Beth's photo of Dave's garden and monkey puzzle tree.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Dave Guleke

Greetings Everyone,

Wow, what an amazing daylily season we are having. The plants and flowers have never looked better. As I write this, I am getting ready to journey off to the American Hemerocallis Society National Convention. This year it is in Bloomington, Minnesota, from July 24-28.

This daylily season has been filled with activities. As the blooms are winding down, DVDS still has two major activities. Split and No Splash will take place on August 17 at East Goshen Park. This is a fun time for everyone. (see article in newsletter). We will be splitting and tagging plants for the following Saturday's annual sale.

On August 24 we will have the Sale and Auction at the Church of the Good Samaritan at Rt. 30 and Paoli Pike, Paoli, PA. We will be selling lovely daylilies to the public and spreading the daylily "gospel" about our favorite flower. In the afternoon, the auction will take place. There will be many beautiful daylilies available (auction list to follow later) for sale to the highest bidder. Make sure you don't miss either event.

The Region 3 meeting, sponsored by DVDS, was spectacular, Everyone who attended had a wonderful time. The weather cooperated. Every garden was unique and interesting. Jacque' De Jesse's seedling won first place in the Dan Tau Seedling Bed at the East Coast Garden Center. Congrats, Jacque'. I was also able to call into the local radio station the next day and talk with Valerie Cordrey, owner of the East Coast Garden Center about the Regional and daylilies for about fifteen minutes. It was great publicity for daylilies. Congrats, and thanks to everyone who made our regional a very successful event.

I hope you can make Split and Splash and the Sale and Auction in August. See you there!

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SPLIT AND NO SPLASH – SATURDAY AUGUST 17th by Jacque'

Why do we have this event?

If you're new to DVDS, Split and No Splash may seem like an odd term. At one time the event was named Split and Splash, but currently we do not have a location (a generous member who has a pool) to "splash" in, hence the name. The purpose of the day's activities is to accumulate plant donations from club members, split them into individual fans and tag them with the cultivar's information. The following Saturday (August 18) is our biggest fundraising event, the sale at Good Samaritan Church in Paoli.

Location

Our event will be on a **SATURDAY** at last year's location – **East Goshen Park**, Veterans Pavilion. Complete address and directions to the park are on the next page. *It is a rain or shine event*. We will be under a pavilion surrounded by plenty of shade trees. The short walk from the parking lot to the pavilion is level ground, and there are *real* bathrooms and running water nearby.

Time

We would like splitters to arrive at 9 a.m. and taggers at noon. Please bring daylilies if you have up to 3 clumps to donate. If you are a new daylily grower with no plants to donate, come anyway to help out and enjoy chatting with knowledgeable daylily addicts.

Plant Donations

If you can, please donate a ***MAXIMUM OF 3 CLUMPS*** of daylilies you think are good garden plants for our regular ($5.25) sale. We have leftovers from the spring to fill in the difference. The higher value plants have become quite popular. At this event, we sell them for $7, $10, etc. If you have any of these to share, please bring them as well, because growing other folks' favorites is one of the reasons we love this event!

Plant Prep

To help facilitate the splitting process, please remove all dirt from the plants. That means WASH them! Clean plants make the splitters' job much easier. Also, cut the foliage back to 6- 8 inches.

Please make sure all your plant donations include the daylily name, size, height, season, and a short description written on a 3 x 5 card (the AHS database online is the best source). All photos are greatly appreciated and will be added to the DVDS Photo Picture Books. Email Nancy directly with your photos: Victornancy@verizon.net To assist the cultivar checkers, please mark separately any daylilies that have a high value. This is important this year; we will be pricing them a bit higher, but still a great bargain!

If you need digging assistance, contact the Brian Bender brian-bender@comcast.net

Food

If you come at 9:00 AM to help split the plants, lunch will be provided. Call me at 610-566-7288 if you want to split. I need about 2 more folks. Taggers coming at noon should eat before arriving and plan to stay for dinner. DVDS will provide plenty of snacks and drinks while working as well as a main dish for dinner. Bring a side dish in a cooler with ice (no fridge at the park) or dessert to accompany dinner.

Freebies and Fun!

Everyone will receive 2 daylilies for working and an additional plant for completing the Popularity Poll (forms will be available). Workers won't have to wait until the sale to purchase tagged plants. We will take periodic breaks so you can go "shopping"! And yet, there is more! Like last year, we will have a free raffle, and a ticketed raffle for some great new plants donated by our generous club members. The whole idea is to get some great newer plants growing in our gardens at a bargain! (Continued on next page)

