



The GVDS Gazette

A Quarterly Publication of the Grand Valley Daylily Society

May-June, 2015

Calendar of Events

May 14

Spring Auction
David's House Ministries
2390 Banner SW, Wyoming, MI
6:30pm

June 4

Open Gardens
Robin Hamilton's Garden
Nashville, MI
6:30pm

June 10-14

National AHS Convention
Atlanta, Georgia

July 10-12

Region 2 Convention
Indianapolis, Indiana

July 16

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

July 18

GVDS Daylily Show
Frederik Meijer Gardens

August 6

Open Gardens and Picnic
Kay Anderson's Garden

September 3

Fall Auction
David's House
6:30pm

THE GVDS ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION IS HERE!

Our much awaited annual spring auction is coming soon. The auction will begin at **6:30pm at David's House Ministries**, 2390 Banner Drive, SW. Invite some of your gardening friends, come with your checkbook, and come expecting to have fun as you bid on some beautiful new additions to your garden. As always there's a terrific list of daylilies coming up on the auction block which include plants grown through our club plant program along with the 2014 award winners. It will surely be a night to remember!

Club members truly rise to the occasion with their most generous donations to this important club fundraising event -- daylilies, perennials, bulbs, shrubs, trees, rocks, garden decor, tools, etc. - it's all welcome and greatly appreciated! So get outside, enjoy the springtime weather (now that it's finally here!), and look around for plants in need of division. Potting up perennials a week or two ahead of time is recommended but not necessary.

Please **bring daylilies bare root, labeled (the more information the better), and washed clean**. We want to keep the meeting area neat and tidy so enclosing the roots in plastic bags is encourage but **be sure the label is clearly visible outside of the bag**. Also, using a clear bag whenever possible will help everyone see the roots. If you have plants to donate, please drop them off by **6:00pm** to allow organization time. Also, it is helpful to bring your own box or small bin to put your purchases in during the auction. We hope to see you all there for the shopping extravaganza on May 14! (Please note that this is the **2nd Thursday** in May.)

David's House Ministries is easily accessed by taking I-131 to Burton. Head west on Burton and then turn left (south) onto Clyde Park. Take the second street on the right: Belfield. Once on Belfield, the first street to the left is Banner. David's House is at the end of the street. Please park along the street. A circle drive by the entrance door will allow you to conveniently drop off donations before parking.



Important Auction Reminders

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DROP-OFF TABLE REMINDER



A drop off table for daylilies will be located just inside the auction room. **Watch for the Drop Off sign.** Take non-daylily donations to the perennial table area at the front of the far side of the room. Please take time to carefully label all plants and to make sure labels are easily viewed. Your help is immensely important and greatly appreciated. This small extra step will allow the sorting volunteers to work as efficiently as possible. As you can imagine, accurate sorting of daylilies is needed so the auction runs smoothly.

During the auction, we ask that everyone please place purchases in a bag or other container before setting them on the floor. Plastic bags will be made available. This will keep the housekeeping to a minimum and make clean-up quicker. Thanks for your help.

IF YOU HAVE DAYLILIES FOR DONATION.....

Please notify Carol DeVries as soon as possible about daylilies you will be donating so she can include that information in the PowerPoint. She has been hard at work preparing the wonderful PowerPoint program to showcase the daylilies as they are being auctioned off May 14. We sure do love seeing what we're bidding on! There is no dollar limit to these types of donated plants - only a time limit. The cut off for Carol to add new items to the PowerPoint will be the day before the auction. Carol will be glad to receive images and information at carolydevries@gmail.com.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Many thanks to all who signed up to volunteer during the May auction. Without the set-up crew, check-in people, sorters, runners, spotters, clean-up crew, PowerPoint preparers/presenter, auctioneers, etc. our wonderful auctions could not be possible. Arriving at or shortly after 5:30 pm will be immensely helpful in getting everything organized and ready for this year's event. Anyone who was unable to sign-up at the April meeting but would like to volunteer for a job should contact Ginny Pearce at floragin@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (616) 954-0416. There's always room for a few more of those helpful hands. No matter the task you may be involved in, you will never miss out on the opportunity to bid on the plants you want.

