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J.D. Stadler Comes to Michigan!

<http://celestialdaylilies.com/>

**J.D. Stadler of Celestial Daylilies in Charlotte, NC
will be the guest speaker at Southern Michigan Daylily Society
Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304
May 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

Mr. Stadler has introduced a vast selection of daylilies over the years.

His introductions are not limited to one variety of daylily; there are rounds, unusual forms, spiders, doubles, toothy edges, ruffled edges, watermarks and eyes. He has also worked on black daylilies. In 2009, he introduced BACK IN BLACK which opens as a true black in the morning and turns to a deep red black in the afternoon. It is so unusual and popular, it is currently sold out. *See more examples of his introductions on page 4 and 8.*

Come and join us at this meeting. Meet J.D Stadler, see his beautiful introductions, learn about his hybridizing program and business. There will also be tasty snacks...so don't miss it.

Members with last names starting with A - E are requested to bring the refreshments and arrive by 6:45pm.

Also, donor's bringing daylily plants and raffle and silent auction winners, should arrive at 6:30pm for daylily exchanges.

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Lady Killer (Stadler 2011)

◆◆ SMDS 2011 Calendar of Events ◆◆

May 6- J.D. Stadler of Celestial Gardens, NC

July 15-17- AHS 2011 Region 2 Summer Meeting-Troy, MI.

Guest speaker: Jamie Gossard, hybridizer and owner Heavenly Gardens in Galloway, OH

Aug - Picnic

Sept. 9- Bill Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, GA .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

SMDS Executive Board and Supporting Committees

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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:

Marietta Crabtree, 3677 Cottontail Lane, Shelby Twp., 48316. Phone: 586-739-0021

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



Guy and Karen Pierce of Floyd Cove Nursery

Arlene Welch, John Kulpa, Chad Bush, Kuzminski's, Mrs. Bob Grenowitz...sorry Bob you were cut left out of this shot!



Banquet Tables at Crank's Enchantment Hall

SMDS 2011 Annual Banquet

The 2011 SMDS banquet was another outstanding success. We had a delightful Spring day for the event. Members arrived with smiling faces and sporting frocks other than garden attire. The banquet tables were decorated beautifully, each adorned with its own lighted wine bottle centerpiece. The food was creatively displayed, and very delicious.

And what an assortment of items we had for our auctions! A hot air balloon ride and towels with embroidered daylilies to cement leaves with daylilies painted on them. There were rocks, not just any old garden rocks, but gorgeous pieces of natural art and also hand created afghans, and bird houses and beautiful garden glitz glass flowers. We are very blessed to have such talented club members. Of course there were daylilies and so much more...

Guy and Karen Pierce were our guest speakers; they have assumed the daylily business previously owned by the Stamile's. Guy started working with daylilies in Hawaii, from there he moved to Australia then on to their current location in Florida. Karen showed their introductions then Guy explained his hybridizing procedures and how their business functions. He emphasized how important it is to have great soil for daylilies to flourish.

"Daylilies need lots of sun, water and air". *Teresa Dillon*



SMDS members & banquet guest speakers



Upcoming AHS Events



SMDS will be hosting the 2011 Region 2 Summer Meeting.

July 15th - 17th 2011

At the Detroit-Marriott Hotel in Troy, MI

Visit this website for registration and details: <http://www.greatlakesgathering.com/>

2011 National AHS Convention Baton Rouge, LA~~~~ Wed, May 25 – Sat May 28, 2011

See website for details: <http://www.2011ahsnational.com/index.html>

SMDS made a \$500 donation to the National Transplant Assistance Fund on behalf of member, Terri Osinski.

Terri is waiting for a heart-lung transplant. The Fund assists transplant patients with expenses.

\$220 was raised from the auction of items donated by club members. A special thank you to the following SMDS members for their donations: Judith Wright, \$50 gift certificate to Valley of the Daylilies; Dan Bachman \$25 gift certificate to Valley of the Daylilies; Lorna Desmarais, basket of homemade baked goods; and Patrice McCollum, handmade afghan. \$53 in cash was also collected. SMDS provided the rest of the money from the auction of a daylily and raffle profits to reach \$500.

