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Wasn't That A Party? *Teresa Dillon*

We had so many things to pack into our December meeting that we were as busy as Santa and his elves on Christmas Eve.

There were about 55 members in attendance. All were dressed in holiday style and adorned with smiles. Prior to the dinner, a slideshow displayed pictures that were taken by attendees of the AHS 2011 Region 2 Summer Meeting. The dinner was served right on time and was mighty tasty. We took time to see John Kulpa honored with the Englerth Award, then it was off to re-living the summer of 2011 via the wonderful PowerPoint presentation of the AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting garden tours created by Kathy Rinke. Thank you everyone who sent in pictures to be used for the production. It could not have taken place without your contributions, and thank you Kathy for assembling all the shows.

Next, those of us who had never met Judy Davisson were introduced to her and her hybridizing program by viewing a video created by Charles Dorsey. Charles creates "The Daylily Addict", an ongoing series of interviews of hybridizers including amazing views of their gardens and daylilies.

Judy began her hybridizing program in MI and as a member of SMDS. She has since retired to NC where she has a longer growing season and more time to focus on hybridizing. Those of us who know Judy felt like we were visiting an old friend.

And there was more, Nikki Schmith provided us with pictures from her 2011 AHS National tour in Baton Rouge, LA. Even though Nikki has left our vicinity, she still contributed to our program. What a gal! Thank you Nikki, we miss you.

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Here are some Party People!

(left to right)

Barb & Armand Delisle, Bill Kaputska,
Pat Salk, Denise Woods, Fred & Kathy
Rinke



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January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

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SMDS Board Meetings:

Meetings will be held at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month February – June and Aug – Nov.

(No meetings in Jan., July, and December)

Our Feb. meeting will be held in Troy, Location TBD. Other meetings will be held at Barbara Delisle's home in Warren.

Please contact Elaine Schultz at eschultz1234@comcast.net, if you would like to attend, to confirm meeting date and location.

◆◆ SMDS 2012 Calendar of Events ◆◆

No meeting in January or February

March 16 : General Members Meeting

April 14 : Annual Banquet: Paul Owen / owner of Slightly Different Nursery in Polkville N.C

May 18 : Guest speaker: Don Herr Hybridizing Program / Lancaster, Pennsylvania

July 12-15 : AHS National Convention / Columbus, Ohio

July 21 : Daylily Show

August 17 :Guest speaker Tim Bell / owner Bell's Daylily Gardens in Sycamore, Georgia

September 21: Guest speaker: Bobbie Brooks of Massachusetts with a program on Designing Gardens with Daylilies

October 12 : Potluck

December : Holiday Garden Party Dinner

Thank You Officials!

Thank you everyone who volunteered to hold an office at Southern Michigan Daylily Society in 2012. At a time when many clubs are disbanding, we are fortunate to maintain our memberships and to have members willing to sacrifice their time and dedicate themselves to preserve and improve our society.

Effective January 1, 2012, our newly elected officers/directors are:

President: Elaine Schultz - Vice-President: Wayne Lapinski - Secretary: Denise Woods
Treasurer: Kathy Rinke - Directors: Barbara DeLisle, Patrice McCollum and Marietta Crabtree.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to those who are retiring from our board of directors. Thank you all for your hard work and devotion. This past year was a hectic one, with the many additional meetings and obligations required to host the 2011 Region 2 AHS Summer Convention.

And... we are not forgetting those who remained in office, several in the same position. Some officers just "changed hats" and will gain a different prospective in their line of volunteerism, still willing to work for us and with us. Thank you one and all.

Teresa Dillon



Congratulations

SMDS member Greg Schindler !!!

Greg won an Honorable Mention Award for his 2004 daylily introduction...

MATCHLESS FIRE!

Height 29", bloom 6.25", season M, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid, Fragrant, 14 buds, 2 branches, Red with orange eye above gold throat. (*unknown x unknown*)

An Update from our SMDS 2012 AHS National Convention Party Bus Captain!!

I would like to tell the people who are taking the party bus to the nationals that I will let them know when we have 45 people registered so that they can start sending in their registration forms and their money. They must wait until I turn in the completed bus list to the registrar before they can turn in their registration forms and money. We now have 44 people registered for the fun party bus so it should be filled very soon. We can accommodate 55 people, so there is still room available. The quicker we fill the bus, the faster I can turn in the completed bus list. *Captain John Kulpa*

John Kulpa wins Englerth Award !!

At our annual fall potluck meeting on October 14, 2011, John Kulpa was presented the Englerth Award by SMDS president Marietta Crabtree.

