

# The Bud, Branch and Scape

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## The Waldrop's Visit Michigan *by Teresa Dillon*

Everyone attending the SMDS September meeting was treated to some real "eye candy". I think we all came expecting to see a presentation of beautiful daylilies by Mr. Bill Waldrop, but we were pleasantly surprised when we were also introduced to some gorgeous flowers being hybridized by his lovely wife, Diana. Watch for an introduction of a toothy double in the future from this charming lady.

Our lovely Nikki Schmith, who is "gone but never forgotten" was given credit for introducing Bill and Diana to SMDS. Nikki wasn't actually there to introduce them but she was instrumental in making the contacts to acquire them as our quest speakers. Not all daylilies get the Nikki seal of approval, so when she makes a recommendation, I promise you, it is worth listening to.

About 20 years ago Bill attended a Master Gardeners meeting and learned about daylilies, soon afterwards he was given twelve daylilies by a friend. Each plant was nicely tagged with the name of the cultivar. Bill proceeded to plant the daylilies and toss the name tags in the trash. He later learned that was a mistake. He eventually formed The Cobb County Daylily Club, as president of the club; he now knew not to throw away plant name tags.

Bill has a wonderful blog where he shares the story of his love of daylilies. <http://billsdaylilycorner.blogspot.com/> You should pay his blog a visit, he posted some mighty nice things about their northern reception and SMDS members. He also has a website where all his intros can be viewed: <http://kennesawmountaindaylilygardens.com/index.htm>

Bill and Diana announced they were expecting their first grandchild to be born very soon. Lily Rae Whitfield arrived on Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, less than one week from the date of our meeting. They got to meet all of us and were blessed to welcome Lily Rae into the world. What an exciting month September has been for this family!

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**Diana & Bill Waldrop**

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## ◆◆ SMDS 2011 Calendar of Events ◆◆

### Oct. 14- Potluck and Election of Officers

**... And a double header for speakers at this event:**

**Mr. Chad Bush on deck first ... followed by Mr. John Kulpa.**

**This meeting promises to be “fun and informative”. Details on page 6**

### Dec. 4 - Holiday Dinner

**Arrive: 1:30pm Dinner served 2:00 pm. Details on page 5**

## SMDS Executive Board and Supporting Committees

January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

### Officers:

**President – Marietta Crabtree--** 586-739-0021-- donald.crabtree@comcast.net

**Vice President –Kathy Rinke--** rinke16@bigtube.net

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**Secretary / Recorder Elaine Schultz--**248-990-3118 -- eschultz1234@comcast.net

### Directors:

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**Barb Delisle –** 586-751-8419--adelisle3@comcast.net

**John Kulpa—**586-758-1793--johnkulpa@aol.com

**Patrice McCollum/ Membership Chair --**586-468-5949-- bobpatmac@comcast.net

**Newsletter Committee Members:** Teresa Dillon, Denise Woods, Ron Schultz, Kathy Rinke

### SMDS Board Meetings:

Take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (Feb. - June & Aug. – Nov)

7:00 p.m. at the home of SMDS president:

Marietta Crabtree, 3677 Cottontail Lane, Shelby Twp., 48316. Phone: 586-739-0021

All SMDS members are welcome to attend, please call first to verify dates and time of meeting.

## The Waldrop's Visit Michigan....continued from page 1

Not only did we see beautiful daylilies during this presentation, we were introduced to Bill's snake killing cat, Sammy and Randy; his tomato eating turtle. Bill is a colorful man, his daylily introductions are even more colorful.

SMDS president, Marietta was enticed to bid on several of the Waldrop daylilies but the one that really caught her attention was *Marietta Heartbeat*. Wonder why?

Thank you Bill and Diana for taking a chance on missing the arrival of Lily Rae to come and speak to us. We were honored with your presence and are anxiously awaiting the Spring of 2012, when we will receive our shipment of Waldrop daylilies.



One of the Waldrop 2009 introductions, ***Irish Halo*** was getting lots of attention long before it was introduced. It was voted Best in Show as a seedling.

