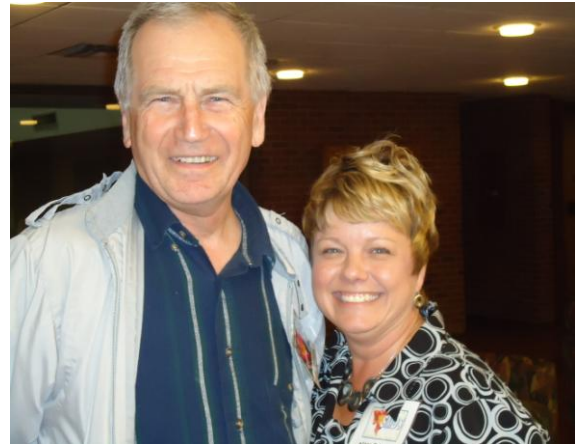


Picture This...Nikki Schmith

At our May meeting, SMDS was honored to have our previous club president and former Michigan resident, Nikki Schmith as our speaker. It was interesting to watch as she shared some of her experiences and photography knowledge.

Nikki began her program with a blast from the past, showing pictures from the 2001 SMDS Daylily Show. The show was held in the Congregational church where we currently hold our meetings. There was a picture of Pat Salk posing with her show winning daylily Osterized (Hite-Davisson 1999). Other pictures were included of SMDS members, some that are no longer living.



Martin Kaminsky with Nikki Schmith

Next, Nikki shared pictures that portrayed her new gardens in Illinois. She is currently growing over 700 named daylily varieties. There were flawless displays of other perennials sharing the garden spaces with daylilies. She has made tremendous progress in the short time she has been in Illinois. I can only imagine what the gardens will look like in another five years.

Nikki also has been busy hybridizing. She currently has seven registered daylilies; one is co-registered with Kim McCutcheon. In 2013, she traveled over 10,000 miles, visiting 29 gardens in 15 states. She is the current Director of ASH Region 2 and she writes about her travels and flowers on her blog :

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

Nikki's presentation at this meeting was an effort to teach us how to "Make great shots of our gardens and flowers". "You don't TAKE a great shot, you MAKE a great shot". Nikki does not have special photography training, she shoots from the heart, and is sharing with others how she obtains such beautiful pictures. It's not fancy, expensive equipment that she uses. She pointed out that we need take our time in the gardens to sense the odors, to sit and meditate, experience what we are seeing. The most important tip that she shared was to "Take the time to enjoy the moment as you are taking a photo so you will be able to enjoy the photo and the moment again later." Thanks Nikki for an inspiring program. *Teresa Dillon*

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◆◆◆◆◆ SMDS 2014 Calendar of Events ◆◆◆◆◆

Regular meetings held 7:00 p.m.

At Congregational Church of Christ, 1000 Cranbrook Rd, Bloomfield Hills, 48304

*Members with last name's beginning with following letters please bring food for club meetings.
August L-R, Sept S-Z*

July 19th: SMDS Daylily Show at Telly's Greenhouse, Shelby Township. Details on page 4.

August 3rd: 2014 SMDS Annual Picnic at Along the Fence Daylilies. Hostess: Sandra Dunn

Kathy Rinke shared an informative article about her visit to Along the Fence Daylilies in our SMDS 2013 September Newsletter. You can read the article at our website <http://www.midaylilysociety.com/>

August 15th: Linda Michaels of Burt, NY

Quote from her website: Bagels may taste great, spiders are less filling --so you can fit a lot more spider daylilies in your garden.

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

October 17th: Potluck and local program

December 7th: Christmas Dinner and program



Detroit Zoo Bed

LuAnne Ikeda and Patrice McCollum worked with me at the Detroit Zoo to remove weeds, edge, and mulch our SMDS Daylily Garden on May 4th. The Garden features daylilies donated last year by our membership.

