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What a Busy Daylily Season!

We had a great kick off for our gardening season this year with the SMDS Annual Banquet. There were so many wonderful donations from our members, and numerous incredible prizes to be won. After our delicious meal, folks were happy and generously bidding. The room was buzzing with excitement.

Thank you to our SMDS Board of Directors for working so hard to make this a memorable event and thanks to everyone who participated by donating, by helping with set-up, by attending or just spreading the word about the event and inviting a friend. It was a success because of everyone's contributions.

It was very obvious that this was indeed a daylily banquet. There were live daylilies in pots. There were metal daylilies on the tables, that were auctioned later in the meeting. In the silent auction, there were daylily signs and daylily pictures.



Two huge metal daylily sculptures about 5 foot tall were standing at the front of the room.

One of those tall daylilies was a replica of REGINA SITKO(Kulpa-2012). Donna Joines was the lucky winner of that daylily and everyone in attendance witnessed her joy.

Greg Schindler was dressed as a pirate and read a passage from his new book.

Tom Polston and Doug Sterling came from Ohio. Tom was actively bidding in the auction and Doug was auction assistant and helped keep things moving along. Fun times!

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Regular meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month- 11:30 a.m.

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

Sept 16- 11:30 am- General Meeting – Note this is the 3rd Saturday in September, a different day was scheduled for this meeting so it would not conflict with the CMDS annual daylily sale.

This is a very important meeting to attend since we will be discussing the proposed by-laws changes and revisions.

A light lunch will be served and there will be extraordinary door prizes.

Please make plans to attend.

Oct 14- General Meeting - Annual Pot Luck and Election!



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From the Desk of the President:



Dear SMDS Daylily Buds,

I hope that you are enjoying the many changes that occur at this time of the year. It's like Mother Nature is preparing for a rebirth next Spring. As we all know, nothing stays the same and there will be changes.

Well, changes are also happening with SMDS. On September 16th, SMDS members will be discussing and voting on some important revisions/changes to the SMDS By-laws. These proposed changes have already been emailed to you and they are also included with this newsletter. Please make sure that you carefully read them and fully understand these changes before coming to this important general meeting. Thank you.

Besides changes in the SMDS By-laws, there will also be an election on October 14th. The membership will elect an all new SMDS Board. It is very important that you attend this meeting and vote because our club's future is at stake.

Now that I have reminded you about the extremely important September 16th and October 14th meetings, I'd like to share some of my thoughts with you about the last two years as your SMDS President.

Several SMDS members have asked me if I am sad about my term, as President, coming to an end in a few months. I have thought about that question many times in the last several weeks and I have finally reached an answer to the question.

I have always compared being President of SMDS to a captain of an adventure ship with an outstanding crew, (SMDS Board members), that helped us to achieve our goals and have some fun and educational adventures along the way. Our experienced crew worked tirelessly to make sure that we had an amazing fun, memorable and successful two year adventure. As Armand DeLisle would say, "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!"

I am so very grateful to have worked with such dedicated and hardworking Board members. I would like to publicly thank each and every one of them. I would also like to thank all of the SMDS members that contributed to and supported SMDS. Your participation and support over the years have made SMDS a successful club. We couldn't have done it without you. THANK YOU!

Am I sad that my term as SMDS President is ending?. The answer is both, "yes" and "no". Yes, I will be sad that this two year adventure is ending, but I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. No, because I am really excited about who will be our new Board members and what will happen to SMDS in the coming years.

In closing, I would like to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for allowing me to be the "Captain" of this great SMDS adventure ship. It was an honor and privilege to serve you. I hope you enjoyed the ride as much as I did. I can't wait to hear these words again, "All ABOARD".

John Kulpa. :-)

PS. If you have questions regarding the about the proposed by-laws revision, we recommend that you print out the revision list and bring it with you to our September meeting.

Every Month During the Summer of 2017 Had a Great Event Scheduled for SMDS Members



May 20th was a Social Event where we joined CMDS members at Phil and Ginger Lisik's Gardens and Nursery in Hemlock MI.

