



# Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

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## Winter 2020 Newsletter

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### DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2020

#### Sunday, February 9, 2020

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

#### ADS Region 2 Winter Symposium

February 28, 29, March 1, 2020  
Indianapolis, IN

#### Saturday, May 2, 2020

Spring Meeting & Auction  
Classroom Area  
1:00 P.M.

#### ADS Convention, Savannah, GA

May 24-27, 2020

#### Sunday, June 28, 2020

MCDS Daylily Show  
Classroom Area

#### ADS Region 2 Summer Meeting

July 10-12, 2020  
Coshocton, OH  
Bus tours to 4 gardens  
"Off the Beaten Path"

#### Saturday, August 8, 2020

Daylily Sale, Meeting, Auction  
Sale in Classroom Area 10-noon  
Meeting and Auction 1:00 P.M.

#### Sunday, November 8, 2020

Fall Meeting  
Veridian Room  
Speaker TBA

#### Sunday, December 6, 2020

Holiday Luncheon  
Classroom Area

### President's Message

by Gary Stickel

The weather in Columbus has been quite mild so far this winter, with more rain than snow. While I am not hoping for sub-zero temperatures and 12" snowfall, the cold weather helps kill some daylily diseases (rust) and reduces populations of some pests.

The leadership of the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) has decided to use the name American Daylily Society (ADS) for marketing purposes to help attract new members. When I first joined MCDS, I did not know how to spell or even pronounce "hemerocallis," so using the word "daylily" should be helpful for new members. Both AHS and ADS will continue to be used. I would encourage MCDS members who are not AHS/ADS members to consider joining in 2020. The website ([www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org)) includes a great deal of information on growing daylilies, and I find the database search most useful. The AHS and Region 2 Journals (included with membership) contain fabulous stories and photographs of our favorite flowers.

I would also like to encourage MCDS members to attend an event this year to meet new daylily friends and see new gardens. The Region 2 Winter Symposium will be held 28 Feb-1 Mar in Indianapolis, IN. The symposium will include 8 speakers from across the country, along with sales, raffles, and auctions. The ADS Region 2 Summer Meeting will be "Off The Beaten Path" in Coshocton, OH. The meeting will include the gardens of several MCDS members, including Kirsten Hatfield, Patricia Santelli, Ann Townsend, and Sunny Caldwell. See the region 2 website (<http://region2daylily.org/>) for more information and registration forms for both the winter and summer meetings.

The National Convention, sponsored by the Ogeechee Daylily Society, will be held in Savannah, GA. Unlike the typical weekend conventions, this convention runs from Sunday, May 24 to Wednesday, May 27. There will be only 3 tour gardens as compared to the usual 6-8, and all will be visited the same day. See <https://www.ahs2020national.com/> for more information. Hoping to see all of you at our Winter meeting on Sunday, February 9.

Arielle Lucius has submitted her resignation as MCDS Vice-President, the position she was just voted into at our Fall meeting. The only other person to express interest in the position was Charles Lucius. In accordance with the bylaws, the MCDS Executive Board has appointed Charles to the position of Vice-President for 2020. We are hoping to see all of you at our Winter meeting on Sunday, February 9.

## February Speaker, Kirsten Hatfield



Our February speaker, Kirsten Hatfield, has been growing plants and raising animals just about her entire life. She has a degree in Animal Science. She grew up in Johnsonburg, NJ., and moved to Ohio in December 1991 to take care of the farm her parents had just purchased. When she moved, she brought 20 head of Dorset sheep, 2 dogs, and “a pocket full of dreams” with her. She was 23 years old at the time. She followed up with adding daylilies to the farm in the next year, the Spring of 1992.

Kirsten was first bitten by the daylily bug in 1987 when she worked at Hemknoll Farm in New Jersey. Hemknoll Farms was owned by the late Samuel Baker who hybridized many daylilies, including *Hemerocallis* ‘Ruffled Apricot’ (Stout Medal winner, 1982), *H.* ‘Spellbinder’ and *H.* ‘Melonade’. Although Mr. Baker had passed away before Kirsten was hired, she did have the opportunity to see his work. She purchased 8 daylilies while working at Hemknoll Farm, and all are still part of her collection (the plants have been moved to three different residences since their initial purchase!).

