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Early Rising Sun



President's Minute

by Monique Warnke

Hello fellow gardeners,

The days are getting longer and the hopes of a better year are beginning to blossom! I was a little concerned about having Zoom meetings with a large group, but my fears were put to rest within five minutes of the first meeting. It was so nice to see everyone healthy and how everyone's hair has changed over lockdown! (We love a natural look).

The first two Zoom meetings this year were all about hybridizing and boy, did the membership need this! There were many new, beautiful daylilies to choose from, I had trouble deciding which ones I couldn't live without!

Wisconsin Daylily Society also held the annual photo contest which continued to delight, as it does every year! It was hard to choose just one winner in each category, which can be seen through the number of ties we had! I would like to congratulate the winners circle: Genni Kleckner, Kirsten Hatfield, Cynthia Wadsworth, Scott Elliott, Lisa Imhoff, Rhonda Veroeven, Amy Bishell, Barb Buikema and Theresa Schwandt. However, I applaud all who submitted an entry, as all photos were a feast for the eyes!

I am pleased to announce our new co-editors for the newsletter, welcome Marcie Johnson and Shannon Meyer- I know you two will do a terrific job!

As with everything in life there must be change, this year will be a change for the better!

Think spring!

Monique

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WDS Apparel Coming Soon!

The board is discussing options for some new WDS themed gear. There was enthusiastic agreement that a tank top would be a popular item, with maybe a hoodie option for cooler weather. Stay tuned for additional information!

Articles for Upcoming Newsletters

Do you have ideas for articles you would like to see in an upcoming newsletter? Would you be willing to write an article for the newsletter? Do you have a photo of a daylily with a summer name that you'd like to see included in our next newsletter? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, please email Marcie at mljohnson19@yahoo.com or Shannon at solcottster@gmail.com

New Members

Please welcome our newest members: Patrician Boe, Kirsten Hatfield, Austen Norberg, Cary Norberg, and Paul Sebesta.

Daylily Buying Opportunities

Do you ever think you have enough daylilies? Of course you don't, that would be ridiculous! Here are some exclusive opportunities to get amazing plants without paying for shipping:

If you are interested in purchasing from Kirsten Hatfield, the club is happy to have your order shipped directly to Rhonda in May. Please complete an order with Kirsten and let her know that you are a part of WDS and that the order should be shipped with the WDS plants. The club will take care of shipping costs. You will be responsible for picking up your daylilies in May from Rhonda. To check out Kirsten's amazing selection go to: <https://www.dorsetsndaylilies.com/>

David Jewell of On Russell daylilies in Ontario, Canada is once again willing to do a club order. All you will need to do is pay for your plants and let David know you are a part of the WDS club order. We will pay for the phytosanitary certificate and shipping to one board member with more details to come. To purchase daylilies from Mr. Jewell, visit the following website and pay him directly: <http://www.onrussell.com/>

Mike Georges, Bryan Culver, and Dave Mussar will offer the same option as above. You pay each of them directly (you choose to purchase from one, two, or all, it doesn't matter) and they will send one box with all three of their orders together. Some of these plants are extremely limited so hurry and do not delay on that order!

Mike Georges- <http://www3.sympatico.ca/ohbehave/Index.html>

Bryan Culver- <http://www.culverfarmdaylilies.com/>

Dave Mussar- <http://dave.mussar.com/>

Deadline to be included in these offers is April 15. You can certainly order anytime you would like, but the club will not pick up the cost of shipping and phytos (as needed) after this time.

UPCOMING WDS EVENTS

April 10th 2021 – Noon – The April WDS meeting will feature a virtual presentation by Diana Gossard of Dianna's Double Daylilies from Galloway, Ohio.

May 8th, 2021 - Noon – The May WDS Meeting will be a virtual presentation by Bobby Scott Jr. of Topguns Daylilies from Yukon, Oklahoma.

May 20th -22nd, 2021 – The 2021 ADS National convention will be held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Registration is \$285 per adult, postmarked by 4/15/21. More information can be found at www.ahs2021national.com.

June 1st - 3rd 2021 – National Guest Plants Auction – online. More information can be found on page 10 of this newsletter.

June 12 - 13th 2021 - 10am to 3pm - Pick up National Guest Plant online auction wins from Sue Hill's house in Verona.