There was a huge tent set up to help shelter us from the elements. It was a cool day but the sun was shining and spirits were high. Everyone seemed so pleased to be in a garden and many of us were seeing our friends for the first time this year that had been away for the winter. There was an abundance of food and there was a lively auction. The auctioneers seemed to have lots of fun doing their duty this day.

All bundled up, in the above picture are members Bill Kaputska and Pat Salk. At the table in front of them is Barb and Armand Delisle. Ken Polzin and John Kulpa.

Lisik's is an amazing garden including a waterfall and bubbling creek. There is beautiful statuary and hundreds of trees and plants, not just for sale in the nursery but all over the vast property. It is a wonderful opportunity to see plants growing in a garden environment. Often it is difficult to determine what a plant or tree would look like when it is a few years old. Here you can see the plants growing in the earth and know the conditions



that are needed to keep it happy. Phil and Ginger are very knowledgeable about their trees and plants. No untrained kids running the show here. It is worth a trip at least twice a year to visit this garden and nursery in Hemlock, because so many changes come with the seasons. I notice something different every time I visit and I ask many questions, and the hosts are always welcoming and willing to answer questions.

Teresa Dillon

June 10th – SMDS Members Take a Road trip to Pace Gardens in Clio, MI.



Glen Pace collects plants, but do not come to his garden expecting to see the newest introduced annuals for the year. Many of the plants growing here in the amazing garden have traveled a very long distance. Various plants have come from other countries and you quite likely have never seen them before. The number of plants and trees growing here on this property is staggering, considering you are within a subdivision and not out in the country where houses have lots of acreage. Glen also has a collection of Japanese Maple trees. More varieties than I personally have ever seen in one location, unless I was at a nursery. Glen has a map in his mind of where his plants are, and who they are. I can not list all the varieties of plants that abide here, but this man knows his babies names and their location.

While ethereal music softly echoed through the gardens and the pond bubbled near us, we had our lunch in the middle of this paradise. What a treat this was! SMDS supplied each member with a lunchbox of our choice from Panera Bread. Glen's partner, Eric Smith prepared a huge delicious dessert and even though he had just been released from the hospital, Joe, Glen's dad was there with his warm and welcoming smile to greet everyone.



Glen had a speaker system which was very helpful for us to hear when our names were called, because there were door prizes and members won gift cards to nearby Piechnik Nursery. The nursery also gave discounts to all SMDS members that day. I am sorry if you missed this but I am so happy I did not.

The weather this day was in the upper 80's, people were chasing the sun instead of wearing jackets like we did in April.

Above left– Statuary at Pace Garden

Above–SMDS members in Pace Gardens

Left– Kathy Rinke, John Kulpa and Glen

SMDS donated a “basket” for the 2017 Region 2 Summer Meeting



Many SMDS members attended this event and most of us were on the bus together as we toured gardens. What a extraordinary event!

SMDS members were so very generous with donations for the basket. And since I was the person collecting the items to be assembled for this even, I want to thank all of you again for your donations. I was very proud to set up our display.

We arrived early at the hotel to set up as we were asked to do. Unfortunately there was a little hiccup in the room being prepared for the silent auction. The person in charge of Silent Auctions had an unexpected delay in arrival. Barb Buikema was being bombarded by everyone arriving and asking questions. She explained their dilemma, and we said “How can we help?” Several of us helped to do the room set-up and then prepared our display. Tickets were being placed into our canister with hopes of winning all those items while we were still putting on the finishing touches.

Our donation was valued at over \$1450.00!!

