

Happy 4th of July!! Lots of events going on this holiday week-end!! Get out and enjoy Independence Day in style this year!! Hope you have been getting some of this much needed rain the past couple of days. The plants are all standing an inch or two higher, and the daylily blooms are gorgeous!

What a great display of hosta leaves at the Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society's "Rivers of Leaves" show held at Toledo Botanical Garden on Sunday, June 18th. Our judges, Sarah DaPra, Jeanne and Dick Barbee had their work cut out for them. Frank Patz won the Best of Show ribbon and glass award for his entry of H. 'Millenium', and Phil Parsons' seedling '02-10' won the Best Seedling/Sport ribbon and glass award. Frank also won the sweepstakes ribbon and glass award for having the most blue ribbons. Charlie Harper had three Section winners on the front table. Charlie and Phil just missed winning the sweepstakes award by one or two blue ribbons. Betty Moore, Linda Hoffman, Linda Nagy and Jonathan Milbrodt also entered some fabulous leaves from their gardens. Using dried pressed H. 'venusta' leaves Jonathan created a picture to spell out the word "HOSTA" that everyone enjoyed. Karen Centers and Linda Scheuerman created some lovely floral arrangements from "extra" hosta leaves and daylilies from Charlie's garden. Thanks to Marian and Phil for staging the show, and to Jim Flannery and Marian for manning the classification desk. A special thank you to Linda and Rich Nagy who put together our potluck luncheon, and to everyone who brought a dish to share! Guests and members enjoyed seeing the fabulous American Hosta Society National Display Garden led by our hosta garden guru Jim Boldt several times during the afternoon festivities.

Rejoining our society at the Hosta Show was Carol Kimbrough from Toledo. Be sure to welcome Carol the next time you see her at one of our regular meetings.

Just received a copy of the certificate that the American Hemerocallis Society awarded to Dr. Charlie Harper for his article "The History of Simpson Garden Park, Bowling Green, Ohio" in the Region 2 "Great Lakes Daylily" Newsletter in Summer, 2016 (copy of Certificate and Charlie's award winning article attached for your perusal). Congratulations, Charlie!!

The second annual "Flag City Daylily Tour" is the week-end of July 7 - 9 and features several Black Swamp members, Mike and Denise Anders, Sharon and Ron DeCooman, Ann and George Brickner (Perennial Plant Peddler) that were on tour last year for the first Flag City Daylily Tour as well as 3 additional gardens in the Findlay area. For more information, contact Mike at <anders@findlay.edu>, Tele: 419-889-8827 or visit www.pplantpeddler.com for a copy of the flyer with information on each garden and directions/map to the gardens.

Black Swamp member Jack Church of Birdland Daylilies, 15201 Van Tassel Road in Weston, is hosting his annual "Lemonade and Lilies Day" in the garden on Saturday, July 15th, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Check out Jack's FACEBOOK page "Birdland Daylilies" or give Jack a call at 419-601-2869 for more details and pictures of what is blooming this year.

And Black Swamp members Lisa and Jerry Marlatt of Ogden Station Daylilies, 7120 Hodges Hwy., Blissfield, MI 49228 - Tele: 517-443-5530, Email: <info@ogdenstationdaylilies.com>, celebrate "Daylily Field of Blooms". Individuals and groups are welcome to visit whenever they are home from July 1-August 15. Visitors may walk the field, take photos, set up an easel and paint, or just enjoy the beauty. Please call or email to arrange a time when Lisa and Jerry are available.

Have you been keeping your journal up-to-date on your hosta tissue culture plant H. 'Pure Heart' that you may have received at our April meeting? The auction next month 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. 'Pure Heart' to our September 23rd or October 14th meeting to get credit for bringing it back.