July 9 - 11th 2021 – The Region 2 Summer Meeting will be held in Springfield, IL. There are 5 tour gardens and many open gardens to visit in the area. WDS will provide bus transportation if there at least 15 people who would like to ride. The schedule of events and more information about the regional can be found at www.2021region2.com

August 7th 2021 – Noon – The WDS Annual Adoption Auction will be at SOMS. Please arrive early with your previously adopted plants to allow the set up team to be ready by 12pm.

August 21st and 22nd, 2021– The WDS Plant Sale will be on Saturday from 10AM to 4PM and Sunday from 11AM to 3PM in Olbrich Park.

October 2nd , 2021– The WDS Annual Meeting will feature David Kirchoff and Mort Morss of Daylily World from Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.



'Spring Lightning'



'Little Rainbow'



'Fooled Me'



'Spring Heather'

Winners of the Sixteenth Annual WDS Photo Contest

By Conrad J. Wrzesinski

The Sixteen Annual WDS Photo Contest greeted WDS members with plethora of eye candy at their February Zoom meeting. Since the inception of the first WDS Photo Contest in 2006, the entries have become more varied and creative. The 2021 photo contest was no exception.

The contest format featured four categories. Each WDS Member could submit a maximum of four photos distributed in any fashion among the four categories. Photos could be of a named cultivar or a seedling. The four categories are described below.

- Category 1: Single Flower – Close-up of a single bloom without companion plants or other daylilies prominent in the background.
- Category 2: Clump – Group of two more daylily flowers without companion plants, or other daylilies prominent in the background.
- Category 3: Daylilies in the Landscape – A daylily clump with companion plants or multiple daylilies in a garden or landscape setting.
- Category 4: Creative Artistry – A daylily viewed from a different perspective or a garden critter landing on or nestled in a daylily flower.

WDS Members attending the February meeting viva Zoom voted for their favorite photo in each category. Two winners were selected in each category by the top number of votes received.

Each contest winner will receive a certificate for a free daylily of their choice at the WDS Daylily Sale in August and their choice of a mug or tile artistically imprinted with their winning photo by WDS Member, R. Vaughn James. The winning photos are featured on the WDS web site (www.wisdaylilysoc.org).

WDS Members are encouraged to photograph their favorite daylilies in the coming summer months for entry in the Seventeenth Annual WDS Photo Contest, which will be held in 2022.

In Category 1 Genni Kleckner had a winning photo with a close-up photo of the daylily, 'Up the Wazoo' and Kristen Hatfield with a close up of the double flowered daylily, 'Ann's Blue Eyes'.

Genni Kleckner's entry of 'Up the Wazoo'



Kirsten Hatfield's entry of 'Ann's Blue Eyes'

Scott Elliott's entry
'Ghost Ranger'



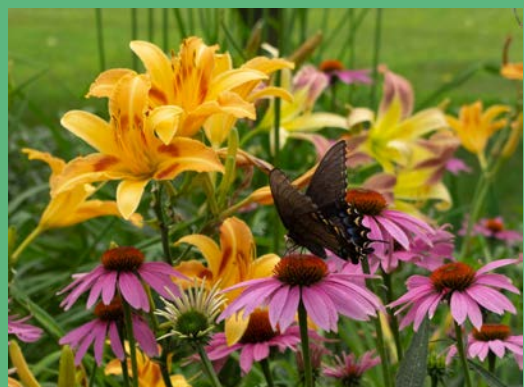
In Category 2 Cynthia Wadsworth's winning entry featured a striking photo of a clump of the daylily, 'Velvet Handcuffs'. Scott Elliott's winning entry featured eye catching blooms on his daylily cultivar, 'Ghost Ranger'.

In Category 3 the two winners were Lisa Imhoff's entry of the daylily, 'Linda' with a swallowtail butterfly delicately landing on a pink cone flower (*Echinacea purpurea*) in the foreground and Rhonda Veroeven's daylily garden scene featuring a panoply of color accented in the center by a garden sculpture.

In Category 4 there was a three-way tie. Amy Bishell's entry was an angled very close up photo of the aptly named daylily, 'Emperors Royal Red'. Barb Buikema's entry featured a daylily flower arrangement in the shape of a heart and Theresa Schwandt's entry was a grasshopper prominently nestled in a single daylily flower.



