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'Green Tea' (Murphy-J.P., 2019)

Photo by Julie Covington.



From the Editor's Desk

By Kathy Jentz, Region 3 Newsletter Editor

With this issue of *Fanfare*, I am looking forward to the holiday season and Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away as I write this.

I've heard some talk show commenters say that Thanksgiving is just about the turkey or it is "just a big family meal." They are somehow missing the harvest origins of this holiday and I attribute that to our growing green blindness in our modern culture and disconnection with our agricultural roots.

This holiday above all others should be celebrated by gardeners of all kinds. If you grow food especially, this about giving thanks for the harvest bounty. I want to thank my little vegetable plot at a local community garden for providing me with an abundance of zucchini, peppers, green salads, radishes, carrots, potatoes, and blackberries. My two little blackberry shrubs in particular are a lesson in abundance—producing enough berries for several weeks for me to snack on, freeze for pies this winter, and gift to others.

Giftng to others is especially a wonderful thing to do with our excess garden bounty. Our community garden does a harvest share collection each month, but in addition I will offer extra bouquets of cut flowers and herbs to my local buy nothing groups and neighborhood lists.

I also dig and divide plants and collect seeds for several plant swaps and seed exchanges. I'm grateful for my home garden being able to provide these extra plants in abundance.

I'm also grateful for a mild winter and though the past summer was a dry one, for the rains we do get.

My garden's abundance gives me story ideas and flowers to photograph and video. It lets me experience the seasons and changes in the weather. It teaches me patience and shows me how to be humble.

When my garden is lacking in something, I am grateful for the many public gardens in my area that I can visit and use for research, photograph, and talk to their expert staff.

I'm grateful for fellow garden club members who share their time and friendship as well as their plant knowledge and advice.

Finally, I'm grateful for good health and being able to continue gardening and sharing that joy on with others.

As always, I welcome your submissions and ideas for this publication. This is YOUR Region and your input is very much valued. You can reach me at kathyjentz@gmail.com.

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The garden of Tena Felts was open for attendees of the Summer Region 3 Meeting. Photo by Rhonda Veroeven.



Regional President Report

By Jennifer Reed, Region 3 President

Hello my dear daylily friends!

I must start with a huge **Thank You** to all of you who joined us for the fun and festivities here in Tidewater for the summer regional. Getting to share the peace and serenity of my garden as well as a few Orange Crushes with all of you was a true blessing.

I also want to thank the Northern Virginia Daylily Society for volunteering to host the 2024 Region 3 summer meeting on June 28-30, 2024. It is such a great way to spend time with daylily friends, visit some amazing gardens, and think about which cultivars to vote for awards.

I just became a Garden Judge this year and can't wait to look at the plants that are up for the Stout and other awards. As my job as a breast surgeon generally tends to pull all of my natural energy, spending time with many of you at Lilyhemmer is something I look forward to every year to restore my energy. If you have never been, you really are missing out on a great time, as well as a great auction to get some of the latest and greatest—and meet the most amazing people.

I also wanted to let you all know that Tidewater is seriously considering hosting the 2027 ADS National Convention. That being said, I think we will need the help of the entire region, as it is a BIG undertaking, with many great rewards, but probably more headaches. I will soon be asking many of you to send seedlings to propagate the seedling bed and any other plants you want widely distributed in this area to be shown off at a national. I will also need assistance because many of our members are getting older and we may need help as we are nearing the national meeting with plants, digging, deadheading, and many other tasks. If any of you are interested or willing to help, please let me know as I think as time goes on doing a National meeting is going to be a Regional undertaking, not a Club undertaking.

Thank you all for your love and support for overlooking the errors I have made as President and focusing on all of the fun we have together. I may not be the best organizer and may not be attentive to all the little details, but I will try to surround myself with those who have strengths in these fields and fill you with my excitement and joy over the amazing flowers that we all love.

With love as always,
"Queen Bee"
Jen Reed

Jen's special hybridizing apron created by her seamstress mother was photographed by Michelle Bingham.





Regional Director's Report

By Rich Crider, Region 3 Director

Update from the ADS Board:

The fall American Daylily Society (ADS) Board Meeting was busy and productive. The Board considered many items and voted on a number of awards. The Board approved several actions that are important to general membership. Due to space, I'll briefly summarize them below. More information on each will be available through various channels, including the *Journal*, Facebook, the ADS website, as well as email communications.

Region 3 is proud to be home to FOUR (4) **Honorable Mention Awards** this year. Congratulations to Jim Murphy who received one for 'Green Tea' and another for 'Jefferson's Legacy'. Don Herr also received two awards, one for 'Golly Poly' and the other for 'Fours Are Wild'. Congratulations, again, on the outstanding hybridizing efforts.

An updated version of **Double Daylilies: Twice the Possibilities** is being finalized and should be available in time for the holidays. This ADS publication is devoted solely to the double daylily form. This definitive guide to double daylilies will be available on Amazon. More details to follow.

Plans are under way for **ADS conventions** through 2026. Once again, this coming year, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will host us for all the standard events, which don't forget, includes six gardens over two days. Those who register by December 31 will be entered into a drawing for three FREE nights in the host hotel. Spaces are filling up fast, so don't delay. In 2025, the convention will move to Seattle, Washington. Valdosta, Georgia, will be hosting us in 2026.

It is time to renew **ADS Display Gardens**. If you haven't done so by now, please contact Sue Hill right away. Display gardens are a vital part of ADS and provide the opportunity for not only the garden judges but also the general public to see the best we have to offer.

Duties for the **ADS website** and portal have been combined. This should eliminate some of the issues we have had with outdated material, duplicate material, etc. Please contact the webmaster at webmaster@daylilies.org if you notice anything that needs to be updated or added.

The **100 Giving \$100 campaign** returns in 2024 with an opportunity to support the ADS general fund and receive a custom, limited edition lapel pin. There are only 100 pins available, so get in early. There is also an added bonus to mention—those participating in 2024 will also receive a FREE copy of **The Open Form Daylily** book. For anyone wishing to contribute less than \$100, the **I'm In** campaign allows you to show your support with any denomination amount you are most comfortable with.

For the first time in 12 years, **ADS membership dues will be increasing in 2024**. During the past 12 years, production expenses have increased considerably. This 20% increase impacts all levels of membership for renewals purchased after January 1, 2024. Renewals and new memberships purchased before December 31 remain at the current rates.

As always, if you have any questions about ADS, how things work, or any general inquiries, please let me know. If there is anything you would like addressed at the national level, please let me know as soon as possible. Our summer board meeting will be held during the national convention in Oklahoma City.



Daylilies in the 'DMV'

Region 3 Summer Meeting • June 28-30, 2024
Save the date for a weekend of drive-yourself garden tours hosted by the Northern Virginia Daylily Society.

By Kathleen Schloeder

Mark your calendars now for the Region 3 Summer Meeting on June 28-30, 2024, being hosted by the Northern Virginia Daylily Society (NVDS). The headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn Alexandria – Carlyle located at 2460 Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria, VA, with a room rate of \$169 plus tax that includes free parking. The hotel is right off the I-495 Beltway and near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge connecting Virginia and Maryland. The Eisenhower Avenue Metro Station is a short walk from the hotel if you want to do some sightseeing in Old Town Alexandria or Washington, DC. The registration form will be posted on the Region 3 website by early January with information on making hotel reservations.

There are five gardens to tour at your own pace, and you will be free to visit them on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. This will be a drive yourself tour. With three gardens in Maryland and two in Virginia, the headquarters hotel is conveniently located for you to travel in either direction. On Saturday, there will be a business meeting, banquet and auction at the hotel in the late afternoon and evening. A list of other gardens not in the immediate area but possibly on your travel route is under development - let us know if you want to be listed. A Garden Judges Workshop 2 will be held at Faith Bange's garden during the regional on a day to be announced.

NVDS is a small club and needs support from the region to put this on with things like registration, the auction and counting awards. Other examples of where extra hands would be most appreciated are: picking up potted auction plants and taking them to the hotel on Saturday; handing out registration packets at the hotel; donating registration or auction plants. The details and logistics are still being drafted so there may be other things that we need to staff, such as a raffle or silent auction.

Please let us know how you can help or if you can donate plants to the auction. Contact Kathleen Schloeder at kschloeder@comcast.net or 703-671-6635 or Janice Kennedy at jbkennedy@verizon.net or 703-534-7729.



Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Vienna, VA

With large clumps of over 550 daylilies in their collection, peak bloom at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is a real treat. Highlights include complete collections of the Stout and Lenington award winners, a Region 3 hybridizers bed, and two display beds illustrating the 'History of Hybridizing' from the species to the current decade. There are many other areas to explore within Meadowlark's 95-acre site. Admission is covered by your registration fee.



***Janice Kennedy/Kennedy-Cochenour Daylilies
Falls Church, VA***

Janice grows over 700 registered daylilies and several hundred seedlings on a small city lot with a legacy collection of Pat Cochenour's daylilies and her own introductions. Many small and miniature daylilies are on display as well as polymorous and unusual forms. Perennials such as peonies, clematis, lilies, echinacea, salvia, and stokesia are interspersed in the daylily beds. Containers planted with miniature hostas and decorated with clay houses are found in the shadier parts of the garden.



***Ellen Brous
Beverly Beach, MD***

Ellen designed the layout of the flowerbeds of this small suburban garden and does all the plant selection, labeling, placement and maintenance. Along with over 980 different varieties of hybrid daylilies dating from 1897 to the present, it includes many other perennials, ornamental trees and shrubs. Ellen collects double daylilies and has three named for her. Come enjoy the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay, while feeling the bay breezes and relaxing in this peaceful awe inspiring garden.



***Faith Bange
Davidsonville, MD***

The Bange Garden consists of about 3/4 acre of horticultural plantings. Approximately 1,000 daylily cultivars are interspersed in the 33 beds of plants. The garden also contains hosta, hellebores, ferns, specimen trees, liliiums, flowering shrubs -- just about every plant that grows in our region. Miniature daylilies surround the pond filled with orange and multi-colored carp. There are paths to meander along and benches to sit on while taking in all the beauty of the garden.



***Chris von Kohn and Curtis Cerillo/BlueCreek
Daylily Garden, Owings, MD***

BlueCreek Daylily Garden is a collaborative effort between two current daylily hybridizers. Merging two distinct programs, Chris von Kohn and Curtis Cerillo began building this garden in the spring of 2021. The new garden features rows of daylily seedlings, hybridizer bridge plants, a small species collection, and an ever growing/changing collection of registered daylilies used for hybridizing. Come enjoy the space we've created in three short years, and see 2,000 new seedlings blooming for the first time.

