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Martin Kamensky Receives Honorary SMDS Lifetime Membership Award

Our October meeting and potluck held a special surprise for SMDS member Martin Kamensky. He was awarded a SMDS Lifetime Membership acknowledging the many ways in which he has contributed to the club throughout the years.

It was obvious that Martin was shocked but truly honored as he accepted the award. He told club members that he enjoyed being a club member and sharing his flowers with others and that it would not be fun to do it all alone.

Martin has been very generous to our club and its members. I have heard many stories of club members being gifted several of his introductions when they visit his gardens. I too have been the recipient of such gifts. This award is well deserved and it was thrilling to see Martin's smiles of joy.

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Attendance was down this year for our potluck but there was an over abundance of food. We missed those of you who could not attend. You lost out on a delicious meal and a great time of fellowship amongst club members. We are fortunate to have some great cooks in our midst. I apologize that I did not get pictures of the beautiful display of food. It was certainly impressive. One of our desserts was Death by Chocolate. What does that tell you?

Our next meeting will be our holiday dinner on December 2. Details are included in this newsletter. So mark your calendars, and make plans to attend.

Pictured below: Martin Kamensky with SMDS Lifetime Membership Award.

At the same table, left to right: SMDS members- Annie Cischk, Kathleen Dargel, Arlene & Bill Welsh, Geraldine Young and Irene Koziel.

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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.

Board meetings will be held at Barbara and Armand Delisle's home in Warren.

Please contact Elaine Schultz at eschultz1234@comcast.net or 248-641-9543 for meeting details.

◆◆ SMDS 2012 & 2013 Calendar of Events ◆◆

December 2: Holiday Garden Party Dinner – See page 7 for details

**Our Annual SMDS 2013 Banquet will host Curt Hanson as our guest speaker. Curt is a hybridizer from Gate Mills, OH. Owner of Crintonic Gardens <http://www.crintonic.com/>
Save the date: April 13, 2013- See page 6 for details**

Other meeting dates confirmed for the coming year are:

May 17, August 16, September 20, October 18, and December 8

Special programs and speakers will be announced in our next newsletter.

SMDS Members: I want to thank all of you that have contributed to our newsletter in the past and I encourage more contributions from all of you. You must tire of reading my opinion; what I heard, saw or tasted at each of our events. Most gardeners welcome other gardeners to see their flowers. Can you share some of your garden or gardening experience in our newsletter? Have you found a great nursery in your area? New plants to recommend, or possibly something we should avoid? Please submit ideas, comments, articles, and/or pictures you are willing to share with fellow members to: Teresa Dillon dillon1t@power-net.net 989-288-3408

Additional Daylily Events for Your 2012 Calendar:

Grand Valley Daylily Society <http://grandvalleydaylily.org/>

Meets at Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids MI.

Nov 1st - 7:00p.m. Guest speaker: Ric Adams/ Daylily hybridizer/Owner Laidback Gardens, Goodrich, MI

Central Michigan Daylily Society: www.daylilies.me

Meets at: Commission on Aging ,2200 S. Lincoln Rd. Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

Nov 17th -10:00a.m. Guest speaker: Ginny Pearce/ Daylily hybridizer/Owner of Garden Path Perennials/ in Grand Rapids,MI. Ginny is also the VP of GVDS. <http://www.gardenpathperennials.com/>

Bobbie Brooks visits Southern Michigan (Bobbie being introduced by Marietta Crabtree)

SMDS was honored to have Bobbie Brooks as our guest speaker for September. If you did not make it to this meeting, you missed seeing beautiful garden scenes and lost out on an opportunity to fill your mind with landscaping ideas. We gardeners must always be planning ahead.

I have been looking forward to meeting Bobbie and seeing her presentation since I was first presented with our 2012 club calendar. I love daylilies about as much as anyone can, but come on folks, there is so much more to gardening than



rows and rows of daylilies. I admit I am one of the worst offenders. I have killed lots of grass and removed many perennials, trees and shrubs from my gardens over the years to make room for more daylilies. Now I am wishing I could turn back time. I long for the day when there will be color and interesting things to see in all of my gardens during the entire growing season.

Viewing the wonderful gardens that Bobbie has masterminded caused my eyes to turn green with envy. On the other hand, I was relieved that she included some of her “mistakes”. Some plants weren’t playing well together and had to be evicted. In most cases the plants were relocated, in other cases they were eradicated all together. It was reassuring to me that someone with so much gardening experience could make some of the same mistakes I have made in my own gardens. However the most encouraging information Bobbie shared was to keep trying; keep moving those plants around until the combination clicks. Add structure, texture and composition, and make groupings to create interest. She taught us good color combinations and showed us how to design using annuals, perennials, shrubs and vines.

Bobbie is also a daylily hybridizer, so she does have rows of daylilies in her seedling beds. She has introduced thirty nine daylilies. Since she lives in quarry land that is mostly sand or rocks, all of her gardening areas required lots of amendmets. What a hard working lady. Her awards are in living color for all to see and enjoy. *Teresa Dillon*

Tim Bell Charms SMDS in August 2012



Patrice McCollum with Tim Bell

Tim is a charming southern gentleman, with a great outlook on life that fashions his fine sense of humor.

