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It was a "Great Lakes Gathering!"

By Nikki Schmith, meeting chairman and current Region 2 President

The 2011 Region 2 Summer Meeting, known affectionately as the "Great Lakes Gathering" was a smashing success. Accolades from all corners of the region (and even a few from outside our region) are still pouring in! It was a challenge and a pleasure to serve as chairman of this meeting, and be on a team with folks who find a way to make anything happen. Three years ago we voted to put on an event to remember, and we did it in spades.

Financially, it could not have been more successful. We generated over \$7000 for Region 2 in the live auction, and that allows us to continue our award-winning newsletter for the foreseeable future. The plant sale brought in well over \$10000, the basket raffle drew in about \$2000, and the silent auction did another \$2000. Exact figures will be published from the treasurer in an upcoming report, but I had to say that money was in abundance at this meeting. When people are having fun...they don't mind spending money. We can take a lesson from having more FUN events throughout the year for SMDS. FUN is the word I heard more than any other during the event. Everyone had fun...and everything else just fell into place.

Many **thank you's** are in order – too many to write them all here, but there are some that I owe a great deal to, and they are highlighted below.

First, to Patrice McCollum. She was the first person I called when I got the idea to bring the region to southeastern Michigan. She selected and organized the tour garden owners, drove hundreds of miles keeping everything in check, organized the live auction plants and provided guidance to me and others throughout the planning process. Thank you for being a real friend and indispensable teammate.

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**Sept. 9- Bill Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens,
in Marietta, Georgia**

Visit this website to learn more about this hybridizer and his business:

<http://www.kennesawmountaindaylilygardens.com/>

Oct. 14- Potluck and Election of Officers

Dec. 4 - Holiday Dinner

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SMDS Board Meetings:

Take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (Feb. - June & Aug. – Nov)

7:00 p.m. at the home of SMDS president:

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All SMDS members are welcome to attend, please call first to verify dates and time of meeting.

To Armand and Barbara Delisle, two people who worked with the hotel to plan a seamless experience for our guests – all the while planning to be on the tour themselves! This was not their first rodeo, and I could not have done it all without their calming influence and unwavering support. I appreciate everything you have done for me and with me over the last decade, and I will not forget your kindness.

To Lee and Bette Alden, who did whatever, whenever. From design work, to craft assembly, to plant donations, to basket making, to nametag printing, to lanyard attaching, to everything else Bette managed to pick up from my slack. Bette is one person I know I can call anytime about anything and she will get it done on time and with quality – every time. Thank you to Lee, who agreed to not only let us use one of his seedling photos as our logo, but went a step further and actually registered it! I am now the proud owner of H. 'Sleeping Bear' and will grow it always to remind me of Lee and the wonderful meeting in July of 2011.

To Diane Pruden, who took on more than she should have and successfully survived! Her skills as a registrar were amazing as she juggled one challenge after another. She also organized bus captains, drove/vetted routes, opened her garden to visitors and was a one-woman tornado in the hospitality suite (even convincing Coca-Cola to sponsor it!) Thank you for coming through in so many ways, Diane!

To Elaine Schultz, who supported every crazy idea I had with every fiber of her ability. She worked tirelessly to get things done and did them with grace and skill. For someone who hadn't even been to a regional meeting before, she set the standard for daylily rookies getting things done. (And I can't mention Elaine without mentioning her charming husband Ron, who –at no cost to the meeting – printed most all of the amazing color materials we used throughout the meeting.)

To Gary Faust, the man with the money. Some days I felt like Gary was the only one who believed me when I said this thing would not break our bank and cost us one red dime. Thank you for believing in me, Gary – we could not have done it without your levelheadedness and patience. He also was there to pick up several jobs like bus route planning, projector shuffling and the like. THANK YOU FOR JUST "BEING THERE."

To Kathy Rinke, who hit a home run with the SMDS Plant Sale. In over a decade of attending regionals and nationals, I have never seen such a spectacle- and I don't think anyone else had, either! Her organization skills are top notch and SMDS should be very thankful to her and her Fred for all they did to raise well over \$10,000 for the club. Kathy, you are a gem and are the epitome of patience. Thank. You.

To Nicole Willis, who dug, cleaned, tagged and prepared more daylily fans than anyone should ever have to handle in one week. She probably handled well over 1000 donated divisions from several different donors in just a few days. Thank you for also stepping up to be a bus captain! You did the job, girlie! Thank you for simply doing what needed to be done without any drama. I truly appreciate just being able to trust someone with a job.