John's beautiful and prolific red seedling was chosen by attending members of the Region 2 as being the most outstanding. This award is given for hybridizing excellence. John's red seedling, gave an excellent display at the summer regional for four guests.



The seedling will be registered as "Regina Sitko", in honor of John's maternal Grandmother. She lived to be 102 years old and was extremely fond of the daylilies colors. Congratulations John!

Note: A close up photo of the Englerth Award winner is on the back page of the Reg. 2 Newsletter.

Dear Daylily Friends,

As 2011 comes to a close, our Society has had a busy year. Some of our high points: Hosting the Region 2 "A Great Lakes Gathering", bringing in an excellent group of hybridizers to present at our meetings (including our own member presentations!), putting on a fantastic Banquet...to our relaxing Potluck Dinner and Holiday Party. Also, 'kudos' to both John Kulpa for winning the Englerth Award with his huge red, and Greg Schindler for winning an Honorable Mention with Matchless Fire.

Next year, we have a lot to look forward to - - our Banquet, The FUN BUS to Columbus, our flower show, more fantastic speakers; possibly a picnic (or two?), and a daylily sale, depending upon the membership's interest. Speaking of 'member's interest', I am developing a survey to understand what our members really want - - do we want to visit open gardens during the summer? Do we have enough interest to host a daylily sale? What would it take to get more members to exhibit at our show...and what types of awards are preferred? Does the membership want us to organize more garden trips? What ideas do YOU have to make the club more interesting, fun, or educational? Tell me how we can make things better! Is there an area where you are willing to help, such as assisting at our banquet or flower show? Are you willing to open your garden next summer? How about giving a program on your hybridizing efforts? Setting up coffee? Selling tickets at our Banquet? I'd love to hear from you! 'Sharing the burden makes light work for everyone.'

I would like to thank out-going members, Gary Faust (Treasurer) and Kathleen Dargel (Director) for their dedication to our club. I welcome back Directors Marietta Crabtree (2011 President), Patrice McCollum, John Kulpa, and Barbara Delisle. Kathy Rinke is our new Treasurer, having served as Vice President. I extend a warm-welcome to our new Board Members, Denise Woods (Secretary) and Wayne Lapinski (Vice President). Thank you all for making this commitment - - we're going to have a busy year! I hope you all have a safe a joyful holiday season. I look forward to serving our membership in 2012.

Elaine Schultz SMDS President, 2012 Eschultz1234@comcast.net

President's Message by Marietta Crabtree

It has been an honor as well as a pleasure to be your SMDS president for the past four years. During that time the club has grown in membership and with sound budgeting, has never operated under deficit spending. Members have enjoyed programs presented by sixteen nationally recognized hybridizers, daylily exhibition shows, banquets, potlucks, picnics, holiday dinners, newsletters, SMDS website and a very successful AHS Region 2 summer convention.

How has all of this been possible? It has been possible because of the terrific membership of SMDS...your wonderful gifts of time and talent while volunteering for the many SMDS activities and your unfailing generosity in donating and sharing your daylilies and garden items for fund raisers that are so vital for the sound financial operation of SMDS.

Looking ahead to 2012, I am anticipating another great year for SMDS. I think that you will want to mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

March 16: Members Meeting

April 14: Banquet / Paul Owen: fantastic, humorous speaker and outstanding hybridizer

May 18: Don Herr: hearty plants, including polytepals / Pennsylvania

July 12-15: AHS National Convention, Ohio /still room on the SMDS bus to Ohio

July 21: Daylily Exhibition Show / On-scape and Off-scape

Aug. 17: Tim Bell: vigorous, gorgeous plants (do great for me) / Georgia

Sept. 21: Bobbie Brooks / Designing Gardens with Daylilies / nationally known writer/hybridizer

Oct. 12: Potluck - Dec. Holiday Dinner

As this is my last President's Message, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making my four years so gratifying and enjoyable. I deeply appreciate all the cooperation I have received in response to my calls for help and donations... SMDS members always came through to make the events successful.

I wish you the joys of the Holiday Season and a happy, healthy New Year! *Marietta Crabtree*

What is an Honorable Mention Award?

"Established in 1950, this award is the first official "stamp of approval" by the AHS, where good performance goes beyond the regional level. To win, a cultivar must receive a minimum of fifteen votes (starting in 2010, twenty votes will be required to achieve the HM). These votes must come from no fewer than four different AHS regions. In voting for this award, Garden Judges must cast their votes only for cultivars observed in their own region. Cultivars are nominated for the Honorable Mention by their hybridizers. To be eligible it must have been registered for at least three calendar years. The Awards & Honors Committee may also nominate a maximum of ten cultivars each year that have been previously overlooked. Hybridizers may nominate a cultivar a maximum of three times, though not necessarily in consecutive years. After its third nomination, a cultivar cannot be nominated by the hybridizer.