Another Waldrop 2009 Intro:  
***Lydia's Regal Robe*** is a 37" tall, deep purple 7" bloom.  
What's not to love about that?  
*Teresa Dillon*



**SMDS members wishing to order a Eureka need to contact John Kulpa by October 15, 2011 to reserve a Eureka. Only the number of reserved Eureka's will be ordered this year, so order now, as there will be no extras. The cost will be between \$39.27 and \$36.96 depending upon the quantity ordered. The cost of a single Eureka is \$46.20. A group order is a good savings. You may pay upon arrival.**

**Contact John Kulpa by September 30<sup>th</sup> at e-mail: [johnkulpa@aol.com](mailto:johnkulpa@aol.com) Phone: 586-758-1793**

### Mark your Calendars!! Plan to visit CMDS and See These Special Guest Speakers!!

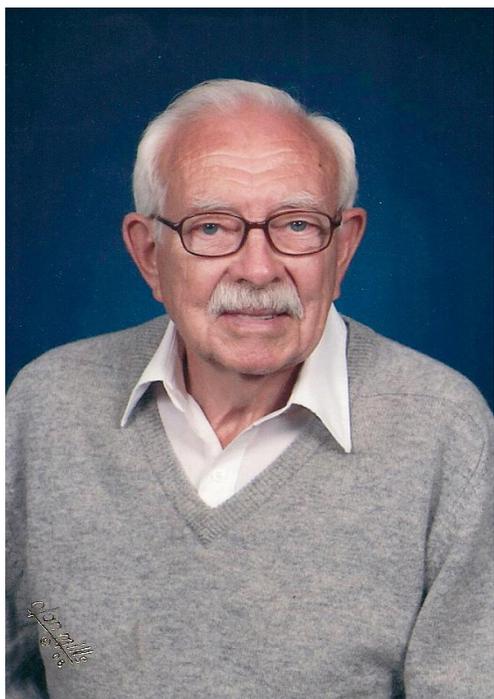
**Sat. October 15<sup>th</sup> - Tom Polston and Doug Sterling, of Pleasant Valley Gardens near Dayton, OH**  
Tom is the hybridizer of this duo, specializing in ruffles and teeth. He has lots of new daylilies to show and talk about. He currently has 103 introductions with 14 NEW introductions for 2011. It sounds like they celebrate Halloween at the farm all year with names like: Interview with a Vampire, Riding a Chainsaw, Carnivore and Wild Hair.

**Sat. November 19<sup>th</sup> - Melanie Mason from North Country Daylilies near Johnsonville, NY**  
Longlesson Farms is Flowers and Cows! They raise Angus cows, therefore they have very fertile soil to grow beautiful daylilies. Melanie's daylilies are hybridized in Zone 4, they should grow even better for us here in MI. Melanie has 113 daylily introductions. Most are large and tall daylilies, in every color except blue and green. She has covered all the bases, including a wide variety of forms, even some doubles and unusual forms.

**CMDS Meetings are 10:00 am at the COMMISSION ON AGING  
2200 S. Lincoln Rd. Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858**

**If you have questions...visit the CMDS website for contact info <http://www.daylilies.me/>**

## Hal Rice – Mr. Daylily – January 9, 1923- August 3, 2011



AHS and the daylily world lost a wonderful daylily ambassador, shining role model, dedicated volunteer, gentleman and friend on August 3, 2011 when Hal H. Rice, Region 2's "Mr. Daylily," died at age 88. To honor his distinguished and meritorious service rendered to AHS and local daylily societies for 30 years, AHS gave Hal their highest honor, The Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal, in 2004.

Hal Rice's 37-year AHS membership began in 1974 after attending a local daylily show which sparked his passion for daylilies.

A natural leader, Rice held many local, regional, and national offices. He was the president of the Southern Michigan Iris and Hemerocallis Society (SMIHS) from 1980-81 and increased the membership from 25 to 75 members during his first year as president. He offered a new member a free membership year if they joined AHS, a tradition that continues to the present at the Southern Michigan Daylily Society (SMDS).

Under his guidance, the growing SMIHS sponsored the 1985 AHS National Convention with Rice serving as the National Convention Committee Chair. One highlight was the Friday night banquet held in the Detroit Institute of Arts which included a tour. The convention was so successful and well planned that surplus convention funds were donated to AHS for a "seed- money fund" that other national convention committees could borrow if needed.

Rice's energy seemed to be endless. He was elected AHS Region 2 Director in 1989 and served on the board in many capacities. During his first year, he served as the Ways and Means Chair. The second year found him serving as Honors and Awards Chair, a job he continued for five years. In 1993, he was elected to a second term as a Region 2 Director and he also chaired the 1996 Regional Annual Business Meeting.

