daylilies by geography, trends in daylily hybridizing, scientific studies, and highlights of gardens and conventions.

As a member of ADS Region 1 you will also receive The Daylily Pioneer, which is published twice yearly, with no additional dues assessed.

New members joining the American Daylily Society also receive a \$25 voucher, which can be redeemed towards purchases of daylilies with select growers across the United States.

Already a member? Consider a gift membership for family and friends.



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or on

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

Inspiring Youth

By Nancy Rash

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

Forty years ago, Lyle Moen and I married, we bought a house together and I moved to Washington. There was a big yard with space for flowers. Not just flowers but whole beds of flowers! There were peonies, iris and several different kinds of daffodil bulbs already growing and they have continued to increase. I grew some tomatoes and peppers and tried some other vegetables too. I dug perennials from my mother's garden and planted them in my garden. I spent many summer hours removing the washed river rock from around the house foundation, around the trees, along the driveway, etc. to make a more suitable planting area for flowers. The little girl next door noticed me outside and quickly became my "gardening" companion. While I was sifting to separate the rock and the soil, she was busy making mud pies. She enjoyed having flower bouquets to take home. She was my helper for many years and learned the names of flowers and some basic gardening techniques like deadheading.

Children that grew up on the "other" side of our house did not express any interest in the digging and planting that I was doing next door, but the girls did like to pick flowers to take home to their mom. They liked to pick the color and the variety of flower. The parents expressed interest and started growing daylilies that came from my garden. Now, as adults, their children are interested in flowers and are growing new daylilies that also came from my garden. They may not have participated as youth in the gardening, but they did develop an interest as adults. Although they did not ever come over to "help" they were watching and then as adults the memory of seeing me out in my garden inspired them to learn about daylilies and how to grow daylilies.

Now, the third generation, two little girls, are eager to help the grandparents plant and water. They have been given a child-sized watering can and gloves that make the gardening experience more fun and lets them feel like grown-ups. They view each visit as an opportunity to help their grandparents with the flowers.

How can you inspire youth to learn about gardening? How or who can you involve in your gardening experience?

Including children and youth in your gardening experience at the right age may be a fun participatory activity for both of you! They like working alongside you and being included in your work. It might inspire them many years into the future when they have their own gardening space. Share your interest in gardening with the next generation.



Above: The two girls from next door potted the daylily I had for their mom. The daylily was not "pretty" so they picked some phlox from my garden to add to the pot. You can just see the red daylily flower that they also added to the pot.

Below left: Little tools for little hands helping in the garden.

Below right: Sharing a daylily flower and a daylily clump. All photos by Lyle Moen.





Regional Survey Results

Many of you took part in our surveys at regionals and at your club meetings. Thank you for answering and participating! I want to follow up on these surveys, as we plan for future regional meetings. We usually follow the list of clubs in a pattern to space out when a club hosts a regional meeting. But we only have five clubs in our region so turns come around quite frequently, and clubs are not coming forward to volunteer with quite the same enthusiasm as in the past. Other regions are facing the same difficulties as members age and downsize their gardens, and recruitment numbers dwindle, especially among younger people. So, we are looking into alternative ways to meet our by-law rules to have the board meet once a year to take care of regional matters. However, for most people who attend, the biggest part of having a regional meeting is to have tour gardens to visit. These gardens are also important to regional garden judges who visit them to view and evaluate daylilies to determine what grows best in our region and that are eligible for ADS awards. Another big part of having a regional meeting is to raise money for the publication and distribution of newsletters. The only income that a region receives is from the auction at the regional meeting – regions are not allowed to charge any dues. To help develop some alternatives to (1) fulfil obligations to the region and (2) encourage membership participation in regional activities, we formed a committee consisting of Val Hoefer, Kris Henning, and myself (Lisa Schmidt).

We are still reviewing the surveys, but I will try to sum up what I have learned from the ones that were given at club meetings.