Three years after winning the Honorable Mention Award, a cultivar automatically moves into competition for the "Award of Merit."

Congratulations Greg Schindler and "Matchless Fire" for winning this award!



This is Tom and Kathy Runyan of Corunna, MI. They are new members to both SMDS and CMDS.

The Runyans are quickly adding to their daylily collection. Kathy is also a member of the Potpourri Herb Guild. Gardening is certainly her passion.

I enjoyed getting to know more about them at our Christmas party. Events such as this are a great time to visit with other club members, ask questions and share daylily experiences.

Our October SMDS Meeting: Two Special Guest Speakers, Election and Potluck

We were honored to have two hybridizers from right here in Michigan as speakers for this event. First up was **Chad Bush of Alma, MI.** Until this meeting Chad was known to most SMDS members only as member of CMDS who grows wonderful daylilies and seedlings which he displays at our SMDS daylily shows. However on this evening, Chad was presented a lifetime membership to SMDS by our second speaker John Kulpa. Welcome to SMDS Chad!

Chad is a third grade elementary school teacher with two young sons. He has a very busy life but somehow manages to raise several animals and fowl on his farm along with his many daylilies that he smilingly refers to as "Colorful Chaos Daylilies".

He has miniature horses, llamas, Chinese pheasants, Indian Fantail and Frillback pigeons, along with an emu and Cochin Bantam Chickens. The animals provide all the fertilizer necessary to feed his daylilies.

Chad's goals in hybridizing have changed over time. At first he was totally focused on spots and stripes in daylilies. He wanted obvious spots, not just a tiny speckle that was hardly noticeable. One of the first daylilies he purchased to use in his program was Speckled Trout (Adams,P.-1997).

I imagine his good friend John Kulpa had some influence on him because Chad has also added teeth to his program. He loves beautiful eyes and wide white toothy edges on his daylilies.

His first introductions will be named for his niece, Natalie Olivia and his grandmother.

To learn more about Chad, and see pictures of his daylilies, family and animals, go to this website: <http://colorfulchaosdaylilies.weebly.com/index.html>

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Our second speaker of the evening was our very own John Kulpa of Warren, MI. cont'd from page 6

John lives on a corner lot in the city. He hybridizes thousands of daylilies each summer and creates tens of thousands of seeds. Seeds that he obviously would not have room to plant on his property, therefore John shares these seeds in numerous ways. In 2009 John gave seeds to interested people within the AHS Region 2 area, he tagged the seeds "Seeds of Encouragement". At the 2011 AHS Region 2 Summer Event he donated three large metal daylily sculptures as prizes that could be won by entering a picture of a daylily grown from his donated seeds. Every year he generously donates seeds to both SMDS and CMDS. The seeds are sold and the daylily clubs reap the profit. Many of John's friends are happy recipients of his over abundance of seeds.

John is a recently retired elementary school teacher who began his career in hybridizing many years ago with hosta. His first hosta, "Whirlwind" was registered in 1989, followed by several more, reaching a total of fifteen introductions by 2009.

Many hosta lovers often grow daylilies too, such is the case with longtime SMDS member Pat Salk. Pat Salk and Bill Kapuska own Metamora Gardens where they raise thousands of daylilies and hosta, along with many varieties of clematis and other wonderful perennials.

John credits Pat Salk for his daylily addiction, since it was she who gave him his first daylily and explained to him that hybridizing daylilies was easier than hosta.

SMDS Lifetime Member Nick Balash of Albion, MI has been a mentor and friend to John for many years and has greatly influenced his hybridizing program. They have traveled many miles together sharing gardening knowledge and experiences.

John loves daylilies with bright colors and teeth. A toothless daylily is no longer allowed in the Kulpa gardens.



John Kulpa & Nick Balash share a laugh

"Jean Pink Remembered" was John's first introduction in 2004. Several more introductions followed that same year, currently he has nineteen introductions. All are named after people he "greatly admires and respects".

In 2012 John is introducing a beautiful dark burgundy colored daylily with a wide white toothy edge. It is named for John's mother, Ann Kulpa. I am anxiously looking forward to adding "Ann Kulpa", the daylily to my garden. I was proud to show Ann Kulpa her namesake hosta when she visited my gardens in 2010. It is one of my favorite hostas. Someday in the near future, I hope Ann gets to see "Ann Kulpa" the daylily growing beautifully in my yard too.

