

The Bud, Branch and Scape

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Coming Soon...SMDS Off-Scape Daylily Show and Sale!!

**Saturday July 23, 2016
10am-2 p.m.**

Location:
Telly's Greenhouse-
4343 24 Mile Rd, Shelby Charter Twp, MI

Enter exhibits: 9am-11am.

Voting starts at 11:00am and ends at 2:00pm.

Everyone is invited to bring daylily blooms to exhibit in the show and is eligible to win prizes. Just come and bring your flowers, everything else you need to enter them will be provided on location.

Awards given at 2:30 and you must be present to win.



Invite your friends and family, everyone gets to vote for their favorite daylilies in different categories. We all love having a choice of what we like best. This is a perfect opportunity for the public to see some of the wonderful versions of daylilies that are now available and buy great daylilies at sale prices of only \$5.00 and \$10.00 per pot.

Those wishing to donate plants for the plant sale should be potting those daylilies up now. Please notify Kathy Rinke at istopfordaylilies@gmail.com of the plants you are bringing, so she can prepare photos. **Bring your potted plants (double fans or better) to Telly's on the day of the event before 10am.**

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◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ SMDS 2016 Calendar of Events ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

Regular meetings held on the 2nd Saturday of each month- 11:30 a.m.
At the Congregational Church of Christ, 1000 Cranbrook Rd, Bloomfield Hills, 48304

June 18-Social Event at 1:00 with CMDS at Lisik's Gardens, 1445 N. Iva Hemlock MI. 48626

June 30 - July 3 AHS National Convention <http://ahs2016convention.org/>

July 16 - SMDS Members Open Gardens –See Presidents Letter for more details

July 15-17 Region 2 Daylily Convention in Peoria, IL. Details here <http://www.region2daylily.org/>

July 23 - Off Scape Show & Plant Sale : Telly's Greenhouse,
4343 24 Mile between Dequindre & Shelby Rd.,
Shelby Twp, MI 48316 (248) 659-8555

Aug 6 - Annual Picnic- Cathy Clarks garden
2603 N. Van Dyke Rd. Imlay, City MI 48444

Sept 10 - General Meeting – Garden & Daylily Pictures-Win Prizes!

Oct 8th - General Meeting - Annual Pot Luck -
Speaker/Hybridizer Chad Bush.....

And owner of Colorful Chaos Daylilies in Alma, MI.

<http://colorfulchaosdaylily.weebly.com/>



Tasmanian Devil at Dusk (Bush 2016)

Other Daylily Club 2016 Happenings in Michigan



Central Michigan Daylily Society <http://www.daylilies.me/>

Meetings are 10 a.m. - noon on the 3 Saturday of the month

At: Commission on Aging, 2200 S. Lincoln Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48858

Social events are usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m

June 18- Summer Social at the home of Phil & Ginger Lisik

July 24- Summer Social at the home of Sandy Kailing

Aug 14- Summer Social at the home of Bob & Linda Guiliani

*Note change of dates for July and August.

Grand Valley Daylily Society: Meetings at Frederik Meijer Gardens

<http://grandvalleydaylily.org/index.html>

July 7- Open Gardens

July 9-Daylily Show- Frederik Meijer Gardens

August 4-Annual Picnic/Open Garden at Wickmanns

September 8-Fall Auction-David's House Ministries-6:30 p.m.

October 6-Program to be announced

November 3-Speaker Bob Faulkner-Frederik Meijer Gardens-7:00 p.m.

December 1-Holiday Party



Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society

For more Info: contact Greg Youngchild
email: gyoungchild@att.net

June 28th 7:00 pm. Regular Meeting at Anna Deming's.

6355 W. Hickory Rd, Hickory Corners, MI.

Phone: 269-671-4665. Remember to bring your lawn chairs.

July 9th KADS Daylily Display at Wedel's.

Deb Diget and Sally Sewell

July 19th 6:00 pm. POTLUCK at Robin Hamilton's.

