

Greetings! Sure hope everyone is staying safe – and healthy!!

We haven't had much to report this past year with all of the cancellations due to COVID-19 – but Eileen Hoffman, plus Irene Kecskes, Charlie Harper, and Mike Anders just to name a few members (if I left out your name, please accept my apologies and keep on posting!!), have kept our FACEBOOK filled with lots of info and pictures this year.

In the past this would be the EFLASH that would include a recap of what we had done the previous year. Since we were only able to get together twice before everything shut down due to the Coronavirus, this recap is very short!!

This year we again faced wintery weather conditions on the roadways on our January luncheon at Heather Downs country Club, although it was not quite as bad as the previous year! The buffet was fantastic and it was great to see our members after the holidays. Everyone enjoyed seeing the gardens and hearing about the National Hosta Convention held in Green Bay, Wisconsin this past June presented by Frank and Charlene. A big "Thank You" to Dianna and Arnie Vasquez for putting together the luncheon for us again this year!

Our guest speaker in February was John Hric from North East Ohio Garden, Cleveland, OH. John's presentation "MY JOURNEY TO BECOMING A DAYLILY HYBRIDIZER" highlighted his introductions, a good example of a hobbyist hybridizer with some super crosses. John and his wife Susan live on the west side of Cleveland, where they've been gardening since 1976. Over the years, they transitioned from vegetable gardening to perennials, introducing daylilies into the garden in 1996. A relatively new hybridizer, John started doing crosses around 2003. To date, he's expanded his garden to include around 600 daylilies and has registered 30 new ones. Checkout his website for more pictures and see what he has done in 2002.



Then in March, with the outbreak of COVID-19, all of our meetings, plant sale, daylily show, work days at Toledo Botanical Garden, and our November potluck were cancelled. Due to the fact there is a restriction of how many people can safely gathered issued by Governor Mike DeWine, our in-person meetings for 2021 are on hold.

Jonathan Milbrodt had scheduled a Daylily Work Week at Toledo Botanical Garden in mid-August for those who wanted to work independently in the national daylily gardens due to restrictions imposed by the Metroparks to keep volunteers safe and healthy. Several members answered the call and the gardens looked fabulous this year! Our 21st Century crew consisting of Jim and Libby Boldt, Harold and Eileen Hoffman, Dianna and Arnie Vasquez and Linda Hoffman were in the gardens every Wednesday during the summer maintaining the hosta garden which never looked so good!!! Harold and Jonathan religiously maintained a spraying

program that deterred the deer in the daylily gardens this summer which paid off with hundreds of beautiful blooms.

At the 577 Foundation Garden, the regular staff maintained the hosta gardens due to restrictions on volunteers this summer. COVID didn't keep Phil Hollenbaugh and Fred Bobel from volunteering and maintaining the beautiful hosta garden at Simpson Garden Park in Bowling Green. The daylily gardens at Simpson were also fantastic this year!

Since we were not able to hold an election of officers in October, our officers have all agreed to continue for another term. Thank you!!!

Dr. Charlie Harper, our fantastic vice-president, is working on putting together a ZOOM meeting featuring a presentation by Ginny Pearce from Garden Path Perennials in Grand Rapids, MI. Ginny was our guest speaker in March 2018, and our bus trip on June 30th that year included a stop at Ginny's garden. More to come on this ZOOM meeting once Charlie and Mike Anders are able to finalize it for us.

Irene Kecskes and Ruby Klotz, our representatives at Great Lakes Hosta, announced that there will be a ZOOM Hosta College this year:

"We are going ahead with a ZOOM HC on Saturday, March 20th with 5 classes and a lunch break.

There will be NO, fee but registration will be required and will be limited to members at this point.

We will know within the next 2 weeks who the speakers will be. We anticipate having a question and answer session between each session."

I checked the internet and found an announcement is posted at www.hostacollege.com by Marcia Sully, Great Lakes Region Hosta Society President.

Although we have not lost any members to COVID, it is with great sadness to include obituaries for Karen Shelt, Dr. Jim Baumann, and Shirley Wade. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to their families and friends. They will be missed!

Karen E. Shelt

December 10, 1942 – December 3, 2020



Karen E. (Mohr) Shelt, age 77, of Toledo, passed away peacefully of natural causes Thursday evening, December 3, 2020 at Ebeid Hospice in Sylvania. She was born in Wauseon on December 10, 1942 and was the first of four children to the late Robert O. Mohr and Rose (Mull) Mohr.

Karen was a decorated graduate of Wauseon High School in 1960 and went on to attend the University of Toledo where she received her Bachelor's of Education Degree in 1975. On August 26, 1961, Karen married Larry P. Shelt and together were blessed with two daughters, Lorie and Susan Leigh. Before retiring, she served as an elementary teacher with the Swanton School District for over 30 years. Some of her many accomplishments included being named a State of Ohio Master Gardener, volunteering for the Manatees Viewing Center in Florida and being active in the Daylily and Hosta Society. Karen loved gardening, taking art classes, painting and truly enjoyed her time with the Toledo Botanical Garden and the 577 Foundation in Perrysburg. She will be missed by her garage sale friends, also her many friends at Hawaiian Isles in Ruskin, FL and the Red Hat Group.