His efforts were recognized in 1997 when he was awarded the Region 2 Service Award. In 2002 the ever- tireless Hal Rice served as National Convention Committee Co-Chair and again led his local society, The Southern Michigan Daylily Society, to another very successful AHS National Convention in Detroit (Troy), Michigan. In recognition of Rice's outstanding service to SMDS, he was granted an honorary SMDS life membership.

In addition to his tremendous contributions to AHS and his local society, Rice also maintained his status as an Exhibition Judge and Garden Judge for nearly fifteen years and was an instructor for both activities.

At over 80 years old, the energetic Rice was still helping the Southern Michigan Daylily Society with general meetings, plant sales and maintaining a large daylily bed at the Congregational Church of Birmingham. At age 84, one could still see Rice riding the tractor while cutting the grass at the church grounds which he maintained for many years.

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## Hal Rice-

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This amazing gentleman was born January 9, 1923. He graduated with a degree in Ceramic engineering from Ohio State University. A brilliant engineer, he worked in the research lab at the General Motors Tech Center and was granted over three dozen patents. He is survived by two daughters, Sarah Jane Blauman and Sue Ann Bentz, and granddaughter, Stephanie Marie Bentz. Jane, his lovely wife for 58 years, predeceased him by thirteen days. Rice was a loving husband and father and an exceptional grandfather.

We are thankful for the opportunity to have known this extraordinary gentleman and to have experienced his mentoring, inspiration, and leadership. We celebrate Rice's life and his wonderful legacy that lives on.

Two memorial donations have been made by SMDS in honor of Hal Rice: \$250 to AHS to honor & remembrance of Hal Rice and Jane Rice also \$1,000 to AHS Region 2 memorial to honor Hal Rice.

*Marietta Crabtree*

## Start off the Holiday Season at SMDS Holiday dinner!

Here's a preview... of the coming attraction

Date: Sunday, December 4, 2011

Arrive: 1:30pm Dinner served 2:00pm

Congregational Church of Birmingham: 1000 Cranbrook Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI

The caterer is this year is Crank's: the same one that prepares the food for the April SMDS Banquet .They promise that dinner will be served promptly at 2:00

Cost is \$15 per person.



### Menu:

Baked Herb Chicken - Homemade Meatballs  
Rotini with Marinara Sauce - Au gratin Potatoes  
Green Beans Amandine - Tossed Salad & Rolls,  
Fresh Assorted Fruits - Raw Vegetables & Dip  
Assorted Relishes & 4-6 Assorted Chef's Salads

Daylily program to follow dinner

Send \$15 check made out to SMDS  
(note holiday dinner on check memo line)

**by November 29th** to:

Barbara DeLisle, 30332 Ohmer Drive, Warren, MI 48092

**\*\*\*\*Optional Gift Exchange - Suggested retail value of at least \$10-\$15\*\*\*\***

**Our SMDS website has changed: <http://southernmichigandaylilysociety.weebly.com/>**

**Please visit, bookmark it and ... then share it with others.**

**Kindly, notify Kathy Rinke, should you find errors. [rinke16@bigtube.net](mailto:rinke16@bigtube.net)**

## **SMDS October 14<sup>th</sup> Election Day, Potluck and TWO Special speakers!!**

**Business, Food and Fun. We are going to do it all!!**

**Chad Bush- John Kulpa**



At: Congregational Church of Birmingham  
PLEASE Arrive early – between 6:30 & 6:45 for food  
setup so our meeting can begin promptly at 7:00p.m.

SMDS will provide meat (sliced turkey breast), bread,  
& refreshments (coffee, tea, soft drinks)  
Members are requested to bring a dish to share;  
Salads / fruits, vegetables / potatoes, desserts.

Election will follow dinner...and then...

CMDS member Chad Bush of Alma, MI. is giving the first presentation where he will show us his daylily seedlings. Chad focuses on teeth, patterned eyes and streaked daylilies in his hybridizing program. He will also show us his technique for growing daylilies from seed and introduce us to some of the animals that he raises on his farm. Where does he find the time to be dad, husband, teacher, daylily club member, farmer and hybridizer?

