

Greetings:

Snow – the 10th of April? Really?? When will spring arrive?? Sounds like it might just warm up a little later this week. Sure hope so! Still waiting for the spring flowers to bloom! The daylilies are up and getting greener every day but still have not seen the hostas coming up? Once it does warm up, get your plants divided and potted in the next few weeks so they look great by the time our Plant Sale rolls around on May 19th.

Please see attached letter regarding ordering your Plant Sale tags from Betty Moore, Plant Sale Co-Chair, to pick up at our meeting on Saturday, April 28th. We will have flyers available at the meeting for your use to promote the sale. A copy of the plant sale flyer is also attached for your use. We will have printed copies of the flyer at our upcoming meeting too.

Don't forget the Hosta Garden Work Day at Toledo Botanical Garden the morning of April 28th beginning at 9 AM. Bring your gardening tools and help spruce up the hosta gardens for spring. We will work until noon or maybe if enough members show up to help we will get done earlier! Our 21st Century committee, Jim Boldt, Harold Hoffman, and Jonathan Milbrodt are organizing this work day. Pack your lunch and enjoy it before our regular business meeting begins at 1 PM in the Conference Center. In addition to having Betty and Charlene discuss the upcoming Plant Sale, we will discuss plans for the Daylily Expo scheduled for Sunday, July 8th. We are looking for someone to organize the Expo. Joyce Lane who chaired the Expo in the past has put together a manual that will help guide someone in putting on a successful expo again this year. Let me know if you are willing to serve as chairman of the committee since this will be our last meeting to get things going for the Expo. Lastly, we will have our Tissue Culture program presented by Phil Parsons.

What is our Hosta Tissue Culture Program??

The Hosta Tissue Culture Program is designed to be an educational and learning experience for you as well as for others who can gain from your knowledge and experience in growing hosta from tissue culture. Sharing your planting medium, fertilization and watering regimen plus the growing location (morning sun, all shade, etc.) can help others grow robust tissue culture hosta. So your culture process can be shared with members of our society, you will be expected to pot your hosta in the pot provided by the society, keep a journal (also provided by the society), and bring both the hosta and your journal to at least one society meeting in September or October, or to the Daylily Garden Workshop/Daylily Auction in August.

To be eligible for a hosta tissue culture plant this spring, your dues must be paid prior to March 31, 2018, you need to attend our April 28th meeting, and if you participated in the program last year-you must have brought back your specimen of H. 'Pure Heart' last fall for comparison.

If you have not renewed your membership, please be sure to do so today!! One of the requirements to receive a tissue culture hosta is to be a member in good standing. And yes, you can pay for more than one year at a time! Dues are still \$10 per garden per year. What a bargain!! Send to Jim Flannery, Treasurer, 26009 Willowbend Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551

Welcome to our new members who joined this past month:

Marie Marek from Toledo – who was a member for many years and has now rejoined.

Sue Meis from Curtice

Eileen Hoffman who posts information to our FACEBOOK site and web page, sent in the following report:

Last month we had 235 “LIKES” on our BSHDS Facebook page. This month I am happy to report that we are up to 256.

Our website has had 137 views in the past week.

I encourage BSHDS members to feed me information to include in both places. **THANK YOU!!**

Eileen's email is: <sailA33@accesstoledo.com>

Charlie Harper had mentioned at our meeting last month that a change was being made to the name of the American Hemerocallis Society. It's official! On February 12th the American Hemerocallis Society revised their name to American Daylily Society instead of American Hemerocallis Society for greater emphasis and use in marketing, education, technology and outreach efforts.

Our guest speaker at our March meeting was Ginny Pearce from Garden Path Perennials, Grand Rapids, MI. Ginny shared her experience, who as a single mom developed her garden on a shoestring budget on a postage stamp lot. She shared photos and descriptions of her daylily registrations and promising seedlings, and then auctioned off a dozen of her plants to our members. Thanks, Charlie, for inviting Ginny to our meeting and hosting her stay in the area.