REDEMPTION RULES FOR DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Please review this information prior to the auction.

In an attempt to speed the door prize redemption process along, the following procedure will be followed.

- Prior to the auction starting, see the club Secretary Nancy Sniff to claim your door prize voucher. This will be exchanged during the door prize portion of the auction for your door prize plant. The voucher will include your name, month you won, and number in order of the original draw and the rules of redemption. You, or a representative, must be present during the door prize section of the auction to claim your door prize plant.
- The door prize cultivars will be presented toward the end of the auction PowerPoint, in alphabetical order. When the plant you want comes on the screen, immediately hold up your voucher to redeem it for that plant. If you aren't seen, make some noise! Hand over your voucher to the runner and take your plant.
- If more door prize winners want a specific cultivar than there are pieces available, the people winning first (Ex. January over March) will have first choice. Using the same winning order format, the first one drawn in a given month will have precedence over the second person drawn at that same meeting. (Your voucher will have an "in-order of winning" number on it.) If no voucher holder wants the plant or if there are extra fans remaining, bidding by the membership will begin. Once bidding starts, it is too late to claim that plant as a door prize. You can bid, but you can no longer exchange your voucher for it. After all remaining fans are auctioned off, we will proceed to the next cultivar.
- You are encouraged to select your desired door prize cultivars and some backups before the auction. Be sure to make your selections from the door prize list found in this newsletter as well as the GVDS website. If possible, check the displayed door prize plants before the auction starts to make sure your selections are returned and remain desirable to you. If the plant is not returned, you cannot expect to claim it.

AUCTION PLANT LIST

A list of all the plants to be offered during the 2015 May Auction will accompany your May/June newsletter. A constantly updated version will be included on the Grand Valley Daylily Society's website located at <http://grandvalleydaylily.org/> As with every auction, these plants come from an assortment of sources. This year those sources are:

- Club member donations
- Club member grown Auction plants
- Club member grown Door Prize plants



2015 CLUB PLANT PICK-UP

If you signed up to grow daylilies for future club auctions, please remember to pick them up the night of the auction.

VACANT PROPERTY TRANSFORMED INTO BEAUTY AND WHIMSY

On June 4, the GVDS first open garden of the season will visit Robin Hamilton's garden at 6050 Thornapple Lake Road in Nashville, Michigan. We will gather at 6:30pm in the garden which was 60 acres of vacant property sixteen years ago. The first structure added was purchased from the Amish and has evolved into a quaint little house complete with a covered porch thanks to my husband's craftsman skills and is full of collected treasures. There is also a covered potting area attached to the garden house that is filled with galvanized containers, pixies, flower frogs, and antiques alongside the gardening supplies.

In the main garden, there is an arbor with a sitting area, a grape arbor, asparagus patch, and a living willow structure in progress. Most of the daylilies are also in the main garden mixed in with Asiatic lilies, balloon flowers, lavender, crocosmia, echinacea, sea holly, globe thistle, and gooseneck loosestrife to name a few. We were married in this garden thirteen years ago. The half moon garden next to the main garden includes two raised beds with veggies, a windmill structure covered with hops, butterfly bushes, more daylilies, and lavender. There is also an outdoor shower to cool off on hot days. Beyond that, in the distance, you will see an old antique sink outside our functional outhouse.

The upper shade gardens by the house have hydrangea, lilies, hostas, ferns, and crocosmia. Tucked behind the garage you will find a corn crib made into a dog kennel for our two goldens, Sugar and Will-o'-the-Wisp. I would imagine my love for gardening came about because my grandfather always had gardens. He was a member of the Thumb Rose Society. He had roses mapped and labeled in his gardens and now I do the same with my daylilies. But the true love for daylilies came from my friend Judy Blevins who shared a few of her fans with me and then took me to a daylily farm three or four years ago. I was hooked!