Followed by “Mr. Out of the Box”, John Kulpa. This will be his debut presentation, where he will show off his daylily introductions and seedlings and also some garden scenes. We have been waiting for this for a long time now...here it is! John is retired from teaching children, now he begins teaching us his hybridizing secrets.

At this meeting...we also will learn the final details about the SMDS bus trip to the  
2012 AHS National Convention in Columbus!!

**This meeting promises to be fun and informative!**

### **More Upcoming Events in Nearby Grand Rapids, MI:**

**Grand Valley Daylily Society Meetings are held @ at 7PM at Frederik Meijer Gardens,  
in the lower level meeting room.**

**Thursday –October 6** Viewing of Daylily Addict Video which includes: an in depth discussion with three hybridizers( David Kirchoff, Mort Morss and Richard Norris), photography in a AHS display garden. Tips on hybridizing and gardening are also covered in this video, a wide variety of topics and beautiful photography.

**Thursday, November 3** We welcome enthusiastic speakers, Rod Kroemer and Jim Wuersch from 5-Acre Farm Daylilies in Tolono, IL. Rod and Jim feel honored to be carrying on the hybridizing program of Rod Valente from Maine since his death in 2001. They will explain the history their daylily farm, show their introductions which are built on the work of Ron Valente as well as Steve Moldovan, while focusing on Northern hardy plants. Take a sneak peak of their work at their website: <http://www.5acrefarmdaylilies.com/>

**Candidates for SMDS 2011 Election are as follows:**

President: Elaine Schultz

Vice-President: Wayne Lapinski and \*LuAnne Ikeda

Secretary: Denise Woods

Treasurer: Kathy Rinke

One Director / two year term: Barbara DeLisle

Two Directors / four year term: Patrice McCollum and Marietta Crabtree

\*Luanne Ikeda expressed interest in being a candidate for a different office other than Vice-President after the closing date for nominations for the official candidate slate.

**NOTICE: To Members unable attend the election meeting,**

**You may request a mailed ballot or an e-mail ballot.**

Contact Election Chairperson:  
Teresa Dillon @ 989-288-3408  
email: [dillon1t@power-net.net](mailto:dillon1t@power-net.net)  
or : 10765 Garrison Rd. Durand, MI 48429.

**All ballots must be received NO later than noon on Election Day, October 14, 2011.**

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Introductions to our 2011 Candidates for Office in Southern Michigan Daylily Society**

**Candidate for President of SMDS Board- Elaine Schultz of Troy, MI**

I have been a member of SMDS going on 5 years. Some of my contributions are:

- Currently, I am Secretary of SMDS
- I have chaired and co-chaired the SMDS Daylily Show several times, and will chair it again in 2012.
- I have assisted with everything from Gift Bags to Gardens to support the Region 2 meeting
- I have provided general support for SMDS activities as needed

My professional business background is extensive in both automotive and defense sectors, managing high dollar programs and large groups of people.

As President of SMDS, my main goal would be to excite our membership in support of both educational and fun activities. Let's continue booking great speakers (as Marietta has done), and further our positive club reputation throughout AHS! I am married to Ron, also an SMDS member (you may know him as 'The Photographer'). He supports my daylily habit - we grow over 400 named cultivars at our home in Troy. I would be honored to serve as President of SMDS.

**Candidate for Vice President of SMDS Board: Wayne Lapinski of Clarkston, MI**

- \* Advanced Master Gardener since 2007 and Master Gardener of the Year 2009
- \* 2009 Bower Farm Team Leader: Responsible for maintaining 17 perennial farm gardens
- \* Jan. 2010 Oakland County Volunteer of the month \*July 2010- Home was on Clarkston Garden Tour
- \* 2010- Received 1000 Volunteer Hour Pin from Master Gardeners of Oakland County
- \* Director of 4-H County Fair at Springfield Oaks: Judging Indoor events
- \* Judge for Flowers and vegetables at county fair\* Class Assistant for Master Gardening Class
- \* Property Inspector –North Oakland County Headquarters Land Conservancy
- \* Class Mentor for Master Gardener Class (2 Past and Present)
- \* Graded Final Tests for Master Gardener Classes and interviewed candidates for classes
- \* Manned Gardening information tables at five different fairs & gardening events
- \* Volunteer for Natural Resource Stewardship Programs: Blue bird nest monitor, frog & butterfly surveys, rattlesnake I.D class for dog owners, Christmas Bird count for Oakland County

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- \* Club memberships include: Wild Ones of Clarkston, Master Gardeners of Oakland County, SMDS & Meadowbrook Garden Club
- \* Helps Set-up and take-down flower displays for SMDS Daylily Show
- \* Retired from GM and Saturn after 36 years of service in Manufacturing

**Candidate for SMDS Treasurer: Kathy Rinke of Brown City, MI**

Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Grandma, Friend, Homemaker, Family Genealogist, Weeder and Daylily aficionado.