Number of people answering survey

MN	20
ND	16
NE	29
IA	<u>27</u>
Total	92

Survey participants were asked the following questions:

1. Did you go to the Region1 meeting in MN?

Yes	31
No	61

2. Why didn't you attend? (there may be overlaps)

Didn't know about it	1
Other plans	17
Cost	13
Not interested	1
Time	11
Distance	7
Financial	3

3. Where do you get your news? (there may be overlaps)

Club newsletter	49
Pioneer	39
Daylily Journal	37
Websites	43 (some provided sites they go to)
Facebook	41

4. Are you an ADS member?

Yes	58
No	34 (2 were blank)

5. What would entice you to come to a regional meeting?

Workshop (WS)-Photography	11
WS-plant disease	6
WS-daylily basics	7
WS-soil prep	10
Bargain Sale	6

- Many people expressed interest in different workshops (some on Zoom, so they do not have to go anywhere).
- Several respondents said that the cost of attending regionals is too expensive. One person suggested we do a 'payment plan'.

6. Would you attend a regional with a different format?

Yes	35
No	18
Unsure	7
Maybe	5
Blank	26

1 would like Zoom seminars and workshops

What can we do?

- I think the local host club needs to involve their people more as they are the ones most likely to attend a regional meeting.
- We need to advertise it more widely and well beforehand so people are aware of the meeting coming up.
- Consider a less 'fancy' meeting as a way to keep costs down.
- Hold workshops at the meeting. I had thought maybe we could hold a winter meeting in Pollen Dabbers format in March, but many people prefer a summer meeting because they enjoy the garden tours so much.

7. Would you like to hear a report about the Regional?

Yes	74
No	8
Blank	10

So, what I see is that:

- Many people are ageing out and so cannot or prefer not to travel very far. They will only go to a regional meeting when their local club is hosting.
- Many are watching their costs for the same reason.
- Timing is an issue for several reasons including other commitments, family emergencies, health problems, it's hybridizing season, and work.

Our committee is still analyzing the surveys so it can decide what the best options are for ensuring that our regional meetings grow and thrive. We want to hear from you about what entices you to come to a meeting. Most of us agree that getting to see daylily friends is very important, as is seeing daylilies in their full summer glory, especially the new varieties, and the chance to purchase them. Again, thank you for participating in the surveys, and as always, if you have any ideas or concerns for our region, please contact me at my email: adsregion1president@gmail.com or my phone: (701) 595-3263.

Lisa Schmidt
Region 1 President

LOCAL NEWS

Beausejour Daylily Gardens

by Mary Veldman



Above: Baba and friends.

Right: Bald eagle carved and donated for auction by Russ Kubera helped raise dollars for the daylily gardens.

Left: Plants will be sold come rain or shine!

Photos by Mary Veldman



2024 ended with two great events put on by the Friends of the Beausejour Daylily Gardens committee. On October 6 we had our annual Scarecrow Festival. We had 14 Scarecrow entries, which was a record for us. The weather was on the cool side, but that didn't stop the fun activities. We had visits from alpacas who reside at 313 Farms, scavenger hunts, crafts, and other fun games for the whole family. Hot chocolate, hotdogs, and chips were available.

Baba-making perogies won first place!

A few weeks later, we had our Nifty Nag dinner and Horse Derby fundraiser. We had a great turnout and raised a few thousand dollars for the Daylily Gardens. This is always a fun evening. We had pulled pork with potato salad, coleslaw, and baked beans. Dessert was a delicious cheesecake made by our treasurer, Joyce. An auction was held for the wood

carving of a bald eagle donated by Russ Kubera. All money made from the auction went towards the Beausejour Daylily Gardens.

As I write this, I realize it's the first day of spring. It will be a few more weeks before the snow has melted and the ground starts to warm up, but it's coming. On April 29 at 7 p.m. we will be hosting a volunteer appreciation event at the local curling club lounge. I will be doing a presentation on our daylily collection. Happy Barn Acres, a fresh cut flower farm will be talking about what's new for them in 2025.

