

Greetings:

Just wanted to send out a reminder about our meeting on Saturday, March 11thth, at Toledo Botanical Garden Conference Center, beginning at 1 PM. Our speaker is Dan Bachman from VALLEY OF THE DAYLILIES, Lebanon, OH. Dan, and his wife Jackie, operate a plant farm specializing in daylilies, growing over 3,800 cultivars plus thousands of new seedlings under evaluation from their breeding program. He is currently juggling 3 balls with their American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden, Commercial Sales Garden and his Hybridizing Program. Dan has registered 140 daylilies and received over 50 AHS Awards and Honorable Mentions. Dan is best known for his spiders and unusual form intros, many of which are named for famous jazz musicians. This summer Dan and Jackie are hosting the Northern Mecca Daylily Tour's picnic on Saturday, July 8th. Come and see what unique daylilies Dan is working on and what he will be introducing this year. Also, Charlie Harper has been fine tuning some of the logos that he had designed for our society with suggestions made at our last meeting.

Welcome to our newest member - Bill Albert from Waterville!!

If you have registered for Hosta College, be sure to check back to the website to run off your schedule with the room assignments and the schedule of events for the week-end of March 17th – 18th before heading down to Piqua. The Hosta College website can be found at <<http://www.ihostohio.com/portal/glhc/>>.

Inger Murdock has volunteered to be on tour this summer. Will you be willing to have your garden open too??

If you have not renewed your membership, please be sure to do so today!! And yes, you can pay for more than one year at a time! Dues are still \$10 per garden per year. What a bargain!! Send to Jim Flannery, Treasurer, [26009 Willowbend Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551](http://www.ihostohio.com/portal/glhc/)

Don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday, March 12th at 2 A.M. - Daylight Saving Time begins. Clocks forward one hour in spring.

Spring is coming - on Monday, March 20th- specifically, at exactly 6:29 A.M. EDT.

We are taking orders for the new daylily book-"*The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms and Other "Exotics"* written by Oliver Billingslea. This publication is first and foremost a botanical book, treating two recognized classes of daylilies in a format typical of books published by the American Botanical Society, and in the final chapter offers a brief look at those open form daylilies which hybridizers sometimes call "flamboyants" or "exotics," although these types at present are not recognized as constituting a class of daylilies in themselves. This 232 page book is a chronological look at the work of 128 hybridizers with 616 photos. It is like an encyclopedia of spiders and uf's. Cost is \$21.50, and you will need to pick it up at one of our regular meetings, once they arrive. If you are interested in getting a copy, let Jim Flannery know either via email: JLFlannery@roadrunner.com or give Jim a call at [419-874-5995](tel:419-874-5995), if you will not be at our March 11th meeting.

Be sure to mark the date of APRIL 29th on your calendars. Weather permitting, we will hold our Hosta Workday, beginning at 9 AM – noon in the Shade Garden at Toledo Botanical Garden. Come and help get the hosta beds cleaned up for spring.

Bring your lunch and stay for our general membership meeting that will begin at 1 PM in the Conference Center. We'll be discussing the Tissue Culture Program, and provide the Plant Sale and Daylily Expo Information. This is a very busy and important meeting for those members who want to learn about the tissue culture plant program presented by Phil Parsons, chairman. Also, those members needing tags for the May plant sale or having questions about the sale, this is the meeting to pick up your plant tags from Betty Moore.

From our Facebook page manager, Eileen Hoffman: "I spotted the link below on the FB page of the Greater Ozarks Hosta Society. I shared it on our BSHDS FB page. <https://friendsofthegarden.org/internet-plant-sites>

If you have any contributions for the newsletter, just send them to us. Looking forward to seeing you on the 11th!

Live life to its fullest,
Frank and Charlene
Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society