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THE 2018 ANNUAL SMDS BANQUET

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Time: 11am - 3pm

Location: Macedonian Cultural Center, 43133 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI, 48314

Speaker: Nikki Schmith - Region 2 director; also former AHS President, and former SMDS President and member, gardener, daylily exhibitor and hybridizer.

Topic: "The Collective Experience" - Explore the many facets of daylilydom through a collection of photography and stories.

Menu: Family-Style menu includes: Sautéed Chicken Breast with Sweet Marsala, Beer Battered Cod, Minestrone Soup, Salad, Pasta, Side Dishes, Cheese and Crackers and Dessert!

(A plated vegan option is available for our vegan members- please inquire when purchasing your ticket.)

Ticket Prices: Members - \$25 Non-Members - \$30 Youth (age 5-12) - \$15

Registration Form on Page 8- Send your checks, payable to SMDS and mail to: LaVere Webster, 1160 South Boulevard W., Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY APRIL 13, 2018



Nikki Schmith

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Michigan Nikki (Dan Hansen 2010)



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March 24-Topic : Mixed Perennial Borders- Speaker Arlene Welsh, from Belle River, Ontario
Please come and join us at: First United Methodist Church, 6363 Livernois, Troy, MI

Note this is a different meeting location!! Lower Level Meeting Room – 2 blocks north of Square Lake Road (19 Mile Road) Door Prizes and Lunch Provided . **There will also be a ‘Theme Reveal’ for our Annual SMDS banquet at this meeting. A great start to kick off 2018!**

April 23- Metro Detroit Hosta Society has invited our club members to their program – 7:00pm – Telly's Barn, 3301 John R Road, Troy, MI 48383 – George Papadelis – “What is New for 2018”

April 28- SPRING BANQUET! – speaker is Nikki Schmith, former AHS President, former SMDS President/Member – 11:00am (luncheon) – LOCATION: Macedonian Cultural Center, 43133 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314; Hall B – NW Corner of Square Lake Road (19 Mile Road) Limited seating– Tickets are going fast– Don't be left out!

*******Registration Form on Page 8*******



Nikki Schmith
(McCutcheon, 2010)



May 19- FIELD TRIP – Lunch Among the Lilacs - Sunny Fields Botanical Park, 5444 Welch Road, Emmet, MI 48022—Just west of Port Huron;
Host- Bill Horman at 810-387-2765

Please keep an eye on emails for a location meet up spot and any updates prior to driving to the park that day- Time TBD

June 6-9 - AHS NATIONALS – Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina – visit the AHS website for more details <http://www.daylilies.org/>

July – OFF-SCAPE DAYLILY SHOW– details are in the works, please keep an eye out for updates!

July 7th-9th-Annual Northern Mecca Tour and Picnic, Dayton, Ohio and surrounding area.

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

August - TBD – details in the works, please keep an eye out for updates!

September – and **October** – TBD



Call Out to Club Hybridizers

Are you a pollen-dabber?

Do you have some new daylily hybrids that you're particularly proud of? If so, we want to hear from you! Tell us what's new in your garden, send us photos, and let us know of any 2018 (or 2019) introductions that you have.

Your images and intros could appear in our next newsletter. Additionally, if you have a hybridizer's page on the SMDS website, we want to make sure our website is up to date with your pretties.

Please contact Teresa Dillon at dillon1t@lentel.com with your photos and information.



2018 SMDS



Calendar of Events

March 24: 11 a.m. General Meeting featuring Arlene and Bill Welsh Gardens, from Belle River, Ontario— **NEW LOCATION:**

■ First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois Road, Troy, MI 48098; Lunch Provided!

■ **April 23:** Invitation to Metro Detroit Hosta Society program 7:00pm – Telly's Barn, 3301 John R Road, Troy, MI 48383 – George Papadelis – “What is New for 2018”

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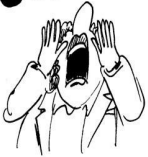
■ **May 19:** Lunch Among the Lilacs - Sunny Fields Botanical Park, 5444 Welch Road, Emmet, MI 48022 – Time TBD

■ **June 6-9:** AHS NATIONALS @ Myrtle Beach, SC

■ **July** – OFF-SCAPE DAYLILY SHOW– Details TBD

■ **August /September /October** – TBD

Volunteers!



Volunteers Needed!

