

Wow! Weren't the daylilies great this year??? They didn't start to bloom as early as in years past with the late spring, but once they started, they haven't stopped! The blooms were magnificent – colors so intense – some that were just so-so in the past were radiant this year. We ought to have some wonderful plants at our daylily auction this Saturday, August 17th.

Black Swamp member Kevin Kwiatkowski, chairman of the auction committee, has compiled a list of the daylilies that will be up for auction. You are welcome to request a PDF file copy of the list in a comment. With this list, you can go online and look at the daylilies before the auction, or if you have a smart phone or tablet you can bring it to the auction to look up prices and descriptions. 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.

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The morning of the 17th 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 close 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. 'Etched Glass' 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. 'Etched Glass' to our September 21st or October 12th meeting to get credit for bringing it back. Any questions about the tissue culture program should be directed to Phil Parsons.

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Congratulations are in order for Charlie Harper, our wonderful Vice-President since 2015!! At the American Hemerocallis Society's National Convention held in Middleton, WI, in mid-July, Charlie received two awards! He was awarded the 2019 Region 2 Service Award - and the 2019 Regional Newsletter Award. Charlie mentioned he was wearing one of his BSHDS logo shirts in the photo of him receiving his Service Award medallion which will appear in the upcoming AHS Journal. Check out the article and photo Eileen Hoffman, our webmaster, posted of Charlie with his Regional Service Award medallion and his Regional Newsletter Certificate on Black Swamp's website on July 22nd.

What is the Regional Service Award?? The AHS recognizes over 40 different awards categories for the daylily and the people who love them. Awards range from photography, flower shows, media, mentoring, grants, and especially awards for the greatest daylilies and daylily people around. In 1974, the AHS Board established the Regional Service Award for outstanding service to AHS at the regional level. Only one AHS Regional Service Award may be awarded per region per year. AHS member will only be eligible to win a Regional Service Award once. The AHS Board votes by secret ballot at the annual fall board meeting, and the award is presented at the following AHS National Convention.

Charlie won the 2019 Regional Newsletter Award from the AHS for his article, "A Feast for the Eyes, The Harper AHS Garden". The article appeared in the fall 2018 edition of the "Great Lakes Daylily", Region 2's newsletter and was included in our November 2018 EFLASH.

Congratulations, Charlie!! Thank you for everything you do to further your love of daylilies and hostas!!!

We received the following invitation from Midland Hosta Society to join them at their annual hosta auction:

Midland Hosta Society Auction

August 24, 2019

**10:00 am - Potluck Lunch around
12:00**

**Entrance fee to bidders: a Named
hosta or garden item**

**Brown Family Educational Center
9781 Laymon Rd
Gambier, OH 43022 (740) 427-5050**

Off St Rt 229 [5 miles East of Mount Vernon]

Right on Laymon. Brown also has a beautiful Pollinator garden and hiking trails.

Featured at the auction: A selection of Van Wades' personal collection of Hostas

A collection of Hosta from Dan Behr before moving to the Philippines

Note: *Entrance fee to the auction is one item to be donated to the auction.*

***Following the auction feel free to stroll at "Schnormeier Gardens"
(about one mile from

Brown) will be open for those attending the auction Saturday afternoon
1pm-5pm

The 75 acre "world renown garden" has a distinct Asian flavor with a large
selection of rare

conifers, rich in color and textures. One of the finest Hosta gardens in
America is surrounded by

750 feet of rock wall. A Chinese bridge arches gracefully to Swan Island
and a Japanese

Teahouse. A high plateau houses a Japanese garden that overlooks five
ponds and two waterfalls.

Large boulders and stone walls add dimension and contrast to this
manicured landscape. An

opportunity you do not want to miss.

**www.schnormeiergardens.org
8701 Laymon Rd. Gambier OH 43022**

Metroparks Toledo is inviting Black Swamp members to a Community Open House of the first node of the Children's Discovery Trail - "The Secret Garden" that we have contributed funds to in years past. This is being built in the "beehive" area of the Woodland Garden utilizing natural materials and play elements to engage children in the gardens through hands-on discovery play. The Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 14th but I do not see the time? If you are interested in attending, give me a call (419-874-8964) the beginning of September so I can fill you in on the time.

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Coming up:

September 21- Our program will be our Members Roundtable with Moderator, John Krukemyer, Agronomist at Mid-Wood Pro, Bowling Green, OH

John has been with Mid-Wood Pro for 43 years- the last 38 years as the store manager. Has attended numerous seminars, trainings and other meetings on Lawn & Garden in General. Currently teaching Lawn Care & Maintenance for the Wood County Master Gardeners. If John doesn't know the answer, rest assured he will find you the answer or refer you to someone that can help you.

October 12- We welcome Teresa BYINGTON, President of the INDIANAPOLIS ROSE SOCIETY, American Rose Society's Editor "ROSES & YOU"

The title of Teresa's program is "NEW ROSES FOR TODAY'S GARDEN". The Knock Out Rose was released in 2000, changing the world of roses forever. We now have so many options when it comes to sustainable easy care roses. Teresa tests many of the new varieties in her garden and will share her experiences and recommendations.

And we'll wrap up 2019 with our year-end potluck beginning at 12 Noon. Just bring a side dish to share. The society will provide the meat, drinks, and table service.

Our webmaster guru, Eileen Hoffman, does such a great job in keeping our FACEBOOK and WEBSITE up to date!! Thank you, Eileen!!

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Hope to see you at the daylily workday and auction!

Live life to its fullest!!!!

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