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The President's Corner

The year is already flying by and efforts for the MTDS booth at the Nashville Lawn and Garden show are in high gear. The event is Thursday, March 6 through Sunday, March 8, 2015 and will be held at the Nashville Expo Center (formerly known as the TN State Fairgrounds). A premier horticultural event, this show attracts more than 22,000 people annually and is one of the largest gardening shows in the South. As you know, we will be hosting our booth for the 4-day period, educating the public on the joy and merits of growing daylilies, encouraging people to become members of the club and selling a variety of potted daylilies. Many HUGE Thanks to those of you who have donated plants. Without you, we would not be able to have such a successful booth.



What's Coming Up in 2015?

March 14th Saturday: 4:00 PM

Potluck Buffet

Ellington Agricultural Center

Program: "Heidi and Charles Douglas's Hybridizing program- Browns Ferry Gardens"

April 7th Tuesday 6:30 PM

Cheekwood Botanical Garden, Potter Room

Meeting - **"Is Gardening for the Birds?"**

presented by Wild Birds Unlimited

May 12th Tuesday 6:00 PM

Cheekwood Botanical Garden, Massey Hall

CAP Drawing/Auction

June 10th - 14th Wednesday - Sunday

National AHS Convention - Atlanta, GA

June 19th - 20th Friday and Saturday

AHS Region 10 Meeting and Garden Tours

Hotel Preston, 733 Briley Parkway

Gardens scheduled for tour include:

- ★ **Larry Brown**
- ★ **Joyce Sweeton**
- ★ **John Douglas**
- ★ **Greg Zapel**
- ★ **Bud Coltharp**

September 12th Saturday 10:00 AM

MTDS Potting party - Riverdale High

802 Warrior Drive, Murfreesboro, TN

October 3rd Saturday Fall Outing 10:00 AM

Location: TBA

Program: "Trash to Treasures" - Jason

Reeves, Curator of UT Gardens of Jackson

December 5th Saturday 11:00 AM

Holiday Social - Shadowbrook Mansion,
5397 Rawlings Rd., Joelton, TN

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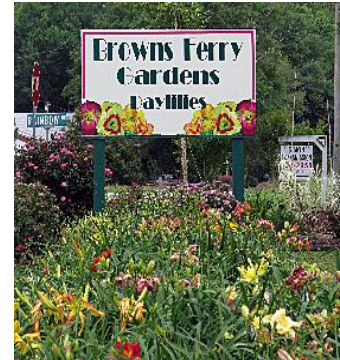
The President's Corner - continued

Also, Young's Nursery and Greenhouses once again wintered the daylily pots for us and we are very appreciative of their generosity. If you have a chance to visit them or send business their way, we will be helping to return the favor. For those of you who have signed up to work, thanks for willingness to make this a great event. If you would like to help out in the booth, we do have a couple of slots that can use an extra hand. If you would like to help, please email me at jxander@aol.com

March 14, 2015 Meeting – Jack Alexander

Heidi and Charles Douglas – Browns Ferry Gardens

Right on the heels of the Lawn and Garden Show, our first MTDS program of the spring will be on Saturday, March 14 at Cheekwood Botanical Hall at 4:00. This is different from what was previously published so please make a note of the difference. We are in for a real treat as we will have Heidi and Charles Douglas to speak their hybridizing program at Browns Ferry Gardens in South Carolina.



Heidi and Charles are great speakers and have given much time and effort to AHS.

The March meeting is also typically a meeting with several visitors and new members, so I hope that everyone will attend and extend their hospitality to both new people and those we are catching up with after the winter season.

It is easy for thing to slip our minds these days, so don't forget to pay your dues! Also, make sure that you send in any address or email changes so that your information in the yearbook will be correct.

In addition to the many opportunities for volunteers for this year's Regional Meeting, volunteers are also still needed in other areas for the upcoming year. If you would be willing to be in charge of hospitality for any of the March, April, May, June or October meetings, please let me know. I know we are all looking forward to making this a terrific year!

DO NOT FORGET THAT MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DO!

**Please send your dues payment to
Sandra Merritt
4323 Sneed Rd.
Nashville, TN 37215**

Mid-Winter Symposium 2015 – Kate Patrick

I attended the Region 10 Midwinter Symposium in Chattanooga, TN this February. This was the 25th such gathering and about my fourth. It was not an overly large group but we were pleased to have eight or ten well-known hybridizers among us. The amphitheater type seating and the smaller crowd made for easy conversation between the speakers and the audience so that the sessions were far more interactive than usual. Questions and good-natured heckling was the order of the day (Thank you Heidi Douglas!). We had some great topics brought up from the floor by Jamie Gossard such as the practice of the rapid reproduction of new cultivars with the use of BAP and offering them for much lower prices on the internet auction. Concerns were expressed by many of the hybridizers that not only did this make it difficult to make a living, but also produced weak, substandard plants which would ultimately reflect badly on their work.

