



The GVDS Gazette

A Quarterly Publication of the Grand Valley Daylily Society

October-December 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 6

"The Beastly Battle"
Carol DeVries
Fredrick Meijer Gardens
7:00pm

November 3

Bob Faulkner—hybridizer
Fredrick Meijer Gardens
7:00pm

December 1

Christmas Party and Potluck
David's House
5:30pm Punch Bowl

January

No Meeting

February 2

TBA

March 2

Rod and Heidi Grasman
Garden Crossings

April 6

TBA

May 11

Spring Auction

October Meeting

THE BEASTLY BATTLE—Carol DeVries

There are so many animals and bugs that create issues for us. We all have been given advice on how to deal with them. But then we spend the money and time and our plants are still under attack. So what really works? This talk explores what works and what doesn't.



Our own GVDS club member, Carol DeVries, will present a program with ideas and how to information about controlling those "beasts" we battle in our garden.

NOVEMBER MEETING

BOB FAULKNER AND HIS PATTERNED DAYLILIES

Bob Faulkner is a treat! A fun and awe inspiring evening is in store when Bob will give a presentation about his hybridizing of patterned daylilies on November 3 at 7:00pm at Frederik Meijer Gardens. You do not want to miss this! And, by all means, spread the word about his coming to others who enjoy gardening. Bob is an excellent speaker and will be sharing photographs of his most recent and exciting work that is years away from introduction.

Bob lives in the Dayton, Ohio home where he was born. He's been growing plants since he was 6 but it took until his 40s to purchase his first daylily which was Always Afternoon from Mort Morss. He started hybridizing because he felt the cost of new daylilies was formidable. He had land and knew how to grow things so he decided to grow his own daylilies and leave out the middle man. After 3 years of ho-hum results, he stopped listening to the advice of

"experts" and did crosses that were very unorthodox. That was the point he feels he became a real hybridizer. In 2000, it dawned on him that he liked pattern color in daylilies the best. So, that became his focus and he has become nationally known for his extraordinary patterned daylilies. Feel free to visit his website to see his work:

<http://naturalselectiondaylilies.com/seedlings.html>

Following his presentation, he will **auction** off his most recent 2016 Faerie series introductions to members of the audience. Another good reason to be in attendance! Find a good seat up front so you don't miss a single thing.

Dinner with Bob Faulkner before the meeting

For those interested in having extra time to talk with Bob and fellow club members, please join us for a **4:30 pm dinner at Applebee's** before the meeting. Please **RSVP to Ginny Pearce (floragin@gmail.com or 616-954-0416) by Wednesday, November 2nd** so accurate reservations can be made. Participants pay for their own meal. Applebee's is located north of Frederik Meijer Gardens half-way between Leonard and Knapp on the east side of East Beltline. The menu can be viewed ahead of time at <http://www.applebees.com/menu>.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY KICKOFF



Plans for our annual GVDS Christmas Party are starting to come together nicely. We will again meet at David's House for an evening of good food and good fellowship to kick-off the holiday season. The club will provide the main meat dish, rolls, coffee, tea, and water along with table service plates, napkins, and silverware. Members are asked to bring an accompanying side dish such as a salad, vegetable, or dessert to fill out the potluck selections. Electric outlets are available for anything that needs to remain hot. As always, such affairs are a delicious event many look forward to. **Please come for a**

punch bowl meet and greet period beginning at 5:30pm with dinner served promptly at 6:00pm.

Because we have the entire evening available to us and to encourage people to get up, move about, and visit with others besides those who are next to you during dinner, some activities are being planned. It'll be the perfect opportunity to have more social time with your friends during this festive time of year. Your choice of some gardening and holiday crafts, a game or two, or simply extra visiting time will be available to you. We found we have some rather good game players last time we did this.

With the desire for all club member attendees of the holiday gathering to receive a door prize, some serious shopping for end of the gardening season sales is in earnest. Along with some daylilies, widely varied and useful items are being gathered for your enjoyment. Also, we will again collect hats, scarves, and mitten donations for the **Santa Claus Girls** which has become a yearly tradition for GVDS. Your generosity has been greatly appreciated by many children in the past. Let's keep it up.



Please **RSVP to Barb Buikema by November 26** of your intention to join the fun on December 1. (bbbuikema@att.net or 616-538-3266) An accurate count is needed to purchase the correct amount of food and supplies. Also, be sure to add a little reminder at the end of your November calendar about this party. December 1 can sneak up on you otherwise.

David's House Ministries is located at 2390 Banner St SW, Wyoming, MI 49509.

GVDS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This is the annual reminder that the yearly GVDS membership expires December 31. Secretary Nancy Sniff will have a copy of the roster for members to check the accuracy of their contact information as they renew their membership. Single membership is \$8 and family membership is \$12. Payment can be mailed to: Nancy Sniff, 1453 Blossom St SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49508. You may also give your renewal to Nancy at our meetings. Checks should be made out to GVDS.