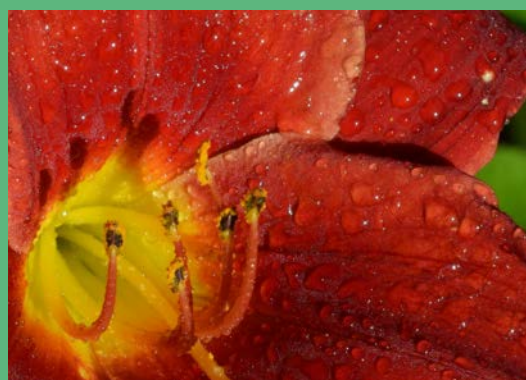
Cynthia Wadsworth's entry
'Velvet Handcuffs'



Lisa Imhoff's entry of a Swallowtail butterfly alighting on 'Linda'



Rhonda Veroeven's beautiful
landscape entry



Amy Bishell's entry
'Emperor's Royal Red'



Theresa Schwandt's
entry of a grasshopper



Barb Buikema's creative entry of a
daylily heart

WDS Hybridizers' Showcase 2021

By Carole Hunter



Kleckner seedling

Work in Progress Gardens is home to Genni and Francis Kleckner, along with hundreds of daylilies, hosta, and other perennials. In addition to a look at promising seedlings, we were treated to an early peak at Genni's 2021 introductions. She has 10 this year, in an assortment of colors (but heavy on purples!), many in the eyed and edged category. Their website is workinprogressgardens.com

Bruce's seedling
All Creation Sings x unknown

Bruce Christofferson put together a presentation of his seedlings for us, and Zoom participants agreed that he has made a lot of progress in the last few years. More recently he has been experimenting with trying to create blue daylilies. Bruce showed us some seedlings that his late wife, Sue, was especially fond of.



Prochaska's 2021 intro
'King of the Catch'



Sharon and James Prochaska gave us a tour of the hybridizing work that they and their son, Doug, do in Abrams, Wisconsin. Sharon showed us their 2021 introductions, in addition to ones from previous years, and seedlings that they are keeping an eye on. They like BIG blooms and hope to set up a website this summer for just their own introductions. Their Fox Woods Garden website for all of the daylilies that they sell plus their introductions up to 2020 is <http://www.plantstep.com/FlowerCatalog.psl?action=11024>

Hunter's 2020 intro
'Stand the World on Its Ear'



Carole Hunter showed us what can happen when this hobby gets out of hand. What started as a 'modest' plan to hybridize for rebloom in northern states ended up requiring the purchase of a bigger property, and maintaining seedling patches on both the east and west sides of Rockford, Illinois. Still following the general goal of producing plants that will rebloom in our climate, Carole has been enticed into working with any hardy daylily that reblooms, and starting in 2019 has registered full form, UF, and small daylilies. Her website is prairiesedgegardens.com

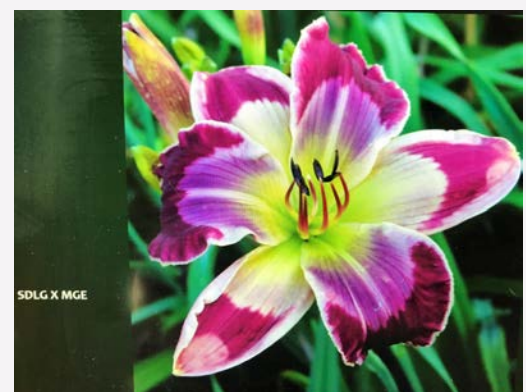
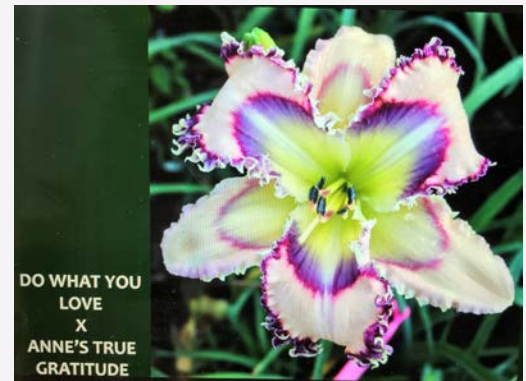
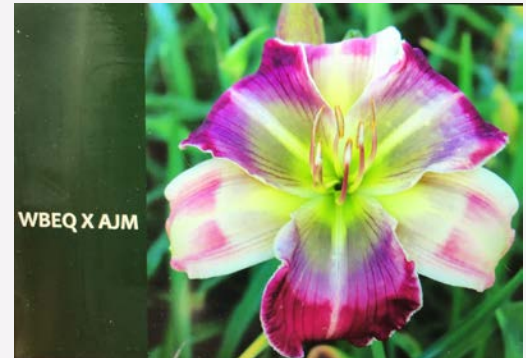
MARCHING INTO SPRING WITH DORSETS N DAYLILIES

by Shannon Meyer

March 13th was the perfect crisp and clear spring day in Wisconsin. What could make the day even better? The WDS March meeting of course! Attending members got comfy and signed into Zoom for some camaraderie, the latest club news and to get their post winter daylily fix.