Season Extenders

By Jim Murphy

We had a good daylily season in general. We were able to attend the National and Region 3 conventions, where we saw many gardens with many daylilies and other plants. Our favorite garden was Bill and Linda Pinkham's garden in Smithfield, Virginia. It is on a river very close to the Chesapeake Bay. The river there looks like a bay. They are eclectic plant collectors and do everything big and well. All of the Tidewater Virginia gardens were looking fabulous last summer at the Region 3 summer meeting.

Our gardens were fine this year despite significant drought. We have had 2 inches of rain since June! We are fortunate to have the ability to water when needed—25,000 or so seedlings and over 800 registered cultivars are happy about that.

I am really thinking about the late-flowering cultivars and seedlings currently. We have three main kinds: very late bloomers, bud builders, and rebloomers. There are more rebloomers here than ever before. Part of this is intentional, and part is that we have had warmer winters lately. In addition, we do not let our garden go completely droughty dry.

Late and Very Late bloomers that were great here this year:

We have many, and these were the notable ones. I did not include any of my new ones.

- 'Barbara' (Sheets 1965) generally the champion, blooms until freeze.
- 'Poison Ivory' (Murphy) a cream that really blooms a long time and then bud builds.
- 'Charleston Autumn Moonlight' by Whiteside-Kroemer-Wuersch. A very late and tall yellow that blooms until a freeze.
- 'Charleston Autumn Bronze' by the same breeders as above. A very late yellow/gold/bronze. Also blooms until it freezes.
- 'Autumn Queen' (M Weber 2018). Exceedingly tall and small, with trumpet-form yellow, fragrant blooms on scapes with up to 8-way branching. Blooms until freeze. Bud builds. Doesn't fall over. He gifted me this and the two previous. I might list them for sale at a

cheap price next year. I think them valuable, if old fashioned.

- 'Autumn Minaret' (Stout 1951). The queen of the late garden.

Bud Builders of Note:

- 'Barbara' — of course
- 'Following Seas' (Murphy). It is really reliable at moderate bud building and giant prolifs. Many bud builders are light colors. This is not.
- 'Stingray Point' (Murphy). It is very tall, mid-season, but has fantastic branching, bud count, and scapes, and bud builds until September 15 or so. Lemon cream with a jagged red black eye. [Pictured at left.]
- 'Dances with Dragons' (Reed) also extends the season with bud building.



Rebloomers:

Of course, the further north you go, the less rebloom you will see, except perhaps 'Stella De Oro' and related plants. That said, with generally warmer temperatures recently for most of us, why not try a rebloomer. For years we had about 1% reliable rebloom. Now about 5%. This is partly due to a longer season, partly our plant selection, and partly also water. If you water, you will have better scapes, and longer bloom; in addition, more rebloom.

- 'Cheerful Thought' (Burkey 1987). It blooms the first week of May with medium-sized, bright gold blooms. It is the first daylily to bloom in our garden in the spring! Then no bloom all summer, until September, when a FULL rebloom happens. Then October, another FULL rebloom happens, with branching and high bud count. That is a daylily.
- 'Trail of Jewels' (Reed). Delightful bright rose-pink large blooms with two reblooms here.
- 'Garden Ghost' (Murphy). Cream UF with reliable late rebloom.
- 'Flying in Time' (Reed). Orchid Lavender ruffled pattern. Late rebloom.
- 'Helicopter' (Huben). Getting a lot of northern airplay about multiple reblooms. It blooms about four

times here. It still had scapes with buds and blooms in November.

- 'Alina' (Huben). Very small-statured plant. Cream-white UF. It blooms 4 to 6 times here! Blooms 4–5 times in Maryland. 3 times in a dry garden near us in Virginia. I think that it deserves awards.
- 'Listen To Me' (Murphy). A light yellow with a pattern that blooms 3–4 times here and the same or more in Maryland. Rapid increase is part of the rebloom process.
- 'North Garden Vision' (Murphy). Dark-rose with cream midribs. Striking colors. RELIABLE late/very late rebloom.
- 'North Garden Chief' (Murphy). Red UF. Reliable very late rebloom.
- 'Light As Air' (Reed). Lavender/purple with watermark and cream throat. Lighter colors when it reblooms in September and October in cooler weather.
- 'Chamberlain's Charge' (Tom Smoulder 2022). This is a club plant here that I want to keep! Fantastic light gold with a huge red eye. Tet. Rebloomed last year as a new double fan. Rebloomed 2–3 times this year. I would suggest that you buy it. Tom lives in Pennsylvania near Lake Erie (Region 3).
- 'Starfish Prime' (Murphy). Cream with dark eye. Reblooms every September and October.
- 'Raspberry Grin' (Murphy.) Raspberry coloring. The best-branched reblooms in the garden. 4–5 way branching. Very late, reliable rebloom here and elsewhere.
- 'Cardinal Summer' (Murphy). Brilliant dark-red UF with dark red buds. Reliable September/October rebloom here.
- 'Koinonia' (Phil Korth 2020). Tall burgundy bicolor with giant bright green throat. It recurves, so really looks like a green flower with burgundy tips. Reliable TALL rebloom.
- 'Opal Road' (Reed). Cream white with patterned purple eye. Reblooms several times with numerous scapes. The pattern is more striking in the cooler Fall weather.
- 'Amethyst Tears' (Reed). Narrow ruffled purple UF cascade with scattered rebloom.
- 'Lost My Marbles' (Reed). Lavender with patterned eye. Sent up a number of well-branched rebloom scapes. Still trying to bloom in November. That's about all, folks!

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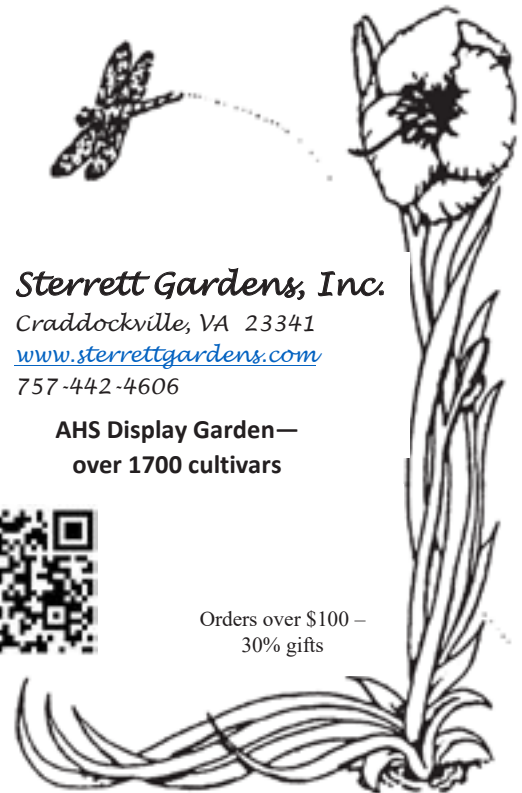
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Club News

Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society—BRADS *No report submitted.*

Charlottesville Daylily Society—ChDC *No report submitted.*



Delaware Valley Daylily Society—DVDS *Report submitted by Beth Creveling.* *Show photos by Rhonda Veroeven.*

DVDS has had a busy year. We started off in January with our annual trade meeting, a fun event attended by about a dozen people. Even though it was small, most of us got lots of great daylilies in trade. Next came our spring luncheon in March, with Curtis Cerillo as our featured speaker. In his presentation he showed us his new farm in Maryland

along with his introductions. In May, we held our plant exchange, where we got together and traded not only daylilies, but perennials, shrubs, tropicals, and more. Lunch was included!

We held our Flower Show at Jenkins Arboretum in Devon this year. Results below:

Section 1: 'Hypatia', Anne Zagarella

Section 2: 'Beth Creveling', Beth Creveling, also Best in Show

Section 3: 'Tactical Cat', Kris and Brian Bender

Section 4: 'Danielle Malesky', Beth Creveling

Section 5: 'Wild Berry Cupcake', Beth Creveling

Section 6: 'Just a Bit Crabby', Anne Zagarella

Section 7: 'Dancing Crab', Anne Zagarella

Seedling: Anne Zagarella

Sweepstakes: Anne Zagarella

Don Herr Award (new): Anne Zagarella

Many of our members participated in open gardens this summer, so there were gardens to view for several weeks.

In August, we held our "Split and no Splash" event, where we prepared plants for our annual sale. We used to hold this event at a member's house with a pool, but today we do it at a park under a pavilion, hence the 'no splash' name. Our sale and auction followed a week later at the Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, and in November our fall luncheon will feature a speaker from The Edge of the Woods who will speak on native plants.

Free State Daylily Society—FSDS *Report submitted by Kathy Buck.*

Once again, Free State Daylily Society had a very productive, busy, and fun 2023 daylily season. We purchased a large variety of new cultivars for our club members to grow for the next couple of years. Our members always look forward to nurturing our new treasures. Our Bloom Show was held in July. Many of our members displayed their lovely blooms and shared many stories about their daylilies. (See pictures on the next page).

Our winners were:

- Mini-Sue and Fred Brisco-Time Tested
- Small-Faith Bange-Color Of Oz
- Large-Charlie Gomer-Here's To You Bill Robinson
- Extra Large-Sue Garmin-Solar Music
Becky Hresko-Cliffjumper
- Double-Joe Mainolfi-Clark Gable
- Spider/UF-Jill Zimmerman-Drew Hoo



• Seedling-Barry and Deb Friedline

Throughout the daylily bloom season, our members held numerous open garden tours. It was very inspirational, educational, and exciting to walk through the gardens as the beauty was “overwhelming and breathtaking.” So many new ideas and daylilies to add to our wish lists. It was good to see our members enjoy sharing their gardens and educating each other about our passion for gardening.

In August, we held our Sale/Auction. A lot of preparation and hard work went into this being a very successful fund-raising event. A big thank you to our members for their hard work and dedication. We were honored to have Rich Crider; Region 3 Director, attend the sale on Saturday.

Our sale on Sunday was more relaxing as we were able to decompress and socialize together. A couple photos are attached.

We now look forward to our Holiday Party and of course, the ongoing planning for 2024.

Garden State Daylily Growers

No report submitted.



NCDC Achievement Medal entries photo by Bruce LeLacheur.

National Capital Daylily Club–NCDC

Report submitted by Kathleen Schloeder.

