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SMDS Annual Spring Banquet is April 9, 2011

**At: Enchantment by Crank's Banquet Hall (586) 582-0080
46915 Hayes Road., Shelby Twp., MI 48315
(SW corner of Hayes & 21 Mile Road)**

Guest Speakers: Guy and Karen Pierce of Floyd Cove Nursery, Enterprise FL
(The nursery previously owned by Pat and Grace Stamile)
<http://www.distinctly.on.ca/floydcove/>

Time: 5:00pm Social Hour

.... and time for buying raffle tickets and bidding in silent auction.

Dinner served at 6:30pm

Raffle item tickets will be drawn during dinner

Cost: \$30.00 through March 26th March 27th - April 2nd is \$35.00.

April 2nd is the last date to register. The restaurant needs to be given an attendance count on that date (SMDS subsidizes the cost by \$5 through March 26th / actual cost to SMDS is \$35.00)

**There will be an auction of plants donated by Guy Pierce after the presentation.
Certificates will be given for plants to be shipped in May.**

Make checks payable to SMDS. Please note: annual banquet on the memo line

Send to: Marietta Crabtree 3677 Cottontail Lane, Shelby Twp., MI 48316

For more info. Contact Marietta at: 586-739-0021 / donald.crabtree@comcast.net

or Barb DeLisle: 586-751-8419 / adelisle3@comcast.net

Payments can also be made at the March 18th Meeting

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**Daylily at right: Watermelon Martini,
2011 Stamile, Pierce introduction**



◆◆ SMDS 2011 Calendar of Events ◆◆

March 18 * Note Change of Date***General meeting / Members program (page 8)**

April 9- SMDS Banquet / Guy Pierce of (Stamile) Floyd Cove Nursery program (page 1)

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, GE

Oct. 14- Potluck and Election of Officers

Dec. 4 - Holiday Dinner

SMDS Executive Board and Supporting Committees

January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

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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.

2010 Holiday Banquet and New Daylily Introduction Arlene Welsh!

By Teresa Dillon

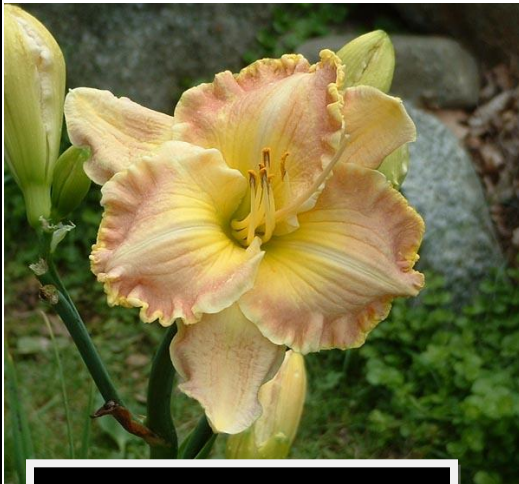
Nearly fifty SMDS members and guests attended the annual December Banquet. The weather cooperated and daylily folks braved the cold to come out and celebrate with like-minded friends.

Chef Douglas St. Souver and his assistants, once again prepared a delicious meal followed by an assortment of three different tantalizing desserts. Chef apologized because the meal's serving time ran a little behind schedule. I did not hear anyone complaining, seems we were all too busy visiting with old friends or making new acquaintances. The gift exchange that followed was fun and I find it quite surprising to see all the different ideas that members come up with to gift.

There were six people sitting at our table and I had the pleasure of meeting Edward Kimball, a hybridizer from Nova Scotia, and son-in-law of SMDS member Arlene Welsh. It was fascinating to talk with a hybridizer from another area and learn of his methods and the different things he is working with in his program.

Edward just registered his first introduction daylily this year and it is named....drum roll please..... ARLENE WELSH (Jerry Nettles X Spacecoast Starburst.) It is a 36 inch tall tetraploid with a 6" bloom, semi-evergreen, mid season bloomer with 3 way branching and 25 bud count.

