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The President's Corner



Daylily Season is almost here! As we go from looking forward to that first bloom on into the hot days of

summer, it is always an exciting time and this year is no exception.

The CAP meeting is our next event on May 12 and Pam Fote has done an outstanding job (as usual) in managing this program. We have a lot of incredible plants coming back for the CAP auction and those eligible for CAP plants will receive some outstanding new cultivars. In addition, for those who bought plants at the March auction with Charles and Heidi Douglas, those plants will be delivered at the meeting. This is always a "can't miss" meeting so I hope everyone will be there.

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What's Coming Up in 2015?

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**

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: Connell Memorial United Methodist Church
113 Church St. Goodlettsville, TN.
Program: **Lucas Holman**

December 5th Saturday 11:00 AM

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

The President's Corner - continued

On the heels of the CAP meeting, MTDS will have a booth at the Urban Garden Festival at Ellington on May 16. This is a low key but fun event to educate the public on the beauty of daylilies and sell a few plants. There are still some spots available if you would like to work that day. And then on June 19-20, we host the Region 10 Summer Meeting and Garden Tours. Now is the time to register for this event. **A copy of the registration form is included in this month's newsletter.**

There are some really terrific gardens on tour with lots of daylilies to add to your "wish list" and great events in the evenings with excellent hybridizers, Margo Reed and Jim Murphy, and a plant auction with some of the newest introductions at bargain prices. In addition, there will be a "boot-tique" filled with great things and Clinics for Exhibition and Garden Judging. It should be a wonderful weekend to show the other clubs in the Region our "Boots and Bloomers"!

Thank You Jay Turman – David Wilbur



For those of you who may not know, our "Boots and Bloomers" logo for this year's AHS Region 10 Meeting and Garden Tours is just one of many creative illustrations from the mind and hands of Mr. Jay Turman. You will remember the illustration for the MTDS 25th Anniversary. That was also created by Jay. You may not know this, but many of the illustrations over the years, on the covers of the yearbook, were also developed by Jay. It is for those reasons that I wish to say "thank you Jay for the countless hours you give to MTDS."

The traditional signs of spring – Kate Patrick

The traditional signs of spring are all very well, things like daffodils, forsythia and the proverbial return of the robins, but for me the truest sign of spring is the aroma of wild onions permeating the air as I tug on early weeds. There is nothing like that hot, pungent odor to let me know spring has finally arrived and the earth is warming enough to stimulate those thousands of tiny bulblets hidden in every daylily clump in the garden. When the ground is moist I have better luck pulling them and can even lift entire clumps, but as the season progresses they seem to root in more deeply and break off annoyingly in my hand. I comb over the beds again and again and there are always several large onions poking up that I have magically missed in all my previous visits. I wage a constant battle in the beds while my husband rockets by on the lawn mower pulverizing the tops of the onions in the lawn and filling the air with their eye-watering scent.

Fragrance carries us through spring as the weather warms and the ground thaws out again. Another not-so-nice odor I have come to associate with spring is the funky smell of Milorganite after the rain. I use this as a deer-deterrent, spreading two good handfuls on the crown of each daylily just as they begin to show green. Milorganite is processed, pelletized sewage sludge from the city of Milwaukee and smells exactly as it ought to. For a couple of weeks after the initial application I try not to breathe deeply as I walk through the garden admiring the spring growth. It rather spoils things a bit but so would having all my plants gnawed by deer. So far it seems to have helped. The deer don't appear to like it any more than I do, thank goodness.

There are some marvelous fragrances associated with spring. One of my favorites is the scent of the white crabapples trees in my back garden. They are quite large now as they were planted maybe thirty-five years ago. Their scent ambushes me as I walk out to the barn to feed the cats in the evening. Usually I have been watching the pink buds form and anxiously waiting for them to open, but for some reason they choose the evening to begin spreading their fragrance on the air. The

blooms themselves are white when fully open, like a late season snow. I bury my face in a low hanging branch and inhale. Their perfume is spicy like cloves with an undertone of fresh earth and just a note of spring rain. I try to commit it to memory but next year I will be just as surprised by it.

