



Celebrating 25 Years—1985-2010

The GVDS Gazette



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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 7, 7:00 pm
GVDS 25th Birthday Party
Meijer Gardens

August 5
Open Gardens

February 4, 7:00 pm
Ellen Hizer
Chicagoland—2009 Summer Meeting
Meijer Gardens

September 9
Fall Auction

March 11, 7:00 pm
Greg Schindler
Paradise Found Gardens
NOTE: One Week Later

October 7, November 4
Meijer Gardens

April 1
Meijer Gardens

2010 AHS Calendar of Events
February 26-28
Region 2 Winter Meeting
Cincinnati, OH

May 13
Spring Auction

May 27-29, 2010
National Convention
Valdosta, Georgia

June 3, July 1
Open Gardens

July 15-29, 2010
AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting
Ohio Daylily Society

July 10
Annual Daylily Show at Meijer Gardens

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!

2010 marks Grand Valley Daylily Society's 25th year so we're throwing ourselves a birthday party. You are invited to the festivities on **January 7 at 7:00 PM** at Meijer Gardens. We will watch the video "Daylilies Through the Years" and then celebrate GVDS through the years. Please think about a story or memory from the club's past to share with the group. We would also like to display any items you may have—news articles or any object from our past years. And what would a birthday be without birthday cake? Don't miss our birthday party. After all, we're only 25 once!!

CHICAGOLAND—LAND OF DAYLILIES

On **February 4 at 7:00 PM**, club member Ellen Hizer will take us back to the Region 2 Summer Meeting of July 2009 which was held in Naperville, Illinois. Ellen photographed each of the eight gardens that were on tour from the perspective of what made each garden unique. Her beautiful photographs are sure to put some color into this mid-winter evening. Please join us!

PARADISE FOUND—IN GRAND RAPIDS!

Our special guest on **March 11 at 7:00 PM** is Greg Schindler from Paradise Found Gardens in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Greg is a published author, retired High School English and Creative Writing Teacher who has also hybridized daylilies for the past thirteen years. He will read from his two books (which he will have available for purchase) and show us the beautiful daylilies he has hybridized. His presentation will conclude with the subject of organizing a daylily garden, which he admits has taken him several years to perfect. We are sure to learn from Greg's year of experience as he shares his insights on gardening and hybridizing with us. Join us for what is sure to be a fascinating program.

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Happy New Year!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

What a wild ride we have had with the weather! Didn't it almost seem as if the months sort of got jumbled up? We'd have cold wet month followed by a sunny warm one. But fortunately December came through with the snow we expected for a lovely Christmas. It's also the time of year I like to look back at the past year and just count my blessings. What a great time I had going to the Regional with a great bunch of friends in our rented van. Even working to spruce up the daylilies at the Veteran's facility for our picnic was fun as we kidded each other. The Christmas party that Gladys organized was a really special memory for me, and all the more so since she handled the whole thing. What a blessing to be able to just chat with my fellow members without any duties. The coming year brings our 25th anniversary as a club and we have a few things planned to celebrate this milestone. Come and make memories with us.
—Carol DeVries

WEBSITE GETS A FACELIFT

Check out our new & improved website—it's like getting a birthday facelift! The new layout will highlight the incredible photos from our events and will still be the hub for the club goings-on. You can find meeting information, current and past newsletter issues, and more by visiting www.grandvalleydaylily.org
A big **THANK YOU** to Jim Rathbun, our webmeister, for all his hard work!

DUES OVERDUE?

Please remember that membership dues for the Grand Valley Daylily Society are due on January 1 of each calendar year. Your expiration year is shown on your mailing label. If it still shows "2009", our records do show that you have yet renewed your membership for 2010. Those who do not renew their membership by the March meeting will be dropped from our mailing list and will no longer receive quarterly issues of the GVDS Gazette. If you receive your newsletter by email only, you will receive a separate email if your membership expired in 2009.

2010 GVDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our 'new' board has been elected and is as follows.

President—Carol DeVries—616.677.5530—ddvottawa@juno.com
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Member-at-large—Laura Looman—616.735.4519—loomanl@yahoo.com

Please congratulate these members on their continuing in office and offer your support as they again voluntarily take on the task of making this club the success it is. If you are uncertain how to assist these volunteers, perhaps you'd take a moment to consider these suggestions.

The Vice President, Sharon, would love to hear your suggestions for meeting topics. But the more detailed you can be, giving full names and even contact information, the less scrambling she will have to do. Sharing ideas such as 'that guy that does those great daylilies with teeth' really leaves her little to work with. Also please step up and contact her to volunteer to assist with auctions and other activities, it can take her hours to reach all the volunteers she needs.

The Secretary, Nancy, isn't our tallest member so please call out your name when you receive a door prize. She can not always see who has won.

The Treasurer, Sandy, is wonderfully patient and organized. But even she would benefit from your being just a little more patient while paying at auctions. I know you are all in hurry to get your new little purchases home and in water, but it's really kind of scary sometimes how she gets surrounded.

