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Paul Owen buzzes into Michigan and the 2012 SMDS Banquet

Those of you who missed the banquet this year missed a real treat. Fast talking hybridizer Paul Owen of Slightly Different Nursery in Polkville, NC was our entertainment for this evening. He had a wonderful collection of pictures to show us of how his life and business has changed through the years. It was interesting to see the growth and various choices he has made with his locations and gardens. Paul shared the joys and the sorrows from the results of his decisions; some were heartbreaking others were breathtaking.

Hard work and dedication has proven to be effective for his daylily business. In addition to thousands of daylilies and hundreds of other beautiful flowers, Paul has added covered areas for weddings and other special events to take place in this 106 acre scenic area. His gardens will be on the 2014 AHS National Summer Tour.

Paul brought along several of his newly introduced daylilies to auction and was kind enough to auction other items donated by SMDS club members as well.

Our meal was delicious and the room was buzzing with the sound of members all eagerly trying to catch up on events of the winter months.

The tables were loaded with items for our silent auction and raffles, members were generous with donations. Not sure how efficient the change in procedure went for the persons in charge of collecting auction payments but I thought it was nice not to have a speaker announcing names that cannot be heard because we are all busy visiting with fellow members and visitors sitting near-by. *Cont'd on page 4*

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Right: Paul Owen and Pat Salk



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SMDS Board Meetings:

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 ◆◆

July 12-15 : AHS National Convention / Columbus, Ohio

Convention Schedule & info here: <http://www.columbusdaylilies.org/>

July 21 : SMDS Daylily Show at Bordine Nursery

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

September 21: Guest speaker Bobbie Brooks of Massachusetts will present a program:
Designing Gardens with Daylilies

October 12 : Potluck

December 2: Holiday Garden Party Dinner

Additional Daylily Events for Your 2012 Calendar:

July 11-14: 2012 AHS National Convention in Columbus, OH

Details : http://www.columbusdaylilies.us/2012_daylily_convention.htm

Grand Valley Daylily Society is hosting the following event at Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids MI.

October 4th (time to be determined) Guest speaker: hybridizer JD Stadler/ Owner of Celestial Daylilies in Charlotte, NC -program followed by an auction of his introductions.

<http://grandvalleydaylily.org/>

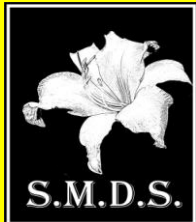
Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society

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

Date	Time	Program	Host	Location
Jun 19	7:00 pm	Garden Tour	Gus Guzinski 269-375-4489	Kalamazoo
July 10	6:00 pm	Potluck and Garden Tour	Greg Youngchild 269-753-1175 Jim Weirsmas 269-962-1618	Children's Garden, Leila Arboretum, Weirsmas Garden, Battle Creek
July 21	7am-12pm	Bank Street Market Sale	Deb Diget 269-963-2263	Bank Street Market Kalamazoo
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

ATTENTION SMDS MEMBERS!!! Proposed By-law change

We will be taking a vote to define major expenditures by the Board to be \$1000, as noted below.



Notice of Proposed SMDS By-law change:

The SMDS General Membership took a preliminary vote to define 'major spending' as exceeding \$1000 on March 16, 2012.

This change: "A non-budgeted item exceeding \$1000 shall be considered major" will be voted on at a future General Meeting for incorporation into our SMDS By-Laws.

If the proposal fails, the By-Laws will be left as is and the Board will have discretion regarding 'major' spending.

Thank you, SMDS Pres. Elaine Schultz



Left: Paul Owen models a beautiful afghan as he auctions the creation donated by Patrice McCollum. Right: Guests enjoy the beautiful buffet: Louise Taylor, Lori Lanford, Ken and Kim Kuzminski



Left: The buffet tables were set with an assortment of beautiful spring colored napkins. A pot of brightly colored annuals adorned every table. The person at each table with a birthday closest to the banquet date got to take home the flowers. Seated here L to R: Kathy & Fred Rinke, Armand & Barb Delisle, Pat Salk & Bill Kaputska, LaVere and ZolaWebster.

Right: Elaine Schultz and Patrice McCollum are mesmerized by Paul Owen antics.