The weather was cool, but perfect for doing yard work. The rain held off until we were finished. Passers-by remarked how nice our bed had looked blooming in July, and said it was one of the nicer beds at the zoo!

The garden displays daylilies all hybridized in Michigan. Hybridizers are almost all current or past SMDS members. The clumps are beginning to grow, and we anticipate a gorgeous show in July.

We will have a sign on the bed with our club name and web address. Our bed is located near the big ‘bear’ fountain, and across from the two hump camels.

If you are able to help with the bed between now and the fall, please let LuAnne Ikeda know of your interest. We are currently planning to meet the first weekend of each month (June, July, Aug., Sept., and Oct.). The day and time can be adjusted based on volunteers' schedules. She may be reached at lmi598@yahoo.com . As an added bonus, after you are done working, you are free to tour the zoo!

- Elaine Schultz

Dear SMDS Members,

I am sad to report that Linda Vittands has passed away. She was an active SMDS member. Linda shared her garden with SMDS members just last summer! I know she will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Her obituary can be viewed at:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theoaklandpress/obituary.aspx?n=linda-sue-vittands&pid=170937121&fhid=2510>

Elaine

Right: Linda Vittands speaking at SMDS meeting in Dec 2012.



Daylily Exhibition Show, Off-Scape Show, and Sale!!
Telly's Greenhouse, Shelby Township
July 19, 2014

Our Daylily Exhibition Show and Offscape Show will be held on July 19th, at Telly's new greenhouse in Shelby Township! *We are also adding a plant sale!*

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to set up the shows and sale on July 18th (time TBD). The following positions need to be staffed. Please volunteer for at least a couple of hours if you can!

- Clerking On-Scape Show (will train!). We need two Clerks. This job will require you to be on your feet for at least 3 hours. Contact Elaine Schultz (eschultz1234@comcast.net)
- Placement – On-Scape Show. In this job, you carefully place the scapes and their vases on the judging tables. Contact Elaine.
- Classification – Someone with computer skills is needed to assist Phyllis Cantini to classify named cultivars. Contact Elaine. (I can provide a laptop).
- Help with Off Scape Show (Putting flowers on boards, counting ballots, etc.) – Contact Sandi Combs, Chair (scombs@frontier.com)
- Selling at the club sale table – contact Greg Schindler (gregsdaylily@hotmail.com). (Maybe you will be showing scapes and will have a few hours to help?)
- All members are asked to help with setup on July 18th, and tear-down after the show and sale on July 19th. Time and location detail will follow in June.

Donations:

Off-Scape Show – Chair is Sandi Combs

- We are looking for new Cultivars as prizes for the Off-Scape show. Pot 1-2 fans in potting soil. Identify the cultivar with a tag. Potting soil is required so we do not introduce weed seeds, bugs, etc. into Telly's greenhouse. Contact Sandi for additional information.

Daylily Sale – Chair is Greg Schindler:

- Bare Root Plants: Clean, double fans minimum (if possible), trim leaves, wash, and rubber band together. Plastic tags will be available at Friday's meeting, or contact Elaine to mail them. Need to write on the tag with black industrial marker: Cultivar name, color, etc. Tag must be rubber-banded on so it does not fall off. Looking for low to moderately priced flowers. If you can supply a 3 X 3 picture of the flower, it will help us to sell them!
- Potted Plants: Pot 2 fans in potting soil. Wire tag onto potted plant. Potting soil is required so we do not introduce weed seeds, bugs, etc. into Telly's greenhouse. If your cultivar is expensive, advise re: suggested sale price.
- Plants can be given to Greg, Board members Elaine, Darrell, Patrice, Christine or Diane, or dropped off the day before the sale at Telly's (time / location to be given at a later date).



From the Desk of SMDS President:

Nikki Schmith's presentation was May 16th. The main subject was daylily photography. I learned a lot. Please look at Nikki's blog and you'll see that Nikki takes beautiful photographs.

