

The Bud, Branch and Scape

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Happy Fall Ya'll



Pretty Petals Purple Finch (McCutcheon 2013)

So much has happened since the June edition of our newsletter there is a lot to cover in this edition.

I am sure all of us stayed busy in our gardens this summer. Unlike the summer of 2012, wasn't it wonderful to see them flourish due to an abundance of rain?

The following daylily events have taken place recently. Hopefully you were able to be at all or at least some of these happenings;

the AHS Region 2 Summer meeting in Cincinnati, OH, our annual SMDS Daylily Show, Judges Exhibition class, SMDS summer picnic in the gardens of Linda & Martin Vittands, the 2013 AHS National in MN, and most recently, a surprise SMDS program in August by Kim McCutcheon of Pretty Petals Garden in Xenia, OH.

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NOTICE: October 18, 2013 is Election Night!
Members unable attend the election meeting may request a mailed ballot or an e-mail ballot.

Contact Election Chairperson: Teresa Dillon
at 989-288-3408 or email: dillon1t@lentel.com

All ballots must be returned NO later than noon on Election Day, Friday - October 18, 2013.

SMDS ANNUAL PICNIC

Thank you again to Linda and Martin Vittands, for hosting our 2013 SMDS annual picnic. Your home is beautiful and your gardens are amazing!

When entering the gate to your back yard, I forgot I was still in the city. What a fantastic escape to nature!

It is obvious to this gardener that many years of labor and love created this heavenly abode.

I am apologizing to you on the front page of this newsletter because somehow I made the horrible mistake of deleting the many pictures I took on my tour of your gardens. I hoped other members that took pictures would share but it seems their pictures are also currently unavailable. If anyone has pictures of this event/garden and will allow access, I would like to share them with everyone in a future edition. *Teresa*

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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 2013 Calendar of Events ◆◆◆◆◆

Our meetings are held at 7pm at the Congregational Church of Birmingham
1000 Cranbrook Rd, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304

Located on the SW corner of Woodward & Cranbrook Roads (at approx. 17-1/2 Mile)

Members with last name's beginning with following letters

please bring food for club meetings:

September - S through Z

September 13:

Speaker, Richard Norris, Ashwood Gardens, Glouster, Ohio.

Website: <http://www.ashwooddaylilies.com/index.htm>

October 18:

General Meeting/Election and Potluck/Video created by Kathy Rinke, a compilation of our members pictures from the 2012 bus trip to the AHS National Summer Meeting.

December 8:

Holiday Party at the Italian Club in Clinton Township

Additional Michigan Daylily Events for Your 2013 Calendar:

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

OCT 3 - DINNER, MEETING, AND AUCTION-5:30 P.M. DINNER AT MALARKY'S-7:00 P.M. FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS
SPEAKER: TIM BELL (HYBRIDIZER) FROM BELL'S DAYLILY GARDEN IN GEORGIA

Central Michigan Daylily Society www.daylilies.me

Regular meetings are Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. @ Commission on Aging, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI.
9/21/13- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Speaker: Phil Walenga Topic: Instructions on using Flickr for photos.
10/19/13- 10:00 a.m. Regular meeting. Guest speakers: Charles & Cynthia Lucius, owners of Amity Abloom Gardens in Ohio. Topic: Landscaping.

For Additional Info on these activities: Contact CMDS Pres. Christine Juroszek email: cjuroszek@aol.com
Or visit the CMDS website www.daylilies.me

2013 Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society Meeting

For more Info: contact Greg Youngchild 269-753-1175 email: gyoungchild@att.net

Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society (KADS) season-ending banquet on **Saturday, October 19th.**
Gull Lake Country Club, 9725 W Gull Lake Dr, Richland, MI 49083 (<http://gulllakecc.com/>) the event will be held in the Grille Room on the 18th hole of the golf course across the road from the main clubhouse where we gathered last year.