Kirsten’s daylily garden currently includes 800 different named/registered varieties, plus 1000s of seedlings. She registered her first six daylilies this past year, 2019 – four tetraploids and two diploids. She is primarily focused on breeding double-flowered daylilies (both diploids and tetraploids). Her collection of daylilies includes a wide assortment from some old faithful plants to some of the newest varieties available. All of her plants are field grown, and she doesn’t baby the plants. Daylilies in Kirsten’s garden must be able to survive without mulch, and she very seldom waters. This lack of requiring tender care is a focal point of her daylily breeding program – she strives for good solid plants that can survive a variety of conditions, not plants with just a pretty face (flower).

Kirsten lives on a 245 acre farm that she shares with her husband, Jason, and daughter Hainsley. The farm initially belonged to Jason’s late grandparents. Kirsten and Jason officially purchased it from Jason’s mother in 2009. Kirsten’s daylily business, Dorsets N Daylilies, is based on the farm. In addition to the daylilies, they maintain a flock of 150 Dorset sheep and 50 head of Angus cross cows. Kirsten has been breeding registered Dorset sheep since 1980 and there have always been beef cattle in her life. They also grow corn, soybeans, and alfalfa hay on their farm.

In her talk, Kirsten will discuss her hybridizing program and will show pictures of some of her promising seedlings. She will also discuss the upcoming ADS Region 2 2020 Summer Meeting, which she has organized. Her presentation should be a wonderful break from the dreary February weather. Please mark your calendars to attend this exciting MCDS meeting.

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## Englerth Award for Hybridizing Excellence 2020

The Englerth Award Seedling evaluation bed will be located in Kirsten’s Dorsets N Daylilies garden during the ADS Region 2 Summer Meeting. All participants in the bus tours will have the opportunity to vote for one clump of seedling daylilies showing the best plant and flower qualities. The award promotes Region 2 hybridizers.



### Member Profiles – Mike and Sherry Oatney

I am a retired heavy equipment operator and Sherry worked with adults with developmental disabilities. I am the daylily gardener. I got started with daylilies in 1992 when we attended a Fairfield Co. Herb Society Garden Tour which included Sharon Fitzpatrick's garden. I was instantly taken with daylilies - I bought 6 from Sharon that day. Sherry does perennials and annuals and is a Master Gardener.

We live in Sugar Grove on a city lot, but I have crammed 630 cultivars into that space along with Sherry's perennials. I dabble with hybridizing but have yet to introduce any.

We have been married 34 years and have three children and six grandchildren. We love to travel, and have been to Ireland six times, to Scotland twice, to England once (for the Chelsea flower show) and to Brazil twice. We also like to travel with our camper to visit our kids. They live in Colorado, New Hampshire and Brazil, although we can't take the camper to Brazil.

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**Patricia Santelli's Day by Day garden will be one of the featured stops on the ADS Region 2 Summer Meeting Bus Tours. The Registration Form is also in the Winter edition of *Great Lakes Daylily*.**

### Member Profile – Patricia Santelli

My interest in daylilies started when a friend asked me to store her daylilies in my garden until her new house was finished. I found the flower so beautiful and easy to take care of that when I retired from my job as Senior Vice President with Huntington Bank's Investment Company, I started visiting daylily gardens. After visiting Richard and Jan Norris at Ashwood Gardens, I was hooked. I now have around 30 of his cultivars in my catalog of over 300. I am registered as an ADS Display Garden under the name Day by Daylily.

The garden is at our farm about an hour east of Columbus just Southeast of Zanesville. It is a working farm where we rent ground to local farmers who grow corn, wheat, soybeans, and hay. We also have two horses that, in our senior years, merely dress the land.

