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2012 AHS National Convention - Columbus, OH

We discovered Columbus! At least six hundred people traveled by various means to meet with friends, to make new acquaintances and to tour gardens. We saw daylilies by the thousands, we ate delicious food, we toured some tremendous gardens, we filled our minds with ideas of future plans for our own gardens and then we ate more food. We all came home with more daylilies and SMDS member, Louise Taylor came home with the CMDS basket. When she began screaming, "I won, I won", I had no idea what she had won until she pointed and said "All of this. I won the CMDS basket." I think I can hear out of my left ear again now.

This was my first AHS National Convention and I do not expect it to be my last. I had a fantastic time. I chatted with folks I had not seen in a very long time and I met several people that I felt I already knew, due to our previous contacts of emails and phone calls. I also met people I recognized from pictures at our AHS website and from articles in The Daylily Journal.

There are so many people that deserve gratitude for all their hard work and dedication in making this event a success. First we can start within our own club, by thanking our board for approving the bus trip to the national; a bus trip that would not have occurred if not for the ideas and hard work of John Kulpa. Special thanks to Patrice for the extra guidance to a reliable bus company. Our Fun Bus trip could not have been better. Our driver was superb. He was kind and courteous, with a sense of humor and he likes to garden. He enjoyed the garden tours when he could stay and was disappointed in the ones where he could not park the bus.

Thank you everyone who contributed and worked so hard to make our trip the fun adventure that it was. Thanks to the cooks for all the great snacks on the bus. Once again, daylilies and food go hand in hand.

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Yoga frog in Angels Paradise: Doug & Stacy Sayer Garden.

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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 Calendar of Events ◆◆

August 12 SMDS Annual Picnic: 1-4:00 p.m. Dorothy Meyer Gardens –(CELL) [863-273-9335](tel:863-273-9335)
1963 S VAN DYKE RD- BAD AXE, MI 48413

August 17 : Guest speaker Tim Bell , owner Bell's Daylily Gardens in Sycamore, Georgia

Come to this meeting prepared to see some eye candy!

Visit the website to see the Bell introductions:

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



Linda Bell (Bell 2011)

September 21: Guest speaker Bobbie Brooks of Massachusetts will present a program: Designing Gardens with Daylilies <http://distinctivegardendesigns.com/>

October 12 : Potluck

December 2: Holiday Garden Party Dinner

Additional Daylily Events for Your 2012 Calendar:

Grand Valley Daylily Society <http://grandvalleydaylily.org/> Meets at Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids MI.

Sept 6, 7:00 pm Fall Auction David's House 2390 Banner Street SW Wyoming, MI

September 8 GVDS Plant Sale Rockford Farmers' Market

October 4th 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker: JD Stadler/ Owner of Celestial Daylilies in Charlotte, NC -program followed by an auction of his introductions.

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

Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society

For more program information contact Ray Croasdale, 269-629-4114 or rayjudycroas@aol.com

Date	Time	Program	Host	Location
Aug 14	7:00 pm	Garden Tour	Mark Freeman 269-385-3555	Kalamazoo
Sept 11	7:00 pm	Garden Tour Ensata Gardens	Bob Bauer, John Coble 269-665-7500	Galesburg
Oct 11	6:00 pm	KADS Annual Banquet/ Karol Emmerich	TBA	Kalamazoo

How do I treat precut scapes to get them to open properly for a show?

Cut the flowers late in the day, just before the sun sets. If you cut them too early, it is harder to tell which ones will open.

Bring them in and put them in water. Under good lighting, clean them up, and ready them for the show.

Turn the light off for the night. About 6:00 a.m. turn the light back on for a few hours, before loading the scapes in a carrier and transport them to the show.

Do not worry if the flowers have not fully opened. Sitting in the warm car, and being on display will make them open. Many of the flowers on the front table this year were opened indoors using this method.

