



The GVDS Gazette

A Quarterly Publication of the Grand Valley Daylily Society

July-September 2015

Calendar of Events

July 10-12

Region 2 Convention
Indianapolis, Indiana

August 6

Open Garden and Picnic
Kay Anderson's Garden
6:15pm

July 16

Open Garden
Carol DeVries' Garden
Marne, MI
6:30pm

September 3

Fall Auction—David's House
6:30pm

July 18

GVDS Daylily Show
Frederik Meijer Gardens

Future Meeting Dates

October 1, November 5
Frederik Meijer Gardens
7:00pm

Idyllic Country Garden

Carol and David DeVries Garden

13330 40th Avenue, Marne, MI 49435
July 16, 6:30pm

We garden on 2.5 acres in the woods with a stream. Although we have kept as much land as possible native, we have approximately 1 acre of actual gardens nestled in. Our gardens are pretty much equally divided between shade and sun and contain 915 labeled cultivars and some unlabeled but treasured plants. The sun beds visible from the road are not irrigated and so are ideal for the sturdy constitution of daylilies. There are several beds solely devoted to daylilies with gravel paths neatly winding through, as well as some beds of mixed plantings. The goal in all my gardens is to never have a plant I cannot reach from a path, which makes it possible for me to easily care for them and also to provide ease for my guests to view tags and plants at close range. Closer to the house are the irrigated sun beds that have blue stone stepping stone paths. Here my daylilies share the sun with companion plants such as various 'true' lilies, clematis, roses, hardy geraniums, sedums, etc.

The shade beds which may be of less interest to you in this context are a wonderful cool oasis for our summer guests and provide comfortable seating to view the creek and wildlife. I have an extensive Hosta collection as well as a decent collection of epimedium, helleborus and fern. Most of the shade beds are viewable from 3' wide hard packed gravel paths with closer viewing possible from stepping stones. We have designed a long curving paved driveway to wrap around the beds, which along with the 3' wide paths make most of the gardens reasonably handicapped accessible.

Driving directions

Carol DeVries, 13330 40th Avenue, Marne, MI 49435

From I-96 Directions to Carol DeVries: From either east bound or west bound I-96 take exit 19, the Lamont Coopersville exit. This will put you on 48th Ave. Head south (toward Propane Company – lots of propane tanks and 3 polar bears) and in 3.2 miles it will dead end at Leonard Ave. Take a left (east) onto Leonard and pass through the little village of Lamont. After .9 miles, turn left (north) onto 40th Avenue which is a gravel road. Follow this for a half mile until you reach the second 90 degree bend in the road. We are on the right hand side and the number is 13330. Since parking is limited by the house, those of you who are able, please park in the road and walk up the driveway. This way you don't miss the front gardens. Please call 915-9744 if I can clear up any questions or give you directions from a different highway.

Invitation to the Summer Picnic



You are cordially invited to our annual Summer Picnic on August 6 at 6:15pm at Kay Anderson's garden, 10338 Rich Street Pvt., West Olive, MI 49460 (616.796.8510) Wonderful food, beautiful flowers, and the opportunity to visit with many friends await us all. If you would like to take a dip in the pool, be sure to bring along your swimsuit and towel.

The club will be providing the main course meat dish and beverages. Please bring a dish to share (with the appropriate serving utensil), your own plate and table service, as well as your lawn chair. Wilma asks that you either sign up at a meeting or notify her of your intention to bring a salad, a side dish, or a dessert. We will eat right away at 6:15pm so the food is at the right temperature.

Kay will be opening her garden at 5:30 for those that can arrive early. Following our picnic, Kay's garden will entice you to explore every nook and cranny. There's always many things blooming at Kay's! She has been collecting daylilies and hostas for about 18 years. 15 years ago she and her husband moved hundreds of plants and 10 trees to their present location which was a spec house without a hint of landscaping - not one blade of grass. They have since cut down hundreds of trees, planted lawn, put in a couple of small ponds, and several large gardens which include a Stout Medal garden and an almost complete Lennington Award garden. In 2009, her garden was on the National Hosta tour and in 2012 it was on the National Dahlia Tour. She's not exactly sure what will be blooming when the club visits but there's sure to be some late daylilies and early dahlias along with various companion plants. Please join us for a delicious picnic and a fabulous garden!

Directions from Grand Rapids: Take I-96 west toward Muskegon to exit 16 (Coopersville/Eastmanville exit). Turn left onto 68th Avenue. Continue 5.9 miles and then turn right onto Lake Michigan Drive. Travel 4.5 miles to 104th Avenue, turn right, and continue 0.5 miles to the third right onto Rich Street. The house number is 10338. Park just off the roadway in the grassy areas.

September Auction

Come to our second auction of the year and join the bidding fun. Our September 3 auction will be held once again in the spacious activity room at David's House. The bidding fun will begin at 6:30pm.