Don Herr of Lancaster County PA



Don Herr was our May speaker for SMDS. Don is a soft spoken man, with a variety of interests in his life that accompany his love of daylilies. He and his wife love and collect antiques. His wife Trish is an expert in antique textiles and quilts while Don specializes in antique pewter.

This couple not only shares a love of antiques, they both are veterinary dentists. Going to work could not be a mundane job if you never knew what animal would be your next patient. Some of Don's patient's pictures were cute and cuddly but he seemed to draw the line on an alligator. Even though we may deal with some difficult people in our jobs, not all of us could say "One of my customers was a real bear today".

Don has been introducing daylilies since 1996 and currently has 72 introductions. His 2001 introduction, 'Her Best Bloomers' was awarded the Annie T. Giles award for the Best Small Flower in 2008, Honorable Mention, and Award Of Merit.

Now that I think of it, maybe Don has a fascination with textiles too. He has introduced 'Her Little Bloomers' (2003), 'Her Gray Bloomers'(2011), 'Her Late Bloomers'(2011) and 'Her Sunday Frills'(2007). He does vary from textile names, such as 'Her Purple Eyeliner' (2003) (named by a makeup sales person), and 'Jelly Dancer' (2010). There are daylilies named for family members and many, many more. His daylily introductions vary greatly in colors, shapes and forms. He has introduced several polymerous daylilies, along with UFO's and spiders, with heights that vary from less than two feet to well over four feet tall.

'Her Best Bloomers' (Herr-D, 2001) winner of Annie T. Giles award for the Best Small Flower in 2008, Honorable Mention, and Award Of Merit

Don also mentioned his intro' Whistle a Happy Tune' has won five "Best in Show" awards. It seldom has a bad hair day and is a great garden flower.

Don ended his program with this statement: "On dog tired days, reach for your goal, carry a big stick and enjoy life."



by Teresa Dillon

YOU ASK THE QUESTIONS...YOU GET THE ANSWERS



2010 Daylily Show: Judge Dorothea Meyer, Clerk Denise Woods, Judge Patrice McCollum, and Judge Doug Cellar

We are fortunate to have several SMDS members who are AHS exhibition and/ or garden judges. In future editions of our SMDS newsletter we will include a section for your daylily questions. The questions you ask will be answered by a panel of our local judges.

Ask about grooming daylilies for shows, ask about judges, ask all your daylily questions. We want our newsletter to be a good source of information, not just a report of past events. Our duty as AHS members is to promote and educate others about daylilies.

If you have never been a part of a show or even visited a show, you may have lots of questions on how to make preparations.

1.) "Do I have to cut an entire scape to bring it to the show?"

If it's a new cultivar, or its one you are using for hybridizing, then don't cut it. But, on a clump that is surely going to produce multiple scapes, you won't miss one. The feeling of contributing to the public education of daylilies is much greater. There are over 70,000 registered daylilies. You have plenty that no one has ever seen before. Cut one, clean it up and bring it in. Once you try it, you will wonder why you never did it more in the past.

Exhibiting daylilies isn't about the 'prettiest' flower, it is about STANDARDS. Judges look for traits such as scape height, flower texture, flower substance, grooming, flower color, flower size, growing conditions, etc.

Judges are judging on a defined set of criteria for each individual flower. The standard the judge's use is the hybridizers registration information. For example: EL DESPERADO is registered at a certain size. If an exhibit is shown growing smaller than the registered size, points are deducted. If it is registered as a bright yellow and is shown as a muddy cream, points are deducted, etc. Remember, the judges aren't judging YOU, they are judging flowers to the registered standard.

Now is the time to be thinking about how you would like to participate in our upcoming SMDS daylily show. The show will take place on July 21 at Bordine Nursery 1835 S Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills.

Jump on board! Send your daylily questions to Ask the Judges at: bobpatmac@comcast.net Your questions will be kept anonymous. So no concern for embarrassment or harassment.

What I Learned at my First Daylily Show by Teresa Dillon

It rained night before and early morning of the show. The weatherman predicted rain, so I cut a few scapes before the rain began. Most of those blooms did not open well for me.