We had some super presentations. Mike Shadrack spoke at length about the process of establishing their garden on a unique piece of wooded property in upstate New York. He has single-handedly built hundreds of feet of retaining walls from stacked stone and made terraced beds, filling them with a fantastic array of sun and shade perennials. The real feature which distinguishes their home is a stream that actually runs under the house and can be viewed from a large picture window inside. It was marvelous to see the hosta and hemerocallis they grow and listen to Mike's British accent as he described his Herculean task. His wife, Kathy, is a plantaholic with collections of many different species, including hemerocallis. She gave an amusing talk on the nature of being a collector/addict and just nailed the stages of our "plant addiction". I was actually squirming a bit uncomfortably in my seat by the end of the talk because she was so accurate.

Two other presentations that stood out for me were not about daylilies at all. One was by Canadian Mike Georges who enlightened us about vermiculture or the science of turning cardboard and food scraps into nutrient rich compost by allowing worms to do all the work. It looked easy and do-able. I might even try it myself if I can't find our regional Worm Poop (an actual commercial product) on sale. Mike has a distinctly quirky sense of humor—very dry and understated. He has also hybridized some lovely intros such as NOT NAMED AFTER MY WIFE LINDA, which we got to see the previous evening. The second presentation was by our own MTDS plant geek and rising star, Lucas Holman. Lucas is a high school agriculture teacher who has a deep appreciation of all types of plants. He gave an excellent presentation on some unusual shrubs and perennials some of which he and his students are propagating in the high school green house. I'm going to make a point to attend that sale this spring!

Rich Rosen, Rich Howard and Jeff Corbett each gave us wonderful trips to gardens and greenhouses as near as Kentucky and as far away as California. We saw so many beautiful faces, so many great plants both registered and seedlings. Charles and Heidi Douglas gave a really fun presentation playing off each other and showcasing their introductions. The auctions were lively with lots of very desirable plants to bid on. With Nikki Schmith and Heidi Douglas among the auctioneers you know we had a hoot! Thanks to all who contributed and the generous folks who bought them! It helped to make the MWS a success.

From a personal view, I got to meet and greet old friends and new. It was fun to put faces to the names of my fellow robins like Dave and Doris Bishop and Maureen Strong. I got to renew my acquaintance with Nikki Schmith, Debbie Monbeck and others and hang out with my buds from MTDS. It was providential that I rode down from Murfreesboro with Nancy Ligon as when we got to the hotel I realized I had forgotten my purse. I had no ID, no cash and no credit card! Nancy was kind enough to pay for my room and lend me money. Others offered to help too. I had to borrow a comb and go without lipstick (had chapstick in my pocket --could NOT have gone without that!) but everything else was packed in my suitcase so I was good to go. Oddly, as if to make up for the snafu, I won not one but two drawings over the weekend-- a bottle of wine and the new Hosta Encyclopedia. Additionally I came home from the MWS with two more daylilies after Jack Alexander funded my addiction and covered me at the auction. What better friends can a gal have?

So if you missed the Mid-Winter Symposium, you really missed a great time. Think about it next year when it comes around and be sure to sign up. It really breaks the winter doldrums and signals that there is hope for spring. Details will be announced on the AHS website in the future.

AHS Region 10 Meeting and Garden Tours Update



- Theme:** “Boots and Bloomers” The registration fee is \$125 per person for the weekend and includes Exhibition and Garden Judge Clinics, Speakers Friday and Saturday nights, Daylily Auction, All-day Garden Tours on Saturday.
- Hotel:** The hotel chosen for the Regional is the Preston Hotel, 733 Briley Pkwy, Nashville, TN 37217. The hotel rate is \$99 per night.
- Speakers:** Margo Reed and Jim Murphy – Margo has registered almost 100 cultivars, and about 20 of them have won awards (mostly HMs). In 2013, Margo was awarded the A.H.S. Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for excellence in hybridizing. Jim Murphy works a real job as a Landscape Supervisor at The University of Virginia. His goals for hybridizing are many, but the most important are: Breeding for the total plant: for northern hardiness, high bud count, multiple branching, complete sun fastness, and vigorous growth in average garden conditions.
- “Boot-ique”:** “Bloomer’s Boot-ique” is an area set aside at the hotel for a silent auction of daylilies and other items which may be sold or included in the silent auction. Proceeds from the Bloomer’s Boot-ique go to MTDS and offset costs of hosting the Region.
- Gardens:** The gardens planned for the 2015 Regional include Larry Brown, Joyce Sweeton, John Douglas, Greg Zapel and Bud Coltharp.
- Buses:** Two buses have been reserved using Opryland as our vendor, the same vendor as used for the 2009 regional. Bus Captains have been identified.
- Bus Routes:** Two separate bus routes are planned and the buses will not be at lunch at the same time.
- Food:** In addition to hosting his garden, Greg Zapel has volunteered to be responsible for the lunch for this event. The current plan is for grilled burgers.
- Auction:** Action is underway to finalize the plants that will be available for the auction. Requests to clubs in the region and to hybridizers have been made and follow-up will continue.
- Welcome Bags:** The logo that will be used and printed on the carry bags is in the final stages of completion. One company has already agreed to provide a number of promotional items and efforts continue to acquire items for the registrants.

