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Delaware Valley Daylily Society



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone,

We have had a cold winter this year, but spring is just around the corner, thank goodness! The early witch hazels are starting to bloom, but spring can't come soon enough for me.

To get this year's 2011 DVDS calendar started, the spring luncheon will take place on March 19, 2011, at the Concordville Inn, Concordville, Pa. We are thrilled to have Dr. Darrel Apps as our speaker. We will learn what he has been doing since he moved to Wild Rose, Wisconsin. Don't miss this spring luncheon! (See the details inside.)

The Delaware Valley Daylily Society is working on possible new locations for spring plant sales. We will be participating in Chestnut Hill Day on May 1, 2011, but we are looking for other areas. If you know of any places with spring sales, please let me know.

Speaking of plant sales, we will be having a plant sale in conjunction with our annual flower show at Longwood Gardens on July 9, 2011. We need potted daylily plant donations for the sale. If you are going to donate, first pick a cultivar that is supposed to bloom around July 9th. Of course, there is no guarantee that the scape will be blooming that day, but blooming plants sell better. Pick fans that are a robust size as they are more likely to bloom. They need to be potted by the first week of May. Plant them in potting mix, keeping them well-watered and in a sunny location. If everything goes well, you should have some great potted daylilies to donate to the sale.

The Philadelphia International Flower Show will take place on March 6-13, 2011. DVDS will be represented in the Gardener's Studio at the show. I will be giving a basic presentation on daylilies on Sunday, March 13, 2011, at 12 noon, as part of DVDS's outreach to the public. This is always a nice preview of spring and should be gorgeous this year.

I hope everyone can make it to the spring luncheon. Make your reservations as soon as possible so you don't miss a great day with Dr. Apps. This event will fill up quickly. See you on March 19!

Dave Guleke, President DVDS

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2011 DVDS SPRING LUNCHEON by Julieta Calmon

The 2011 season will start with our annual Spring Luncheon, held again at the Concordville Inn, on March 19th. This year, we are excited to welcome back our friend, Dr. Darrel Apps. Whether he is an old friend or you have just heard about him and can't wait to meet him, this is a great opportunity for you. At the lunch, we will have the pleasure to catch up with each other and hear about Darrel's new hybridizing program. This luncheon is an opportunity you do not want to miss.

Date: March 19th, 2011

Time: 11:30 AM

Where: The Brandywine Room at the Concordville Inn Restaurant. The restaurant is located at the intersection of Route 1 and 322, Concordville, PA. The address is 780 Baltimore Pike, Glen Mills, PA 19342. The restaurant phone number is 610-358-9400.

www.concordville.com

Cost - \$25 per person

Choices of entrees:

Broiled crab cake
Chicken Marsala
Vegetarian Sautee

Please complete the reservation form below and mail it along with a check payable to DVDS by

March 15th to: Julieta Calmon

1549 Tanglewood Drive

West Chester, PA 19380

Name _____ Entree # _____

Amount enclosed: \$

Any questions? Call Julieta at 610-651-0827 or e-mail her at dubing01@aol.com

ABOUT DR. DARREL APPS by Beth Creveling

RETURN OF A NATIVE SON

—(well, sort of ...)

You all know Darrel Apps, who will be the featured speaker at the spring luncheon on March 19. In case you need a little background info, here it is!

Darrel was born on a Wisconsin dairy farm and helped out with the family's strawberry and vegetable crops as a child. At the University of Wisconsin he majored in Floriculture and returned later for a Masters in Horticulture and a PhD in Agriculture Extension Education. After working at the University of Kentucky and then Penn State, Darrel became Departmental Head of Education at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square. In addition to leading many different programs there, he and another staff member designed the Certificate in Ornamental Plants courses. In fact, Darrel taught many of the classes in this series, the most popular of which was the perennials course. (These are the ones I have been taking for the last six years, and they're great!) During the 1980s he was involved in two plant-collecting trips for Longwood—one to South Korea and the other to the British Isles, and the plants brought back are still grown in American gardens today.

While in Kentucky Darrel started the hobby of breeding reblooming daylilies. Two well-known results were 'Happy Returns' and 'Pardon Me'. Both were produced by Roy Klehm of Klehm's Nursery and introduced by John Elsley, Horticulture Director at Wayside Gardens. Then, in 1993, Darrel moved to New Jersey and began Woodside Nursery. Here he hybridized both tetraploids and reblooming diploids and, of course, sold lots of daylilies. At this point Darrel has registered 381 cultivars! He used two series names for some of his plants: 'Bridgeton' for the tetraploids and 'Woodside' for the diploids.

A long-term partnership with Centerton Nursery of Bridgeton, NJ, produced two Centerton trademark names, Trophytaker Daylilies, and HappyEverAppster. Darrel selected the plants for Trophytaker Daylilies from the introductions of many different hybridizers and bred the plants for the HappyEverAppster group.

Darrel is a longtime member and Fellow of the International Plant Propagators' Society Eastern Region, serving as Executive Secretary-Treasurer for three years and President in 2007. In 2010 he was awarded the highest award of the International Plant Propagators, the Award of Merit. He was one of the charter members of the Gold Medal Award of the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society and received their Distinguished Achievement Award in 2005 for his educational work. He received the American Hemerocallis Society's highest award for hybridizing the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal in 2006. He received the highest award of the Perennial Plant Society in 2009, the Award of Merit.

