



The GVDS Gazette

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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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January 3, 7:00 pm
Howard Henrickson
"Photographing Daylilies for the Most Impact"
Meijer Gardens

February 7, 7:00 pm
Nancy Sniff
2007 AHS National Convention Review
Meijer Gardens

March 6, 7:00 pm
Daylily Q & A
Michigan State University Extension Office
Please note change of location

April 3, 7:00 pm
Barb Balgoyen, Walters Gardens
Meijer Gardens

May 8, 7:00 pm
GVDS Annual Spring Auction
Michigan State University Extension Office
Please note: Location change and One week later for growing time

June 5, 6:30 pm
Open Garden and Meeting—TBA

July 10, 6:30 pm
Open Garden and Meeting — TBA

July 12, 9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Annual Daylily Show at Meijer Gardens

July 31, 6:30 pm
Open Garden and Meeting — TBA
Note: One week early due to club vote

September 4, 7:00 pm
GVDS Annual Fall Auction
Michigan State University Extension Office
Note: Location change

September
Annual Daylily Sale
Rockford Farmers' Market

October 9, 7:00 pm
Meeting at Meijer Gardens
Note: One week later

November 6, 7:00 pm
Meeting at Meijer Gardens

December 4
Christmas Dinner Party

2008 AHS Calendar of Events
May 14-17
AHS National Convention
Houston, Texas

July 18-20
Region 2 Summer Meeting
Madison, Wisconsin

PHOTOGRAPHING DAYLILIES FOR IMPACT HOWARD HENRICKSON

Come join us on Thursday, January 3 for a fascinating lecture on "Photographing Daylilies for Impact." Howard Henrickson is an internationally recognized photographer winning competitions in local, national and international photographic salons. Howard's work is breathtaking in its scope and range. He along with his wife, Diane, have traveled the US and Canada photographing everything from wild flowers to mountain lions to glaciers. Mr. Henrickson has specialized in digital photography since its inception and with Jim Rathbun has created a special program for the GVDS. This program will emphasize photographing daylilies using amateur digital cameras and offers hints and tips that will allow you to create photographs worth framing. Bring something to take notes on and join us for this show. Your photos this coming spring will benefit from this program.

BUS TRIP TO WONDERLAND NANCY SNIFF

On February 7, Nancy Sniff will take us to the July 2007 AHS National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Although Nancy won't have time to show all 999 photos taken by the 24 travelers who visited 10 gardens in three days, you are sure to be warmed by the 90 degree sunshine, blue skies and or course, gorgeous daylilies.

DAYLILY Q & A CLUB PANEL

Our March meeting will be a panel discussion of daylily care and propagation. This informative program will allow our members to share with each other the many ways they have devised to properly and time effectively raise daylilies. There will be a box with large ????? on the Hospitality Table available for you to submit any additional questions. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have all your daylily questions answered!

We will also have a catalog exchange. So bring your daylily or gardening catalogs to the hospitality table that you're finished with and pick up any you would like to take home.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a great time I had at the Christmas party this year. It was just wonderful to be able to kick back and enjoy the company of our wonderful members without the pressure of an agenda. GVDS is a club and in the bustle of club business it is easy to forget that. Maybe that is why I so look forward to the party each year. Nothing says relax and enjoy your friends, quite like a party. Thanks to Maryann Inman and Lori Hankinson for organizing it, you did a wonderful job.

- Carol DeVries

BUS TRIP TO AHS REGIONAL

We had a wonderful time taking a bus to the National Convention, and of course that leads members to ask "Will there be a bus to the Summer Regional Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin?" In order to be able to answer that, we need to get an idea of the cost of the trip and then determine if enough members want to take a bus. A great first step would be to find a bus chair. So if you have a little time in the dead of winter to help with this, please call me at 677.5530 and we can chat about what needs to be done.

Thanks—Carol

EUREKA – THEY ARE HERE!

Sandy Olson has received the Eureka order! How exciting is that? We don't have to delay our day-dreaming and ordering, we can start right away. Those of us, who attended the Christmas Party, have received ours. But she has many more that you can pick up if you preordered or can purchase one if you haven't yet had a chance to order it. See Sandy for more information.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

E-mail is such a great way to reach out to club members to advise them of breaking news between the quarterly issues of the club newsletter. I have taken advantage of this medium to reach out to members a few times in the past months. If you have not received an email from me on Curt's visit or the Christmas Party update, then perhaps GVDS does not have a current e-mail for you. Please let me know if you have not received these updates by writing me at: DDVOTTAWA@JUNO.COM. I will then be able to capture your e-mail address from your note, to ensure that we accurately recorded it in the roster.

Thank you, Carol

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT

Thank you to our past Vice-Presidents. We have heard so many wonderful speakers and visited beautiful gardens. Now it is my turn to arrange for this. I am looking forward to the opportunity.

Some programs in the near future have already been booked and there is always the "ideas" file to consult, but soon the GVDS calendar will be open. Maybe you have heard or heard of a speaker you think the group would enjoy. Perhaps you would like to open your garden. After all, what could be more satisfying than sharing the results of your hard work with people who really know what it takes to have a first rate garden?

