

# MCDS CLUB NEWSLETTER

*Promoting the virtues and beauty of the modern daylily, while having fun!*

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## RENEW NOW!!

Renew your MCDS membership now for the 2023 calendar year. Membership is \$10.00 per individual per year and \$15.00 per household (two adults in same household) per year. Renew your membership by sending a check for the appropriate amount, your email address and telephone number to: Patty Hitt, MCDS Membership Chair, 880 Oxford Street, Worthington, OH 43085

You can also renew in person at our October 9th meeting at Franklin Park Conservatory



## MCDS Daylily Show 2022

Beautiful blooming daylilies were on display from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the Upper Arlington Library, 2800 Tremont Rd., Upper Arlington, Ohio 43221.

Many club members, from all over Ohio, brought their prized flowers in for public display. This was a unique opportunity for visitors to see all the best daylilies gathered in one convenient place, rather than hopping from garden to garden. The Upper Arlington Main Branch Library provided us with an amazing venue and brought in many members of the public and, hopefully, some new members. Show Co-Chair - Arielle Lucius summed up the day this way, "The thought of even being able to host a show this year was a blessing after a two year hiatus. We were all just grateful to have that feeling of excitement again. All the hard work put in by Club President Charles Lucius and Show chair Gail Johannes as well as the many many volunteers made the day easy. The whole day was such a fun success." Arielle noted that all the volunteer work, "From the set up of breakfast and getting

### *MCDS Daylily Show 2022 - continued*

the entrants inside the building, to the placement committee doing two hours of stairmaster up and down up and down trying to safely transport the freshly groomed flowers, to getting the show room ready for all the viewers coming. It was so fun walking around and seeing all the flowers and trying to pick a favorite. One of the best things was educating the guests and answering their questions.” Winners of our June 25th daylily show were: Extra Large - Voracious Vixen, Hansen D, 2008, entered by Kathleen Dillon; Large - She-Ra, McCutcheon, 2010, entered by Charles Lucius; Small - Lights in the Shadows, Skinner M, 2012, entered by Angie Maly; Miniature - Tinker Bell, Stevens, J C, 1954, entered by Steve Williams; Double, Multiform & Polymerous - Fours Are Wild, Herr D, entered by Sharon Johnson; Spider - Electric Lizard, Gossard J, 2006, entered by Robert (Bob) Johnson; Unusual Form - Adavier, Williams, S, 2012, entered by Steve Williams; Seedling - 17-163G, entered by Steve Williams; Sweepstakes (most blue ribbons) - Sharon Johnson. The Queen of the Show (top flower award), went to Angie Maly and her small flower entry.

The success of the show falls largely on the amazing MCDS volunteers including the following: General Show Chair - Gail Johannes; Show Co-Chair - Arielle Lucius; Publicity - Tiffany Miller; Awards - Melinda Hoffman; Classification - Charles Lucius; Clerks - Oksana Tadish; Daylily Off-Scape Exhibit - Beth Veldey; Education - Bob and Susan Cochran; Judges - Trish Callis; Judges' Brunch - Marie and Greg Cliffel; Photography - Debby Colvin; Placement - Cynthia Lucius; Show Schedule - Arielle Lucius and Charles Lucius; Tabulation - Sandi Rockwell and all the many MCDS members that helped in Show Setup and Dismantling.



*The Upper Arlington Main Library Atrium made a fantastic venue for our 2022 Daylily Show*

## MEMBERSHIP

Whether you have a large collection or are just now discovering daylilies, you are welcome to join MCDS

MCDS Membership: \$10.00 per individual per year  
 \$15.00 per household (two adults in same household) per year

Enjoy meeting others who share your enthusiasm for daylilies – our members answer questions, often trade plants, and share their expertise and experiences growing daylilies

## IN MEMORIUM

**David Quentin Sayer**, died Sunday June 12, 2022, David enjoyed growing and sharing his love of Hosta, Daylilies and Orchids and was a member of The Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society, The Central Ohio Hosta Society, and Central Ohio Orchid Society.

**Joel Thomas "Tom" Polston** of Dayton, OH, passed away Monday, June 6, 2022. Tom was a member of ADS and MCDS, and was a major Region 2 hybridizer.