Big advantages: If it is cool out the morning of the show, your flowers will open better. If it rains, your flowers are indoors and not spotted. You can sleep in and not be cutting flowers at 5:30 am. *Elaine Schultz*

Ask a Judge??

When can a person enter more than one of the same cultivar in a Section?

A person can only enter one of the same cultivar in each eligible Section of the show except for when a person enters Section 11: The American Hemerocallis Society Achievement Medal, then they must enter 3 scapes of a single seedling or pre-registered cultivar.

Example: You bring in 2 Webster's Pink Wonder, one can go in Section 7; registered, Unusual Form Flower and one can go in Section 13: "Pretty in Pink" - Local Award. You cannot bring in 2 scapes of Stella DeOro and put them both in Section 4: Registered, Miniature Flower.

Fellow SMDS member Darrell Neal has been featured in the online publication the "Clawson Patch".

You can see it here : <http://clawson.patch.com/articles/clawson-man-knows-his-flowers#comments>

Congratulations Darrell!!!

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Thank you to all our members who donated to our SMDS basket. We had a fantastic display and everyday at set-up time a crowd gathered and it got special attention. I was told that "raffle ticket sales went crazy when the Michigan clubs arrived and set up in the corner of the lobby."



Cyril and Mary Weller from Vestal, NY was the winners of our SMDS basket. Here they are with SMDS president Elaine Schultz.

Items included in our basket were:

Folding Garden Cart & MI. Maple Syrup - donor: SMDS
Birdhouse – donor: Patrice McCollum
Gazing Ball & Stand-- Lily Towel -donor: Teresa Dillon
2 Garden Tools: donor: Denise Woods
Metal Daylily Sculpture - donor: John Kulpa/ SMDS
Kahlua—donor: Marilyn Palmer
Rosy Dawn Gardens \$50 Gift Certificate - donor: Judith Wright
2 Michigan Wines & 2 glasses-- donor: Elaine Schultz
The Daylily Divider-- donor:SMDS
Red Glass Garden Flower/ Handcrafted by Kathy-

Stihl items: shirt, 2 pair gloves, 2 baseball caps- 2 handcrafted solar garden lights -- donors: Fred & Kathy Rinke

\$50 Gift Certificate: Along the Fence Daylilies- Sandra Dunn

And Seven Potted Daylilies:

Apple Velvet (Kirchhoff-Schindler, 2011) Donated by Greg Schindler

Made in Michigan (Balash, 2011) Donated by SMDS

Michigan Memories (Balash, 2011) Donated by SMDS

Marietta Heartbeat (Waldrop, 2011) Donated by Marietta Crabtree

Barbara Delisle (Kulpa, 2006) Donated by Armand & Barbara Delisle

Sleeping Bear (Alden, 2011) Donated by hybridizer: Lee Alden & Bette

Elaine Schultz (Kulpa, 2012) Donated by hybridizer: John Kulpa

Barb and Armand Delisle donated beautiful daylily luggage tags that were created by their granddaughter. Various members on the bus trip won them during a drawing.

Basket winner Cyril Weller sent us an email of the letter he wrote for the National Capitol Daylily Club Newsletter:

A Basket Case! by Cyril Weller

At the AHS National Convention in July, there was a raffle with baskets of wonderful gifts. LOTS of baskets. Each basket had been carefully prepared by a daylily club in the region. One was a chocolate lover's dream; another had a sailing theme for Columbus, complete with a large model sailing ship. N22ext was a custom made birdhouse.

There was a large garden ornament of a copper butterfly with moving wings. Next was a charming model of a stone cottage.

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One basket included a large metal daylily, custom made and painted as a six foot replica of H: Barbara DeLisle (J Kulpa 2006). More baskets stretched the length of the entry hall. We liked all the baskets and bought tickets to support AHS. I have never won anything, but I'm happy to support a good cause.

