

Happy Summer!! It certainly sounds like the next week or two are going to be very hot – and dry!

Just to confirm - as you have probably guessed, the Daylily Expo scheduled for Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, at Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark, has been cancelled due to COVID-19, like just about everything else this summer. In polling the officers and participants of earlier daylily expos, everyone agreed it was best to cancel the event. The Metroparks has opened the Conference Center but there is a limit of 60 people with tables and chairs spaced at least 6' apart. Even with masks and social distancing, we felt it was best to just cancel the expo to help keep our membership and the public healthy and safe. Hopefully you concur.

And the Daylily Auction and Daylily Host Program on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> are also cancelled. There is no way we can maintain the 6' spacing of chairs and tables, and still be able to hear what is going on. As far as the morning Work Day in the Daylily Garden, Toledo Botanical Garden is allowing volunteers to come in on scheduled days to work - as long as masks are worn and 6' spacing is maintained. We will address this issue with Jonathan Milbrodt from the Metroparks and fellow Black Swamp member as we get closer to August 15<sup>th</sup> to determine if it is still something that we can do.

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Mike Anders who has spearheaded the Flag City Daylily Tour for the past five years says the Flag City Daylily Tour still is scheduled to fly on Fri-Sun, July 10-12. With the event completely outdoors, folks being able to tour at their own pace, and people being able to maintain the acceptable "social distance," there should be little health risks for COVID19. Please feel free to share the attached flyer and map with the membership of BSHDS. We would LOVE to see many of our members come down to Findlay for the tour.

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Editor's note: Four of the six gardens on tour are Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily members- Mike and Denise Anders, Ann and George Brickner (Perennial Plant Peddler), Sharon and Ron DeCooman, and Linda and David Spahr.

Several additional American Daylily Society Display Gardens of our Black Swamp members that you might like to visit this summer include:

Charlie and Carol Harper's Garden, 109 E. Back Bay Road, Bowling Green, OH - Tele: 419-308-6603 Email: charlesharper@aol.com Email or Call to confirm day and time

Lisa and Jerry Marlatt, Ogden Station Daylilies, 7120 Hodges, Blissfield, MI - Tele: 517-443-5530 Email: lisamarlatt@yahoo.com Email or call to confirm day and time

Simpson Garden Park, 1291 Conneaut Avenue, Bowling Green, OH 43402 (Also see the American Hosta Display Garden maintained by BSHDS member Phil Hollenbaugh) Public garden

Toledo Botanical Garden Daylily Walk – an American Daylily Society Display Garden - Open 7 AM – Dark (Also see the American Hosta Display Garden maintained by BSHDS members) Public garden

577 Foundation in Perrysburg –577 E. Front Street, Perrysburg, OH Gardens open Sun – Sat.  
9 AM – 5 PM (Also see the American Hosta Display Garden) Public garden

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Welcome to our newest members: Cindy and Sandy Kline from Graytown, OH COVID-19 hasn't dampened anyone's desire to join our society has it?? Hopefully we'll be able to meet the Klines later this year!!

Speaking about membership in our society – Mike Anders who is also a member of the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society – mentioned they had extended their gardeners' 2020 membership into 2021 since few events have been held this year due to COVID-19. In discussing this with our membership chairman, and our treasurer, who assured me that even without our perennial sale and daylily auction we could also do this, we are extending **everyone's** membership by one year. So, we have listed the year your membership will now expire according to our records.

\*\*\*\*\*Please note **your membership will now expire on December 31, 2024.**

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At the end of May our Facebook site had 500 likes!! Thanks, Eileen, and everyone else who keeps our Facebook page current!!!!!!

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And do you remember Bonnie and John Eddy from Napoleon? Bonnie chaired our hosta show several times, and died in December 2016.

John Harold Eddy, 89, of Napoleon, Ohio passed in peace on June 19, 2020 at the Inpatient Hospice Center in Defiance, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Eddy with whom he enjoyed 64 wonderful years of marriage. He is survived by three children, Cynthia Eddy (Mark Radtke) of West Harrison, Indiana, Constance (Bradley) Holzworth of Dublin, Ohio, and John Paul Eddy (Julie) of Toledo, Ohio; as well as five grandchildren, Lena, Britton, and Jonathan Holzworth and Elizabeth and Victoria Eddy.

John was born on March 14, 1931 to Harold and Leona (Toner) Eddy, in Ada, Ohio; where he also attended high school and graduated in 1949. He enlisted in the US Marine Corp. in 1951 and proudly served his country in the Korean War. He was a graduate of Coyne Electronics College and also received an Associate Electrical Engineering Degree from NW State Community College. John enjoyed a successful career as a Journeymen Electrician at Clevite retiring in 1996.

He was a lifelong member of the Napoleon American Legion Post #300 as well as the Kenton Lions Club. John was an active member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Napoleon where he served on various committees and the Administration Council. John and his wife were actively engaged in the Napoleon community where he volunteered for the Henry County American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Henry County Flower Show, and the HC Hospital Auxiliary Bazaar.

An avid gardener, John's specialty included Roses and Hostas. He was a member of the American Rose Society, the American Hosta Society, and the Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society. John loved following his favorite sports teams and especially enjoyed rooting for the Ohio State Buckeyes while at the same time rooting against that "Team Up North."

Friends and family will remember John as a kind, jovial and generous man. He and Bonnie's philanthropic efforts touched many an institution in Napoleon including the Hospital, Senior Center, playground, and emergency services.

John's family would like to thank Visiting Angels, the Napoleon Senior Center and his MacDonald's coffee buddies for helping to make his later years happy, comfortable, and fulfilling.

A Memorial Gathering will be held at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 1 from 1-3PM. The family requests no flowers. Memorials may be made to the Napoleon Senior Center, St. Paul United Methodist Church, or CHP Home Care and Hospice of Defiance. Due to the current health environment surrounding COVID-19, public visitation will be conducted with proper safeguards. Please observe proper social distancing when attending.

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If you have any info for the next E-FLASH, be sure to send it to us.

Stay safe – Stay healthy!!!!

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