After retiring, we decided to leave our Columbus residence and move to New York City where my husband grew up. I hail from Columbus where my family has been for 5 generations. We kept the farm, maintain our ties to Ohio friends and now spend May to September there.

Our five children live in Los Angeles, Washington D.C., and New York City. Included in the mix are five grandchildren, ages 12 to 26. They all love the farm.



**Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (MCDS) Meeting Minutes**

**November 3, 2019**

President Gary Stickel opened the November meeting of the MCDS in the classrooms of Franklin Park Conservatory at 2:05 p.m. by welcoming those in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:** Debby Colvin asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the August 10, 2019 meeting. There being none, Wally Thomen moved to accept the minutes as printed in the MCDS newsletter. Sylvia Mellinger seconded the motion, which passed.

**Membership:** Patty Hitt announced that we currently have 176 members, with 124 also holding American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) memberships. Patty reminded those in attendance that dues must be paid by the end of December to take part in the following year's guest plant distributions (editor's note: a full year's prior membership is also required.)

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Cochran announced that he expected the 2019 budget to be in balance by year-end, with the expected dues payments in November and December. This year's daylily show was on budget, as well as the amounts budgeted for club plants (guest and auction.)

Bob reviewed the budget for 2020, which will be approximately the same as 2019 – with target income and expenses of \$11,050. Some details: expenses incurred for maintaining the hybridizers' beds in 2019 was over budget, so that line item has been increased to \$600.00. Income budgeted for the plant sale for 2020 is budgeted at \$2800.00 –to reflect the income amount received in 2019. Auction figures remain the same as 2019.

Gary asked for a motion to approve the budget as presented – so moved by Gail Johannes. Debby Colvin seconded the motion, which was approved.

Gary then raised the issue of garden markers. Our supplier is going out of business, and will be able to provide one more order. In addition to sales to our membership, these markers are also used for guest plants. We currently have about a one-year supply on hand: 2500 15" stakes, 1250 20" stakes, and 1000 plates.

**Scholarship:** no report

**New Business: Holiday potluck:**

As the next meeting will be the annual holiday potluck, there followed a discussion of details related to that meeting. Beth Veldey will be responsible for the poinsettia table decorations, the Lucius's will take care of the punch, and a sign-up went around for attendance. Members were reminded that the potluck is on a "Free First Sunday" so parking may be at a premium. At this time, no entertainment has been organized, with the exception of a gift-exchange for those interested.

**Conservatory beds:**

Karen Ciula began a discussion of the Conservatory's Ohio Hybridizer gardens, which are maintained by the membership. The beds were begun in 2005, and a major addition was made of Moldovan cultivars in anticipation of the 2012 National AHS convention. No new cultivars have been added since 2015. The beds have been the source of inventory for several of the recent yearly plant sales, with approximately 1/3 of the plants for the 2019 sale coming from dividing the plants in those beds. Recently, the 1990's cultivar bed was reduced due to excessive shade of the maturing trees. As the membership has aged and volunteering has waned, we have paid Fred Blyth to augment the hours needed to maintain the beds. Of the 70 hours logged, 33 were by Fred and his helper. As upkeep is going to be a continuing concern, Karen moved to organize a committee of three volunteers to meet with a representative from the Conservatory to discuss and formulate a three-year plan for the Ohio Hybridizer Gardens. Motion was seconded by Beth Veldey and approved by the membership. Jeff Kerr and Debby Colvin agreed to volunteer for the committee with Karen, and will meet with Barb Arnold, the Conservatory liaison.

**Refreshments:** Naomi Campbell passed a sign-up sheet around for individuals to bring refreshments for next year's meetings. Naomi stated that those volunteering would receive an e-mail reminder a week before the corresponding meeting.