6050 Thornapple Lake Rd, Nashville, MI phone: 517-852-0789.

Please bring a dish to pass and your lawn chair.

August 9th 6:00 pm. POTLUCK. Jim and Jill Copelands,

78118 M-40, Lawton, MI. 269-624-1968.

September 13- 7:00 pm. Regular meeting at Roger and Linda

Busk's, 2412 106 Ave., Otsego, 269-744-6875.

Please bring your lawn chair.

October 8 Fall Banquet with David Kirchoff, Presenter.

6:00 cocktails/6:45 dinner.

Bravo Restaurant, 5402 Portage Road, Portage, MI



From the desk of the President:

Greetings Daylily Buds,

Summer is here and I hope that everyone is getting excited about the SMDS events planned for this summer.

The AHS National is at the end of June in Louisville, Kentucky and I know that it will be wonderful. I have been told that the gardens will be at their peak bloom and looking great. I have personally donated two of the metal daylily sculptures to be auctioned off at National and one of the daylily sculptures is truly a work of art. You will just have to wait and see them for yourself!

On Sat. July 16th, SMDS will have a garden walk of 4 gardens. The SMDS Board has come up with incentives to get you to visit the four gardens on the garden walk. One incentive is that if you visit all four gardens July 16th, SMDS will pay for your admission and parking to the Detroit Zoo for that day only.

What a great incentive! You will not only be able to visit four great gardens, but you will also be able to visit the Detroit Zoo for **free** and check out the fantastic SMDS daylily zoo bed, as well as the new Polk Penguin Conservation Center. This incentive only applies to SMDS members.

Another incentive to get you to visit the gardens is that I have decided to downsize my garden and I will be selling my seedlings and some named daylily cultivars at bargain prices. What kind of bargain prices are we talking about? Well you will decide that! Yes, you heard me correctly! If you see a daylily in my garden that you want and that I am selling, you simply make me a reasonable offer for it and it is yours! All of the proceeds from my garden sales go directly to SMDS. Not only are you getting some nice daylilies for bargain prices, but you are also helping our club. It is a win, win situation. This incentive applies to both SMDS and CMDS members.

If you buy daylilies on this day and want to visit the Detroit Zoo, but you don't want to keep daylilies in your hot car, you can leave your daylilies at my house in buckets of water and go have a fun time at the zoo. I live only 15 minutes from the Detroit Zoo. After your zoo visit, return to my house and pick up your plants, show me your zoo receipt and I will reimburse you for your zoo admission and parking. It's that easy.

A week later, on Sat. July 23rd, SMDS will have its Off-Scape Daylily Show and plant sale at Telly's Greenhouse in Shelby Twp. An email of the daylily cultivars and the bargain prices will be sent out to all SMDS members two weeks before the show. SMDS members will be able to reserve the special daylilies they want to buy at the show. Daylilies must be picked up at Telly's Nursery on the morning of July 23rd. This is another way to encourage SMDS members to get involved and attend our club events.

On Sat. Aug 6th there will be some incentives and surprises for you to attend the SMDS picnic at Cathy Clark's place in Imlay City. This will make this event even more exciting!

Please start taking pictures of your garden and your favorite daylily cultivars for our September 10th SMDS meeting at the Congregational Church. Yes, there will be prizes! prizes! prizes!

As you can see, this summer is going to be a very exciting one! Please plan to attend and participate in as many SMDS events as you can. The SMDS Board is closely monitoring the SMDS members participation at these events, so that they can plan future SMDS activities.

Hope to see all of your smiling faces in the next several weeks. In the meantime, to quote Nick Balash, "*STAY HEALTHY and HAVE FUN!!!*" John Kulpa johnkulpa@aol.com 586-899-7717

Protecting and Preserving Monarch Butterflies

SMDS member Diane Pruden was our speaker on May 12, 2016.

