

Wow! Where did the summer go?!? Some of the trees in the neighborhood are starting to sport their fall colors so you know what that means. Fall is coming, and will arrive on Monday, September 23rd at 3:50 A.M. I sure hope we get a few cooler days with some rain this month so we can get some more gardening done.

What a great turnout the morning of August 17th, when we held our annual Daylily Garden Work Day prior to our daylily auction!! Helping to clean up the daylily beds were one of our new members-Mary Jo Wilhelms, along with Jim and Libby Boldt, Becky Bothe, Linda and Rich Nagy, Linda Scheuerman, Lisa and Jerry Marlatt, Karen Centers, Dan Parratt, Arnold Vasquez, Eileen and Harold Hoffman, Lance Wehrle, Win Sturgeon, Deb Kessell, Helen Hundsrucker, Diane Vogt, Charlene and Frank Patz, Monica Beauregard, Pamela Haggood, and Mary Jo Wilhelms (who became a member) from 9 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. It was a beautiful cool morning, so we got a lot of work done in a couple of hours. Jonathan Milbrodt coordinated the Work Day and provided gardening tools, tarps, shovels, etc. for us to use. A number of daylily clumps were divided, as well as cutting back the foliage on all of the cultivars to clean up the garden for fall. Kelleigh Lederer who was visiting the garden that morning, volunteered to take our group photo at the end of the morning.

Following the work day we had a fantastic daylily auction chaired by Kevin Kwiatkowski, who was assisted by his very capable committee members consisting of Don and Ann Bixler, Phil and Marian Parsons, Pam Murphy, Sharon Supinski and Judy Hersch! A special “thank you” goes out to our members who donated daylilies to be auctioned off in addition to those that our members brought back from our Daylily Host program. Donations were received from Charlie Harper, Lisa and Jerry Marlatt, Dawn Dennis, Helen Hundsrucker, and Linda Spahr. Chari and Greg Delatore from Canton, MI., who have attended our auctions for a couple of years also joined the society that day. Following the auction, plants for our Daylily Host program were distributed to members who will grow them for two years, and return them for our 2021 auction. After getting all of the tables and chairs cleaned up and put away from the patio area, and everyone had gathered up their purchases from the auction, the sky opened up and the rain clouds that had been hanging overhead all afternoon opened up. What great timing! Thank you to Kevin, Don, Ann, Phil, Marian, Pam, Sharon and Judy for all of your work before and during the auction to make it run like clockwork again this year!!

Joining our society this past month are two Master Gardeners who have been working at our hosta and daylily gardens at 577 in Perrysburg on Tuesday mornings this summer; Carol Mathis and James Rebar, both from Bowling Green. They have been a great help to our longtime garden keepers, Jim Flannery, Nancy Diego, and Karen Shelt. Welcome Carol and Jim!!

Metroparks Toledo have scheduled a Community Open House of the first node of the Children's Discovery Trail-"The Secret Forest" to which we have contributed funds. 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 this Saturday, September 14th from 10 AM to 2 PM for families to experience this new opportunity in the Woodland Garden.

At our Saturday, September 21st meeting, our program will be our Members Roundtable with Moderator, John Krukemyer, Agronomist and Store Manager at Mid-Wood Inc. at their general store located at 12818 East Gypsy Lane Road in Bowling Green, OH. John has been with Mid-Wood for 43 years - the last 38 years as the store manager. He has attended numerous seminars, trainings and other meetings on Lawn & Garden in General. John is currently teaching Lawn Care & Maintenance for the Wood County Master Gardeners, and has put on Pond clinics for the Ohio Extension Agency. He manages over 900 clients on a DIY Lawn Care Program covering the tri-state area. Mid Wood prides itself to "Teach" first and "sell" second. You must be able to understand your problem first to be able to control it or make it better. Many times we will NOT recommend a solution due to the damage not large enough to warrant control, or if the damage to beneficials will be worse than controlling the pest. If John doesn't know the answer, rest assured he will find you the answer or refer you to someone that can help you.

On Saturday, October 12th, we will welcome Teresa Byington, President of the Indianapolis Rose Society, an active member of the American Rose Society where she serves as editor of "ROSES & YOU" and serves as IL/IN District Director, is an Advanced Master Gardener of Hendricks County, IN., blogs at <TheGardenDiary.com> and co-host for <RoseChatPodcast.com>. The title of Teresa's program is "NEW ROSES FOR TODAY'S GARDEN". The Knock Out Rose which

was released in 2000, changed 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 with us.

And we'll wrap up 2019 with our year-end potluck on Saturday, November 9 beginning at 12 Noon. Just bring a side dish to share. The society will provide the meat, drinks, and table service. Dianna and Arnie Vasquez have volunteered to chair the potluck again this year. If you would like to help with the potluck, sign up for the committee at our September or October meeting, or give Dianna a call or send her an email-contact info below.

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? If you did not bring it to the auction last month, you will need to bring it back to either the September or October meeting to be eligible for a tissue culture plant next year. Any questions about the tissue culture program should be directed to Phil Parsons, contact info below.

Our webmaster guru, Eileen Hoffman, does such a great job in keeping our FACEBOOK and WEBSITE up to date, doesn't she?? Thank you, Eileen!!

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

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