



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

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DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2018

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Shirley Farmer Fall Meeting
Dayton, Ohio
Contact Sandy Holmes
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Sunday, November 4, 2018

MCDS Fall Meeting 2:00 P.M.
Speaker: Dan Bachman
Valley of the Daylilies
Veridian Room

Sunday, December 2

Holiday Luncheon, Classroom area
1:00 P.M.
Franklin Park Conservatory

DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2019

Sunday, February 3, 2019

MCDS Winter Meeting 2:00 P.M.
Speakers: Charles & Heidi Douglas
Veridian Room

Saturday, May 4, 2019

MCDS Spring Meeting and Auction
1:00 P.M.
Classroom Area

Sunday, July 7, 2019

MCDS Daylily Show

July 10-13, 2019

AHS National Convention
Middleton, Wisconsin

Saturday, August 10, 2019

MCDS Fall Sale and Auction

Sunday, November 3, 2019

MCDS Fall Meeting
2:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Holiday Luncheon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello MCDS Members,

Daylily season has come and gone for Ohio, and it seemed to go by exceptionally fast this year. Anyone else feel that way? I have had some late re-bloomers hanging on for us and they have been such a beautiful surprise! In fact, the club plant we received in the Spring has just bloomed for the first time. It is Mark Carpenter's *H. 'High School Cheerleader'* and is a huge, bright yellow double just like a beacon of sunshine on the cloudy day it opened. I have posted a picture to our Facebook page!

Nominations for the Executive Board have been approved by the Board this year, pending the club election on November 4. I will be stepping down as the President and would be replaced by my husband, Gary Stickel. Gary's term as Treasurer has ended, and he would be replaced by Bob Cochran. Charles Lucius would be staying on as our Vice President, as well as Secretary, Debby Colvin. I cannot thank all of you enough for your work and dedication this year! Thank you Bob for being willing to take on the treasurer position.

The sale this year was one of the best in recent history! The proceeds were \$3,160 on the sale and \$3,156 on the auction. Thank you all for your participation, dedication and donations this year. We had many crates of daylilies left over from the sale. Gary and I decided to purchase one and hand out all of them to our friends and neighbors....okay, well, I did take out one or two that I did not have. They were thrilled to get them, I was thrilled to give a gift of future beauty and who knows, MCDS may even have a few new members someday!

Quick shout out to MCDS' newest auctioneer, Arielle Lucius! You did a fantastic job when asked to step in on the spur of the moment. You did such a great job, it looks like you will be asked again in the future. This is the best part of volunteering for our club! You never know what you can do until you try!

The sale also brought in more than a few new members! I am

excited to welcome you all and look forward to meeting you in person in November! If you have any questions about membership, club activities or just want to say “Hi”, please feel free to give me a call. I am always happy to help in any way possible. Also, don’t forget about our November meeting with Dan Bachman! You won’t want to miss hearing him!

Our Membership Secretary Jennifer Kuehn will be taking membership renewals at the November meeting. Because she spends a length of time in Florida in the winter, she hopes that members will renew early and consider a multi-year renewal.

We will be having a discussion on the annual flower shows and the need to find a new show chairperson. Karen Ciula has notified us that she will not be continuing to be the show chairperson. We really need to find someone. MCDS has truly been blessed to have Karen fill this position (and many others), for so long, but personal issues are requiring her to make some changes. If the shows are important to you, I would very much like to stress that you attend the meeting in November.

Wishing you all the best this fall as you begin fall clean up and putting your beauties to bed for the winter. Hope to see you at the November meeting and back for the Holiday party in December.

Respectfully,
Rebecca Stichel

FALL SPEAKER DAN BACHMAN

by Charles Lucius

Our November speaker, Dan Bachman, along with his wife Jackie, operate the Valley of the Daylilies business in Lebanon, Ohio where they create and sell beautiful daylilies that grow extremely well, especially in our northern gardens. Dan has focused his collection and hybridizing largely on spider and unusual form (UF) daylilies, but he also maintains a large number of historic daylilies. Dan and Jackie are active at the local, regional, and national levels of the American Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society (AHS).

Dan and Jackie Bachman have been AHS members since 1988 and have been Lifetime AHS members for the last 20 years. They are also members of the Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society (GCDHS) as well as the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (MCDS). Dan is current president of the GCDHS, and has served as a past president as well. Both Dan and Jackie are AHS Garden Judges. Dan was awarded the Region 2 Service Award in 2005 and the Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence in 2007. Dan has co-hosted six Region 2 Winter Meetings, and he and Jackie have attended 27 consecutive AHS National Conventions. In 2017, Dan and Jackie were recipients of the AHS Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal, AHS’s highest service award.

