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**Mark Your Calendars and Make Your Reservations for the.....
(drum roll please)**

SMDS Annual Spring Banquet Saturday, April 14, 2012

Our Guest Speaker:

Paul Owen

Owner of Slightly Different Nursery in Polkville, NC

Paul is a daylily hybridizer and lover of rare and unusual plants. His hybridizing goals were set to create lines that would "incorporate" the newer look of cutting-edge daylilies from the south into taller and statelier forms that are northern hardy.

His introductions are bright, big and beautiful! Woo Hoo!

Paul is an exciting and motivating speaker and "What a hoot!"
His enthusiasm will make you want to "head for the garden" in the middle of March.

See page 3 for details of this event

Below: Paul Owen with former SMDS member, Judy Davisson (who also now lives in NC).

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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 ◆◆

March 16 : General Members Meeting ****See Details on Page 8****

April 14 : Annual Banquet: Paul Owen / owner of Slightly Different Nursery in Polkville N.C

May 18 : Guest speaker: Don Herr Hybridizing Program / Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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

July 21 : SMDS Daylily Show at Bordines Nursery

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

September 21: Guest speaker/ Bobbie Brooks of Massachusetts /Designing Gardens with Daylilies

October 12 : Potluck

December : Holiday Garden Party Dinner

SMDS Annual Spring Banquet Saturday April 14, 2012



PLACE: Enchantment by Crank's Banquet Hall
586-247-3800

At: 46915 Hayes Rd, Shelby Twp., MI 48315
(SW corner of Hayes & 21 Mile Road)

TIME: 5:00pm Social Hour/ Time for buying
raffle tickets and bidding in silent auction
Dinner served at 6:00pm
Raffle item tickets will be drawn during dinner

COST: \$30 through April 1st
April 2nd – April 9th price goes up to \$35
April 9th is the last date to register

Guest Speaker: Paul Owen of Slightly Different Nursery, Polkville, North Carolina

Auction of Paul Owen plants after the presentation
Certificates will be given for plants to be shipped in May

Be ready for the auction...
go to Paul's website, get a preview of his introductions and learn
more about his business.

www.slightlydifferentnursery.com

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or Barb DeLisle: 586-751-8419 / adelisle3@comcast.net

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE AT THE MARCH 16th MEETING



Barbara Alsop - 2012 P. Owen

2012 SMDS ANNUAL BANQUET REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

\$30 through April 1st * April 2nd- 9th price goes up to \$35 * Registration Deadline April 9

Date: _____ Number of Guests: _____ Amount: _____

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Make checks payable to SMDS. Please note banquet on the check memo line
Send to: Kathy Rinke, 3854 Earl West Road, Brown City, MI 48416

Additional Daylily Events for Your 2012 Calendar:

July 11-14: 2012 AHS National Convention in Columbus, OH. It doesn't get much closer to home than this! Don't miss the opportunity to attend a national convention. Any daylilies you see growing in these gardens will be hardy here!

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

March 17- 10:00 am - Central Michigan Daylily Society Hosts guest speaker:

Daylily Hybridizer, Ric Adams- Owner of Laidback Gardens, Goodrich, MI.

<http://www.midaylilysociety.com/rick-adams.html> Need more details? Contact Teresa Dillon @989-288-3408 or dillon1t@power-net.net

March 17-10:00 am - NCMDS in Chippewa Lake MI. hosts guest speaker: Dan Trimmer, Owner of Water Mill Gardens, Enterprise, FL. Presentation and Auction with luncheon to follow- \$5 admittance fee for non club members. Call Jan Burger @ 231-867-3600 for more info.

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

March 1- 7:00 pm hybridizer Dave Evick of Lawrence, MI will speak about his hybridizing program.

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

Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society

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

Date	Time	Program	Host	Location
Mar 13	7:00 pm	Evaluating the Daylily	Gus Guzinski 269-375-4489	Richland Area Community Center
Apr 10	7:00 pm	KADS Kids Slide Night	John Coble 269-665-7500	Richland Area Community Center
May 8	6:00 pm	Club Auction	Greg Youngchild 269-753-1175	Leila Arboretum, Battle Creek
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 Weirisma 269-962-1618	Children's Garden, Leila Arboretum, Weirisma 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

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE SMDS ANNUAL BANQUET RAFFLES

A big Thank You to Gary Faust who has handled organizing those two activities in recent years. Gary has now passed the torch on to me and I hope I will live up to the high standards he has set. If you would like to donate something to the Raffle or Silent Auction, please contact me by email or phone with the details.

