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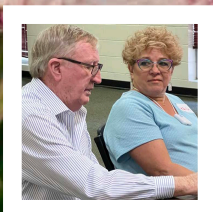
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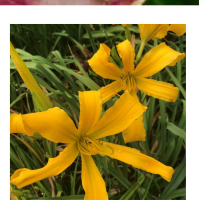
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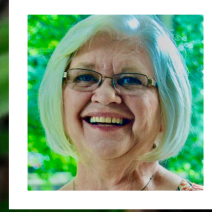
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The American Daylily Society (also known as the American Hemerocallis Society, Inc.) is a non-profit service organization dedicated to educating people about daylilies, promoting the cultivation and enjoyment of daylilies, and fostering the on-going improvement of this perennial flower (genus *hemerocallis*).

ADS website: www.daylilies.org

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One year	\$25.00
Three years	\$70.00
Youth	\$10.00
Life	\$500.00

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(2 people, same address)

one year	\$30.00
Three years	\$83.00
Life	\$750.00

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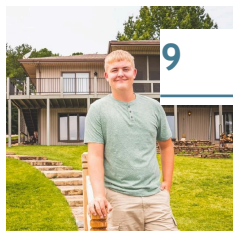


In this issue...

Welcome to our last issue for 2023. The summer bloom season is behind us and we are cleaning out our gardens in preparation for the winter. 2024 promises to be an adventure for our Region as we host the first national convention in many years. A big shout out to our members in Oklahoma who are working hard to make the convention one to remember!

If you have not registered for the national convention, it is time to get your registration sent in. In addition, the Region will hold Spring Fling again in March in Joplin. The registration form is on the back cover of this issue.

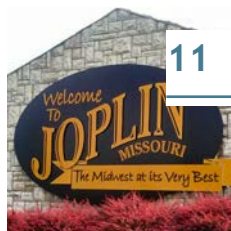
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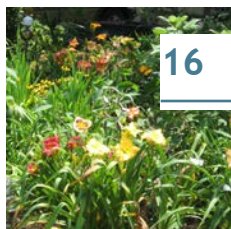
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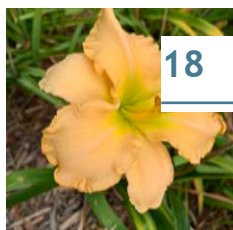
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- by **Steve Amy, ADS Membership Chair**

As it is often said "Timing is everything!"

Having just returned from the Fall ADS Board Meeting, I have some very interesting items to share in this issue of the MoKanOk!

Our latest count of ADS members as of 9-20-2023 is 5014 members. We had done some "house cleaning" related to ADS Life Members. It came to our attention that some life members had moved and had not given their new mailing address. When we began a search for other life members, we found others that were deceased and were still on our membership roster. We had been sending journals to the nursing homes or other care facilities even after they had passed. We had not been notified by family members, local club members nor the agency where they were living when they passed away. We found a surprising number that we removed from the roster. That will save the organization a few dollars in printing and mailing excess journals. We need all the clubs and members to inform the ADS when a member passes so we can keep our membership files current.

On the topic of membership, the Board of Directors approved a small increase in the cost of membership beginning January 1, 2024. The membership fees had not been adjusted in 12 years. In that time, postal costs have increased. Publishing costs have increased as well.

The fees for each membership category:

Individual one year from \$25 up to \$30; Dual one year from \$30 up to \$36;

3-year Individual from \$70 up to \$84; 3 year dual from \$83 up to \$99;

Youth membership from \$10 to \$12;

Life membership fee is still being discussed as to how much it will increase but it will increase as well.

Given this information, if your membership renewal is coming up near the end of 2023, you can avoid the small increase by renewing prior to it going into effect January first !

Speaking of membership and opportunities, we had THREE of our Region 11 clubs submit their membership roster and apply to be in the Club Membership Recognition Program this year! Yay for us with the Topeka Daylily Club, Flint Hills Daylily Society and Air Capital Daylily Society having entered! AND Congratulations to Air Capital for having 94% of their membership as ADS members. That qualified them to be in the drawing for \$500 cash to be spent however the winner chooses. Unfortunately, they did not win the drawing but perhaps they will be luckier next year! It would be great to have ALL or at least most of Region 11 clubs be in the contest! You can do it!

The 2026 ADS National Convention will be held in Valdosta Georgia! That should be another great event!

That is about all I have to share for now.

Please get registered for the 2024 National Convention in Oklahoma City next year. If you have never attended an ADS National Convention, you need to attend the upcoming National in our own region being hosted by the Central Oklahoma Daylily Society in 2024. The link to the registration site is: <https://www.ads2024convention.org/#/>

Hope to see many of you there!



Notice of Annual Meeting

The members of AHS Region 11 are hereby informed that the 2024 Annual Meeting of the organization will take place on March 24, 2024, at 10:15 AM at the Holiday Inn, Joplin, Mo.

Notice of Election

Since our Annual Meeting will be held at Spring Fling, election of our Regional Director and President will take place at the Annual Meeting list above.

See page 16 for a mail-in/electronic ballot.

Regional President

Summer Happenings and Spring Fling!

- by Carol Schultz

What a great summer we had, despite the heat! In place of a summer regional, I worked on my goal of visiting clubs and display gardens in Region 11. I first went to Topeka for their accredited AHS Daylily Show in June (really as a Junior Exhibition Judge - not a presidential visit). On the way to Topeka, I stopped at the Lenington-Long Garden in Kansas City and enjoyed viewing some of the classics that are still important in hybridizing today. On the way home, I visited the Topping Garden in Liberty, MO. Later in the summer, Leemer and I went to Manhattan, KS where the Flint Hills Daylily Club hosted a talk by Charles and Heidi Douglas.

A big congratulations and thank-you to volunteers in those clubs that maintain a Daylily Display Garden at a public Botanical Garden. I believe those gardens introduce many people to the beauty and variety of daylilies. It is inspiring to read the club reports about this kind of service to the greater community.

How important are daylilies really? As I listen to the reports of storms on the East Coast and tornados in our own region, I often wonder how the beautiful gardens in those areas survived. I think first, of course, about the great daylily people we have met over the years and feel the connection with them, forged by a love of daylilies.

The question of the importance of daylilies came up for me again at our daylily sale at our Farmer's market. A young couple with a young baby came by and asked a question we get often, "Are those onions? Are they edible?" After hearing our description, they said they were turning their yard into a sustainable eco-system with only edible plants. We can say, "Yes, they are edible." (I recently pulled out a group of recipes for a presentation to our local club.) But my further explanations about beauty and ease of growing did not interest them.

Looking at the larger picture, I believe that daylilies, like all flowers, play a very important part in creating beauty in our world. I relate the diversity of color, shapes, sizes, and growing habits to the diversity of people - their shapes, size, life-styles and opinions. It is so great to have daylily friends who live in different places, have different favorite flowers, and represent such a diversity. Also, each time I dead head the daylilies, I am reminded of the cycles of life, death, and new life - the new birth of each bud, the beautiful bloom, the spent bloom, and the many seeds left behind to grow another day.

Have a great winter, and see you in March at Spring Fling.