The meeting began by welcoming new members Paul Sebesta of Thunder Bay and Kirsten Hatfield of Zanesville, Ohio, who also happened to be our guest speaker. We then discussed some upcoming events such as the June 12th Guest Plant Auction as well as the Region Two Summer Meeting in Springfield, IL. The WDS Annual Plant Sale was also mentioned and will again be held in Olbrich Park. There will be two sale tents for ample physical distancing and everyone is looking forward to finally being able to see each other again IN PERSON at the event!

Kirsten Hatfield then took center stage, (or center screen to be more accurate), to show us what she's working on in Ohio. Kirsten started her daylily journey in 1987 while working with the flowers at a college job. She made her first introductions two years ago and works with both Tets and Dips with a focus on doubles. The pictures of her wonderful flowers got many oohs and aahs from the audience, with some of the crowd favorites pictured here.



MARCHING INTO SPRING CONTINUED



One of the most unique features of Kirsten's program is that her over 800 varieties of hybridized daylilies share the farm with a flock of 150 Dorset sheep. Kirsten experimented using some of the sheep wool in combination with mulch for her daylily beds. The wool helped insulate the plants from the extreme summer heat and Kirsten noted that the plants seemed healthier and less stressed than they had been in years past. Best of all, the wool also seemed to help with weed control!

Kirsten closed her presentation by sharing exciting plans for the 2022 Summer Regional which will be held in Ohio and include tours of her garden and five others. It's never too early to start planning ahead! She also invited people to check out more of her flowers by going to Dorsets n Daylilies on YouTube and Henry Daylilies on Facebook as well as her own page at dorsetsndaylilies.com. A big thank you to Kirsten for taking time away from lambing season to share her flowers with us.

The exciting finale of the meeting was a 50/50 auction of 10 beautiful daylilies from Kirsten's farm. The bidding was fast and furious, even in the virtual format, and over \$600.00 was made! Thank you to everyone who participated and to our talented auctioneer and spotters. For anyone who would like to purchase flowers from Kirsten, you can see her amazing selection at www.dorsetsndaylilies.com. Complete an order and let her know that you are part of WDS so the plants can all be shipped together in May.

Sadly, all good things must come to an end. But as one meeting ends, the next is just around the corner, April 10th to be exact. The meeting will feature Diana Gossard of Diana's Double Daylilies in Galloway, Ohio and again will be via Zoom. Rumor has it that there may be another 50/50 auction, so be ready to open your laptops and your wallets! Until then, stay well and enjoy the spring.



REGION 2 WINTER MEETING

BY SUE HILL

Our ability to gather as a group has been sorely put to the test this past year. As the months rolled by, our usual sites for gathering with friends stood empty and silent, and we felt the pangs of missing conversation with those who share our beloved hobbies.

Intensely.

These friends are an extension of our family. Seeing them for the hours we do each month and throughout the year is good for our gardening soul. Our conversations start up where they left off the last time we saw them. We love to talk of upcoming events and the churning of the soil side-by-side while digging plants and preparing for our sale. We talk of additions to the families, a new house, a new garden, stressors and excitement in our lives. And then, suddenly, it all skidded to a stop.

Thankfully, a core group of individuals took the bull by the horns and worked hard to put together a Region 2 winter meeting by way of that magical Internet entity now known all too well known as Zoom. Through their hard work and hours of planning, six presenters came together and gave us what we've been yearning for; a gathering of friends and fellow gardeners, sans masks, over two nice evenings centered on gardening, daylilies and anything else that might find its way into the conversation.

Dr. Laura Deeter (OH State University professor of horticultural sciences) gave a colorful and fun-filled talk focusing on landscaping and the relationship between plants and texture, color and eye appeal when thinking of what to add to our gardens

Mark and Cynthia Druckenbrod (Lily Creek Gardens in OH) delighted everyone with stories of their worldly travel while wearing their entomology hats in search of butterflies to help catalog. It was quite fun to see the vast array of butterflies and moths they spied and followed while trekking through the countries they visited.