~ Kathy Rinke rinke16@bigtube.net 810 656 6815

SMDS Member Martin Kamensky Goes International

A newsletter article, Martin Kamensky: Hybridizer for Extended Season Blooms, was recently published The British Hosta and Hemerocallis Society Bulletin.

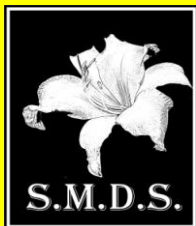
The article was written originally for The Daylily Journal summer 2011 by SMDS member, Marietta Crabtree.

Marietta was contacted by the British editor and for use of the story to The British Hosta and Hemerocallis Society Bulletin. The nine page article includes the beautiful colored photographs of Martin Kamensky's registered daylilies and seedlings that occurred in the original Daylily Journal story.

The British annual bulletin is actually a 143 page bound book.

Congratulations, Martin, for receiving this international recognition.

ATTENTION SMDS MEMBERS!!! 2012 By-laws Amendment Proposal



At the March 16, 2012 meeting, the membership will be asked to discuss and vote on a dollar amount for the term, major.

Non-budget items which exceed _____ shall be considered major.

The by-laws state that: In general, it shall be the obligation of the board to bring major issues to the vote of the Society.

A SMDS member questioned the definition of "major" and requested that a dollar amount be assigned to the meaning of major. Different dollar amounts of \$500, \$750 and \$1,000 have been suggested. Attend this meeting and make your vote count!

Is it a Garden or is it a Park? It's Park Garden!

Hello Daylily Friends!

Recently Teresa Dillon mentioned she was looking for members willing to share their daylily stories. Being that it's winter and there is no gardening to be done, I thought to myself "I'll give it a shot". So I'd like to tell you a little bit about how I got interested in daylilies and what my plans are for 2012.

My name is Joel Park and I started my garden 12 years ago. Since gardening was intended to be a relaxing hobby and I didn't know too much about it, I bought all sorts of plants based on a whim - the color of the flower, the shape of the plant, the "my Grandma used to grow that" factor. I didn't really research what conditions were needed for the plants to succeed. I included some daylilies in my yard but didn't give them much thought. Purchased at the local gardening center, I just picked them based on the pretty pictures on the tags.

As you can imagine, I spent quite a few years experimenting and figuring out which plants did well (pulmonaria, tradescantia, phlox) and which seemed to die no matter how much attention I lavished on them (about 487 poor blue delphiniums). When my career made more demands on my time during the summer of 2008, I decided to change up the composition of the garden and increase the amount of daylilies because they were so easy to care for and trouble free. Spending quite a bit of time doing internet research that winter, I ended up ordering a bunch of Curt Hanson cultivars and some older intro from various sources. My internet searches had also led me to SMDS and I joined in the spring of 2009.

A lovely clump of FEMME DE JOIE that I received from the even more lovely Nikki Schmith.



Being part of the club has been a great experience and incredibly educational because, immediately upon joining, I realized there was a constantly changing world of daylilies out there. I spent a large portion of the summer of 2009 wandering through the gardens of Phyllis Cantini and Diane Pruden learning about Spiders and Unusual Forms. Due to their generosity, every trip seemed to end with me driving home having my car stuffed to the roof with beauties. Of course, the club also had lots of garden tours, great meetings with hybridizers as guest speakers, wonderful slide shows and delicious potluck dinners.

What little daylily knowledge I had gathered in my two years in the club was massively expanded by last year's Region 2 Summer Meeting - what an incredible blast! Nikki Schmith asked me to help out and made it so easy by pairing me up with the Offscape master himself, John Kulpa. Diane Pruden asked me to be a Bus captain and took mercy on me by pairing me with the insanely knowledgeable Nicole Willis. The whole event was amazing! I made new friends in the club, got to participate in the fantastic events and saw the gardens that everyone had worked so hard at preparing. (Believe it or not, when I die and am reincarnated, I do not wish my next life to be in the form of our beloved Hemerocallis. **Cont'd Page 7**

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Rather, please let me return as a fish and allow me to live in Al and Annie Cischke's koi pond. For those of you that saw their garden, this requires no explanation!