Social Hour (with a cash bar) at **6 PM, dinner about 6:45 PM.**

Our guest speaker for the evening is **Tom Polston** of Pleasant Valley Gardens, Dayton, OH.
<http://pleasantvalleygardens.net/index.htm> Tom and his partner Doug Sterling specialize in tetraploid daylilies with ruffles and teeth but have branched out to include patterned diploids as well
We will be holding drawings for several of Tom's registered daylilies as door prizes at the end of the evening, to be received by the winners at our KADS meeting in May, 2014. (Winners outside of KADS will have their plants shipped separately.)

Menu options for the main course are **chicken piccata or salmon. Per person the cost is \$22** (payable to KADS); checks may be mailed to me at my home address below. **Reservations must be received by Saturday, October 12th.** Don't forget to **indicate your meal choice** at the time of making your reservation!

You may check the GLCC website <http://gulllakecc.com/> or use its street address in Google Maps (or your favorite online map provider) for directions. I will send out a suggested route in my next email on the banquet.

We hope that KADS members, and our fellow daylily-loving friends from other daylily clubs in MI who will be receiving this invitation to join us, will have a wonderful evening of camaraderie as we dine then enjoy Tom Polston as he shares his photos with us of his extraordinary hybridizing work.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me or phone me at home in the evening.

Greg Youngchild, Vice-President, KADS

Saundra Dunn's "Along the Fence Daylilies"

Written by, Kathy Rinke

Recently I had the great pleasure of visiting "Along The Fence Daylilies". It rained for most of my 2 hour trip, but when I arrived the rain stopped as if Mother Nature wanted me to see this joyful garden. The first thing that greeted me was a collection of Al Goldner's daylilies in the middle of a bed along a fence line. The Goldner's* were flanked by introductions from other Michigan Hybridizers, SMDS on one side and CMDS and Grand Valley on the other.

The teacher in Saundra is reflected in the organization and the visitors experience of "Along the Fence Daylilies".

Saundra walks people down a row of species and historic cultivars, and as she passes her arms over the vast selling beds she says "These all came from these species". As visitors walk down the path, they see how things have changed over the years. Saundra will comment to the group,"

Can you imagine how the person who created the first red or purple daylily must have felt?

There is a small bed of seedlings that all came from the same seed pod to show visitors the diversity that can come from one cross. If you want to know how a daylily is hybridized, she is very willing to demonstrate.



Her signage is unique to say the least. Daylilies are grouped by various themes: "Grocery Shopping", "Quilting Bee", "In The Phone Book", "With This Ring", "Then Comes Marriage" and more. What a fun and unique way to organize things.

This unique organization is partly influenced by the fact that Saundra mentors teenagers they help with the garden work and assist visitors. The teenagers are allowed to make any crosses that they want. Saundra has one simple rule, put your initials on the tag and write why you made the cross on the back. It can be as simple as to enhance the color or a more detailed

reason. She wants them to think and put some thought behind their crosses.

Visitors from assisted living or nursing homes are frequent guest and Saundra has the kids help them walk down the paths. Imagine teenagers walking arm in arm with seniors and actually enjoying the conversation and time together. Plants are often donated to the Nursing Homes to be used in their landscaping. Other churches and organizations benefit from Saundra's generosity as well.

Well worth the drive it took to make my visit, there are lots of late bloomers, so even in early August there was plenty of color to enjoy.

A unique experience, you should all put "Along The Fence Daylilies" on your must see list. Saundra has created a daylily garden that reflects her own unique way of enjoying our favorite flower.~ Kathy

Learn more about Al Goldner's Daylily introductions here:

[http://jotreefarm.com/jotreefarm.com/About Alfred Goldner.html](http://jotreefarm.com/jotreefarm.com/About%20Alfred%20Goldner.html)

Now it is time for Ask a Judge!

How important is branching and bud count on a seedling? I have a seedling that is more than 11 inches wide and is the prettiest daylily in my garden. But it has only 6 buds on a crooked scape with no branching. Could I still win Best Seedling in our upcoming show?

THE ANSWER IS YES.....

