



The GVDS Gazette

A Quarterly Publication of the Grand Valley Daylily Society

July-September 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

July 6-8

Northern Mecca

July 12

Open Garden Tour

Nancy Sniff garden

6:30pm

July 14

Annual Daylily Show

Fredrik Meijer Garden

10:00am

August 2

Summer Picnic

Dave and Eileen Schmuker

6:30pm

September 6

Fall Auction

Cascade Christian Church

6:30pm

September 8

Daylily sale at Rockford

Farmers' Market

October 4

Sandra Dunn

Classic Al Goldner Daylilies

Cascade Christian Church

7:00pm

November 1

Program to be announced

December 6

Christmas Party

GVDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our officers for 2018 have been elected and are:

Peggy Pike – President—616.318.7603—peggypike@yahoo.com

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Nancy Sniff – Secretary—616-455-2548—nsniff@gmail.com

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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.

OPEN GARDEN AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Are you up for an Ice Cream Social? With the weather being cold so late this year, then rainy, then in the 90's, and an unforeseen event my garden has gotten way behind. With help from friends we may conquer some of the weeding but in case everything doesn't get done an Ice Cream Social seems like a good way to help you overlook those out of place things--weeds.



I bought my house 35 years ago and just wanted to have a little back yard garden. This is an acre lot, which is large for a city lot, but I feel like I am in the country with so many trees and bushes. My approach to gardening has been a more casual country look with multiple sculptures and other items scattered throughout in places where you may or may not see them. (Yes, Steve, the yellow wire mesh ball hanging from the tree is a sculpture from an Art Prize artist.) I confess to having over 1200 different varieties of daylilies (yikes!) as well as numerous hosta, heuchera, and other plantings.

We will gather at my house beginning at 6:30pm to give us time to enjoy the gardens. I live at 1452 Blossom St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508. Blossom Street is about half way between 36th Street and 44th Street and only goes to the west off Kalamazoo Avenue. When you see the blue and white "Make Peace" sign at the Plymouth United Church of Christ on Kalamazoo Avenue turn west on Blossom Street. My house is on the left at the corner of Blossom Street and Tallman Street. Blossom Street is only two blocks long and Tallman Street is only one block long. You can angle park on my side of Tallman or parallel on Blossom.

I have lots of shade and so far not a lot of mosquitoes--but that can change--so bring your own chair and bug spray. Additionally, please bring your favorite ice cream topping to share with the club members. The club will furnish the ice cream, bowls, spoons, and drinks.



ANNUAL AUGUST PICNIC

The annual GVDS picnic and open garden is August 2 at 6:30pm at the Schmuker homestead, 4671 7 Mile Rd NE, Belmont, MI 49306. The club will provide the main dish, bottled water, and table service. Please bring a dish to pass, your own chair, and maybe bug spray to combat any mosquitoes. Please RSVP to Eileen via email (divamom3849@gmail.com) or by signing up at the July Open Garden meeting.

Eileen and Dave's gardens are a mix of native and non-native plants with daylilies in almost every area. Their home is east off Northland Drive, just over a mile, and on the north side. You will go straight thru the round about at Brewer, pass Boulder Creek golf course, come up a big hill and pass Chauncey Drive on your right. Look for a gray 2 story home that sits back a bit from the road. They have 3 patriotic signs in their field --a US flag, a barn block, and a law enforcement flag. There is ample parking in the grass on the left side of the driveway.

FALL AUCTION--NOT THAT FAR AWAY

Now that we're eagerly watching scapes grow and early daylilies bloom, it may seem like September is on the far horizon. But both September and the fall auction will be here before we know it as July and August fly by. It's a good time to start making mental notes of plants to donate to the fall auction and to keep an eye open for either pre 1990 plants or interesting garden related things that could be in the Silent Auction.

The auction will be held on September 6 at the Cascade Christian Church, 2819 Thornapple River Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Bidding will start at 7:00pm. Please bring your donations and silent auction items before 6:30pm to give us time to organize and display these items. Doors will open at 6:00pm.

The fall auction will be a donations only auction so the daylilies you contribute will be very important to its success. If you have club plants that were too small to go on the spring auction this year, Sharon VanderWilp requests that you hold those until the Spring 2019 auction.

Volunteers will be needed for setup, for sorting and organizing donations, and to act as runners and spotters during the auction. Auction volunteers can sign up at the July or August meetings or contact Sharon Vanderwilp at slvanderwilp@sbcglobal.net or Claire Sheridan at modelt14@gmail.com if there are questions.

Members should notify Ginny Pearce of daylily donations they wish to make to the fall auction so they are included in the PowerPoint. The daylilies should be 1990 introduction date or newer. Older introductions are welcome for the Silent Auction. Ginny's telephone number is 616 954-0416 and her email is flo-ragin@gmail.com. Good photos are welcome.

The deadline for inclusion in the PowerPoint will be 6:00pm Wednesday night, September 5. Daylily donations made after that will be included in the Silent Auction. Ginny will prepare and then post updates to the auction list on the GVDS website as additional donations are made. For the most complete list of auction plants, members should wait to print the list from the GVDS website for themselves until the day of the auction. Copies of the final auction list also will be available at the auction.