Served as SMDS Vice President from 2010 to 2012

My qualifications for Treasurer: I'm honest, and have kept the books and paid the bills at the Rinke home for 30 years.

My goals as a board member are simple; To represent the interest of club members as best I can and do my part to create a club everyone can enjoy and be proud of.

**Candidate for a 2 year director of the SMDS Board: Barbara Delisle of Warren, MI**

After working 16 years for the Fitzgerald Public Schools as Purchasing and Accounts Receivable Secretary, I retired in 2002. My husband and I then developed a passion for daylilies which became our hobby in retirement. We now have over 600 daylilies in our AHS Display Garden.

We joined the SMDS and the AHS and became actively involved in our local daylily club activities serving as Board Members and working on many different SMDS functions including Exhibition Shows, club daylily sales events, Annual Dinners, and on steering committees for the SMDS sponsored 2002 National and the 2011 Region 2 Summer Meeting.

I am a long term member of the SMDS and the AHS and have served as a Garden Judge for many years.

**Candidate for 4 year term Director of SMDS Board: Marietta Crabtree of Shelby Twp, MI**

I have been a member of SMDS for approximately 15 years. I served as Secretary for two years and presently as President for four years. I have done the programming and arranged for the speakers for the banquet and meetings for the past five years. I have been the liaison to Bordine's Nursery to arrange for the July daylily exhibition show and have helped organize the daylily show and annual banquet. My garden was on tour for the 2011 AHS Region 2 summer meeting. I have written articles for The Daylily Journal, Region 2 Newsletter and SMDS Newsletter on behalf of SMDS. I have chosen to be a candidate as a director rather than running for reelection as president, as I wish to continue serving SMDS, but in a less time consuming capacity. I am a biology professor at Macomb Community College and have a Master of Science degree from Purdue University.

**Candidate for 4 year term Director of SMDS Board: Patrice McCollum of Clinton Twp, MI**

I am a life member of AHS for 20 years, life member of SMDS for at least 15 years, life member of the Lily Society for 10 years and have been a member of this daylily society for over 30 years. I have sat on the board of this society for over 20 years & 6 Presidents. I have served as Show Chairmen for at least 5 shows and I am currently serving as Membership Chair for over 6 years. I am an Exhibition Judge for over 13 years and a Garden Judge for over 10 years.

I have worked on the 1985 & 2002 National Convention, the 1989 & 2011 Region 2 Conventions hosted by our society.

Our society is highly respected in the daylily world and I believe it is because many people like myself have devoted a good part of their lives to that goal....I am dedicated to helping our society to continue to be a source of information to the members with our informative speakers and to the public with our on and off scape - daylily shows.

I hope you find me qualified for the office of Director.

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**Candidate for Secretary of SMDS: Denise Woods of Sterling Heights, MI**

I joined SMDS 4 years ago and have been involved in the following club activities:

- \* Newsletter mailing for past 2 years. I save the club about \$600 dollars annually in copying costs by arrangements made with my employer to use the business copier. SMDS purchases the paper.
- \* Worked as a judge's clerk at the last 2 July Daylily Shows at Bordines assisting the judges.
- \* Participated in the on-scape division of the July shows.
- \* Set up refreshments for our Friday meetings and helped with cleanup
- \* Sold raffle tickets at the 2011 Banquet, assisted with the silent auction, raffle setup and cleanup.
- \* 2011 Region 2 Summer conference volunteer activities included: prepping bus plants at Pat Salk's, selling raffle tickets, prepping the material for the bags at the registration table, assisting with the silent auction setup and collection of monies, and assisting in the plant sale room.