Kathleen Nordstrom (the only non-Ohio-an!) gave us a heartfelt presentation and a glimpse of what her work has been focused on with many outstanding seedlings awaiting further evaluation before she deems them worthy of joining their Minnesota based Northern Lights gardens list of introductions.

Jamie Gossard, of Heavenly Gardens in Ohio, touched on his diverse introductions. His hybridizing is more in depth than many, with having multiple sites to grow plants, as well as having access to his lab to check for ploidy in his conversions. Zoom participants were treated to a short glimpse of the lab and equipment he works with. It is always interesting to see what direction he is headed in with hybridizing and what beauties will be available to us in the future.

Dan Bachman (Valley of the Daylilies-OH) shared some of his favorite creations while he and his wife, Jackie, prepare for a new experience when they relocate to FL and leave the hybridizing and raising of seedlings with those who bought their plants and program.

Region 2 Winter Meeting continued

And finally, our very own **Sandy Holmes**, the recipient of the coveted Stout Silver Medal given out through the AHS with her lovely "I Lava You", brought her usual grace and style to her presentation while showing exciting upcoming introductions. Most of us would love the chance to jump on a bus and travel across state lines, as long as it would eventually pull into her driveway to walk the paths of her gardens.

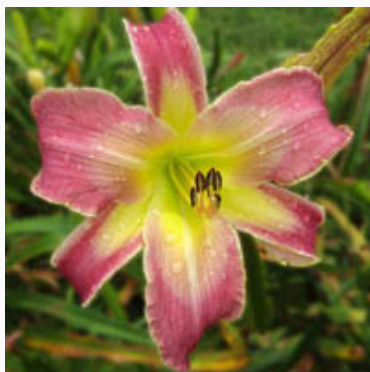
The fact that we have had to change how we enjoy our hobby and interactions with others has not changed the enthusiasm and yearning our members have for daylilies and adding new introductions to their gardens. Some may feel like a kid in a candy store with what is available to buy at the stroke of a keyboard. Others may find they are gently pulled toward new looks or forms, or sizes. Zoom meetings and presentations, such as what we were treated to, have kept us in touch with "us". It has helped to fill the voids and the need we have for interacting with friends.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to make this happen. We appreciate you!

2021 Riverbend Garden Daylily Introductions



Lollipop Lady



Are You Kidding Me



Tessa and Mom Gardening



Summertime Sunrise

Nationals Guest Plant Sale

Due to the uncertainty of Covid19, we will not be holding our "in person" auction for the National Guest plants on June 12th as previously planned. However, we are planning an online "Buy It Now" auction! If you do not have internet access or are not comfortable bidding online, please team up with someone who is, or contact Genni Kleckner (f.g.kleckner@gmail.com) or Rhonda Veroeven (purpleirises1@yahoo.com) for assistance.

This online event will be held June 1-3rd. Watch for the link in your e-mail from Conrad closer to that date. Pick up dates, times and place will be:

Dates: Saturday, June 12th (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
Sunday, June 13th (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Place: Sue Hill's home
8495 County Rd G
Verona, WI 53593
(608) 469-4133
bunnisoo@aol.com

** If these dates do not work for pick up, we can work with you on an alternative date. Payment will be cash, check or Paypal. No WDS \$\$ will be accepted for payment for this event. **

Now for the fun part! We need volunteers to help dig, process, and tag plants, much like we do for the sale. We estimate needing approximately 12 people for Thursday, June 10th, and 12 for Friday, June 11th to help at Sue's. Since this is a special event where we are offering special plants that were on display in the tour gardens during the 2019 AHS Nationals in Madison, no WDS\$\$ will be earned for working. Being a WDS club member means you will have the opportunity to purchase plants difficult to get otherwise. Our club will benefit greatly from the proceeds!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Genni at f.g.kleckner@gmail.com

SHIRLEY FARMER MEETING, MARCH 17, 2021

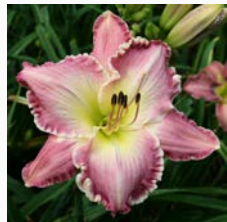
BY CAROLE HUNTER

The annual spring Shirley Farmer Meeting was a bit of a bittersweet get-together. We were glad to see each other's faces, albeit via Zoom, but were reminded of the recent loss of one of our co-hosts. Bob Faulkner, with his low key, welcoming manner was missed by all. Sandy Holmes was joined by John Hric to continue leadership responsibilities of this biannual 'support group' for hybridizers and hemeroholics of all types.

