

Greetings Black Swamp members,

Wow! Where has the summer gone? Summer is coming to a close with the start of school just a week or so away in most school districts. Hope you have had a chance to enjoy some of the many events going on in the communities this year. The weather this month thus far has been fantastic!!

I trust everyone who has a daylily from the 2015 Daylily Host program or has daylilies they want to donate for our August 19<sup>th</sup> auction has advised Kevin before he and Judy left for Poland, or Don Bixler email: [daylilyguy@roadrunner.com](mailto:daylilyguy@roadrunner.com) Tele: 419-559-6726 or Phil Parsons Email: [mpparsons@centurylink.net](mailto:mpparsons@centurylink.net) Tele: 419-256-

7246 . **Please be sure to have this information to Don or Phil by Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**, so the daylily auction list can be completed in time for the auction.

Don't forget the Daylily Work Day and Auction scheduled for the morning of the auction (Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>) at Toledo Botanical Garden. Jonathan Milbrodt is coordinating the work day event, with our members digging, dividing, and planting daylilies in the national daylily display gardens that we maintain at TBG. The work day will begin at 9 AM and last until about 11:30 AM in the Daylily Walk in the perennial garden near the wooden bridge. You may want to park in the Bancroft Street parking lot which is closer to the daylily display gardens. Bring your own garden fork, shovel, and garden clippers. With the warm temperatures we always have in August, please bring something to drink and dress appropriately. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the garden before the daylily auction. Kevin Kwiatkowski, Don Bixler, and Phil Parsons are busy getting ready for our daylily auction which will be held behind the Conference Center in the afternoon. In the event of rain, the auction will be held in the Terrace Room of the Conference Center. Kevin has contacted all of our host gardeners, so don't forget to bring back your plant and a photo of the bloom before noon on the 19<sup>th</sup>. A daylily dividing demonstration will begin the festivities at 12:30 PM with the auction getting underway once the dividing demo is finished. If you have a clump that we can use for the dividing demonstration, please let Charlene (Tele: 419-874-8964) know. As in the past, additional daylilies are being donated for the auction. Come and bid, and bid often! There will be many great daylilies at fabulous prices. At the conclusion of the auction, daylilies will be distributed to the lucky members whose name is drawn to take home a daylily to host for two years. The auction is open to the public, so bring your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors! Bring along your lawn chair to be make sure we have enough chairs for everyone attending. If you have any questions about the auction or need to make other arrangements to return your host daylily for the auction, contact Don Bixler or Phil Parsons. Hope to see you there!

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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This will not affect you volunteering to work at the Daylily Work Day or the Hosta Work Day - if you have not signed up yet with Metroparks. Be sure to come on August 19<sup>th</sup> since we need all the help we can get. The more folks that show up, the faster the work gets done!! Thanks!!

Have you received an email from "Julie Pompa - Subject: Volunteers" relative to continuing your volunteer affiliation with Metroparks?? If not, a copy of the email is below:

**From:** [VolunteerMail@volgistics.com](mailto:VolunteerMail@volgistics.com) [<mailto:VolunteerMail@volgistics.com>]

**Sent:** August 5, 2017 2:17 PM

**To:** Charlene Patz

**Subject:** Volunteers

Hello Volunteers!

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Trish Hausknecht. I am the Volunteer Services Manager at Metroparks and grew up not too far from the garden. I played there often as a child. As a young adult, my wedding photos were taken at TBG and still grace my mantel. A memorial for my parents is also there. The gardens are beautiful and offer something special to the public.

I ask for your patience as I learn about all the ways volunteers contribute to the garden. I have been able to meet with many volunteers over the last few weeks and am thankful for the kindness and the breadth of knowledge of the volunteers. I have been able to attend two of the Association Volunteer Gardening Days and was part of a team of Metroparks employees who attended the July Associate Organizations meeting. I attended an earlier Associate Organization meeting as well. I have been able to meet with some of the volunteers who completed the TBG Ambassador training held earlier this year. I will be meeting with Amy Stone, from OSU Extension next week to talk more about the Ambassador program and the Master Gardener program. Additionally, I have sat and chatted with several individuals on park benches or elsewhere. It is a pleasure getting to know you!

I also ask for your continued support in the care of the garden. If you would please complete a **Volunteer Application** available at [metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer](http://metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer) I would appreciate

it. When prompted for a Volunteer Assignment, please type "TBG". You will be receiving an email inviting you to a volunteer orientation and I encourage you to attend an orientation in the near future but you are welcome to continue your volunteerism at the garden prior to attending an orientation. You do NOT need to complete a Metroparks Volunteer Application if you will be volunteering only with **Toledo Grows**. I am in the process of scheduling a number of Metroparks Volunteer Orientations at TBG. Hard copy volunteer applications are available at the TBG Administrative Office as well as volunteer log sheets. **Please let me know if you need anything or if I can answer any questions.**

I also wanted to let you know that you will be seeing some volunteers in yellow shirts at TBG. These are Volunteer Trail Patrol members, often called the eyes and ears for our Rangers. They have gone through an interview and training process which began at the start of the year. Park Supervisor, Doug Conley is conducting the training on TBG specifics and I do hope you welcome them. Recruitment for the new class of VTP will begin early next year and I hope you consider joining this volunteer program.