Related Work Experience:

- \* I have been an Implementation and Training director for AIM Computer Solutions for 25 years. (AIM is a provider of manufacturing software to automotive suppliers.
- \* I work with customers and handle software testing and documentation requiring extensive writing ability.
- \* I document customer implementation and training activity : status reports, specialized documentation and business processes developed during training.
- \* I am on our company management team. I write and post the meeting minutes of our monthly meetings
- \* I use Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Publisher and Excel as part of my job.

Additional Volunteer Experience:

- \* I have been a volunteer Sunday School teacher at our church for 20 years
- \* I was secretary of the Women's Steering Committee for over 6 years at our church.
- \* I am currently serving on the Christian Education board, and take the meeting minutes

I look forward to many more years with SMDS, volunteering in the functions and activities that make this such a wonderful club. I hope that you will consider me for this position.

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**Several members of SMDS have a new email address and have not updated us with the current address. SMDS Emails/newsletters are being returned to us undeliverable.**

**If you- or any SMDS member you know is NOT receiving emails, PLEASE contact:**

**Patrice McCollum--586-468-5949-- bobpatmac@comcast.net with your correct email address**

**This is a new breed of northern hardy daylilies:**



They remain open for extended period of time. Do not require digging or dividing. No dead heading required, and colors are steadfast. No need to worry about watering, weeding or fertilizing. So many wonderful qualities and yet sadly enough there are some traits that are not so desirable about these beautiful flowers: Very low branching... actually there is none. Low bud count...again- none. No fragrance either, and they are neither pollen nor pod fertile.

Actually these are metal sculptures that John Kulpa requisitioned a craftsman to create. He donated them to the silent auction at the Summer 2011 Region 2 Event. They were the biggest "out of the box" attraction, causing some crazy bidding wars.

## **Message from the chairman of the committee for the "Party Bus 2012", John Kulpa.**

Hello, SMDS Members:

I am taking a survey to determine our membership's interest in a bus to take us to the National, leaving Thursday, July 12 and returning Sunday, July 15, 2012.

If we have enough interest, we will start accepting payments at the October 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

Your SMDS dues must be paid for **2011 and 2012** before you can purchase a ticket to ride on the bus. (The year of sign up and the year of participation.) If you need to pay these dues it can be done immediately, or at the time of purchasing your seat.

If you have a spouse that want's to attend with you, they also have to be a member, which would mean upgrading your membership for 2011 and 2012 to a family membership if needed before purchasing your seats. The only other option is to take a chance and see if there are seats still available after all club members that want to go have signed up.

You can contact our membership chair Patrice McCollum if you have any questions about membership dues by emailing her at [bobpatmac@comcast.net](mailto:bobpatmac@comcast.net)

The cost for the transportation to and from the National has been kept extremely low. What a deal and what fun it will be, but please keep in mind you will have other expenses if you attend. Hotel rooms are \$129 per night, and we will stay 3 nights. \$387 plus taxes  
Registration for the National with your \$30 discount is \$199 per person: No meals are included for Thurs. or Sun.

You can find more information at the website for the 2012 National at :  
[http://www.columbusdaylilies.us/2012\\_daylily\\_convention.htm](http://www.columbusdaylilies.us/2012_daylily_convention.htm)

### **Preliminary findings by our Committee, subject to final approval, are:**

Cost will be \$65 for SMDS Members. This cost includes a logo Tee Shirt, basic bus fee, tip and hotel costs for the driver (required). It does not include food for the travel days.

We will try to take in two of the best Open Gardens on our way down to Columbus. (This may result in an additional bus fee based on additional mileage).

SMDS Members will have first rights to seats; should additional seats be available, a non-member fee of an additional \$10 will be charged to others wishing to attend. (\$75)

55 seats are available. Departure time will be 8:00 am promptly. (arrive at departure location by 7:15 am)

Departure will be from a location to be determined. (We are looking at a secure area off of I75 at the Oakland Mall where we can leave approx. 30 cars. )

Participants will receive a \$30 discount on their registration fee for the National. (At the time of registration)

You will not be able to take clinics (training) if you are on our bus and you will not be able to switch buses at any time.

***If you are interested in attending, please contact John Kulpa as soon as possible at [johnkulpa@aol.com](mailto:johnkulpa@aol.com) so we can confirm that there is enough interest to move forward.***

This does not assure you a seat on the bus, only paying your dues and the bus fee starting in October will reserve a seat for you.

If we get the response we expect, there will be more information about signing up before the October meeting on the 14th. Regards, John Kulpa