Welcome New Members

Betty Bacon, Council Grove, KS; Tiffany Manson, Louisburg, KS; Dee Thompson, El Dorado, KS; Jill Tiedeman, Harrisonville, MO; Pepper Williams, Moore, OK; Eliza Williamson, Hutchinson, KS.

Regional Treasurer Report

AHS Region 11 Balance Sheet

As of August 31, 2023

ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
	Arvest Bank Checking	27,221.00	
	Total Checking/Savings	27,221.00	
	Total Assets	27,221.00	
TOTAL ASSETS		27,221.00	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
	Unrestricted Net Assets	27,450.33	
	Net Income	-229.33	
	Total Equity	27,221.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		27,221.00	

-by Joshua Winzer, ADS Region 11 Treasurer

We didn't have a Region 11 Summer Meeting this year, so there has been little financial activity this summer. All of the final bills from Spring Fling have been paid and we came out ahead.

Overall, we're running at a slight loss for the year as expected since we didn't have an online auction this year.

The major upcoming expense will be the MoKanOk, and without any further income we will end the year at a loss. We are relying heavily on the generous contributions from the local clubs, so if your club has not given anything this year, I would encourage you to consider it after the fall plant sales

If you have questions please contact me at our regional e-mail: adsregion11treasurer@gmail.com



It's time to get registered for the 2024 National Convention!

Go to: <https://www.ads2024convention.org>



Regional Treasurer Report

					Gener al		MoKanOk		Spring Fling		Unclassif ied		TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense													
		Income											
			AHS Postage Reimbursement	0.00			265.00		0.00		0.00		265.00
			Donations - Clubs	0.00			1,400.00		0.00		0.00		1,400.00
			Spring Fling Live Auction	0.00			0.00		7,778.16		0.00		7,778.16
			Spring Fling Registration	0.00			0.00		5,862.07		1,009.00		6,871.07
			Spring Fling Silent Auction	0.00			0.00		781.03		0.00		781.03
		Total Income			0.00		1,665.00		14,421.26		1,009.00		17,095.26
		Expense											
			Awards	179.77			0.00		0.00		0.00		179.77
			MoKanOk Expense										
				Printing & Mailing	0.00		3,142.45		0.00		0.00		3,142.45
				Production	0.00		1,600.00		0.00		0.00		1,600.00
			Total MoKanOk Expense		0.00		4,742.45		0.00		0.00		4,742.45
			Printing & Advertising		0.00		0.00		486.62		0.00		486.62
			Shipping & Postage		0.00		0.00		233.60		0.00		233.60
			Spring Fling Expense										
				Auction Plants	0.00		0.00		1,300.00		0.00		1,300.00
				Food & Beverage	0.00		0.00		6,440.00		0.00		6,440.00
				Photo Contest	0.00		0.00		669.45		0.00		669.45
				Travel & Lodging - Speakers	0.00		0.00		2,949.31		0.00		2,949.31
			Total Spring Fling Expense		0.00		0.00		11,358.76		0.00		11,358.76
			Supplies		0.00		0.00		54.51		0.00		54.51
			Travel - Regional President		268.88		0.00		0.00		0.00		268.88
		Total Expense			448.65		4,742.45		12,133.49		0.00		17,324.59
Net Ordinary Income					-448.65		-3,077.45		2,287.77		1,009.00		-229.33
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Special thanks to our proofreaders - Lois Hart, Pam Lauer, and Ann Redmon
for their time and dedication.

Regional Publicity Director

Daylily Info Blooms on Facebook

- Abby Ruiz, RPD

Social media has been around since the early 2000's, and undoubtedly, has changed the way the world receives and shares information. While there are many platforms from which to choose, over 3 billion people belong to Facebook, and half of those turn to it everyday for updates on friends and family as well as for information on the latest and the greatest.

Like many of you, I wasn't born into this world of technology. I just immigrated, and Facebook has become my go-to platform for keeping in touch with family and friends, some of which I have met through daylily events. As a frequent visitor to Facebook, my attention has been drawn to the amount of groups and pages associated with daylilies. There are hundreds to choose from, but I have found several managed by some of our own Region 11 members. These are worth a look!

Region 11 has its own Facebook group, "DAYLILIES Region 11 AHS American Hemerocallis Society, MO, KS, OK," which posts information regarding our region's many activities. Many of our Region 11 hybridizers have their own groups and websites as well. I have joined several groups over the last year which not only give out good information, but also allow people to buy and sell daylilies, showcase promising seedlings and new introductions, and seek advice on everything daylilies. Here are a few of my favorites.

"Daylillies: One Stop Shop" is the creation of our own Bobby Scott. This group boasts nearly 6,000 members from all different regions and is packed full of information and entertainment. While Bobby features his own flowers regularly, others have also posted lovely photos from their own gardens. Bobby often asks members to show off their own daylilies based on the topic of the moment, for example, watermarks. Other times, Bobby shares his most promising seedlings and invites others to do the same.



Refined by Fire, Rold, 2018
Photo: Abby Ruiz

There are even times when he sells daylilies, which is how I obtained two more of Bobby's creations (I already had a few). You definitely do not need to be a hybridizer to enjoy this group. Give it a try!

If you haven't had the pleasure of visiting Nancy Rold's Glory Be Gardens, you are missing out. Nancy, whose program includes many miniature to small crispate unusual forms as well as dark-colored scapes is gaining national attention. I was blessed to see the fruits of her labors during her open garden this past 4th of July, and I wasn't disappointed. On her Facebook page, simply titled "Glory Be Gardens," Nancy shares many of her introductions and promising seedlings which I was blessed to see last summer. She outlines her hybridizing journey and plans for the future of her program. We are so fortunate that Nancy will be one of our speakers at the Region 11 Spring Fling next March. Visit her Facebook page for a sneak peek before joining us in Joplin.

"Daylilies" is a group for anyone interested in daylilies. Its administrators include some of our own Region 11 hybridizers including Nancy Rold and Carol "Seajay" Mock. It is a very eclectic collection of posts from daylily lovers. Whether you are a hybridizer, or just an admirer like me, there is something for you in this group. Membership is by invitation only, but I guarantee you know someone who belongs to this group as it has over 11,000 members. This group doesn't sell any daylilies, but it allows members to ask questions, share photos and stories, and bounce ideas off of one another. Hybridizers are allowed to post links to their websites where you can browse their latest introductions. Have a question about growing daylilies? Post it, and you may receive hundreds of ideas. Members have a wealth of knowledge, and this group taps it each and every day.

Facebook can be a great tool, and I have just scratched the surface of the many offerings for us "daylily people." I strongly encourage you to browse and find groups and pages that fit your need. Winter is coming! There is no better time to scroll through Facebook and catch up with Region 11's best.



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Nominating Committee Report

- by John Wieland, with contributions from Brenda Jindra and Steve Amy

The nominating process for the next Region 11 President and Regional Director wrapped up this summer, with a solid candidate to be nominated for each position. For President, Brenda Jindra has accepted a nomination, and for Regional Director, Steve Amy has agreed to run for a second term. Information on each candidate can be found below.

A mail-in ballot will be included in the MoKanOk. In addition, you can email your votes to my email address below. The main balloting will be done at the Regional meeting during the Spring Fling, on Sunday, March 24, 2024.

If you have any questions concerning the nominating process, feel free to reach out. Thank you, and I will likely see many of you at next year's Spring Fling.