Linda Michaels of Daredevil Daylilies is our speaker for August. She is from Burt NY which is close to Buffalo. Buffalo's average annual snowfall is 93.1 which is very close to our record snowfall this year. Linda grows spiders and UFOs. Please take a look at her website <http://www.daredevildaylily.com/>. I thought I was finished buying daylilies this year. After looking at Linda's 2014 intro's, I may have to change my mind.

The membership will be asked to vote on 2 proposals to change the by-laws.

1. Change the minimum board meetings from 6 to 4. We do a lot of business electronically which may decrease the minimum of board meetings required. This may also persuade members that live far away to become members of the board.
2. A board member cannot write a check to themselves. This is not proposed because any wrong doing is suspected. It does go a long way to prevent any misunderstandings in the future.

Our Plant show is at Telly's in Shelby Township this year. It is July 19th. We will also have a plant show. Please participate in the show and please donate plants. We will gladly accept bare root or potted daylilies. Teresa reminded me that members that show a lot of plants will not have a lot extra room in their cars to bring potted plants.

Our Picnic is at Sandra Dunn's on August 3. She has 12 rows of daylilies that are 125 ft. long. Different daylilies are planted each side of every row. About 2000 different daylilies. Gee Farms is about 10 minutes from Sandra's. It is a large nursery with a 10 acre arboretum.

I would like your ideas about what you would like to see at September's meeting. A few thoughts:

1. Member's Plant sale. I attended CMDMS' plant sale on the 17th. It was a lot of fun and was very successful.
2. Member's Show and Tell. We can't visit everyone's garden. We would be very interested to see pictures and hear about what worked and what didn't. We would also like to hear why you chose the particular plants that you grow. Sounds like a Shirley Farmer-North meeting. (Or we could do 1 in Sep and the other in Oct.)

With much support from the membership, the board has decided to move next year's banquet to the 1st Saturday in May and change the starting time to early afternoon. Location to be determined.

Darrell Neal, President SMDS

SMDS Members Winners of 2013 Region 2 Photography Contest!!



SMDS Member Sandy Holmes won the Best Artistic Close-Up Prize for her photo of 'Candy Cane Train' in the Region 2 Spring Great Lakes Daylily Journal. Also, the recently married Sharon O'Donnell Mowbray won an Honorable Mention for her photo of 'Spacecoast Starburst', and Nikki Schmith won Artistic Close-Up Honorable Mention for her photo of 'Lights of Detroit'.

Congratulations ladies on your winning photos and congratulations Sharon on your recent marriage!

SMDS Plant Sale on July 19th at Telly's

If you need plant tags, contact Darrell Neal or Elaine Schultz (eschultz1234@comcast.net).

This year we're going to be able to sell daylilies at our show July 19th. It should be exciting. We would like to make it as easy as possible and spread the effort equally among the members AND have a great sale. If we each pot up 15-25 named daylilies ASAP to donate for the sale it should go great. We'll get the work done now whenever the weather and our time schedule permits, and all we'll have to do July 18th or 19th is bring them to the sale. Bringing them on Friday, setup day, would be ideal because vehicles can be crowded on Saturday. We even have a volunteer who will babysit potted plants if absolutely necessary.

We want a minimum of two fans per pot unless it is a particularly expensive cultivar. More is better, but we don't want big clumps in pots that are too large and heavy. Also no more than three pots of the same cultivar please. As soon as you have your plants potted let us know which cultivars you'll be bringing so we can try to get pictures. (You might pot 25 and bring the 20 best looking plants at show time.) We expect to sell plants for \$7, \$10 and \$15, (with perhaps a fire sale in the last hour if we have many left) but we plan to raffle off a few more expensive ones and we need prizes for the off-scape show winners. We hope many of the potted plants will be blooming. If one's not and you can bring in a flower from your garden of that cultivar for the off-scape show it would be a plus.

