



The GVDS Gazette

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 19

Micheal Anders

Lavender Parade: Spreading the

Pollen Around

Virtual Program

7:00pm

FEBRUARY 9

Sandra Dunn

90's Daylilies

Virtual Program

7:00pm

FEBRUARY 17-19

Winter Symposium

MARCH 2

Bevin Cohen

Seed Saving

Frederik Meijer Gardens

7:00pm

APRIL 6

Carole Hunter

Northern Hardy Daylilies

Frederik Meijer Gardens

7:00pm

MAY 11

Spring Auction

JUNE 15

Walters Gardens Display Garden

JUNE 15-17

National Daylily Convention

Nashville, Tennessee

JULY 15-17

Region 2 Summer Meeting

Lansing, MI

JULY 29

Open Garden and Picnic

Jerri Schultz

This will be a July/August combined meeting

SEPTEMBER 7

Fall auction

OCTOBER 5

Jerry and Lisa Marlatt

Frederik Meijer Gardens

7:00pm

NOVEMBER 2

Annual Club Party

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

As this letter comes out, we are working on our personal New Year's resolutions. I am working on a few personal goals such as cleaning and decluttering the house and garden. We have some opportunities for you this year to declutter your garden. As a club, we have pledged to support our own auctions/sales and to support a regional plant sale for the conference this summer. Sandra is sharing the details of the event in another article in this newsletter. Please take this opportunity to think about reducing your gardens and share your plants with a larger group at the Summer Meeting and at the Rockford Farmers' Market.

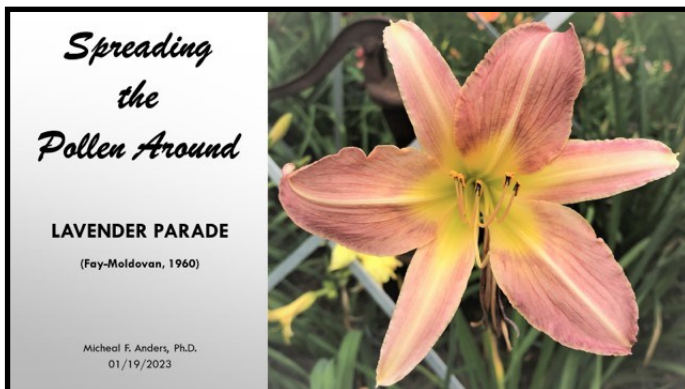


Claire has arranged some great speakers for us on Zoom and in person. We are continuing to evolve as a group and spread our knowledge. I want to thank everyone for your help, attendance, and dedication to the group. We welcome the new members from 2022, and look forward to getting to know you at our events this year.

~~Peggy

SPREADING THE POLLEN AROUND

Micheal Anders



“Spreading the Pollen Around” discusses how a simple little 1960 diploid introduction, named LAVENDER PARADE, went on to become the “mother plant” for roughly 40% of all registered tetraploid cultivars, including many award-winning daylilies hybridized by some of today’s most prominent breeders. It discusses how LAVENDER PARADE was introduced as a diploid and eventually converted to a tetraploid, the backgrounds of its hybridizer (Orville Fay) and the person that introduced it and put it into commerce (Steve Moldovan), along with tracing the “family trees” back as far as 13 generations of quite a few of its progenies that have won Stout Silver Medals, Awards of Merit, Honorable Mentions, and other ADS honors. The listener will be amazed at the variety of daylilies that call LAVENDER PARADE their direct ancestor as well as the diverse hybridizers from all over the world that have its genetics flowing through their breeding programs.

Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D. – Mike is a native of SE Texas and has lived in Findlay, OH, for the past 42 years. He taught public school and college for 45 years and “officially” retired from the University of Findlay in 2016, but still continues to work part-time at the university. He has been gardening “seriously” for about 20 years and grows approximately 2600 different daylilies on a half-acre urban lot. Mike and his wife, Denise, have two adult children as well as their 4-legged child, a miniature dachshund named Axel.

This will be a virtual program on January 19, 2023, at 7:00pm. Zoom connection information will be sent out before the program. You won’t want to miss this highly recommended program.

OUR FAVORITE DAYLILIES FROM THE 90S

Sandra Dunn

Last year, so many of you contributed to our presentation of our favorite older cultivars. We focused on plants from the 80s or earlier. For our February 9 Zoom presentation, we will focus on daylilies registered in the 1990s. I don't know about you, but I still grow and love many of these Tickle Me Elmo- and Nintendo 64- era beauties.



Elegant Candy

I will compile a Power Point sharing several lovely flowers from the 90s (think 'Crown Of Creation' or the whole 'Candy' series). But the fun of this program will be to hear from the rest of you about your favorite 90s plants. Please send me the names of some 90s daylilies you would recommend, along with a couple of comments about what you still love about each plant. They can be award winners like Condilla and Chorus Line or great garden daylilies that have not won an award like Flourish of Trumpets and Echo the Sun, two of Bob Sobek's introductions, or Sheepscott Valley Glow or Lake Summer Breeze by Barth. If you have a photo, that would be ideal. If not, I will track one down. On the night of the presentation, I hope each of you will speak up on behalf of your own contributions as you did when we shared favorite late bloomers.