The correlation of branching, bud count and flower size determines the harmonious relationship between scape and flower. Judges should assess the overall quality of the exhibit.

To win best seedling in an accredited show your entry must score 95 points or above to receive a purple award. If your seedling is the only purple given in the seedling class you would win that class. If several purples were given in that seedling class then the judges would judge all of the purples to find the winner. If your seedling was the highest scored purple, then you would win the Best Seedling for the show.

2013 SMDS Daylily Show

Because of the outstanding volunteering and participation of SMDS members, the 2013 SMDS Daylily Show was a huge success. A total of 223 on-scape and 232 off-scape daylilies were entered in the show. The off-scape display was visited by many Bordine customers and a total of 110 people voted for their favorite daylilies.

I greatly appreciate the wonderful help given at set up and the show and send a big thank you to each person for all you did. Although I cannot list everyone, I wish to recognize the following jobs:

- Show co-chairman, John Kulpa who also donated all the daylily plants for the off-scape awards.
- On-scape judges: Nikki Schmith, Mike Holmes, James Gossard, LaVere Webster, Dorothea Meyer, Kit Walter
- On-scape clerks: Teresa Dillon, John Kulpa, Chad Bush, Diane Pruden
- On-scape Classification and Tabulation: Phyllis Cantini and Denise Woods
- Off-scape Chairperson: Sandi Combs and the volunteers that did such a great job of supervising the public voting and counting the votes.
- Publicity & Copying: Kathy Rinke and Denise Woods

Marietta Crabtree, 2013 Daylily Show Co-Chairperson

2013 SMDS DAYLILY SHOW -ON SCAPE- WINNING RESULTS:

Extra Large -"Blazing Lamp Sticks" - Exhibitor: Kimberly McCutcheon

Large - "Subtle Knife" - Exhibitor: Chad Bush

Small-"Brookwood Wow" - Exhibitor: Elaine Schultz

Miniature-"Brookwood Black Kitten" – Exhibitor: Elaine Schultz

Double, Polymerous & Multiflorous Spider Flowers-"Peggy Jeffcoat" - Exhibitor : Armand Delisle

Spider-"Strider Spider" - Exhibitor: Armand Delisle

Unusual Form Flowers & Best In Show "Deep Pearl" – Exhibitor: Kimberly McCutcheon

Seedling: Exhibitor: Kimberly McCutcheon

An Eye For Beauty (Local Award) - "Over The Mountain" - Exhibitor: Brian Howarth

Sweepstakes was won by Diane Pruden

Youth Exhibits - No Entries

Regional Popularity Poll - Not Awarded

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2013 SMDS DAYLILY SHOW- OFF SCAPE- WINNING RESULTS:

Section 1: Single cream to white - "Last Snowflake" -Exhibitor: Ginny Pearce

Section 2: Single yellow to gold - "Sour Puss"-Exhibitor: Kathy Rinke

Section 3: Single apricot melon to orange - "Spacecoast Color Scheme"-Exhibitor: Elaine Schultz

Section 4: Single pink (peach to rose pink) -"Ribbon Candy Frills"- Exhibitor: Greg Schindler

Section 5: Single lavender to purple - "Killer"- Exhibitor: Kathy Rinke

Section 6: Single red to black-red -"Christine Walser Hite"- Exhibitor: Armand DeLisle

Section 7: Small or miniature- "Bluebird Butterfly"- Exhibitor: Chad Bush

Section 8: Spiders or Unusual Forms-"Ruby Spider"- Exhibitor: Kathy Rinke

Section 9: Doubles (tie)

"Date With Destiny"- Exhibitor: Marietta Crabtree

"Peggy Jeffcoat"- Exhibitor: Sharon O'Donnell

Section 10: Edged- "Barbara DeLisle"- Exhibitor: Thomas Lucius

Section 11: Eyed or patterned- "Matthew Martin"- Exhibitor: Nicole Willis

Section 12: Unregistered seedlings (5 winners)

Rick Gudobba (2 seedling wins), Chad Bush, Sheila Green, Unknown Winner: Entry #1242B



From the Desk of the SMDS President....