**Officer Elections:** The election committee was unable to secure a candidate for the position of Vice-president prior to the meeting, and Patty Hitt moved to suspend the term limits for that position to allow Charles Lucius to serve a third consecutive year. However, the motion was suspended when Arielle Lucius nominated herself for the position. The full slate of Gary Stickel for president, Arielle for vice-president, Karen Ciula for secretary, and Bob Cochran for treasurer was presented. Beth Veldey moved to approve the slate of officers, Gail Johannes seconded, and the motion passed.

**Other:** The top 5 winners of the 2019 Region 2 Popularity poll were announced, as well as the 2019 Stout Medal winner - Hemerocallis 'Scarlet Pimpernel' (Ripley 2006.) Gary also mentioned that many of the AHS award winners were members of our local club. A clump of the 2018 Stout Medal winner, H. 'Entwined in the Vine' (Emmerich 2007) will be provided for the Conservatory Stout Winners' bed by Melinda Hoffman.

The Region 2 winter symposium is scheduled in Indianapolis. It was noted that the winter symposium qualifies for convention reimbursement. The National convention will be in Georgia, with a slightly different look – the meeting will take place from Monday through Wednesday.

The Region 2 summer meeting will be in the Newark-Zanesville area, with the hotel in Coshocton. Organizer Kirsten Hatfield is requesting help with deadheading for the convention. Donations were solicited for the silent auction for the Region 2 summer meeting. Gail volunteered a daylily T-shirt, and Karen Ciula volunteered to provide four AHS reference book publications.

Gary Stickel noted that the address for every AHS member is available on the AHS website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned for the program on "Photographing Daylilies in the Garden" by Dr. Charles (Charlie) Harper.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Colvin, Secretary

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## 2019 MCDS Holiday Potluck

On Sunday afternoon, December 1, 2019, President Gary Stickel welcomed 31 members to our annual holiday potluck at the Franklin Park Conservatory. Attendance was smaller than in previous years, but there was still a wonderful assortment of potluck items for the meal. After lunch, there followed the traditional garden-themed gift exchange. Before dispersing, President Gary Stickel drew names for some lucky individuals to receive the beautiful poinsettias which had decorated the tables.





### **Member Profile – Kit Walter**

Kit has been a member of both the MCDS and the Ohio Daylily Society since the mid-90's. He is also a member of AHS. He has over 600 varieties of daylilies on his city lot in Galion, Ohio. Kit shows his daylilies, and grows all forms and sizes from a variety of hybridizers. Some of the hybridizers included in his collection are Polston, Hensley, Kulpa, and McMahan. His favorite forms, however, are extra large flowers and toothy edges.

Kit was the 2008 winner of the Ophelia Taylor award, which is presented to an individual who scores 95 or above on five separate scapes entered together at an accredited daylily show.

Kit is a garden judge, as well as an exhibition judge. He has judged in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky. On his judging trips, he includes side trips to such places as zoos, presidential homes, and horse farms. He even visited the "Ark" on his way to judging in Lexington, Kentucky.

Besides daylilies, Kit also grows gourds, hosta, and heuchera. In addition, he also grows and shows daffodils. Kit's son and family live in Dublin, Ohio.



### **Members Profile: Doug and Stacy Sayer**

Stacy and I have been members of the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society for over 10 years. We became involved in the society through my father and step-mother, David and Barb Sayer. We have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of MCDS over the years and participating in many activities, especially the daylily shows held in July. Our children (Ryan, Nathan, and Brendan) have also enjoyed participating and being active with us in the society.

We were also blessed to be a tour garden for the National Daylily Convention which was held in Columbus, Ohio in 2012.

We currently have over 300 varieties of daylilies in our gardens, Angel's Paradise. I don't have just beds of daylilies, I have actually incorporated them into the beds with other plants. I have created rooms throughout the landscape to direct the flow of visitors and provide surprises around each corner.

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### Due by January 1

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

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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)

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

**MCDS WINTER MEETING**

**2:00 P.M.**

**FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY**

**VERIDIAN ROOM**

**SPEAKER: KIRSTEN HATFIELD**

**“OFF THE BEATEN PATH”**

**FIRST CLASS**

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