If you have questions, please contact me at the following E-mail: jfwieland@aol.com

Brenda Jindra (for President):

Quite a few years ago, I served AHS Region 11 as secretary and then as Regional Publicity Director. I became the regional historian in 1999 and continue to serve in that capacity. I store the region's historical publications in my home and research information from past regional newsletters whenever requested. I have written several articles for the MoKanOk.

It has been my pleasure to attend several AHS national conventions in recent years. My husband and I will have our garden as one of the tour gardens for the AHS national convention in 2024.

Our garden is an AHS display garden, and I am an AHS garden judge.

I have served as president, treasurer and parliamentarian of my local daylily club.

Steve Amy (for Regional Director):

Steve has been involved with Daylilies since the summer of 1992 when he and Jane joined the local club, the "Manhattan Daylily Club" (later renamed to the "Flint Hills Daylily Society") with about 15-20 members meeting in members' living rooms. They later joined the American Hemerocallis Society in 1993. In the late 90's we also joined the "Topeka Daylily Club." Our garden became an AHS Daylily Display Garden around 2005-2006 and continues to be a display garden today. From our initial collection of a few dozen the garden has grown to include an added city lot and approximately 850 cultivars currently, not to mention the plethora of other perennials in the garden as well.

Steve held various club officer positions multiple times, from Vice President to President over the next several years. He has been Region 11 Director for the American Daylily Society as Membership Chair for the Society for nearly the past three years.

Steve served as Regional Publicity Director filling in as an appointee as the Publicity Director under Bob Tankesley-Clarke near the end of his second term. Steve then served two terms as Regional Vice President (later title designated as Regional President). While Regional President, Steve worked with the committee whose mission was to restructure and redefine the duties and role of the various officers for the AHS Regions. Those guidelines are the basis of the current AHS Bylaws and procedures for Regional Officers.

Steve and Jane have attended most Region 11 Summer Meetings and at least 12 AHS/ADS National Conventions since the early 1990's.

"I will be very happy to continue serving as the Region 11 Director for the American Daylily Society if elected," Amy said.

Youth Report

- by Sharon Henry, Youth Liaison and Callan Henry

Hi, my name is Callan Henry and I am a 16-year-old junior at Seaman High School in Topeka, Kansas. I've been a member of ADS Region 11 and the Mo-Kan Daylily Society for 4 years. I was introduced to daylilies by my grandmother, Sharon Henry (Region 11 Youth Liaison), and my sisters, Sophia and Peyton.

I have to admit I first joined the daylily society for the traveling, but after participating in activities, my interest peaked when I learned about hybridizing flowers, which was something I didn't even know I could do. I became super interested in the science and molecular make-up behind daylily hybridizing techniques and how various patterns, vibrant colors, shapes, and textures are obtained. Since then I have had opportunities to visit member's gardens, attend Regional and National Conferences and local club tours, and have been intrigued seeing these beautiful flowers and meeting some really nice, very helpful people.

As a student I am a member of my school's Robotics Team. I find it fun and challenging. Last Spring our team qualified for the state competition at Wichita in March and won the opportunity to represent our school and Kansas in the World Robotics Championships in Dallas, Texas in May of this year. Ours is a three-

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-member team and we each do our share of the work. My job is head strategist, programmer, and co-driver. Our team has received five first place trophies; three first place and two awards for excellence.



Callan Henry
Photo: Sharon Henry

I am also a drum major in the Seaman Marching Band. In this position, I have a high level of trust and respect to uphold. It is imperative that I be confident and strive to improve myself and the band. We participate in multiple competitions yearly and have received some very high ratings and awards, but we continue to strive to improve our performances. This year we are working on routines to represent our school at a band competition in Florida in March of 2024.

Growing up, my sister Peyton and I participated in Karate for over ten years, where we each earned a black belt. While continuing training and completing my Second-Degree Black Belt, I have been teaching with my instructor, Master Overby, for the last 4 years. I really enjoy my job. (It also helps keep my truck in fuel).

After graduation, I plan to attend Kansas State University for a degree in Mechanical Engineering and then join the U.S. Air Force to become a pilot. That's about all for now. Hope to see you at Nationals this summer in Oklahoma City. Be sure and introduce yourself and say "hi".

Garden Judges News

- by **Diana Plahn, Regional Liaison**

For those of you renewing in 2024, please remember that you will need to either teach or take Garden Judge Workshop 3, either online or in person, within the last three years of your 5 year term.

For those new judges that are becoming garden judges, you need to take Garden Judge Workshop 1 and in the garden, Workshop 2, in either order, to become accredited. Workshop 2 is focused on developing a point score system for judging daylilies.

Garden Judge Instructors must teach Garden Judge Workshop 3, either online or in person, within the last three years of their term.

If anyone is wanting an online workshop 3, please contact me.

All three workshops will be offered next summer at the Oklahoma City National so there will be opportunities there to get the classes you need.

Exhibition Judges News

- by **Susanne Thompson, Regional Liaison**

I am encouraging all judges to check the portal to make sure that they have the correct classification. If you are due for Clinic 3 refresher please call Debbie Smith and make arrangements to do it on line if possible. Clinic 1 - 3 classes will be offered at the National Convention in Oklahoma City in June 2024



Susanne Thompson

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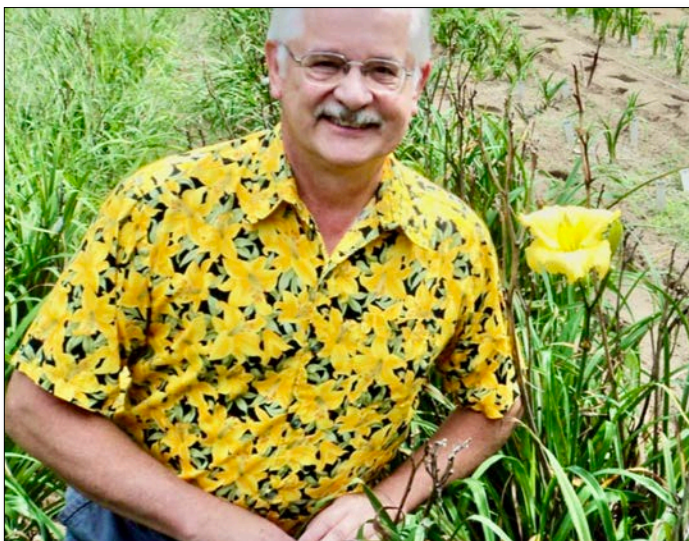
- Program overview by Carol Scultz

Spring Fling will take place the weekend of March 22 - 24, 2024 in Joplin, MO.

We will begin Friday evening with a presentation from Nancy Rold, Region 11 Hybridizer who is gaining national attention. Nancy is from the Central Missouri Daylily Club and lives in rural Boone County, MO. Her Daylily Garden is named Glory Be Daylily Garden.

Our special guest on Friday evening and on Saturday will be Dr. James (Gus) Guzinski. Gus has been very active with AHS for many years serving on the AHS Scientific Studies Committee. I have heard him speak at several national conventions and am impressed by his explanations of how daylilies actually grow and develop.

