



# Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

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## Fall 2019 Newsletter

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### DATES TO REMEMBER 2019-2020

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

Shirley Farmer Fall Meeting  
Dayton, OH

**Sunday, November 3, 2019**

MCDS Fall Meeting  
Speaker: Charlie Harper  
"Photographing in the Garden"  
2:00 P.M. Veridian Room

**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

Holiday Luncheon  
1:00 P.M.  
Room TBA (watch for reminder)

**Sunday, February 9, 2020**

MCDS Winter Meeting  
2:00 P.M. Veridian Room  
Speaker: Kirsten Hatfield  
Zanesville, OH

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

Spring Meeting & Auction

**ADS Convention, Savannah, GA**

May 24-27, 2020

**Sunday, June 28, 2020**

MCDS Daylily Show

**Region 2 Summer Meeting**

July 10-12, 2020 Coshocton, OH

**Saturday, August 8, 2020**

Daylily Sale, Meeting, Auction

**Sunday, November 8, 2020**

Fall Meeting

**Sunday, December 6, 2020**

Holiday Luncheon

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Stickel

The daylily bloom season never seems to last long enough! There have been a few reblooms in my garden in October, but we need to encourage the daylily hybridizers to work on more early/early and late/late varieties.

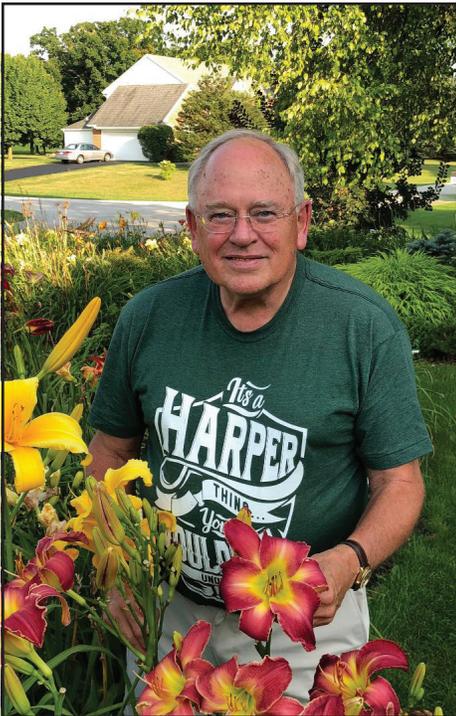
I would like to thank the 2019 MCDS officers for their work this year, including Vice-President Charles Lucius, Secretary Debby Colvin, and Treasurer Bob Cochran, along with the many other club volunteers. At our MCDS Board Meeting, we discussed officers for 2020. Bob and I agreed to remain in our present positions for another year. Debby has reached the maximum 4-year term for secretary and would like to step down but has offered to provide assistance to her replacement. Charles has reached the maximum 2-year term for vice-president but is willing to continue for another year. I will propose a one-time, 1-year extension at the November meeting for Charles to remain as vice-president in order to coordinate officer transitions in one year. If you are interested in the secretary position or have a recommendation, please contact Becky Stickel, Chair of the Nominating Committee at [stickelfive@yahoo.com](mailto:stickelfive@yahoo.com).

As most of you know, MCDS is responsible for maintenance of the Ohio Hybridizer Daylily Gardens at the Franklin Park Conservatory. This year 8 of our members provided 70 hours of volunteer time working in the daylily gardens. However, for the past several years, we have needed to pay for additional help. These gardens help extend one of our primary missions as a club, educating the public on the history of daylilies and showing them the changes that have occurred in our favorite flower over the years. This truly is a very important outreach to the public and FPC members for promoting our club. It is an ever-present testament to the flowers we hold so dear and our members. We are looking for MCDS members to work with Karen Ciula and the Board to develop a 3-year plan for managing the FPC daylily beds. Please volunteer.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the November meeting and learning more about daylily photography from a great daylily friend, Charles Harper.