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To Teresa Dillon – a fabulous lady who is the best. Her creativity in the plant sale, silent auction, live auction, table centerpieces, banquet décor and our own SMDS basket offering (which had the second highest number of tickets voting for it) was unparalleled. I cannot count the ways that Teresa's support gave flight to the meetings success and to my spirits. Keep up the great work, Teresa. I'm not sure I'll miss anyone as much...

To Joel Park – another meeting rookie who stepped up, grabbed the vision and make the Off-Scape Show one of the most talked-about parts of the meeting. This had never been done before at a regional meeting and he was the perfect person to do the job. It was a crowning jewel, Joel – flawlessly executed. Joel was also a bus captain and charmed the pants off his bus! Thanks, Joel!

To John Kulpa- my devil's advocate and one of the meetings wonderful benefactors. John's "out of the box" thinking added the element of surprise and wonder to the meeting. His donations to the live auction, the early registration plants, the Balash centerpiece plants, the silent auction and the plant sale were unmatched. His connection to the "iron flower" artist was responsible for giving the silent auction the extra WOW that folks are still talking about. Thank you for sticking with me, John, and for knowing that something different was what we needed.

To Pat Salk and Bill Kapustka, the welcoming committee! They took on the registration desk on opening day and for making each guest feel welcome and attended to. They were amazing and did exactly what was needed to make our guests first experience at the Great Lakes Gathering a great one. It could not have been done by two better people. Pat and Bill also donated 300 fans for bus plants and several of Pat's introductions for centerpieces. They deserve a life membership in SMDS for all they have done over the past two decades to make this club successful.

To Lorna Desmarais and her fabulous granddaughter Alex. What can I say? Lorna's cookies, Alex's efforts on the live auction paddles, and both of their skills as bus captains were very much appreciated. Lorna can always be counted on, and Alex has a great role model on how to make the world a better place through service. Thank you, Lorna and Alex. I will miss you both and your perpetually sunny dispositions terribly (and Lorna's baking!)

To the tour garden owners, who selflessly and at their own cost opened their gardens and shared their personal universe with us. I heard more than once that these gardens were "national quality" gardens, which means a lot coming from people who go to four or five of these meetings a year. The weeding, planting, and preparing was all worth it. Each garden offered something different and wonderful to the visitors. You should all be very proud and know that our visitors loved every garden they visited.

To Fred "Superman" Rinke (you deserve a vacation), Kathleen Dargel, Arlene Welsh, Christine Jurosek, LuAnne Ikeda, Dorothea Meyer, Tammy Voss, Louise Taylor, Phyllis Cantini, John Cody, Doug and Sheila Green, Marie Kase, and anyone else who donated, weeded, cooked, drove, designed, printed, collated, stapled, bled, cried, and contributed to the overall success of our event – THANK YOU!

“It was a Great Lakes Gathering” by Nikki Schmith.

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To the people I forgot to mention (and certainly there are two or three important ones I forgot...) I forgot to mention you because your involvement was seamless and without incident. I appreciate everything that anyone did for this meeting- it was hundreds, if not thousands of hours invested in **one of the greatest daylily parties I have ever attended.**

Know that I owe each of you a big favor, and I hope you are not too shy to call in your marker. Although I'm leaving Michigan for "back home" in Illinois, I will always retain my membership in SMDS and hope that our paths will cross again each year at regional events. Don't forget to have fun and don't forget why we all joined this club – to have fun and learn about the daylily. It certainly brought us together, and for that, I am thankful.

WE DID IT. And I was proud to be on the team with folks I am honored to call - my friends.

Sincerely,

Nikki Schmith

AHS Region 2, Inc. President 2009-2012

Keep up with my daylily adventures at: www.agirlandhergarden.com

SEPTEMBER 9TH SMDS MEETING

It's been a while since we were all together. So everyone must be looking forward to our September 9th meeting. As usual, the meeting starts at 7:00pm.

**Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills, Mi 48304
Located on the SW corner of Woodward and Cranbrook Roads**

Bill Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens in Marietta, GA will be our guest speaker.



Members with last names beginning with F thru J are requested to bring refreshments.

Come bring a friend, meet Bill and enjoy a colorful daylily presentation. An auction of Waldrop introductions will follow the program. Plants will be shipped in May 2012.

Tell your friend to bring some money for the auction!!

Red Top Mountain a 2011 daylily introduction by Bill Waldrop

Terri Osinski Memorial

SMDS has donated \$50 to the AHS Bertie Ferris Youth Fund as a memorial to honor SMDS member, Teri Osinski, who died June 11, 2011 while waiting for a heart transplant.

Terri was active in SMDS for many years and organized the fund -raising SMDS garden walk in 2006 as well as contributing to many activities over the years.