Hello, SMDS Members,

Our next election will be at our October 18th meeting. The following Board positions will be open for 2014:

Two-year terms (2014 & 2015):

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Two-year term (2014 & 2015):

- Director (Replacement position)

Four-year term (2014 – 2018):

- Director (2 positions)

The Board usually meeting monthly 6-8 times a year to plan SMDS programs and address general club issues. No experience is necessary – just a wiliness to participate. Topics we discuss range from planning hybridizer visits, planning yearly club spending, and discussing the Exhibition Show, to planning special events such as our past Region 2 bus trip.

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Generating money is also a big topic, whether through the Banquet or Daylily sales. SMDS has By-Laws which we follow as guidelines. If you are able to donate a bit of time to give to our organization, please consider running for a position. We especially need people to run for Treasurer, Secretary, and Director positions - - but please run for any position that may interest you. If we do not have enough people on the Board to do the hands-on work, we will be forced to have less scheduled events.

As of today, Darrell Neal will be running for President, I will be running for Secretary, LuAnne Ikeda is a candidate for Treasurer and Patrice will be staying on to fulfill her role of Director. To run for a position, please send a short biography of yourself to Teresa Dillon at dillon1t@lentel.com, and tell her which position you are interested in. Walk-in nominees will be allowed on election night, which is Oct. 18, 2013.

The Exhibition Show, the Banquet, Speakers, Potlucks, Holiday Parties...all of this has to be organized by someone, and my personal thanks to the current Board for all of the hard work they have done for SMDS: Darrell Neal, Kathy Rinke, Denise Woods, Patrice McCollum, Marietta Crabtree, John Kulpa and Barbara DeLisle.

Please consider serving on the Board. If you can help in another capacity (for instance, if you are willing to organize an event such as a Potluck or Plant Sale, or help at our Banquet), please let me or Darrell know.

Best Regards,
Elaine

The following biographies are from SMDS Members:
Candidates for our upcoming election.

My name is Darrell Neal and I am running for President of the Southern Michigan Daylily Society.

I have been a club member since 2007. I am currently the Vice President and starting with this year’s Spring Banquet I have been responsible for booking our speakers. Currently booked for 2014 in order of appearance are Charles and Heidi Douglas, Nikki Schmidt, Linda Michaels and we are on Karol Emmerich’s calendar for September. I have been a Garden Judge since 2011.

I’m an amateur hybridizer that is working with northern hardy tet patterns, with a bud count of at least 20. I’m also working on rebloom. Not including my seedlings that are under evaluation I have about 170 named cultivars and on average plant at least 1000 new seedlings each year. I have attended 3 out of the last 4 Shirley Farmer Midwest Hybridizing meetings and have made several presentations there. I attended the 2011 and the 2013 Region 2 Summer meetings along with last year’s National Convention

I retired as a civilian logistician from the US Army 8 years ago. I spent 4 years in the US Navy and am a Viet Nam veteran.

I look forward to being the President of SMDS for the next 2 years.

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LuAnne Ikeda, running for: Treasurer

HI SMDS members,

I have been an SMDS member for a few years and would like to help the club move forward by becoming a board member. I have many ideas for promoting the club, enhancing our reputation, and providing educational opportunities to people who don't realize just how much color and variety daylilies can provide in a garden. I am therefore running for the position of Treasurer.

In the time I have been a member of SMDS I have helped in many ways: running the projector for our speakers, helping setup and teardown at meetings and banquets. I've helped with auctions, raffles, and anything else that needs to be done.

For the Regional meeting, I was the Vendor Show chairperson, where I was responsible for finding vendors to participate, managing all the financial transactions, designing and organizing the room for optimal layout and ease of use. I also required that the Vendors donate a product to the Silent Auction, increasing the overall income generated by the Vendor Show in support of our club.

In addition I was a "Garden Angel". I worked for several months helping to prep one garden for the tours, and more time working with the Refreshments team to help purchase and prep refreshments. I also worked in another garden serving refreshments and helping greet visitors on tour day.

