

The GVDS Gazette

A Quarterly Publication of the Grand Valley Daylily Society
February-March 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The remodeling at Frederik Meijer Gardens is making good progress. The room in which we will be meeting has been finished. We will be returning to FMG beginning with our February meeting

FEBRUARY 7

Rebecca Marquardt
Landscape Architect
Frederik Meijer Gardens
7:00pm

MARCH 7

Rod and Heidi Grasman
Garden Crossings
Frederik Meijer Gardens
7:00pm

APRIL 4

Steve Williams, O'Bannon Springs
Frederik Meijer Gardens
7:00pm

MAY 16

Spring Auction
Cascade Christian Church

JUNE 6

Open Garden
Ben and Sharon VanderWilp

JULY 11

Program to be determined

AUGUST 1

Program to be determined

SEPTEMBER 5

Fall Auction
Cascade Christian Church

OCTOBER 3

Sandra Dunn
Late Blooming Daylilies
Frederik Meijer Gardens
7:00pm

NOVEMBER 7

Ginny Pearce
Frederik Meijer Gardens
7:00pm

DECEMBER 5

Christmas Party
Cascade Christian Church

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Wow! What a winter we are having! I personally have loved not having snow so I can walk outside every day. I was able to plant more tulips on Christmas Eve in the thawed ground. I am hoping for a beautiful spring since I planted over 200 bulbs this year.

Thank you! I want to thank all the faithful volunteers and members of the group that helped with the events last year. Our revenue went up last year so thank you to all who donated plants, purchased plants and worked the events. Each of you made for a successful year.

I wanted to increase the membership last year so welcome to our new members. I look forward to meeting you this Spring at the meetings at Frederik Meijer Gardens.

We have a nice line up of speakers this year. Claire worked at getting Steve Williams from O'Bannon Springs to speak on his hybridizing program for us. Sandra and Ginny will be speaking in the fall. We are also working on a bus trip for the summer to Along the Fence Daylilies so you can redeem your gift card from Sandra last year. The Grasman's will be back with more plants to introduce to us. I am looking forward to Rebecca Marquardt from Revery being here in February for new ideas for the garden.

~~~Peggy Pike

## USING NATIVE POLLINATORS AND PLANTS IN THE DAYLILY GARDEN

Our yards reflect many things - the climate (rainfall, sunlight, temperatures), ecosystem (forest, prairie, wetland, river, lake, etc), architecture (style of home and neighborhood character), and personal gardening style. All of us garden for personal reasons, maybe as stress relief, or because the joy and happiness from getting our hands in the soil and smelling the flowers is better than anything else in the world! Maybe we garden to enhance the aesthetics of our yards, as an artistic expression. What about the ecological value that benefits the bigger world around us? Invariably there are other visitors of our gardens and yards that can bring true delight - especially the graceful winged visitors like birds, dragonflies, butterflies and bees! There are many beneficial insects, like pollinators, that add this other dimension to gardening.

Rebecca Marquardt is a landscape architect and owner of Revery, a design studio that uses an integrative design process that conserves, restores and creates high functioning ecological landscapes. She has over twenty years in the industry from manual labor to presenting to state legislators, has designed a master plan for a state capitol, formal gardens at a Governor's mansion and over the years shifted to working almost exclusively with native plants working with communities and individuals to add beautiful, designed native habitat. Regular instructor at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Rebecca shares enthusiasm with her audience and ways to bring nature into our yards in authentic and beautiful ways.

On Thursday, February 7, in addition to a brief discussion about native pollinators of Michigan, we will specifically discuss ways to incorporate native plants into existing garden beds, which means we will be talking about design. Come ready to learn, ask specific questions about your yard and leave with some helpful material to plan for the gardening season ahead!

~~~Rebecca Marquardt

NEW PLANTS WITH GARDEN CROSSINGS

The March 7 program for the Grand Valley Daylily Society will have two familiar faces, Rod and Heidi Grasman of Garden Crossings in Zeeland. They bring a program about exciting new perennials being released by Walters Gardens and plants to be raffled off so the lucky winners go home with something fun for their gardens. The program will be held at 7:00pm at Meijer Gardens