Persons wishing to contact Terri can reach her at: tlosinski@sbcglobal.net

My Dearest Daylily Friends

I can't tell you how much I appreciate all the special thoughts and support that has been sent my way. During these difficult times knowing that you are thinking about me, brightens each and every day for me. I think of you often and wish to thank all of you for your generosity.

Terri Osinski

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<http://www.ntafund.org/find-a-patient/profile/index.cfm/patient/5D1BC4E9-D3EB-D446-42F096F81F7CD127>

Thank You Rich Surmont

For donating 60 packages of bulbs, tulips and daffodils, for door prizes at the March 18th meeting. I don't know about everyone else, but I potted mine the following day and they have sprouted about 5" tall. I am anxiously awaiting blooms. *Teresa Dillon*

Spring is Nature's way of saying "let's party!" *Robin Williams*

Plant smiles; grow giggles; harvest love- *Author Unknown*

Picture at Right: Celestial Red Hots (Stadler 2011)



Barbara and Armand DeLisle: SMDS New Honorary Life Members



**Barbara and Armand DeLisle
Honorary SMDS Lifetime Members**

Barbara and Armand DeLisle have been members of SMDS and AHS since 1995. During the March 18, 2011 SMDS meeting, members bestowed Honorary Life Membership to Barbara and Armand in appreciation of the DeLisles sixteen years of dedicated service to SMDS.

Their love of daylilies began in 1969 when they moved to Warren, Michigan. The next door neighbor gave the DeLisles some daylilies. This was their first experience with daylilies. They visited Hughes Nursery in Southfield to buy some iris and discovered a grand selection of daylilies. They still remember paying the “huge” amount of \$10 for a daylily as their collection continued to grow.

Later in the 1990’s they attended a SMDS flower show in Pontiac and learned about a daylily society. The DeLisles joined SMDS in 1995. They became friends with Pat Salk, Martin Kamensky and Howard Hite, and purchased daylilies from them. In 1995, they also attended their first AHS National Convention which was held in Knoxville, Tennessee. Upon their return to Michigan, they were very active SMDS members and attended the 1995 AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting hosted by SMDS.

That was the start of the DeLisles’ sixteen years of dedicated service to SMDS. They have both served as board members for ten years which included Barbara serving as Secretary from 2000-2005. They both served on the steering committee for the 2002 AHS National Convention and Armand was assistant convention chairman with Hal Rice. Armand developed the bus routes and they also were bus captains. Armand has worked on bus trips for SMDS garden tour trips to Grand Rapids and member gardens. Barbara was SMDS hospitality chairperson bringing refreshments for the meetings for several years.

They are presently serving on the steering committee for the 2011 AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting. Barbara has made the hotel arrangements and planned the banquet menu. She has also made the arrangements for the annual SMDS April banquet and planned the menu for several years.

The DeLisles have been garden judges since 2000. They have also served as clerks for the judging of daylilies at SMDS daylily exhibition shows. They have won many awards for their daylily entrees at the shows.

Their garden has been an AHS Display garden since 2000. They grow 600 different varieties of daylilies which are a mix of the different forms of daylilies. John Kulpa has named a daylily for Barbara DeLisle and also for Armand DeLisle. They also grow 200 different varieties of hostas. The garden was an open garden for the 2002 AHS National Convention and is a tour garden for the AHS 2011 Region 2 Summer Meeting.



Barbara is from Connecticut, however her parents moved to Michigan when she was very young. Armand is from Berkley, Michigan. Somewhere along the way they both ended up at the University of Detroit as students. They met each other as members of the University Choral Club.

Armand was also a member of the Air Force ROTC. Upon graduation, he fulfilled his three year commitment with the Air Force and served as a radar-observer navigator on the F89 Scorpion Jet Interceptor. Barbara and Armand were married while Armand was in the Air Force. Armand said, "That started fifty-five years of a wonderful marriage." They have two daughters who grow a lot of daylilies at their homes.

Barbara and Armand enjoy visiting their daughters and families and seeing the daylilies.

Armand spent most of his career with the Fitzgerald School District where he taught Social Studies, and served as a counselor, assistant principal and then became principal of Fitzgerald High School for 13 years. Barbara worked for twenty years at the Fitzgerald Business Office in purchasing and accounts payable. Barbara has been busy with community service throughout her life including service to her church and the Girl Scouts.

