



# The GVDS Gazette

A Quarterly Publication of the Grand Valley Daylily Society

May-June 2016

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY 12

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

### JULY 7

Open Gardens—6:30pm  
Visiting the gardens of  
Ginny Pearce and Nancy Sniff

### AUGUST 4

Open Garden and Annual Picnic  
Garden of Bruce and  
Diane Wickmann  
Holland

### JUNE 2

Open Garden Tour—6:30pm  
Grand Ideas Garden  
MSU Extension Office  
775 Ball Ave, NE, Grand Rapids

### JULY 9

Annual GVDS Daylily Show  
Frederik Meijer Gardens  
8:00am-doors open for set-up  
10:00am-arrangements and flowers  
in place

### SEPTEMBER 8

Fall Auction—6:30pm  
David's House  
2390 Banner SW, Wyoming

### JUNE 29-JULY 2

National AHS Convention  
Louisville, KY

### JULY 15-17

Region 2 Summer Meeting  
Peoria, Illinois



## LET'S VISIT THE GRAND IDEAS GARDENS

June 2

The Grand Ideas Garden, affectionately referred to as GIG, was started by a group of Extension volunteers in 2003 with the hopes of eventually filling the two city lots adjacent to the Extension building with gardens. What has evolved over the years supports multiple education uses. During our visit, you will be delighted by the colors, textures, and forms of hundreds of shrubs, perennials, vines, and exotic annual combinations that are showcased in both sun and shade throughout the garden as you walk the paths amongst waterfalls, arbors, and planted containers. A rain garden was added a couple years ago to make use of rainfall collected on the building's roof. It has incorporated native and pollinator friendly plants and was designed with the home landscape in mind.

Expanding upon the pollinator theme, their newest exhibit involves structural ideas like the 'bee hotel' and healthy habitat/gardening practices that encourage pollinators such as bees and other beneficial insects to take up residence on your property and provide numerous benefits such as pest control and pollination.

Remember to **bring your lawn chair** for the club meeting that will be held there on the grounds. And, be sure to allow yourself ample time to visit with friends while you fully explore all there is to see at the GIG before the 6:30 pm meeting begins. The GIG is always open to the public so arrive earlier that afternoon at your convenience. **Directions:** From I-96 near downtown, take Fuller Avenue to the north. Just after passing the County Offices, turn right (east) onto Bradford Street which will take you to Ball. The GIG gardens are at the corner of Bradford and Ball. Park in the MSU Extension Office parking lot or along the street. 775 Ball Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503



**IT'S HERE!!**  
**THE GVDS ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION**  
**“GOING ONCE.....GOING TWICE.....SOLD!”**

This is what you will hear at the Thursday, **May 12** meeting of the Grand Valley Daylily Society featuring our annual spring auction. The auction will begin at **6:30pm at David's House Ministries**, 2390 Banner Drive SW, Wyoming, MI 49509. Invite some of your gardening friends, come with your checkbook or cash, and expect to have fun as you bid on some beautiful new additions to your garden. A lovely list of daylilies have been grown through our club plant program and are available this year. Beyond that, plants from Chad Bush and some of the 2015 AHS Award Winners will also be offered on the auction block. It will surely be a night to remember!

Please consider donating to this important fundraising event of each year-- daylilies, other perennials, shrubs, trees, rocks, stepping stones, general garden decor, 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. Thanks for your generosity!

Please **bring daylilies bare root, labeled (the more information the better), and washed clean.** We want to keep the meeting area nice and clean so enclosing the roots in plastic bags is encouraged 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 12! (Please note that this is the **2nd Thursday** in May.)

David's House Ministries is easily accessed by taking US131 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.



**S T O P!**  
**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**  
**FOR AUCTION**

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 that 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**  
**TO DONATE FOR THE AUCTION.....**

Please notify Robin Hamilton as soon as possible about daylilies you will be donating so she can include that information in the PowerPoint presentation. Robin has been hard at work preparing the wonderful PowerPoint program to showcase the daylilies as they are being auctioned off May 12. Knowing what we are bidding on adds so much to the excitement. There is no dollar limit to these types of donated plants - only a time limit. The cut off for Robin to add new items to the PowerPoint will be May 10. Robin will be glad to receive images and information at [spedk123@yahoo.com](mailto:spedk123@yahoo.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 preparer/presenter, auctioneers, etc. our wonderful auctions could not be possible. Arriving at or shortly after 5:30pm will be immensely helpful in getting everything organized and ready for this year's event. Anyone who was unable to sign-up at the February or April meetings but would like to volunteer for a job should contact Ginny Pearce at [floragin@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

## AUCTION PLANT LIST



A list of all the plants to be offered during the 2016 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

Club member grown plants from Chad Bush

2015 AHS Award Winning plants which can be seen at <http://www.daylilies.org/>

## 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.

## 16TH ANNUAL DAYLILY SHOW AT FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS

Saturday, July 9 will be the date of the Grand Valley Annual Daylily Show. The Region 2 Daylily Convention will be the following weekend in Peoria, Illinois.

The daylily show this year will be in the Hauenstein & Pfeiffer Room located on the main floor (upstairs) just off the main corridor. Because the room is located past the FMG ticket gate, the public must purchase an admission ticket to enter the daylily show. Grand Valley Daylily Society members that bring in flowers or to volunteer will be admitted with your name tag badge available near the front desk. Doors open at 7:00am to bring in flowers and organize the display. FMG opens to the public at 9:00am. The daylily show will be open from 11:00am-5:00pm for viewing.

The daylily show is primarily a display of "off-scape" flowers. This gives the public an exhibit of the wide variety of colors, shapes, and sizes of daylilies. This year will again feature an "on-scape" daylily display. Last year's "on-scape" display was a big success with a record setting number (49) of plants. Visitor interest was high and the "popularity voting" was well received. "On-scape" daylilies will be placed in vases on a special table. We will have larger heavier vases this year to prevent last year's accidents with some of the tall and heavy spiders.