Ginny Pearce started us off by tantalizing us with her saturated red seedlings, then her heavy substantiated ruffle-edged whites, then the pinks with the white water marks. Ginny has been hybridizing for 35 years, and with a small property, has to be a ruthless culler. Her 'sniper' hybridizing philosophy allows her to produce robust, rich colored, well branched, northern reblooming plants. Her 'one woman show', gardenpathperennials.com is located in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



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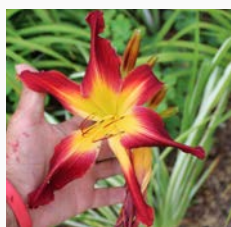
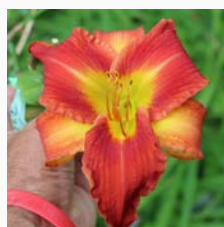
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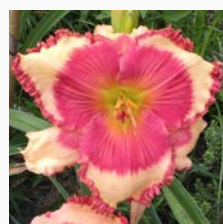
Ginny Pearce's seedlings

John Hric's interest is in UFs and Spiders, both diploid and tetraploid. He has made a lot of what he calls 'kitchen sink' crosses. John likes to work with 'older genetics', ie plants closer genetically to the species which have positive traits often overlooked in modern cultivars. Working on a small urban lot has its challenges, but John managed to introduce 10 plants in 2021. John's located in Cleveland, Ohio, and appropriately calls his space 'A North East Ohio Garden'.
anortheastohiogarden.wordpress.com



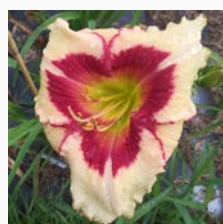
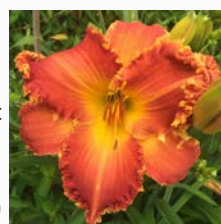
John Hric's seedlings

Nancy and Bob Watson break all the hybridizer rules about staying focused. Nancy likes her whites with red eyes & edges, Bob likes oranges with teeth. Add to the list, small reds on tall scapes, yellows with red eyes & edges, toothies with eyes, a few doubles, some doubles with patterns, and late bloomers. It's about having fun, right? And following where the plants lead you. Interest in their diverse program might lead you to visit them in Terre Haute, Indiana or simply on the web at cherryhillgarden.plantfans.com.



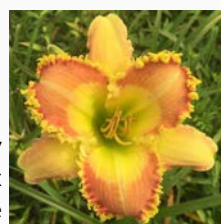
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x Stellar Stitchery

New Tangerine Twist
x ((Southern Summer
x Born to Run)
x Gypsy Rose)

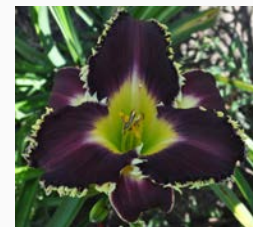
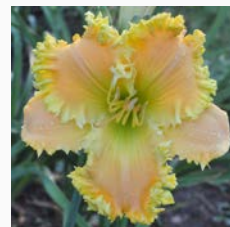
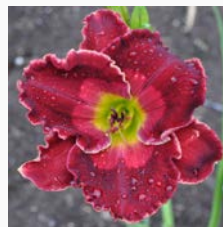


Change My Heart
x Jewel of Jewels

Ruffled Strawberry
Parfait x
Extreme Tangerine



Mike Georges hybridizes on 10 acres in Puslinch, Ontario, but plants a mere 1000 seedlings a year because, according to a fellow hybridizer, he's lazy. At Quintessential Daylilies, Mike does diploid > tetraploid conversions, not something any normal lazy person would do, because he wants to understand the process. In his introductions, he requires bright colors and good branching. He also introduced some beautiful toothy polychromes for 2021. Mike is quick to rid his seedling patch of anything that doesn't meet his standards with his machete, AKA, 'Grim Reaper'. He doesn't like bud count higher than 18-20 because he "doesn't want to spend his life deadheading". Hmmm.... that might be characterized as lazy.
<http://www3.sympatico.ca/ohbehave/Inde x.html>