Our club—any club, for that matter—relies on the compassion and consideration of its volunteering members. It is so important for the health of our club to have people stepping up, willing to help, but it turns out that it's healthy for **you**, too! If you thought you didn't have the energy or ability to volunteer, think again! Volunteering has been shown to improve mood as well as protect your mental and physical health. But you don't have to take our word for it, see below:

Why volunteer?

Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. Volunteering and helping others can help you reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. While it's true that the more you volunteer, the more benefits you'll experience, volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy day. Giving in even simple ways can help others those in need and improve your health and happiness.

Volunteering: The happiness effect

Helping others kindles happiness, as many studies have demonstrated. When researchers at the London School of Economics examined the relationship between volunteering and measures of happiness in a large group of American adults, they found the more people volunteered, the happier they were, according to a study in Social Science and Medicine. Compared with people who never volunteered, the odds of being “very happy” rose 7% among those who volunteer monthly and 12% for people who volunteer every two to four weeks. Among weekly volunteers, 16% felt very happy—a hike in happiness comparable to having an income of \$75,000–\$100,000 versus \$20,000, say the researchers.

 Adapted with permission from *Simple Changes, Big Rewards: A Practical, Easy Guide for Healthy, Happy Living*, a special health report published by **Harvard Health Publications**.

SMDS's volunteering opportunities are just as diverse as the talents that all of you, its members, possess! Whether you're a writer, a dreamer, a handyman, an event expert, totally tech-y, or a jack-of-all-trades—(or none of the above!)--**we have a volunteer opportunity for you!**

SMDS is especially looking for more volunteers to help with the Spring Banquet, Off-Scape Daylily Show (in August), Zoo bed, Marketing/Advertising, and Youth Membership Development.

From one-time jobs to recurring help, we have all sorts of options, so please email Libby.J.Militello@gmail.com to find out how *you* can help. After all, it's what a club is all about!

Annual Call for Banquet Donations!!



As most banquet attendees know, we have some amazingly creative members who donate some pretty fabulous things to SMDS for our banquet.

We are calling upon everyone once again to be generous and donate something to the banquet. Big or small, homemade or bought, grown or from a hybridizer, everything is greatly appreciated and the funds from the raffle ticket sales, the silent auction and the live auction help to keep SMDS going.

**Please contact Lorna Desmarais
(lornaatkleins@yahoo.ca) with respect to
donations to the banquet as soon as possible.**

2017 banquet donation—

Birdhouse handcrafted by Tom Lucius

All donations are greatly appreciated and we look forward to hearing from you soon. Please specify the name and details of any daylily cultivar, or description of donation, together with a photo of it, if possible, that you are donating to the club. Please also specify if your donation is to be for the raffle, silent auction or live auction! Thank you in advance for participating in this important fundraising effort.

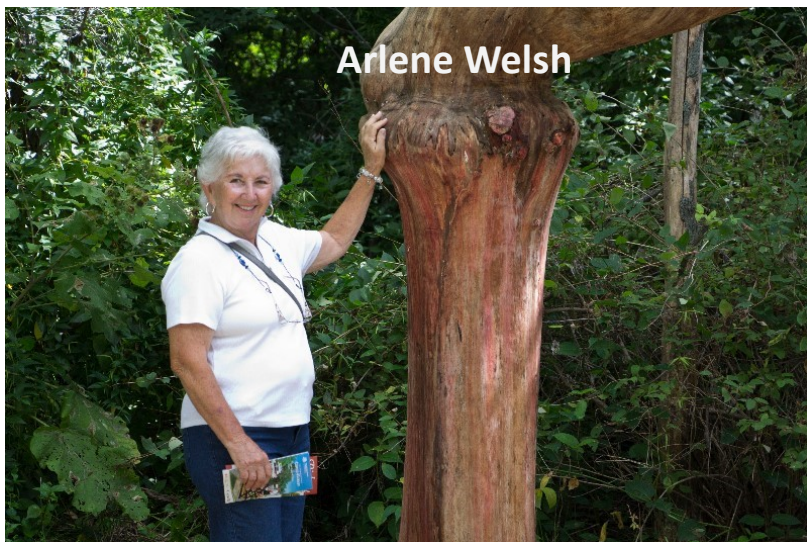
If you are not attending the banquet, but we hope you are, and want to bring your donation to the March 24, 2018 meeting at the First United Methodist Church, please let me know in advance so that I can make arrangements to store your donation until the banquet on April 28, 2018.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to SMDS!