My wife and I got a call later informing us that we had won a basket. Could we please come down and pack it up to take home? As they say in Minnesota, "You Betcha!" The basket, sponsored by the Southern Michigan Daylily Society, included seven daylilies, some Michigan wine and two wine glasses, a bottle of Kahlua, a custom birdhouse, a gazing ball and stand, real maple syrup, Stihl garden attire, a rain gauge, a number of Fiskars garden tools, a lovely towel with a daylily, Bachman's Daylily Dividing Tool, a garden flower made of red glass, solar garden lights, an official T-shirt from SMDS, daylilies from a Michigan nursery, other items, a special folding garden wagon, AND (whew!) the six foot metal sculpture of the daylily. SMDS says they are not out of control. Now I don't believe it and you don't believe it, but it's their story and they're sticking to it!

Did I mention we went to the Convention from upstate NY in my wife's Saab convertible? Happiness is having friends with a minivan! Special thanks go to Jerry Bange, president of National Capitol Daylily Club (NCDC) and his wife, Faith, who has an AHS Display Garden with over 1,100 daylilies, companion plants, bird baths, garden statues, hardscape, a pond, and trees. Her annual Open Garden draws hundreds of enthusiastic visitors each June. She's not out of control either (yeah, right).

There is more to the story and reaction of the winners to this basket. It was exciting and funny. Maybe I can share the story with all of you at our next SMDS meeting.

Now onto more about what we experienced at the convention. We toured two gardens on our way to the convention. We arrived first at Pleasant Valley Gardens, owned by Doug Sterling and Tom Polston where we had a delicious box lunch from Panara. We sat and ate our lunch in the gardens amongst beautiful flowers. It was a fantastic way to start our tour. Here we saw everything from huge horses to unusual birds, from tiny fairy garden scenes to huge fields of daylilies. What a gorgeous setting they have there. Keep your eyes posted; there are many more daylily introductions coming from this location.

SMDS Pres. Elaine Schultz and CMDS Pres. Christine Jurozek : shown here presenting a daylily stone and daylily bud shirt to Tom Polston and Doug Sterling



These cement stepping stones were inlaid with cut glass forming a daylily. They were created by CMDS treasurer Sandy Wolf. The owners of each garden we visited were greeted with a special thank you from the two club presidents and gifted with a daylily stone as a sign of our gratitude.

Now, off to Natural Selection Daylilies to visit Bob Faulkner. A Jack Russell Terrier named Buzz, guards these premises. Buzz checked out each person from the bus as they arrived and greeted us all with a wagging tail. There were lots of grasses and unusual plants and conifers amongst the daylilies in this garden.

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Buzz greets CMDS members Mary Lou & Stan Smith. Tom Lucius in the foreground. Joann Jankowski on bus steps. Don the driver standing by to lend a hand.

Then we were on our way to the Marriott Hotel where the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society waited to greet us with a welcoming Ohio bred daylily and a tour bag loaded with tour necessities.

Officially the convention began for all of us with a daylily auction where the crowd was surprised by an occasional drawing and a daylily giveaway. Each auctioneer had their own style and the bidding cards were waving in the air.

Friday morning our first stop was to visit Donna Kowalczyk at Deep Ditch Gardens. What a charming home and gardens we saw here, with a delightful pond, waterfalls and a gazebo. Here we met Sam, a blue and gold macaw, after all... we were told to “expect the unexpected”!

Christine Juroszek, John Kulpa and former SMDS member and hybridizer, Judy Davisson chat beside the pond at Deep Ditch Gardens

Our next stop was MarLee Farm, owners Marvin and Lee Miller. This is a huge farm with a big pond that is the first thing noticed as you drive into the homestead. There were hundreds of hostas here along with thousands of daylilies.

The Englerth bed was located here. Folks visiting this garden voted Steve Williams seedling as the best and he was presented with the 2012 Englerth Ward Saturday night at the banquet.

Our next stop was lunch at Sunbury Methodist Church. It was a fantastic salad buffet with homemade cakes for dessert. Local Boy scouts were assisting with setup and cleanup. What a refreshing stop this was on our tour. We have one more stop today.