Our first fundraiser for 2025 is the spring plant sale May 24 at 9 a.m. sharp. Our plant sales are a rain-or-shine event. The last few years have been rainy, so we hope the sun will shine for us this time around.

Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

by Diane Derganz

The Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year as it continues its purpose of promoting and educating both members and the general public about growing daylilies and iris. The club was founded in 1990 by a small group of plant enthusiasts from eastern Iowa and the surrounding area. Several members from the original first year group remain active today, including Barry Stoll, Jackie Westhoff, Dave and Sue Kramer and Joy Adams.

At our club's January meeting, members Barb Papenhausen and Heather Harroun presented slides and discussed varieties of eyed, spider, unusual form and sculpted daylilies. February's meeting was cancelled and those scheduled programs were moved to our March meeting held on the 8th. We learned some of the history of the daylily's highest award, the Stout Silver Medal, as well as how the iris's top award, the Dykes medal, is determined. During our rollcall, each member's answer was "How Many Stout winners do you grow in your garden?" The winners were Sue and Dave Kramer with 38, followed closely by Lyn Hafner with 31.

During our April meeting, we will view the daylilies selected as the 2025 Club Plants, a long-standing program in which eligible members can choose a newly hybridized daylily to grow in their gardens. We buy these plants with funds earned through various plant sales and member purchases. The daylily is grown for two years after which the increase is brought back to the club for sale through a silent auction in August. The entire process includes the evaluation of each plant, assembling the results of the four categories into a spreadsheet and emailing those to the membership. Bids are then solicited and winners notified. They pick their plants up at our August 23 meeting in Monticello. We also hold a public plant sale that morning at the fairgrounds.

Speaking of plant sales, our first sale will be held on May 10 in Muscatine. We hold this sale in conjunction with the Muscatine Master Gardeners and the Muscatine Garden Club so there are a wonderful variety of plants that the public can choose from.

Other activities we have on our schedule include tours of members' gardens in July, programs presented by our member hybridizers in October and our annual banquet in November.

We will also be very busy with plans for the Region 1 Summer Meeting to be hosted by our CVIDS club in 2027. A committee has been formed and we're tentatively looking at gardens in the Iowa City area.

So, there's lots to do this year and in the future here in eastern Iowa. We are very fortunate that our members enjoy working together to spread the word about the beauty of our favorite flowers.

Enjoy the warmth!

Diane Derganz

President, Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society (CVIDS)



"Breathing in Snowflakes" (Douglas-H., 2016).
2024 winner of the ADS Stout Silver Medal.

Central North Dakota Daylily Society

by Gwen Brady

Seems like we just got over the holiday season and now we are in the middle of March already. Where did the time go?

On May 12, we have Esther McGinnis speaking to our club about monarch butterfly habitat, how we can provide a place for them in our yards, and what we need to supply them for food, so that they can thrive and keep coming back. She also wants to speak to our club regarding the gardens in Fargo and the celebration of the daylily gardens at NDSU. Esther is an Associate Professor and Extension Horticulturist at North Dakota State University.

Speaking of Fargo, the CNDDS will be hosting the Region 1 meeting on July 18-20 in Fargo. The logistics are mind-boggling, but the event will be a good time. Dave Mussar will be our speaker.

Our club will hold its annual members-only daylily auction on June 5. There will be plenty of daylilies to bid on and a taco bar before the meeting.

In the fall we are hoping to put together a slide show of the Region 1 gardens that we visited over the summer and have a question-and-answer session on daylily care, digging and dividing. Sometimes we forget that new members have questions about daylilies that many of us take for granted. This will be a great opportunity to get some of those questions answered by club members who have raised and grown daylilies for a long time, and are only too happy to share their knowledge!

Some members are planning a trip to the International Peace Gardens to see how our daylilies survived. Last year members of the club donated about 200 daylilies and helped plant them in a new flower bed they set aside especially for them. You can read about our adventures in the fall 2024 issue of the Daylily Pioneer.