Lorna Desmarais, Vice-Chair, Banquet Committee

*Handcrafted bottle windchime and decorated window-
2017 donation by Marilyn Palmer*





Arlene Welsh

Arlene Welsh...

is our speaker for the March 24, 2018 meeting and her husband, Bill Welsh, is coming along as slide projector operator and her principal photographer.

I believe that most people who have been in the club for awhile know both Arlene and Bill.

Arlene and I are commonly known as "The Canadians" and I have Arlene to thank for my daylily addiction! Many years ago, Arlene talked Harris Olsen (Mr. Daylily) into coming to the Belle River & District Horticultural Society to speak about his passion, daylilies. Of course, as everyone in SMDS knows, once that spark has been lighted, one always wants more, more, more! After coming with Arlene and some other friends that first time, I knew that I was meant to be a daylily nut, like Arlene.

Arlene and Bill hosted a SMDS picnic a number of years ago so some of you know her garden and her passion for combining daylilies with other perennials. For those who have not seen it, you are in for a treat! Arlene has over 1000 cultivars currently growing in her garden as well as some specimen trees and many varieties of perennials.

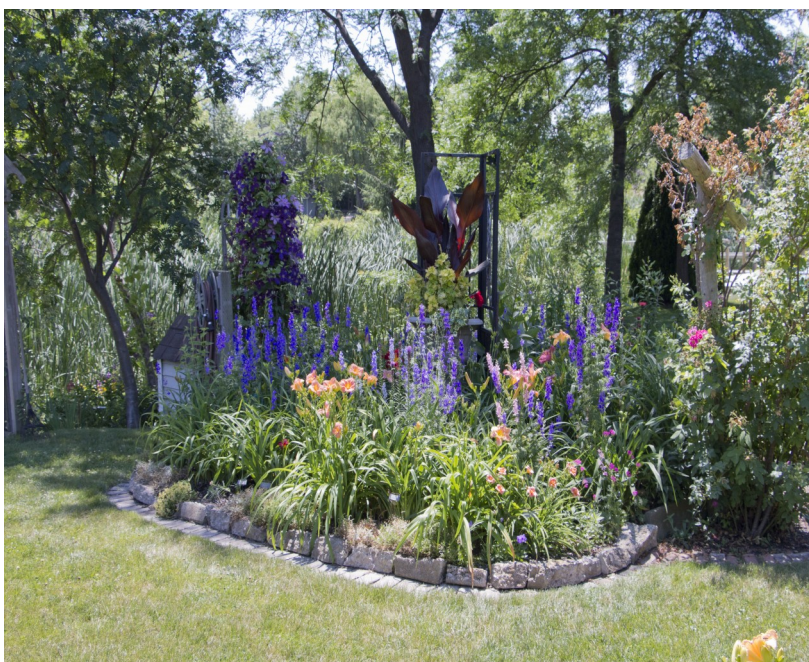
So, please come and join us on
March 24, 2018, at 11:00am

First United Methodist Church,
6363 Livernois, Troy

Note this is a different Meeting Location

Any member in good standing who brings a friend to the March 24 meeting who joins SMDS that day will receive a \$5.00 credit towards their next renewal of their own membership. 1 only per member.

Pictured below, assorted perennials in the Welsh Gardens



From the Desk of the President:

Hello, Daylily Buds!



The lawn glaciers are starting to melt away and the robins are popping up in trees, which can only mean one thing—Spring is near! And it's a good thing, too. Spring means the Spring Banquet is just around the corner! (Oh, and Spring means flowers, too, of course.)

Our board is extremely excited to see you at the Spring Banquet on April 28—don't forget to mark your calendars and put in your reservations! There are a lot of details about the banquet within this newsletter, but I wanted to highlight one fun fact: our banquet has a theme this year, and we think you'll love it. What is it? Come to the meeting on March 24 to be among the first to find out!

Before I go too much further, I must first say that great things often come from great inspiration, and our spring banquet this year comes after some great previous banquets that we've had in the past. Those previous banquets were borne of the hard work and dedication of a great group of people, and I want to thank them again for all that they have done and continue to do for us. Inspired by the dedication that our previous board members put into the previous banquets, our current board has poured our hearts into creating a fun banquet for 2018! ...And we believe it's only one of *many* great events that you will enjoy this year.

Although our calendar is starting to fill in for 2018, please remember that we are always looking for fun things to do and people to volunteer their gardens for hosting get-togethers. So, if you have an idea for an event or if you have a garden that could be a meeting place for our club, please let us know.