After a five-year hiatus, the National Capital Daylily Club sponsored an accredited flower show July 2, 2023, at Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, MD. There were around 115 entries on-scape; off-scapes were for education only. Jim Murphy won Best-in-Show with his own cultivar, Ocean Spirit. Faith Bange won the Sweepstakes Rosette as well as Best Large (The Night King) and Best Miniature (Toy Trumpets). Carol and Gregg Savard won Best Double with Laura’s Double Delight. Jim Murphy won Best Extra Large (Chesapeake Light) and Best Small (Fountain of Blood).

Two hybridizers entered the American Hemerocallis Society Achievement Medal section. Janice Kennedy and Jim Murphy have both been awarded Achievement Medals. (See the two winning daylilies on the next page.)

Thanks to our judges Julie Covington, Rich Crider, Linda Herhold, Sara Fogg and Rachel and Elliott Turkiew. The show was chaired by Kathleen Schloeder and co-chair Gregg Savard, with the assistance of Juliet and Tim Blackford, Curtis Cerillo, Sherley Channing, Bruce LeLacheur, Budne Reinke, Carol Savard, Carol Spurrier, and Chris von Kohn. Around 150 members of the public viewed the show.

Northern Virginia Daylily Society–NVDS

Report submitted by Janice Kennedy.

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna, VA, has been an ADS Display Garden since 2007 and is now designated an ADS Historic Display garden with the replacement of all the



My Friend Claude (Kennedy-J., 2023)



daylily markers in 2023 supported by funding from NVDS. On June 28, 2023, ADS President Scott Elliott, Vice-President Rhonda Vereeven and Region 3 Director Rich Crider had a whirlwind day touring Meadowlark and then visiting the gardens of NVDS members Janice Kennedy and Faith Bange. (Pictured below.)

On July 1, NVDS held their 15th annual off-scape exhibition in the Visitor's Center at Meadowlark with more people than ever voting for their favorite blooms. The top four vote getting entries from club members Pat Ball, Katie Burney and Janice Kennedy were: 1st place 'Homemade Peach Ice Cream' (Bell-T., 2006), 2nd place 'Reason for Treason' (Kirchhoff-D., 1996), 3rd place 'Wild Cherry Wine' (Bennett-F., 2004), 4th place 'Sun Panda' (Culver-B., 2009). Visitors also enjoyed a walking tour of the daylily beds at Meadowlark. (Pictured above.)

NVDS closed out summer activities with a picnic and auction of club plants at the home of Marilyn Naylor in Leesburg, VA, on August 26, 2023.

Next on the NVDS calendar of events are:

- November 18, 2023 Fall Luncheon with speaker Jim Murphy from Woodhenge Gardens
- January 6, 2024 Holiday Social and Business Meeting



She Kissed the Frog (Murphy-J.P., 2023)



Pittsburgh Iris and Daylily Society–PIDS

Report submitted by Linda Herhold.

Here are the results of the 52nd Annual Pittsburgh Daylily Show – July 15, 2023, Washington, PA.

Global Warming in western Pennsylvania? Yes! Twenty-one straight days of no rain in western Pennsylvania was a huge concern! The dry conditions impacted the farmers and strawberry crops across our region. There was trepidation that our daylily bloom would be stunted and that show participation would be down. Thankfully, the rains came and the mid-season and later season cultivars took the stage for a fabulous show display of 219 on-scape daylily entries in Washington, PA.!

Even more fantastic was that Lillian Johnson, one of our youth members, won the Best-In-Show Rosette, the Dan Tau Silver Cup Award, and Youth Section Rosette for her entry ‘Eggplant Escapade’ (Reed 1996)! This entry also won the PIDS Best Single Flower Award and Region 3 Hybridizer Local Club Award. In recent history, this is the first time a youth member has won this prestigious award! Congratulations Lillian!

- Extra Large Section Rosette and Best Bordered, Eyed Local Club Award – ‘Pistachio Showpiece’ (Pierce, G. 2021) – Arden Metcalfe
- Large Section Rosette – ‘Presentation’ (Bach, H. 2001) – Gary Ball
- Small Section Rosette – ‘Baby Moon Café’ (Trimmer 1998) – Gary Ball
- Miniature Section Rosette and Best Miniature Local Club Award – ‘Too Cute’ (Williams, S. 2012) – JoAnne Lightner
- Double, Multiform and Polymerous Section Rosette and Best Blend Local Club Award – ‘Honey Crunch Cupcake’ (Herrington, T. 1999) – Linda Rayman
- Spider Section Rosette and Best Spider Local Award– ‘Sylvan King Spider’ (Hite, G. 1998) – Lisa Johnson
- Unusual Form Section Rosette, Best Red and Best Unusual Form Local Club Awards – ‘Rolling Blackout’ (Murphy, JP. 2019) – Jack Enos
- Seedling Section Rosette and Best Seedling Local Award – Jack Enos
- Lisa Johnson received the On-Scape Sweepstakes Award for the most Blue Ribbon entries (#28)
- Other Local Club Awards Presented (entries scoring 90 points and above):
Best White Flower – ‘Dances With Snowflakes’ (Reed 2013) – Marcus Tonini
- Best Orange Flower – ‘Leonardo’s Perspective of Color’ (Faulkner 2011) – Gary Ball
- Best Yellow Flower – ‘Wellesley College’ (Doorakian 2015) – Garrett Segelson
- Best Brown Flower – ‘Brown Witch’ (Reed 1999) – Lisa Johnson
- Best Pink Flower – ‘This Little Piggy’ (Herrington, T. 2017) – Jack Enos

- Best Lavender Flower – 2 Winners: ‘Gramma Ball’ (Ball, G. 2016) – Lisa Johnson and ‘Lil’ Black Buds’ (Begnard 2008) – Jack Enos

Our deepest thanks to our Region 3 Exhibition Judges Suzanne Fogg, Sara Fogg, Jacob Fogg, Gregg Savard, Kris and Brian Bender for making our show the very best it could possibly be! Judges, the members of the Pittsburgh Iris and Daylily Society are grateful for your time and attention to detail! – Thank You!

Richmond Area Daylily Society–RADS

No report submitted.

Southern Virginia Daylily Club–SVDC

Report submitted by Louise Walton.

In June, we enjoyed visits to members’ gardens and a great picnic at the home and garden of Belinda Sheppard. In July, members went to Woodhenge Gardens for a tour of their beautiful gardens. In August, SVDC joined the Charlotteville and Richmond clubs for tour and picnic at Woodhenge.

In September, we had a very successful Plants for Members sale. In October, we hosted a speaker meeting with Ray and Wanda Quinn from Windyhill Daylily Garden in Fuquay-Varina, NC. We do not meet in November and December.

Tidewater Daylily Society–TDS

Report submitted by Deb Melton.

It was a busy spring and summer 2023 for Tidewater Daylily Society. We kicked off the summer with our annual picnic and Plants for Gardens distribution for those members of TDS who are also members of ADS, have volunteered at least six hours to the club, and who have attended three out of five business meetings. The daylilies of hybridizers Tim Bell, Kirsten Hatfield, and Curt Hanson were featured.

In June, TDS hosted the first Summer Regional Meeting since pre-COVID times. Attendees included ADS honoraries Scott Elliott and Rhonda Veroeven and Regional officers Rich Crider and Jennifer Reed. The club had 15 gardens open for tour; and based on encouragement from our honored guests, two of them have since earned AHS Display Garden status. Those are the gardens of Stacy Kucharczk and Eileen Walsh. They join Region 3’s Sterrett Gardens in holding that coveted distinction. The comment heard most often from attendees was not only how beautiful our gardens are but how friendly, open, and generous our garden hosts were. Events also included a social and dinner at the home of regional president Jen Reed with silent auction and the more formal dinner at the Delta Marriott in Chesapeake followed by a live auction.

At our September meeting, TDS held its annual PFG auction. Over 80 cultivars were offered in both live and silent formats. Rich Sterrett keeps the bidding lively, and this is one of the most anticipated events of the year on the TDS calendar!



Young Buds

By Kathy D'Alessandro, Region 3 Youth Coordinator

New Members

A big welcome to youth members Harper Boyd from Maryland and Summer Hersey from Virginia.

Special Congrats for a Special Win

Congratulations to eleven-year-old Lillian Johnson for a job well done! Her entry of 'Eggplant Escapade' (Reed 1996) won the Youth Division and Best in Show at the Pittsburgh Iris and Daylily Society exhibition. She has participated in ADS shows for the past three years. Her exhibits have won the Youth Division each year and some local awards.



Fall Garden Maintenance

- Clean up the beds by cutting back plants, removing dead foliage, weeds, and debris to decrease chances of pest infestation, disease, and weed seeds. Add winter mulch.
- Dig up and store sensitive bulbs and tubers like canna or gladiola.
- Divide and transplant existing plants or add new ones.
- Plant cool season plants to add fall color, mums, asters, pansies, kale, or cyclamen.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Planting trees and shrubs now will reduce transplant shock because they will receive adequate water and a dormant period.
- Gather fallen leaves and shred by running over them with a lawn mower. Put them in the compost pile or use them as mulch. Shredding will help them break down faster. They're a good source of nitrogen and carbon.
- Empty the compost bin and start a new batch. Spread compost at base of sensitive plants for protection.
- Clean and sharpen garden tools.
- Make notes on ideas, supplies, plants, etc. to get a head start on plans for next season.



ADS Youth Photography Award

An annual award established to stimulate youth participation in daylily photography. It is sponsored by ADS Region 3 and the Dublin (GA) Hemerocallis Society. Contestants must be ADS members. There will be a \$50 cash prize in each age division. The submission deadline is November 1.

- Beginner Division – 5 to 12 years old by the submission date.
- Intermediate Division – 13 to 17 years of age by the submission date.

No more than 10 entries selected from the following categories: single bloom, multi-bloom, landscape, or artistic garden image will be accepted.

Minor editing is acceptable (cropping, minor color, and light adjustments), but avoid over-correction.

Single or multi-bloom category images must include the name of daylily, hybridizer, and year of registration. Include garden name with landscape images.

A copyright/consent form signed by parent/guardian is required. The form can be downloaded at <https://daylilies.org/awards/youth-photography/>



Free Youth Registration to ADS 2024 National Convention

ADS youth members registering for the Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, June 12-15, will not pay a registration fee. This generous offer is made possible by the Wisconsin Daylily Society and the Western North Carolina Daylily Society. You will automatically receive free registration when you sign up for the event on the Convention web site, www.ads2024convention.org.

