

# The GVDS Gazette

A Quarterly Publication of the Grand Valley Daylily Society  
April-June, 2020

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**APRIL 2**

**CANCELLED**

**MAY 14**

Spring Daylily Auction  
Cascade Christian Church  
Drop-off 6:30pm Auction start 7:00pm

**MAY 24-26**

AHS National Convention  
Savannah Georgia

**JUNE 4**

Jessie Schulte  
Kent Conservation District Office  
6:30pm

**JULY 10-12**

AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting  
Coshocton, Ohio

**JULY 18**

Annual Daylily Show  
Frederik Meijer Gardens

**AUGUST 1**

Bus Trip  
Along The Fence Daylilies  
MSU Gardens

**SEPTEMBER 10**

Fall Auction  
Cascade Christian Church  
Drop off 6:00pm Auction start 7:00pm

**SEPTEMBER 12**

Rockford Farmers' Market

**OCTOBER 1**

Sandra Dunn  
Frederik Meijer Gardens  
7:00pm

**NOVEMBER 5**

Dan Bachman  
Valley of the Daylilies  
Location TBA

**DECEMBER 3**

Christmas Party  
Cascade Christian Church  
6:30pm

The Board of Directors will be monitoring the coronavirus situation as it develops and will keep you informed if it is going to affect any planned meetings.

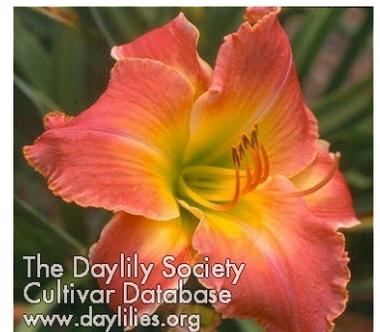
### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Changing times requires flexibility. You probably knew or have guessed this was coming but for the safety and welfare of all our members we thought it prudent to cancel our April 2 meeting. We have contacted Dan Bachman and he was concerned too. We have rescheduled him for our November 5 meeting.

We will re-evaluate the situation prior to the May 14 Spring Auction. Hope for the best. We will let you know.

At this point, enjoy your time as we prepare our gardens for the summer.

Peggy



## 2020 MEETING REPORT AND UPDATE

The Grand Valley Daylily Society is planning an exciting year in 2020. Already there have been two outstanding programs. Steve Reiger, Master Beekeeper, brought in beekeeping equipment that he uses and explained the life cycle of honeybees as well as telling wonderful stories of his adventures in beekeeping. At the March meeting he graciously brought in jars of his honey.



Nate Bremer of Solaris Farms in Wisconsin was the March speaker. He told the club about his hybridizing program and the key factors he looks for when evaluation plants. The most important thing he looks at first is the quality of the plant and the last one is the bloom. He donated and auctioned a selection of his northern Wisconsin hardy hybrids, and found there were eager buyers for these beautiful plants. He will dig and ship them in July because he believes that is when plants transplant and establish best in cooler climates.

### FUTURE MEETINGS IN 2020

The **May 14** auction will be held at the Cascade Christian Church. Doors will open at 6:00pm for volunteers who are setting up the room for the auction. Plants and silent auction items can be brought in starting at 6:30pm for volunteers to organize for the auction. The auction will begin at 7:00pm. Auction proceeds are used to fund club activities like bus trips and other member benefits.



On **June 4** we will meet at the Kent Conservation District at 3260 Eagle Park Drive NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 at 6:30pm. Jesse Schulte, District Manager, will give us a tour of the grounds by the building and a presentation on the District's goals and activities. You may want to bring a lawn chair for the short business meeting following the presentation.

This is a sneak peak of our November meeting. Together with Dan Bachman, the Board of Directors have cancelled the **April 2** meeting. Dan Bachman of Valley of the Daylilies has agreed to reschedule and be our speaker at the November meeting. Dan will be speaking about his hybridizing program and auctioning some of his plants in a 50/50 auction. Time and place will be announced in the future.