Next to the crabapple trees is a Carolina jessamine vine growing on a trellis. I got a start of it from a neighbor in Nashville where I used to live and now it grows rampantly over my garage if I let it. It is covered with delightful butter-yellow bell shaped flowers in the spring and is truly a joy to behold. The interesting thing about the fragrance is that it is almost exactly like that of Johnson's baby powder. On a still, damp morning it will fill the back garden with that sweet scent that carries me back to memories of my son newly bathed and cleanly diapered.

Our sense of smell is like our own private time machine. Odors can evoke strong emotions in us and take us directly to times and places in our earlier years that we have long forgotten. Interestingly our sense of smell is directly connected to the limbic system, that part of our brain that processes both memory and feeling. Memories associated with odors that stem from very early childhood years are particularly evocative. Thus a particular odor may stir a strong reaction in us on an emotional level without our realizing it. I get a whiff of summer rain on the hot pavement and suddenly I am seven again, riding my bike home to beat the storm. I smell bread baking and I am in my grandmother's kitchen where it is warm and safe. The smell takes us directly there in a way ordinary memory cannot. We experience the feelings those original scents were associated with. So what does all this have to do with your garden? Just that it adds another dimension of experience that can enhance your time out there whether the daylilies are blooming or not. You have surely heard of the expression of "taking time to smell the roses"? Just take time to "smell the daylilies" (fragrant or not) this summer and add another layer of enjoyment to your gardening hobby.

Boots and Bloomers” - June 19-20, 2015

The Region 10 Summer Meeting & Garden Tours

GARDNER COTTAGE

Larry Brown and Todd Cantrell



Located in the “Little Hollywood” section of East Nashville’s Historic Lockeland Springs, Gardner Cottage was built in 1932 and was home to the Gardner family until the 1980’s. The current owners, Larry Brown and Todd Cantrell, purchased the property in 2006, saving it from urban infill. In 2008, the only remaining living member of the original Gardner family visited the garden and explained that her mother was an avid gardener and filled the yard with a variety of flowers and shrubs. Larry and Todd enjoy gardening in the same spaces as the previous owners.

The garden is loaded with over 300 named varieties of daylilies from such hybridizers as Judy Davisson, Curt Hanson, and Jamie Gossard. Sun loving perennials, such as Maltese Cross, Brazilian Verbena, Asiatic Lilies, Salvias, Sneezeweed, Phlox, Globe Thistle, Asters, Veronica, Bee Balm, False Indigo, Coneflowers, and Black-Eyed Susan, share space with the daylilies. The owner is also starting a small hybridizing program and has some beds devoted to these seedlings.

The property also features a small shade garden with a collection of hostas, Japanese maples, and other shade loving perennials.

You are invited to stroll through the garden, listen to the water feature, or just sit and relax among the flowers and trees.

SWEETON DAYLILIES

Joyce and Jimmy Sweeton



Some years ago, my daughter Penny and her family took us to a Middle Tennessee Daylily Society Club sale at Cheekwood, in Nashville. I bought several daylilies there and soon after joined the Club! I was hooked on daylilies.

Gardening is fascinating to begin with, and it becomes doubly so when you stumble across something unique and different. I had no idea that daylilies could be so unique and engaging. Growing up in the South, I was very familiar with the common daylilies, also known as ditch lilies. But upon discovering that these delightful flowers also came in most every color of the rainbow, including my favorite purple, a simple love of things that grow became an obsession with daylilies. And not only colors, but shapes and sizes that amaze and delight: spiders and doubles and unusual forms. How do you choose among so many wonderful plants? You don't. You just push out the boundaries of the garden you once had and welcome all comers. More beds, bigger beds, exciting new introductions, more focus on lilies, more obsession with these hemerocallis cultivars.

While helping me plant and make name tags for all of my new daylilies, my family would often tease me about having too many purples. As if you could have too many! I just tell them that while daylilies like 'Green Revolution', 'Rich In Mercy' and 'God Save The Queen' are in the purple family, they are nothing alike!

