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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dave Guleke

Hello Everyone,

This was a great daylily season! Everything in the garden is winding down now, but there are still a few reblooms. Because of good rain showers, my plants look healthy and green and are storing up energy for next year's blooms.

Speaking of next year, 2013 will be an exciting year for DVDS. We are all gearing up for hosting the Regional Meeting in Delaware--Daylilies at the Beach. There will be four great gardens, many wonderful auction plants, a beach party, and lots more. We are limited to 120 registrants from the region, so don't delay in signing up. Go to: <http://www.delawarevalleydaylily.org/> (Click on Region 3 meeting.)

It is still not too late to sign up for Lilyhemmer on October 20-21, 2012 in Camp Hill, Pa. There will be a variety of speakers on daylilies and other garden topics. It is always fun now that most of our garden work is done.

On November 3, 2012, DVDS is having our annual fall luncheon at the United Church of Christ in East Goshen. (See article inside.) Stu Kendig will be our speaker. He has hybridized many beautiful and great performing plants. He is generously donating a 2013 registered cultivar for the 2013 regional meeting. I am sure we will enjoy his presentation. Please remember to bring a potluck dish to share.

If you couldn't make it to Split and No Splash, you missed a good time, and some very nice daylilies were shared by our members. The weather was warm, but we were able to keep cool and get all the work done early.

The Sale and Auction events the following weekend were successful. We sold almost all the plants available at the sale. The auction that afternoon had many very new plants that sold for reasonable prices. Thanks to everyone who worked hard and donated plants to our August events. We all came home with different plants to add to our gardens and had a wonderful time.

I hope to see you at Lilyhemmer and the fall luncheon. If not, have a great rest of the year and a Happy New Year dreaming of daylilies.

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3--POT LUCK LUNCHEON AT 11:30 AM by Julieta Calmon

Once again, our Fall Pot Luck Luncheon will be held at the United Church of Christ of East Goshen, on November 3rd, starting at 11:30 AM. Our speaker will be Stuart Kendig from York, PA. If you plan on coming, could you let me know what you plan to bring? Call or e-mail me julietacalmon@gmail.com or 610-651-0827. It will help us coordinate the food and plan for other items needed. And if you forget or just plain run out of time, no worries, just come and join the fun.

DIRECTIONS TO OUR FALL LUNCHEON

United Church of Christ East Goshen 1201 North Chester Road, West Chester, PA 19380

From the South:

Take route 202 North to the Boot Rd exit. At the top of the ramp bear right onto Boot Rd. At the next light, make a left onto Greenhill Rd. (There will be a fire station on your left). At the dead end you will see the church right in front of you.

From the North:

Take route 202 South to the Boot Rd exit. At the top of the ramp, make a left onto Boot Rd. At the next light, make a left onto Greenhill Rd. (There will be a fire station on your left). At the dead end you will see the church right in front of you.

From Route I-95:

Take Rte 352 N in Chester, continue north across Route 1, West Chester Pike (Rte 3) and Paoli Pike (Approximately 17 miles). At the next light after Paoli Pike (Greenhill Rd intersection) , make a right directly into the church driveway. Church is located at the intersection of Rte 352 and Greenhill Rd.

Rte 352 has several names as it goes north. Don't let them confuse you!

Any problems, call Julieta's cell 484-802-1055.

DVDS always values your comments and suggestions. As communications officer, please call or email me. Our next board meeting is in January, and I would be happy to bring it to the attention of the board. Have a warm and wonderful winter, and pray for spring! Jacque' (610) 566-7288

DVDS TRAILER

Hi Folks,

You may have seen a large white trailer attached to my mountaineer at some of this year's events. DVDS purchased a 6-foot wide by 12-foot long cargo trailer. It has been outfitted with trailer brakes, inside light, air vent and a spare tire holder, plus brackets to hold the flower show boards and lots of tie down clamps to hold all the tables and chairs and supply bins. The trailer has been to Womelsdorf, Lititz, Slatington, Chestnut Hill, Longwood Gardens, West Goshen, Paoli, Centerton, NJ, and just last Saturday the PHS Fall Festival at the Navy Yard where the club had an outreach booth. It is currently being outfitted with our club logo. I will be bringing it to the fall luncheon. If anyone would like to see it, please ask.