# OH-IO

## *Exhibiting Daylilies at the Ohio State Fair*

### *Ed Mongold*

The Ohio State Fair this year saw over 880,000 attendees. Some of those folks found their way to the Horticultural Hall where cut flowers were on exhibit. This year's cut flower show included a wonderful exhibit of daylilies. The horticultural show was judged by Ohio Association of Garden Club judges under their rules. In the show there were around 25 daylilies exhibited in the following classes: Extra Large, Large, Small, Miniature and Off-Scape. While some of the daylilies displayed this year were disqualified due to a new rule (daylilies were required to have the cultivar name on tag), having some entries disqualified didn't distract from the Daylily exhibit that fair goers were able to see. As exhibitors, since we had a wide selection of daylilies to choose from, it was challenging to exhibit some of each, especially towards the end of July. The resulting exposure of our daylilies to the general public and the gardening community, however, made the effort well worthwhile. If you are interested in promoting and getting daylilies out before new individuals I strongly recommend exhibiting at the Ohio State Fair and local county fairs. You will be getting daylilies more exposure to new people than any other method I can think of using. In addition, the Ohio State Fair Horticultural Superintendent, Jim Chakares, has been very supportive of expanding the classes for daylilies and this year we had off scape exhibit for first time.

If you might be interested in exhibiting at the 2023 Ohio State Fair, the 2022 fees and entry process will give you a sense of the likely costs and entry process. The processing fee for the Ohio State Fair flower show was \$10 per exhibitor for entries with premiums/award of first \$4, second \$3, third \$2.



*Ohio State Fair has started off-scape daylily exhibits*

**DAYLILY  
SCHEDULE**

♦ **OCTOBER 2022**

**MCDS Fall Meeting**

October 9 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
- Franklin Park Conservatory,  
1777 E Broad Street

Meeting with guest speaker to  
be determined.

**NEW MEMBER**

**STORY - *Deborah C. Leach***

My first contact with the club was at the plant sale in 2019. Everyone was so nice and talked me into joining. I have about 12 different daylilies. My grandmother got me started with her love of them. This year is the first plant auction I have attended. There were so many beautiful flowers available that I decided on the spot to dig up more of my front yard to have a sunny place for more daylilies. I acquired 6 new daylilies between the sale, raffle, and auction.



*A new daylily garden in the making*

**President's Message**

After an 18-month period when the world basically stopped, this year has marked a fabulous new beginning for our daylily club. We've enjoyed a guest speaker, held marvelous plant auctions, staged a fantastic daylily show in a spectacular venue, and enjoyed a surprise pop-up plant sale. And I know that we are positioned for even more wonderful events and achievements. I'm very excited – this relaunch of our club newsletter is another step on our journey together towards a new MCDS future!

I'm not sure how our club will evolve on this journey, but there are several things that I do feel passionately about. We have changed already, and we will/must continue to change. However, I think that:

We can stay true to our core mission (promoting the modern daylily)

We can be grateful for each and every volunteer activity/effort that helps our club be the great organization that it is

We can recognize and treasure our past, while not being restricted by it, and

We can welcome, value, and encourage every member regardless of physical, financial, and/or time limitations.

I want to expand just a bit on this fourth tenant – that everyone brings value to MCDS. Our club is made up of marvelous, generous people representing a wide variety of life situations. We live in the country, suburbs and in the city, residing in homes, condos, and apartments. Some of us have grown/are growing thousands of daylilies, some are just initiating their gardening pursuits, and some of us are simplifying/downsizing our gardens. Some work full time, some are busy with family commitments, and some are enjoying retired living. Each of us has limitations, but I strongly believe that we also all bring value to our club. And it is important that this value is welcomed and recognized. There are no restrictions – I want to repeat, **NO RESTRICTIONS** – or requirements for anyone being as involved as they want to and are able to be. We will accept, with sincere gratitude, anything that each of our members can bring to our club. I hope that you will join me in making everyone feel encouraged and welcomed in MCDS. - *Charles Lucius*