A special exhibit table will be available for daylily seedlings (unregistered/unnamed) for members that are hybridizers. An exhibit table will also be available for any auction or doorprize daylilies that are grown for the club. This is a non-judged show with the exception of the artistic design division. See related article on artistic design.

The daylily club will also offer a kids' activity corner that will allow youngsters to make their own daylily with pre-cut parts. We will need volunteers to staff this activity.

Plan to participate on July 9 by bringing in your daylilies (off-scape, on-scape, or design) and as a volunteer for one of the activities.

### DAYLILY SHOW - ARTISTIC DESIGN DIVISION (DAYLILY ARRANGEMENTS)

The annual Daylily Show on July 9 at Meijer Gardens will once again have an Artistic Design Division along with the off-scape and on-scape flower displays. The daylily design division theme for this year is "DREAM IN COLOR." This 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, and 3rd, Place and Honorable Mention. Traveling trophies are given to "Best In Show," "Most Artistic," and "Best Novice." All flower designs must feature daylilies. Arrangements must be in place for judging by 10:00am.

The 6 Classes for "DREAM IN COLOR" are as follows:

**Class 1 :** "WALK THE RED CARPET" - A traditional line design featuring daylilies.

**Class 2 :** "BLACK MAGIC" - An arrangement in the Oriental manner with the Moribanna Design Style  
(3 Flowers - Water Showing )

**Class 3 :** "SUMMER SUNRISE" - Designers' own interpretation featuring daylilies

**Class 4 :** "PAINTER'S PALATE " - Designers' own interpretation featuring daylilies

**Class 5 :** "WHITE SAILS" - Designers' own interpretation featuring daylilies

**Class 6 :** "PRETTY IN PINK" - Novice Only (Designer has never won a Blue Ribbon in Daylily Design.)

A design using a pink container or a design featuring pink color daylilies.

Ginger Smith will answer questions concerning the Design Division. Contact her at (616) 878-1759 or

[smith3761@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smith3761@sbcglobal.net)

## Daylily Show—Artistic Design Rules

1. All designs must be in place by 10:00am for judging
2. Only show personnel will be permitted in the show area during judging
3. 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 grow the plant material.
4. All fresh plant material must be grown outside in Michigan concurrent with the show.
5. No artificial flowers or foliage are permitted. (No Silk)
6. No dyed or treated plant material may be used.
7. A minimum of painted material may be used
8. An entry tag must be completed for each arrangement.
9. G.V.D.S. is not responsible for loss or damage of personal property during the show.
10. A 3 x 5 card may be used to explain the design.
11. Michigan protected plants are not permitted.

### Scale of Points used by Judges

Conformance to Schedule	20
Design Elements & Principles	42
Artistic Concept (originality)	12
Expression (interpretation of class)	10
Distinction (marked superiority)	16
Total	100

### PLANT TAGS ARE HERE.....

Sandy Olson has ordered plant tags and they've arrived. They come in two heights—10 and 20 inches. Following is the pricing structure”

10 inches	20 inches
100—\$52.00	100—\$92.00
75—\$39.00	75—\$69.00
50—\$26.00	50—\$46.00
25—\$13.00	25—\$23.00

Please contact Sandy at [sandyflower@att.net](mailto:sandyflower@att.net) or 616-696-9579 if you need to purchase identification tags for your garden. You may pick them up at meetings. If you are purchasing tags to pick up at the May auction, please write a separate check for the tags.



### A GREEN THUMBS UP

Many thanks to our 2016 growers taking part in our Club Plant program. They are:

Kay Anderson	Larry Ransom
Ned and Rita Brown	Steve and Ginger Smith
Bob and Barb Buikema	Nancy Sniff
Linda DeWitt	Sharon VanderWilp
Robin Hamilton	Bruce and Diane Wickmann
Carol Kerr	Susan Williams
Vivian Kleinhuizen	Mari Zelaya

These members have planted, watered, weeded, tagged, and generally coaxed our beautiful club plants for the last 2-3 years. Thank you all for your hard work and for making our Club Plant program a success.

**Reminder for Club Plant Growers:** Please return the bright yellow "Grower Return Sheet" you received in April with your daylilies at the May 12 auction.

## REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING



This year's summer meeting will be 3 days packed full of daylilies in all forms. There will be an accredited AHS

Daylily Exhibition show, 4 gardens on tour, additional open gardens, shopping, plant sale and boutique plus chances to win \$250 gift certificates. And, of course, a live auction.

Registration fee is \$99 if postmarked by March 1. Rate after March 1 will be \$140. Please refer to the AHS website under the Conventions/Meetings tab for more details.

## AHS NATIONAL CONVENTION



“Daylilies in the Bluegrass” is this year's theme for the national convention taking place in Louisville, Kentucky. Dates for the convention are

June 29-July 2 with the option for extending your stay to make a vacation of the convention period. There will be 8 tour gardens, boutiques, raffle baskets, opportunities for extra tours to Churchill Downs and Louisville Slugger Museum.

This year's national convention registration is full, but you may request to have your name placed on the wait list. For more information about the convention go to the AHS website and click on the Conventions/Meetings tab.

### Needed !!!

Clumps of Daylilies for the Region 2--2017 Summer Meeting.

The Doubletree Hilton has given their blessing to plant daylilies at the hotel which will be the location of the 2017 Region 2 Summer Convention

If you have any clumps (from 6 fans to however many fans) you would like to donate, please contact Barb Buikema at 616-538-3266 or e-mail her at [bbbuikema@att.net](mailto:bbbuikema@att.net).

### 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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