Container: Aerocart Multifunction 2-Wheeled

Yard Cart, Dolly & Wheelbarrow

Bug House- Lori Hankinson

Glass Butterfly Table- Marietta Crabtree

Michigan Cutting Board- Kathy Rinke

Ceramic Hedgehog-Donna Joiner

Clevermate Folding Crate- Karen Erickson

Oriole Feeder & Grape Jelly- Pat Salk

Set of 2 Pruning shears- Marilyn Palmer

Garden Trug-Connie Miller

Gardening Hat- Jenny Hessler

Original Ergonomic Weeding tool- Arlene Welsh

Genie Garden gloves- Teresa Dillon

Map of Michigan -Hand crafted Clay Drink Coaster&

State of Michigan pendant-Teresa Dillon

Perennial Book by Ortho- Janis Pardeik

Garden Plaque- Janis Pardeik

Michigan Wine Bottle Stopper-Kathy Rinke

Ten Vicki Sawyer Bird Gift Cards - Kathy Rinke

Handcrafted "Wrapped Coil Baskets"-Patty Marabate

Handcrafted Wreath- Lorna Desmarais

Wind Spinner- Lori Hankinson

Collapsible Spiral Basket (33 gallon size)- Lori Hankinson

Garden Seat/Knee Cushion- Teresa Dillon

Gardening in Miniature Book- Kathy Rinke

Handcrafted Garden Angel Solar Light- Kathy Rinke



Large pot- 5 Fans of 2017 Daylily Introduction

CHERYL MAE TAYLOR- John Kulpa

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MICHIGAN FALL COLOR UPDATE- Kathy Rinke

\$50 Gift Certificate to Along the Fence Daylilies-

Saundra Dunn

Metal Daylily Tabletop Sculpture of Daylily

Blue Throated Hummingbird by Gossard 2015-

Teresa Dillon

Michigan Wine Bottle Stopper- Kathy Rinke

Insulated Wine Bottle Tote - Kathy Rinke

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SMDS donated a "basket" for the 2017 Region 2 Summer Meeting

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Nancy Sniff of Grand Rapids Mi was the winner of our donation. Nancy was not in attendance at the banquet so I called her to inform her she won, she assumed I was joking. Once I convinced her that she indeed was a winner, she blasted me with questions about how to obtain her prize. Read below:

Hi SMDS Members.

This SMDS basket is better than Christmas! I can't decide rather I should dig into it all at once or savor it more slowly piece by piece. I did sneak a peek at the list and a few items just accidentally ended up in my hands right away. So many items seem like they were meant to be just for me.

I do not have any of John's introductions but do have a delicious seedling from a previous convention that I have sent him pictures of. I do not have any stripped daylilies or any other of Kathy's daylilies. Both of these are amazing!

I just happen to be going on an iris bus trip later this month that stops at Sandra Dunn's Along the Fence so you can guess handy that gift certificate will be.

Wickmanns, who's garden was on the tour, helped deliver the basket and Bruce was teasing me how the wheelbarrow was just my size because it was short. My wheelbarrow is a cement wheelbarrow which means it is heavy. This Aerocart is so lightweight and moves so smoothly. Because it is lower I'm thinking it could tag along and become an instant resting bench with a board across it. What I did not realize last night is it can also be used as a dolly - not that I will be moving refrigerators!

Had to open the Creative Jewelers box last night. Love the Michigan glass dichromatic pendant. I have taken a class at FMG trying to make some of these glass pieces which was fun but certainly did not obtain this perfection. Oh, did I mention I love jewelry - especially unique hand crafted pieces?

I also have a collection of yard art ranging from ArtPrize artists, wood carvings, other metal pieces and the Metal Daylily just fits in perfectly. How did you guys know?

Looking at the list I laughed when I came to the knee cushion - another right on perfect fit!

Pruning shears - put my favorite pair away last fall so well I still haven't found them.

Hedgehog - love them since reading the fairy tale years ago.

Bug House - yup, got lots of them.

Glass butterfly table - sneaked a peek and it is gorgeous!

Weeding tool - have lots of weeds so will get a good working out and have been hearing about them.

Garden gloves - go through them like mad.

Admire handcrafted items so the cutting board, coasters, cards, coil basket, wreath, and solar light will be so fun.