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Franklin Park Conservatory: Home of the Ohio Hybridizers Historic Daylily Gardens

Upon arriving at this location, it was truly apparent why things were much greener here, the sprinklers were working. One of the first things I noticed here was a large Ginkgo Biloba tree loaded with seed pods. There was so much more to be seen both inside and outside here. Inside there was a wonderful gift shop and a hospitality room where they served locally made ice cream. I had peach and it was delicious. There was Chihuly glass on display throughout the facility, even in the pond. The daylilies on display were introduced as early as the 1920's on through the 2010 decades.

This was a fantastic way to end our first day of the convention tours.

Saturday morning we're up early and on the bus by 7:30 headed for Heavenly Gardens the home of Diana and Jamie Gossard. Is there such a thing as a sea of daylilies? It seemed like the daylily beds met the sky somewhere out there. There was so much to see here. What a glorious morning this was. Again, there was not enough time at this garden.



From here we headed to Amity Abloom, the home and gardens of Charles and Cynthia Lucius, who were also the co-chairpersons of the convention. I have no idea of how they managed such a task but they did and were so gracious in doing so. There is not enough space in this newsletter to give the accolades due this couple. These gardens were immaculate. Even the browned foliage had been trimmed. I cannot imagine the amount of work that was put into making this property the spectacle that it was.

Daylily Fields at Heavenly Gardens- Jamie & Diana Gossard

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Next stop: Angels Paradise. This young couple has instilled in their children, a love of gardening. We were greeted with big smiles and warm welcomes. It was apparent they were happy to share their gardens with all of us.



Stacy, Doug and Nathan Sayer with Elaine Schultz and Christine Jurosek

Several generations of family were represented here at this garden and they worked well together. The garden was named in memory of a Kaylin Anne, their 2-1/2 yr old daughter lost in 2009. Doug is a landscaper and his talents were well displayed here by creating rooms that forced visitors to wander to see what was out of view.

Then Lunch at Der Dutchman: Oh my, was this a treat. Again, not enough time. There was a fantastic gift shop here but little time to shop. The food was delicious and the desserts were beyond words. The staff encouraged folks to take dessert to go.

Our last stop of the day was a very surprising garden. The bus wandered its way through a tightly developed neighborhood to arrive at a most charming location. The Hensley Garden, home of Kim and Chris Hensley. What a thrill this location was. Every nook and cranny held an item or plant of interest.

I heard many comments of “look at this” and “did you see this?” during my tour of this garden. The Hensley’s have a unique collection of garden art that accented this adorable corner lot. There was beauty everywhere.

Kim Hensley, Nick Balash and Chris Hensley.



Nick Balash stated this was his 23rd AHS National Convention. I must say it was a privilege to travel and talk with Nick. To hear his comments after visiting each garden was priceless.

This was a wonderful experience for me. The Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society “did themselves proud”. I imagine most of them will take the rest of the summer off, at least those that worked so diligently to make this convention an event to be enjoyed and remembered by all attendees for years to come.

Teresa Dillon

SMDS 2012 Daylily Show

We had a whopping 268 scapes entered in our AHS-approved Daylily Show.

The winners for On-Scape were:

Extra Large: Denise Woods with Adeline Goldner (Goldner, 1987)
Large Flower: LuAnne Ikeda with El Desperado (Stamile, 1991)
Small Flower: LuAnne Ikeda with Hummingbird (Benesh, 1955)
Double, Polymerous and Multiflorous – Denise Woods with Two Part Harmony (Kaskel & Trimmer, 1996).
Unusual Form – Brian Howarth with Wanda Evans (Holmes, 2009)
Seedlings – Elaine Schultz (Cross of Rock Lobster X Forest Lake Ragamuffin)
(Classes not mentioned did not have a purple winner)
Sweepstakes – Marietta Crabtree
Best of Show – Denise Woods with Adeline Goldner
The Giant Metal Daylily Sculpture was won by Sheila Green.