### ANNUAL DAYLILY SHOW

**FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS—SATURDAY, JULY 18, 10:00AM-5:00PM**

This is a non-judged show. The public is encouraged to vote for any Daylily "on-scape" (stalk) to be displayed in a vase provided by the club. The Daylily show is primarily a display of "off-scape" flowers. This gives the public an exhibit of the wide variety in colors, shapes, and sizes of Daylilies. Unregistered Daylily seedlings are also welcomed to be placed on display.

Plan to participate on July 18 by bringing your daylilies. The show will be held in the Jandernoa room—the same room as our meetings. We will also need volunteers for the hospitality table, kids' activity and clean up. Contact Peggy Pike with questions at 616-318-7603 or [peggypike@yahoo.com](mailto:peggypike@yahoo.com).

## WHEELIN' N DEALIN' ON MAY 14



Mark your calendars now for the May 14 Spring Auction at Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Doors open at 6:00pm for setup, plant drop off is at 6:30pm and bidding will start promptly at 7:00pm. The public is invited so encourage your friends to attend this exciting event. Cash and checks are accepted. The daylilies up for bid are those from Slightly Different Nursery North Country, and CT Daylily. Slightly Different Nursery daylilies are the door prize plants and 1st returns. Those from North Country and CT Daylily are 2nd returns.

You can see some of the beauties that will be auctioned by going to the Grand Valley Daylily Society website [www.grandvalleydaylily.org](http://www.grandvalleydaylily.org). 'Open Fire' and 'Malbec' are two examples of Paul Owens' high quality daylilies that will be on the auction. 'Hall of Justice' and 'Longlesson Liberty Belle' are two gorgeous daylilies that come from North Country Daylilies.



Award Winner plants will be on the auction as will member donations. Door prize plants will be available for the lucky winners of the door prize raffle. Some of the gems in this category will be 'Oy Vey', 'Queen of Can Do', 'Nancy the Rose Queen', 'Shutterbug', and others that will make you want raise your hand with a door prize claim or a winning bid.

The Silent Auction will take place before verbal bidding begins and during the break. Start thinking about items you can donate for the Silent Auction. Donations do not have to be garden related. Daylilies introduced before 1995 will be included in the silent auction.

Members should notify Ginny Pearce of daylily donations they wish to make to the spring auction so they are included in the PowerPoint. Only daylilies introduced in 1995 or after will be included in the power point presentation. **Daylilies introduced before 1995 will be included in the silent auction.** If you have daylily photos they should be sent to Ginny also. Ginny's telephone number is 616 954-0416 and her email is [flogragin@gmail.com](mailto:flogragin@gmail.com). The deadline for inclusion in the PowerPoint is 5:00pm Wednesday night, May 13. 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 final list of auction plants, members should wait to print the list from the GVDS website for themselves until the day of the auction. Some copies of the final auction list will be available at the auction.

You can start shopping now by checking out the list of all the Fan Club and Award Winner daylilies in this newsletter. See you on Thursday, May 14.

### GVDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our officers for 2019 have been elected and are:

**Peggy Pike** – President—616.318.7603—[peggypike@yahoo.com](mailto:peggypike@yahoo.com)

**Claire Sheridan**—Vice President—616.837.8474—[modelt14@gmail.com](mailto:modelt14@gmail.com)

**Bruce Wickmann** – Treasurer—616-399-4907—[bdwicks@gmail.com](mailto:bdwicks@gmail.com)

**Nancy Sniff** – Secretary—616-455-2548—[nsniff@gmail.com](mailto:nsniff@gmail.com)

**Eileen Schmuker** – Member at Large—616.540.8783—[divamom3849@gmail.com](mailto: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

# 2020 Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence Nomination Form

At the 1989 Region 2 Summer Meeting, this award was announced and sponsored by the Southern Michigan Daylily Society. It is a free-form, sand-etched glass plate with an engraved image of Howard Hite's H. 'Indonesia'. **The award is not based on the quantity of nominations for any individual, but on the quality of the individual's years of hybridizing efforts to improve daylily cultivars.** Please take the time to describe what the individual has accomplished.