Unscramble These Words Associated with DAYLILY

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See the word scramble answers on page 31.

Deadlines

Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award January 1 to March 31

Bertie Ferris Scholarship January 1 to March 31

Mabel Matthews Scholarship April 1





A DIRECTOR'S TOUR OF SWEET REGION 3

INCLUDING A WRAP-UP OF THE SUMMER REGIONAL MEETING

By Rhonda Veroeven, Windsor, WI

Let me take you on a little trip. To explain the significance of this trip, I need to share how it all began. In 2020, COVID ravaged through our country. It shut down meetings and virtually stalled all daylily events. I received a call from our President, Scott Elliott, that he was coming to Wisconsin to visit with a friend, but COVID had reached his friend's home and that left Scott with a plane ticket, hotel room, and nothing to do. So, I decided to put together a little taste of Wisconsin for him. I contacted gardeners from our club and put together a tour for him where it was safe to be outside and at a safe distance with masks if needed. It was so well received, that it became a tradition, and I am about to take you on a trip through the fourth installment of the "Director's Tour" —Sweet Region 3.

The first day of the director's tour was wonderful. The President, President-Elect, and Vice President-Elect all cruisin' through VA visiting amazing gardens and even better people. We started at the hybridizer garden of Bill and Jaye DuPaul. Their garden, on the water, was breathtaking. I am not sure I would have been able to get anything done with beautiful views like that. Bill walked us through his fun seedlings and his beautiful display gardens. I admit to coveting one in particular, 'Ware Confused' (DuPaul 2021). This broken color introduction almost came home with me, but I knew I was going to be on the trip for a long time and I was worried a single fan might not make the long tour. I was most impressed with the variety he had in his gardens. It was fun looking at the



different cultivars from Region 3 hybridizers that I hadn't seen before. I had to take a few minutes to play ball with the furry gardener that was there as well. Such a well-behaved boy!

The second garden of the day was Debbie and Don Rhodes' gardens. Their several-acre property consisted of thousands of named varieties of daylilies, hundreds of seedlings, hydrangeas in a wide variety of colors, and daffodils and irises. Part of their garden is also a sales garden. I spent a very long time looking through their named cultivars. They have them placed so beautifully that I was able to wander and get lost in my daylily thoughts. I chose a few that I needed to have added to my garden (some older varieties, actually). They had many cultivars I had





Rhodes' garden

never seen before. I loved how they had old t-shirts and music playing to deter deer. As a gift they gave each of us a Flying Dragon Tree (*Trifoliata*) as a parting gift. I grow mine in my science classroom. The students love watching it grow! They were such nice people.

The last garden of the day belonged to Eileen Walsh. If you attended the 2016 National Convention in Norfolk, VA, you toured her fun garden filled with treasures, daylil-



Walsh garden



Walsh garden

ies, and some of the bluest hydrangeas I've ever seen. I loved the vignettes she had of her daylily art—a full garden of bunnies, for example. We spent a lot of time admiring different cultivars and very fun garden art. She had hidden art, so it was fun taking a moment to try to find interesting hidden surprises. I enjoyed the walk to the water as I remembered taking that walk with Bob Faulkner at the National. It brought back memories of a very fun time with a man we all miss. She has many species of unique plants peppered through all of her gardens. It was very special!

The second day of the tour required a crossing of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel in the pouring rain and construction. I don't especially like tunnels or bridges, but Rich Crider drove like a champ. Knowing what was coming after the bridge was worth the drive.

The first garden was that of Ricki and Rich Sterrett. Their impressive garden was on the 2017 National Tour. I remember it vividly and was completely impressed yet again! This garden is host to many amazing display gardens that meander around their house. Each garden is impeccably curated with not only a fantastic variety of daylilies, but also unique specimens of companion plants, shrubs, and trees. Everywhere I looked, there were treasures to be seen. While we arrived at the garden in the rain, it was short-lived and the sun came out to play. We all spent a very long time in the massive sales beds. Each of us was guilty of acquiring some new daylilies. It was a great time getting to know two daylily folks even better while enjoying fresh treats and flavored water under their gazebo.

Sterrett garden



On to the second garden of the day. Yup, that meant crossing the Chesapeake Bay Tunnel Bridge yet again... Once again, the rain started, but stopped as soon as we arrived at the beautiful city lot of Anne Urbi. As soon as we arrived at the curb, we knew we were in for an incredible treat. This garden...simply put...is a masterpiece! Anne used her experience as a landscape architect to transform her lot into a paradise. Her space is covered with fantastic daylilies and even better unique species of trees, shrubs, annuals, and plants. She sent each of us home with a Hypericum. This was a new species for me...oh, and she also gave me the most beautiful ORANGE canna which she had extra. I have mine beautifully on display on my deck. I mean orange is my favorite color! While we were standing outside we heard a transformer explode and then the rain came down in sheets. We were invited inside and had a great talk. She also decided to be an AHS Display Garden (very worthy), so we completed the evaluation for that while we waited out the storm. As the rain gave way, we were joined in the garden by Dave Guleke and Beth Creveling. It is wonderful to meet and chat with like-minded daylily folks!

Sterrett garden



Urbi garden

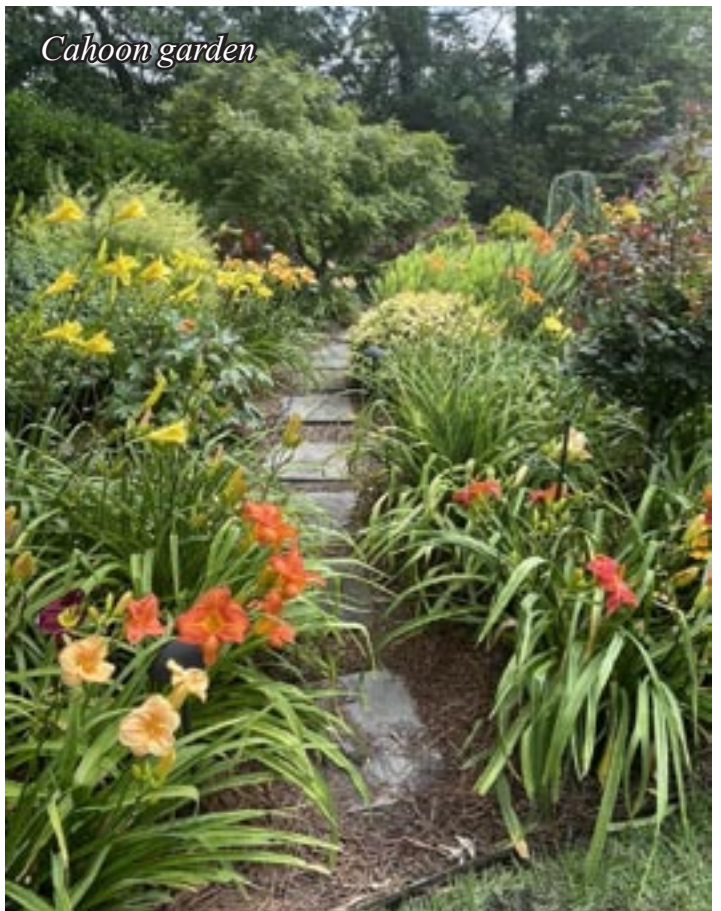


Urbi garden



The second garden was a never-before-seen garden of Margo Cahoon. This is a meticulous garden that should be featured in garden magazines. She is a widow, and we learned that she is doing most all the work herself. She does hire for the heavy work. I was most impressed with the amazing companion plants and how unusual they were. The daylily clumps were so impressive. I cannot imagine how long she spends keeping these so pristine. The edges of her gardens were so perfect that I imagined getting paper cuts by the perfectly sharp lines. I had to take pictures of many of the specialty trees and shrubs to investigate the hardiness in my area. This property meandered

The third day began at the garden of Lissa Cash. Her garden was featured in the 2017 National Convention. If you remember the two gardens that were shown together, this was one of those. I learned that unfortunately the elderly neighbor had moved, and a young couple had moved in. Lissa's garden is filled with daylilies, garden art, easy-to-navigate paths, a variety of very fun and unique perennials, but most importantly loads of amazing daylily people! We spent a lot of time talking with people which was wonderful! As we walked through her paths and enjoyed playing with her two very well-behaved dogs, several carloads of daylily people came to see her garden as well. We spent so much time chatting and laughing. A garden tour helps





Reed garden

After we finished there, we headed to the Saturday evening Regional activities at Jennifer Reed’s beautiful home situated in the brackish waters, which made a spectacular backdrop to the feast we enjoyed, the silent auction, camaraderie, and business meeting. Pulling up to her home, I enjoyed many beds of beautiful named cultivars and many seedlings. Seedlings are so much fun to look at because they are something new. Edging the yard there were so many display beds filled with magnificent clumps of daylilies and companion plants. I enjoyed the silent auction and had to place bids and even won a few. Those beauties are now in my gardens. The dinner was unlike any Regional meeting I had ever attended. After having a fill of delicious food, I had to enjoy several dangerous Orange Smash

along the water and had many quiet seating areas throughout it. I also spied a cool turtle trying to hide. We found out that she is a private person and doesn’t ever open this pristine garden to the public. It was an honor to see it.

The third garden we went to was that of Linda and Bill Pinkham to assist Margo Reed and Jim Murphy teach Garden Judges 1 Workshop to a group of excited people. If you ever need to take any of the Garden Judges classes, you will want to take one taught by Jim and Margo. They might be the best educators of these classes that I have ever witnessed, and I have seen a lot of them. Almost the entire time was spent teaching the course.



Reed garden



Kucharczk garden



Kucharczk garden



Day four was a wonderfully busy day. We started out at the organic gardens of Stacy Kucharczk to assist Jim Murphy in teaching Garden Judges 2 Workshop to an even larger group than our class on the prior day. I will say that Jim is masterful and meticulous in teaching the content. The students did an outstanding job demonstrating their learning. As I mentioned, Jim is absolutely among the best! The class went longer than typical, but I don't think anyone noticed as we all were engaged the entire time. Stacy's organic garden was a spectacular location for the class. It really is fantastic! We were able to enjoy her many garden areas and delicious naturally flavored waters to quench our thirst. After many hours of instruction in the sun and heat, we cooled off on our way back to enjoy the Pinkhams' garden.