Terri was always ready to help when needed. She is greatly missed by her many SMDS friends.

Nominations Chairperson

The election for officers and directors for SMDS will take place at the October Pot Luck general meeting on October 14th. SMDS members will be voting for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four directors.

Any SMDS member who would like to serve in one of these positions should contact the nominations chairperson, Marie Kase, by August 31st.

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President's Message

Kudos to SMDS for hosting a phenomenally successful AHS Region 2 meeting July 15th – 17th for 230 attendees. The weather cooperated for wonderful garden tours both Saturday and Sunday with profuse gorgeous daylily blooms. A huge thank you to the hosts of the eight gardens on tour for your many hours of hard work and for sharing the beauty of your gardens.

The plant sale was also a huge success and included 250 potted daylilies as well as hundreds and hundreds of bare root plants. Much gratitude and thanks to members for your daylily and other donations for the plant sale, silent auction, and AHS live auction.

A big thank you with deep appreciation to all the AHS Region 2 committee members for organizing the event and all the SMDS members doing all the necessary jobs when and where needed including organizing and helping with the plant sale, vendors, basket bout, silent auction, AHS Region 2 live auction, off-scape display, seeds of encouragement display, menus, hotel arrangements, table centerpiece decorations, bus routes, bus captains, registration, finance reports, web site, logo, attendee tote bags, event t-shirts, guest plants, potting daylilies, transporting daylilies, organizing and visiting tour gardens, helping with tour garden refreshments, registration packet, hosting meetings etc... All of the parts came together for a wonderful result. You know the part you contributed ...give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done!

Hats off to Nikki Schmith for doing such an outstanding job as chairperson of the AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting planning committee while juggling a full-time job and preparing to move to a new home out of state. SMDS wishes Nikki and her family the very best in their new adventure. Nikki, you are our Wonder Woman! With much gratitude and appreciation, SMDS thanks you for all you have done. *Marietta Crabtree*

Nikki,

I am going to miss you, your contagious smile, your constant encouragement, your undying enthusiasm and charming wit. May you always have joy in your new home and continued happiness in your garden. I can only speak for myself but I know many others who feel the same, when I say you are going to be missed terribly. At least you waited until this regional was over. "You picked a fine time to leave us Lucille!"

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU *Teresa Dillon*

JD Stadler visits SMDS- May 2011

J.D Stadler of Celestial Daylilies in Charlotte, NC was our May guest speaker. Along with his southern charm, Mr. Stadler brought a wonderful presentation into our northern part of the U.S.

It seems he has been surrounded by beautiful flowers for most of this life. J.D's mother raised approximately 1000 irises and about 500 daylilies and when she passed away he moved several of her daylilies to his home. J. D's first hybridizing experiences were with iris, and then his attention turned to daylilies.

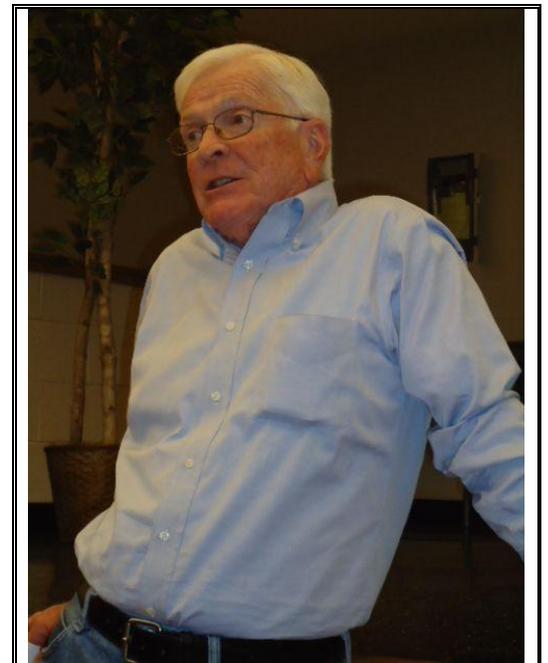


EVOLUTION (Stadler 2009)

J.D's original daylily hybridizing goals were to create wider petals with ruffles, then he moved onto eyes and edges. He also wanted to create a black daylily and that was his goal for twenty years. He produced a near-black daylily named BLACK MARKET in 2005, but the morning he found three black seedlings in his seedling bed he was "ready to do a handstand". In 2008 he introduced BACK IN BLACK and BLACK FURY. BLACK FURY has been his most popular introduction.

