



The GVDS Gazette

A Quarterly Publication of the Grand Valley Daylily Society

April-June, 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE: MOST MEETINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM

APRIL 1

Zoom Meeting

7:00pm

Tips to Improve your Garden and Nature Photography

Charlie Harper

Region 2 President

JULY/AUGUST

Open Gardens

See articles in newsletter

OCTOBER 7

Zoom Meeting

7:00pm

Chad Bush Daylilies

JULY 9-11

Region 2 Summer Meeting

Springfield, Illinois

NOVEMBER 4

Zoom Meeting

7:00pm

Better Late Than Never: the fulfilling of a dream to breed daylilies

Ed Wheeler

MAY 13

Zoom Meeting

7:00pm

Hidden Secrets for Season Long Color—Bulbs

Rebecca Finneran, MSU Extension

JULY 17

Daylily Show

Cancelled

SEPTEMBER 9

Fall Auction

To Be Determined

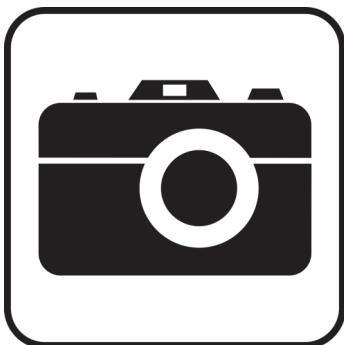
DECEMBER 2

No meeting

MAY 20-22

AHS National Convention

Hattiesburg, Mississippi



TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR GARDEN AND NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Our April meeting will be held on the first day of April (it's not an April Fool's joke) via Zoom. Be looking for an email from Nancy Sniff containing the link to the Zoom meeting a few days prior to that date.

Most of us like to take pictures of our gardens and our daylilies, and most of us want to take better photos than we often do. We look at the fabulous photos in the Daylily Journal and even if we don't have a yearning to enter the contests, we still want beautiful pictures. Charlie Harper will show us some steps we can take to get good, better and maybe even best photos of our beloved daylilies and other beauties we see in our gardens. Join the club on Zoom for a fun evening with Charlie.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have enjoyed seeing you on the Zoom meetings. Thank you to Claire for arranging for the speakers and coordinating the Zoom meetings with the help of Region 2 Zoom platform. Sandy Holmes presented a visual feast of her plants and hybridization process. Now I must try to find some space to plant a few into my new flower bed.

Our April meeting is a presentation by Charlie Harper. I am looking forward to welcoming additional clubs to his presentation.

Daylily Show at Meijer Gardens-update: Due to continued warnings about the virus mutations and increasing case numbers this month, we have decided to cancel the show this year. We are considering your health as volunteers and do not want to risk the exposure.

I'd like to invite the club members to visit my garden to see my spring bulbs. We can also talk about my plans for the Peggy's Posie Patch this year. I am dreaming and budgeting with the help of the stimulus to transform the area behind the black fence and to the COVID Easter cross. (My lesson in hope last year).

I want to remove the plants and add raised boxes to plant my vegetables and flower garden. I will be hiring some help!

Around the large pine tree is my hosta garden. Most of the plants were given to me over the years. I redesigned that bed over Memorial Day weekend last year.

Living on a city lot, I utilize all my ground and some of the neighbors to plant and/or let nature fill in my flower beds. I am a big fan of self seeding plants from Echinacea, daisies and rudbeckia. My new tulips and bulbs will be popping up in April and May.

Please stop by and take a stroll along the sidewalks and driveway to enjoy my various flower beds. My address is: 1648 Center Ave NE, Grand Rapids 49505. Happy Spring and the sun is shining—Peggy



HIDDEN SECRETS FOR SEASON LONG COLOR—BULBS

As winter snows recede, spring bulbs buzz to life—providing color and floral resources that support emerging native pollinators. Many gardeners limit themselves to colorful tulips and jazzy daffodils, but beauty from bulbs does not end here. Join MSU Extension Senior Horticulture Educator, Rebecca Finneran on May 13 to learn how to amplify the season-long garden with dozens of species of bulbs. Come explore a rich pallet of color that may surprise you!



Important Notice: About three or four weeks ahead of the presentation you will receive an email from Nancy Sniff with a link to a sign up page. Only those who register ahead of time will receive the next email with the Zoom link for the program. If you don't receive one of the emails, please contact Nancy Sniff.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!

A huge thank you to our members who have stepped forward to grow daylilies for the Fan Club this year. If you have not yet asked Chairperson, Sharon VanderWilp, to be put on this list, do not delay! We need a couple more growers for this important program. The daylilies will be shipping from Sandy and Mike Holmes of Riverbend Daylily Gardens in Ohio. If you attended the March meeting during which we saw their beautiful plants, you heard Sandy tell us that the daylilies she will be shipping and has held for us an additional year, are doing "very well" and that some are already "clumps." This gives our Fan Club growers a unique situation of starting with a hefty plant rather than the typical double fan. We will be offering COVID friendly options of either pick up or delivery to our growers since we are not meeting in person in May. If you are not yet convinced, check out Riverbend's website, www.daylily.ws

Here is the list of what we have ordered:

Fireberry	Roy Likes Em Hot	Crazy as a Loon
Bengal Teeth	Twilight Chimes	Mayan Dark Eyes
Golden Glitz	Burgundy Eye Shadow	Sweet Chance
Fruit of the Vine	Columbus Morning Sun	Candy Cane Train
Red Eye Express	Secret Pink	King's Port
Lavender Tallstacks	Fall Creek Gorge	Raising Spirits for the Cure
Rosy Whisper	Second Horizon	

Plus, Sandy is sending an additional 10-12 of her choosing as a bonus. Check out the Riverbend website to see these beauties. Please contact Sharon VanderWilp at svanderwilp@sbcglobal.net or 616-447-8998 to sign up or if you have questions.

OPEN GARDENS

Some of our members have generously agreed to open their gardens to club members in July for individual visits. Ginny Pearce, Bruce and Diane Wickmann, Nancy Sniff and Kay Anderson are looking forward to seeing you visit their gardens to enjoy the daylilies and other flowers. As a courtesy, please call first to arrange a day and time to see their gardens. More information will be published in the next newsletter.

President Peggy Pike encourages people to stop by at any time, not just in July, to enjoy the bulbs in the spring and early June flowers as well. Kay's garden will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays in July.

FALL AUCTION:

With the hope that most people will have the Covid-19 vaccination, we will follow the State recommendations for spacing and meeting capacity.

We are trying to locate a new location that has shelter and space to arrange the plants for an auction on Thursday, September 9.

We will focus on selling the two years of auction plants that have been growing in our gardens. Thank you to the growers that have been tending these plants for an extra year.

The club will be updated as the plans are finalized.

MEMBERSHIP DUES NEWS

For those wondering about your membership expiration dates in the age of Covid, last August the board proposed and the membership approved extending memberships through December 31, 2021. Those members who paid prior to the December 31, 2020 expiration date will have one year added to their membership. This was reflected in the roster sent at the first of this year. Memberships extended are shown in the left hand column titled: Membership Expiration Year. If there are any questions, Contact Nancy Sniff.



REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING



Coming up this summer featuring four private daylily gardens and the Washington Park Botanical Garden is the Region 2 Summer meeting. The meeting is being held in Springfield, Illinois and the Northfield Inns and Suites. There will be opportunity to look at beautiful flowers, bid on plants at lively (and sometimes funny) auction, and a tempting boutique with daylily merchandise and plants.

For details, information, and to register go to the 2021 Summer Meeting website:

<https://2021region2.com/>

GVDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our officers for 2021 have been elected and are:

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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