## Dr. Charles Harper to Present “Photographing Daylilies in the Garden”

by Charles Lucius



Our November speaker will be Dr. Charles (Charlie) Harper, from Bowling Green Ohio. Charlie has been taking nature photographs for a long time. He started out in graduate school at the University of Florida, while working on his PhD. He used both close-up and telephoto images as part of his studies, carrying the love of photography, as a primary hobby, throughout his life. Over the years, he’s worked with all types of cameras, from simple point-and-shoot types to the most complex SLRs and mirrorless models. Today, his go-to camera for the majority of his photos is his i-Phone!

After retirement, he became a Master Gardener and joined the American Hosta Society (AHS) and the American Daylily Society (ADS). Over the last fifteen years, gardening has become his primary avocation, providing countless opportunities to use his photographic skills. He joined his local club, The Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society in Toledo, Ohio, where he currently serves as the Vice President. In recent years, he has won numerous awards for his photography of flowers, from both the national and the regional ADS subgroup. He has given classes in photography at Hosta College and given presentations to local garden clubs.

Are you frustrated with the poor quality of many of your photographs? In his presentation, Charlie will look at some simple photography concepts that will help you improve the artistic value, color, lighting, and other features. You’ll learn the best time and places to take photographs, and the simple preparatory steps you can take to improve your success.

## Congratulations to Our New Exhibition Judges



Robert Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Melanie Hoffman, Arielle Lucius, and Oksana Tadich have completed training for becoming AHS Exhibition Show Judges. Sharon and Arielle have already judged at shows in Mansfield and Cleveland this year.

## Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (MCDS) Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2019

President Gary Stickel opened the August meeting of the MCDS in the classrooms of Franklin Park Conservatory at 12:45 p.m. Gary announced that the club received nine new members at the plant sale preceding the meeting. Gary reported that proceeds from the sale totaled approximately \$1,250.00.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Debby Colvin asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting. There being none, Beth Veldey moved to accept the minutes as printed in the MCDS newsletter. Lee Miller seconded the motion, which passed.

**Membership:** In the absence of the Membership Secretary, Gary reported that we currently have 166 members, 118 of which are also members of the AHS. (These numbers do not reflect the new members added during the morning plant sale.)

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bob Cochran reviewed budget figures (no hard copies were available to hand out.) The plant sale proceeds were slightly over budget, the spring auction proceeds were slightly under. Expenses are on budget. (Cash account figures will be reported at the November meeting.)

**Scholarship Committee:** Barb Cook reported that three applications had been received for the current year: Kayla Hildebrand, Faith Hildebrand, and McKayla Thomen (returned to full-time status); each of which is eligible for \$500.00 with submission of appropriate paperwork.

### **New Business:**

Congratulations are in order to our new exhibition judges: Melinda Hoffman, Bob and Sharon Johnson, Arielle Lucius, and Oksana Tadich. Two of the five (Sharon Johnson and Arielle Lucius) have already served as junior judges in Mansfield and Cleveland with their new credentials! (See photo.)

Charles discussed all the ways that members have volunteered to make our club a success – the annual show, the auctions, plant sales, and stepping up to assume various positions within the club organization.

Charles then reported that there are currently two open positions which need to be filled: Membership Secretary, and a Sound System Manager. Dick Henley volunteered to assume the position of Sound System Manager (Gary Stickle thanked Bill and Sylvia Mellinger for their previous efforts in overseeing the sound system.) Patty Spahr Hitt agreed to assume the position of Membership Secretary, as current Membership Secretary Jennifer Kuehn steps down. Thanks also go to Jennifer – especially for her research and implementation of the new name tag system.

Gail Johannes announced that she had a quantity of previous daylily journals to give away.

### **Dates to remember:**

**AHS National Convention:** May 24-27, 2020 in Savannah, Georgia; sponsored by the Ogeechee Daylily Society.

**Region 2 Summer Meeting 2020:** July 10-12, 2020 in Newark-Zanesville, OH and surrounding areas. “Off the Beaten Path” is the theme. Included in the tours will be the gardens of Sunny Caldwell, Ann Townsend, Amy Zahner, and Kirsten Hatfield. Hotel accommodations will be in Coshocton.