In May, 2013, I became the Zoo-bed Chair, and worked very hard to obtain enough daylilies to put on a nice show at the zoo this year. Thanks to all the donations & volunteers I was able to draft ☺, we successfully planted the bed on June 1, and it was in bloom for most of the summer. I plan to continue in this role, and would like to expand the bed to include instructional information for zoo patrons, and a wider variety of types of daylilies.

I am married, with 2 children. My husband is a retired teacher. We live in Clinton Twp., where I have complete control of my gardens (in other words, my husband prefers to use the lawn mower & weed-whacker --I prefer he stays away from my flowers!). I grow primarily daylilies with other perennials. I have not been bitten by the hybridizing bug yet. ☺ But I greatly enjoy the seedlings I have received from those who have.

My son works near me at Chrysler where I am a Process Engineer in the Quality Department. He has a young daughter, and has just purchased a new house (and has "graciously" allowed me to take over his garden spaces --more daylily beds!). My daughter is attending college at Michigan Tech in the Upper Peninsula. She spent this summer working in a research lab and will be working as a Co-Op student/Intern in Wisconsin beginning in January.

Elaine Schultz – Candidate for Secretary, SMDS

Hello, Daylily Buds! I joined SMDS about 6 years ago, and have held Board positions of both Secretary and President. My personal life is busy due to family obligations, so I've decided not to run for President again, but would still like to be involved as a Board member.

I've been Chair of the Exhibition Show several times, and have planned and helped at most SMDS events. I've started doing some hybridizing myself now, but my biggest interest is in exhibiting daylilies. I was excited to receive my AHS Jr. Judge's approval just last week.

My goal over the next year will be to have a big plant sale to bring in additional funds, and to hold the Exhibition Show in a venue with air conditioning so we can bring in more exhibitors and general public.

I work as a Program Manager for a defense company, working on the Bradley armored, tracked vehicle. My husband, Ron, and I live in Troy with two cocker spaniels.

August 2013 SMDS Meeting/ Kim McCutcheon, Guest Speaker

On August 16th 2013, SMDS members were expecting our scheduled guest speaker to be Sandy Holmes. She and her husband Mike are daylily hybridizers and owners of Riverbend Gardens located outside of Xenia, Ohio.



Sandy became unavailable to speak at this meeting and suggested, Kimberly McCutcheon of Pretty Petals Daylilies to speak in her stead.

Sandy and Mike Holmes have been Kimberly's daylily mentors since day one of her venture into "daylilydom". Kim's hybridizing program began after she became a "weeder" at Riverbend Gardens. As she weeded the flowers she began to fall in love with them and desired to hybridize them. Mike and Sandy told Kim she could hybridize any flowers that they were not currently using in their program.

Sign at AHS Reg 2 Women Hybridizers Bed located in OH. (Osman Garden)

After dapping pollen on whatever "cool plants" she saw, she eventually realized she was totally drawn to Jack Carpenter diploid daylilies. That was the start of the "pretty patterned daylilies" program with which she is currently working. Pretty Petals is now diploid land and is part of Riverbend Gardens.

Kim has had many jobs in her lifetime but has chosen to follow her mother's footsteps and become a nurse. Meanwhile, hybridizing daylilies is her love. She stated "You have to love what you are doing with daylilies because if you are in the business, it certainly can't be for the money".



The first McCutcheon daylily introductions took place in 2009.

Kim's daylilies may be loved but they certainly are not given special attention. They must be tough because, they are neither mulched, nor fertilized and the only water they receive is what good Lord gives them. To learn more about Kim and her daylilies visit:

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

Winning McCutcheon Seedling at the SMDS 2013 Daylily Show

Scenes from the SMDS 2013 Daylily Show

Left: Chad Bush: Winner of Best Large Flower Award



Below: Public viewing off scape displays



Overall view of daylily show:

Here, LuAnne Ikeda, Nikki Schmith and Nicole Willis are checking out the winning flowers.