Here's a question for our judges: Where or how do I store/treat precut scapes to get them to open properly for the show?

So, very early on the morning of the show, I was out cutting scapes again. Choosing the ones with the least amount of water and carefully dotting the blooms with cotton swabs soaked with alcohol to remove any water spots.

My usual travel time to the show is just over an hour. The commute on show day was way more than a challenge. First I was stopped by a train for nearly 15 minutes. Then it rained so hard that traffic was slowed to a crawl. Finally, there was a complete stop for all of us due to road construction. **FIRST** thing I learned about daylily shows: allow extra travel time.

I was a bundle of nerves by the time I arrived at my destination. I was determined I was attending the show, even if I was too late to participate, at least I would get to see other members blooms on display. When I arrived, frustrated and nervous, I was so thankful there were experienced members on hand to greet and guide me to where I needed to be and what I should do. Note to new exhibitors: get as much done as possible before arriving at the show: grooming, research the info on your entries so you know the class, and bring a prep kit with you for last minute touchups.

SECOND thing I learned: entry tags can be done ahead of time with your flower info and identification.

THIRD, I learned that it does not have to be the newest or most expensive daylilies that win at shows.

FOURTH, and most important thing I learned, beginners can give the experienced exhibitors a challenge.

I attended a judging class before entering daylilies in a show because I wanted to learn what judges were looking for and I read several articles to help me prepare. Here are a few that might be helpful to you. I still use them as my reference and reminders.

- A great informative article by OHS member Amber Strobe-Ward, Grooming a Daylily for Show Exhibit: <http://www.ohiodaylilysociety.org/pdf/showgrooming.pdf>. This was very helpful to me, as was the counseling and encouragement to participate in a show from both Amber and Nikki Schmith.
- If you have not read the article by Nikki Schmith "Unleash your Winning Potential" please do so. It is in The Daylily Journal's most recent edition, Spring 2012 page 12.
- Also visit Nikki's Blog for more show information and details about growing and showing: <http://www.agirlandhergarden.com/2011/02/substance-and-form-daylily-blog-on.html>

These articles were written by ladies with a passion for exhibiting daylilies. They have many ribbons and awards to show for their efforts but do not be discouraged by thinking that only the experienced will be winners at the show. The judges are judging the flower; they do not know who it belongs to.

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What I Learned at My First Daylily Show

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I entered nine flowers in my first show and took home the following awards:



Orchid Corsage (Saxton, 1975)

- Red Ribbon : 2nd place - Seedling (Choppy Waters x Suzy Cream Cheese)
- Yellow Ribbon: 3rd place
Seedling(General George x UK)
- Purple +Blue Ribbons: Best in Section & 1st place-
El Desperado (Small Flower Section)
- Red Ribbon: 2nd place - Decatur Cherry
Smash (Small Flower Section)
- Blue Ribbon: 1st place - Ancient Wisdom
(Large Flower Section)
- Red Ribbon: 2nd - Sunshine and Roses (Unusual
Form Section)
- Purple & Blue Ribbons : Best in Section & 1st place -
Siloam Bo Peep (Small Flower Section)
- Purple & Blue Ribbons : Best in Section & 1st place -
Thundercat (Unusual Form Section)
- Rosette & Purple & Blue Ribbons: Best Overall &
Best in Section & 1st place (UFO Section)

And a beautiful crystal bowl.

I am looking forward to the challenge of this year's show.

AHS NATIONAL BASKET CONTEST

Our 2011 Regional basket was awesome...if I must say so myself. Thanks to your great contributions. WE voted to participate in the 2012 AHS National Basket Contest in July. We want to make this basket even better yet. Our SMDS board has designated \$300 for our basket; the remainder of the goodies included will be donations from our club members. We are keeping our "basket" garden themed. We already have our container and are eager to fill it. So if you can read it, wear it, eat it, drink it or use it in any way in a garden... then please add it to our basket. The basket that generates the biggest number of raffle tickets will win \$150 for the chapter that sponsored it.

I am eager to hear of the items you have to add to basket. We already have an awesome birdhouse, several daylilies, garden décor and even a bottle of Kahlua from Mexico. I see a garden party in the future!