Nancy Nordberg



ABOUT STUART KENDIG by Beth Creveling

Stu introduced his first daylily in 1999; it was the height of the stock market boom and his first daylily was 'Initial Public Offering'. To date, he has registered 55 daylilies. Stu began hybridizing in 1990 with only a few crosses and like a lot of people he just wanted to see how it worked. Each year he plants about 1000 seedlings. His wife Diane runs the daylily nursery business, and he does the hybridizing. Their nursery celebrated its 21st year in business in 2012.

'Initial Public Offering' had just the slightest suggestion of a red edge, at a time when purple edges were being rapidly developed and improved. Thirteen years later he is still focused on red edges. His ideal daylily would be a white flower, with a 1/2" wide red edge, and lots of widely spaced branching and tall enough that deadheading can be done standing upright. He likes recurved flowers, but if an edged flower doesn't open flat, the edge doesn't show. He thinks it is still miraculous to walk through a seedling field in July and see flowers blooming for the first time. Stu follows the Stamiles' advice to pick a direction and follow it, and accept progress toward a defined goal. And while walking through daylily seedlings he is too often blind to anything but red edges, so there is always a danger of overlooking a wonderful plant just because it doesn't conform to his goal.

Because of the nursery Stu gets to talk to a lot of people about hybridizing, and he encourages anyone with an interest to give it a try. The mechanics are easy. But ruthlessness is required to select a few good plants from a seedling bed filled with all sorts. His best flower? He is sure it is something in his seedling bed that will bloom next year!

SPLIT AND NO SPLASH WRAP-UP By Doris Campbell

As the daylily blooming season was winding down, the members gathered to donate plants and split and tag them for the upcoming end-of-August sale. This year the weather cooperated, so we had a comfortable day to work and enjoy other “hemaholics” company. All the work was done in record time with clean-up finished before enjoying the chicken dinner. Workers had first-choice to purchase tagged plants (some valued up to \$50) at bargain prices. The committee extends a special thank you to new members who came out to help and enjoy socializing with other club members. Enjoy the photos below that Brian Bender and I took!



MEMBERSHIP 2013 by Anne Zagarella

New Membership Option for 2013

Due to several requests and questions, the DVDS board approved a new renewal option. As of 2013 you will get a discount for renewing for multiple years. Five years will be \$45, and a lifetime membership will be \$150. You may still renew for fewer than five years at one time, but the price will be the usual \$10 per year. You may print and send the attached membership form with your check made out to the DVDS.

Everyone will receive the first newsletter of the year, but that will be the only one for those who do not renew. Please contact Anne (zag66@verizon.net or 610-767-9478) with any questions about membership renewal. **Information on when your membership will expire is included in the first column of the membership list included in this newsletter.** Your dues are paid through the end of the year listed. **Everyone, please check over your information!** If there are any changes, please let me know. If your email has changed, please **ALSO** email Jacque' at Jandj8096@aol.com and/or if you would like to switch to our email newsletter in color.

Information will also be available at the Fall Luncheon. Hope to see you there!

Delaware Valley Daylily Society Membership Application

Name _____ Renewal _____
Address _____ New Member _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Telephone number _____ Cell Phone number _____
Email _____
2013 AHS member? Yes _____ No _____
(American Hemerocallis Society)

Membership dues for DVDS are \$10 annually per mailing address

_____ years \$_____ enclosed
_____ 5 years \$45.00
_____ lifetime membership \$150.00

Checks payable to DVDS may be sent to:

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The Lily Ladies

3 Generations Grow 2,500 Varieties in Delaware Garden

Michael Short

Delaware Correspondent

CLAYTON, Del. – There are 72,000 registered varieties of daylilies.

That means Heather Hotaling doesn't quite have one of every variety, but it's not because she hasn't tried.

Hotaling and her daughter, Amanda, moved to Clayton in 2009. Since then, they've turned a plain two-acre parcel of land into a garden that blooms with 2,500 or so varieties of daylilies.