Please give me your ideas. "I'll do the rest." You can see me at a meeting. My pen and paper will be ready. Or send a quick e-mail to: slvanderwilp@sbcglobal.net. Like many of you, I work 40+ hours per week, (no, not in my garden) so I probably won't answer your e-mail right away. I do promise though that you will hear back from me

-Sharon VanderWilp

TRIBUTE TO DORIS DEHAAN

As approved at the October meeting, GVDS made a \$500 contribution to the Master Gardeners in tribute to Doris DeHaan, a long time member, who passed away last summer. The tribute will read: "In Memory of Doris DeHaan, Our Friend & Beloved Member. Grand Valley Daylily Society" and will be displayed on a plaque in the Grand Ideas Garden at the Master Gardener office on Ball. You may want to take a moment to peak at it when we have our May auction there.

Rebecca Finneran sent us the following note to show their appreciation.

"I am excited about the GVDS generous memorial donation. Over the winter we will be constructing some templates for the "look" of each trellis and will be announcing the fundraising campaign. Along with the GVDS donation, we are already 1/4 of the way complete! Please pass along the GIG Committee's appreciation!"

Rebecca



Remember our October speaker, Steve Rosselet. Thanks for the incredible inspiration and pictures.



Everyone will remember the special presentation Curt Hanson gave us in November when he let us have a glimpse into the future of his hybridizing program. Wish lists probably grew lengthy



Noel—Noel. It wasn't the first time we celebrated our Christmas party at Noel Restaurant. Great fun was had by all



MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Laura Looman

I first learned about GVDS from my mom who saw an ad for the fall auction in 2005 and wanted to go. On the way, we couldn't remember if the fire barn was on 3 Mile or 4 Mile so we spent quite a bit of time driving around. We finally found it and I had such a great time I joined that same night. My urge to garden began in November 2001. I had just moved to "Leonard Gardens Estates" on Gardens Blvd and decided - "I need a garden!" Daylilies became my favorite because they are so easy to care for, come in incredible colors, have thousands to choose from, and usually are nicely priced. I've really enjoyed getting to know the GVDS members and especially love the Flower Show. Ask me to spend all day talking to people about daylilies and you call it work?!? That's crazy! I've learned so much from GVDS and hope to keep on learning, and maybe someday I'll turn into one of the teachers myself.

Sharon VanderWilp

Although I have gardened for about 25 years, I became more involved in gardening when I became an MSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer in 2006. My serious involvement with daylilies began after visiting a GVDS member's garden while on a garden tour in the summer of 2005. I was amazed at the wide variety of beautiful daylilies and while there picked up a complimentary magazine which had an article about a "Daylily Diva" and photos of these attractive daylilies. A couple months later I saw a newspaper ad about a club that was having a daylily auction, attended, and bought a few daylilies. I joined this club in January, 2006! Visiting members' gardens at our summer meetings and seeing the creativity and hard work put into the gardens is so very enjoyable. Daylilies are such a cheerful flower and I appreciate that they don't require a lot of fussin'.

WWW.GRANDVALLELDAYLILY.ORG

Yep! That's our name. If you haven't been on our website in a while, check us out. We have monthly updates, newsletters (now where'd mine go?), vendors and lots and lots of pictures of daylilies! Each month the VanderWilps send over photos of the latest meetings. Both of them are expert photographers in natural light photography and do a fine job with daylilies and recording our meetings. Their photos are sure to bring back memories.

For those of you who need back issues, we have a card catalog of past issues of our magazine. For people new to daylilies we also have a frequently asked question section loaded with information. Our "Main Page" will let you know what's coming up next month and contain a link to something unusual or fun on the site. There's contact information, vendor lists and links to AHS and Region 2 websites along with a blog you can contribute to. We have it all.

Join us once a month to see what is going on, or to relive some memories. If nothing else, having the colors of the summer daylilies on your monitor might relieve some of the blandness that is winter.

PLANT GROWERS NEEDED

Drooling over those wonderful catalog pictures and wondering how you will ever get enough daylilies? Well, you might want to consider offering to grow club plants. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the club by growing plants to be offered at auction and as door prizes while at the same time enjoying them in your garden. But wait, there is more! At the end of your two year growing commitment you get to keep a fan for free! Carol Kerr chairs this vital committee and will be setting out sign-up sheets at the March & April meetings. Now for the fine print--this fun program is available to club members who have demonstrated their commitment to the club by being members for at least a year.

DUES ARE DUE!

Please remember that membership dues for the Grand Valley Daylily Society are due on January 1 of each calendar year. An asterisk (*) on your mailing label indicates that our records show you have not yet renewed your membership for 2008. Those who do not renew their membership by the March 6 meeting will be dropped from our mailing list and will no longer receive quarterly issues of the GVDS Gazette.

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GVDS Membership Renewal Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

E-mail _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Please send to:
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