Hope you all have a great spring and summer and may we get some much-needed moisture in the upper Great Plains!

Springwood Gardens, MN
Photo by Lisa Schmidt



Daylily Society of Minnesota

by Karol Emmerich

As you could see from the beautiful pictures and well-written articles in the fall Pioneer (there is so much talent in our region!), the summer regional event which was held in late July in Minnesota went really well. A big thank you to all the volunteers from throughout the region who helped make it a success, as well as those who donated plants and other items for the sales and auctions.

Our club's fall 2024 member meeting was held at Bachman's Garden Center on October 27. Phil Fass was our main speaker and gave a fascinating talk on color theory, including how it relates to viewing and breeding daylilies (as well as how we view art and gardens and all the other beautiful things in our lives). The educational session included a discussion of the impact of the torrential spring and summer rains in Minnesota on our daylilies plus other foliage issues (Mike Grossmann), patterns in daylilies (Kathleen Nordstrom), and experiments in using daylilies to dye fabrics (Debra Scott).

Our February 23, 2025 member meeting was held at Bachman's, with Tim Fehr from Wisconsin as our featured speaker. He discussed his daylily hybridizing program over the years, including how it has helped him raise funds for mission work in Africa. The educational session included a presentation on daffodil hybridizing by Mike Berrigan and a presentation of Mike Grossmann's breeding program for daylilies with teeth. Karol Emmerich discussed tips for protecting seed pods from predators and cold weather in the fall; choosing daylilies which have good color saturation, good substance, good sepals, no lazy petals, and no spotting or missing color; and tips from Theresa Maris (from Kentucky) on photographing daylilies.

We are looking forward to our annual Daylily Dig on May 31 (when we will also distribute the new plant adoption plants) and Sale at Bachman's on June 1. We will hold our Offscape Show on July 26 at Bachman's and our Bus Tour on July 27 which will visit Northern Lights Daylilies and the Scurry's garden. Our annual club banquet, auction, silent auction, and photo contest will be held on August 10 at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest. Our final member meeting of the year will be held on October 26 with speakers to be announced. We are all looking forward to a summer full of beautiful daylilies!

Nebraska Daylily Society
by Linda Ferguson



The Nebraska Daylily Society held its first meeting of the year on January 18 in Scribner, NE. The meeting was hosted by Mark and Betsy Langemeier and Val Hoefer. Several members gave presentations of their hybridizing programs and the 2024 National awards. Val Hoefer talked about the 2026 Regional, which we will host on July 10 and 11 in Lincoln.

Our May 3 meeting will feature an auction of club members' donations and the plants of Tom Smoulder. The club plants will be presented to members who earned them last year through club work. This meeting will be hosted by Scott Keller, Robin Lowe and Mark and Jenny Cich.

May 10 will be a sale of plants to generate money to fund our scholarship program.

July 12 will be our annual garden tour and flower show. This year it will be held at Hillsdale Lily Garden in Glenwood IA. The event will be hosted by Todd and Lu Peverill.

August 16 will be our annual election of officer/board members meeting. We will feature Bobby Scott as our speaker. He will bring a nice selection of his daylilies. This meeting will be held at St. Leo Catholic Church in Omaha. Hosts include Annette Langan, Phyllis McIntosh and Lyle and Rita Kahnk.



A Primer for the New Daylily Enthusiast (and a

refresher for those of us who don't always remember...) Part 1

By Kathleen Wiese
Science Liaison

Years ago, I walked up to the president of our local daylily society and asked, “Would you answer a few questions about daylilies for me?” Would she ever! Karen Schock’s enthusiasm for this genus of plants grabbed hold of me and has stuck for all these years. I had no idea at the time just how much there is to know about daylilies. I have learned a lot, and have a pretty good idea that I still have volumes of information to go. While you can buy and grow beautiful daylilies without all this knowledge, it is very helpful to know so you can better predict exactly how a new daylily is going to fit and thrive in your garden.

