

Wow! Weren't the daylilies great this year??? We ought to have some wonderful plants at our daylily auction on Saturday, August 18th.

Speaking of the auction, Kevin Kwiatkowski, chairman of the auction committee, will have the list of daylilies that will be auctioned off early next week, so watch for it! That will give you time to go online and look at the daylilies before the auction, or if you have a smart phone or tablet that you can bring to the auction, you can look up the daylilies at the auction to see photos. A good source to use is the American Daylily Society website at <daylilies.org> to search their data base.

The auction will be behind the Conference Center beginning at 12:30 PM. Bring your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors – the auction is open to the public.

Our daylily auction provides you the chance to purchase newer, expensive daylilies at very reasonable prices. Bring a lawn chair or two along so we will be sure to have seating for everyone.

If you are returning daylilies from the host program or additional daylilies for the auction, please plan to come to the auction around 11:30 AM when the committee will be there, setting up for the auction.

Also, if you have been a member for two (2) or more years and want to participate in the Daylily Host Program, you can take home a plant to baby-sit for two years-keeping one fan and returning the others for our auction in 2020.

How do you become a daylily host??? Members who would like to host a daylily for the next two years need to meet the following criteria:

1. To be eligible for a host plant, you must have been a member for two (2) consecutive years.
2. Must be present at the auction to receive a host plant when they are distributed.
3. Host gardener will grow the plant for two years, and then return all fans except one to the daylily auction.
4. If at the end of two years the plant has not increased in size to more than two fans, host gardener can either return the one fan or elect to

keep the plant for an additional year, and return all fans except one after three years.

5. Any host gardener who does not return their host plant(s) for a consecutive three year period will be ineligible for a host plant until reason for failure to return host plant has been corrected, i.e. proper growing conditions, labeling, etc.
6. In the event a gardener moves or if for any reason does not continue their membership with the society, it is their responsibility to return the plant to the society.

The morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our annual Daylily Garden Work Day from 9 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. We need lots of helping hands to clean up the American Hemerocallis Society display gardens for fall. We have a great time and get a lot of work done in a few hours. Jonathan Milbrodt is coordinating the Work Day, and will have gardening tools, tarps, etc. for us to use, or you can bring your own tools if you like. This is a great opportunity to learn about the various varieties of daylilies, the different awards, how to divide and grow them properly. You may want to park in the Bancroft parking lot which is closer to the daylily garden for the morning work day. Pack a picnic lunch to enjoy in the garden before the start of our daylily auction at 12:30 PM.

Have you been keeping your journal up-to-date on your hosta tissue culture plant H. 'Coast to Coast' that you may have received at our April meeting? The auction will be your first opportunity to bring your plant back to be eligible for a tissue culture plant next year. If you are not going to be at the auction, you can bring your H. 'Coast to Coast' to our September 22<sup>nd</sup> or October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to get credit for bringing it back. Any questions about the tissue culture program should be directed to Phil Parsons

The Daylily Expo chaired by Dianna and Arnold Vasquez last month was awesome! Thank you for a job well done!! A recap of the expo is attached for your reading enjoyment.

We welcomed five new members who joined our society at the expo;

Charlotte Matkovic; Dearborn; MI  
Kevin Mann, Taylor, MI  
Elsa Nadler, Toledo  
Robin Hamilton, Nashville, MI  
Susan and Mike Mychajlonka, and daughter Alice Sara, Saline,  
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Many thanks to our garden hosts-Win and Phyllis Sturgeon, Charlie and Carol Harper, Jack and Shirley Church, Phil Hollenbaugh and Dan Parratt at Simpson Garden Park, Jim and Pam Connell, and Frank and Charlene Patz -who went the extra mile for a great garden tour on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to Jim for grilling up some wonderful hotdogs for lunch for our members from Michigan, Paulding and those who live locally!

On Sunday afternoon, our webmaster guru Eileen Hoffman reported that from our Facebook page, [Posts from Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society reached 241 people and had 112 engagements this week.](#) Thank you, Eileen, for doing such a great job in keeping our FACEBOOK and WEBSITE up to date!!

Hope to see you at the daylily workday and auction!

Live life to its fullest!!!!

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## 2018 DAYLILY EXPO REPORT

By Dianna & Arnold Vasquez

The 12<sup>th</sup> Daylily Expo exposed Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society members and the general public to an amazing display of daylily cultivars.

For those of you that missed the event the conference center was full of beautiful daylily blooms and floral arrangements. Lisa & Jerry Marlatt had a hybridizing table that highlighted daylilies Black Swamp members had introduced, and some that Jerry is evaluating. The Marlatts also donated many plants for the door prize raffle. Jim Boldt created some beautiful floral arrangements that were placed at the entrance and information tables, Jonathan Milbrodt did the tour of the Daylily Walk, Charlene Patz served daylily salad and soup, and Linda Scheuerman and Charlene did a daylily division demonstration.

The following members brought in many beautiful blooms from their gardens for everyone to see: Dawn Dennis & daughter Rebecca Flynn, Charlie Harper, Linda Hoffman, Lisa & Jerry Marlatt, Dan Parratt and Phil & Marian Parsons.

Thanks to all of the exhibitors and the following members who made this event a success: Mary Abbott, Connie Boice, Robin Hamilton, Jim & Libby Boldt, Jonathan Milbrodt, Frank & Charlene Patz, Rich & Linda Nagy and Linda Scheuerman.

Dawn Dennis, Phil & Marian Parsons and Arnold Vasquez supplied plants for the division clinic.

The luncheon for the event was handled by Jim & Libby Boldt, Rich & Linda Nagy and Arnold & Dianna Vasquez.

The winner in the “Pick Your Favorite Daylily” was “Green Arrow” (21) displayed by Lisa & Jerry Marlatt who were awarded a daylily vase by Dianna Vasquez. The vase was donated by Phil & Marian Parsons. Other entries were (12) “Washed in the Blood”, (7) “Primal Scream”, (6) “Buckeye Barnstormer”, (6) “Cool & Crepy,(6) “Pinewood Strawberry Moon”, (5) “P15-3 Seedling and (2) “Bryan Cook Memorial”.

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