# Region 2 Summer Meeting

*Richard Henley*

I attended the Region 2 meeting in Coshocton this summer. Pat and I planned to go to the National Convention but a broken ankle changed that plan. The meeting was very well organized with some fabulous gardens with a lot of daylilies I had not seen before. Kirsten Hatfield hosted the Englerth candidates (the winner of the Englerth award was Ann Townsend). The weather was somewhat rainy but the flowers were fantastic. The auction included a lot of very nice plants, and an art quilt made by Gus Guzinki's wife, Jenny Grunberg. Pat and I saw the picture of the quilt and decided on a price we would pay for it. We won the auction, and Jenny autographed it for us. It will be displayed in a place in our house where the sun will never shine on it. It will be inherited by Pat's daughter Susie when we disburse our estate. A picnic lunch was provided at Kirsten's, which was very well done, with a lot of choices for those with dietary restrictions. *Copyright 2022, by Richard Henley*



*Region 2 Summer Meeting. Sunny Caldwell's garden.  
Photo - Karen Ciula*



*MCDS representation at Region 2 Summer Meeting.  
Photo - Debby Colvin*

# Meeting Minutes

## *Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (MCDS) Meeting Minutes August 13, 2022*

President Charles Lucius opened the summer meeting of the MCDS in the classrooms of Franklin Park Conservatory at 1:00 p.m. (quorum of 48+ present) after a pizza lunch and daylily pop-up sale of Norris hybrids. Charles showed a photo of Hydrangea 'Bobo' – to showcase another lovely plant blooming in his garden. Charles then announced the opportunity to win daylilies as raffle items throughout the meeting and auction. Thanks go to those donating plants for the raffle: Steve Williams, Gary and Becky Stickle, Ann Brickner, Barb Bischoff, and Charlie Harper. Thanks also go to Richard Norris for providing the plants for the pop-up sale, and to Fred Blyth and Charles Lucius who dug and prepared the plants. (Editor's note: thanks to Karen Ciula for producing labels.)

Charles noted that since we are not providing guest plants in August, the door-prize raffle will act as a substitute. Charles next reviewed the recent history of the club, starting with the acknowledgement of our tenth anniversary since hosting the AHS National Convention in 2012. Convention sponsorship was a high point for the club, but Charles indicated there will be many more high points. Charles again thanked all the many volunteers who make the success of the club possible. He specifically highlighted our recent accredited daylily show as an example of the achievements possible because of generous volunteers.

**Membership:** It was announced that our present membership stands at 135.

**Finance:** The budget figures for year-to-date at 7/31/2022 were noted. The proceeds from the pop-up-sale totaled \$1415.00.

**New Business:** Our next meeting will be October 9, with a speaker and holiday party.

There was a discussion of ways to honor our founding members, such as a plaque or other similar item, which will be explored further. A motion was made by Cynthia Lucius to provide a life-time MCDS membership to all founding members still active in the club. Motion seconded by Trish Callas. Motion approved by all present.

There is a new Region 2 grant which will provide clubs with reimbursement for work in public gardens, such as our work at Franklin Park. The officers will explore the grant application as more information becomes available.

Charles announced Greg Cliffl as the new newsletter editor. A request for member input has been sent to the membership, and distribution of the first newsletter is anticipated near the end of August.

Charles welcomed Charlie Harper, Region 2 President, to the podium. Charlie noted that the next Region 2 Winter Meeting will be in Springfield, Illinois. Charlie went on to discuss the need for club sponsorship of future Region 2 Summer and Winter Meetings.

Secretary Debby Colvin brought up the subject of partial convention reimbursement and noted that the completed forms needed to be postmarked to our treasurer by September 1.

Ed Mongold reported on his daylily display at the Ohio State Fair. He noted that approximately 900,000 individuals attended the fair, which provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase daylilies to new audiences.

# Meeting Minutes

## *Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society (MCDS) Meeting Minutes August 13, 2022 (continued)*

There being no other business, Mike Oatney moved to close the meeting, seconded by Gail Johannes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

(Note: The remaining door prize daylilies were raffled while the auction plants were organized for sale. Remaining pop-up sale plants were sold in bundles of three after all auction plants had been sold.)

