

MCDS' 31ST DAYLILY SHOW MADE A BIG SPLASH

By Karen Ciula, Show Chair

The "Making a Splash" daylily show was staged exclusively in the classroom areas of Franklin Park Conservatory this year. The 209 on-scape (more than twice the number of entries in 2016) and 89 off-scape entries filled the tables without crowding and provided a splash of color as visitors walked through all afternoon. Twenty-five MCDS members volunteered for Show Committee work, 21 entered on-scape flowers, and many also entered flowers in the off-scape section.

The Serendipity Garden Club, a Garden Club of Ohio society, co-sponsored our show, providing 3 of the 11 designers entering floral designs this year. The Tri-Color Award was presented to MCDS member Hope Phillips, who used *H.* 'Mauna Loa', 'Ciel D'Or', and 'Woodstock' with liatris, cattail, hostas, Solomon Seal and euonymous in her design in the "Blue Lagoon" class. A photograph of the design has been forwarded to the AHS as an entry in the national competition.

Beth Veldey organized the off-scape display by color and pattern this year and distributed People's Choice ballots to visitors who voted for their favorite flowers. This year's awards went to Fred Blyth, Karen Ciula, Dick Henley, Diane Koman, and Lee Miller for the highest number of entries receiving votes.

Grooming the Ohio Hybridizers Garden proved to be a challenge this year because of our mild winter and spring, followed by a prolonged dry period that left plenty of brown foliage for cleanup the week before the show. Our volunteers Fred Blyth, Karen Ciula, Debbie & Jerry Colvin, Frankie Phillips, and Beth Veldey experienced both high temperatures and drenching rain to get the job done, but the gardens looked wonderful for all the visitors to the park.

In the afternoon Jane Adkins, Dick, and Pat Henley led an AHS Exhibition Judging Refresher for 6 members to renew their judging credentials.

Congratulations to the official AHS Best of Section winners of the 2017 show!

Best of Show and Best Large: Cathryne Redenbarger for *Hemerocallis* 'Alexis Sunny Pants' (Owen 2011)

King of the Show and Best Double: Bill Johannes for *H.* 'King Kahuna' (Crochet 1994)

Best Extra Large: Kit Walter for *H.* 'Regina Sitko' (Kulpa 2012)

Best Small: Kit Walter for *H.* 'Siloam Sambo' (Henry-P 1982)

Best Miniature: Jane Adkins for *H.* 'Tinker Bell' (Stevens-J.C. 1954)

Best Spider: Steve Williams for *H.* 'Heavenly Pink Twister' (Gossard 2007)

Best Unusual Form: Diane Koman for *H.* 'Orange Clown' (Goldner-Webster 2007)

AHS Best of Section rosettes were not awarded in 3 sections; however, we wish to acknowledge the highest blue ribbon exhibit in these sections:

Youth: Brandon Sayer for *H.* 'Bumblebee's Bouquet' (Apps 1996)

Popularity Poll: Jeff Kerr for *H.* 'Heavenly United We Stand' (Gossard 2009)

Seedling: Steve Williams

Best entry by a Novice: Annette Dillon for *H.* 'Land of Cotton' (Joiner 1991)

The Sweepstakes Award went to Bill Johannes with 17 blue ribbons out of 20 entries.

Please see all of the floral designs and award winners on the MCDS website.