Questions or Donations: Contact Teresa Dillon: 989-288-3408 or email: dillon1t@power-net.net

NEW!!! The John Kulpa Teeth and Tentacles Award



This picture is of the daylily sculpture Barbara Delisle. The John Kulpa daylily sculpture will be similar in size.

- To qualify as a toothy daylily for this contest, the daylily must have at least 50% teeth on sepals or petals, or both.
- A named toothy cultivar that progresses to the head table at the show wins \$250.
Best of show named cultivar wins \$500 and a John Kulpa metal daylily sculpture.
- Seedlings can also win! If a toothy seedling makes it to the head table... it wins \$500.
Best of show toothy seedling wins \$1000 and a John Kulpa metal daylily sculpture.



John Kulpa (Green-Sh., 2011)

Another Reason to participate in the 2012 SMDS Daylily Show!

New awards are being offered; Money and Prizes.

SMDS member, John Kulpa has generously donated and created a new incentive for daylily show exhibitors. Grow a beautiful toothy daylily, cut a scape, groom it so it will attract the judges attention, bring it to the show and then jump for joy when you win, ribbons, prizes, cash and accolades.

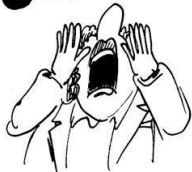
Being a retired teacher you might suppose that John Kulpa would be eager to write up the details of this award but that is NOT the case, so with his instructions. I will attempt to pass along to all of you what awaits us at our upcoming show.

The John Kulpa Teeth and Tentacles Award has been created to get more people involved in our show and to encourage members to participate by bringing in scapes for our show. Many daylily people are not willing to “sacrifice” an entire scape if they are planning to hybridize with it later in the season. However the incentive of winning \$1000.00 AND a John Kulpa metal daylily sculpture might cause you to reconsider.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our "Out of the Box" Mr. Kulpa, his kindness and generosity to SMDS is beyond expectations.

July is going to be an exciting month indeed. *Teresa Dillon*

Volunteers!



SMDS Positions Available

- We need: **Education chair, Club Historian** - contact Elaine Schultz (eschultz1234@comcast.net)
- **Daylily Show Set up help**, Friday, July 20 at Bordine Nursery, 9:00 am, 1835 Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI.

If anyone has a pickup truck and can help bring vases and stands from the church at 8:30, please contact Elaine Schultz. Help also needed to return vases/ stands Sat., July 21st, after the show.

- Offscope help needed to take in flowers and place on boards. Contact Christine Juroszek (cjuroszek@aol.com).

Thank you!!! Elaine Schultz, President

NOTE: The bus trip to AHS Nationals will depart Thursday July 12 at 7:30am from the Northeast corner of the Oakland Mall parking lot behind Optimum Eyes. Please feel free to contact me if you have any more questions about the bus trip.

Thanks, John Kulpa email: johnkulpa@aol.com



President's Corner

PLAY IT FORWARD

One of my fellow Board members had a garden on tour during our Regionals last summer. A visiting daylily judge admired his hybridizing program, so this garden owner dug up a few fans as he does not normally market his flowers. The visitor asked what he owed him, and the garden owner said 'just play it forward'.

Months later, the garden owner received an email from the judge, telling him of several charities he made donations to in lieu of payment to him, and a big THANK YOU. He also said how good he felt for doing this.

I remember my own similar experiences - -shortly after joining SMDS, one of our ex-SMDS Presidents send me a box of mixed Brookwoods, markers and all. I was ecstatic! This was out of the blue! And this person barely knew me, too! Later, I was discussing fragrant daylilies with a club member who is a daylily judge. She dug up fans of a fragrant lily for me. Again, a great surprise and delight!

Sometime later, while on a business trip, I met a person while chatting during break. He had a little boy who started his own flower garden. I took the boy's name and address, and shipped a mix of fans that fall. The next summer, I received a hand written thank you from the child, and I bet I smiled for a week!

Maybe receiving an unexpected gift brings out the child in us all. Sending a surprise; sharing that special fan, doing something for someone without being asked - - it never fails to make ME feel good inside.

So, play it forward! You just may receive something priceless yourself!

Elaine Schultz