Thank you very much for volunteering at Toledo Botanical Garden. Such a beautiful place!

Enjoy your day,

Trish Hausknecht

Volunteer Services Manager

Metroparks of the Toledo Area

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Frank and I have signed up as Volunteers with Metroparks and attended an orientation meeting last week with Lori Miller. The meeting is only an hour long on the first Tuesday of the month from 9:30 – 10:30 AM or first Thursday of the month from 5 – 6 PM (except in September when there is just one meeting Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 10:30 AM). It was very informative, and Trish's email tells more of what is happening as far as volunteering at TBG. If you haven't completed a Volunteer Application yet, I would urge you to do so. I'll pick up some volunteer applications and volunteer log sheets from the TBG Office and have them available at the daylily workday/auction.

I attended both of the meetings for the Associate Organizations meetings that Trish alluded to in her email on behalf of the Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society. The recent change should not affect our relationship with TBG, and sounds like the affiliation with the Toledo Metroparks will be good for everyone.

There was a nice article in "The Blade" on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, written by Mark Reiter titled "Metroparks Takes Over Botanical Garden- New operators dig in at Toledo gem" that tells about the change in operations at the West Toledo parklands.

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**Thank you, Karen Centers**, for putting together such a wonderful bus trip to the Northern Mecca Daylily Tour in July!!! The weather was perfect and the gardens were gorgeous!! Everyone enjoyed seeing Mike and Sandy Holmes' River Bend Daylily

Garden in Xenia, Valley of the Daylilies of Dan and Jackie Bachman and Tom and Rita Isgro's Twilight Garden Daylilies in Lebanon, and Pleasant Valley Gardens in Dayton owned by Tom Polston and Doug Sterling. We all enjoyed the elaborate picnic lunch prepared and served by Jackie and her sister that was furnished by the Northern Mecca Daylily Gardens for us. The buying stop at Stockslagers Greenhouse Garden Center in New Lebanon was the final stop before we headed back to Toledo. Winners of the daylilies that Jackie and Dan Bachman donated to give away on our return trip were Lance Wehrle and Margaret Connell - "Hit the Road Jack" , Arnie Vasquez - "Jumping at the Woodside", John Erkert - "King Records", Dan Parratt and Phil Hollenbaugh - "Feast of the Mau Mau".

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Our auction is the first opportunity to bring back your hosta tissue culture plant H. "Pure Heart" that you may have received at our April meeting. Don't forget to bring your "Hosta Tissue Culture Program Journal" along too so we can compare notes on what seems to be the best method to grow a tissue culture. Be sure to put your name on your pot (Use an address label) so we will know whose it is. If you will not be at the auction, you will need to bring your H. "Pure Heart" back to either our **September 23rd or October 14th** meeting to be eligible for a tissue culture plant next year. If you have any questions, contact Phil Parsons, our Tissue Culture Program chairman, Email: [<mpparsons@centurylink.net>](mailto:mpparsons@centurylink.net).

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AARP's recently sent the following article which hopefully you have seen-if you are a traveler to the National Parks or intend to do so and are 62 or older:  
**The \$10 Lifetime National Park Pass for Seniors Is About to Get a Lot More Expensive**

For just \$10, older Americans [have been able to access](#) all of the country's national parks for the rest of their lives.

But come Aug. 28, that fee will raise to \$80.

On Monday, the [National Park Service announced](#) that it would be increasing prices for senior lifetime passes later this summer. The agency has offered its \$10 lifetime senior park pass for American citizens who are 62 or older since 1994, and the price increase comes as a result of legislation approved by Congress in Dec. 2016 as a result of the National Park Service's [centennial](#).

The pass grants lifetime entry to more than 2,000 sites and parks across the country. Those who purchase the passes while they are \$10 will still be able to use them without an additional charge, the National Park Service said.

The Park Service believes that even with the price increase, the pass is still a bargain for seniors. National parks like Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and others each charge \$30 for entry for visitors.

"If a senior visits three of the \$30 parks, she or he has already saved money," Kathy Kupper, a spokesperson for the National Park Service, told MONEY last month. "Plus, the pass allows those traveling with seniors to enter the park with them."

Under the Obama administration, Congress approved the [National Park Service Centennial Act](#), which raised park fees and addressed infrastructure issues in national parks. The legislation also created a new annual pass for seniors, which can be purchased for \$20. If seniors buy four of the new annual passes, they can get a lifetime pass for no additional cost, the Park Service said.

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Anyone interested in doing a program for us in 2018? Or perhaps you know of someone who would be a great presenter at one of our meetings??? If so, call your Vice-President Charlie Harper at 419-308-6603.

Be sure to check out our FACEBOOK page at <https://www.facebook.com/blackswamphostaanddaylilysociety/>. Eileen Hoffman has been maintaining the site for us. Thanks, Eileen, for doing such a great job!! We appreciate it!!!!

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