He also works with doubles and teeth. As of this date, according to the AHS database, J. D has blessed the daylily market with eleven double daylilies. Now it appears he is focusing on toothy varieties. Stadler's recent toothy edged introductions include LADY KILLER (2009) and FRANCES STADLER (2012). EVOLUTION, which he introduced in 2009 has the best of both worlds, it is a toothy double.

After working with doubles for over ten years, J.D. considers DATE WITH DESTINY to be his "best daylily introduction ever." It is "near perfect in every respect". Its height is 30", the bloom 6" and has a clear purple base accented by a darker purple edge and it doubles 100% of the time. He reserved the name, and waited to apply it to a daylily that he felt deserving.



J.D. Stadler



Short and simple

I want to thank everyone that helped to make the Region 2 Summer Meeting an event to remember.

A special thanks and my gratitude to the members whose help was invaluable in making the Plant Sale, Silent Auction, and Basket Bout a great success. ~ Kathy Rinke

Scenes from the 2011 AHS Region 2 "Great Lakes Gathering"



And the 2011 Englerth Award goes to....

Mr. John Kulpa. It appears that many folks were equally impressed by this large red, "in your face" daylily that was loaded with blooms and buds. Its buds and branching were unmatched in the Englerth Bed at the gardens of Ric and Lynn Adams, Goodrich, MI. Thank you Ric and Lynn for hosting this bed and for opening your gardens to everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!



Martin Kamensky, Nick Balash, Fred Rinke and Kathy Rinke. Photo taken at the Delisle Gardens early Sat. a.m. while it was not quite so hot. Thank you: to Nick for sharing your knowledge and being a daylily pioneer. To Martin for opening your gardens for tours, for amazing work with early and repeat blooming daylilies and contributing so much to SMDS and To Kathy Rinke for ALL the efforts that you extend to SMDS. This regional would not have happened without you ... and Fred. What a guy! A man of many talents which he willing shared with attendees of this event. Thank you ALL for all for the many ways you all support the AHS, SMDS, and the future of daylilies.



In the Kulpa gardens: Chad Bush, John Kulpa and Nick Balash. Nick has shared daylily knowledge with John. John is now sharing his experience with upcoming hybridizer, Chad Bush.

There were lots of winners from Michigan at this event:

John Kulpa - Englerth award

Tom Lucius - People's Choice Seedling Award in the off scape display. He also won the CMDS basket.

Tammy Voss won the basket donated by ODS.

Teresa Dillon won the basket donated by Linda Lapinski.

Sandy Wolfe won a metal sculpted daylily, donated by John Kulpa for her photo entry in the Seeds of Encouragement contest.

SMDS member Sandra Dunn, owner of Along the Fence Daylilies and is featured in Ingham County Farm Bureau newsletter. Read about it here:

http://www.michfb.com/files/archived_pdfs/5/Ingham_County_Newsletter.pdf



1: Delisle Gardens 2. Kamensky Gardens 3. Hite Gardens 4.Cischke Gardens 5. Marietta, Nick & Don &Crabtree Gardens



1. Webster garden 2. Cischke pond 3. Kulpa garden 4. Barb & Armand Delisle

Some comments posted by attendee's of the Summer 2010 Region 2 Event:

Sally Marcum, from OH; The weekend of the Region 2 meeting of the Southern Michigan Daylily Society was loaded with daylilies, hybridizers, prizes and conversation with daylily people about daylilies. Not only were we treated to daylilies grown well on small city lots, but we toured rolling gardens with mixed perennials, trees, unique garden ornaments with daylilies grown well.

Judy Branson from Bentonville, AR (Region 13): What a great time we had in Troy - the gardens were National quality gardens. The different/new off-scape exhibition was great and peaked a lot of interest. What fun to go to another Region's Meeting to see all the different gardens.

Mary Anne Leisen, Wheaton, IL: The club did a fantastic job and as Gerta Brooker commented to me "One of the best Regionals I've ever been on." I AGREE! The details were taken care of in meticulous fashion. The sale room never got stale. They had so many plants, the open gardens put in just as much effort into getting their beds into shape as those actually on tour. The gift bags happened to be just what I needed this weekend. Visiting open gardens was one of the best parts of the Regional and Phyllis Cantini's garden was no exception. Phyllis then very kindly took me to Diane Pruden's garden.

Paul Owen, Shelby, NC: THANK YOU to the Southern Michigan Daylily Society (and R2) for putting on one GREAT GREAT GREAT Summer Soiree this year in Troy!!! From the moment I got to the registration table, the fun and amazement just didn't stop! Indeed, the SMDS just never stopped pulling tricks out of their hat... what an AMAZING and creative club they have there! On Saturday, we ALL had a total BLAST... touring gardens that were just to die for!!! That night, the main banquet was just plain divine