New to me will be the folding crate, garden tug, collapsible basket. Dang, I'll feel like a real gardener with all these handy items!

Garden hat - know I should use one but never had - you must have tuned into my subconscious.

Garden books - miniature gardens - Yes! Ortho perennial book - may not have to keep bugging Lori with dumb questions - but it is so fun :)

Oreo feeder - have been wanting to try one.

Garden plaque will go nicely with others on my fence.

Wind spinner - may help sidetrack the deer? Love them anyhow.

Wine with tote - not much of a wine drinker so presented it to the Wickman's for "toting" this wonderful basket to my home at 10:30 last night.

This may be more than you wanted to read but I hope it shows how amazing this is for me and how so many things really seem like you picked them out for me! I am going to have so much fun the next few weeks "opening" every gift and enjoying each one.

You guys Rock!!!!!!

Nancy Sniff

July 22– SMDS Members Go On Safari Adventure at Detroit Zoo



What brave adventurers we all were to go into the heat of the jungle amongst all the wild animals located here.

We met and had a very short meeting around the Michigan Daylily Hybridizers Bed at the zoo.

The daylilies were looking fantastic. Giving special thanks to our club president, John Kulpa who personally oversees this bed at the Detroit Zoo.



I brought 2 of my grand children with me on this event. They had a wonderful time until later. They were hot and tired and realized we were a long distance from our car.

It was good to see the zoo again. I must admit that I had not visited in over 35 years. There certainly has been lots of wonderful improvements and additions during that time. There is something for all ages to see and enjoy when visiting here.



Pictures: Top left—SMDS members observing the SMDS –Adopt a Garden Bed.

Bottom left– Daylily, Regina Sitko(Kulpa 2012) Bottom Right– SMDS member Rich Surmont works at the Detroit Zoo and has a hybridizing bed where he is showing SMDS member Connie Miller his seedlings.

Aug 12- SMDS had its Annual Picnic at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI

I have been very privileged to visit the Matthaei Botanical Gardens twice this year and just like our own gardens, they look entirely different later in the summer.

What a joy to be surrounded by so many beautiful plants and garden sculptures. It was a fun day for everyone in attendance. We had a delightful lunch with an abundance of food. Again there was a

drawing for prizes, it has certainly been rewarding to SMDS members to attend our meetings. I believe there was about a 75% chance of winning. I know that I won as did the other three SMDS members that I traveled with.

One of the first surprises that I had this day was when I came upon Gloria Hite (pictured left) with Kathleen Dargel in the arboretum. I was thrilled to hug Gloria and tell her how much I appreciated her and her father for being daylily pioneers in Michigan. Howard Hite has 152 daylily introductions.



Here SMDS members listen as John Kulpa is telling about the prizes

Below: Left- Libby Militello was a lucky prize winner and here she is drawing out the next winners name. Right: Arlene Walsh makes her prize selection. Look at the size of those daylily fans!



October 14th is Election Day!!

Volunteers!



SMDS will have a new board in January 2018.

We need more officers with innovative ideas.

Those of you that would like to have a voice in what happens in our club, now is the time to step forward.

Being on the board will give you an opportunity to have a say in the activities we do, the speakers that we invite to our club and how we spend our club money.

All of us love our daylilies and in order for our club to move forward we need volunteers!

Currently we have three candidates for the proposed four member board of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Thank you all in advance for supporting SMDS.

LaVere Webster, Greg Schindler and Libby Militello are members willing to serve on our board. Any members who are willing to join them please contact me.

The purpose of this Society is to promote interest in and to encourage and foster the development and improvement of the culture and enjoyment of the genus *Hemerocallis*. An implied purpose of SMDS is to also promote membership and participation in the American Hemerocallis Society and its efforts.

We have a proposed by-law amendment/ change that will be voted on at our September 16th meeting.

Please see the attachment to this newsletter for details.

It is recommended that you print out the proposal and bring it with you for discussion.



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