Speaking of our daylily auction - which is Saturday, August 19th at Toledo Botanical Garden behind the Conference Center - if you have daylilies that you would like to donate to the auction this year or have been growing one of the plants passed out at our 2015 auction, please contact Kevin Kwiatkowski, chairman of the auction committee, to give him the name(s) of the daylilies and how many fans you will be donating. Kevin's email address is <kevin.judy@bex.net>, Tele: 419-349-7413. Please contact Kevin as soon as possible with this information, so he will have time to get all of the information on the daylily auction list. Our daylily auction provides you the chance to purchase newer, expensive daylilies at very reasonable prices. Also, if you have been a member for two (2) or more years, you can take home a plant to baby-sit for two years-keeping one fan and returning the others for our auction in 2019.

Also on Saturday, August 19th we will be holding our annual Daylily Garden Work Day at Toledo Botanical Garden from 9 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. We need lots of helping hands to clean up the American Hemerocallis Society display gardens. We have a great time and get a lot of work done in a few hours. .. This is a great opportunity to learn about 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. More info in our August EFLASH.

Trust you have either heard on the news or read the article in THE BLADE regarding the operation of Toledo Botanical Garden by Toledo Metroparks:

**THE BLADE JUNE 29, 2017:
Metroparks to take over city garden District to begin operations at West Toledo site
July 15**

Metroparks of the Toledo Area is taking over the day-to-day operations of the Toledo Botanical Garden under an agreement reached between the two groups and approved Wednesday by park commissioners. Metropark and Toledo Botanical Garden officials said the arrangement will allow TBG to focus on its horticultural mission, including Toledo Grows, which is a community garden outreach program. The botanical garden, at 5403 Elmer Dr. in West Toledo, has been managed by the Metroparks since 2006, when the city of Toledo approved the merger between the TBG and the park district to operate the 66-acre city-owned garden. The garden is operated as an affiliate of the Metroparks.

Jennifer Scroggs, president of the nonprofit Toledo Botanical Garden Board, said the operational management change was approved by the board Tuesday and will be effective July 15. "We feel this is a great opportunity to have an organization like the Metroparks provide the resources we don't have access to right now," she said. "Toledo Botanical Garden is a big park with aging buildings. There are a lot of things to consider in the long term." Metroparks Director Dave Zenk said Metroparks staff will maintain the facility's formal garden and the park district is planning on improvements to the property, including building maintenance and restoration of natural areas. Visitors to the garden eventually will see Metroparks signs, more trails, a picnic area, and other amenities. A 12-acre prairie and Oak Openings region demonstration garden also are under consideration. The change in operational management also will mean that some botanical garden workers will become new employees for the Metroparks. "There will be a portion of the staff that transitions to Metropark employees to continue the horticultural mission of the Toledo Botanical Garden," Mr. Zenk said. "The specific personnel moves have not been determined." Mrs. Scroggs said TBG employees were told about the changes Wednesday.

Karen Ranney Wolkins, the garden's executive director, is among the employees whose position will be eliminated as result of the change. She is to remain with the garden through July. "There will be some additional layoffs. We are working through those details, which will be based on the Toledo Grows programs and availability of employment with the Metroparks and what they need," Mrs. Scroggs said. Mr. Zenk said the park district spends about \$300,000 annually on botanical garden operations. He said that budget commitment will not change because of the ability to efficiently staff the garden with existing staff at Wildwood Preserve Metropark, which is within a few miles of the garden.

Annual TBG events, including the Crosby Festival of the Arts and the Jazz in the Garden, are to continue, with the proceeds to go to Toledo Grows operation, Metropark officials said. The lease agreements with 15 resident arts and horticulture organizations at the botanical garden are being transferred to the Metroparks. "We will be talking to the artists about their needs and the operations. We want to make sure their needs are being met," Mrs. Scroggs said.

Also Wednesday, the Metroparks commissioners approved placing the renewal of a 1.4-mill, 10-year operating levy on the Nov. 7 ballot. The levy, which was renewed by voters in 2007, generates about \$10 million annually. It costs the owner of a \$100,000 home \$42.24 annually.

Thanks to Eileen Hoffman and Joyce Lane for keeping our facebook page current and interesting to see [what's happening!](#)

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

Live life to its fullest!!!!

Frank and Charlene