Guzinski has analyzed the two classes of pigments which create the broad range of color in daylilies. The program he will present to us is the result of 25 years of photographing all types of daylily flowers, foliage and clumps, to show the good but also the bad. His perspective is that daylilies can only be improved by



Gus Guzinski
Photo: Gus Guzinski

studying all daylily flowers and all parts of a daylily plant, including imperfections. Guzinski is sure to give us a unique approach to Hemerocallis.

Our other guest speaker is Michael Anders. Anders is a well-known hybridizer who has been sought after as a speaker and we were lucky enough to engage him for Spring Fling 2024.

Anders will present an in-depth history of the beginning of the tetraploid daylily movement and how a simple, rather nondescript, 1960 diploid introduction became the 'mother plant' of so many award-winning

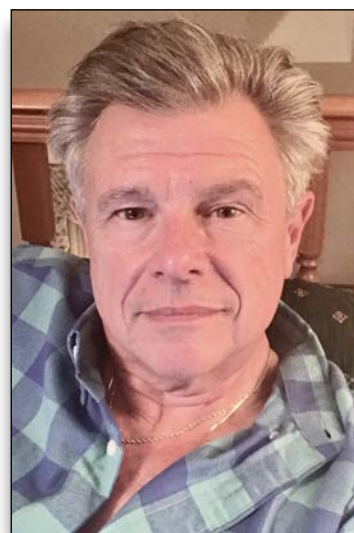
tetraploid daylilies. Such is the background of Lavender Parade (Fay-Moldovan, 1960). Its genetics have been used by some of the most important hybridizers of today. We are still working on the timing of Anders' presentation into one or two parts, but it will definitely be on Saturday, March 23.

We will try something new with our Region 11 Hybridizers' Presentations. Since neither of our guests from outside of the Region have extensive hybridizing programs of their own (they both will donate a few daylilies to our auction) we will hear about new introductions from our Region 11 Hybridizers on Saturday evening prior to the auction. This way new introductions that are featured in the auction can be highlighted.

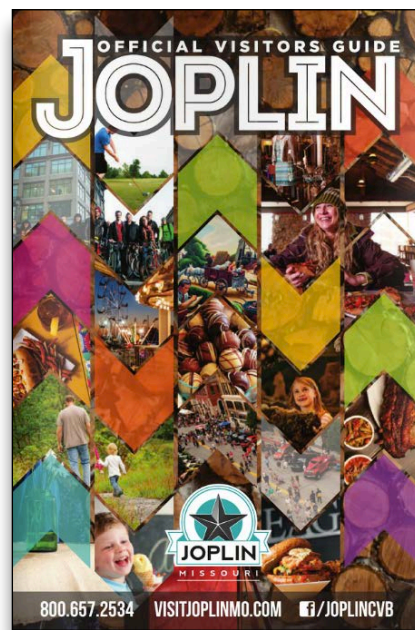
Please send your club officers to Spring Fling especially for the Club Officers' meeting. Your Board has been working over the last few years to create check lists and procedural manuals that will be available on the Region 11 website for use by the local clubs. And the very important election of your new president and Regional Director will take place at the annual business meeting.

Joplin offers many opportunities for visitors to explore from the natural like Grand Falls to exploring the legacy of Route 66 to excellent dining and entertainment venues.

The official visitors guide is available online as well as



Michael Anders
Photo: Michael Anders



Official Visitors Guide is
available online at:
visitjoplinmo.com

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websites like <https://www.visitjoplinmo.com/> which provides ample information to make your weekend a weekend to remember.

- The Spring Fling Bag and Silent Auction

- by **Connie Snow**

We certainly had a great Spring Fling in 2023. I want to thank everyone that donated items to the Bag and Silent Auction: Leemer Cernohlavek, Carol Schultz, Lois Hart, Ron Topping, Mo-Kan Daylily Society and everyone donating books or other items to make both auctions a success. The flowers donated were allocated to each of these auctions by Michael Bouman. Thanks to you, Michael, for also providing the lovely pictures and details. Thanks also to those that provided the follow-up by mailing plants to the auction winners. I would also like to express my thanks to everyone who helped put the finishing touches on bags and posters and also those that were hanging up the Saturday Night Auction flower pictures---you know who you are, I really appreciated all your help!

I think everyone really had fun making their picks on the Silent Auction and getting a string of tickets to try their luck winning one or more of the Bag Auction offerings. The Bag Auction had 10 donated items and 16 flowers which grossed \$680.00, the Silent Auction had 8 items and 10 flowers which grossed \$821.00, for a total of \$1,501.00 before mailing/costs and any credit card fees. Great job everyone!

A few pictures of the 2023 Spring Fling are attached.



The display from the Bag and Silent Auction 2023
Photo: Connie Snow

I look forward to the next Spring Fling to be held in Joplin, MO on March 24, 2024. If you have any garden related items, books, etc. you would like to donate to either auction you can email me a picture and information on the item(s) you wish to donate or to ask any questions about these auctions. Email Connie Snow at snowxsnow@outlook.com.

-Hotel Information

We will once again be at the Holiday Inn, 3402 Arizona, Joplin, MO.

Hotel Reservations: \$122 per night plus tax & incidentals (Two Queen) or (One King), breakfast included. (Handicap accessible rooms available upon request.)

Individuals are responsible for making their reservations with the Holiday Inn, Joplin.

Reservation number is **417-624-9000** and ask for the **American Daylily Society Region 11 group rate** for March 24-26.

The cutoff date for our Group Rate is February 21, 2024.

Any reservation received after the cutoff date will be accepted on a space or rate-available basis. A first night deposit or credit card guarantee is required.

If you don't arrive and you haven't cancelled, room and tax for the first night will be charged to the credit card on file in the reservation. Check-in time is 3:00 PM.



Holiday Inn, Joplin, MO
Photo: Visit Joplin

Spring Fling 2024

Tentative Schedule

Date	Time	Event
Friday (March 22)	Registration 3:00 - 6:45 PM Dinner on your own	Registration in hallway
	Concurrent Sessions 1:00 - 4:30 PM	CLASSES Garden Judges 1 - Diana Plahn Exhibition Judges 1 - Susanne Thompson
	4:00 - 6:00 PM	Region 11 Executive Board Meeting
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Opening Session: Nancy Rold - My Journey Dr. Gus Guzinski - Foliage, a Closer Look
Saturday (March 23)	Registration 7:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration
	9:30 - 11:30 AM	Spreading the Pollen Around: LAVENDER PARADE (Fay-Moldovan, 1960) - Michael Anders
	11:30 - 1:00	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN (Soup and Salad Special available in the Café \$12:00)
	1:30 - 5:00 PM	CONCURRENT SESSIONS: POSSIBLE TOPICS
		Hybridizing 101 - Nancy Rold
		Genetics in the Moldovan Line - Mike Anders
		Variation and Chronology of Scape Formation - Gus Guzinski
		Hybridizer Round table
	5:30 - 6:00 PM	Social Gathering (Cash Bar) SILENT AUCTION ENDS 5:45
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Buffet Dinner
	7:00 - 8:00 PM 8:00 - 10:00 PM	New introductions by Region 11 Hybridizers Auction
SUNDAY (March 24)	7:00 - 10:00 AM	Breakfast (With room reservation)
	8:30 - 10:00 AM	Club officer's meeting
	10:15 - 11:30	Annual Meeting
	Noon	ADJOURN

Spring Fling 2024 - Photo Contest

-by Laura Hood

Each year Region 11 sponsors a daylily photo contest at our Winter Gathering, now "Spring Fling." Any member of a daylily club in Missouri, Kansas, or Oklahoma may enter when they are registered to attend the Spring Fling (they do not need to be an AHS member).