His father was a peanut farmer, where he was born and raised in Sycamore, Georgia. Tim was the youngest of five children and has a twin brother.

He gave our audience a virtual tour of his gardens. It is no wonder that people want to stand in the midst of the beautiful Bells Daylily Gardens as they pledge to spend their lives together. The guests that are invited to attend a wedding here certainly must be amazed at their surroundings.

Tim must have an abundance of energy. With the help of one employee named Pedro, he averages planting 10,000 seeds annually in raised beds. As they mature, the seedlings are transplanted in fields. He loves large bright colored flowers with contrast. His first introduction was in 1997 and he currently has two hundred and four.

His greatest joy in hybridizing is; knowing that when he sees a seedling bloom for the very first time, he is witnessing something that no one else has ever seen before.

In 2011 he named a daylily “Linda Bell” for his wife, because he felt it was his best introduction. That same year Tim introduced a daylily named “Seaside Romance”, that too was in honor of his wife, since he proposed marriage to her at the seaside. It has already won five achievement medals at daylily shows.

Linda Bell (Bell-T 2012)

Should you visit his garden you will view a sign that reads: If you are grouchy or crabby, there will be a \$10.00 charge for dealing with you. Another reflection of his sense of humor.

Tim was a great auctioneer with a style unlike any I have witnessed before. His generosity and kindness to our club members will be remembered and certainly difficult to be matched. *Teresa Dillon*



Ladies and Gentlemen... Now it's time for Ask A Judge!!!



What are the responsibilities of the REGISTRATION and the PLACEMENT people and why are their jobs important at a sanctioned DAYLILY SHOW?

The registration people are responsible for checking each entry with the DATABASE to be sure the plant is registered and into which category it should be placed. Only registered daylilies are eligible for ribbons and prizes unless entered in the seedling category. Any daylily registered in the same year as the show will be considered a seedling until the printed checklist is available in the spring of the following year. In other words, any daylily registered in the year 2012 is still considered a seedling until spring 2013.

The placement people are the designated people who place the daylily entries in the proper locations at the Exhibition Show. They must be extremely careful to carry the entries to the correct location. They must be cautious to not damage the flower in any way and place the flower in the same condition that it was received from the person who groomed and entered it, being careful not to touch any of the petals or cause any pollen to fall onto the flower. Any carelessness on their part can mean the difference between winning a PURPLE RIBBON and a RED RIBBON or even possibly BEST OF SHOW or SWEEPSTAKES. *By Dorothean Meyer*

Note: Dorothean is a Sr. Exhibition Judge and she is on the AHS Display Garden Committee. Dorothy is a garden judge and our AHS Region 2 Publicity Director. Of course her Bad Axe, MI. gardens are AHS Display Gardens. Thank you Dorothy!!

Several people in attendance asked for the recipe of the delicious dip that Jenny Hessler brought to our September meeting. Here is the recipe:

Dirty Bean Dip (AKA Cowboy Caviar)

1/2 cup Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing
1/4 cup Italian dressing
1 tsp. chili powder
2 tsp. cilantro or parsley
1 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. garlic salt or powder
3 or 4 drops of hot sauce
1 can black beans (drained)
1 small can white corn (drained)
1/2 cup green pepper, chopped
1/2 cup purple onion, chopped
1 medium tomato, chopped
Salt to taste
Mix all together and serve with tortilla chips



ANNUAL SMDS SPRING BANQUET



Root Canal (Hanson 2012)

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013

Social Hour at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER

2975 E. Maple Road
Troy, Michigan
Phone: 248-689-3636
Parking: Dequindre Entrance/ North of Maple Road

MENU: FAMILY STYLE DINNER

Includes Soup, Salad, 3 Entrees:
(Roast Beef, Boneless Chicken Breast,
Kielbasa and Kraut), Potatoes,
Vegetable and Dessert, Rolls and Beverage

SPEAKER: CURT HANSON

Crintonic Gardens Gates Mill, Ohio

PRICE: Members \$25.00 members per person
\$30.00 non members per person

Deadline for payment March 28, 2013

Make checks payable to SMDS and
send to:
Kathy Rinke
3854 Earl West Road
Brown City, MI 48416

Please note on memo line of your
check:

Annual SMDS Banquet



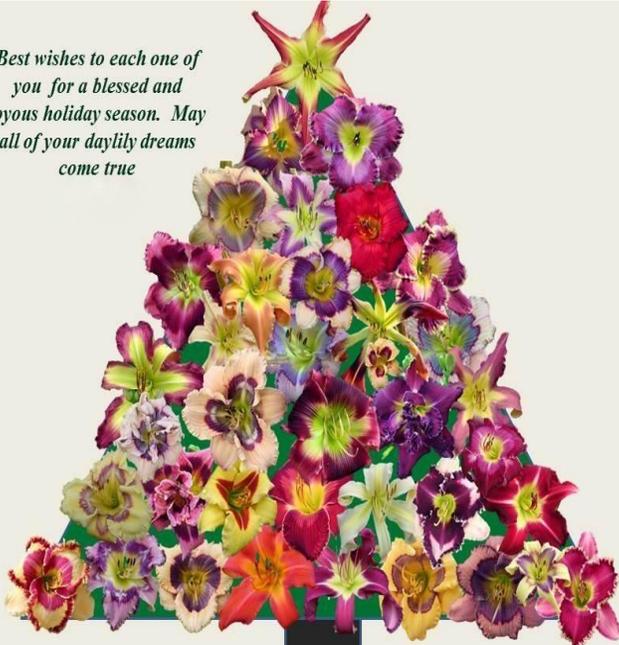
SMDS Members...

