



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

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DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2019

Sunday, February 3, 2019

MCDS Winter Meeting 2:00 P.M.
Speakers: Charles & Heidi Douglas
Browns Ferry Gardens
Georgetown, South Carolina
Veridian Room

March 1-3, 2019

Region 2 Winter Symposium
Crowne Plaza Hotel—Airport
Indianapolis, IN

March 23, 2019

Shirley Farmer Spring Meeting
Dayton, OH

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

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Shirley Farmer Fall Meeting
Dayton, OH

Sunday, November 3, 2019

MCDS Fall Meeting
2:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Holiday Luncheon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Gary Stickel

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it is 2019 already. It seems like 2018 flew by too quickly, especially the daylily bloom season! I began thinking about how I can be active in my hobby during these cold winter months, and my list keeps getting longer and longer.

Like many of you, I like to keep track of my daylily purchases. Throughout the year, I use an Excel spreadsheet to record the information about my new daylilies, including name, source, price, and number of fans. When I get the time (which I haven't done yet for 2018), I enter the information into Plantstep Flower software <http://www.plantstep.com/software.htm>. The software includes a database with all of the vital information on registered daylilies, including hybridizer, size, dormancy, foliage, lineage, etc. For only \$29.95, I think this is a good investment. Next, I need to update my garden maps to include any new daylilies that I have purchased, moved, or given away. During the year, I hand-draw any changes, but now I need to update my records to have an electronic copy to have a permanent record. Digital photography is great for that, and we take thousands of pictures of our daylilies throughout the year. However, a filename like "IMG_0180" doesn't tell me what the picture is. I try to take pictures of both the flower and the tag, so now is the time to rename the images, sort them, and delete the poor photos. Plantstep also has an option to link photos to the database so you can see the pictures as you scroll through your records.

Becky and I started purchasing daylilies in 2018, and we have been able to share our increase with family and friends. Most people are just interested in pretty flowers for their gardens. However, there have to be others who will share our addiction to daylilies. The February meeting with Charles & Heidi Douglas of Browns Ferry Gardens <http://www.brownsferrygardens.com> is a great opportunity to bring someone new to a meeting to learn about our favorite flowers.

I would like to thank Becky for serving as MCDS president in 2018, Charles and Debby for continuing on as vice-president and secretary, and Bob Cochran, for serving as our new treasurer for 2019. Also a big thanks to everyone who volunteered in 2018, helping with sales, auctions, shows, meetings, and upkeep of the FPC beds. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting. Bring a friend.

Heidi and Charles Douglas of Browns Ferry Gardens
by Charles Lucius

We are thrilled to welcome back Charles and Heidi Douglas as our guest speakers at the February meeting. The Douglases operate Brown's Ferry Gardens in South Carolina, where they grow a large selection of their own daylily introductions as well as many varieties from other hybridizers.

Charles and Heidi met at the Mid-Winter Symposium in Chattanooga in 2003. In 2006 they became a couple and have been sharing their passion for daylilies with anyone who will listen ever since. They enjoy traveling the country speaking to clubs and making new friends.

Charles started hybridizing in 1992, and with the help of his mother opened Browns Ferry Gardens in 1994. He introduced his first daylily, *Hemerocallis* 'Strawberry Patch' in 1999 and went on to win an HM from the AHS. Charles has introduced over 175 daylilies since then and has won 25 other HM's from the AHS. His love is big round ruffled daylilies, some with eyes and edges, some just plain frilly. He is most proud of *H.* 'Thelma Douglas', named for his mother and introduced in 2009. 'Thelma Douglas' won an Award of Merit from the AHS in 2014 and was 5th runner up for the Stout Medal Award in 2018. Charles' 'Browns Ferry Royalty' won an Award of Merit in 2017 and the Extra Large Diameter Award in 2018 and will be eligible for the Stout in 2019. Charles has also won the Region 15 Award for Service to the Region in 2005 and the Jeffcoat Hybridizer's Award for 'Strawberry Patch' in 2000, 'Pick of the Litter' in 2015, 'Thelma Douglas' in 2012 and 'Browns Ferry Royalty' in 2016.

Heidi started growing daylilies in 1999 when she picked out 5 daylilies for her garden. When they bloomed she was hooked and went back to the internet to order more. There she discovered a whole world, including chat rooms and clubs. In 2005, her garden was on The AHS National Convention tour in Cincinnati, OH. She started dabbing pollen in 2003, but was restricted by too small a yard.

Heidi moved her garden, her dogs and herself to Browns Ferry in 2006. There she was able to start hybridizing in earnest. Heidi likes to hybridize for patterns, appliquéés and unusual forms. Heidi won the 2013 Region 15 Award for Service, Jeffcoat Hybridizers Award for 'Papa Goose' in 2013 and for 'Boss Hogg' in 2017. 'Tip of the Iceberg', one of her first introductions in 2010 won a AHS Honorable Mention in 2014. She has since won 12 more HM's including 'Papa Goose', which got 107 votes and was the top vote getter for Award of Merit in 2018 and also won the Lambert/Webster Award in 2018. She recently won the President's Cup and the Ned Roberts Unusual Form Award for 'Breathing in Snowflakes' at the 2018 National Convention in Myrtle Beach.