Also watch for the toothy daylily "John Kulpa" which is being introduced in 2102 by Sheila Hill.

We have lots to look forward to next year. Happy New Year Everyone!

Teresa Dillon



An email from Bill and Dianna Waldrop at Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, our September guest speakers:

Teresa,
 Your newsletter was terrific. You did a great job. I just sent it to my daughter so she can read about Lily. Oh, we are so fortunate to have her. Thanks for your kind words. We had such a great time in Michigan and your club members were very kind to us. We talk about it often. Our travel was good there and back, food was excellent and we enjoyed the meeting. We hope that Bill's daylilies will grow well for you and we look forward to hearing from you next year. Take care and thanks again.
 Bill and Diana

Chad Bush (left) receives a SMDS Lifetime Membership from John Kulpa.

What a party...

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Somewhere in the midst of all this fun, we did a quick gift exchange. I was fortunate to receive a fantastic ornament of a hummingbird and a lily. Now how did they know that I collect hummingbird ornaments, figurines and pictures? I was happy to add this beauty to my collection.

The final item of our program this evening was a television news interview of Marietta Crabtree in her Shelby Twp garden. The Crabtree gardens were on the regional tour this summer. I am sure the neighbors were relieved to learn the excitement going on in their neighborhood was just a two day event and they should not expect large bus loads of people to be descending their locality on a regular basis. Even so, neighbors must enjoy the usual serene, park like appearance of the Crabtree property.

There is a wonderful photo of the Crabtree gardens on the front cover of your 2011 Fall Region 2 Newsletter. The picture was taken during the summer tour by Suzanne Eck of Woodstock, Illinois.



Jim Vrable and gifts



Chocolate Cake!!!



Barb Delisle, Kathy Rinke, Kathleen Dargel

Scenes from 2011: Barb & Armand Delisle, Lynn & Ric Adams, Lorna Desmarais – at the Christmas Party



Nikki Schmith & Kathy Rinke at the Reg. 2 plant sale



Off Scape Display –Reg 2 Summer Meeting



Rich Surmont creating a daylily Display at Reg. 2 Meeting



SMDS Basket (Wagon) for the Basket Bout



Salk's shade area: Volunteers worked here sorting, washing and tagging bus plants for the regional tours

Mark Your 2012 Calendars... and make your reservations for:

American Daylily Society Region 2 Winter Meeting

February 24 - 25 - 26, 2012

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash, Ohio Phone: (513) 793-4500 ▪ (513) 793-1710

See this website for details: http://www.region2daylily.org/Upcoming_Events.HTML

The Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society will host the
2012 AHS National Convention!

"Discover Columbus' Passion for Daylilies" from July 11-14

Charles & Cynthia Lucius- 2012 AHS National Convention Co-chairs
(614) 851-0334 ceandcflucius@sbcglobal.net

Tour gardens:

Charles and Cynthia Lucius 3064 Amity Road Hilliard, OH 43026
Doug and Stacy Sayer 8707 Long Road Ostrander, OH 43061
Donna Kowalczyk- 8828 Twigg Hupp Road -Sunbury, OH 43074
Jamie and Dianna Gossard -1069 Amity Road- Galloway, OH 43119
Kim and Chris Hensley- 481 Wooster Street -Pickerington, OH 43147
Marvin and Lee Miller- 6221 Condit Road -Centerburg, OH 43011
Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden/ Historic Gardens
1777 East Broad Street -Columbus, OH 43203
Cindy and John Osman - 9100 Kilbourne Road -Sunbury, OH 43074

From the editor: I want to thank Kathy Rinke for being my proof reader, for coaching me and for getting this newsletter emailed to all of you. I also want to thank Denise for her diligence, patience and the time she spends printing and mailing the newsletter. Thank you also Marietta, for doing interviews of various members. We have learned a lot about each other through reading the articles you submitted to our newsletter. AND...Thank you everyone else who submitted articles, news and photos.

Once again, I am asking all members to contribute to this newsletter. Shoot me an email, write or call me. Tell us about your gardens, your favorite daylily or your hybridizing program. Send photos of your favorite flower or seedling... and tell us why it's your favorite. THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER! If you want to read about something other than what you have seen written here in the last two years, let me know. How about a trade/for sale section? Think about it. What daylily or plants are you hoping to add to your collection? Someone might be eager to downsize or willing to split that gorgeous bright red plant because they would like to add a white plant in its place.

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