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. to proceed to the auction and guest plant giveaway.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debby Colvin, Secretary

## Shirley Farmer Hybridizer Meeting Set for Saturday, November 2, 2019

By Sandy Holmes

The Shirley Farmer Hybridizer Meeting is Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Holiday Inn, Dayton/Fairborn I-675, 2800 Presidential Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324, phone 937-426-7800. This is our picture meeting, so bring your favorite new seedlings to share with the group. There will be lots of people presenting so please stick to discussion of your pictures rather than your hybridizing program. We will have lots of pictures to cover. Please let me know about how many pictures or how much time you will need so that we can plan the day. The room will be available at 8:00 AM with the meeting starting at 8:30 AM. The link to the website is <http://www.midwesthybridizers.com/>

The cost is \$33 per person, including meeting costs, a buffet lunch of soup, salad, and wraps plus coffee, tea (hot & cold), soft drinks and water all day, and an afternoon cookie. Please make your check for \$33.00 payable to Sandy Holmes at 1950 North Regent Park Dr., Bellbrook, OH 45305, phone 937-287-8122.

The Holiday Inn is holding 10 sleeping rooms at \$106 with no breakfast until October 12<sup>th</sup>. Kalyn Leeper at 937-431-4678 or [Kalyn.leeper@hidaytonfaiborn.com](mailto:Kalyn.leeper@hidaytonfaiborn.com), is the contact to make your reservations. There are several hotels in the area at lots of different price ranges.

Friday night we will have dinner at 7 PM at the Holiday Inn Restaurant. If you would like to join us for dinner on Friday evening, please let me know in advance so that we will have enough tables. After the Saturday meeting, we will get together in the Holiday Inn Restaurant for snacks and more conversation.

We will continue to have 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.

Please confirm your attendance at least a week in advance because I must confirm the number for lunch, and we pay by the head. You can reach me at [ohiodaylily@gmail.com](mailto:ohiodaylily@gmail.com).

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### Member Profiles—Sharon and Bob Johnson



Sharon and Bob Johnson have been MCDS members since 2008. Sharon was buying daylilies from Gerry Bushong when he invited her to the MCDS sale. After participating in many MCDS auctions and sales, they now have around seven hundred daylily hybrids in a couple dozen planted areas around their six-acre property outside of Plain City. They truly love the amazing beauty and variety of recent daylily hybrids. It is so hard to pick favorites, but they enjoy larger varieties that are on the tall side that show from a distance; also doubles, patterns, and contrasting edges. Bob won the Novice Award with *H.* 'Big Birds Friend', and an early favorite of Sharon's was *H.* 'Texas Feathered Fancy'.

Both Sharon and Bob have degrees from Purdue, where they met. They have five children and four grandchildren, all of whom live in the Columbus area. Besides enjoying spending time with family, Sharon and Bob do volunteer work a couple months each year for Wycliffe Associates, an organization that involves people in the advancement of Bible translation.

## Member Profiles—Gary and Jackie Barth

Gary and Jackie Barth have been growing daylilies for many years. Their interest really spiked when a neighbor introduced them to Dan Bachman about 12 years ago. Their daylily collection has grown ever since. Although Gary and Jackie are new members to our club, both are long-time members of the Greater Cincinnati Daylily-Hosta Society. Jackie is currently the President for that group, and Gary is the Treasurer. In addition, Gary is the Treasurer of the Region 2 AHS. Both Gary and Jackie are Garden Judges. Since Gary's retirement in the summer of 2018, he and Jackie are making plans to visit more gardens, and continue to attend regional and national conventions.



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## In Memorium

Two former and long-time members passed away earlier this year.

Becky McMurray, wife of Jim McMurray and best friends of Bill and Gail Johannes, died July 22, 2019. They joined MCDS late in the 1980s.

Robert C. Gill, a neighbor and friend of Karen Ciula, died May 5, 2019. They both joined MCDS in 1992.