AHS Region 10 Meeting and Garden Tours Update – Cont.

VOLUNTEERS: As the Regional gets closer, lots of opportunities exist for those willing to help. Some tasks not only need helpers but people willing to be a point person for that area. Some areas that need volunteers are:

Registration and Welcome – Workers will be needed throughout the day on Friday to welcome those arriving, assist at the registration table, handout welcome bags, answer questions, direct people to clinics, etc. Board Contact: Sandra Merritt

Welcome Bags – Volunteers will be needed to work on getting items donated for the bags and in getting the bags filled and ready for the registrants. Board Contacts: Sandra Merritt and Pam Fote

Bloomer's Boot-ique –workers are needed to acquire/create garden items, display them in the area, work in the Boot-ique, tabulate the silent auction results and collect proceeds, etc. etc. Board Contacts: Penny Warren and Kate Patrick

Auction – Workers will be needed to help in organizing plants that come in on Friday to be auctioned. At the night of the auction, spotters will be needed to identify bidders and runners will be needed to deliver plants to the winner. Board Contact: Pam Fote

Garden Guides – Workers will be needed in each garden as guests arrive for the tour. The host can only be one place at a time. People will be needed to make people feel welcome in the garden. Gardens often have light refreshments and extra hands are needed for this or to help out answering questions or keeping people from rambling through the house, etc. Board Contact: Jay Turman

Lunch Servers – At the lunch location, lots of hot, hungry people will be looking to eat lunch at about the same time. Volunteers will be needed to assist in serving meals, picking up after people and making sure that lunch is a pleasant experience for people. Board Contact: Ellyn Wilbur

Garden Helpers - A lot of work goes into hosting a garden. Often the week before the tour there are more things to get done than there is time. Weeds pop up on Thursday through the thickest mulch. A Shade tent may need to go up, etc. People may want to volunteer to help out with activities that assist hosts in getting their garden ready. Some hosts may not want assistance but others may welcome it. Board Contact: David Wilbur

Decorations – Table decorations and other miscellaneous areas will be needed to coordinate with the “Boots and Bloomers” theme. Board Contact: Kate Patrick

Open Gardens – In addition to the official tour gardens, some guests can't get enough daylilies and like to visit open gardens on Friday or Sunday. Having your garden open on those days is a great volunteer opportunity. Board Contact: Jack Alexander

Other - If you think of other ways to help, make a suggestion and jump in.

To make it easy on you, you may complete a volunteer form which has a sign-up for each category and give it to a board member or email it to Jack Alexander or David Wilbur.



I would like to volunteer to help in the Region 10 Meeting and Garden Tours in the following areas(s) (Select as many as you want):

- Registration and Welcome
- Welcome Bags
- Bloomer's Boot-ique
- Auction
- Garden Guides
- Lunch Servers
- Garden Helpers
- Decorations
- Open Gardens
- Exhibition Judge Clinic II Flowers
- Other
- I just want to help. I volunteer for whatever is needed.

Name

Email/Phone

Send form to:
ixander@aol.com or
DavidWilbur@Comcast.net

Yearbook

(yîr'boōk')

n.

1. A documentary, memorial, or historical book published every year, containing information about the previous year.
2. A usually bound publication compiled by the graduating class of a school or college, recording the year's events and typically containing photographs of students and faculty.

Update

(ŭp-dāt')

tr.v. up·dat·ed, up·dat·ing, up·dates

1. To alter so as to be up to date: update a textbook; update the files.
2. To inform (someone) with the latest information.

n. (ŭp'dāt')

1. Information that updates something or someone.
2. The act or an instance of bringing something or someone up to date.
3. An updated version of something.

Plans are underway to complete the 2015 Yearbook and have this book available by March 14, weather permitting.



Do not forget to set your clocks forward this weekend and let's get some Spring weather, quickly!!