Many of you may recall that one of my primary goals as your new president is to increase membership, and especially to increase the number of younger people in our club who can carry the SMDS torch far into the future. As we progress through 2018 and 2019, you may start to see some transitions here and there from the traditional 'way we have always done things' to some newer events, places, and ways of doing things. The rationale is that when the current method of doing things doesn't attract enough new members, it's time to try *new* things to attract new members, right? So I hope you will all continue down this experimental journey with us as we gradually try new things to increase membership and develop a more well-rounded demographic within our club. And while we have a lot of ideas on how to do this, we would love to have others with ideas and/or the drive to help implement them, so if you are interested in becoming a volunteer dedicated to increasing our membership (youth or otherwise) or planning activities and events that will attract younger audiences, please let me know so that we can work together to make our group even bigger and even better!

And while '*greater membership*' is always a goal of the club, I think it's important to also remember that we already have a '*great membership*'! Many of you have beautiful gardens and are doing amazing things in your gardens. I want to celebrate all of the work you and our other members do in the garden every year and learn more about what inspires you, what plants fill your gardens, and what projects you are working on. More so, what new things are you learning or discovering in your gardens? Let's share our experiences as a club, because being part of this club is about interacting, enjoying others' company, learning from each other, and having fun!

...Definitely having fun! So let's have some fun this year, shove a few new things into our brains, bump shoulders together at a bunch of social events, and make it our best year yet!

May your gardens be fruitful, flowerful, and joyful!

Your SMDS President,

Libby Militello



Saturday April 21, 2018 at 10:00 am.
Tim Bell - Daylily Hybridizer & Owner of Bells Daylily Garden in Sycamore, GA. Will be a special speaker at Central Michigan Daylily Society .
Every one is invited to attend.

We will learn what is happening now at Bells Daylily Garden. There will be an auction of Bell Daylilies. Refreshments will be provided.

The meeting is at the: COMMISSION ON AGING 2200 S. Lincoln Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Questions? Contact CMDS Pres. Jerry Brown at 517-230-3532 or brown-841@hotmail.com

I wanted to let you know about an exciting opportunity to hear **Paul Owen of Slightly Different Nursery** <http://www.slightlydifferentnursery.com/site/> in North Carolina speak at the **Grand Valley Daylily Society meeting on April 5th at 7 pm.** He also is going to auction off some of his cultivars at this meeting. Paul's enthusiasm for daylilies will make this a memorable meeting and we want to invite any of your members who are interested to join us. At Cascade Christian Church, Centennial Hall located at 2829 Thornapple River Dr., SE, Grand Rapids, 49546. Claire Sheridan, Vice President GVDS

2018 Central Michigan Daylily Society

Calendar of Events

Meetings are 10 a.m. to noon on the 3rd Sat. of the month.

April 21: Tim Bell – Daylily hybridizer and owner of Bells Daylily Garden in Sycamore, GA

May: Date TBD – 2018 Social at Lisik's and Saginaw Zoo cleanup

June 16: Social at Pardeik's Gardens

July 15: Social at Runyan's Gardens

August 19: Social at Nash Nursery

September 15: TBA **October 20:** TBA

November 10: TBA (Note change of date.)

2018 Grand Valley Daylily Society Calendar of Events

April 5: Paul Owen from Slightly Different Nursery – Cascade Christian Church – 7:00 p.m.

May 3: Spring Auction – Cascade Christian Church – 6:30pm

June 14: Open Garden – TBD **July 12:** Open Garden – TBD

July 14: Daylily Show – Frederik Meijer Gardens – 11:00 a.m.

August 2: Club Picnic – TBD

Sept 6: Fall Auction – Cascade Christian Church – 6:30 p.m.

Sept 8: Rockford Farmer's Market Daylily Sale – 54 South Main, Rockford – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

October 4: TBD – Cascade Christian Church – 7:00 p.m.

2018 Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society Calendar of Events

April 17th-KADS Meeting 7pm Leila Arboretum, 103 Limit St., Battle Creek- Preview of the daylilies for May auction.

May 8th-KADS Meeting, Daylily AUCTION 6:00pm Leila Arboretum, 103 Limit St., Battle Creek, MI

June 12th-KADS Meeting, Open Garden 7:00pm (Bring your own lawn chair)

Gus Guzinski will open his garden located at: 8814 West H Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI

July 17th-KADS Meeting, Open Garden and Potluck 6:00pm (Bring your own lawn chair)

Robin Hamilton will open her garden located at: 6050 Thornapple Lake Road, Nashville, MI

July 27th-KADS Daylily Dig 8:00 am at the Copeland's. 78118 M-40, Lawton, Michigan.