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Colvin, Secretary

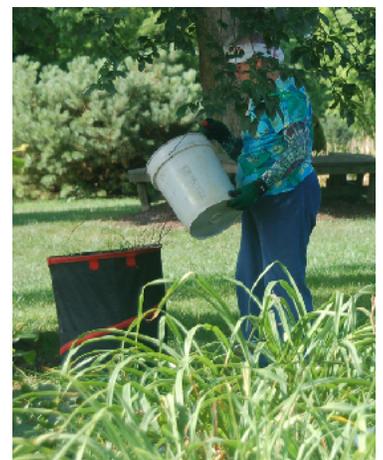
# Conservatory Garden Work Days

## *Keeping the Legacy Thriving*

The Ohio Hybridizer Historic Daylily Garden was originally created in 2005 as a display garden for the American Daylily Society. It was designed to showcase the daylilies created by Ohio Hybridizers including hybrids developed by current and former MCDS members. Since the inception of the garden, MCDS has played a major role in its cultivation and maintenance. The latest of these efforts were two end-of-season clean up days this August. Tuesday August 16th and Tuesday August 23rd saw beautiful weather and a great showing of MCDS volunteers for the work at hand. Scapes were removed, foliage was cut and weeds were pulled. As a result, the garden has been primed for its springtime renewal. Members interested in helping on the Ohio Hybridizers Garden, can contact Karen Ciula (614-471-3246), [kciula@icloud.com](mailto:kciula@icloud.com)



*Can you guess who?*



*Another mystery volunteer*



*Mascara Snake was one of the late bloomers that greeted volunteers*

Can you identify your fellow club members from the pictures provided? Check page 10 for the answers.

*Pictures by Debby Colvin*

# Daylilies 101

*MCDS Members Have Questions - MCDS Members Have Answers*

*Have a Different Question or Different Answer? Let us know!*

## *When is the best time to fertilize Daylilies?*

I believe that daylilies respond best to fertilizer in the mid-April to mid-May period, when they are undergoing the initial aggressive growth period preparing for bloom. High nitrogen is okay, daylilies are monocots (think corn, grass), but be careful with phosphorus and potassium in our clay soils. When/if I have time, I use organic fertilizer with trace elements and boost the nitrogen with ammonia sulfate or urea, but all fertilizer is optional -- daylilies are not fussy. It is also possible to fertilize in late August, but hold back on nitrogen if you fertilize then. My view is that a light fertilizing in August helps the plants get ready for winter and supports the second growth spurt in September that daylilies have in Ohio. - *Charles Lucius*

## *Should I cut down foliage after a daylily has bloomed?*

Cutting foliage is optional. If you cut foliage in mid to late August, you will get new green foliage for September and October. This doesn't necessarily benefit the plant, but it does make the garden look cleaner (and helps with weeding). In my opinion, never pull foliage. Pulling attached foliage can harm the plant crown. - *Charles Lucius*

## *When is the best time to divide Daylilies?*

I believe that daylilies growing in central Ohio can be divided anytime between mid-to-late April to the first of October. We've done the division throughout this period with success. However, I also believe that one of the best times to divide the plants is in mid to late August, after seasonal bloom. That way you get to enjoy the flowers during the current year, and the plants have plenty of time to get established before the following blooming season. Daylilies go through three distinct growth stages in Ohio -- foliage from March to late May, scapes/flowers during June and July, and then foliage again late August through September. By dividing the plants in August, you can "catch" the second growth spurt of the plant, which helps to get it ready for the winter and following year. The frequency of division depends on plant spacing in your garden, and what your interests are. We like clumps with big bouquets of flowers, so we recommend dividing plants no sooner than every 5 to 7 years. Frequency will also depend on the plant -- some are more vigorous than others and may need more frequent division. In our gardens, as long as the daylily is blooming well, we leave it alone. We don't need to make work for ourselves! - *Charles Lucius*

Dividing daylilies – the truth is that I NEVER do! The only time I divide daylilies is when they force me to by not blooming, or if I am going to share with a friend. Otherwise, they are on their own! - *Debby Colvin*

I generally do not divide my daylilies except for returning guest plants. Over the past 30 years, I've brought almost a thousand cultivars into my garden, and they grow into blooming clumps until I replace them with something newer or better. I grow about 250 annually. - *Karen Ciula*

## Daylilies IOI *(continued)*

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*Oh Deer! How can I keep Deer from eating my Daylilies?*