Along with her daughters, Lorie Shelt of Toledo and Susan Leigh (Daniel) Shelt-Gogal of Canton, OH; she is survived by her sister, Leanna "Jean" (Mark) Rearick of Delta; brother, Jim Mohr of Delta; and loving nieces and nephews. Karen was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Marcia S. Daniel in 2018; and sister-in-law, Christina Mohr.

Friends will be received from 11:00 – 12:00 Noon on Monday, December 14, 2020 at Barnes Funeral Chapel, 5825 St. Hwy. 109 in Delta; with a memorial service celebrating her life beginning at 12:00 Noon. Pastor Maryann Reimund will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, those wishing a show of sympathy are asked to consider contributions to the Metroparks Toledo Foundation, 5100 W. Central Ave, Suite A, Toledo, Ohio 43615 or ProMedica Hospice, 5855 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio 43560 in her memory. Online condolences may be sent to the family through our website at www.barnesfuneralchapel.com.

Dr. James L. Baumann

July 2, 1935 – January 21, 2021

Photo attached-Jim with Linda Scheuerman in 2017

Dr. James L. Baumann, PhD, 85, passed away on January 21, 2021 in Toledo. He was born in Toledo on July 2, 1935 to Naomi and August Baumann.

He was a graduate of Macomber High School, class of 1953, where he was President of Student Council and was known to friends as "Flash". Jim continued his education at the University of Toledo graduating in 1958, earning his master's degree in 1974, and PhD in Genetic Biology in 1979. He went on to teach at the University of Toledo, Southampton College of Long Island in New York, and Earlham College in Indiana. Jim loved teaching and advising undergraduates in Biology, Genetics, and Microbiology. In his retirement, he enjoyed landscaping in West Toledo.

Dr. Baumann was active in the local philatelic scene for many years as a collector, exhibitor, judge, and was a member of several societies. He was president of Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo through the 80's particularly interested in the postal history of Lucas County and Fallen Timbers. He was also charter member of the Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society in Toledo, and a volunteer at the Toledo Botanical Gardens.

He is survived by his sister, Ruth Baumann; and was preceded by his sister, Judith Powell/Webb.

Per his request, services were private. Professional arrangements have been entrusted to the Ansberg-West Funeral Directors, 419-472-7633. He wished that memorial donations be made to The Toledo Botanical Gardens or the Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo.

Shirley J. Wade

January 17, 1930 – January 22, 2021



Moving to Bellville in 1946, Shirley J. Wade, loving wife, mom and grandma passed away Friday, January 22, 2021 at Crystal Care Center of Mansfield after several years of dealing with Alzheimer's and due to complications from COVID-19. She enjoyed life for 91 years.

Shirley was an independent thinker but she always made sure to put her family first. She loved her family very much and would always support them no matter what! She will be greatly missed.

She was born January 17, 1930 in Washington, Pennsylvania. Shirley graduated from Bellville High School in 1948. As a senior, and homecoming queen in high school, she began dating fellow classmate, Van Ross Wade. On July 23, 1950 the two were married at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bellville where they were both members. Together they shared 66 years of marriage. Now they are gardening together again.

Shirley worked at Ohio Bell for a couple of years as a switchboard operator before she and Van were married. She enjoyed flower gardening as well as vegetable gardening. Actually, she was the one that bought the first hosta for the hosta gardens that they started. Shirley and Van owned Wade & Gatton Nurseries together where she took care of the books and made sure all of the workers stayed in line. They enjoyed traveling together and made it a point to attend the annual Hosta Society National Convention

which was hosted at many different places across the country. She was an avid reader of the Bible and mysteries. Shirley also took time to volunteer as a poll worker and judge for many years and was always up for talking politics.

She is survived by children Steven (Margaret) Wade of Bellville, Tom (Robyn) Wade of Bellville, Brian (Cheryl) Wade of Bellville, and Linda Wade (Nat Chillemi) of Butler; grandchildren Mark and James Wade, Adam (Donna) and Elizabeth Wade, Daniel (Anna Mae) Wade, Rebecca (Tigran) Mdivanian, Julia Wade, Christina Ute, Jennifer Ute and Kelli (Cory) Frazier; great grandchildren Mackenzie, Macy, Kennedy, Dylan, Andon, Ava, Julian, Mason Van Ross, Grant, Riley, Carter, Ejheni, Zahven, Yervand, Xander, Max, Gracie, Brookelyn, Brayden, one great grandson Colten on the way; step great grandchildren Michaela (Noah) Ketter and Chance (Faith) Barnett; sister Naomi Fortney.

In addition to her loving husband Van Ross Wade, she was preceded in death by her parents Bill & Iona Elizabeth Miller; siblings Mary Lou Bedillion, Charles Varner and Bernard Varner; grandson Christopher Wade.

A private family service will be live streamed on the Bellville Snyder Funeral Home Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BellvilleSFH>) Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 11 am. Rev. Erwin Urschitz will officiate. Public burial will follow in Bellville Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or the Alzheimer's Association. Please send checks to PO Box 338 Bellville, Ohio.

Groundhog Day is Tuesday – February 2ndst.

Hopefully the mild winter we have been experiencing this year will continue until Spring arrives on Saturday, March 20th!!

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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