There will be food served to all of the worker bees after we complete our mission.

July 28th-KADS Daylily Sale Bank Street Farmers Market, 1204 Bank Street, Kalamazoo, MI

August 14th-KADS Meeting, Open Garden 7:00pm (Bring your own lawn chair)

Bob Struber will open his garden located at: 9841 Springwood Drive, Kalamazoo, MI

September 11th-KADS Meeting, Open Garden 7:00pm Kathy Hathaway will open her garden located at:

4444 Meadowlark Drive, Kalamazoo (Bring your own lawn chair)



2017 SMDS ANNUAL BANQUET REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Deadline for registration/ payment April 9, 2018

Members - \$25 Non-Members - \$30 Youth (age 5-12) - \$15

Number of Guests: _____ Amount: _____

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

**** A vegan plate is available for our vegan members****
please note here # of vegan meals requested _____

Make checks payable to SMDS. Please note "banquet" on the check memo line.

And mail to: LaVere Webster, 1160 South Boulevard W., Rochester Hills, MI 48309



**Macedonian
Cultural
Center**



Blessings in a Backpack



Girl on Fire



Heart of Glass



A Thousand Sweet Kisses



Lime Salted Love



Ghosts of Singer Island



In the Garden of Angels



Beer and BBQ

Pictured left are some of Nikki Schmith beautiful daylily introductions.

Nikki is our special speaker for the SMDS 2018 Annual Banquet !!



Southern Michigan Daylily Society

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

Our by-laws require you to become a member in good standing of the national American Hemerocallis Society for a fee of \$25, at which time the first year's fees for the local SMDS will be waived. Renewal fees thereafter are as follows:

Individual: One year...\$15.00.....Three years...\$35.00
Family: One year...\$20.00.....Three years...\$45.00
Lifetime individual: \$150.00

☐ I would like to **JOIN** the Southern Michigan Daylily Society!

☐ I am **RENEWING** my membership in the local SMDS

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Full Address (Street, number, city, state, zip) _____

E-Mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Type of Membership Desired: ☐ First year new membership (**\$25.00**)...includes membership in the national American Hemerocallis Society. We will process this for you and waive our local dues for one year.

☐ 1 year individual (**\$15.00**)

☐ 3 year individual (**\$35.00**)

☐ Lifetime Individual (**\$150**)

☐ 1 year family (**\$20.00**)

☐ 3 year family (**\$45.00**)

☐ If you are already an AHS member, check this box.

Would you prefer receiving your newsletter: ☐ on paper by land mail ☐ electronically by e-mail

If you are a **NEW MEMBER** and paying \$25 make the check payable to: AHS (or American Hemerocallis Society)
If you are a **RENEWAL MEMBER** make the check payable to: SMDS (or Southern Michigan Daylily Society)

Make checks payable to SMDS. Please note "Membership" on the check memo line.

And mail to: LaVere Webster, 1160 South Boulevard W., Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Of if needed—please remember to update your membership at the March meeting.

2018 Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence Nomination Form

At the 1989 Region 2 Summer Meeting, this award was announced and sponsored by the Southern Michigan Daylily Society. It is a free-form, sand-etched glass plate with an engraved image of Howard Hite's H. 'Indonesia'.

The award is not based on the quantity of votes for any individual, but on the quality of the individual's years of hybridizing efforts to improve daylily cultivars. Please take the time to describe what the individual has accomplished.

The criteria for selection of a recipient are as follows:

- 1. The award is to honor a Region 2 AHS member who has contributed notable achievements in the field of hybridizing from years of a dedicated hybridizing program..**
 - The award may be given each year only if a recipient is selected.
 - A person may receive the award only one time.
 - Deceased hybridizers may be considered for the award.
 - Any AHS Region 2 Member (including committee members) **may submit names of possible recipients** to the Awards and Honors Chair before April 15, of each year. The **final selection will be determined by the Hite Award Committee** composed of four members and the Regional President representing the five states in the Region.
 - Names of past nominees may be considered as possible candidates for future years.
- Previous Howard Hite Award Recipients**