She gave a wonderful PowerPoint presentation describing everything a person should know about Monarchs. Diane is very passionate about this cause and participates by raising Monarchs, tagging them and going as far as Mexico to witness the migration of these beautiful butterflies.

She explained that it takes four generations of Monarchs to make the long migration from Mexico to Michigan. And each female lays approximately 200-300 eggs. It seems, with that many eggs laid by each female we should have lots of Monarchs but they meet with lots of misfortune in their lives. They battle to survive against weather, insecticides, destruction of habitat and food sources, vehicles and birds for survival.

Diane explained that most of us gardeners could easily help preserve Monarchs by making our gardens a designated Monarch Waystation, she volunteered to help get your garden registered by paying the registration fee. Monarchs need for host plants for larvae and food sources for adults. Plants for larvae are various forms of milkweed. Details are at the website.

<http://monarchwatch.org/waystations/>

Here: Diane answers questions from Dennis and Linda about Monarchs. We had a very lively question and session both during and after Diane's program. She said she could talk forever about Monarchs. Her love for this cause is very evident in her presentation and in the activities she participates in while fighting to preserve Monarchs.



MONARCH WAYSTATIONS

CREATE, CONSERVE, & PROTECT MONARCH HABITATS

www.MonarchWatch.org



Tagging a Monarch



*Note the daylily in Dennis's hand and on Diane's lap.

20 Fantastic door prizes of Chad Bush's new daylily introductions were given away to SMDS members at the May meeting along with three Monarch related prizes that were donated by Diane Pruden. Everyone was a winner!

Another reason to make plans to attend every meeting possible. You never know what you might be missing.

Phyllis Cantini - The Spider Whisperer

March 12- Phyllis Cantini spoke to SMDS about spider daylilies.

Phyllis began her love of spiders in 1984. She said it was a great year for spiders and she found them odd but beautiful. A flower whose petal length is four times the petal's width or more, a ratio of 4.0:1 or greater.

Kindly Light (Bechtold 1950) was the first spider daylily to steal her heart. Apparently, Phyllis has lots of love to share amongst the spiders because she has continued to add to her collection through the years.



Kindly Light (Bechtold 1950)



Phyllis also mentioned that one of her favorite spider daylilies is *Papa Longlegs (Roberts 2006)*.

And she has a collection of spiders introduced by Higgins, called the Moana series. I did a little research and that collection alone is seventeen different daylilies.

Another favorite daylily of Phyllis is *Abilene Move Over Tommy (Maddox -J- 2010)*

Papa Longlegs (Roberts 2006)

Phyllis often writes on The Daylily Robin, sharing her garden ventures. In addition to being a great writer and a spider lover, I learned that Phyllis was the first SMDS president. We owe you many thanks Phyllis for being a pioneer and a leader for all of us daylily lovers. We appreciate your efforts.

I know your gardens have to be beautiful and I am looking forward to seeing them in person this summer. I hope to choose a breezy day to visit so I can watch as all the spider legs dance in the wind.

Phyllis also has a namesake daylily introduced by Joyce Reinke in 2001. Teresa Dillon



Abilene Move Over Tommy

(Maddox-J, 2010)

Gift Cards for Telly's Nursery/Greenhouse were the door Prizes at this meeting.

Winners were: Sheila Green, Carolyn Lucius, Marilyn Palmer. Congratulations!!

SMDS Members Open Gardens Saturday July 16, 2016

Four open Gardens in the
Warren & Sterling Heights area:

Open 9am to 2pm :

John Kulpa
11177 Marsha Place-Warren

Greg Schindler
11242 18 Mile Rd-Sterling Heights

Denise Woods 36696
Thomas Dr.- Sterling Heights

Open 10am to 2pm:

Armand and Barbara DeLisle
30322 Ohmer Dr.- Warren



DeLisle Gardens –Warren MI.

**Can't make the Region 2 Summer Meeting
(July 15th-17th, Peoria, IL)?**

Come and visit fellow SMDS member's gardens,
and get an opportunity to buy some Kulpa
Seedlings, proceeds go to SMDS.