We are in need of club member donations. There are no club purchased plants or speaker plants coming in for this auction. As you are working in your gardens this summer, look closely for daylilies and perennials that need to be divided. This is a great opportunity to thin your garden so you have room for more plants in the future. The club will be completely reliant upon your willingness to share a few plants with your fellow club members. The wider the variety of plants brought in, the more fun we will have expanding each other's gardens.



15th Annual Daylily Show

Saturday, July 18 is the date of the 15th Annual Daylily Show at Frederik Meijer Gardens. This date will be one week after the Region 2 Daylily Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana. A cool start to the spring growing season should bring peak bloom on July 18.

This year the Daylily Show will be held “downstairs” from the main floor. The location allows the show to be open to the public free of charge. The display room will be open to club members from 7:00-11:00am for flower placement.

The show is open for public viewing from 11:00am-5:00pm.

This is a non-judged show with the exception of the Artistic Arrangement Division. (See related article on Artistic Design Division.) However, everyone is invited to vote for their favorite daylily from a select group. This year, the featured daylily group will be any daylily “on-scape” (stalk) to be displayed in a vase provided by the club. The daylily show is primarily a display of “off-scape” flowers. This gives the public an exhibit of the wide variety in colors, shapes and sizes of daylilies. Last year over 600 visitors came to the show for enjoyment and education. Unregistered daylily seedlings are also welcomed to be placed on display in a special area.

The club also offers a children’s activity in making their own take-home daylily made from precut paper daylily parts. Over 60 youngsters took part in the activity last year.

Plan to participate on July 18 by bringing in your daylilies. We will also need volunteers for the hospitality table, kids’ activity and clean up. Contact Steve Smith with questions regarding the show at 878-1759 or smith3761@sbcglobal.net.



ARTISTIC DESIGN DIVISION (DAYLILY ARRANGEMENTS)

The 15th Annual Daylily Show on July 18 at Frederik Meijer Gardens will include an artistic design division with the off-scape and on-scape flower displays. This year’s theme is “Movie Melodies.” The daylily design division is a judged show with judges accredited from the Michigan Garden Clubs scoring the entered designs. Award ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention in each class. Traveling trophies are awarded for “Best in Show,” “Most Artistic,” and “Best Novice.” All entries must feature daylilies. Arrangements must be in place for judging to begin 10:00am sharp.

The 6 classes to feature the “Movie Melodies” are as follows:

- Class 1: “I Walk the Line” (I Walk the Line—The Johnny Cash Story)
A traditional line design
- Class 2: “Under the Sea” (Little Mermaid)
Designer’s own interpretation
- Class 3: “Madam Butterfly” (Madam Butterfly)
An arrangement in the oriental manner with the Moribanna traditional design style (three flowers only-water showing)
- Class 4: “Feed Me” (Little Shop of Horrors)
Designer’s own interpretation—must use fresh material only; from your garden in season
- Class 5: “Colors of the Wind” (Pocahontas)
Designer’s own interpretation using various colors of daylilies
- Class 6: “The Rainbow Connection” (The Muppet Movie)
Novice only (has never won a blue ribbon in daylily design)
Designer’s own interpretation

Ginger Smith will answer questions concerning the design division. Contact her at 878-1759 or smith3761@sbcglobal.net.

ARTISTIC DESIGN RULES

All designs must be in place by 10:00am on the day of the show.

--Only show clerks will be permitted in the design area during judging.

--Exhibitors may place only one entry in a class but may enter as many classes as desired. Designs must be entered in person by the exhibitor and be the work of the exhibitor. However, the exhibitor need not from the plant material.

--No silk or artificial flowers/foilage are permitted.

--A 3x5 inch card must be used to explain the design

2015 Popularity Poll

Vote for your favorite daylilies in this Popularity Poll organized by Region 2 of the American Hemerocallis Society. The deadline to vote in September 1. You can click on the following link to be taken directly to the ballot.

<http://www.daylilies.org/PopPoll/ballot.html>

This is the perfect opportunity to express your opinion about the daylilies that perform best in our area of the country.

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.

Free Daylilies

At the June meeting of the GVDS, Carol Kerr announced a sale in her garden: FREE daylilies—U Dig!

These are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. You may call Carol at 616-696-9366 to arrange a day and time to meet with her and get directions to her home in Cedar Springs.

Autumn Minaret	Julia Uhey
Forsyth White Buds	Brookwood Double Time
Siloam Wide Lace	Kindly Light
Babylonian Pearl	Chicagoland Millenium
Glowing Bouquet	Lilting Belle
Spiral Charmer	Coyote Moon
Bel Aire Dawn	Mount Helena
Heavenly Read Streaker	Doublin Elaine
Swedish Girl	New Series
Blossom Queen	Fan Club
Infinity	Siloam Ethel Smith
Blueberry Queen	

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