1500 different cultivars later, the hardest job is to find a place for my other favorite perennials so the garden can bloom all summer long. That way the butterflies and hummingbirds enjoy visiting through the season.

And what will you see in my garden? Older daylilies which are still my favorites: 'Ron Valente', 'Butter Pecan', 'Vertical Horizon', 'Ellis Powell', 'Victorian Lace'. You'll see introductions and collections from my favorite hybridizers Pat Stamile and Karol Emmerich. How about unique and different non-daylilies? Clematis vines, Oak Leaf Hydrangeas, Phlox, Bee Balm, Lenten Roses, Iris, Daffodils, Butterfly bushes, and even Honeysuckle (because gardeners will do anything for butterflies and hummingbirds!)

Lately, I seem to be on a red kick. A new bed of red shades was started a couple of years ago with many of Pat Stamile's and David Kirchhoff's great offerings. Can't wait for you to see these. I look forward to your visit.

WINDSONG GARDEN

John Douglass and Leslie Matthews



When you enter our driveway, can you imagine what it was like 30 years ago, covered in brush honeysuckle and more than 50 trees obscuring the house? Thanks to the vision of Marshall Allen and Sarah Scott for helping us create what you see as you tour our gardens.

We are blessed to have many varied areas of sun and shade throughout our yard and we strive to have something in bloom all season from February until frost.

To the right as you enter the driveway is one of the newest gardens created especially for our ever growing collections of daylilies. Hostas are present on the left of the drive, our “point” garden.

Daylilies and perennials line the drive on the left after the hosta garden.

All gardeners know that our “hobby” is a moving target as a result of Nature. A major change came in 2013 when, as a result of decline due to Shade Tree Borers, the largest Maple tree in our yard had to be removed. Under its canopy of shade was a large hosta garden located in the front of the house. Marshall Allen and his crew put a frame with shade cloth over the entire bed until our new tree, an Allee Elm, could reach size to cover with shade.

Enter the backyard on a walkway that separates two berms. The berm on the right features a pond with cool dark shade perennials and native woodland wildflowers as well as open sun and full sun perennials. On the left are hydrangeas, surprise lilies, daylilies, hostas and dogwoods. The berm against the fence is covered with Nellie Stevens Holly and large hostas. The back garden has a patio, water feature, and is an ever changing display of wildflowers, ferns, hostas, daylilies, toad lilies, hydrangeas, chelones, and a variety of shade perennials. Daylilies are the primary focus as you enter the backyard from any direction, especially next to the house and by the pond.

We have created an environment for serenity and relaxation that welcomes all who spend time in our yard.

Wind and song are present anytime in these gardens. Come and enjoy with us. Welcome.

THE ZAPEL GARDEN

Greg and Arnette Zapel



Ahh!!! Columbia, Tennessee, home to James K. Polk, 11th President of the United States and home to Mama Nett's Daylily Garden (which I personally am most fond of). I have been interested in gardening ever since I was a kid but I guess I came by it genetically, as my great grandfather was one of the first to design some of the largest gardens in Chicago. In June of 1999, Arnette and I moved to Columbia, TN, and started building our own little backyard paradise. We had all sorts of Spirea, Chaste Trees, Magnolia, Iris, Crepe Myrtle, Cone Flowers, and a nice sized pond where the frogs are a plenty. I had always had a few daylilies in the garden but I wanted new and different looks rather than Stellas. I was introduced to a gentleman in Lawrenceburg, TN, Willie Markus, who sold me about \$200.00 worth of daylilies and then the onslaught began. I WAS HOOKED! Today our garden consists of approximately 1000 varieties of daylilies. Lots of hybridizers are featured, including John Rice, Curt Hanson, Jamie Gossard, Phil Reilly, Rick Youst, Judy Davisson, Don Eller and Luddy Lambertson, just to name a few.

