

The GVDS Gazette

A Quarterly Publication of the Grand Valley Daylily Society

October-December 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

OCTOBER 4

Sandra Dunn

Classic Al Goldner Daylilies

Cascade Christian Church

7:00pm

NOVEMBER 1

Dr. Gus Guzinski

Cascade Christian Church

7:00pm

DECEMBER 6

Christmas Party

Lucy's Café, 1747 Plainfield Avenue

6:30pm-appetizers

7:00pm-meal

2019 meetings at Meijer Gardens

FEBRUARY 7

Rebecca Marquardt, Landscape Architect

Using native pollinator plants in daylily gardens

MARCH 7

TBD

APRIL 4

Steve Williams, O'Bannon Springs

MAY 9

Auction

JUNE 6

TBD

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As fall begins and we start fall cleanup in the garden, I want to thank everyone for their part in hosting meetings, the Daylily show, the Fall auction and the Rockford sale.

Welcome to the new members that joined this year.

As we wrapped up another successful show at Meijer Gardens, I want to thank Steve and Ginger for their hard work over the last 17 years in leading the event. Sadly, Steve is resigning the chair. We will need a new volunteer for the chair or co-chairs for 2019. Please consider if you are able to help with this project.

The donations of plants for the fall sale were amazing. Thank you to Marian Cavanaugh for the donations of plants.

This fall we look forward to Sandra Dunn presenting in October and in November our program will be presented by Gus Guzinski of Kalamazoo .

The Christmas program will be at Lucy's Café in the Aisle Nine event space. I look forward to an enjoyable night with the group.

ENDURING APPEAL

"Al Goldner was an intriguing figure in mid-Michigan daylily hybridizing history. Though Mr. Goldner passed away many years ago, his plants have a contemporary appeal and garden presence. His daylilies are still sought after by quite a few collectors. Saundra Dunn, owner of Along The Fence Daylilies, and Dr. Robert Mainfort, archeologist, researcher and gardener, have been fascinated by the question, "What is the enduring appeal of Al Goldner's daylilies?" They will share highlights from an article they are writing for an upcoming issue of the Great Lakes Newsletter. Bob has uncovered many intriguing primary documents as they have worked on this article.

They have interviewed local gardeners who worked with Mr. Goldner or belonged to SMDS with him. Saundra will share photos of the many Goldner daylilies she has collected over the past 15 years. And they will be eager to hear of your own experiences with Goldner daylilies.

Join us at Cascade Christian Church on October 4 at 7:00pm for this informative program.

EXTENDING YOUR DAYLILY BLOOM SEASON



Spring Storm

The November 1 program will be a presentation by Gus Guzinski. Dr. Guzinski has been working on early blooming daylilies for many years. Gardeners who want to extend the daylily season with early bloomers will want to hear about the advances he has made. The program starts at 7 pm and will be held at the Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join the Grand Valley Daylily Society as we kick off the holiday season by sharing dinner, Thursday December 6, at Lucy's Café, 1747 Plainfield Ave, Grand Rapids, 49505. This is on the corner of Plainfield Ave and Ann St. Beginning at 6:30pm we will start with pinwheel appetizers and punch bowl. This will be followed by a sit down dinner at 7:00pm of chicken, mashed potatoes, and mixed vegetables. To end our delicious meal we will enjoy a mixed berry cheesecake. Your choice of soft drink, coffee or juice is included

The price of our meal (\$15-\$20) will be determined by the number of people in attendance. Please be sure to RSVP by November 20

To help the less fortunate in our county, we will once again collect hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for Santa Claus Girls. See you then

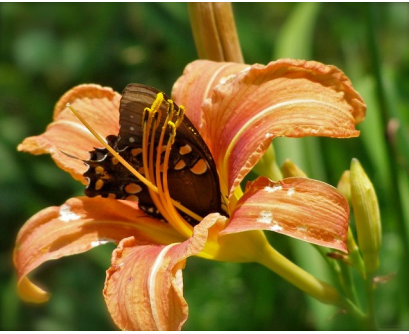


GVDS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



The time has come to renew your GVDS membership. If the roster sent to you this Spring shows 2018 by your name that means your membership expires on December 31. Dues are only \$8 for a single membership and \$12 for family membership. You can either mail them to our treasurer Bruce Wickmann, 4430 62nd Street, Holland, MI 49423 OR give your dues renewal to him at one of our meetings. If you don't renew you will no longer receive club notifications but more importantly you will be greatly missed

FREE COURSE ABOUT POLLINATORS



Did you know that over 90 crops in the U.S. are dependent on pollinators? Or that around 80 percent of all flowering plants need pollinators? Without pollinators, we would lose many of the fruits and vegetables we like to eat as well as the amazing diversity we enjoy out in nature. You may have heard about the dire situation some pollinators face, such as the endangered rusty patched bumble bee or the severe declines in migrating monarch butterfly populations. Now there is a free way to learn more about the important role pollinators play in our lives and what we can do to help them.

You can become a champion for pollinators by taking a new online course offered by Michigan State University called Pollinator Champions. The Michigan Pollinator Initiative team created Pollinator Champions because they saw growing public interest in gaining research-based information about pollinators and pollinator decline. Pollinator Champions will guide you through the amazing world of pollinators and pollination.

Check out this free online course by going to: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/news/become-a-champion-for-pollinators-with-new-online-course-from-msu>

GET OUT THE VOTE

It's that time of year again—time to elect the 2019 GVDS Board of Directors!

All present board members have agreed to be on the ballot. The current Board of Directors is as follows:

Peggy Pike	President
Claire Sheridan	Vice President
Nancy Sniff	Secretary
Bruce Wickmann	Treasurer
Eileen Schmucker	Member at Large



As is the case each and every year, any member of GVDS can submit their name or that of another member to assume any one of the above mentioned positions. I will contact any names that are submitted by someone else to get the approval of the person prior to making their name known. These name(s) will then be presented to the membership and the voting will be done by a confidential paper ballot. We will vote at our meeting on Thursday, November 1 at 7:00pm at Cascade Christian Church.

If you have any questions whatsoever about the election, the duties of the board members, etc., or wish to submit a name to be placed on the ballot, please contact Nominations Chair, Sharon VanderWilp by email at slvanderwilp@sbcglobal.net or phone (616) 447-8998.

See you at the polls!

A HEARTY ROUND OF APPLAUSE



As you probably know, our 2018 Fan Club plants were ordered from Paul Owens, Slightly Different Nursery in North Carolina.

A huge thank you to Lori Hankinson who got the ball rolling on this order while she was preparing for Paul's visit and talk last Spring. I have thanked Paul by email, but wanted to let club members know of Paul's kind generosity to GVDS. Paul not only sent generous "double fans" and many 2018 and 2017 introductions of his, but was an absolute joy to work with on the order. And if that was not enough, he took 50 percent off the total cost of the invoice!

Please also give a round of applause to Claire Sheridan who gave up her time over the Labor Day weekend to divvy up and pack the plants for the 2018 growers.

These great plants are now growing in the gardens of our eight Fan Club growers and will be ready for your bidding in 2020 and 2021.

Thank you!

Sharon VanderWilp, Fan Club Chair

GVDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our officers for 2018 have been elected and are:

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

Claire Sheridan—Vice President—616.837.8474—modelt14@gmail.com

Bruce Wickmann – Treasurer—616-399-4907—bdwicks@gmail.com

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

Eileen Schmuker – Member at Large—616.540.8783—divamom3849@gmail.com

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