PRIZES

Awarded in each category:

First Prize:	\$60.00
Second Prize:	\$30.00
Third Prize:	\$20.00

CATEGORIES

1. **Single Bloom:** Cultivar must be registered and true to form and color
2. **Multi Bloom:** Cultivar must be registered and true to form and color
3. **Landscape:** Must include some daylilies
4. **Artistic:** Must include all or part of a daylily bloom. Can be unusual point of view, lighting, soft focus, nature/frogs/bugs

RULES

1. Photos are to be 8" x 10" glossy, no border.
2. Cropping of original photo is allowed, but assure that the cropped area will be printable as an 8" x 10".
3. Minor photo editing, such as minor color and exposure correction, is allowed. Please use caution to avoid over-manipulation and enhancement of images.
4. No date or time on front of photo.
5. Photos must be taken by the contestant, but do not have to be of their own garden and do not have to be recent.
6. Photo must not include identifiable persons or garden signs.
7. Two photos per category may be entered by each contestant.

TO ENTER

Please print your name on the back of each photo entered. Please draw an arrow indicating which direction is "up".

For the Single or Multi Bloom category, also print the registered daylily name.

Please write gently on back so the impression will not show on front of the photo.

Include a sheet of paper with the heading "2022 Winter Gathering Photo Contest." Then list the date, your name, address, phone number, the name of your daylily club, and a statement saying you do or do not permit publication of your pictures. Please sign the statement.

Entries must be postmarked by **March 8, 2023**. Winning entries will be published in the MoKanOk, and winners will be requested to provide a digital copy for that purpose. Send 8" X 10" entries to:

Laura Hood
21300 Marks Crossing Circle
Warrenton, MO 63383
(636) 887-0119

HOST CLUB NEEDED FOR SUMMER MEETING



REGION 11 NEEDS YOU!

Will your club step up to leadership by offering to host the Region 11 Summer Meeting in 2025? Remember, it can just be a simple, one day affair, people can drive to the open gardens, no need for buses.

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Heidi and Charles Douglas' Hybridizing

-by Christopher Renner

The Flint Hills Daylily Society hosted a presentation with Heidi and Charles Douglas on August 6th at Pottoff Hall in Manhattan. Heidi and Charles were supposed to speak at our Winter Gathering in 2019, but Heidi had to cancel due to a family emergency. So it was great fun to have them finally in our region.

The Flint Hills club invited other regional clubs as well as other gardening groups in the Manhattan area. As a result, Heidi and Charles were able to present to about 60 people with AHS members coming from Oklahoma, Missouri and other clubs in Kansas as well as Master Gardeners and members of the Purple Thumbs from the K-State Gardens and the Town and Country Garden Club.



Charles and Heidi Douglas
Photo: Joan Wasser

Charles and Heidi met at the Midwinter Gathering in Chattanooga, TN, in 2003. At that time, Heidi was using her small city lot in Cincinnati for her hybridizing whereas Charles had a large piece of land in South Carolina which had been in his family for several generations. They soon discovered that their relationship was more than interest in the genetics of daylilies and Heidi moved to South Carolina 2006.

Charles and Heidi married in 2007. They each have separate hybridizing programs with Heidi crossing diploids and Charles working with tetraploids.

According to Heidi, their biggest challenge in hybridizing is being able to breed for their climate not for people in other places.

Dormants are going to be an issue with the changing climate. Winters are becoming warmer. Central regions where long periods of freezing temps were normal 30 years ago have become more moderate temperature-wise. Summers are hotter in South Carolina than they were in Ohio, but in general the climate is warming up across all regions and we will need to adjust accordingly.

On the other hand, Charles doesn't see any major challenges. "I'm happy with our cultivars," he said. "The face (bloom) is the easy part, the plant is the hard part." Charles explained that in year one they are looking for the pretty face, but in year 2 they look at the plant as a whole and in year three they look at bud count and branching.

When questioned about what they see as unique in breeding programs, Charles responded that "all hybridizers have their own goals," while some are still hybridizing for blue, or diploids with edges, while others are working on clean color.

"Color changers are interest to some people," said Heidi, "but to me they are melting." By late afternoon often the bloom is spent. "What is fun about the national is that everyone has their own thing and this gives every hybridizer the chance to get their crosses known."

"The internet allows back yard hybridizers to get known quickly and to become successful," said Charles. "It is a different world than what it used to be."



Paris in the Rain
Douglas-H., 2022
Photo: Christopher Renner

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Together they are both working on improving reblooming in their cultivars. "If it doesn't rebloom, it doesn't stay," commented Charles. "We evaluate our introductions based on their reblooming abilities."

When asked what is their greatest joy about hybridizing, Heidi responded that was "seeing the new blooms. We do this to make us happy." At this point hybridizing is more a hobby for Charles but for Heidi it still a job. Heidi said she hybridizes for distinction; "I want my plants to not need a tag" to be recognized. Cultivars like Mr and Mrs Bubbs or the Mayor of Browns Ferry you can recognize from across the garden.

What still needs to be done in hybridizing? In Charles' opinion there is a lot of advancement that could be done in pink daylilies... like Barbie in Pink (Petit, 2005). Charles went on to quote Patrick Stamile who once said "you find a lot of pretty flowers along the way" but not all of them are going to be introductions.

You can explore the wonderful world of Heidi and Charles' daylilies at their website: <https://www.brownsferrygardens.com/>



The Douglas's presentation drew participants from all three states in Region 11.

Photo: Christopher Renner



Region 11 Regional Director & President Ballot

YOU must be a current AHS Member to vote for the Regional Director and President. You may vote for the nominee or vote for the write-in candidate of your choice. If you vote by mail, the ballot **must be postmarked** or delivered to John Weiland, 3604 Route C, Jefferson City, MO 65109 **no later than March 15, 2024**. To vote electronically, scan or take a photo of your completed ballot and e-mail it to <jfwieland@aol.com> by the March 15 deadline.

2024 ELECTION BALLOT for REGIONAL DIRECTOR for a 3 year term starting in January 2025.

Mark "X" here_____ for nominee: **Steve Amy**

Or, write-in candidate: _____

2024 ELECTION BALLOT for REGION 11 PRESIDENT for 2-year term starting in January 2024.

Mark "X" here_____ for nominee: **Brenda Jindra**

Or, write-in candidate: _____

Your signature:_____ Date_____

Clearly print your name_____

Who got you into daylilies?

It All Started with a Gilbert Wild Catalog

-Story and photos by Lois Hart

Bill and I built our home on 40 wooded acres in 1992. We cut out 3-4 acres around the house and I started laying out garden areas. My boss had given me a Gilbert Wild catalog and said to plant daylilies as they were low maintenance.

