

# The GVDS Gazette

A Quarterly Publication of the Grand Valley Daylily Society  
October-December 2019

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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  
Meet and Greet 6:30pm  
Meal 7:00pm

## OCTOBER PROGRAM: CHOOSING DAYLILIES FOR LATE SEASON COLOR

For most daylily lovers, the bloom season just seems to end too early. On October 3, Sandra Dunn of Along The Fence Daylilies shared photos and observations of some of her favorite daylily cultivars to add color through August and well into September. In her PowerPoint presentation, she gave information about reliable rebloomers for Michigan as well as late and very late-blooming varieties. The list below was developed by Sandra to help anyone who wants to extend their daylily bloom season.

Sandra also announced that she will be the exclusive distributor for Kathy Rinke's introductions. Kathy is becoming increasingly well known for her hybridization program. Sandra already has received plants from Kathy and will have part of one row devoted to them so people will be able to see and purchase them next summer.

### Late Bloomers

The Jury's Out  
August Pioneer  
August Ruby  
August Cheer  
Lord of Autumn  
Olallie Mack  
Butterscotch Candy  
Dublin Elaine  
Carol Sing  
Orchid Corsage  
Truly Angelic  
Many of the Techny cultivars

### Less Well Known Lates

Michigan Fall Color  
Sailor Sky  
Give Me Fuel  
Fun In Acapulca  
Forsyth White Buds  
Boundless Beauty  
Charon the Ferryman  
Hakuna Matada  
Pagan Spirit  
Swamp Creature  
Evening Tulip  
Jan Zoo  
Cowboy Scarf  
Catch A Falling Star  
Fat Lady Sings

### Reliable Rebloomers

Stella de Oro  
Stella's Ruffled Fingers  
Zella Virginia  
Christmas Mimosas  
Woof Returns  
Banner of Love  
Fuzz Bunny  
Thanks Two Friends  
Prickly Sensation  
Summer Wind  
Prissy Peekaboo  
Galaxy Explosion  
Gigglefest  
Whatchmacallit  
Awesome Candy  
Piping Rock  
Solaris Orbit  
Rosemary Mussar  
Swedish Girl  
Westbourne Peaches  
Banana Buds

### Very Lates

Ginny Pearce seedlings  
Sandra Elizabeth  
Olallie Keith  
VT RR Red  
Tahitian Sunrise  
Suzy Cream Cheese  
Fred's Red  
Captain Noodles  
Shirley Bixler  
Boogie My Woogie Baby  
Indian Ripple  
Cake Plate  
Yada Yada Yella  
Hard Times  
After Awhile Crocodile



## NOVEMBER PROGRAM: GINNY PEARCE DAYLILIES



Ginny has been a gardener all her life. Her love of perennials began 40 years ago and quickly focused on hosta and daylilies due to their high performance with minimal care. Her involvement with daylilies progressed to hybridizing in 1996. As a single parent she couldn't afford the newest daylilies she saw in catalogs of the day, so she decided to use her botany education to try creating her own pretty daylily faces. As a teacher, she had summers free to garden and sold perennials at a local Farmer's Market. Some early dabbling success fueled her quest significantly.

Once she retired from teaching, she expanded her backyard perennial business and formally introduced her first five cultivars with the American Hemerocallis Society in 2011. She plants only 400 seedlings into the ground each May. Only about 10% of each year's newest-to-bloom seedlings are kept, provided they surpass previous 'keepers' to earn a place in the evaluation beds.



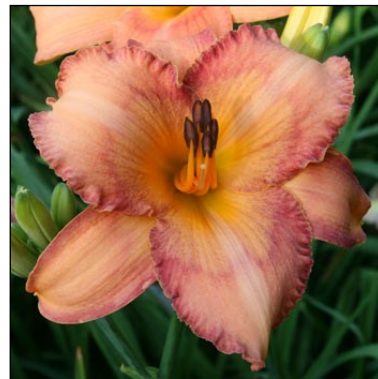
Her hybridizing objective is to create very hardy, robust, and northern re-blooming tetraploid daylilies with large flowers of great color, substance, and form displayed as a minimum of 20 buds per well-branched scape. She strives for overall plant performance to ensure a beautiful garden

presence as well as valuable hybridizing genetics. She firmly believes northern daylily gardeners should expect similar extended weeks of bloom from individual cultivars that southern daylily growers commonly enjoy. She recently expanded her work with tetraploids to include tall unusual forms in addition to the round ruffled types.