Denise Woods with Best in Show Flower & Best Double

Off Scape Winners were:

Flower Arrangement: Sandy Combs Single cream: Dream Runner - Sheila Green
Single yellow to gold: Ram - Sheila Green Single pink: Judy Smith - Sheila Green
Single apricot to orange: How Beautiful Heaven Must Be - Chad Bush
Single lavender to purple: M'Lady's Gown - Greg Schindler Single red to black: Darkstorm - Sheila Green
Small & Miniature: Space Coast Pinafore - Elaine Schultz
Doubles: Signature Truffle - Thomas Lucius Spiders and UFOs: Atomic Inferno - Sheila Green
Edged (2): Somewhat Awesome – John Kulpa Topgun Pinwheel - Sheila Green
Eyed and Patterned (2): Cobraskin Necktie - Marietta Crabtree and Cisco Kid - Dennis Kollin
Seedlings (5): Sheila Green, John Kulpa (x2), Brian Howarth, Chad Bush

Thank you everyone who helped to make this event successful by working, exhibiting, judging, or attending. However you contributed to this show, it is appreciated.

Michigan needs to see our daylilies! Congratulations to all Show Winners!

Dear SDMS and CMDS friends,

We're absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of your clubs in supporting the AHS Convention here in Columbus! The daylily sculptures were magnificent -- and were one of the highlights of our raffle and silent auction. The "baskets" that you prepared for the raffle were jaw-dropping (and could hardly be classified as baskets). We put many of our own tickets into the bags associated with these wonderful offerings -- and were disappointed not to win a single one!! Our bus captain and navigators were honored to be adopted as your "daylily buds."

Your kindness in thinking about each tour garden owner and in presenting the beautiful daylily garden stone nearly moves us to tears. The stone will be a wonderful commemorative of this Convention for years to come. We know that each garden owner also appreciated the presentation ceremony. Thank you so much!!

Region 2 is very blessed to have such wonderful and generous organizations as yours. We want everyone in your organizations to know that their efforts made a difference and that they are greatly appreciated.
Sincerely, Charles and Cynthia Lucius

Now... This Report from our President:

Hello, Daylily Buds!

Well, we're almost into August! July just flew by, and our two main events exceeded our expectations! First, was our Nationals HAPPY BUS trip, and second, our AHS-approved annual Daylily Show and Exhibition.

If you were unable to ride the bus, you missed a good time. We left on Thursday, July 12th, from Oakland Mall Shopping Center in Troy. We started the trip wearing New Orleans beads to put us in a happy mood from our Bus Captain, John Kulpa. John also had offered one of his cultivars for the best treat bus goes brought for everyone. I'm sure we put away a lot of calories - - muffins, spicy nuts, candy and cookies! We then stopped at Panera in Dayton, and picked up box lunches, which we ate at the Polston/Sterling gardens. Their gardens were fantastic, as were their unusual farm animals



such as peacocks and Clydesdale horses. From there, we were on to Bob Faulkner's gardens with perennial plantings. Friday and Saturday were spent on the National Tour; we walked through four fabulous gardens per day. On July 20th, many of our members took the Exhibition Judge's Training #1 given by Nikki Schmith, and assisted by Patrice McCollum. Although I have been our daylily show Chair for 4 years, I still left with additional knowledge about exhibiting daylilies. I certainly recommend this training to anyone who has an interest in showing, judging or hybridizing daylilies.

Bright Green Shirted Fun Bus Group - Daylily Buds Last Forever

Our flower show was held on July 21st. We had 269 scapes, and boards and boards of off-scape flowers. Thanks again to everyone who assisted Christine and I! Denise Woods was the big winner with Best of Show for Adeline Goldner. The rest of the on-scape winners are listed within this newsletter. Sheila Green went home with many off-scape wins, and topped it off by winning a giant metal daylily sculpture donated by John Kulpa. (I don't know how she fit it in her car, though!).

Hope to see you all our next General Meeting on August 17th, when Tim Bell will be speaking.

Best Regards, Elaine