The first order in 1993 was a dozen pink and peach daylilies. Deciding this was boring, I added a dozen red and purple. The next year I met a member of the MoKan daylily club on a Kansas Wildflower Society walk. Bettie Coughenour invited me to the MoKan club show and follow-up sale. When Bettie divided her clumps, she would give me dozens of her plants. I would come home from the MoKan sales with a grocery bag filled with a little of everything. When I reached 300 my boss said, "that's not exactly what I was thinking!"

The MoKan club had three Bettys and they all helped my quest for more daylilies. The large hybridizers sent out wonderful color catalogs in those days and I bought from all over the country. The "Florida Mecca" monopolized daylilies for many years with their advancements in bud count, branching, eyes and "chicken fat" edges and picotees...and more! I visited



Kayla's Song, Mitchell-D., 2004
Photo: Lois Hart

Ladybug and Daylily World in Sanford one year. Unfortunately, I was buying a lot of Florida evergreen daylilies and after a few years they dwindled down to unattractive plants. My daughter was living in Florida at that time, so I sent her over 100 evergreens, and they loved being back home.



Lois Hart, Bachman, 2020



Viva Glam Girl, Marchant, 2011

It All Started with a Gilbert Wild Catalog

There have been many learning opportunities over the years in addition to staying away from tender evergreens.

My garden was to be on the 2012 region 11 tour sponsored by the MoKan club. In the fall of 2010, I decided to divide and reset a couple of beds. I could not find help and it was the beginning of October when I finished. I had about 200 daylilies “freeze dry” and totally disappear. Fortunately, my mentor Betty C came through with lots of replacements.

I have been active in the MoKan club since 1994 and I have worked with Region 11 as treasurer, director for six



Valley Girl, Rice-JA, 2011

years, Lily Auction chair, new member liaison and Winter Gathering/Spring Fling manager. I am presently the AHS director for Region 7 (California/Nevada/Hawaii/Arizona) as they have no volunteer for the position. I have been chair of AHS publications for 9 of the last 10 years. During that time we have published the new Illustrated Guide, Double Daylilies, Small and Miniature Daylilies, The Open Form (Spiders & UF's), Hybridizing 101 and the 75th anniversary series. I have been attending the national conventions since 2012 and enjoy visiting the beautiful gardens throughout the country.

Since the late 1990's I have opened my garden on the 4th of July for tours. The only public garden with daylilies is 60 miles from Louisburg so I have welcomed visitors to see the wonderful colors and shapes and sizes that exist beyond the orange daylily that they all know about. A few have become MoKan and AHS members after seeing the great variety available.

It has been a fun adventure and I still don't have a “favorite” daylily. I have downsized from 900 to 600 varieties and the current drought might just cull a few more. It has been a wonderful journey meeting so many daylily gardeners throughout the region and country.



Hummingbirds on Vacation, Bachman, 2008

Rebel Boy was purchased in 1993 and still an outstanding dark daylily. Cheron the Ferryman is always one of the last to bloom through August. I like the color and form of Valley Girl. Doubles are my favorite form and Viva Glam Girl is outstanding. Hummingbirds on Vacation is also a favorite double unusual form. I have always thought Kayla's Song to be the best daylily registered in Region 11. Everything about it is outstanding.

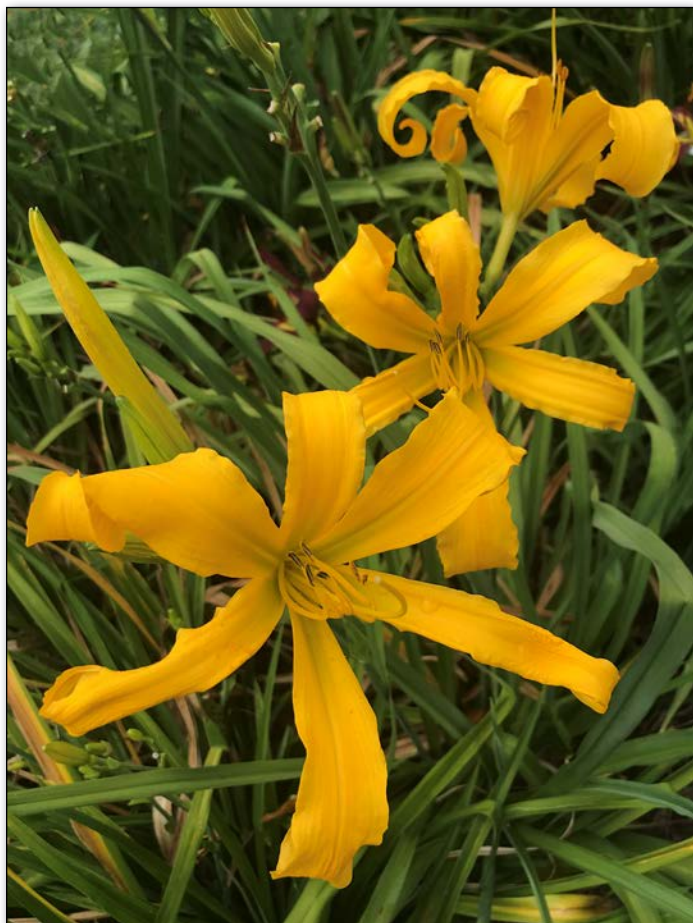
As a side note, I just looked at my spreadsheet and I have 1260 daylilies in the gone/dead/given away file in addition to the 640 still growing in the gardens.



Rebel Boy, Wild, 1975

Summer Stunners: What Shined in 2023

Editors Note: I put out a call for people to share a daylily which had performed exceptionally well in the 2023 bloom season. Here are some members replies:



Seedling 23-123
Photo: Carol Mock

- Carol "Seajay" Mock (above)

Here's a diploid seedling with a whimsically cascading unusual form. Tucked at the back of the daylily bed that Karen Berry Bouman graciously lets me use in St. Peters, Missouri, it starts blooming in mid-July, has a green throat that shows even on the back of the flower and is very fragrant. Its statistics are also worth noting: 5.5 inch flower, 33 inches tall, 4-way branching, 38 buds.

- Kathy Foster (at right)

Topguns Twisted Sunset was one of my best daylilies this year, and in fact has historically been a top performer in my garden. This photo was taken 21 June 2023 when the first blooms opened and it continued to bloom over the next several weeks. I'm presently doing fall garden cleanup and I just removed 29 scapes from the plant, and as you see in the photo there are at least 6 to 8 blooms per scape, so we enjoyed literally hundreds of blooms from this plant.



Blazing Cannons, Waldrop, 2013
Photo: Carol Schultz

- Carol Schultz

The best flower in our garden this year was Blazing Cannons by Waldrop 2013. It bloomed 3 times!



Topguns Twisted Sunset, Scott-B., 2010
Photo: Kathy Foster

Summer Stunners, cont.



Public Display of Affection, Bremer, 2014
Photo: Ann Redman

- Ann Redmon (above)

Well, choosing from a rather limited number of daylilies that bloomed before the deer decided they tasted great even when sprayed with Deer Stopper, Liquid Fence, Bobbex, hot sauce, Downy fabric softener and dish soap, my best performer was probably Nate Bremer's Public Display of Affection. It has made a nice clump, with lots of scapes and good bloom.