Mixed amid cone flowers, roses and graceful willow trees are thousands of lily bulbs. Willow Rock Gardens L.L.C. is a three-generation gardening venture with Heather, her 18-year-old Amanda "Jack" and her mother, Grace Rishell.

Hotaling sells plants and offers classes and garden planning services when she's not spending 10- to 12- hour days in the garden. She's earning a degree in ornamental horticulture and hopes to finish by November.

"This started as a hobby," said Amanda, rolling her eyes.

"One might say it bloomed," joked Heather. "I have more roots here than anybody."

The Hotaling family moved to Clayton from near Saratoga, N.Y. They brought 1,300 varieties of daylilies with them, but that number has since swelled and continues to grow almost daily.

Hotaling enjoys the variety of daylilies, likes being outside and enjoys collecting. She also likes sharing her passion with her daughter. "This was something we could do together."

Hotaling has been hooked since she fell in love with the simple orange variety that often dots Delaware roadsides.

When her grandfather mowed and plowed the orange lilies on his land, she burst into tears as a child. "I was sure that had to be against the law," she said.

Little did her grandfather realize that plowing up the roots simply scattered them and allowed the lilies to spread even faster than before.

That simple lily is still her favorite. "It started all of this craziness," she said.

She plans to be married in her lily gardens next June. "Where else?" she said, laughing.

Amanda groaned at the prospect of her mother stopping in mid-wedding to take people on tours of the lily gardens. "I will probably be weeding on my way up the aisle," Hotaling said.

The lilies will be in full bloom in June. The hot, dry summer has not treated them kindly and most have been cut back already. But it will be a very different story when Hotaling walks down the aisle.

The gardens are organized by category, which adds a bit of whimsy to a tour of the nearly 60 different flower beds. The artist garden contains varieties like "Artist at Heart" and "Art Song."

There is a pirate garden and a space garden. There's a royalty bed and a witches bed. There's even a going places bed. The famous people garden has "Eleanor Roosevelt," "Betty Ford" and "Lovely Naomi" varieties.

"It makes it a little bit of fun," Hotaling said.

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Photos by Michael Short
 Heather Hotaling, left, and her daughter, Amanda, among the lilies in their Willow Rock Gardens in Clayton, Del.
 Willow Rock Gardens grows about 2,500 of the 72,000 registered varieties of daylilies.

There is a historical garden that dates the year in which the varieties were created. In case you are wondering, the first registered variety was called “Apricot” and it was registered in 1883 by schoolmaster George Yeld.

Virginia Peck, a pioneer in daylily horticulture, is also honored.

The garden which draws the most attention is one devoted to Sept. 11. Three towers stand in the garden. A hill represents the Pennsylvania hills and the number 93, representing Flight 93, rests atop that hill.

Stones are placed in the shape of the Pentagon. An eagle stands at the base of one of the towers and small flags flutter softly in the still August air.

Sen. Thomas Carper, D-Del., helped cut the ribbon and dedicate the garden in June. Hotaling recalls walking outside once and seeing a man simply standing and hugging one of the towers.

The lily names here are anything but whimsical. They bear names like “Speak of Angels,” “Eloquent Silence,” “Badge of Honor” and “September Morn.”

“The names just sort of fit the theme,” she said. “When it was in bloom, it was gorgeous.”

Note from Jacquie’
 Reprinted with permission from Lancaster Farming. We are excited to have Heather’s garden as one of our tour gardens for our Regional Meeting next June. I can’t wait to see it and we are thrilled to have the Hotaling family as part of DVDS. The photo opposite is from the ribbon cutting ceremony and garden dedication last June. *Photo by Heather Hotaling*



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Kay Y. in the Polston garden during the National convention. *Photo by Beth Creveling*

2012 DVDS EVENT SCHEDULE

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See inside for details!

Nov. 3 **FALL LUNCHEON with
Stu Kendig at the
United Church of Christ**

Our Website is located at:

www.delawarevalleydaylily.org



Anne Aregood in the Polston garden during the national convention. *Photo by Beth Creveling*