Congratulations Edward! And Arlene, what an honor to have a son- in- law that thinks enough of you to give his first daylily introduction your name. You must be so proud and he must have earned bonus points with you.



Arlene Welsh (Kimball, 2011)

This was my first time to meet Edward and my first opportunity to visit with fellow SMDS members, Lorna Desmarais and Arlene Welsh. I learned a valuable lesson at this event that I would like to share with all of you. Please, do not limit yourself to the same friends and acquaintances. I have noticed that people have a tendency to sit in the same place and visit with the same people at every event. The behavior pattern is the same where I attend church and at the three plant societies where I belong. We appear to be cheating ourselves of the opportunity to expand our horizons in knowledge and friends. Think about it. If you always keep the same circle of friends, where does a new member fit in? Yes, I am always rooting for the underdog. We have all been the new kid at one time in our life. Would you have remained a member of any club or society that did not welcome you into their circle?

Eureka's for Sale

Only six Eureka's are left for sale. They are \$37 each (a savings of \$9 over single order price & shipping) and can be purchased at the March 18th meeting. If you would like to purchase a Eureka and have it mailed to your home, add \$3 for shipping and contact Marietta Crabtree at donald.crabtree@comcast.net or call at 586-739-0021.



Velvet Shadows (Hudson 1981)
A favorite for its extended bloom season and show winning qualities.

Plant Sale 2011

by Kathy Rinke

SMDS members have always been supportive and generous with donations and time for our annual Plant Sale. This year the Plant Sale will take place at the Region 2 Summer Meeting that we are hosting. As always all proceeds from the sale will benefit our club.

Here's one way you can help this year. We'll have a special area in the plant sale for "SMDS Favorites".

Do you have an all time favorite Daylily you can donate? It doesn't have to be a new cultivar, just something that you grow and love. (One of my favorites is an older plant named "Velvet Shadows", and it won "Best in Show" in 2008.) If you have a photo and/or can add comments about why you love it, that personal touch would be fantastic.

If you can pot up your favorite in early Spring it will have time to recover and show its best face in July. I'll be glad to take any pots at either of the general meetings and hold on to them until the sale.

It will be fun to see our list of favorites!

~ Kathy Rinke 2011 Plant Sale Coordinator email: rinke16@bigtube.net

Letter from the President

With all the snow, it is hard to realize that the Annual SMDS Daylily Banquet is only SIX WEEKS AWAY ON APRIL 9th! The ticket cost is \$30 per person. However, the actual cost to SMDS is \$35. The \$5 loss per ticket is made up by the banquet raffle which is SMDS's biggest fund raiser.

The raffle and auction funds also account for most of the SMDS budget funds and enable SMDS to continue the great programs and activities for members. Because of the generosity of SMDS members, last year's activities included four outstanding speaker programs of David Kirchhoff, Tom Polston, Nicole Harry and Jan & Royce Joiner; a great banquet, daylily exhibition show, picnic, potluck and holiday dinner. An outstanding calendar of events is also planned for this year and YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL!

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Please continue your support of the banquet raffle and silent auction with a donation of daylily plants, any garden related items, books, activities or any item that would be good for the raffle or silent auction. Last year's banquet had 60 raffle items and 30 silent auction items.

Please contact Gary Faust or Marietta Crabtree within the next five weeks regarding your banquet raffle and auction donations.

Contact Gary Faust (by March 31st as he will be on vacation the following week)at:

Gfaust241675@comcast.net or phone 586-382-2123.

Contact Marietta Crabtree at: donald.crabtree@comcast.net or phone 586-739-0021.

Thank you for your continued generous support of SMDS! I look forward to seeing you at the banquet.

President, Marietta Crabtree

Terri Osinski

SMDS Member In Need of Double Organ Transplant



Terri was born with a rare, congenital heart and lung defect for which there is no cure. She was not expected to live to celebrate her 1st birthday but has gone on to live an extraordinary life graduating from college and worked as a senior computer analysts programmer. Due to heart rhythm problems Terri became unable to work and had to have heart surgery. Unfortunately, in the past year, her condition has deteriorated to the point where doctors at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center have determined the only option now is a life-saving heart-lung transplant.