I can say that I have honestly never been to a garden that is of this superb quality ever. They were also featured at the 2017 National Convention. I remembered it as being better than many public botanical gardens. My memory served me well. We started with a private tour of Bill's pottery studio. He was finishing a piece and he explained the processes he used to complete his art. I fell in love with a few pieces that I learned were made by using clay and fireworks. My mind was blown—much like the pottery! He gave us a tour of their private collection in their home along with a lot of teaching about the different kinds of art. I loved it. We then enjoyed a walk across their front entry way, which has an unbelievable koi pond. Into the gardens we went and enjoyed the magnificent views. Truly there is no comparison that I have ever seen in a private garden... not even close. There was a large section dedicated to house plants of an incredible variety. I was drooling over them. I was offered a few cuttings, but I knew that they wouldn't travel well as cuttings and I would feel bad having them not respected the way they should have. We then went to visit Linda and walked through their seedling beds evaluating them. We all participated in an amazing sale that they were having and each of us loaded up on new





Sawyer garden



Sawyer garden

After a several hour drive we arrived at the home of Tena Felts. This garden was massive and fits into the, “but wait, there is more” category. Every time we turned a corner there was more to this very impressive and beautifully maintained garden. There were thousands of introduced cultivars and many seedlings. This was obviously a hybridizer’s garden as there were hybridizing tags all over, so I was excited to see all her new babies she created. She focuses on large and colorful daylilies. It was quite an impressive sight to see so many seedlings blooming. When we turned yet another corner, there was a daylily that called to me from across the garden, and I soon learned that it was also one of her hybrids...absolutely lovely! They also have a beautiful koi pond, many species of trees, a dahlia collection which includes dinner plate-sized flowers and amazing colors, hostas, and so much more. We walked through her sales bed and it was actually painful knowing that we couldn’t fit any clumps in the car...we were packed full! So, unfortunately, we had to leave without any new daylilies for our collections, but not because we wanted to. Oh, and their rose collection was quite a sight as well. We can’t grow many of the varieties that they had, but I appreciated them fully. What a wonderful hostess. She and her garden are both truly wonderful.



Felts garden

acquisitions! We then noticed the time...so we needed to head back to the hotel to get ready for the regional evening meeting. It was another wonderful evening of connections and friendships. Oh, and I should mention an auction in which I added new beauties to my collection.

The fifth day was a lot of driving intermingled with a couple of gardens. We started the morning in a very surprising cul-de-sac garden owned by Barbara Sawyer. The garden was actually several acres large, but from the front it looked like a smaller-sized suburban lot. We were greeted by a beautiful bed filled with daylilies and garden art which we learned had been amended and replanted this year. It was surprising how well the plants were growing for being so young. She and I both enjoy double daylilies, so she was sure to walk me around the whole garden pointing out all her amazing collection of doubles. This was exceptionally nice as we learned a lot of the history of her gardens as well as why she chose specific varieties. She has a water feature, which adds to the auditory experience. As we walked around one side of her garden, I saw the largest clump of ‘Grey Witch’ that I have ever seen. The other side was home to a vigorous blackberry patch which she grabbed a bunch of and had “breakfast,” while chatting with us. Her back yard is filled with many newer acquisitions and even some volunteer fruit trees, which she adores.



Astin garden



Covington garden



Astin garden



Covington garden

The sixth day was long, but excellent. We started out with a drive to JoAnne Astin’s wonder-filled garden. This garden and the garden owner were magnificent. She has many gardens on her property, but mostly two large ones with daylilies. We had her take the lead...and lead, she did. We walked into her garden filled with mature clumps of every kind and color (other than blue) that one can imagine. Her collection is extensive. We meandered through her many paths, not overlooking many daylilies. We asked her many questions and made our wish lists much larger. Then, I spied, with my little eye, a SHE SHED! She asked if I wanted to go in... the gentlemen were not invited—LOL! What a quaint place for quiet contemplation. I think everyone needs that in their life. She also had several greenhouses on her property, and we talked about those quite a bit. After a thorough inspection of the daylilies, we retired to the shade garden, which was filled with many pieces of art, whimsy, and surprises. Every time you would look somewhere, you would see yet another treasure. We all agreed that this was an amazing trip to a garden so worthy of seeing.

Another long drive and we arrived at former AHS President Julie Covington’s home. We were surprised that there was none other than the amazing Melodye Campbell there! What an incredible treat to hang out with these two ladies.

Julie has often posted pictures of her gardens and flowers on Facebook. I knew I was in for something special, but I wasn’t prepared for this. She contends that she has downsized considerably, but I was incredibly impressed with her collection and variety of cultivars. Her companion plants were masterful and varied, and her garden paths were just perfect. We learned about the many changes she made in her downsizing and, honestly, I loved her garden the way it was today! She had several art pieces and a fountain which added the perfect quality of sound to such a serene scene. It would be impossible not to talk business with a former president, the current president, and the president-elect, but we kept that to a minimum and really focused on the friendships and the flowers.

We could have stayed longer chatting, but we needed to get on the road for more travel to Woodhenge Gardens of Jim Murphy and Margo Reed. This was a garden that I was able to visit as an open garden after the 2017 National in Norfolk. I knew that it was beautiful. I forgot just how incredible it was. We started with Margo, going through the display gardens filled with not only their cultivars, but also cultivars of many others. These were incredibly impressive clumps, so you could really see the plants strutting and showing off. There are a bunch more I “have” to add

Woodhenge Garden



Woodhenge Garden



after seeing those clumps. Many of which I had never even heard of before. Jim joined us along with two other visitors who were finishing up their purchases. It is so interesting to listen to each of them point out different qualities about different cultivars. Each perspective was appreciated and had my full attention. After we went through the massive display gardens, we ventured to their even more impressive seedlings. I never tire of walking through seedlings as these are never seen before plants. Wow, do they ever have some magnificent characteristics in the works! They never tired of my questions and comments, and if they did, they sure didn't show it. I was trying hard to be a sponge... I think we all were! When we were done, we were invited into their home for some friendship. We sat chatting about so many things for a very long while. Time just flew with them. I do think if we didn't need to get to our next area for tomorrow, we would have stayed much longer. But, unfortunately, we needed to drive to Washington, DC, to be ready for the next day's tour.

A huge thank you goes out to Rich for agreeing to take me into DC to enjoy the different monuments. It had been over 35 years since I had visited and never had seen the MLK Monument or the WWII Memorial before. We were able to see most of them and I felt like a high schooler reliving the awe of such beauty...the only difference was that I understood much more deeply the message and meaning behind our monuments. It really was a great day!



Meadowlark Botanical Gardens



Meadowlark Botanical Gardens



Kennedy garden



“White Study”

The seventh day was the last day on the first leg of my trip to Region 3. We started the day at our first public garden, Meadowlark, a 95-acre botanical garden. We met with the Program’s Manager, Jules Maloney. ADS member Janice Kennedy has worked with this garden for years to procure and create many different versions of daylily beds. We jumped on a large golf cart and were driven through the beautiful gardens. We stopped at the current variation which included a large Stout winner bed. This is a complete Stout collection including this year’s winner. It was wonderful to look at the progression of daylilies over time. A small ride later, we found ourselves at a Lenington Award Winner Bed. Learning the history of many of these daylilies, including many I had never seen before was a treat. We went to the next bed that included all the species of daylilies. It was amazing to see how well these grow. We checked out a “decades” bed, which had a great selection from many decades of growing. Last up was a beautifully put together garden that included daylilies from Region 3 hybridizers-including a beautiful tribute to Pat Cochenour.

After that amazing garden, we went to the home garden of Janice Kennedy. She really packs in an amazing assortment of daylilies along with many seedlings. She walked us through her front yard filled with so many cultivars and seedlings. I couldn’t get over the amazing variety of seedlings and especially loved her new minis, UF/Spiders,

and color breaks. I was tempted to do daylily angels in the garden as it was so amazing. I wasn’t prepared for what was in her backyard. There were astounding plantings of display gardens with fantastic companion plants including some very fragrant liliium. She walked us through a quaint seedling bed with some varieties that I would most definitely grow in my garden. She uses her small hybridizing space masterfully. After walking through her garden, she became the teacher and explained how to complete a “White Study.” I had heard of a group of people studying the whiteness of daylilies before, but never had the opportunity to do one. I was fascinated by the process. I genuinely appreciated learning more about this. After a great lunch together, we hit the road again.

We ended our tour at the home of Faith Bange. I can honestly say that I have no idea how she can keep up such amazing clumps of daylilies. She does so much more than daylilies, though, She has many different companion plants and vignettes throughout her large property that it took us an incredibly long time to go through each of the beds. She also has beautiful and fun statuary and garden art through all her displays. We also were able to look over many of



Hypatia took section 1, Beth Creveling the flower and person took section 2, Tactical Cat took section 3, Danielle Malesky took Section 3 (I must own this one), Wild Berry Cupcake took section 5, Just a Bit Crabby took section 6, Dancing Crab took section 7, No Section 8, and there was an amazing seedling by Anne Zagarella that took section 9. There was also an Off-Scape section, which was new to me. I've never been to a show that actually judged the off-scape entries, but it did make us look at them more clearly. It was a great time reconnecting with daylily folks and as always, making new daylily friends. Oh, and my wish list seemed to expand by a lot that day!

After the show, we drove to the home of Cynthia Marriott. We were greeted by her sweet dog, who was a perfect lady the entire tour. Cynthia has a fantastic collection of many cultivars and many seedlings from other hybridizers. Her extensive collection of Don Herr seedlings was very appreciated. Such a great variety. My favorite was a mini with such fun color contrast. I hadn't ever seen a Don Herr mini before and I just loved it! I spent a lot of time walking the aisles and aisles of daylilies. There were so many that I had to take pictures of because I needed to remind myself to add it to my list. I sincerely loved the verbena, rose campion, and other self-seeded perennials that graced the daylily beds. It was a wonderful complement to the daylilies. I also adored some of her liliium and found out that we shop in the same places for those. She gifted us pots of a

her late husband Jerry's seedlings. There were a couple that made me drool! I added more to my wish list after seeing these clumps. I couldn't get over the beauty. After we finished a thorough walk through, we sat in the shade and chatted for a long time. She is truly a treasure! I feel so fortunate to have met her.

After almost a week break, I flew into Pennsylvania. The Delaware Valley Daylily Society hosted a wonderful, accredited daylily show with three panels of three each. It was well put together and the scapes and blooms were beautiful. Best in show went to Beth Creveling the Flower AND the person! It was an absolutely pristine bloom!





Marriott garden

new hibiscus. I am hopeful to have this survive in Wisconsin. She was so kind and informative. It was a treasure to walk her gardens together.