If you aren't sure what year a daylily was registered, you can look it up on the online database: <https://www.daylilies.org/DaylilyDB/search.php>.

Please send your nominations to me at alongthefencedaylilies@gmail.com by January 20 so I have time to integrate them into the Power Point. **Together** we will put together an engaging presentation. And as I mentioned before, one of the added benefits of identifying noteworthy 90s plants is that they are reasonably priced if you see something you love!



Lake Effect

Of absolute importance, please email Sandra if you plan to attend the meeting. She will be sending the Zoom link to those who **RSVP**. Her email address is: alongthefencedaylilies@gmail.com

SEED SAVING

Bevin Cohen—Small House Farm

On March 2, 2023, Bevin Cohen of Small House Farm will present an in-person program on seed saving at Meijer Botanical Gardens at 7:00pm. The Small House, located in Central Michigan, is focused on sustainable living. Seed saving is an important part of gardening for many gardeners and is a specialty of Small House. We look forward to learning more about it from Bevin. For more information, his website is www.smallhousefarm.com.

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OUR CLUB'S ROLE AT THE REGION 2

SUMMER MEETING

By Sandra Dunn, Planning Committee member

Most of you know that as a local daylily club we are connected with other daylily clubs through the American Daylily Society. Within that larger organization, Michigan is part of Region 2 along with Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The two primary region-wide events each year are the Winter Symposium and the Summer Meeting. The Winter Symposium will be held in Springfield, Illinois, from February 17 to 19. It will feature a number of engaging speakers, a lively plant auction (for spring delivery), a silent auction, and opportunities for conversations with other daylily lovers. Registration information is on our regional website: <https://adsregion2.org/>.

As enjoyable as the Winter Symposium is, the focus of this article is the Summer Meeting. This will be the closest the Summer Meeting will be for at least the next five years—the greater Lansing area. Usually these meetings are scheduled two to three years in advance. But in September, when there was not a meeting scheduled for 2023, incoming Region 2 president Monique Warnke pleaded with me to come up with five tour gardens in mid-Michigan, promising support from others if we could arrange that aspect. Against my better judgement, I caved in.

The meeting will begin on Friday afternoon/evening, July 21. The exact schedule is not finalized yet, but there will be a display of hybridizer seedlings that evening, with voting for favorites by those attending. There will also be a live plant auction and silent auction on Friday night, as well as a buffet dinner. At our November GVDS meeting, those in attendance generously offered the use of the materials for the Meijer Garden off-scape bloom display to set up the regional seedling display.



On Saturday there will be a bus tour of five lovely gardens. There will be a description and photos of each one in the winter edition of the Great Lakes Newsletter, the Region 2 daylily magazine. I highly encourage everyone to become an American Daylily Society member so you can receive the regional newsletter as well as the national journal, all for just \$25. But even if you don't join, you can read the newsletter on the regional website listed above, under the newsletter tab. Saturday evening, there will be a banquet featuring dinner and a keynote speaker. The silent auction will also continue.

At select times throughout the weekend, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase plants to take home. The plant sale is run independently from the summer meeting planning committee, usually by a local daylily club. This year, there will actually be two sales in one because two clubs generously stepped up to take on this responsibility. And one of those clubs is GVDS!



Our club will organize and staff the plant sale. All financial proceeds come to our club. There has not been an in-person plant sale for the past two summer meetings, but in past years the sale has been quite profitable for the host club.

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At our November GVDS meeting, as we discussed the pros and cons of hosting the plant sale, a few key points were made that are worth sharing here for those of you who were not at the meeting:

- We have an ample number of plants being returned for the GVDS spring auction, so we will encourage members to save their donations for the Region 2 plant sale instead.
- Money from the Region 2 plant sale will come from people outside our own club.
- We get to set the price for plants at the Region 2 sale and they will likely bring more money to GVDS per plant than our own auction typically brings in.

In taking on this sale, we decided not to host the off-scape show at the Meijer Garden this year, feeling that two such big events on back-to-back weekends would be a lot to ask of our members.

I would like to share one more bit of information about the Summer Meeting. We will be offering Garden Judges and Exhibition Judges workshops. Even if you have grown daylilies for years, the structure of these classes will help you to think about them a bit differently. If you have ever considered taking either of these classes, this is a great opportunity to sign up for one or both. They will be beneficial to you personally and the region is in need of new garden and exhibition judges.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the upcoming Summer Meeting. And, check our Region 2 website for updated information. I appreciate those of you who have let me know that you would be willing to help with any 'odd jobs' that come up related to the regional. As soon I know what those are, I'll be in touch!

GRAND VALLEY DAYLILY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS



It's that time of the year when some of us need to renew our membership for 2023. If your membership expires on December 31, 2022, then this message is for you. We are now accepting payment for 2023 and beyond for those of you who wish to pay for more than one year. We will be updating the membership roster March 31, 2023. Then we will remove members who are no longer current with their membership. To make this process easier, we do not require existing members to complete a membership form as found on our website. If you are paying by check just note on the memo section of your check "Dues". If you have changes to make to your listing such as street address, phone number, or email, just add a note with your payment and we will be sure to incorporate your changes on the new roster. You may pay with cash at a club meeting or mail your check payable to GVDS to:

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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