Although Terri has insurance, there are many uninsured expenses associated with a transplant that must be paid for out of pocket. Some of these expenses are insurance co-pays, costly post-transplant medications (to be taken for a lifetime), as well as air flight and lodging for the transplant and follow-up appointments. This is where your help is needed.

To help with this financial burden a fundraising campaign has been established in Terri's honor with NTAF (National Transplant Assistance Fund). NTAF is a nonprofit organization. All contributions are administered by NTAF exclusively for uninsured transplant related expenses. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Won't you please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to Terri's campaign today? For credit card contributions please call (800)642-8399

Note in memo section:

In Honor of Terri Osinski

Please send to:

NTAF Great Lakes Heart/Lung Transplant Fund

150 N Radnor Chester Road Suite F-120 Radnor, PA 19087

There will also be ways to contribute to Terri's transplant fund at our Spring Banquet next month.

**Kind hearts are the garden, kind thoughts are the root,
Kind words are the blossoms, kind deeds are the fruit.**

Diggin' Daylilies Basket Bout

by Teresa Dillon



Just in case you haven't heard...
SMDS is hosting the 2011 Region 2 Summer Meeting!

At this event, daylily clubs will be competing to win the honor of "Best Basket", and an opportunity to win \$500 worth of daylilies that is being generously donated by Dan Bachman and Valley of the Daylilies in Ohio.

I have the honor of assembling the SMDS basket... not sure why...but I think it's because I AM a basket case. I promise you I will do my very best to make our collected donations be an outstanding presentation that folks will want to vote for.

Raffle tickets will be sold and event attendees will vote for the best basket by placing their tickets in the corresponding bags. A ticket will be drawn to determine which individual wins the basket, then the club who with the largest number of tickets in their corresponding container will win the Bachman Daylilies.

You may contribute cash for items to be added to the basket or towards the "basket" itself...which may end up being something other than an actual basket because we may need something larger to hold all the items I expect to be donated.

To contribute to the basket, you could donate daylilies, garden or daylily related items. Custom and hand crafted "one of a kind" items would be most welcome. That would make our basket unique and lead us to basket victory. Just because we are hosting doesn't not mean we are excluded from winning. We want to win this! Please just donate and vote. It's that simple.

Even if you can not attend this meeting, you can still contribute to this event, have an opportunity to win daylilies and be a part of making this event a great success for daylily lovers across the region.

Participate in every way you can by donating time, money and/ or items. Contributions made to this event will be rewarded by having a ticket with your name added into the drawing for plants if we win the Bachman Daylilies. Other prizes are also being added as awards for participating. More details as the date of the event draws closer.

Contact Teresa Dillon regarding donations for this basket. dillon1t@power-net.net or 989-288-3408



Upcoming AHS Events



**Shirley Farmer's Midwest Hybridizer Meeting ~~~~~March 12, Miamisburg, Ohio
Region 2 Summer Meeting~~~~~July 15-17, 2011 Troy, Michigan**

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

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

Other Michigan Daylily Club Events!

Being a member of the AHS provides you with many opportunities to meet and hear special speakers and daylily hybridizers from across the entire United States.

It is not always necessary to travel to another state or even to attend a Regional or National meeting to meet some of these special people. SMDS hosts several special speakers each year and our sister daylily clubs here in Michigan have special speakers also. We are working with fellow club leaders to keep our members informed of local events. These events are often free. It only requires planning, time and travel costs.

Grand Valley Daylily Society invites you to attend:

HEMEROCALLIS—THE GOOD, BUT ALSO THE BAD!

Our special guest on **March 10 at 7 PM will be Dr. James (Gus) Guzinski** who will present his program, "Quality in Daylilies." Gus has been very active with AHS for many years serving as the Region 2 Scientific Studies Liaison as well as on the AHS Scientific Studies Committee. He has analyzed the two classes of pigments which create the broad range of color in daylilies. He is also a garden judge and garden judge instructor which takes him around the country teaching workshops. The program he will present to us is the result of 25 years of photographing all types of daylily flowers, foliage and clumps, to show the good but also the bad. Gus' perspective is that daylilies can only be improved by studying all daylily flowers and all parts of a daylily plant, including imperfections. So join us for this look at Hemerocallis from a unique approach.