You may have heard that a very special collection was going to be donated at the fall auction. The generous donor is Marian Cavanaugh and she is contributing the Curt Hanson introductions listed below.

Aegean Wind--2006	Message of Love--2007	Suddenly Last Summer--2007
Bare Essentials--2006	Moral Constraints--2006	T-Bone Walker--2001
Boiled Shrimp--2010	Patience of a Saint--2001	Ten Cent Wings--2003
Elizabeth Peacock--2013	Self Determination--2004	Therapeutic Touch--2004
Jean Hamilton Memorial--2004	Soul on Ice--2005	Wicked Insouciance--2003
Joe the Plumber--2009	Spock's Ears--2004	Women Seeking Men--1999
Labyrinth of Solitude--2002	Stoned Soul Picnic--2006	

If you have not had a chance to add these to your collection, September 6 might be your lucky night. Hope to see you then.

18TH ANNUAL DAYLILY SHOW AT FREDRIK MEIJER GARDENS

Building renovations and additions at Frederik Meijer Gardens will bring some temporary changes to our annual Daylily Show. The 18th annual show to be held at FMG is scheduled for Saturday July 14, 2018 beginning at 10:00am through 5:00pm.

Rooms where the past daylily shows have been held are not available. This year's show will be located along the sides of the main corridor leading to the outside gardens. "Long time" members will recall this area as our location 10 years ago. This spot has some advantages with natural window lighting for true colors on flowers and a larger number of visitors passing through the area.

The daylily show will again emphasize the diversity of daylily forms and color patterns with an off-scape (single flower only) display. Tables will also be available for daylily seedlings.

Public voting for a favorite Daylily will be limited to Daylilies on Scape.

Space limitations and concern over accidental damage will limit the Daylily Design Division (Daylilies in Arrangements). There will not be a judged Daylily Design Division this year. Daylilies in a design arrangement will be accepted for display on 1 or 2 tables. Participant arrangers can select any type of design for a display - but are limited to 1 entry. This is a non-judged display and is open to any club member.

Space limitation will prevent having the "Kids Activity" in Building A Daylily.

Meijer Gardens opens to the public at 9:00 AM. An early delivery of your flowers will avoid congestion and facilitate placement. The Show will require visitors to purchase an admission ticket. However, members bringing in flowers will be admitted at no charge.

ROCKFORD FARMERS' MARKET SALE

The sale at the Rockford Farm market is on for September 8. Susan Williams has agreed to chair the event. We will need volunteers and donations of the plants for a successful sale. Susan did a great job last year for the club. We will have a sign-up sheet for the Rockford Sale at the July and August meetings.

You may contact Susan at 616.897.2713 or by email at: sunburd@hotmail.com.



NORTHERN MECCA

The Annual Northern Mecca

Garden Tour and Picnic features eight different gardens of northern hardy hybridizers in the Dayton, Ohio area. It is the premier gathering for northern hardy, cutting edge daylilies. Visitors will have a chance to win some 2018 introductions. There will be raffles for more daylilies. Most gardens will be selling seedlings.

On Saturday, July 7 there will be a picnic at the garden of Dan and Jackie Bachman. You will be treated to a meal prepared especially for you.

Complete information can be found at the Northern Mecca website: northernmecca.com.

Fan Club News

LAST CALL!

Those of you who attended Paul Owens' talk this past April know what beautiful, hardy daylilies he grows. Maybe you got outbid on some of the plants he auctioned that night. Don't be dismayed. You can have a chance to grow his beauties by participating in the Fan Club this year! Slightly Different Nursery specializes in "Northern cold tolerant, drought resistant, and rapidly reblooming daylilies." Paul has been very generous to us and we will be receiving many of his recent introductions including three each from years 2017 and 2018 for Auction plants. Paul will be shipping the summer increase of all plants and if you attended the Spring Auction, you probably saw how hefty his plants were already then! Door prize plants will include Paul's intros from years 2009-2014 as well as daylilies from other hybridizers he calls "collectors delights." Don't delay though. The plants ordered from Slightly Different Nursery will be here on September 6 and Fan Club growers must pick them up that night at the Fall auction. Please contact Sharon VanderWilp, Fan Club Chair at slvanderwilp@sbcglobal.net with questions or to sign up. The deadline to sign up is August 29.

THANK-YOU 2018 FAN CLUB GROWERS

Did I hear someone ask where all those great daylilies came from for our Spring Auction last May? Wonder no longer. The major source of our Spring auction plants are grown by our Fan Club Growers! This Spring "mother nature" threw them a curve ball with snow it seems only weeks before they were to dig, but these members came through with wonderful daylilies making this fundraiser a huge success. Thank you for growing, weeding, watering mulching, labeling, and digging. Our 2018 growers are: Kay Anderson, Armond Aronson, Ned and Rita Brown, Bob and Barb Buikema, Saundra Dunn, Robin Hamilton, Lori Hankinson, Eileen Schmucker, Claire Sheridan, Steve and Ginger Smith, Sharon VanderWilp, Doug and Sandy Veurink, Bruce and Diane Wickmann, and Mari Zelaya.