1990 Dr. Charles Branch	1999 Margie Soules	2009 Jamie Gossard
1991 No Award	2000 Jon Benz	2010 Robert Ellison
1992 Bryant Millikan	2001 Leo Sharp	2011 Joel Thomas Polston
1993 Charles Reckamp	2002 Walt Jablonski	2012 James Marsh
1994 Steve Moldovan	2003 Charles Applegate	2013 Martin Kaminski
1995 Howard Hite	2004 Dan Bachman	2014 Sandy Holmes
1996 Charles Griesbach	2005 Dottie Warrell	2015 Bret Clement
1997 Dennis Anderson	2006 Don Jerebeck	2016 Phil & Luella Korth
1998 Curt Hanson	2007 Richard Norris	2017 Bob Faulkner
	2008 Roy Klehm	

2018 Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence Nomination Form

Nominations for the Hite Award are made by Region 2 Members. Use this form and attach any additional documentation, to support your nomination if desired. **You are encouraged to give detailed reasons for your nomination.** This form may be photocopied.

I wish to nominate _____

For the following reasons _____

Please Print Your Name _____ Are You an AHS Member ? Yes No

Signature _____ Date _____

Complete this form by April 15, 2018, and mail or scan / email to: Gail Braunstein, Region 2 Awards and Honors Chair

3010 McIntire Road Morrow, Ohio 45152 13-899-2497 gailbraunstein@hotmail.com



Call Out For Garden Hosts



SMDS is fortunate to have so many members with absolutely gorgeous gardens! Right now, the SMDS Board is currently looking for those of you with gardens that are willing to host a Garden Tour or other Garden event (such as a meeting, potluck, or social). Your garden doesn't have to be a daylily garden, either...gardens of all types are desired and appreciated!

Additionally, the AHS is in need of daylily gardens to host their training for judges here in Region 2! This is important for the future of daylily shows and directly relates to our purpose as a club: to educate others (and ourselves) about daylilies.

If you have a daylily garden that our club members or AHS members could visit, please let us know! You can fill out the form below and turn it in to Libby at the next meeting*, or you may email the information to Libby.J.Militello@gmail.com

**Our request is ongoing, so while we ask that you please turn this in before our March 24, 2018 meeting, we will accept these on a rolling basis and you may turn them in at any time that you are able, as long as it gives us reasonable notice before your available dates.*

Garden Host Volunteer Form



Member Name: _____

Address: _____

I'm able to host for: _____

(examples: "a Garden Tour", "a Garden Meeting", "Judges' Training", "anything you need it for".)

Dates That I Can Host: _____

Please don't forget to specify whether your date(s) is for 2018 or 2019.

Maximum # of Guests I Can Host (if applicable): _____

I can / cannot (*circle one*) have members under the age of 18 at my garden.

Other Notes: _____



Bill's Hope
(Alden, 2008)

Most of you are aware that we recently lost our Mr. Bill Kupustka .

February 22, 1941 - March 03, 2018

We are sharing some pictures and comments here to pay tribute to a wonderful man. Flowers were sent to his funeral by SMDS and many members visited to show their love for Bill and provide support for Pat Salk. Bill's absence will be felt in many hearts, and in numerous ways.



Bill Kapustka
(Kulpa 2017)

*True friends are the ones who never leave your heart.
Rest in peace, dear friend.~ Fred and Kathy Rinke*

A Memorial Tribute to "Mr. K."

SMDS (Southern Michigan Daylily Society) will surely and sincerely miss Bill Kapustka, aka "MR K." He has served on The Board most of the time from 2001 thru 2017. The inseparable couple, Bill and Pat attended many Daylily Conventions and served on the Welcome Committee at the Troy Marriott Hotel when SMDS hosted the Region 2 convention in 2011. Bill started our October Chili Cook Off which has been a winner for many years now.

Bill had a great love for Daylilies, Daylily seedlings and Hostas, but has been cutting back in the last few years. He and Pat were great supporters of the Daylily Show. We often found ourselves bidding against each other at the Banquet Daylily Auction. He loved being a winter snowbird in Florida, an autumn Fisherman in Canada, and a daylily man in the summer.

Bill and Pat single handedly put the Banquet donations over the top for many years. They hand wrote Thank you notes to every donor. Bill was great at putting program schedules together.

More than that, he was a personal friend who would call me to have breakfast with him after his cardiologist appointments. We will miss the friendly smile and hospitality he created. Bill, You leave a big hole behind.

LaVere Webster



Bill with
"his lady",
the love of
his life,
Pat Salk!

Bill in a fishing boat. How he loved those Canadian fishing trips each summer! And he smiled like this when he talked about fishing with his son.