After leaving her garden, Rich spoiled us by taking us to the most spectacular Longwood Gardens. There really are no words to express how amazing this public gardens is. An impending thunderstorm cut our trip only slightly short. It was an amazing day.



Longwood Gardens

The second day of the second leg of the tour was wonderful. The weather was bound and determined to mess with us today, and we almost made it without needing rain gear. We started the day at the unbelievable home of Beth Creveling. She shared that she doesn't get many visitors anymore since her garden has been on several Regional and National tours. I can absolutely see why it was featured on tours...but cannot fathom why people wouldn't visit every year! This garden is absolutely stellar in every way possible. The entryway is lined with named cultivars that border the entire long driveway...but don't get distracted by these beauties as it is just the teaser of the amazing gardens that make up her landscape. Her garden beds are impressively massive. She has procured such an incredible collection of daylilies; my mind was blown away



Creveling garden

by the variety! She artistically included self-seeding plants and perennials. She has fun metal art throughout her beds as well. I love rusty metal art and was very attracted to it. Beth is a former English teacher, and it was fun talking to her about many of her projects that she has done to assist in editing publications for ADS. She is very knowledgeable, and it was the perfect way to start the day-spending time with her!

Next up, we went to the wonderful double city lot plus more of Dee Freeman and Michelle Bingham. As we arrived at the property, we all giggled in the car as there was no question as to which place was theirs. Their property is at a section of a new traffic circle and this construction allowed them to add some amazing rock pieces and more



Creveling garden

Freeman and Bingham garden



daylily gardens to their property. All I kept thinking is that their place must be such a treat for all that drive past every day! There are many gardens in which many of them have themes. A military bed, a Ukraine bed, a bike bed, etc. They also hybridize. We enjoyed walking the garden together with them, getting to know them more, and learning about their interests in hybridizing. Dee had been our clerk at yesterday's show, so it was nice to bring aspects of daylily shows into the conversation, especially talking about seedlings and distinction. Their collection was impressive. This AHS Display Garden is called Woodcrest Daylilies. They have great statuary and whimsy throughout.

Freeman and Bingham garden



I loved the tandem bike especially. We crossed the street and visited their seedling gardens. It was quite impressive, and we were impressed by several of their cultivars. We even had an opportunity to evaluate two Junior Citation Candidates as well. This was another fantastic surprise.

Well, we almost made it through the day missing the storms. Almost. The sky opened and driving through the heavy downpour made it very difficult to travel. We finally arrived at the impressive home of Stuart and Diane Kendig. I had met Stu several times before and always thought the world of him and his hybrids. Today we walked in our rain gear admiring their "reduced" daylily gardens. Their pond, island, gardens, and greenhouses were all amazing. I couldn't help but ask Stu about his white studies in daylilies. I was able to participate in a white study at Janice Kennedy's place the prior week, so I was incredibly interested. He went through all the work that he and a small group had been doing. The reasons and science behind it. I was fascinated. I now have a daylily that I can use as a control thanks to Stu. I will be completing my own white study and sharing my findings from Wisconsin to the data. Once a scientist, always a scientist...I just couldn't help myself. We did spend some time discussing at length his seedlings. He, of course, had a lot of white varieties, but also some stripes and splatters. I just love looking at seedlings as they are so exciting to see. Afterward, we retired to a drier location and met his sheep-herding dogs. I loved them. We also saw a bunch of examples of his wood working talents, which were also impressive. Everyone agreed that the rain did not dampen our trip at all.

The third day of the second leg of the trip started out surprisingly. We started the day at the home of Charlie and Anne Gomer. They met us as we were admiring one of the coolest surprises and invited us inside. When we went inside, we were surprised with a delicious breakfast of tasty pastries, apple sauce, apple butter, and beverages. Such gracious hosts! We enjoyed fantastic conversation with them and then admired some of their outstanding

Kendig garden





art pieces and learned their origins. After that, we moved the conversations out to the gardens. They have beautiful gardens filled with over 2,000 different species of daylilies (many for sale), fun art, a water feature, and sculptures for days! We let Charlie take the lead and we meandered through all the beds filled with daylilies. Talk about building a wish list...it was crazy how many new varieties I saw. The really fun part was learning that they breed peacocks! There were many different varieties ranging from purest of white to pied to almost all dark. We were given a show by one of the male peacocks. He wanted to show off how handsome he was. It was mesmerizing. Stunning creatures! We also got to walk through several of the peacock and peahen enclosures. I was startled to look up to see a few perched just above my head. I had never been this close to a peacock or peahen before and it was a memory which will hold a special place. We continued onto many more daylily beds and a lot more conversation. I am simply amazed that there are just so many wonderful daylily folks that I have been meeting that are all so kind, friendly, and I felt like I had known them a long time...and that I could have stayed talking and never bore with the conversation. I admit to having quite the list to send to them as they also sell daylilies. For the record, we all have a list to purchase!

We had a little bit of time before heading to the next garden, so we drove through the Gettysburg battlefield and saw a lot of history. We ended at Sachs Covered Bridge.

While I do not condone graffiti, some of the old carvings into the old beams show how old the bridge was. I really enjoyed this walk through history. After a quick stop to enjoy some fresh-made ice cream at a creamery, we headed to our second garden of the day.

We arrived at Deb Friedline's home to have her waiting outside for us...actually, she just got home from work and was sneaking in some hybridizing time. Her gardens were impressively made raised beds that she shared that her husband had made. I can't imagine the amount of time that took! They used every bit of their space perfectly—utilizing it to best meet the needs of the plants and the space. The beds are segregated slightly to have dip and tet UF's in their own gardens each—and then Deb's gardens. Her front yard is filled with many seedlings of her own as well as many Don Herr seedlings. She shared a few reg-



Friedline garden



Ball garden



Friedline garden



Ball garden

istered cultivars that don't exist anywhere else as well. It was a treat to see those. We had amazing conversations and she asked us specifically about Junior Citation candidates. Watch out folks, she is quite competitive and wants her future introductions to shine...and we all came to a consensus that she has a worthy candidate for sure! It was wonderful to meet someone and learn a lot more about her since we had been Facebook friends for a while. It is a time we will all remember for sure!

The fourth day of the second leg of the tour was another gorgeous day for touring gardens. We started out by driving to "the middle of nowhere" to see the family home of Gary Ball. He did warn us that it was out of the way, and it really is out on its own. This home is situated on many acres of land that includes forests and a lot of farmlands that the family rents out. It was interesting to hear the family history from Gary as we walked around his varied gardens. He has included stone paths natural to the area through a section of his garden. He has many gardens that surround and fill his home area filled with a fantastic variety of daylilies. He also has many liliiums, iris, and other perennials, which add so much to the beauty. Gary makes



sure that there are plenty of different pollinator plants throughout his property and lets them grow and self-seed. I couldn't count the number of specialty trees including Crape Myrtles that I only dream of being able to grow, along with a serious variety of Japanese Maples.

One thing of note is that he has the most extensive collection of the late Clayton Burkey. I believe he is only missing one, and he and Clayton's family believe it to be gone forever. I enjoyed learning what a mentor Clayton was to him and the history that they had together. We ended in the seedling beds and had a blast looking at his actual introductions along with some potential futures. He was



incredibly generous, and we all left with some of his beautiful introductions and more.

We then drove to the home of Marcus Tonini. He and a new daylily friend, Elaine, accompanied us through his gardens. He has many beds of daylilies just filled with variety. He takes great care of his plants and grows fantastic clumps. He asked a lot of questions about cultivars and awards which was fun. He also asked opinions of hybridizing. I think he may have walked away with more than he asked for, but it is always fun to discuss hybridization and goals. His beds are mostly daylily gardens, and he has many different poppies and violas that he lets grow and self-seed. It was great for the insects! As we walked past a large daylily clump, a bird jumped out and I saw that it was sitting on a nest—so cute. We left her and the nest alone and moved on throughout the gardens. When we reached the end of the daylilies, Scott and Marcus continued to discuss hybridizing, while Rich and I went to check out his massive natural pond. It was loaded with beautiful waterlilies, fish, frogs, and many insects including damselflies. Rich and I walked along until we arrived under a weeping willow tree and the shade was welcomed. We both agreed that this would be a perfect place to just sit and take a calm moment in a day. We rejoined the group and walked to another fun garden that was shaped like a fish...because Marcus likes fish. The daylilies and plantings in the large fish garden were wonderful. Lastly, we headed out to Marcus' seedling bed. I know I've mentioned this before, but seedlings are such a joy to behold as they are new. I really thought for only hybridizing for two years that he is well on his way. He understands the importance of the whole plant having good attributes and his seedlings showed that! Afterward, we went inside his home to get some AHS Display Garden paperwork completed and he showed us the most impressive collection of different colored Uranium Glass I have ever seen. He stores and shows the collection through his home masterfully!

Unfortunately, the final day of the tour came. Region 3 has been an absolute treasure and I loved meeting so many daylily folks and seeing fantastic gardens.

My final day started with a drive to Jack Enos' garden. I was told this was more of a city lot...and there was no way I was expecting the garden that he had. Since he lives on a significant hill, he had his golf cart ready to take us up to the top. He mentioned that he loved small and mini flowers...a favorite of mine, so we started in his very impressive seedling beds. He wasn't kidding about liking the small and minis...I was doing daylily angels in my head...stunning. I couldn't get over how many amazing seedlings there were! He had a few Junior Citation candidates to consider and evaluate—all I can say is WOW! He grows so many registered cultivars. Wouldn't you know it, I added a few must-haves to my wish list from his garden. He is like-minded in



his hybridizing focus. I was very impressed! I was honored to jump in his vehicle to have a longer chat with him to the next garden.

Our next and final garden was that of Lisa Johnson. I know I mentioned that this was a trip filled with surprises, I was very surprised to find a bunch of daylily folks from the Pittsburgh Iris and Daylily Society there prepping for their upcoming sale. I saw many of the garden owners from previous garden visits along with many new friends. After meeting the workers, Lisa took us to her beautiful daylily gardens. She grows a wide variety of different cultivars ranging from historic to current varieties. Her iris collection



is also impressive and I'd love to see it during iris bloom. She also has fun whimsy added with garden art and several very unique dwarf and small conifers and specimens. After we toured the gardens, we headed back to the plant prep area to be social with the workers. If I wasn't going to be jumping on a plane, I would have jumped in to help.

A huge thank you to Rich Crider for setting up an amazing two weeks of tours, for being an incredible friend, and the world's best driver! Region 3 was an amazing group of people who made me feel at home! Thank you to everyone that has given me memories that I will hold dear forever. I am certain to return to the region. I wonder where my journey will take me next year as your ADS President.