We much prefer potted, but will accept freshly dug, bare rooted donations. Be sure to let us know well ahead which cultivars you will bring, so we can work on getting pictures. We'll also need volunteers to help sell plants. Please contact Greg Schindler at (gregsdaylily@hotmail.com) with questions, to send a list of your cultivars (ASAP please), and to volunteer to sell.

Thanks, Greg Schindler Chairman of SMDS 2014 Plant Sale

Bare Root Daylilies Will also Be Sold at our Plant Sale



The question came up whether bare root plants are accepted at our plant sale...YES!! They are welcomed and appreciated!!

To prepare the bare root daylilies for sale;
Please clean, trim foliage, and rubber band
2 fans (or more) together and include an identification tag.
Send the cultivar's picture to Greg at Gregsdaylily@hotmail.com.

I have SMDS plant tags if you need them (I can mail them).

My email is: eschultz1234@comcast.net

Best Regards, Elaine

Charles and Heidi Douglas / SMDS 2014 Banquet

by Teresa Dillon



Heidi and Charles Douglas were our speakers at the 2014 SMDS Annual Banquet. They gave a heartwarming presentation, sharing their story of love and flowers.

Daylilies brought them together. They met in 2003 at an AHS National Convention. Together now they own and operate Browns Ferry Gardens in Georgetown, SC.

<http://brownsferrygardens.com/index.htm>

The business has an area of potted daylilies for sale that holds approximately 12,000 plants. I hope to see this beautiful place for myself someday, not just through pictures.

Charles and Heidi are both hybridizers and after 20 years of selling daylilies introduced by at least 160 other hybridizers, they are ready to focus on selling their own cultivars. Currently they have 180 of their own introductions to sell.

Each of them focuses on daylilies of different forms and faces. Heidi has several diploid introductions that include some unusual forms such as her 2013 intro 'Dance with Somebody'. She also has Tetraploid introductions with large eyes and varying looks. Heidi is newer to hybridizing than Charles, she has 45 introductions. Together they have the market covered with northern curls and southern ruffles. Most of Charles introductions are round Tetraploid daylilies with his first daylily being introduced in 1999, he now has 135 daylilies on the market.

I grow sixteen Douglas introductions here in my gardens in Durand, MI. Each of them appears happy to live here, and have grown beautiful and multiplied. Charles and Heidi stand by their plants and offer generous bonus plants when you order from them. I have nothing but good things to say about them, their plants and the way they do business.

The food at our banquet was delicious. We had lots of wonderful items for auction. One item that got lots of attention was a large mirror with daylilies on it. Heidi was interested in taking it to SC and made arrangements for it to be delivered to the AHS convention. She had high hopes but was not the winner of the mirror.

We did not have music in the adjoining room as we did the previous year so our speakers were easy to hear and understand.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for auction and/ or donated their time and effort to allow this special event to take place.



LuAnne Ikeda, at the auction, hand in air, bidding on a Douglas daylily

SMDS 2014 Picnic



Sandra Dunn, owner of **Along the Fence Daylilies in Dansville, MI** has generously offered to host our picnic this year. The picnic will be held on August 3rd. Details will follow in our July newsletter.

They have a Facebook page that folks can visit. Just search Facebook for Along the Fence Daylilies. You don't have to be a Facebook user to visit their page.

There is a summer photography contest on the Facebook page. If folks take photos at the picnic, they can submit some to the contest if they like and maybe win a gift certificate to Along the Fence Daylilies.

Sandra says "I hope that folks will make the drive. We would love to have everyone visit. We still have a lot of bloom in August. I just want people to come and enjoy the flowers. If there might be interest in buying any, I can have helpers around for the day. I don't care if I sell any plants that day. I just want people to see a few things they haven't seen before."

Kathy Rinke shared an article from her visit to Along the Fence Daylilies in a previous SMDS newsletter.

You can view it here:

http://www.midaylilysociety.com/uploads/8/7/1/7/8717843/sept_news_2013_2.pdf



Pictures on this page of daylilies are along the fence at Along the Fence Daylilies!