The criteria for selection of a recipient are as follows:

- The award is to honor a Region 2 AHS member who has contributed notable achievements in the field of hybridizing from years of a dedicated hybridizing program.**
- The award may be given each year only if a recipient is selected.
- A person may receive the award only one time.
- Deceased hybridizers may be considered for the award.
- Any AHS Region 2 Member (including committee members) **may submit names of possible recipients** to the Awards and Honors Chair before April 15, of each year. The **final selection will be determined by the Hite Award Committee** composed of four members and the Regional President representing the five states in the Region.
- Names of past nominees may be considered as possible candidates for future years.

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## Previous Howard Hite Award Recipients

1990 Dr. Charles Branch  
1991 No Award  
1992 Bryant Millikan  
1993 Charles Reckamp  
1994 Steve Moldovan  
1995 Howard Hite  
1996 Charles Griesbach  
1997 Dennis Anderson  
1998 Curt Hanson  
1999 Margie Soules

2000 Jon Benz  
2001 Leo Sharp  
2002 Walter Jablonski  
2003 Charles Applegate  
2004 Dan Bachman  
2005 Dottie Warrell  
2006 Don Jerabeck  
2007 Richard Norris  
2008 Roy Klehm

2009 Jamie Gossard  
2010 Robert Ellison  
2011 Joel Thomas Polston  
2012 James Marsh  
2013 Martin Kaminski  
2014 Sandy Holmes  
2015 Bret Clement  
2016 Phil & Luella Korth  
2017 Bob Faulkner  
2018 John Kulpa  
2019 Mandy McMahon

### 2020 Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence Nomination Form

Nominations for the Hite Award are made by Region 2 Members. Use this form and attach any additional documentation, to support your nomination if desired. **You are encouraged to give detailed reasons for your nomination.** This form may be photocopied.

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

For the following reasons \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are You an AHS Member ?    Yes    No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this form by April 15, 2020, and mail or scan / email to:**

Gail Braunstein, Region 2 Awards and Honors Chair  
3010 McIntire Road  
Morrow, Ohio 45152  
513-899-2497  
gailbraunstein@hotmail.com



2020 American Daylily Society Region 2  
 Summer Meeting July 10-12, 2020  
 Coshocton Village Inn & Suites

Registration Form

Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Meeting Registration (Hotel Accommodations Are Not Included)**

Registration Fee Postmarked Prior to May 1, 2020:	\$130/Person	\$ _____
Youth Members	\$ 65/Youth	\$ _____
Friday Night Dinner Guest	\$ 15	\$ _____
Saturday Night Dinner Guest	\$ 27	\$ _____
Total Check Amount		\$ _____

**Please note any dietary allergies or considerations:** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes Motor Coach Tours to 4 gardens, Lunch during the tour, Buffet Dinner on Friday and Saturday Evenings.

**Payment Information: Registration and Checks Must be Postmarked by June 1, 2020**

Please mail Completed Form with Check Payable to AHS Region 2:

Gail Braunstein, Registrar  
 3010McIntire Road  
 Morrow, Ohio 45152

Registration will be confirmed and Schedule of Events will be E-mailed when the schedule is final.

**Clinics:** A fee of \$5.00 per participant is payable at the door for each clinic.

Clinic Title	Attendee's Name	Clinic Title	Attendee's Name
Garden Judge 1		Exhibition Judge 1	
Garden Judge 2		Exhibition Judge 2	
		Exhibition Judge 3	

**Hotel Information:**

**Coshocton Village Inn & Suites**  
 115 N Water Street  
 Coshocton, Ohio 43812  
 740-622-9455

Room Rate for a Standard Room (Two Queen Beds –Non Smoking) \$99.95 Plus Tax Per Night

Room Rate for a King Suite (King Bed – Non Smoking) \$109.95 Plus Tax Per Night

**Room Rates include A Hot Breakfast**

**Attendees are responsible for booking their own rooms. Please Book Early. You must call to book the room and get the group rate. You cannot get the group rate using the online reservation tool. There is a room block under the American Daylily Society, Region 2. Please mention this block when booking your rooms.**