Photo Contest Extension

The deadline for the brand new Region 3 Digital Photo Contest has been extended. (This is based loosely on how Region 15 has run their contest.) I hope many of you participate and wish you all luck!

Region 3 Digital Photo Contest Categories:

1. Images of Region 3 daylilies (may be single blooms, multiple blooms, or clumps registered by Region 3 hybridizers.) Companion plants, garden art, etc. may be included in the background, but the dominant image must be a daylily registered by a Region 3 hybridizer.
2. Images of Region 3 members, preferably candid shots of members engaged in daylily activities.
3. Landscapes featuring Region 3 gardens. A significant part of the landscape must include daylilies.
4. Artistic Shots. This may include close-ups of flowers, garden vignettes, insects, birds, etc. Photos featuring daylilies, a part of a daylily, or a daylily motif will have preference over images without any part of a daylily if the photos are otherwise equal in quality.
5. Daylilies from a Different Point of View features manipulated images created by combining elements from more than one image or by obvious changes in color, form, shape, or any combination thereof to create a unique final photo. All original images used/combined must have been taken by the final image creator. Daylilies or Region 3 members must be dominant in the final image, with preference given to Region 3-hybridized daylilies.

6. Youth Contest. This includes any submissions in all of the above categories from those under 21 years of age.

The deadline for this Region 3 Digital Photo Contest has been extended to January 15, 2024.

To submit your entries, please post them to:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/ymzi980y7hjvmxf5wnnat/h?dl=0&rlkey=0gr1h3fxqow8w0856lc3c4dys>

For each photo file you upload, please note in the file information which the category you are entering, your name and email, as well as including the details of the photo (flower name, location, etc.).

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the photo judging. Ideally, we'd have 3 judges per category (in case we need an odd number to break any tie-decisions). If you can assist with this task please contact Kathy Jentz at kathyjentz@gmail.com.

We will announce our winners in the Spring/Summer edition of *Fanfare*.

Our region has so many talented hybridizers, gardeners, and photographers, I know there will be a wealth of entries and cannot wait to see all the fabulous submissions!





OUR REGION III DAYLILY SUMMER MEETING ADVENTURE

INCLUDING A WRAP-UP OF THE
SUMMER REGIONAL MEETING

***By Michelle Bingham & Denise Freeman
Owners, Woodcrest Daylilies, LLC,
Lititz, PA***

Even torrential downpours and heavy thunderstorms couldn't dampen the spirits of daylily lovers! Several times during the weekend we got drenched, had our umbrella turn inside out from the high winds, and had to run for shelter from the lightning, while touring the gardens but the skies always cleared and we were able to continue exploring the beautiful gardens of the Tidewater Virginia Beach area.

We started our adventure on Wednesday, June 28th by stopping to see the Kennedy-Cochenour garden in Falls Church, Va. Wow! What a great little "Hybridizers Garden" with so many great plants, beautifully

surrounding her yard. As with most daylily gardens, Janice's colorful lovelies can be seen from blocks up the street as you approach. We loved that view so much we might just have to plant a bed like that in our front yard too! Janice gave us the deluxe guided tour and then treated us to some amazing homemade cookies (special recipe that I would like to try as well). Yes, the rain came as we began to tour her garden, but it didn't matter, we had a great time as Janice walked us around her garden describing her special cultivars along with all the other great plants. This was a great way to start our Daylily adventure. We had planned to stop at the Meadowlark Botanical Garden to see the Daylily Garden that Janice told us about, and then stop at a few more gardens on our way to Virginia Beach but, as it usually goes, we never plan enough time because as you all know, we can get lost for hours in these Open Gardens.

So on to Virginia Beach where we had the great pleasure of staying at one of the many beautiful daylily gardens in the Virginia area. What can possibly be better than waking up in someone else's beautiful garden!

Our gracious host was none other than our new ADS Region III President, Jennifer (Queen Bee) Masden-Reed. We met Jen last year when we went to our first

National Daylily Convention in North Carolina and as most daylily folks do, we just hit it off right away. The combination of Jen as an Oncology Breast Cancer surgeon, me as a breast cancer survivor, and Michelle as a daylily addict, (I'm not quite as addicted as they both are, but I'm getting there), add in Jen's bubbly personality and voila, a new daylily connection was forged!

When we pulled into the little cul-de-sac that Jen lives on, it was obvious we had arrived. Again, you saw a beautiful sea of color at the end property and knew we had arrived at the right place. Jen, her husband, Chris, and teenage son, Will, greeted us as we arrived. Of course, we had to check out the several hundred daylilies that were at full bloom in the garden beds surrounding the front entrance to their home.

As beautiful as the front of the house and front yard gardens are, there is an even more AMAZING treasure hidden in the back yard! Jen not only lives in a cul-de-sac, but she also lives on a little peninsula on the Pine-tree Branch of the Lynnhaven River. Three sides of her 1+ acre property is bordered by water creating one of the most beautiful, water-front views of both a sunset and sun-rise background to the 1000+ cultivars. We all love the views our gardens give us, but this is the best of both a beautiful garden located among a beautiful, waterfront setting. Life just doesn't get much better than that!

The life of a surgeon is certainly not an easy one, especially when you are dealing with cancer patients every day, but as with most stressful professions, Jen has found gardening and creating new life through her daylilies. So yes, she is just as passionate about her seedlings as she is with her cancer patients. Another interesting discovery was that Jen developed a very efficient way to spend time hybridizing. She had her mom (a seamstress) make her a custom-designed hybridizing apron. It is amazing to watch her go from plant to plant, pulling little matchboxes of pollen out of the labeled pockets and go stamen to stamen in hopes of creating that special little pod. (See the President's column in this issue for photos of that apron.)

Jen (and Chris) started her daylily garden out of need when they had to rebuild the seawall bulkhead that surrounds three sides of their back yard. I say "Jen & Chris" because we found Chris out there tending to the yard and garden just as much as she was.

Jen's property is part of the Lynnhaven watershed that feeds into Lynnhaven Bay and then into Chesapeake Bay. Protecting the bay from polluted runoff is critical so there are very strict regulations for any modifications, so providing a 15-foot riparian buffer-zone turned out to be just the right catalyst for Jen's daylilies! Isn't it just amazing how gardens are just naturally created to do what they are meant to do.....to be what they are meant to be?

This garden is certainly one of those serendipitous progressions. The Virginia Beach area naturally has a strong clay base, layered with sand, so Jen & Chris had a lot of soil brought in to create the perennial garden bed shapes that will provide the riparian buffer-zone, and will act as a filter for the runoff. Their landscape designer suggested daylilies and so the "obsession" began!

Wow, what better plant to fulfill that need! They are perennial, they like well-draining soil, they can grow in clay soil, they can tolerate being soaked (even by salt water), and they are just beautiful! Oh yeah, there is 500-feet of bulkhead to protect. What a perfect solution to a major design challenge, AND as we all know, our daylily gardens are stress relief outlets for most of us.

Well, as most passionate daylily lovers go, Jen now has over 1000 cultivars bordering that beautiful, waterfront view, and of course she can be found out their every morning and evening talking to her loves.

For the next (4) days we were able to visit almost every garden on the tour. What an amazing experience. Each garden had something unique and special to see.

The Tidewater Daylily Society is a great and very involved club, and they did a great job of hosting the 2023 Region 3 Summer Meeting. I loved that they had "House Buddies" (club members) assigned to help at each of the tour gardens. As a reward for volunteering to be a House Buddy, they would earn "Volunteer Points" that could be accumulated for a variety of perks during the year.

It was a real pleasure to be able to participate and get to know the Tidewater members! We really look forward to following their activities and getting to see them all again!



Lilyhemmer 2023 Wrap-Up

By Kathy Jentz, Fanfare Editor

On the weekend of October 20-22, 2023, over 80 day-lily enthusiasts attended the 28th Lilyhemmer Daylily Festival in Camp Hill, PA.

Friday evening was the hospitality evening where folks relaxed and reconnected. On Saturday morning, Jim Murphy hosted the lively Chat Room. Vendors set up to sell their wares including Beth Creveling's delightful hand-crafted cards and Eleanore Charles' beautiful quilted throws.

New attendees each got a daylily compliments of Richard and Rikki Sterrett.

Linda Herhold, our wonderful Mistress of Ceremonies, began the program festivities at 12 noon on Saturday. Speakers include Richard Howard from Connecticut, Mike Anders from Ohio, Don Wolff from Kentucky, and Ellen Laprise also from New England and the 2022 Stout Medal recipient.

Peter Donato gave us an overview of what is new and up-and-coming in the daylily world.

After the business meeting, a great dinner on Saturday night was followed by the greatly anticipated live auction. The top auction bid was \$900 for 'Nobody's Clown' (Todd, 2022).

The meeting was a great success and many remarked they'd "be back next year!"

Lilyhemmer 2023 event photos are shown on this page and next. More photos can be seen on the Lilyhemmer Facebook page.



Linda Herhold introduces the first-time attendees.



Peter Donato presides over fierce bidding.



Rich Howard gave a fascinating talk.



Kathleen Schloeder won the \$500 gift certificate from Woodhenge Gardens Daylilies!



Sharon Kubacki George won in the Amish Raffle.



Claudia and Donald Wolff posing in the audience.



Chris von Kohn and Jennifer Reed show the long and short of it.



Leslie Efron Platt donated a prize basket of South Carolina goodies.

Minutes

Region 3 Business Meeting

Lilyhemmer, Camp Hill, PA

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Regional President Jen Reed called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Since the regional secretary was absent, Jen asked Kathleen Schloeder to take the minutes.

Both Jen and Rich Crider apologized that no one had taken minutes at the summer regional meeting at Tidewater. They will try to reconstruct what was said.

Treasurer Diane Kendig presented the financial statement, current to 10/19/2023. The cash balance as of January 1, 2023 was \$44,874.42 Free State contributed \$250. We only paid for printing one Fanfare this year. The Regional Director's travel expenses are \$1,777.88 so far. The ending balance is \$45,764.01. This excludes most Lilyhemmer expenses.

Diane then presented the 2024 Region 3 budget with expenses and income almost balancing.

Peter Donato suggested that part of the regional funds should be invested in a CD. Julietta Calmon moved that the treasurer investigate 6 month and 1-year CDs, possibly putting \$10,000 in a 6-month CD and \$10,000 in a one-year CD. The motion was seconded and passed.