Mike George's seedlings

Shirley Farmer Meeting, continued

Robert Britton, of Goodlife Farm in Waynesville, Ohio started hybridizing seriously in 2015, with his main goal being producing good garden plants. He had been visiting Dan Bachman annually since 2001, so adopting this goal seemed inevitable. When Dan and Jackie Bachman decided to retire, they offered Robert and his family the chance to buy their business, which they did. After 7 weeks of digging and hauling, they moved 200 of Dan's named plants, plus seedlings from 2013 forward, plus 20 of Dan's 2020 registrations. Although plant habit is a priority, Robert says he applies a 'shotgun approach' to hybridizing. He uses a wide range of genetics, producing a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes. Robert will be introducing his first cultivars in 2022, and plans to participate in Northern Mecca this summer, as well as hosting his own open houses in late June and July.
goodlifefamilyfarm.com



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Goodlife Farm seedlings

Lori Doolin gave us an idea of what to expect at the **Region 2 summer meeting** in Springfield. There will be 5 gardens to tour, with the choice of driving yourself or signing up for a bus. The organizers are being careful to follow CDC guidelines to keep us all safe. 75 registrants are needed for them to go ahead with the meeting. Go to 2021region2.com to get complete details and register!

We went into the classroom with **Charlie Harper** to learn how to improve our garden and nature photography. Charlie instructed us that we needed patience to get great photos, as opposed to a fancy camera. We should be careful to hold the camera steady, allowing it to focus and give it time to read the lighting before gently pressing down the shutter the rest of the way. Of course, there's more, like checking the background for distractions, paying attention to the light quality, and considering composition. He also showed us how to use simple photo editors, such as those embedded in the Windows 10 photo app. Charlie taught us well and will likely have a lot more competition in the next Region 2 and National photo contests!



Monique Warnke encouraged us to attend our **75th Anniversary National Convention** in Hattiesburg, Mississippi May 20-21. It will be a great daylily fix for us Region 2 dwellers who won't see blooms until June! Details can be found at ahs2021national.com Monique, Convention Chair for ADS, also educated us about how the Convention Committee is ready to help groups that might consider hosting a National Convention. She knows from experience what a daunting task hosting a National is, and for that exact reason, she has put together a great task force that will be ready to help.

MEET THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS



Avi posing with a Meyer seedling

Hi there, my name is **Marcie Johnson**, and I'm also a new co-editor for this newsletter. I live in Sun Prairie and am working on getting my master's degree to become a school librarian.


I got bit by the daylily bug only a few years ago, when my kids and I stopped by a daylily farm in Indiana on a road trip to visit family. We came home with four plants as a present for my garden-loving mother, and eight plants for me! Since then I've been digging up more and more of my yard to make flower beds and seedling beds. Since I have a small suburban yard, I'm rapidly running out of space, and have no idea where I am going to plant the 500 seedlings that I started indoors this winter. My oldest daughter, Amelia (12), enjoys daylilies as well. You may have seen her filling a box full of must-have cultivars at the last plant sale or helping hand out winning plants at the auction in 2019.

Hello! This is **Shannon Meyer**, introducing myself as one of your new newsletter editors. You may know me as the person whose two kids graze at the treat table during our in person meetings (I do feed them at home, I promise). When I'm not wrangling Avi and Ronin, I'm working as an Animal Services Officer in Dane County. I live on a couple acres outside of Evansville with 3 dogs, a cat, several fish and 30 chickens. I began my daylily adventure around 2005 after buying some plants at an end of season plant sale in Edgerton. I was surprised at how beautiful they were when they bloomed the next year! I did not know that there were so many varieties, shapes, colors and sizes. My mom told me that you could even cross pollinate them and make your own, totally unique, flowers. I tried it and there was no going back. I've been hybridizing for about 5 years now and plan on registering my first flowers this year. I would love for anyone interested to come down to my place and maybe take home a plant or two from my overflowing hybrid beds this summer! With any luck, by summertime we can safely gather again and resume daylily garden tours and parties. In the meantime, hopefully this newsletter finds you well and brings a little hope and anticipation for the garden season to come. Thank you for letting me take part in the creation of our newsletter, my parents are thrilled that that Journalism degree is finally paying off!



The Johnson kiddos at Lynda's Daylily Farm in Rensselaer, Indiana

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Flowers always make
people better, happier,
and more helpful;
they are sunshine, food and
medicine for the soul.

Luther Burbank