The summer of 2011 ended on a bittersweet note. The bitter was that Nikki moved away, taking her incredible smile and laughter with her. The sweet was that I got to wander around Nicole Willis' new garden, her two darling sausage-style Dachshunds trailing behind. Nicole is one of those amazing people that seems to have the entire history of the flower stored in her head and I'm afraid that I'll be tempted to expand my flower beds based on the knowledge she is sharing with me. Actually, I think the small amount of grass remaining in my backyard should be afraid... very afraid!

A view of Park garden with Fireborn (Santa Lucia 1996) in the foreground.



So that's the past - what about the future?

Recently I decided to start growing seeds as a fun way to pass the time during the dark months of winter. January was spent on the phone with Kathy Rinke, Teresa Dillon and John Kulpa learning about how to grow seeds in the basement under lights. They were incredibly patient and generous with their knowledge as I asked the most basic questions. They also offered seeds from their wonderful crosses and sent me packages bulging with magical potential! I now have about 150 seedlings peacefully growing under lights. I have absolutely no idea where I'll plant them all but that's not stopping me!

Hybridizing is now where I see myself headed in 2012. Simply analyzing some of the crosses I'm growing (and dreaming about the results) has made me want to swap pollen on everything in my backyard. I've been charting out potential crosses, researching the parents of my existing flowers and making plans to add a few new cultivars. Even though I don't grow many of them yet, the Sculptural forms that have been appearing over the last few years are the most interesting thing to me.

That's what I'll be exploring this year and I'd love to hear from other club members that are interested in these.

2012 will also bring an opportunity to attend my first National event, more Curt Hanson introductions, a garden reorganization to make room for my seedlings, road trips to hybridizers' gardens and hopefully, lots of time with SMDS friends at meetings, picnics and informal garden tours. ***Cont'd page 8***

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I am hoping to learn more about the hybridizing process from the more experienced folks in SMDS too. Thanks for taking the time to read about my daylily interests and I'm looking forward to reading about yours in a future newsletter! *Joel Park*

SMDS FUN BUS... HEADED FOR COLUMBUS, OH. TO THE AHS 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION!!

Departing: Thursday, July 12th 8:00 a.m. Returning Sunday, July 15, 2012. Cost will be \$65 for SMDS Members. Cost includes a logo Tee Shirt, basic bus fee, tip and hotel costs for the driver. Meals not included.

We visit two gardens on our way to the hotel: Bob Faulkner/ Natural Selections also Tom Polston & Doug Sterling/ Pleasant Valley Gardens. Receive a \$30 discount off registration fee for the National by taking the bus. We still have 9 seats available.

For additional details contact Bus Chairperson: John Kulpa johnkulpa@aol.com or 586-758-1793

March 16: General Members Meeting

Our Program on March 16th at 7:00 will be from the "Daylily Addict"

- Interviews with David Kirchoff, Mort Morss, and Richard Norris.
- Daylily conversions with Steve Zolock (converting dips to tets)
- Display gardens with Sharon Fitzpatrick... and much more!

Please join us for an interesting meeting!

Members with last names beginning with K thru P are requested to bring refreshments.

Anyone have a current email address for the following SMDS members? Their e-newsletter is being rejected. Please, if you have an updated email address for either of these people, contact: Kathy Rinke [istopfordaylilies@gmail.com]

Jerry & Lori Vandermeer dutchmillgardens@earthlink.net

Nathan Fisher nfisher@wideopenwest.com

Leslie Johnson Leslie@circleheatingandcooling.com

Memorial Service for SMDS Member: Jim Stevens

The Memorial Service to celebrate the life of SMDS member, Jim Stevens, will be Saturday, March 3, 2012, at 11:00am. The service will take place at the Romeo United Methodist Church, 280 N. Main St., Romeo, MI 48065. The family is looking forward to hearing your shared stories about Jim. A luncheon will follow the memorial service at the church. Luncheon RSVP requested. Please contact Marietta Crabtree with your RSVP at: donald.crabtree@comcast.net or call [586-739-0021](tel:586-739-0021).

