

The GVDS Gazette

A Quarterly Publication of the Grand Valley Daylily Society

February-March 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REMINDER

With the remodeling in progress at Fredrik Meijer Gardens, we will be meeting at Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

February 1

Kimberly Davidson
Horticulturist
Cascade Christian Church
7:00pm

March 1

Heidi Grasman
Garden Crossings
Cascade Christian Church
7:00pm

April 5

Paul Owen
Slightly Different Nursery
Cascade Christian Church
7:00pm

May 3

Spring Auction
Cascade Christian Church
6.30pm

June 6-9

AHS National Convention,
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

June 7

Program to be announced

July 5

Program to be announced

July 14

Annual Daylily Show

August 2

Program to be announced

September 6

Fall Auction

Cascade Christian Church

6:30PM

September 8

Daylily sale at Rockford

Farmers' Market

October 4

Program to be announced

November 1

Program to be announced

December 6

Christmas Party



PROGRAMS TO WARM YOUR HEART

It may be the depths of Michigan winter but we have some heartwarming meetings to look forward to. Lori Hankinson organized two wonderful programs for the February and April meetings, and Past-President Carol DeVries made the arrangements for the ever popular March program with Heidi Grasman. The programs will take place at **7:00pm at the Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.**

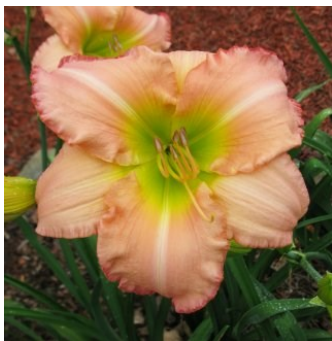


The program year kicks off with a presentation by Kimberly Davidson on **February 1** called 'Green Thumb, Muddy Paw'. She is the horticulturalist for a golf course in Byron Center. She is going to take us through four seasons (9 years) of maintaining ornamental plantings and wildlife habitat at Ironwood Golf Course with her now passed but nationally famous canine companion, Max the Labradoodle. Kim is a fun and energetic speaker.

On **March 1** we welcome Heidi Grasman from Garden Crossings in Zeeland. She will be highlighting plants for the 2018 season. Heidi and her husband started the nursery in 2002 and currently offer more than 1,150 plants, including releases from Walters Gardens. For some fun browsing check out the website at www.gardencrossings.com. Heidi loves to talk about the newest and best plants being offered each year and always presents a great program.



On **April 5** Paul Owen from Slightly Different Nursery in Shelby, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker. When he moved to North Carolina from Pennsylvania he also moved 10,000 daylily seedlings. Of those 10,000, only 1600 survived culling and harsh weather. Paul's goal is to breed hardy plants beginning by planting seed directly in the ground. According to his website it takes three extra years to get daylilies into buyers' hands because of this method, but he knows the plants are survivors. After his presentation, Paul will be auctioning six of his introductions which he is donating to GVDS, including several 2018 introductions which you can check out at www.slightlydifferentnursery.com. Fan Club plants for 2018 also are coming from his nursery. Paul is always an entertaining speaker and auctioneer so spring will surely arrive on April 5, 2018, and you won't want to miss it!



Oh Me!

A Sample of Paul Owen's Introductions

Prime Target



The Sensational Six



Tweaked Out

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

First of all, I would like to thank Carol for leading us over the last year. She set a wonderful example to follow.

One of my goals for 2018 is for this to be a year of growth. Do you have family, friends, or neighbors who enjoy looking at your daylilies? Why not invite them to join our club. There is no requirement to be a large grower of daylilies. Inviting friends would be one way to see the membership grow. A second goal is community outreach as we grow our presence and promote daylilies. One final way I would like to see us grow is in our knowledge of our favorite flower. We can accomplish this through the speakers and programs we have scheduled throughout the year.



Photo taken by Peggy Pike at Mandy McMahon's garden during Region 2 summer meeting

Lori has lined up some new speakers and returning speakers that we have highlighted in the newsletter. We look forward to April when Paul Owen will be speaking about his hybridization program. Our spring auction will have some wonderful plants arranged for by Lori Hankinson. The excitement for these plants will continue into the fall auction as well.

I look forward to a wonderful year. Thank you for all the wonderful work and time you have invested in the group.

~~Peggy Pike

GVDS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Did you forget to renew your GVDS membership? If you check the 2017 GVDS roster sent much earlier and see a 2017 in the left column, that means your membership expired December 31. Dues are only \$8 for a single membership and \$12 for a family membership. Dues can be paid to Bruce Wickmann (cash or a check made out to GVDS). If you do not renew you will no longer receive the club newsletters or other notification. More importantly, we will miss you!!!

2017 TREASURER'S REPORT

We finished the year in strong financial shape. Our revenues were better than expected by about \$500 due to successful Spring and Fall Auctions. Our expenditures were less than budgeted and fell about \$670 less. We finished the year with \$6,576.67 in our bank accounts, \$1,171.91 more than we started the year. The Board is working on the 2018 annual budget in January and should have a proposed budget to present to the membership at the February meeting for approval. If you ever have any questions regarding our club finances, please feel free to see me at one of our meeting or email me. Bruce Wickmann

Many Thanks

Thank you to the group members who donated hats, gloves and stuffed animals for Santa Claus Girls. We received a thank you letter for our gift from the President, Diane Brown, Marcia Queen and Cindy Warfield.

GVDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our officers for 2018 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.

A FINAL REMINDER—

We will be meeting at Cascade Christian Church located at 2829 Thornapple River Drive SE