Currently there are 230 registered Bachman daylily cultivars. Dan develops both diploid and tetraploid daylilies. Diploids have been mostly in the spider/unusual form category with emphasis on late bloomers and a side line of small, tall UFs. Tetraploids have been generally large UFs with a newer line of fuller, toothy cultivars from his CHICKEN ON THE RUN/SUSAN RUOFF lines. All Bachman cultivars are bred with garden value in mind. Above all Dan preaches “The plant is everything”, and his hybridizing program emphasizes the overall performance of the daylily – in addition to pretty flowers!

We’re honored to have Dan share his daylily program with MCDS at our November meeting, and we look forward to seeing pictures of many of his beautiful flowers. We also know that he will share his passion for daylilies with us, and that we will learn from his extensive hybridizing experiences.

MCDS Member Jill Ladrick Wins Dispatch Backyard Garden Contest

My husband and I are still in shock from winning the Best of Show award for the first annual Columbus Dispatch Backyard Garden Contest! We are thrilled to have had our perennial gardens chosen.

When the contest was announced, I quickly entered three photos of our gardens from different angles. I chose the “Perennial Garden” category. The winning photo is only a fourth of our gardens.

We were invited to the announcement ceremony at the Fall Home and Garden Show. Once the first place winner was announced in the Perennial Garden category, we both thought, “Oh well, we tried.” Our gardens didn’t get People’s Choice either. We were preparing to leave when our name was called for “Best of Show!” What a surprise! We couldn’t believe it.

My love of flowers all started with my great grandmother, Molly McGath. My love for daylilies began with my dear friend, Mitch Lynd. My first purchase for the start of my daylily addiction began with *H. ‘Indian Giver’*. I couldn’t believe how many colors, bloom sizes and types there were. A flower that could bloom for 30+ days! Varieties that could take me from early to late in the bloom season! I had to have more! Mitch educated me and supplied most of my collection. Dick and Pat Henley were big contributors, as well.

I now have approximately 130-150 daylilies in my collection. I have every color from white to black and every color in between. Except the elusive “blue.” But, of course, I NEED more and I am always willing to trade with my daylily friends!

Like I stated in the Columbus Dispatch article, “One of my favorite plants is daylilies. I always say they’re so hardy that they can pretty much grow in concrete!”

MEMBER PROFILES



Angie & Gary Maly both grew up in gardening families, and have gardened as a team since their marriage. Their first home in Cincinnati was situated on a 40 x 60 foot lot, including the small Sears Craftsman catalog home, and presented some spatial challenges for gardening. They now garden on 1 1/2 acres in West Chester, Ohio. Their love for daylilies exploded when they became empty nesters 10 years ago, and Gary took a lunch break to visit Dan Bachman’s Valley of the Daylilies in Lebanon. In addition to 1,200 daylily cultivars, they currently grow a unique collection of shrubs, trees, and perennials; and have dabbled in hybridizing for the past 4-5 years. Visitors are always welcome to see their garden at 6783 Station Rd.



Tammy Wharton is a recent new member, having joined the club in 2017 after seeing a magazine article on daylily hybridizing. Tammy is a biochemist at a drosophila (fruit fly) research lab, run by her husband (who is a professor of Molecular Genetics) at OSU. Tammy has embraced gardening and hybridizing with a passion – making a raised seedling bed in her yard. Tammy is also a member of the American Iris Society and the American Peony Society – and is attempting to raise peonies from seed. Tammy has two daughters in college, and a son in high school. Besides gardening, Tammy enjoys sewing and cooking. Welcome to our club!

IN MEMORY OF GISELA MECKSTROTH



Our long-time member Gisela Meckstroth died July 17, 2018. Gisela served in countless ways for MCDS, Region 2, and the AHS. She received the highest award for service, the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal in 2016. She received the Region 2 Service Award in 2007. For many years she edited the Region 2 newsletter and served as Regional Vice President and the AHS International Membership Chair. She served as MCDS show chair, newsletter editor, and faithfully attended our meetings. She always greeted members and visitors with a big smile and made them welcome. Gisela also hybridized and registered 5 daylilies. Several MCDS members attended her Celebration of Life on August 26 at the Wells Barn, Franklin Park Botanical Gardens.

Please see the article by Ed and Virginia Myers “In Memory of Gisela Meckstroth” in the Fall 2018 issue of *The Daylily Journal*.