New Member Profile
Sandi Rockwell

Sandi was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio and now resides in Dublin. Sandi retired in April from 25 years as a senior executive assistant at Vertiv Co. Sandi has been a master gardener since 2001, and in 2008 she received the Outstanding Master Gardener Volunteer of the Year Award for the State of Ohio. Sandy has been interested in daylilies since 2002 when she made a Master Gardener trip to Avon Gardens in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Charter Member—Janet M. Withers

by Janet Withers

After Grace Innis died and gave her property and collections to the MetroParks, the park system hired a volunteer coordinator, Ruth Pardue to recruit, train and manage volunteers for Inniswood. The MetroParks had remodeled the house for the public, added a deck and restrooms, and purchased additional land surrounding the property. They made a parking lot and a board walk through the woods and trails with asphalt surface. The Rose Society sponsored and made a rose garden. The Herb Society made an herb garden. They had been given a thyme thesis from Cornell, which was the basis for the thyme wall and thyme lawn.

The first class of volunteers was trained in 1984. Sometime thereafter, Ruth had an informational meeting about daylilies. I had one daylily in my yard in Annehurst, a typical suburban lot approximately 2 years old. I attended the program to learn about daylilies.

At this meeting, the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society was formed. I was elected the first treasurer and, thus, I was a charter member of the club.

Our first flower show was held at Inniswood and I entered *Hemerocallis* 'Green Flutter'. I was surprised to win "Best of Show." There were other daylily aficionados (growers and judges) now in the club and they were shocked that this "old" daylily won. I had been a flower arranger, floral designer in Cleveland, Ohio and in Worthington, Ohio, so I did enter several arrangements in the design classes too.

Soon after we outgrew the meeting room (which was the former living room of Grace and Mary Innis) we moved to Franklin Park Conservatory. During the ensuing years we held sales at the Park of Roses, Gahanna Herb Week and then at Franklin Park.

My husband and I moved to Cincinnati for a year or two and we went on bus trips with the daylily society there. My "designated digger" enjoyed accompanying me, as there were men in this organization! (He was only interested in vegetable gardening.)

My husband and I retired then, but continued to work. We moved first to Connecticut and I attended the daylily club meetings there. My daughter and her husband had several acres, and I purchased (and won) daylilies for their yard.

Then we moved to Lenoir, NC and I found the meetings were hours away, and although there were growers in Morganton, Asheville, etc. it was too far to attend regular meetings (as my husband and I were still working). After meeting Cindy Dye, she had the idea of forming a new club in Hickory, NC. Thus, I am a charter member of that club. We met at the library for monthly meetings, but for any trips, regional meetings, etc. we went to South Carolina, etc. I was pleased to note that they actually had a flower show a year or so ago.

My husband and I bought a small home that had no gardens. We had railroad ties delivered; truckloads of soil and made 4 beds. We then traveled around and purchased daylilies. When we had our 50th anniversary in 2003, Dick Henley and Pat Crooks came down en route to a national convention, and gave us 8 daylilies that pertained to wedding or anniversary; such as *H.* 'Wedding Band'. We were away from Columbus 10 years. Therefore, I had a break in yearly attendance at Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society.

After my husband died, I decided to move back to Westerville, Ohio, where I had lived the longest and had family and friends. I have been back 11 years and have been coming to the daylily meetings since. Two years ago I attended my first National Convention at Asheville, mainly so that I could visit friends again in Lenoir on my way back. I wish I had dug up the daylilies and brought them north, as the new owner of my home had taken out all the flower beds. There was only grass.

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I am now living in a condo with 3 flower beds, so I don't have much room for daylilies. When I purchase them, I give them to friends. I want to have a bed made at my daughter's new home in Lyme, CT but the Wallingford Nursery said they did not design beds, and she would have to pick out what she wanted. Therefore, that is a project pending. It is about an hour from her home, but she and her husband have 9 acres! Plenty of room for daylilies. I will see if there is a nursery closer or have some shipped. She and her husband have an orchard, almost an acre vegetable garden, rose garden, berry patch and about 10 hanging baskets, herb benches, etc. My job is dead heading when I visit.

Although I do not hybridize nor know very much about daylilies, I enjoy the camaraderie of the Metropolitan Daylily Society, programs and events, and am never too old at age 85 to continue learning!



Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (MCDS) Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2018

President Rebecca Stickle called the meeting of the MCDS to order at 1:05 p.m. in the Veridian Room of Franklin Park Conservatory.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Debby Colvin asked for a motion to approve the August 11, 2018 minutes as printed in the October newsletter. Gail Johannes so moved, seconded by Bill Mellinger. Motion passed.

Membership Report:

Jennifer Kuehn welcomed two new members present at the meeting – Sandi Rockwell, and Brenda Caudill.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gary Stickel noted that due in great part to the plant donations by Gail Johannes to the summer plant sale, we had one of the largest dollar sales in the club's history.

Gary also noted that there would be an order going in for additional plant markers for re-sale. This is a line item in the budget both as expense and income.