Growing daylilies has been a wonderful hobby for the DeLisles. They enjoy the many friendships that they have formed with SMDS members and cherish their many fond memories of AHS national and regional conventions, society trips, and the many SMDS activities.

Congratulations, Barbara and Armand, for receiving SMDS Honorary Life Memberships and thank you for sixteen years of dedicated service to SMDS.

Marietta Crabtree

Those of you who enjoy reading about gardening, daylilies and daylily hybridizers might want to visit these blogs. One is created by our very own SMDS member and Region 2 President, Nikki Schmith: <http://www.agirlandhergarden.com/> .

Another blog is created by Cody Taylor, of Hart, MI and member of GVDS. It is a collection of interviews that he has done with various hybridizers throughout the United States. <http://hemaholicsanonymous.blogspot.com/>

If you are paying for internet, why not make the most of it and read some entertaining and educational information about daylilies?



These 2011 Introductions from Nick Balash will be potted on the banquet tables Saturday for decoration and as a gift for one lucky winner from each table. John Kulpa had been working with these 6" semi-evergreen seedlings and donated them to finally be registered and distributed!

From L-R: H. 'Michigan Memories', H. 'Made In Michigan' and H. 'Pure Michigan'

Have you made reservations to attend the AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting and Tours? It's coming up very soon--- July 15-17, 2011

The event is at Detroit-Troy Marriott Hotel in Troy,MI.



This Gift/Goody Bag for all
Attendees

- 10+ open gardens also 8 tour gardens
- Off-Scape Daylily Show (all guests and attendees of the meeting encouraged to bring blooms from their home gardens!)
- Massive Plant Sale and Garden Boutique - major purchases from several growers and hybridizers have been made to provide a FANTASTIC shopping opportunity for our guests!
- AHS Judges Clinics
- Live and Silent Auctions -and so much more
- For registration information, itinerary of events and a preview video of the gardens on tour,

visit this website for details: www.greatlakesgathering.com

Members wishing to participate in the “SMDS Digging for Daylilies Basket”...

Contact Teresa Dillon at 989-288-3408 or dillon1t@power-net.net

We have several very nice items that have already been donated.

I would like to give everyone the opportunity to participate in the creation of this basket and the chance to win more daylilies. If you are interested in being included in this project, please contact me as soon as possible.

Donations will determine the size of basket or container that will be used to create our winning design.

If you wish to enter the contest by creating your own basket (\$500 Prize - Dan Bachman Daylilies)

Contact Louise Taylor : louise8118@gmail.com or 734-433-2395



Black Fury



Piranha Attack



Fires Within

Recent Stadler
Introductions

President's Message - *Marietta Crabtree*

Thanks to the generosity and hand work of many SMDS members, the 2011 Annual SMDS Banquet was a huge success! The profits from the raffle and auctions will help pay for the many SMDS activities throughout this year. A great big thank you is sent to everyone who donated items for the raffle, silent auction and live auction.

A special thank you to Dennis Kollin for donating the hot-air balloon ride and several daylilies; Kathy Rinke and Gary Faust for printing the forms for the raffle items and silent auction items and organizing these events; Lu Ann Ikeda for operating the digital media projector for the daylily program; Barbara DeLisle for making the banquet arrangements and menu and her daughter, Coleen Newman, for making the wine bottle center-piece decorations for the tables; Kathleen Dargel, Lorna Desmarais, Arlene Welsh and Denise Woods for selling the raffle tickets and keeping records of the raffle and silent auction winners; Elaine Schultz for driving the speakers, Karen and Guy Pierce to the airport Sunday morning; and all the other SMDS volunteers for doing whatever needed to be done to make the banquet a big success.

Excitement is increasing as the time gets nearer for the AHS Region 2 Summer meeting. Approximately 100 people have already registered for the event. There is a limit of 250 people, so members planning to attend, should send in their reservations soon.

J. D. Stadler of Celestial Gardens, Charlotte, North Carolina will present a program about his hybridizing at the May 6th meeting. He has some beautiful daylilies including some fabulous doubles which is one of his specialties. I hope to see you at the meeting.

What happened to spring? My daylilies and I need some warm sunny weather!