Color Blaze Coleus



Truffula Pink Globe
Amaranth



Hibiscus Air Brush Effect



Echinacea Sombrero Tres
Amigos

~~~ Claire Sheridan

## METAL PLANT TAGS FOR SALE

Our Club has been providing metal plant tags to our members at cost for many years. We purchase tags in large quantities to get the best price for our members. Over the years, we have had to change vendors and quality of tags to provide tags that will last longer and hold up to sometimes severe Michigan winters. The past several years we have been buying metal tags from Paw Paw Everlast Label Company in Paw Paw, Michigan. They have a couple of levels of quality from which to choose. We have chosen to get the higher quality tags with Heavy Duty Label tags and Stainless-Steel Wires. Since we have not purchased tags since 2017, we will undoubtedly see a slight price increase with this year's order. We will continue to sell the tags on hand at the current price until they are gone. Sandy Olson, our Plant Tag Chairperson, has 115 of the 11" tags and 150 of the 21" tags.

As a reminder, the current price for tags is \$13 per pack of 25 HD tags with 11" SS wires, and \$23 per pack of 25 HD tags with 21" SS wires.

The new prices this year will be \$14 per pack of 25 HD tags with 11" SS wires and \$24 per pack of 25 HD tags and 21" SS wires, once we run out of the current inventory.

Please contact Sandy prior to a monthly meeting to arrange for her to bring your tags to the meeting. Sandy will most often carry a limited number of tags to each meeting which are available for sale

## GVDS MEMBERSHIP



GVDS membership renewals were due December 31. If you haven't renewed by now it still isn't too late. Single membership is only \$8 and family membership is only \$12. Payment can be made to Bruce Wickmann. We have some fun and interesting meetings scheduled for this year and don't want you to miss out - plus do you really want to miss out on all the times I annoy with emails?

~~~Nancy Sniff, Secretary

SHOPPERS UNITE!

This shopping won't involve Black Friday or even Cyber Monday. It will involve buying daylilies! Now that I have your attention, please consider serving on the Buying Committee for the 2019 Fan Club.

Sharon VanderWilp, the Fan Club Chair and the Buying Committee will meet at a mutually convenient location and time to talk about this year's program and the daylily sellers they wish to use. The Chair will contact these sources to see what is offered for club orders. The Buyers then begin shopping online, from their homes, for a nice assortment of daylilies for our Fan Club growers to return at future auctions. During the winter months, the Chair places this order and we then meet again in September to prepare this purchase in time for distribution to our Fan Club growers at our September, 2019 auction. What a great way to not only help out your club, but also add a little color to your winter!

If you have any questions about this, please contact Sharon VanderWilp at slvanderwilp@sbcglobal.net or (616) 447-8998. If you can help with this fun and important task, please let Sharon know by February 9 so that the shopping can begin!



2018 TREASURER'S REPORT

We finished the year in strong financial shape. Our revenues were close to what we budgeted, \$5903 verses \$5950. Our expenditures were about \$2,500 less than budgeted. We didn't spend near what we had expected to in several areas, such as speaker expenses, plant purchases, and plant tags to name a few.

At year's end our bank account balance was \$7,538.90, which is \$962.23 more than at the beginning of the year. The Board is working on the 2019 annual budget during January and should have a proposed budget to present to the membership for approval at the February meeting. If you ever have any questions regarding our club finances, please feel free to see me at one of our meetings or email me.

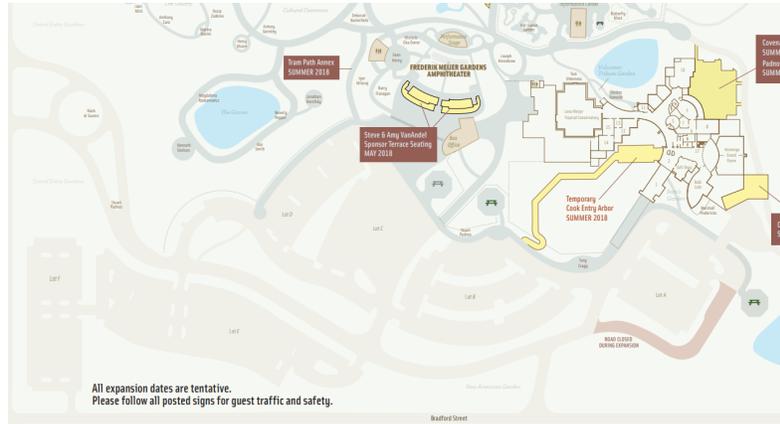
Bruce Wickmann - Treasurer

NEW MEETING ROOM:

We will be back to Frederik Meijer Gardens this Spring. I was able to tour the new rooms we will be using this Spring and Fall. We will be on the lower level in the Jandernoa and Burgess rooms for the speaking events. The newly renovated rooms have walls of windows to enjoy the outside view.

The parking lots are changing due to renovation please review the parking lots on the gardens website:

https://www.meijergardens.org/storage/docs/2018_Visitor_Map_May.pdf



ANNUAL DAYLILY SHOW

We will be in the Jandernoa and Burgess rooms for the Show on July 20, 2019. The current tentative team leaders are Peggy Pike, Eileen Schmuker and Steve and Ginger Smith. Steve and Ginger will be organizing the Floral Show Division on the event. The show will be held with the Hosta Show in an adjoining room. The public will have the opportunity to take in both shows on Saturday.



PROPOSALS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP TO CONSIDER:

We will be proposing to combine the July and August meeting into a bus trip to Along the Fence Daylilies and one other local garden. Trip will include lunch and hopefully a 40 passenger bus for the transportation. Date is August 3.

Time is approximately 9:00am pick up with a 4:00pm return from the last garden. Home arrival would be after 5:30.

Another business item: Club shirts. I am working with Gladys Dodger to organize another shirt order and club to vote on member reimbursement for shirt.

Update of the approved purchase of a club tent and propose the purchase of an all weather banner

GVDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our officers for 2019 have been elected and are:

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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