Daylilies are not true lilies. Daylily is the common name for the genus *Hemerocallis* which, literally translated from ancient Greek, means day (*hemera*) and beauty (*kallos*), or “day of beauty”. They came by the name *Hemerocallis* or “daylily”, because each blossom, as beautiful as it is, typically lasts only one day. Blossoms open in the morning, reach their peak by mid-afternoon and begin to fade in the late afternoon heat, closing by late that evening or early the next morning. Some cultivars have been bred to be more long-lasting, with the buds opening in the evening and remaining open until the following evening. These night-opening cultivars also tend to be some of the most highly fragrant daylilies.

While it may seem a waste to plant something that will only bloom for one day, that’s just not true with daylilies. High-performing daylily cultivars put up many “scapes”, or flower stalks, with many buds per scape, and can produce several hundred flowers per

season. The scapes come in different heights, ranging from the miniatures that are less than a foot, to giants that reach heights of four feet or more. The flowers come with ruffled edges, plain edges, and glittery, diamond-dusted edges; they might have “eyes” in the center of the bloom and a throat which may be a highly visible different color from the petals. Some daylilies have different color sepals (the bottom three segments of a daylily flower), and petals (the top three segments of the daylily flower) on the same blossom and are called bi-colors. Flowers range from tiny to gigantic; they may have curled under petals or long, narrow, spidery looking petals; some have double flowers. Many of the newer hybrids are highly fragrant. There is truly a daylily style and color for every taste.

There are daylily cultivars that bloom early in the season, in the middle of the gardening season, and those that bloom late into the fall. There are some that bloom early and then re-bloom later in the season, although those can be a challenge in northern climates. Often, the growing season just isn’t long enough to allow that second bloom. There are some

Stella’s Ruffled Fingers (Crichton, 1999)

scape height	19 in, (48 cm)
bloom size	3.75 in, (10 cm)
bloom season	Extra Early,
Rebloom	
ploidy	Diploid
foliage type	Semi-Evergreen
bloom habit	Extended
bud count	9
branches	2
seedling #	70/MS-3



Color: palest pink with faint triangular rose halo above green to yellow throat

Parentage: ((Stella De Oro × Sunblest) × Millie Schlumpf)



“Stella de Oro” (Jablonski, 1975)



“Happy Returns” (Apps, 1986)



“Rosy Returns” (Apps, 1999)

that put up so many scapes and are reliable, early enough re-bloomers, that they appear to be “ever-blooming”, like the Stella de Oro, Happy Returns. Stella’s Ruffled Fingers, and Rosy Returns cultivars.

Daylilies also are distinguished by growth habit. There are three classifications of growth habit: dormant, evergreen and semi-evergreen. These are listed in the daylily description as DOR, EV, or SEV. In northern climates, dormant daylilies are usually the most reliable. Daylilies of this class go dormant in cold weather. They lose their foliage completely, usually just after frost. They overwinter with foliage buds, called “resting buds”, just beneath the soil surface and these foliage buds resume growth in the spring. Because all signs of life are below ground in cold weather, these tend to tolerate the temperature extremes of northern winters better than semi-evergreen or evergreen types.

Evergreen daylilies retain their foliage throughout the year. In below freezing temperatures, this foliage looks like a pale green, somewhat slimy mass of tangled leaves. They do not set the resting buds that dormant daylilies set and may be damaged by the extreme cold and the freeze and thaw cycles of northern winters. For that reason, many northern daylily growers tend to avoid the evergreens, although hybridizers are working all the time to create a daylily that has the best of the evergreen traits but still withstands the nasty winters.