More information will be available at our website as the time draws closer on these events:
<http://grandvalleydaylily.org/>

Our Spring Hybridizer speaker will be **Jamie Gossard from Heavenly Gardens on April 7** and our Spring auction is on May 12! The Spring auction will be held at Westend Chr. Reformed Church, 1015 Westend NW, Grand Rapids, 49504. All other events at Meijer Gardens as noted above.

Any questions, contact Sharon VanderWilp VP of Grand Valley Daylily Society
slvanderwilp@sbcglobal.net

Central Michigan Daylily Society Invitation:

March 19, 2011 10:00 a.m.

At the: COMMISSION FOR THE AGING
2200 S. Lincoln Rd. Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858



Mars Attack(Owen 2008)

Our Special Guest Speaker....Drum Roll Please..... **Paul Owen**, owner of Slightly Different Nursery, a 106 acre farm in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of N.C. Paul began his hybridizing program in northern PA and moved to NC in 2005. Over 60,000 daylilies are grown on the farm. Paul breeds daylilies for northern hardiness, drought tolerance, sun resistance, and overall garden performance.

For more information, Check out his website: <http://www.slightlydifferentnursery.com/site/>
Paul is a very entertaining speaker, and will be auctioning several of his great introductions at this event. . Please make plans to join us!

Christine Juroszek, CMDS Pres. * 517-339-8628 * cjuroszek@aol.com website: www.daylilies.me

SMDS March 18, 2011 Meeting

The March meeting will transport us ahead in time!! "All you ever wanted to know about the 2011 Summer Meeting" is the first agenda item and will cover the schedule of events, registration, volunteer needs, new plans, the budget and more! A program showing gorgeous gardens and daylilies in region 2 will follow.

Elaine Schultz will be bringing samples of the gift bag that will be exclusive to attendees, as well as samples of silk screened t-shirts. Kathy Rinke will discuss the SMDS fundraisers like the Plant Sale and Raffles. Teresa Dillon will excite us with information on the "Diggin' Daylilies Basket Bout," and Gary Faust will be on hand to answer your financial questions. Joel Park will reveal major ideas for our highly anticipated off-scape daylily show and he will be asking for your help to make it a great success!

There are still some areas of need. Take a look at this list and see if anything mildly strikes your fancy. We need your help! Even a couple of hours of volunteer time will help. There are many things that can be done ahead of time.

- Off scape Daylily Show Set Up, Entry and Balloting Help. Shifts available on Thursday and Friday.
- Raffle/plant sale volunteers for digging, tagging, transporting, selling.
- Bus captains for Saturday all day and on Sunday morning (must be registered for meeting.)
- Live Auction on Friday night needs spotters and runners. Patrice McCollum could also use your help gathering donations for auction. Plant value should be at least \$40.00. Proceeds from live auction benefit Region 2.
- Smiling, happy people to work Registration and be "Guest Greeters" on Friday. Shifts available starting at 9am.

Please contact Nikki Schmith if you would like to volunteer or have questions. She can be reached at 248-739-9006 or schmiths@sbcglobal.net.

The program will be a presentation of the gardens and daylilies of the 2009 Chicago region 2 summer meeting and the 2010 Wadsworth, Ohio summer meeting with photos and commentary by Nikki Schmiths. Chase away winter "cabin fever" with a fun evening of enjoying the beautiful gardens and daylily pictures with anticipation of spring. There will be a drawing for free daylilies for the door prizes which will be brought to the May general meeting.

Join us on Friday, March 18th at 7:00pm for a meeting jam packed with exciting information on this year's biggest daylily event, garden tours to lift our spirits and a drawing for free daylilies.

Members with last names beginning with T - Z are requested to bring the refreshments for the meeting.