Our Last Event for 2012! Make Your Reservations Now!

Sunday, December 2nd:
Holiday Garden Party Dinner
Slideshow Presentation of 2012 AHS National
Arrive: 1:30 pm Dinner: 2:00 pm
Congregational Church of Birmingham

Catered By: Italian American Club (Clinton Township)

*Best wishes to each one of
you for a blessed and
joyous holiday season. May
all of your daylily dreams
come true*



Menu:

*Roast Sirloin with Zip Sauce
Chicken Siciliana with Amogio
Penne Palmina Pasta
Green Beans
House Salad
Santa Anna Potatoes
Cake
Coffee or tea*

Optional Gift Exchange
Bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$15
and join the fun.

Cost per Person: \$15

Deadline for Reservations : November 25th

Make checks out to SMDS
Put "Holiday Party" on the memo line
Mail to:
Kathy Rinke
3854 Earl West Road
Brown City, MI 48416



Karol Emmerich Visits Michigan

Several SMDS members attended a banquet hosted by Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society (KADS) on October 9th. The guest speaker was Karol Emmerich. The Gull Lake Country Club was a glorious setting for the evening. The drive was sunny and filled with amazing Michigan fall colors. We ate our dinner and watched the sun set on beautiful Gull Lake. It was fun to meet other Michigan daylily lovers and to experience a banquet as a guest, to sit and eat and be waited on. I could very easily become accustomed to that kind of service.

Karol Emmerich with KADS president Steve Deming. (photo by Ginny Pearse, GVDS V.P.)

We were welcomed warmly by the KADS group. I enjoyed myself immensely. As a representative of SMDS and CMDS, I was on my best behavior. I was assured that our clubs would be invited to any further programs such as this. *Teresa Dillon*

This is a quote from Greg Youngchild, chairperson of the event:

About half our attendees at the banquet were from outside of KADS--Karol has a faithful following here in Michigan! The venue--Gull Lake Country Club in Richland, MI--could not have been more pleasant. The dining area was spacious yet intimate, and as we dined, we could catch the fading light playing across the wind-chopped surface of Gull Lake through the floor-to-ceiling panoramic wall of glass. The meal itself was indeed delicious, and the service was very attentive and pleasant.

It was our little club's first experience of sending out an invitation to the other MI clubs to come share our season-closing event, and I think it was a resounding success. (Much to my relief!) So I think it's pretty safe to say we'll be doing it again next year. But it will be a tough act to follow.



Barb and Armand Delise with Bobbie Brooks: Standing in the award winning Delisle Gardens of Warren Michigan.

If you have never paid a visit to this lovely garden, you should contact Barb and Armand next summer and beg to visit their lovely creation. It is amazing to see all the wonderful plantings they have arranged in this adorable city location. They are very charming hosts.

Hello SMDS Members,

It may seem early, but it's the time of year when I start planning for the Raffle and Silent Auction for our April banquet. This is our main fundraiser for the year, and any help or donations are very much appreciated.

While you are checking your gardens before they completely slip underground for their winter rest, perhaps you can find a couple fans of something you can donate. It doesn't have to be one of the newest introductions, perhaps a favorite, great performer, hard to find, or even one of your own seedlings. (Photo and stats appreciated)

Garden plants other than Daylilies are always welcome too, we all love variety. Michigan winter is long, so if you are creative, homemade items are always a big hit. We all like garden art, homemade or store bought.

Everyone who attends the banquet loves the "Silent Auction" and "Raffle", but it only happens because of the support of our members. Thank You everyone who has donated items and time past, present and future.



Special thanks to Judith Wright for jump starting the efforts for 2013 with a donation of a small clump of :

[Redneck Red](#) (Rice-J., 2006)

height 52", bloom 8.5", season EM, Dormant, Tetraploid, 21 buds, 3 branches, Unusual Form Crispate, Orange red self above green throat. (unknown x unknown)

Knowing what the donations will be as soon as possible helps tremendously so don't hesitate to contact me.

~ Kathy Rinke ~ 810-656-6815 ~ rinke16@bigtube.net



Some scenes from the October Potluck meeting.

Left to right: Fred & Kathy Rinke, Pat Salk, Barbara & Armand Delisle, Bill Kapustka



Don Crabtree, Armand Delisle, Marietta Crabtree, John Kulpa, Rich Surmont

President Elaine Schultz with Martin Kamensky; as he is presented an Honorary Lifetime SMDS Membership.

Martin has introduced eighty three daylilies as of this date.

Thank you Martin for all your contributions to the future of daylilies and our daylily club!