Semi-evergreens are daylilies that don’t quite fit either the dormant or evergreen categories. Their foliage dies back partially in warmer climates. In my North Dakota garden, nearly every daylily has a growth habit that appears to be dormant. In the depths of winter, my daylily foliage shows black, frozen leaves with no signs of life. In the spring, they all come back with nice, fresh green foliage. In warmer climates, or even here in a very mild winter, where evergreen and semi-evergreen daylilies do not go dormant, they may look pretty ratty come spring, with a mix of cold-damaged leaves, dead leaves and fresh spring growth. I usually end up cutting all old foliage back to the ground, even if it did stay partially green over the winter.

The key to successful over-wintering is not so much whether the foliage is able to stay green or not, but whether the crown is hardy to whatever zone it is grown in. In northern climates, evergreens and semi-evergreens are likely slower to bloom than they might be in warmer climates – they need to play “catch-up” with the foliage that’s been damaged in the winter rather than start putting their energy into scapes and buds.

Remember that conversation I had about daylilies with our club President? Well, not only did she explain daylilies to me, she gave me a good start on my daylily collection. Her “Lynnabelle” is the very first daylily that ever bloomed in my garden, and I am very partial to it. Here is Lynnabelle’s description from the American Hemerocallis Society’s website:

Lynnabelle (Adams-Schock, 2005)

Scape Height: 28 inches; Bloom Size: 5 inches; Bloom Season: Midseason – Late; Ploidy: Diploid; Foliage Type: SEV; Bloom Habit: Diurnal; Bud Count: 23; Branches: 3 Color: cream yellow apricot polychrome with darker apricot eye and gold picotee edge above yellow green throat.

Without understanding a few basic daylily terms, it’s really hard to know exactly what this daylily looks like, or even how it grows.

So, let’s learn a bit more about the *scape*. A scape is simply a flower stalk without leaves. It’s the long sturdy “blossom holder” of the daylily. Low scapes are from 6 to 24 inches tall. Medium scapes are 24 to 36 inches tall and tall scapes are taller than 36 inches. At 28 inches, Lynnabelle is ideal for the front or just a way back in the garden.

Bloom size measures the diameter of the flower. A miniature bloom size is under 3 inches in diameter. Small blooms are from 3 to 4 1/2 inches and any bloom larger than 4 1/2 inches is considered large. While a 5-inch bloom is not the largest daylily blossom, the size, combined with its color and the golden picotee edge, make it a showoff in the garden.

Bloom season tells us when in the summer blossom sequence this daylily is likely to bloom, but not exactly when it will bloom because that varies from location to location. Bloom season is classified as Extra Early; Early; Early Midseason; Midseason; Late Midseason; Late; Very Late; and Rebloomer. Midseason to Late tells us that Lynnbelle is going to start blooming towards the end of the peak of daylily blooms (Midseason) and into the late summer or fall.

Ploidy. Now that's an interesting word and not one we are likely to use in everyday conversation. Ploidy refers to the chromosomes in the plants. Most plants have two identical sets of chromosomes per cell and are known as diploids. Tetraploids have four sets of chromosomes per cell. Tetraploid daylilies usually have larger, more intensely colored flowers, with sturdier scapes and more vigorous growth. Diploid daylilies are still very common, especially in pink daylilies, as well as spider type and double daylilies, and provide many beautiful flowers and healthy plants.

Bloom habit refers to when the blossom opens. Daylilies which open in the morning and last throughout the day, closing in the evening are referred to as *diurnal*. *Nocturnal* daylilies open in late afternoon and close the following late morning or early afternoon. *Extended* bloom refers to a daylily whose blossoms remains open 16 hours or more. Extended bloomers may be diurnal or nocturnal in nature.

Bud count often isn't included in a description you find at the garden center, but it is important to know if you want to fill your garden with the best of the best in daylilies. Bud count is the number of buds, seed pods, and bud scars on a scape. It's important because each blossom only lasts one day, so the more buds you get, the longer the bloom time for the plant will be.

Branches are the number of times a scape separates. Lynnbelle typically has three branches per scape. More branching means more buds and more buds mean more blossoms. That's always a good thing.