Gary provided copies of the current budget with comparisons to the last three years. He then pointed out several details as follows: Current balance is \$49,831.23; Scholarship fund stands at \$6,914.45; and Convention Reimbursement fund stands at \$3,024.12. We are currently earning approximately 1% on club funds, which should renew at 2%.

Scholarship Report:

No report as no committee members were present.

President's Report:

Becky showed several photos of award-winning daylilies during the meeting. Becky noted that approximately 20% of the 2018 AHS awards went to members of our local club. Two introductions that received the AHS 2018 award of merit were Sandy Holmes' *Hemerocallis* 'I Lava You', and Bob Faulkner's *H.* 'Almira Buffalo Bone Jackson'. (Bob Faulkner's introduction also received the R. W. Munson Award for patterned daylilies.) Dan Bachman won the Harry Olson Spider Award for his daylily 'Mascara Snake', and fifteen of the Honorable Mention awards went to our local club members. Other daylilies shown by Becky were 'Boom Boom Kabloom' by Bob Selman, and 'Jelly Filled Donut' by N. Eller.

New Business:

Karen Ciula presented information concerning our past annual daylily shows – from which she is stepping down as show chair after doing the job for 8 years. Specifically, Karen provided statistics concerning our most recent show – noting number of participants taking part, and numbers of show entries – both on and off-scape. Expenses were also detailed. A discussion followed on such issues as whether we want to continue having the show, and what form it should take, and if we continue with the show – who will step up as chair. The decision to continue with an accredited show has to be addressed by February – as that is when details need to start being worked out. There is also the issue of continuing the show for education of the new members. A volunteer for the show chair was requested, and Gail Johannes stated she would be willing to take on this job. With Gail's willingness to chair the show, it was decided by those present to continue with an AHS accredited show for 2019.

Election of Officers:

The proposed slate of officers was presented to those present: President – Gary Stickel, Vice-President – Charles Lucius, Treasurer – Bob Cochran, and Secretary – Debby Colvin. There being no other nominations from the floor, Cathy Redenbarger moved to accept the slate as presented. Bob Johnson seconded the motion, and motion passed.

Other Business:

Becky Stickel reminded the membership of the upcoming 2019 AHS National Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. She mentioned that it is only 500 miles to Madison, and the convention registration is \$289.00.

Winnie Garabis presented Karen Ciula with the 2017 Region 2 "Local Club Newsletter Award."

Next, there followed a discussion of the National Convention Reimbursement Fund, concerning suggested changes detailed in the e-mail to the membership. Changes are required to continue the program until the money has been expended. Debby Colvin moved to accept the changes as presented, seconded by Melinda Hoffman. Motion passed.

Naomi Hatfield passed a sign-up sheet for refreshments for the following year. A sign-up was also available for the club holiday party, which is on Sunday, December 2.

It was announced that there will be an exhibition judges' training session in the near future. Karen Ciula will talk to Jane Adkins and Dick Henley about presenting the session.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned for refreshments and the presentation by hybridizer Dan Bachman.

Respectfully submitted,
Debby Colvin, Secretary

MCDS Holiday Potluck

On Sunday afternoon, December 2, 2018, President Becky Stickel welcomed 37 members to our annual holiday potluck at the Franklin Park Conservatory. We were happy to see a mix of both long-time and newer members in attendance. After lunch, we proceeded to our annual gift exchange and saw some really spectacular items when the packages were opened. Next, members took part in a drawing for the poinsettia table decorations.

After some time for the members to share in conversation, we were entertained by the Bishop Watterson A Cappella Choir, under the leadership of Director Christen Joyce. The 15-member group was a mix of 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders, who had auditioned to be part of the ensemble. Christen explained that once an individual has won a spot in the group, he or she is a permanent member until graduation, which lends stability to the group.

The choir performed a holiday program with a mix of musical styles, including hand percussion, and one number in gospel style (“Follow That Star.”) They finished with the blessing “May the road rise up to meet you,” a song traditionally sung at the end of all their programs.



Member Profile

Nancy Turner



I guess I would consider myself an artist, having worked in many mediums—knitting, watercolor, needlepoint, jewelry, sewing, and gardening. But the medium that I have stayed with the longest is gardening.

When I moved to Columbus from Toledo in 1995, my mother gave me 5 daylilies from her garden. She couldn't remember their names, but she planted the garden in the mid 1970s. I loved them from the beginning and started buying plants from the MCDS sale, Mitch Lynd, a farm in Lambertville MI, and most recently from Jamie Gossard.

I'm pretty sure I joined MCDS in 2015 because I got my first plant and return daylilies in 2016. Even though I didn't think I could take any more plants, I found room by digging up the vegetable garden and raspberries, and finding more sun by cutting down trees in my German Village yard. I have about 70 different plants, but you won't find any orange. Like most of you (and unlike my mom), I have labeled them all and even keep a database of when they begin and stop blooming.

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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, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

2:00 P.M.

MCDS WINTER MEETING AND SPEAKERS

CHARLES & HEIDI DOUGLAS

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