Ginny currently has 26 introductions with many more beauties in the works for the years ahead. Her PowerPoint presentation will showcase some of her most promising seedlings and upcoming introductions.



The meeting will be held on November 7 at 7:00pm in a downstairs classroom of Frederik Meijer Gardens. Look for the signs. The public is invited to attend at no charge and no admission fee to the Gardens.



## NOMINATIONS FOR NOVEMBER

November will soon be here so that means Election Day for the 2020 GVDS Board of Directors! Plan on coming to the polls at our November 7 meeting at 7 pm at Frederik Meijer Gardens.

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

But keep reading!?? 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.

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](mailto:slvanderwilp@sbcglobal.net) or phone /text (616) 447-8998.

See you at the polls!

## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As I write this article, I have a sleeping cat sitting on my lap as I take a momentary break from gardening. Over the last month, I removed a weed infested flower bed to give a new home to the daylilies from Along the Fence Daylilies and the 2019 auctions.

As a club we had a successful trip over to Along the Fence Daylilies and the beautiful garden of her friend, Nancy. Nancy's garden was the restful garden of my dreams. Beautiful landscaping and a pleasant view from a gazebo where I can relax.

As we prepare our garden beds for fall, we had the opportunity to hear Sandra speak on late blooming Daylilies.

Then in November, Ginny Pearce will share Hybridizing for Northern Rebloom. I stopped over to her garden in September and saw two beautiful late blooming daylilies.

Lastly, I want to give a heartfelt thank you for the generosity of our members, Gerry and Jack Couturier. Many gardens have been blessed with your hybridized daylilies through this auction. We appreciate your dedication to the advancement of daylilies.

Sincerely,

Peggy



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Those of you who were present for the Fall Auction noticed that we made some changes to the bidding and tabulating process for tracking the plant sales. Each bidder was given a green bid card like we have used in the past, but with a number on the back of the card. When you signed in, you were given the number which corresponded to the line where you printed and signed your name. As you bid on plants, the winning amount and the bid number were announced by the Auctioneer and was recorded onto a spreadsheet that kept a running total for all bidders. At the end of the auction the Silent Auction tally was also recorded to the spreadsheet to give a total for each participant. This system greatly simplified the checkout process and gave accurate totals for each bidder. We were able to reconcile the auction tally in minutes versus hours or days toiling over bid cards and tally sheets.

We intend to refine this process further to make it easier for you bidders, by providing a plant list with a column to record your bid amount instead of requiring you to record each purchase on the "green card". Hopefully, this will allow each of you to concentrate on the next plant coming up for bid instead of the distraction of recording your last purchase. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding this new method of recording our auction tallies, please feel free to contact Bruce Wickmann or any of the Board members.

The final tally of the Fall Auction by category is as follows:

Couturier Introductions -	\$530
Couturier Collection	\$675
Member Donations	\$235
Silent Auction	\$118
Total Auction	\$1,558
Rockford plus additions -	\$388.85

## CHRISTMAS PARTY:

On December 5 we will be enjoying the annual Christmas dinner at Cascade Christian Church. The club is providing the meat for the meal. We will have smoked pork slices and meatballs. Please help make the meal special by providing the appetizers, side dishes and deserts.

This year we will be collecting for two charities as a way to give back to the community. As in past years Santa Claus Girls will be collecting hats and mittens for children. Our second charity is Toys for Tots. We will accept cash donations for either charity.



Arrive at the church at 6:30pm for Meet and Greet with the meal being served at 7:00pm

## 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

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

John Frey  
Henry Wright  
Patrick and Leslie Ballard  
Steve Reiger  
Victoria Nguyen  
Susie Everse

### GVDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our officers for 2019 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—nsmiff@gmail.com  
**Eileen Schmuker** – Member at Large—616.540.8783—  
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## GVDS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



The time has come to renew your GVDS membership. If the roster sent to you this spring has 2019 by your name that means your membership expires on December 31. Secretary Nancy Sniff will have the current roster at our meetings. Please see her if you need to check your membership expiration date. Dues are only \$8 for a single membership and \$12 for family membership. You can either mail your renewal to our treasurer, Bruce Wickmann, 4430 62nd Street, Holland, MI 49423 OR give it 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.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Single membership \$8 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$12 \_\_\_\_\_