Lynnbelle is a cream, apricot, and yellow **polychrome** color. This means that there are at least three different colors (*poly* = *many*; *chrome* = *color*) intermixed on each of the petals (the top three flower segments) and sepals (the bottom three segments). The darker apricot *eye* means that there is a darker colored area on both the petals and sepals just above the throat.

The **throat** is the innermost center of the flower, where the pistils and stamens attach to the back of the flower. The pistils and stamens are those threadlike projections that contain the pollen and reproductive organs of the flower. The pistil is the female portion of the flower, and the stamen is the male – important to know if hybridizing daylilies is a goal. Lynnbelle's throat is a yellow-green color.

A **picotee edge** refers to an edge around the petals and sepals that is a completely different color than either the petals or sepals. In Lynnbelle's case, the picotee edge is a golden color that beautifully sets off the cream, yellow, and apricot of the petals and sepals. Even understanding what all the terms mean now, it's still helpful to see a picture. Putting the photo together with what is known of its growth habits, number of flowers it's likely to produce, and all the other information gives a good idea exactly what to expect from this daylily once it is in the garden.

Lynnbelle Adams-Schock 2005

scape height	28 inches
bloom size	5 inches
bloom season	Mid-late
ploidy	Diploid
foliage type	SEV
bloom habit	Diurnal
bud count	23
branches	3



Color: cream yellow apricot polychrome with darker apricot eye and gold picotee edge above yellow green throat

This is a 2-part series that will conclude in the fall 2025 issue of the Daylily Pioneer



"Wishing on a Star" Georges-M., (2018)
Photo by Lyle Moen



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Historian's Corner

By Kathy Larson



Region 1 Newsletter Spring 1975

Announcements and Comments from RVP

by Wilma De Votie

"An interesting note from Pauline Grantham regarding how many pollen dabbers we have in Region 1 – most of us are not aware of this. I have added a few names to the ones she sent me and I realize there are more of you that neither of us knows about. Drop us a line to let us know who you are and the fun and the progress you have made.

Leo Linke Cozad, Nebraska

Larry Harder Ponca, Nebraska

Pauline Grantham Lexington, Nebraska

Oscar Colin Lincoln, Nebraska

Maxine Armstrong Omaha, Nebraska

Elderberry Minks Albert Lea, Minnesota

Les Hedegard Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Ann Arett Austin, Minnesota

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Gunther and Dean Stark Norwalk, Iowa

Vivian Christensen Marcus, Iowa

Rev. Joseph Syrový Vining, Iowa

Mrs. Bryan Klopping Omaha, Nebraska

Mrs. Violet Cooley Omaha, Nebraska

Mr. H.E. Sass Omaha, Nebraska

Mrs. Nick Carastensen Omaha, Nebraska "

How many of those hybridizers do you recognize? Let me (Kathy) know if you grow any of their plants. Please send your replies to: adsregion1editor@gmail.com

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• "The lesson I have thoroughly learnt, and wish to pass
• on to others, is to know the enduring happiness that the
• love of a garden gives." – **Gertrude Jekyll**
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2024 ADS Region One Financial Report December 31, 2024

**Total Amount Checking/Savings Accounts –
January 1, 2024** **\$28,842**

Income:

Auction	\$5,326
Postage reimbursement from AHS	\$218
Miscellaneous (Newsletter subscription)	\$90

Total Income: **\$5,634**

Expenses:

Newsletter – postage, printing, software	\$2,175
Editor stipends (spring and fall 2024)	\$1,500
Website	-
Miscellaneous (insurance)	\$53
Travel reimbursement	\$2,000

Total Expenses: **\$5,728**

Net Loss (Change in Assets) **\$(94)**

**Total Amount Checking/Savings Accounts –
December 31, 2024** **\$28,748**

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 Regional President and Director meetings, and the Regional Editor is reimbursed for the summer Regional meeting.

"Frances Marie Cowieson" (Mussar, 2019)
Photo by Lyle Moen



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