Darrel and wife Marilyn sold the Woodside Nursery name and plants to Centerton Nursery in 2007 and retired to their hometown of Wild Rose, WI. He is presently President of the Wild Rose Kiwanis Club and is also leading a project to get more roses planted in the village of Wild Rose. And ... he returns to his old haunts to give speeches from time to time, so make sure that you don't miss this one!

MEMBERSHIP NOTE: by Lois-Anne Burek

Please check your mailing label. For example, Dues thru 10 means it is time to renew your DVDS membership. One year \$10, two years \$20, three years \$30 etc. in any multiple of \$10 per year, payable to DVDS. Please also take this time to update your membership information. As you know, as a courtesy to our members, once a year we publish a listing of all of our members' information so you can contact each other. If you do not want your information published in our directory, please let me know by phone, or email below. The publication usually comes out in the late summer, early fall edition. Please also let me know if you are a current (2011) member of our national organization, the American Hemerocallis Society. This information is needed for DVDS to run an accredited flower show. Have you joined AHS? Have you moved? Have you changed your phone number or email address? Email addresses are the most frequently changed items. Return the membership form (below), phone, or email your application and/or changes. Thank you.

NOTE: If your membership is expired, this is the last newsletter you will receive.

Membership Application

Name _____ Renewal _____
Address _____ New Member _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Telephone number _____
Email _____
2011 AHS member? Yes _____ No _____
(American Hemerocallis Society)

Membership dues for DVDS are \$10 annually per mailing address. For new members who join from July through December, membership is valid thru the following year. (For example- if as a new member you joined at the sale in August 10 your dues are paid up for 2011).

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Can't wait for spring and daylily season!!!
A few pictures to get you in the mood, taken at
Jacque' De Jesse's garden.

COMMUNICATION CORNER: by Jacque' De Jesse

DVDS is finally moving forward into the electronic age! The Yahoo group messaging system was useful but cumbersome. We will now be sending announcements and **NEWSLETTERS** by email using a secure program called constant contact.com. Many organizations use this already, and it will enable you to get all newsletters in color, and much quicker, with the additional benefit of saving the club money. I am handling this transition, so it is very important that you email me at Jandj8096@aol.com if you don't receive an email newsletter. I may not have everyone's newest email address. For those folks who do not use email, we can still send your paper black and white newsletter but you also must phone me at (610) 566-7288 and leave me a message so I can put you on that list. This is a big wintertime undertaking for me, but will pay off in the long run. Please contact me ASAP! Thanks.

As a result of this new venture, I plan on taking down our Yahoo group announcement-only page. We will start to put copies of our calendar and newsletters up on our web page for review, and if you accidentally delete your newsletter, I can always send you another copy!

If you enjoy daylily discussion, we still have a joint discussion group with the New Jersey club and to join, go to the address below, join Yahoo Groups and request an invite.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GSandDVDDaylilyClub/>

Our website is also being reworked but more on that next time.

Nationally, the spider robin is also located on Yahoo Groups and it is my favorite discussion group. Many famous hybridizers are on that list and you get to see lots of photos of future seedlings. The location is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/daylily-spider/>

Enjoy the upcoming spring season, and I will see you at some of the great events we have lined up for this year. Hopefully this snow will melt soon!

SHARE YOUR GARDEN WITH CLUB MEMBERS by Doris Campbell

Consider sharing your garden during the DVDS Open Garden event. You don't need to have "500 cultivars with water feature" to participate. It doesn't matter whether your garden is big or small or whether you garden 2 acres or a town lot. Actually, most of us have casual beds with mixed perennials, annuals, and perhaps, a few more than the average number of daylilies. Interested in participating? Read on for further details.

Open gardens are often on Sunday, the day after the flower show (July 9 at Longwood Garden). It's your choice to schedule one day, a weekend, or longer period of time when your garden is at its peak bloom time. Whether you live in PA, NJ, or DE, everyone is encouraged to consider opening their garden to club members.

We would love to have some different gardens open this year. Won't you consider joining the fun of welcoming club members to your garden? To be listed on the Open Garden tour or if you have questions about the event, call me at 610-286-9105 evenings after 6 PM or email campbellde361@hotmail.com.

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H. 'Meringue Mirage'
hybridized by Darrel Apps

2011 DVDS EVENT SCHEDULE

Calendar-2011 (See inside for details!)

- March 19** SPRING LUNCHEON-Dr. Darrel Apps
- April 30th** PLANT EXCHANGE and New Members
at Jacque' De Jesse's house
- May 1** CHESTNUT HILL DAY
- May 26-29** AHS NATIONAL-Baton Rouge, LA
- July 9th** DVDS FLOWER SHOW Longwood Gardens
- July** GARDEN TOURS, TBA
- July 15-17** REGIONAL MEETING-Pittsburg, PA
- August 14** SPLIT AND SPLASH at Warwick Park
- August 20** SALE AND AUCTION at Good Samaritan
- August 27** Possible second fall sale
- October 21 and 22** LILYHEMMER
- November 5** FALL LUNCHEON -TBA



Dave Guleke giving Don Herr his
award at the luncheon