We moved here 5 years ago this July from our old garden in Habersham. We have a little over 5.45 acres now compared to the .9 acres we had before. Special features include a 22 x 25 foot pond that is 5 feet deep in areas and a few water features mixed throughout the landscape. The original garden is about 100 x 125 fenced in area but has expanded to another 50 x 100 foot area for newer plants and seedlings. We also raise blackberries and have just planted some peach and apple trees last year. Tomatoes are always on the agenda in that garden and are a staple around here in the summertime. Seems like everyone loves the old barn on the property also and I do have an assortment of Louisiana Iris in a few beds at the pond.

We welcome all the Region 10 members and others to our garden and hope you all enjoy it as much as we do. Oh, and by the way, John Rice's beautiful cultivar 'Arnette Zapel' will hopefully be in full bloom for you all to see.



AHS REGION 10 SUMMER MEETING AND GARDEN TOURS

“Boots and Bloomers”

June 19-20, 2015

Hosted by the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society

Headquarters: Hotel Preston, 733 Briley Pkwy, Nashville, TN 37217

REGISTRATION FORM:

Name(s) _____
(List names as you would like them to appear on your nametags)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ EMail _____

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR CLINICS/WORKSHOPS:

Exhibition Judges Clinics:

Clinic I _____ Clinic II _____ Clinic III _____

Garden Judges Workshops:

Workshop 1 _____ Workshop 2 _____

If no one registers for a particular clinic by June 9, 2015, that Clinic will not be held.

There is a \$5.00 fee for credit and a \$3.00 fee to audit the clinics/workshops. The Judges handbook should be reviewed prior to the clinic and is available at www.daylilies.org by choosing the Judges tab.

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$125.00 – Per Person \$80.00 – Youth

Enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to:

Middle Tennessee Daylily Society

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

Sandra Merritt

4323 Sneed Rd, Nashville TN 37215

615.297.5132 sesmerritt@comcast.net

HOTEL: Hotel Preston
733 Briley Pkwy
Nashville, TN 37217
615.361.5900
Room rate: \$99.00

**Mention: AHS Region 10 Daylily Meeting
Reservation Deadline – May 27, 2015**

PLANT DONATIONS FOR AUCTION:

(Value of \$50.00 and above)

Contact: Pam Fote, 104 Countryside Dr
Hendersonville, TN 37075
Sep9virgo@aol.com

____ I will donate plants for the auction.

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015

9:30 am **Exhibition Judges Clinic**
10:00 am **Registration Begins**
11:00 am **Garden Judges Workshop II**
1:30 pm **Exhibition Judges Clinic II & III**
2:30 pm **Garden Judges Workshop I**
5:00 pm **Hospitality- On your own**
5:30 pm **Dinner**
6:30 pm **Region 10 Business Meeting**
7:00 pm **Speaker Presentation: Jim Murphy**
7:45 pm **Region 10 Plant Auction**

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015

7:30 am **Bus departs for Garden tour.**
1) Sweeton Daylilies 2) Zapel Garden
3) Brown Garden 4) Douglass Garden,
Lunch at Zapel Garden
4:30 pm **Bus returns to hotel**
6:00 pm **Hospitality**
6:30 pm **Region 10 Banquet and Awards**
7:30 pm **Speaker: Margo Reed**
8:30 pm **Region 10 Plant Auction**

For More Information, Contact Jack Alexander – E-mail – Jxander@aol.com

Donations Items for the Bags

If you have or can obtain items for the bags that will be given to those attending the AHS Region 10 Summer Meeting and Garden Tours, we would appreciate having you bring them to the Tuesday, May 12 meeting.

Open Gardens during the AHS Region 10 Summer Meeting and Garden Tours

If you would like to have your garden on the list of “Open Gardens” during this year’s AHS Region 10 Summer Meeting and garden Tours, please contact Jack Alexander at jxander@aol.com.

Silent Auction at the AHS Region 10 Summer Meeting and Garden Tours

We are also collecting “garden/gardening” items for the silent auction. One item that always does well are bare root daylilies. When donating bare root daylilies, please make sure they are washed, cleaned and packed ready for the auction.

If you have items that you would like to donate, please contact Emily Robertson at (615) 794-5143.