- John Wieland (at right)

One of my favorite plants this past summer was Jamie Gossard's 'Heavenly New Frontiers'. Touted as one of the first known pentaploid cultivars, I got it originally out of curiosity and to play with it in hybridization. Over the past couple of years, however, as the single fan I bought grew into two then three enormous fans, it became a plant that was hard to miss. This year it was my favorite of the mid-lates to bloom. It is registered with a 10" bloom, on 27" tall scapes, which is pretty much spot on to what I see in my garden. The nicest scape this year was like a tree trunk compared to its height, almost 1" in diameter, and it had the exact branching and bud count as its registration (4 branches and 24 buds). What I enjoy most is its bloom pace; each scape blooms out no more than 1 or 2 blossoms a day, making for a nice 2-3 bloom display almost every day from the first week of July through the third week of August. And with such large blooms, 2 or 3 is plenty. All that, and it performed that well in a nasty drought year for us in central Missouri, with very little rain from April through mid-July. It does need dead-heading to prevent spent blooms from covering the remaining buds, but I find that to be a curse for many of the larger, wider-petaled cultivars.



Heavenly New Frontiers, Gossard, 2016
Photo: John Wieland

When I saw that 'Heavenly New Frontiers' had won Honorable Mention in the Pyramid awards, I scoffed. The votes were based solely on the plant's notoriety, I assumed. However, after the past three seasons, I found myself voting for it for Award of Merit. I haven't made much seed out of it yet- thanks to two straight dry summers - but I'll give it another go next summer, and hopefully it's even better than it was this year

The Region II Board wishes
to extend our condolences
to Michael Kowalchyk on
the passing of his mother.

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Air Capital Daylily Club

ACDC serves the Wichita area.

- by Jan Eberle and Dennis White

Our 2022 Daylily Show was cut short of participants because of COVID. So, needless to say, we were excited to welcome many on-scape flowers to be judged at our 2023 show "On With the Show". There were 61 on-scape entries and 10 off-scape entries. The winners of the Best of Show Award were Valorie and Dennis White with the cultivar "I'm Not that Innocent". Dennis and Valorie also won the Sweepstakes Award. The On Scape, People's Choice award was Terry Pitts flower "Stan Did You See This One".



Sherryl Fitzpatrick, Tri Color winner
Photo: Dennis White

There were twelve entries in Artist Design, with Sherryl Fitzpatrick winning Tri Color with her entry Meet Me in St. Louie. Floanna Crowley won the People's Choice Award with her entry of Meet Me in St. Louie.

We had a nice class of 24 photo entries with

Debbie Ballinger winning People's Choice for her landscape entry.

On Saturday, August 26, we participated in a Fall Sale hosted by the Wichita Area Garden Council. Several of the Wichita Garden Clubs participated in the event which was a great opportunity to sell and promote our flowers. Jan Capps organized our sale which included many wonderful daylilies donated by club members.

Central Oklahoma Daylily Society

-by

No report submitted.

Central Missouri Daylily Society

CMDS serves the Columbia/Jefferson City area.

-by Nancy Rold

Our annual accredited flower show was held on July 8. It was well attended by the public due to being staged in the popular local public library. The chosen date was a bit past peak bloom and featured some later blooming daylilies. Best in Section and Show awards were as follows:

- Extra Large: Dreamliner, exhibited by Leemer Cernohlavek
- Large: Oriental Ruby, exhibited by Barb Schuette
- Small: Dietmar's Wisdom, exhibited by Leemer Cernohlavek
- Miniature: Glory Be Dawn of Time, exhibited by Nancy Rold
- Double & Best in Show: Roswitha, exhibited by Jeremy Herman
- Spider: Femininity, exhibited by J. Wayne Merrill
- Unusual Form: Bind Us Together in Love, exhibited by Nancy Rold
- Seedling: hybridized and exhibited by Jesse Emmons
- The Tricolor Design Award: "A Garden Palette" by Alice Havard
- Boone County Fair Rosette (3 scapes by Region 11 hybridizers): was exhibited by Carol Schultz - Sisters in Pink and Society's Child (Waterman) and True Fine Woman (Bouman).

Photos are posted to our Facebook page: Central Missouri Hemerocallis Society.

Our August picnic was a fun time to reflect together on the bloom season in our gardens. Our two farmers' market plant sales were a successful community outreach.

On October 8 member John Wieland will present historic daylily slides from the collection of the late Jim Whitacre. Jim and Rosemary Whitacre were club

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members and early advocates/influencers for unusual form and spider daylilies. Please join us at 1:30 at MU Extension in Boone County office (S of the I-70 Midway exit) as we explore the treasure that Jim left us in his extensive slide collection.

Our year will wrap up with a Christmas party on Dec 3.

Flint Hills Daylily Society

-by Ann Redmon

Flint Hills Daylily Society has had a great bloom season. We had a successful sale in May. July 1 was Daylily Daze at the K-State Gardens. We had an off-scape bloom display, drawings for daylilies, answered questions from the gardening public and also had people's choice voting for both the off scape blooms from our home gardens as well as for the blooms on the plants in the garden. On July 8 we had our Members' Garden Tour. In addition to club members, we invited local garden club members as well as members of Kansas City, Topeka and Wichita clubs to join us. About 50 people toured the gardens. We kicked off with a light breakfast at Steve and Jane Amy's gorgeous garden. With deer eating all the flowers at Ann Redmon's Garden, Christopher Renner graciously welcomed us to his lovely AHS Display Garden. We ended with a barbecue at Rick and Irene Johnson's Prairie Winds Garden. Our August meeting was a special event held on Sunday, Aug. 6 with Charles and Heidi Douglas as special guest speakers. Lots of fun with many guests from out of town and also some from other garden clubs in town.

Our year wound up Sept 25 with our Annual Banquet and photo contest. Winners of the photo contest were as follows:

Category A; Landscape - Karen Ridder featuring 'I Lava You'

Category B; Individual Bloom - Jeanette Schuler featuring 'Lake of Fire'

Category C; Double - Karen Ridder featuring 'Chi Chi'

Category D; UFO - Karen Ridder featuring 'Thundercat'

Category E; Multibloom - Mark Schuler featuring 'Spiderman'

Category F; Artistic - Karen Ridder featuring 'Carolispider'

Officers for 2024 were elected: President-Ann Redmon, Vice President-Rebecca Stark, Treasurer-Pam Lauer, Co Secretaries-Laura Hall and Barb Pearson.

Greater St. Louis Daylily Society

-by Sara Binz

The fall schedule is full with two speakers. Kirsten Hatfield of Dorsets-n-Daylilies (Ohio) presented via zoom at our September meeting. She shared her hybridizing program that contains many lovely doubles. In October, Matt Meadows from Regal Daylilies (Ohio) will present "Regal Daylilies Hybridizing Program". Region 11 members are welcome to join, message the GSLDS facebook page for zoom details. To finish the year, the GSLDS is looking into options for our annual holiday party. Next year we hope to schedule a garden review of daylilies that did well in 2023 and a second member-only photo contest.

The GSLDS held our second online sale and auctions via our website (<https://dev.greaterstlodaylilysociety.com/>). A couple of technical challenges were overcome with research on woocommerce (the online platform that runs our sale website) and brute force using Excel. A larger volunteer force and changes made to the packing procedure dramatically reduced the time required to organize the orders. More changes need to be made to limit missing plants and improve plant health during delivery.