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## Save the Date, December 1, 2019

Our annual holiday luncheon and party will be held from 1:00 to 3:30 P.M. at the Conservatory. Watch for an announcement closer to the date for room location. Be aware that this is a “free first Sunday” for visitors so parking may be an issue. Holiday festivities in the Conservatory are always a treat, including the Rainbow Tunnel, Paul Busse's garden railway, the gingerbread competition, choral presentations, and more.

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 3 meeting or to MCDS Secretary Debby Colvin.

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## PLANT STAKES AND PLATES

Bob Cochran has taken over responsibilities for buying and reselling the EON plant stakes and plates. If you wish to order new stakes and/or plates, please contact him at 614-565-8470 or [rac686cmh@gmail.com](mailto:rac686cmh@gmail.com).

Sets of 15” stakes and plates @ \$10.50

Sets of 20” stakes and plates @ \$12.50

25 plates only @ \$4.25

Cash only or check made out to MCDS.

## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

### Cookies and Refreshments:

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### Newsletter:

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## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

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### Meetings, Special Events, and the Ohio Hybridizers Daylily Garden

Karen Ciula (see above)

### Fall Plant Sale:

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## MEMBERSHIPS

### Due by January 1

Single Membership \$10.00  
Dual Membership \$15.00  
(2 adults at same address)  
Youth Membership \$10.00  
(paid by MCDS upon request)

### Mail MCDS Membership dues to:

Patty Hitt  
880 Oxford Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
614-946-9924 (cell)  
[pspahrhitt@yahoo.com](mailto:pspahrhitt@yahoo.com)

Membership in the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) 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](http://www.daylilies.org/AHSmemb.html)

# MCDS Membership Renewal and Information Update Form

2020 MCDS membership renewals are due no later than December 31, 2019.

In order to be eligible for 2020 plant drawings, your membership must be paid/post-marked by December 31, 2019.

Complete all of the information on the following renewal form and mail the completed form with your check made out to: MCDS to the Membership Chair:

Patty Hitt, 880 Oxford Street, Worthington, OH 43085  
614-946-9924 (cell) [pspahrhitt@yahoo.com](mailto:pspahrhitt@yahoo.com)

Renew my membership and update my information       Update my information

MCDS newsletters are distributed via email. If you require a print copy, check this box.

MCDS dues: Individual: \$10\_\_\_\_; Dual (2 adults in the same household): \$15\_\_\_\_

Dues may be paid for multiple years.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

PHONE: DAYTIME (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE ADDRESS (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

AHS MEMBERSHIP: 1 ADULT \_\_\_\_ 2 ADULTS \_\_\_\_ OR I/We do not belong to AHS \_\_\_\_

## About American Hemerocallis Society (aka American Daylily Society) Membership

Please consider becoming an AHS member. Our club benefits from having over 50% of our membership belonging to AHS. We receive access to accredited show judges and final accreditation for our annual daylily show. Our members can become Garden and Exhibition Judges, instructors, or receive designations as AHS Display Gardens.

For \$25 per year, AHS members provides the following benefits:

- Four issues of *The Daylily Journal* and two printed and one online issue of Region 2's *Great Lakes Daylily* magazines.
- Access to the member's only section of the online Portal groups for Garden Judges, Exhibition Judges, and other groups and forums.
- New AHS memberships include a \$25 voucher to buy daylilies from participating vendors. Current members upgrading to a three-year membership will receive the voucher as well.

To join, go to the AHS website at [www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org) where you can join online or via mail.

**YOUTH:** MCDS will pay the \$10 AHS membership fee for Youth members who have participated in any MCDS activity this year such as the sale or auction helpers, show, hybridizing, or maintaining a personal daylily collection. Please list the name(s) of Youth who wish to receive an AHS membership: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2019**

**MCDS FALL MEETING  
2:00 P.M.**

**FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY  
VERIDIAN ROOM**

**SPEAKER: CHARLIE HARPER  
“PHOTOGRAPHING DAYLILIES  
IN THE GARDEN”**

**FIRST CLASS**

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