A Tribute to Jim Stevens



Jim and Carolyn Stevens (July 17, 2011)

I was honored by Marietta to be chosen to write this tribute to one of my dearest friends, Jim Stevens. There are a number of us, who could fill notebooks, before we reached an end to what we wanted to convey.

Big Smile. Clear Pink. Ice Cream. Kirkland Warblers. Chocolate Brownies. Bud Count. Chasing Hot Air Balloons. Tree Frogs. Tuna Fish Sandwiches. Straw Hat. McDonald's. I have so many memories of Jim Stevens, it's hard to summarize the footprints he made on my life.

Where do I start? In August 1993, I saw an advertisement in the paper for the club's annual daylily sale. I went to the Congregational Church and my salesperson was Jim. All these years later, I still have "Attribution", one of the daylilies Jim sold me that day. Jim continued, through the years, to donate both his flowers and his time to the annual sale. He would share his passion and expertise with anyone that shared his interest in the daylily.

Jim held a Bachelor's degree in engineering from U of M and a Master's degree from Wayne State. He retired from GM before I met him, but he was an engineer, through and through. Those of you who know an engineer, or "are one" understand. Those of you more right-brained, be grateful. :-) Everything Jim did, including his passion for daylilies, was to the best of his ability. Really good with a spading fork, Jim could work circles around anyone I knew.

My husband Dennis and Jim shared a love for hybridizing beautiful flowers. Jim dabbled in hybridizing and he initially incorporated his old friend Dr. Fred Knocke's seedlings. In later years, Jim dabbed pollen from the latest hybrids, generously donated by club members including Judy Davisson. When I told my brother Tom of Jim's passing, he said "bud count, bud count, bud count". This is a very accurate description of Jim, as when he analyzed a daylilies attributes, bud count was very important to him. Jim also very much appreciated vivid, clear-pink daylilies. Whoever shared a catalog with Jim could attest to the fact that he was always drawn to the pink flowers.

Jim would do anything for anybody at any time. All you had to do was ask, and usually he volunteered before you had a chance to ask. He was a friend to all. Kind, smart, humble, helpful, generous and loyal, we were all privileged to have known him. *Linda Kollin*



A \$25 memorial donation was made by SMDS to the AHS to honor and celebrate the life of Jim Stevens.

Ogden Station Daylilies - Jerry and Lisa Marlatt



A place you might want to visit now is this website:

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

And when the weather warms up, you might want to take a drive to visit: SMDS members Jerry & Lisa Marlatt, owners of Ogden Station Daylilies at 7120 Hodges Hwy. in Blissfield, MI 49228. They are an AHS display garden.

The Marlatts 35 acre property is a Centennial Farm started by Lisa's great-great grandfather over 100 years ago. It's so much fun to learn what our very own members are doing in at their locations. I have lots of traveling to do around Michigan this summer. You will get a phone call from me Jerry and Lisa. I am on my way. *Teresa Dillon*

Recently Jerry had a brain aneurysm. This is an email message sent to me from Lisa:

Teresa, so glad to know that we are being prayed for. We have really felt uplifted during these past weeks. God sure is good. Jerry has been home from the hospital for two weeks now, and had the staples removed from his head. He is walking without the walker when he's in the house, but uses the walker when outside. We've gone to church and he went out to breakfast one day with his brother. He's still weak, an outing means he comes home and takes a long nap. He is supposed to be able to go back to work in about 6 weeks, so we have to continue to encourage more exercise each day to build up his stamina. Physical therapy comes to evaluate his progress tomorrow, and we have to go back to U of M for a follow-up CT scan tomorrow. He is expected to have a complete recovery, which is a miracle in itself, because the brain aneurysm was the size of a small lemon, and the surgeon said it's unheard of to not have one that size burst, which results in death or severe disabilities. We have been very blessed. Friends are the flowers of life, and we have a large bouquet.

Thanks for checking up with us. Jerry has enjoyed the emails, cards, and phone calls.

You are welcome to share this update with the SMDS group.

Jerry & Lisa Marlatt [517-443-5530](tel:517-443-5530)