We have used several scent repellents with decent results to protect our daylilies from deer – some being better than others. All require persistence and diligence, especially in rainy weather. And we believe that rotation works best as the deer seem to get comfortable with one bad smell after a while. Our top two recommendations are Deer Scram, which is a powder, and Bobbex, which is a concentrated liquid. We’ve had the best success with Deer Scram when placing it in a platform-type birdfeeder about 3 feet above the ground. Puts the scent right at deer nose level, and keeps the powder off the wet ground. - *Charles and Cynthia Lucius*

Most unusual deer repellent from my Oklahoma childhood friend is to pee on it! - *Janice Wharton*

## MCDS Awards and Honors Report

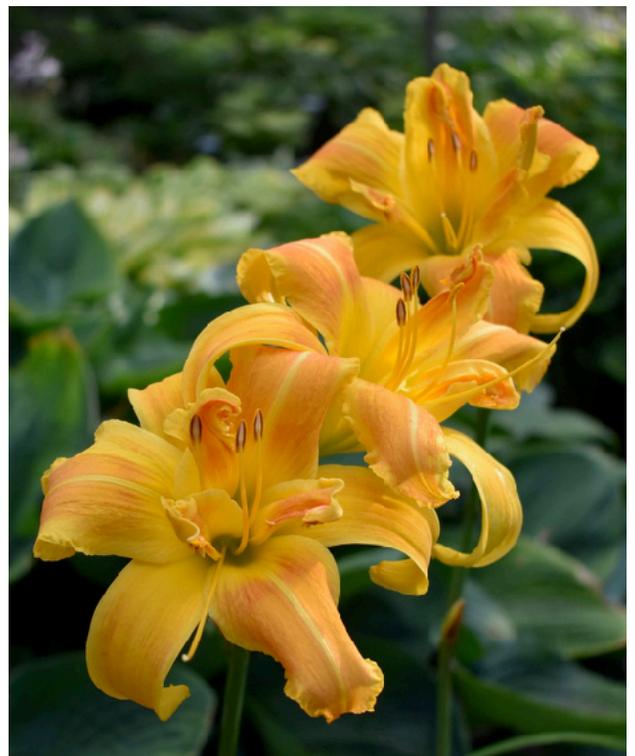
The entries in this section are based on self-reporting. By sharing your successes you can inform and inspire your fellow MCDS members. We are asking that members provide input on any daylily awards/honors received since our previous newsletter in August 2020 (two years ago!). Beth Veldey was kind enough to write up her recent photo prize so we could use it as an example in this issue.

### *Photo Contest Prize*

It is exciting to see one of my daylily photos win a prize in the regional (Region 2) photo contest.

It will also be exciting next summer to see blooms on the prize I won. Thank you, Mandy McMahan for donating plants for last year's contest. Below is a photo of my prize, ‘Two Scoops Please.’ At 33” tall, the saturated gold/orange flowers are 6” of deliciousness

- *Beth Veldey*



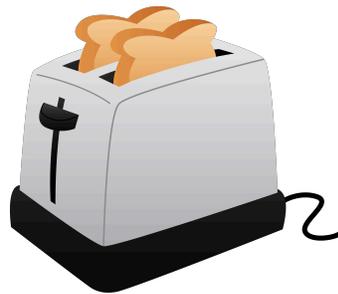
*The Prize winning photo - best multi-bloom in 2020 - ‘Topguns Lobster Claws’, (Scott-B., 2007).*



*Two Scoops Please - the prize for winning*

## Pop-up Sale!

Our August 13 meeting featured a special treat for MCDS members – a pop-up sale featuring (and honoring) daylilies hybridized by Richard Norris of Ashwood Gardens. Flowers that ranged in price from \$30 to \$75 were sold to MCDS members for \$10 each, 3 for \$25 - a spectacular savings for stunningly beautiful flowers. The daylilies covered most of the spectrum of Richard's hybridizing program and included many of his stunning hibiscus-type flowers. We are extremely grateful to Richard for his generosity - another fantastic benefit of being a MCDS member!



## Daylily Links *(please report broken links, errors or suggested additions)*

**MCDS Website** - <https://columbusdaylilies.org/>

**MCDS Public Facebook Page** - <https://www.facebook.com/Columbusdaylily>

**MCDS Private Facebook Page** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/315896629987839>

**National Daylily Society** - <https://daylilies.org/>

**Region 2 (Our Region)** <https://adsregion2.org/>

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