Also, Charlie Harper showed a video on Youth Education that was prepared by the American Hemerocallis Society.

From our Vice President, Charlie Harper:

As many of you know, Carol and I traveled a lot for my work and lived in several different countries. A wonderful lady I know, Charlotte Chamitoff, does a web page where she, among other things, features a person's garden each week during the winter months. We were fortunate to have our 'garden' in Saudi Arabia presented this week.

Please click on the link, <http://www.daylilydiary.com> to get to Charlotte's Daylily Dairy web page. Click on the "12th Winter Series 2017-2018", and then click on the thumbnail at the bottom right to get to Charlie and Carol's Garden Tour posted March 17th. I hope you enjoy the adventure! And please forward it to others who you think might be interested.

Jack Church and Lisa Kiene will be manning an informational table for our society again this year at the Wood County Master Gardeners Plant Exchange on April 28th, from 9 - 11:30 A.M. at the Wood County Fairgrounds in Bowling Green.

The Lucas County Master Gardeners Plant Exchange will be Saturday, May 5th at the Toledo Public Library parking garage beginning at 9 AM, and I will represent our society.

Plant distribution at both events will begin at 10 AM.

Metroparks of Toledo will be hosting a National Public Garden event on Friday and Saturday, May 11th and May 12th, at Toledo Botanical Garden. We have been asked to participate in the event by having members volunteer to be in the Woodland Garden from 9 AM – 3 PM both days. We would like to have members of the Black Swamp Society volunteer for a 2 or 3 hour shift on one (or both) days to promote our society, the national display gardens that we support at Toledo Botanical Garden, our Plant Sale on May 18th, the Daylily Expo in July, and our Daylily Auction in August. Let me know if you would like to volunteer for this event, and what time slot works best for you.

From the Daylily Dispatch - We've Made It to Spring! - March 2018 article titled

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR NEW AHS DAYLILY AMBASSADORS! By Melodye Campbell

Do you know some people or organizations that make an extraordinary effort to promote our favorite flower to the general public? Well, the mission of the new AHS Daylily Ambassador Program is to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of those individuals, clubs, organizations, communities or groups of individuals - AHS or non-AHS - that make an extraordinary effort of promoting the daylily to the general public.

So far in 2018, the AHS has recognized two Daylily Ambassadors for their outstanding work.

First, congratulations to the Flag City Daylily Tour in Findlay, OH! In 2017, over 500 people from 11 states and Canada toured daylily gardens in and around Findlay. A big round of applause to Mike & Denise Anders, Bill & Sharon Hammer-Baker, Ann & George Brickner, Sharon & Ron Decooman, Richard & Robin Hopkins, Sue & Ed Karsnak, Rick & Barb Kidwell, Keith & Becky McClelland, and Linda & David Spahr for opening your gardens and sharing your daylily passion!

Put July 6th - 8th in your calendar for the third annual 2018 Flag City Daylily Tour and for more information go to their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/flag.city.daylily.tour/ .

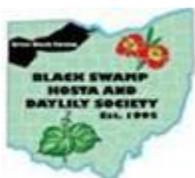
A big round of applause also goes to the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Festival. June 2, 2018 will be the 5th year of this fun event. The festival is a result of a great collaboration between the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society, the University of GA Master Gardeners and the Columbus Botanical Garden. Glenn Ward, president of the CVDS, tells us that lots of fun activities are planned for this year. In past years they've had a daylily sale, an accredited exhibition show, workshops, demonstrations, speakers and much, much more. Look for the 2018 information later this spring on their Facebook pages, <https://www.facebook.com/daylilysociety/> and <https://www.facebook.com/ColumbusBotanicalGarden/>

If you do know folks that go the extra mile to promote the daylily to the general public, please contact Melodye Campbell for more information about the Daylily Ambassador program, displaygardens@daylilies.org.

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

Live life to its fullest!!!!

Frank and Charlene



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