There will be "Snacks" at all the gardens.
Come and spend some time with friends, and talk
daylilies!

Bring your camera and your friends!



Kulpa Seedling Bed

WHAT NOW IN THE GARDEN?

by Phyllis Cantini

- 1) Enjoy your garden! Isn't that what it's all about anyhow? Stop and smell the roses (and daylilies too)!**
 - 2) Keep ahead of those weeds. Weeds steal space from your desirable plants. Weeds steal nutrients from your desirable plants. AND, if you let them too big, notice how much of your precious soil sticks to their roots - stealing again!**
 - 3) Keep a check on your daylilies for rust, especially if you received new plants.**
 - 4) Fertilize with a slow release fertilizer then you won't have to remember to do that chore every 2 weeks. All your plants benefit from fertilizer. (Some recommend either alfalfa pellets or green sand in the hole dug for planting daylilies.)**
 - 5) Water every 2 or 3 days unless it rains enough to give you 2" per week.**
 - 6) Check the ph of your soil. There are kits on the market you can do the checking yourself at home. It will indicate if you need more N-K-P. Daylilies like the ph level between 6.5 and 7.**
 - 7) Plan now on what daylily clumps need thinning and donate the increase to SMDS' sale. Pot it up, label it and perhaps add color, size if not blooming.**
 - 8) Get your garden markers from Kincaid. <http://www.kincaidplantmarkers.com/> There is a reward for members and for the club depending on the # of bundles ordered.**
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Reward Discount on every bundle of 25 plant markers purchased from Kincaid.

Participating club members receive their Reward Discount during checkout by using the Rewards Code assigned to our club. Our club will receive a rebate based on the total number of bundles ordered on-line by club members using the Rewards Code during the year.

SMDS 2016 Annual Banquet

Tom Polston and Doug Sterling of Pleasant Valley Gardens in Dayton, Ohio were our special guests and speakers for this year's event.

SMDS members came through with lots of wonderful items for the auction and daylilies were definitely not the only thing offered. Look at this amazing birdhouse built by Tom Lucius! Such a beautiful piece of art, any bird taking up residence here would be living in a mansion. And there were baked goodies by Lorna Desmarias, and so much more. Our members are talented beyond gardening.

Pictures say more than words. John Kulpa made a special presentation to Doug and Tom, a toothy daylily he hybridized to be named Doug and Tom.



Above left: Doug Sterling and John Kulpa with the new Doug and Tom daylily.

Above: John Kulpa presents another surprise for our speakers, a whole tray of seedlings from the new Doug and Tom daylily.

Left: LaVere and Zola Webster, Robin Hamilton, Bill Kaputska & Pat Salk, Kathy Rinke, Denise Woods and Phyllis Cantini.

If you missed this event, you missed a fun day. The food was delicious and the room was buzzing with chatter. Everyone appeared to be enjoying the opportunity to visit with fellow club members. We were blessed to have such a beautiful spring day .



Prizes and people.

Food, Flowers and fun.

What a great way to kick off the summer!

How many members can you name?

And is that a halo over Ann Kulpa's head?



OK...everyone...time to pay up.

Below Left: Kathy Rinke and Denise Woods are collecting money from auction winners Katie McCullen and Sandra Dunn, while Barbara DeLisle and John Kulpa are next in line.

Our SMDS board voted to award Katie McCullen an honorary annual SMDS membership as a thank you for her assistance at our banquets and to encourage her interest in our club. She is a willing runner for us at every banquet and such a happy gardener. SMDS and all garden clubs desperately need many more young members like her.

Congratulations Katie and an official WELCOME to SMDS!

Bottom Right: Doug Sterling and Tom Polston. They fit right in with our gardening group and we look forward to their next visit. It is sad that our SMDS bus trip did not come to fruition so we could have our lunch stop and shopping trip at Pleasant Valley on the way to the AHS National this year. It was so delightful the last time we had a bus stop there.