SHIRLEY FARMER’S MIDWEST HYBRIDIZER MEETING SET FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The day before the MCDS Fall Meeting on November 4, the Shirley Farmer’s Midwest Hybridizers will meet at the Holiday Inn, Dayton/Fairborn I-675, 2800 Presidential Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324. If you have never attended this get together, you are in for a day of immersion in daylily culture with enthusiastic presentations from hybridizers who will share presentations about this year’s seedlings and introductions.

Some attendees arrive the day before, check in at the Holiday Inn or another hotel in the area. The Friday night dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn at 7:00 PM. Attendees will order from the menu. Sandy Holmes, registrar for the event, needs to know if you plan to be there on Friday evening.

On Saturday morning the meeting room at the Holiday Inn is available at 8:00 AM with hot drinks for attendees. The meeting starts at 8:30 AM. The cost is \$38 per person for the meeting, which includes a buffet lunch of soups, salads, and wraps, hot and cold drinks, and an afternoon cookie. Send your check made out to Sandy Holmes to 1950 North Regent Park Drive, Bellbrook, OH 45305. She needs your reservation before Friday, October 26.

There will also be space in the back of the room for anyone wishing to trade or sell a small number of daylily/garden products. Please see Doug Sterling and try to arrive at 8 AM if you would like to participate. The silent auction will continue during the day. After the meeting, attendees will stop for pizza a few miles down the road.

For more information, check the website at:

www.midwesthybridizers.com or contact Sandy at ohiodaylily@yahoo.com

or 937-287-8122. If you are staying at the Holiday Inn, make your own reservations at 937-426-7800 and tell them that you are a part of the Shirley Farmer Meeting group.

LOST AND FOUND

If you left an umbrella at the August 11 meeting, please e-mail Karen Ciula.

Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (MCDS) Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2018

President Rebecca Stickle called the meeting of the MCDS to order at 12:53 p.m. in the classrooms of Franklin Park Conservatory. Becky welcomed everyone and thanked the volunteers who dug and cleaned plants and who set up and worked during the public sale that concluded at noon.

Secretary's Report

- Beth Veldey announced she was taking minutes for Debby Colvin who was on vacation.
- Becky asked for a motion to accept the minutes of April 29 that were published in the newsletter. Motion was made by Beth Veldey and seconded by Karen Ciula. Motion passed.

Membership Report

- Jennifer Kuehn thanked those who were actively recruiting new members during the morning's public sale. Their efforts resulted in nine new members.
- This makes a total of fourteen new members this year, giving MCDS a total of 170 members.

Treasurer's Report

- Gary Stickle distributed the Treasurer's Report.
- The spring auction brought in revenue of \$2,750.76, an increase over the previous year. The club's balance is \$47,052.29 with all bills for the year having been paid with the exception of our previously approved, annual donation to Franklin Park Conservatory.
- Revenue for the public sale held prior to the meeting was \$3,161.00 from 65 buyers.
- Gary highlighted the following items from the Treasurer's Report.
 - \$1,000, was donated to AHS Region 2 to offset printing costs for the Region 2 newsletter.
 - \$500 donation to AHS in memory of Bill Johannes
 - Twenty-four people went on the MCDS July bus trip for a cost of \$254.00.
 - Requests for convention reimbursements are due 9/1/18.

Scholarship Committee Report

- Barbara Cook reported that five out of six student had turned in their transcripts for the spring term and she is waiting on one student.
- Four students have applied for scholarships this fall and will be notified by next week.

Unfinished and New Business

- There was no old business.
- Karen Ciula moved that we approve a \$500 donation to AHS in memory of Geisela Meckstroth. The motion was seconded, and passed.

Becky thanked Barb Cook for putting the slides together for the auction, thanked the auctioneers, and the volunteers organizing the club plants. There being no other business, Becky adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m. to be followed by lunch, the fall auction, and distribution of the club plants.

Elizabeth Veldey



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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 2, 2018

1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

in the Classroom Areas

Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert for 10-12
and a gift (up to \$10) if you wish to participate in
the gift exchange

Please R.S.V.P. at the November 4 meeting or to
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MEMBERSHIPS

Due by January 1

Single Membership \$10.00
Dual Membership \$15.00
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(paid by MCDS upon request)

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Membership in the American Hemerocallis Society provides you with four issues of *The Daylily Journal* and three issues of Region 2's *Great Lakes Daylily* each year. Joining AHS also benefits MCDS because we need more than 50% of our members to join AHS in order to have an accredited daylily show with AHS Judges. Register at: www.daylilies.org/AHSmemb.html

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

**MCDS FALL MEETING AND SPEAKER
DAN BACHMAN
VALLEY OF THE DAYLILIES
LEBANON, OHIO**

**FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY
VERIDIAN ROOM**

2:00 TO 4:00 PM

FIRST CLASS

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