Mineral Area Daylily Society

- Mineral area serves southeastern Missouri.

-by

No report submitted.

Mo-Kan Daylily Society

- Mo-Kan area serves the greater Kansas City area.

-by Rachel White

Our plant sale was a great success! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, from donating, digging, dividing and cleaning your daylilies at home to bundling and tagging them in Harrisonville. We know that doing

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so in the extreme heat and humidity of last week was more than challenging. Pre-cleaning your plants at home really made a difference. A big thanks goes to Loreta and Elroy Knoche for hosting us and for spending several days getting ready for us to have our cleaning there.

It was great to have so many members help set up in the Rose Room and then come to help on Saturday for the sale. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and contributed to making the sale fun and successful, including those who bought daylilies!

Mary Niemeyer, Membership Chairperson, signed up 7 new members at the plant sale and 2 new members who came to Cleaning (friends of Loreta's.) We welcome them and hope to see them at future club meetings and events.

Here are plant sale results and updates:

Our Gross Revenue: \$6,828! (\$4,764 in payment with credit and debit cards; \$2,064 cash.) This was our second highest total in the 7 years we have had a sale with daylily photos displayed with the plants.

Ozark Daylily Club

-by Bev Long

Our annual Picnic and Members Daylily Auction was held on August 5. We held our usual lunch and members plant auction. This year's auction included plants ordered from Gregg Connell's Favorite Things Daylily Garden.

The highlight of our day was the presentation of Sue Calbreath's Regional Service Award. As the Summer 2023 MoKanOk described Sue has spent many years devoted to daylily culture in Georgia and since 2014 in the Springfield Missouri Area. Her work in Region 11 and in our local club is very much appreciated and our club members were very happy to celebrate this award with Sue.

Our club members continue work with the Daylily beds at the Springfield Botanical Gardens.

We believe the deer have hopefully found a new home and as a result we are removing on a trial basis our fencing around the beds. We are so pleased with this as the beds look much better and are easier to care for. We hope we will be able to continue with this in the next year. As we clear the plants this fall, we are also replanting several of the beds to include newer daylilies.

Our final event of the season will be the October 7 Program by Bob Skaggs, from northern Jefferson County Missouri who will present a program on Hybridizing Iris, Daylilies and Daffodils. The program will be at 2 pm in the Botanical Center's Meeting Room.



Sue Calbreath, AHS Regional Service Medal
Recipient

Photo: MoKanOk file photo

Topeka Daylily Club

-by Debra King

We held our annual American Daylily Society accredited flower show Saturday, June 24, at the Fairlawn Plaza Mall in Topeka. A total of 148 entries were judged in the horticulture division. The horticulture division judges were Dennis White, Michael Kowalchuk, Nancy Kowalchuk, Sherryl Fitzpatrick, Susanne Thompson, Scott Keller, and Carol Schultz. ADS Rosettes went to: Jim Fry - Best Extra Large Flower (HELEN SHOOTER); Best Unusual Form Flower (SPACECOAST BLACK KNIGHT) Judy Briggs - Best Large Flower (GRUB STEAK); Best Miniature Flower (LITTLE PEEP EYE) Chris Tyler - Best Small Flower (HALLOWEEN GREEN); Best Double Flower (RASPBERRY RIPPLE CUPCAKE); Best Spider (JUMPIN' JAN), Maisy Mack - Best Youth Entry (SHINING ANGEL). The Best of Show Award went to Jim Fry for his unusual form flower (SPACECOAST BLACK KNIGHT). The ADS Rosette table is pictured.

The Sweepstakes Award (most blue ribbons) went to Chris Tyler.

Purple ribbons were also awarded as follows: one to Susan McClacherty, two to Jeff King, three to Dale Vail,

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six to Jess Danner, ten to Judy Briggs, ten to Jim Fry, and nineteen to Chris Tyler.

The design division had 17 entries. The design NGC judges were Michael Kowalchyk, Nancy Kowalchyk, and Sheryl Fitzpatrick. Class A: Anything Goes - blue to Jess Danner, red to Carolyn Litwin, yellow to Floanna Crowley, and honorable mention to Debra King and Maggie Warren. Class B: Double Your Pleasure - blue to Floanna Crowley, red to Carolyn Litwin, yellow to Elaine Holmstrom, and honorable mention to Debra King and Jess Danner. Class C: Taking a Selfie - blue to Jess Danner, red to Floanna Crowley, yellow to Carolyn Litwin, and honorable mention to Shannon Johnston, Maggie Warren, and Elaine Holmstrom. Floanna Crowley's design Double Your Pleasure was selected as the top design, receiving the Tricolor Award.

The photo contest had 33 entries. The results of the photo contest were as follows:

Class A - blue to Jim Fry, red to Debra King, yellow to Mary Zeller, and honorable mention to Mary Zeller and Emilie Gahnstrom. Class B - blue to Mary Zeller, red to Eric Mack, yellow to Debra King, and honorable mention to Debra King. Class C - blue to Jim Fry, red to Rick Schmidt, yellow to Debra King, and honorable mention to Judy Briggs. Mary Zeller's class B photo received the top award, a purple ribbon.



**Topeka Show winners: Judy Briggs, Chris Tyler, Jim Fry, and
Maisy Mack**
Photo: Debra King

The People's Choice Awards - which the public voted for their favorite entry - went to Chris Tyler in horticulture for her daylily Saucy Surprise; Jess Danner in design; and Jim Fry and Emilie Gahnstrom tied for the photo contest and Jim Fry won the coin toss to win the prize.

Our judges for each category were fabulous and we had a great time hosting them during our event!

Just one week later, on July 1, we had a garden tour of 4 of our club member's gardens. We started at Jim and Helen Fry's garden which featured their many daylilies, his seedlings and a beautiful water feature. From there we went to Jess and Margaret Danner's garden, a beautiful backyard oasis of daylilies, hostas and a relaxing area under a gazebo. On we went to Judy Brigg's garden, where we were able to meet her canine companion and marvel at her terraced fairytale-like garden. Our last stop was Jeff and Debra King's garden, which was a sprawling display in full sun. The Kings treated all the members and other guests to a pulled pork lunch.

The next week, some of our members travelled to Manhattan, Kansas to join the Flint Hills Daylily Society on their garden tour. We were able to see gorgeous daylilies and other flowers at Steve and Jane Amy's, the Kansas State University Garden and Rick and Irene's.

In August, we had our Farmer's Market Sale. We had a great sale and a large variety of daylilies donated by our members. We sold out in 2.5 hours, just in time to avoid the incoming rain storm.

In September, we're hosting Keith Wheeler from Blue Springs, MO and learning about how he makes flowerpots. In October, we're welcoming Bobby Scott from Topguns Daylilies. And we'll end out year with our annual Christmas Party and Daylily Bingo, where we play bingo as a way to spice up the daylily exchange.

Tulsa Area Daylily Club

-by Susanne Thompson and Cherry Shoemaker

Our club has been focusing on retention and recruiting more members. Our August meeting was a social Bingo event to encourage members to get to know each other. We had a successful bare root daylily sale September 16th, 2023. We now have two Display Gardens in Tulsa, Bill and Cherry Shoemaker and the Tulsa Garden Center daylily display garden.

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