The Member At Large, Laura, also puts together the newsletter. She is trying to get fun information out to you, so please consider sharing an article with her. Because space is limited, we often are faced with having to choose what must go into the newsletter for that particular issue. As good as your article is, there can be times when the newsletter is full. So please submit the article, but be patient about when it can be included.

As President, I am trying hard to insure that your needs are meet and that the member news gets out in a timely manner. So if you are aware of member news or see a need for club action, please contact me. Keep in mind that the more information you can share the better I will be able to perform the requested action. Please do not assume that I am in the loop on every member's health. Also if you desire a change, please spell it out. But remember that I often get conflicting requests such as to lengthen breaks as well as shorten them. So your asking does not always lead to my doing.

IMPORTANT NOTE: POLICY CHANGE ON GIFT CERTIFICATES

THOSE OF YOU WITH OUTSTANDING GIFT CERTIFICATES BE SURE AND READ THE SECTION ON CHANGES TO THAT PROGRAM

Club Gift Certificate Amendment: All future gift certificates will be issued with an expiration date of December of the following year. All outstanding gift certificates must be either redeemed or exchanged for new gift certificate prior to December 2010.

History leading up to this: These certificates began years ago to be given in place of the club sending florist bouquets to ailing or bereaved members. It was decided that rather than send them perishable cut flowers we would brighten their day more with the gift of a certificate to be redeemed for daylilies. The certificates are issued by the club secretary to a member. The member holds the certificate until they use them as payment to a participating member grower. The member grower turns the gift certificate in to the Treasurer who then issues them payment. Thus the gift certificates do not cost the club anything until they are redeemed. This procedure, as so often happens, became extended in use and also became the method we used to thank members who presented a meeting program or opened their gardens to the club.

Issue: The board became alarmed by the looseness of this program after hearing member comments ranging from "I didn't need to be thanked for opening my garden, so I tore up the certificate." to "I have saved every certificate I received for the past 20 years and plan to have a big shopping trip some day." Given the uncertainty of the redemption of these outstanding certificates it is difficult to determine how much budget we should maintain for their eventual redemption.

Debate points:

- The one year period of redeeming or exchanging the certificates will allow us to determine our outstanding liability during 2010 before we plan any additional large expenditure. We will then fully fund this program by setting aside a budget to cover the eventual redemption of the newly issued gift certificates by the end of 2011.
- Members holding gift certificates will have a full 2 years to redeem them. The two years results from the option to exchange their current gift certificate for one issued in 2010 which will carry an expiration date of December 2011.
- What will this cost the club? This is an unknown factor as we are unsure how many unredeemed certificates remain in the possession of club members, as opposed to being discarded or misplaced by them. Still it would be very much appreciated if those holding large quantities of certificates would make an exchange for new certificates early in 2010, thus allowing us to begin getting a feel for the amount we should budget and enabling us to keep expenditures in line with this.

PLANT GROWERS NEEDED!

We have lovely healthy club plants to offer at auction, solely due to the efforts of our member growers. Allison Tigris, 2010 Club Plant Chair, will be putting out a sign-up form at future meetings. Those signing up, get an opportunity to grow and enjoy these wonderful plants in their gardens while benefiting the club. After growing them for a time, you will get to keep a fan absolutely free! What a great way to expand your collection.

Eligibility requirements - To receive Club Plants you MUST:

- Be a member of GVDS in good standing for a full year
- Have participated in 3 or more club activities in the past year, excluding the Christmas Party.
- Return any previous GVDS guest plants as directed
- Agree to care for the guest plants with regular watering, fertilizing, labeling, etc.
- Agree to open your garden to club members who would like to see the GVDS guest plants in bloom.
- Return the GVDS guest plants to the auction as directed
- Be present at the May Auction to receive your plant (unless prior arrangements have been made with Allison)



2010 EUREKA DAYLILY REFERENCE GUIDES

It is once again time for club members to place their orders for the new Eureka Daylily Reference Guide. The annual Eureka Daylily Reference Guide is a compilation of over 75 daylily sellers' price lists and gives a full description of 12,000 registered daylilies in commerce along with the current fair market value, and will be sold to club members at a cost of \$34 each, prepaid. The Internet price this year, including shipping, is \$42.90 per book. Order now through the club and save nearly \$8! Reserve your copy on the attached order form or call Sandy Olson at 616-696-9579 no later than **January 15**. Please let her know as soon as possible, even if you don't pay her yet, so she can plan her order.

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WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT
 The Grand Valley Daylily Society is a 501(c)7 non-profit organization organized to promote and encourage the development and improvement of the daylily and to increase interest in its use as a means of home and civic beautification.



 * **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS! 1985—2010** *



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www.grandvalleydaylily.org**

GVDS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & EUREKA ORDER FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

E-mail _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership ___\$5 individual ___\$8 family X ___years = _____

2010 Eureka Daylily Reference Guide ___Eureka(s) @ \$34 each = _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to GVDS and send with this form to:
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