YOUR CHANCE TO WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER

As a garden club, we have a lot to celebrate. We've been in existence now for 31 years. We've introduced and educated literally thousands of people to our favorite flower through our website and annual public shows. We've planted and dug up hundreds of our own plants, as well as club plants, to sell at over fifty successful auctions.

We have heard so many wonderful speakers and can now put a face with some of the daylily tags in our gardens after meeting these hybridizers at a GVDS meeting. We've opened our gardens to our daylily friends in the summer and what wonderful gardens we have seen. We gained so many ideas and solutions to use in our own gardens. Our gardens are better for it!



We've raised money and planted gardens for charities and we've spent some money on our own fun. Bus trips, AHS regionals and nationals have made for lots of laughs and memories. What is your favorite memory made at a GVDS event? We have made friendships we may not have made while sharing our favorite dishes at our potlucks and while visiting at Christmas celebrations, sharing in each other's sadness and joys. We are better people for it!

All these events and activities will continue and maybe even some new and different activities will be introduced when new members step forward to fill the vacancies on our Board of Directors. We will

be writing a new chapter and here is your chance to participate in that!

As has been previously communicated, our current President, Vice President, and Member at Large are not seeking reelection. It would be an excellent time to join the Board of Directors in this most important task. All outgoing Board members have offered to provide assistance and training to the new Board members. Binders for all offices have been kept for many years now and will provide names, ideas, contact information--a wealth of information to the new Board members. The transition will be very smooth.

The two other members of the Board, Nancy Sniff, Secretary, and Bruce Wickmann are seeking reelection. I would be remiss if I did not state that according to our bylaws, these positions can also be contested. Nancy and Bruce are eager to share their past experience with the new incoming Board members. Between the two of them they have 15 years of experience on the Board and can provide the stability needed during this transition.

I think I can speak for all members when I say that we would like our club to continue with leadership providing educational and enjoyable events as it has for so many years. Would you be willing to help out in this very important way? I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with questions, comments, *etc.* soon. I can be reached at slvanderwilp@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (616) 447-8998. Then plan on casting your vote at the November meeting.



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.

GVDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ARE YOU AN AVID DAYLILY SHOPPER?

Do you love to buy daylilies (especially when someone else will get the bill)? Do you have a grower you like to order from because of their great service and plants? If you answered yes to either of these questions, Sharon VanderWilp, Club Plant Chair, would like you to consider being on the 2017 Buying Committee for the Club Plant Program.

The committee, which consists of 2 – 4 club members, will meet after the Christmas/New Year rush is over. They will decide on the grower(s) from which the daylilies will be purchased. These growers are then contacted to see what bonuses would be offered. Then the hunt is on!

The Buying Committee will purchase 24 Door Prize plants at a cost of \$10-\$20 and 12 Auction plants in the \$25 -\$50 price range. They also select the bonus plants as offered by the growers. A wide variety of color, sizes and forms are selected with the goal of selecting great daylilies

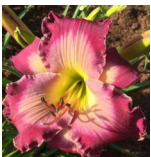
for our Club Growers to grow and then be auctioned after a couple of years. What better activity on a wintry day than picking out colorful daylilies? Through the wonders of email and the world wide web, much of this work can be done at your convenience from your own computer or other device. The orders are finalized in late winter/early spring for shipment in time for the Spring Auction. The Buying Committee meets one more time in early May to randomly distribute and pack the daylilies and the Club Plant Chair hands them over to Club Plant Growers at the Spring Auction.

If you could help your club with this important and fun task, please contact Sharon VanderWilp, Club Plant Program Chair at (616) 447-8998 (phone or text) or slvanderwilp@sbcglobal.net (email). If you have questions regarding this program or the Buying Committee duties, please contact her as well. She is eager to hear from you!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS!

Congratulations to the GVDS club members who have been recognized for their achievements in both the National AHS and in Region 2.

Geraldine Couturiers was honored in the AHS Summer 2016 Journal in an article called "The Early Girl". It is a wonderful story about Gerry and the amazing hybridizing she was involved in. It also shows many of her beautiful daylily Introductions.



Mandy Mc Mahan won the coveted Englerth award for best seedling at the Region 2, 2016 Summer Meeting held in Peoria Illinois this past summer. Great Job Mandy!

The Region 2 2016 Photography contest winners were announced and 5 members of GVDS received Honorable Mention awards for their photos.

- Ginny Pearce received 3 HM's in the Single Category, and two in Landscape.
- Barb Buikema Received two HM's in Artistic and Landscape
- Saundra Dunn two in Single and Artistic
- Bob Buikema, and Lori Hankinson HM's in the Artistic Category.

Barb and Bob Buikema's "The Garden on Restmor" has just been named an AHS display Garden. We want to congratulate all those winners of our club.