Directions: From M-6, take M-37 (Broadmoor) south to Hastings. Follow M-37 signs through Hastings to M-79 east. After Charlton Park Road and the Thornapple Trading post start looking for the green road sign that says Thornapple Lake Road, turn left. There is a store called "Littles" and after you pass the store there is a very small hill and at the bottom of the hill to the right is our driveway. If you get to the trailer park you have missed the drive, turn around and look for a big black mail box with Hamilton and 6050 in yellow - you cannot see our home from the road.

If you take the M-37 route there are **several greenhouses along the way:**

Harder and Warner 6464 Broadmoor SE Caledonia
Cherry Valley Greenhouse 6900 N. M-37 Middleville
Creekside Growers 10197 W. Garbow Road Middleville
S and S Farm Market and Greenhouse 1762 N. M-37 Middleville
Cotants Farm Market and Greenhouse 2500 S M-37 Hastings

COLLECT YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT!!!!!!

Yes, that's right. If you attended the GVDS Christmas Party last December, it is time to collect your gift from Santa's favorite helper, Lori Hankinson.

At the party you received a postcard size note entitling you to a daylily from Lori. Make sure you bring that card to the May auction and turn it into Lori. She will be there with a daylily for you.

Thank you, Lori, for your generosity.



REMEMBER
Bring a lawn chair to enjoy
while visiting with GVDS
members and during the
business meeting!

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 opens 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.

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Daylily Show information cont'd.

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
- An entry tag must be completed for each arrangement
- GVDS is not responsible for loss or damage of personal property during the show
- All fresh plant material must be able to be grown outdoors in a Michigan garden all concurrent with the show.

PLANT TAG PURCHASE

One of the perks of GVDS membership is the ability to take advantage of bulk purchases of plant tags used to identify garden plants. These tags have 10 inch stakes and are constructed of stainless steel. The new stainless steel design is heavier and holds up better to our Michigan winters.

Sandy Olson will have tags available at the May auction. Quantity prices are as follows:

100 tags	\$44.00
75 tags	\$33.00
50 tags	\$22.00
25 tags	\$11.00

Available for special order only are tags with 21 inch stakes. If you are interested in these, please contact Sandy Olson for prices. As a general rule, tags arrive within one week of ordering.

To facilitate bookkeeping and tracking, please pay for the tags separate from any auction purchases you make.

GIFT CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION

Just a reminder that the auction is a great place to redeem any gift certificates that you may have received from the club.

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.

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OPEN GARDEN TIPS

I don't know if there is anything the club does, that is as much fun as the open gardens. Isn't it just a riot to get together with your friends in a beautiful setting and enjoy the sunshine? I have a few quick tips below to make sure this is fun for all of us.

Be thoughtful

Take extreme care to prevent damage to daylilies-leave purses, bags, unnecessary camera equipment on your chair or locked in your car.

Always ask permission before stepping into a flower bed for any reason.

Do not disturb pollen or any spent blooms. The owner may have a hybridizing program.

Don't criticize.

Be gracious and thank the host.

Remember to bring

Directions from the newsletter or your own map.

Sunscreen —Be sure to put some extra on the back of your legs and neck, since these will be most exposed as you bend to look at the daylilies.

Hat—There is little shade in a daylily garden, so this will help to block a little of the sun.

Camera—Remember to have fresh batteries to run it also!

Notepad—you are sure to find plant to put on your "wish list."

GVDS WEBSITE TIP

As everyone know the Grand Valley Daylily Society website is full of great information. Here's a tip to get even more out of the information there.

When you arrive at grandvalleydaylily.org find the "F5" key near the top of your keyboard. This is known as a refresh button. By using F5 you will make sure that all of the latest information is available to you.



SINCEREST CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy goes out to our dear Nancy Sniff on the passing away of her precious sister.

Nancy is in our thoughts and prayers at this time. A card of sympathy was sent from the club to Nancy. If you would like to send your sympathy through a card, please address it to :

Nancy Sniff
11452 Blossom SE
Grand Rapids Michigan 49508