Diane announced that she wishes to resign as treasurer in one year, at the end of 2024. She said that the treasurer's duties are mostly receiving and disbursing monies for Lilyhemmer and there are no tax returns or 990's to file. She also introduced Charlie Gomer as the new hotel liaison for Lilyhemmer.

Fanfare Editor's Report

Kathy Jentz is working on the fall issue, which will be online only and include a Lilyhemmer wrap-up. She has received 27 entries for the photo contest and is looking for judges.

Regional Director's Report

Rich Crider attended the fall AHS board meeting in Oklahoma the week before Lilyhemmer.

The doubles book has been updated and is supposed to be out by Christmas

Registration details are now available on the database immediately although new cultivars have to be

exhibited in flower shows as seedlings until the registrations are officially published.

The 2025 national convention will be in Seattle and the 2026 convention in Valdosta. They are looking for a 2027 host.

If you are a Display Garden, don't forget to send in your recertification form

The new national webmaster will now be in charge of both the website and the Portal. Jim Murphy complimented Rich for the faster running of the website.

There is a new social media chair, Leslie Platt (who attended Lilyhemmer), who will be in charge of Facebook, X and other publicity.

The 100 Giving \$100 pins will be back in 2024. The 2023 version sold out. Donors will get a free copy of the open form book.

There is a new I'm In pin for those who want to give less than \$100.

Rich congratulated Jim Murphy and Don Herr for their two Honorable Mentions each.

AHS dues are going up 20%. Individuals will be \$30 from \$25. Dues have been the same price for 12 years. You can get the current rate if you renew before 1/1/24.

Joe Goudeau is the new Endowments Chair and Greg Crane is the new Awards and Honors chair.

Kathleen asked if there will be an online auction in 2024. There will not.

New Business

Kathleen Schloeder announced that the Northern Virginia Daylily Society (NVDS) will host the 2024 Region 3 summer meeting June 28-30, 2024. The headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn Alexandria – Carlyle located at 2460 Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria, VA with a room rate of \$169 plus tax that includes free parking. The hotel is right off the I-495 Beltway and near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge connecting Virginia and Maryland.

There are five gardens to tour at your own pace, and you will be free to visit them on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. This will be a drive yourself tour. With three

gardens in Maryland and two in Virginia, the headquarters hotel is conveniently located for you to travel in either direction. On Saturday, there will be a business meeting, banquet and auction at the hotel in the late afternoon and evening.

Kathleen said NVDS is a small club and they will need help from other regional members for things like registration and the auction. Jim Murphy said they will have Garden Judge Workshop 2 during the summer meeting.

Regional Hybridizer Award: Janice Kennedy reported on the status of the proposed regional hybridizer award. At first it was thought that a club would sponsor and administer the award. However, they decided to have a new local hybridizer award at their flower show instead. If we want an award to recognize local hybridizers we need to decide on the rules and procedures, how to announce it, how it should be publicized in *Fanfare* to encourage regional AHS members to go to gardens to see the nominees, who counts the votes.

Kathleen Schloeder suggested this seemed to be a natural responsibility of the regional publicity director, especially since we no longer have the popularity poll responsibility. After discussion, the idea was tabled.

Peter Donato asked that the region buy a new digital projector. Bruce LeLacheur moved that we add a new projector to the 2024 budget up to \$750. The motion was seconded and passed. Peter will make the purchase.

Jim Murphy reported for the Nominating Committee that Jen Reed has agreed to be nominated for a second term as Regional President and that Rich Crider has agreed to be nominated for a second term as Regional Director. The nominations will be announced in the spring *Fanfare* and voted on in the summer.

Rich Crider moved the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Schloeder
Secretary *pro tempore*

Congratulations to Region 3 Award Winners!

By Chris Tyler

I have just returned from the 2023 National Convention in Nashville, and what an exciting convention it was. Congratulations are in order for a number of our Region 3 friends. Please join me in congratulating the following people for the awards listed below. Some of these were previously announced, but the hard work can certainly be recognized again.

- Beth Creveling is the recipient of the 2023 Region 3 Regional Service Award
- Pat Cochenour received Awards of Merit for 'Back to Black' and 'Little Donny Darko'
- Jim Murphy received an Honorable Mention for 'Poly Nation'
- Margo Reed received an Honorable Mention for 'Garden Fairy'
- Pat Cochenour received an Honorable Mention for 'Little Ricky'
- Don Herr received Honorable Mentions for 'Dolly Poly', 'Scherenschnitte', and 'Strubbly'
- Anne Zagarella received a Photography Award in the Multi Bloom Image category for her image of 'Alice in Londonland' (Reed, 2015)
- Chris Von Kohn won a Regional Newsletter Award for Best Scientific Article for "Pollinators and Predators" in the Fall 2022 issue of *Fanfare*.

Word Scramble Answers from page 15

hemerocallis	cultivar	rebloom
hybridizer	branch	breeding
proliferation	pattern	dormant
tetraploid	polymerous	eyezone
midrib	watermark	foliage

Who's Dining in My Garden?

By Melinda Myers

You take a walk through the garden and find branches trimmed, flowers missing, or bark damaged. Of course, the culprit is nowhere to be seen. You may have suspects in mind, but a close look at the damage and surroundings can help you identify who is dining on your plants. Knowing this can help you reduce the risk in the future.

Rabbits can be found year-round in the landscape. They have sharp teeth, making a 45-degree clean cut much like your bypass pruners. Their damage usually occurs within their 3-foot reach.

They eat a variety of flowers and vegetables throughout the spring and summer. As these plants fade in fall, the rabbits begin dining on trees and shrubs. You may find bark gnawed and branches, stems, and buds clipped off the plants.

Deer tear vegetation, leaving a ragged tip on browsed plants. You may find damage on a variety of flowers, vegetables, trees, shrubs, and plants pulled out of the ground, with the ones that don't taste good left behind. In fall, the bucks rub trunks of young trees, damaging the tender tissue below that transports water and nutrients between the roots and leaves. Deer usually feed at dusk but as they become comfortable around people, they can often be seen dining during the day.

Voles are brown rodents that look similar to field mice, with small ears and short tails. Their trails of disturbed grass, found as the snow melts, may be your first clue that they are present. These rodents are active year-round, unlike moles that hibernate for winter. They eat seeds, plant roots, and bulbs, while moles eat insects. As the snow recedes, you may also notice bark damage on trees and shrubs. They leave ¼" side-by-side grooves in the wood at the base of the plants.

Squirrels are fun to watch; that is, until they eat all the birdseed and damage your plants. They dig up bulbs and uproot other plants; eat and bury nuts in the lawn and garden; and take a bite out of multiple tomatoes, strawberries, and more. They damage trees by ripping off the bark and clipping off branches. If that wasn't enough, they may gnaw on structures and furnishings. Treating the damaged area and a 12" radius around it with a repellent can help discourage more damage.

Chipmunks are active from spring through fall. They

don't hibernate, but are inactive in winter, depending upon how much food they've stashed to survive.

You will find them digging in potted plants, hanging baskets, and rock walls.

They eat grains, nuts, berries, seeds, insects, mushrooms, carrion, young birds, and bird eggs.

Their tunnels can be 20 to 30 feet long and are well hidden. The openings are only 2" in diameter with no surrounding mounds of soil.

Commercial and homemade scare tactics are an option. Unfortunately, most of these critters have become accustomed to people and are not deterred. Motion-activated devices are a bit more effective, but make sure they are not annoying to you and your neighbors.

Fencing tight to the ground with a secure gate, at

least 3 feet—preferably 4 feet—high, is effective for preventing rabbit damage. Detering deer, on the other hand, needs a much taller fence. Although they can jump 7 feet or higher, a 5–6' fence is often enough to keep them out of smaller gardens. Sink fencing 4 to 6" into the ground to protect plants from voles.

Repellents labeled for controlling the critter that is causing the damage are another option. Organic Plantskydd (plantskydd.com) is labeled for repelling, not harming, all of these critters so you only need one product. Since it is rain- and snow-resistant, you won't have to apply it as often. Always read and follow label directions for the most effective control.

A bit of defensive action goes a long way in protecting your gardens and landscape from hungry critters this season.

About the Author

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released **Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition**, and **Small Space Gardening**. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series, and the nationally syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" TV and radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned to write this article by Tree World Plant Care for her expertise. Her website is www.Melinda-Myers.com.



Regional Garden Judges Update

By Kristina Bender, Garden Judges' Liaison

Happy Fall Region 3!

I hope everyone had a great garden season and got to enjoy time in their gardens this summer. I look forward to my garden time all school year, it is my happy place.

Here in Region 3 we are lucky to have many talented hybridizers. To support our hybridizers, we need more garden judges. For many years we have had very few garden judges and the names on the list for garden judges dwindle each year.

For the hybridizers in our region, it is important to have garden judges who can see their flowers grow in different gardens and to vote for them for ADS awards.

It is also important to have garden judges visit hybridizers' gardens and evaluate the seedlings that hybridizers would like to have considered for Junior Citations. A hybridizer's seedlings need 10 votes to win a junior citation. This is no easy

task, and a task which is even harder to achieve without garden judges to evaluate and vote on the seedlings. Please consider becoming a garden judge, Region 3 could really use you. The classes can be taken at our fall meeting at Lilyhemmer and at the summer regional and national each year—as well as online.

If you are or would like to be a garden judge, please let us know your thoughts on how we can as a group support our hybridizers in Region 3. Maybe we could plan bus trips to have our garden judges visit Region 3 gardens and hybridizers gardens. Maybe it is as simple as sharing each club in Region 3's open garden lists with each other in our different clubs, so we know when gardens are open and can plan a trip to visit. If you have any ideas, please share them with us. My direct email is kames555@yahoo.com.



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Articles and reports are to be submitted electronically via email attachment. Microsoft Word is the preferred word processing program and must be accompanied by the submitter's contact information. Photographs to be included with an article must be submitted as separate files. DO NOT EMBED PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE ARTICLE. A description of each photo and the photographer's name must be included. Previously published article submissions must be accompanied with the author's documented permission to republish the material in *Fanfare*.

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Electronic submission of photos is required (jpeg). Hard copy prints and slides will not be accepted. All photo submissions must be accompanied by a description, the photographer's name and photographer's contact information. Either written verification that a signed consent form is on file at the national level or a signed copy of the Photography Copyright Consent Form (Page 73 of the Regional Officers Handbook--http://www.daylilynnetwork.org/?AHS_Policies) is required.

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