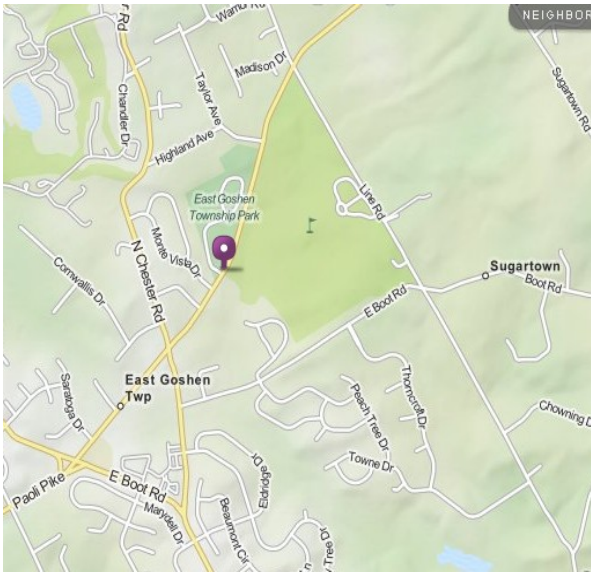
DIRECTIONS TO EAST GOSHEN PARK

VETERANS PAVILION
1661 Paoli Pike
West Chester, PA

Use Mapquest.com for directions from your location

From Route 30
In Frazer, take PA 352 (Sproul Rd./N. Chester Rd.). Go 3.2 miles to Paoli Pike and turn left. Go .4 miles. Park is on the left.

From Wilmington and the south
Get on US 202 North and merge onto West Chester ByPass US-322W/US-202N toward Paoli/Downingtown. In 2.4 mi. take Paoli Pike exit; keep left to take the ramp toward Paoli. Turn left onto Paoli Pike. Go 2.9 miles. Park is on the left.



RSVP

Finally, to help us put on this very special event, RSVP to: jandj8096@aol.com the name of the dish you are bringing. It will help us coordinate the food and plan for other items as needed. Even so, if you forget or just plain run out of time, come anyway and join the fun! Every pair of hands and hour of help is important to the success of the upcoming sale.

Questions???

If you have any questions feel free to contact a co-chair:

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DVDS PUBLIC PLANT SALE by Julieta Calmon

This year's annual sale will be held again at the Church of the Good Samaritan on Route 30 (Lancaster Pike) in Paoli, PA. The date is Saturday, August 24th. We need a lot of help to assist all of the people coming to buy our daylilies. Selling daylilies is easy, even for new members, because we provide picture books to assist all of us in helping the people make their selections. Table set up begins at 7:30 am. We could use a few strong bodies to set up tables and move the boxes of daylilies. Sellers should arrive by 8:00 am to organize their tables. All helpers may shop for their one free daylily before the sale starts. The public sale begins at 9:00 am and should be completed by 12:00 noon. (Clean up will begin at 11:30 am.) DVDS members, PLEASE let me know if you will be there to help... set up...sell ...or clean up. Contact me at 610-651-0827 or julietacalmon@gmail.com. The sale success is important because it funds our speakers, flower show and much more. There will be time left to go eat and return for the 1 pm auction.

THANKS in advance for helping!
Nancy Nordberg and Julieta Calmon, Co-Chairs, DVDS Plant Sale

CLUB MEMBERS' PLANT AUCTION by Beth Creveling

This year's auction will be held at 1 pm on August 24th, at the Good Samaritan Church in Paoli. If you are not a member, come anyway! You can sign up and pay your dues right at the auction. For members, this means you can bring friends who can also buy plants. This auction is great fun! Who among us can resist a bargain? For this exciting event, we will sell most of the plants that were purchased for the club in 2012. These have been wintered over in board members' gardens, so they should be hardy in our area. This is your chance to get new intros at very reasonable prices. As our club members like to save their money, you can expect some very good bargains. If you attend regional or national auctions, you know how true that is! See you on the 24th! (Auction list will be sent under separate cover, enjoy!)

DVDS WILL DONATE UNSOLD PLANTS TO COMMUNITY NON-PROFITS.

Every year, thanks to the generosity of our wonderful members, we have some plants left over at the end of the plant sale. We would like to offer these perfectly fine plants to charitable organizations in the area. If you belong to such an organization or know of one that would appreciate some plants, please bring a letter requesting plants for your organization on the letterhead of the organization in question, signed by an officer of the organization. We would be happy to donate some plants to a representative of your organization who brings the letter to the plant sale at 11 am on the day of the sale.

REGIONAL CONVENTION RECAP by Beth Creveling

If you didn't attend our Regional meeting at the end of June, you missed a great weekend. With the theme of "Daylilies at the Beach", the event of course started off with a beach party, hosted by Jacque' and her husband John. Friday's events also included a delicious dinner at the hotel, a silent auction, and a presentation by our featured speaker, Curt Hanson.

The next morning we started out at the garden of Dave Guleke and Randy Kobetich early Saturday morning, and were happy to arrive just in time for Randy's very extravagant breakfast of frittatas and muffins. We were lucky to have missed the rain by a mere half hour, so the plants looked refreshed and happy. The garden features more than a thousand daylilies, which are surrounded by Randy's collection of magnolias, camellias, and witch hazels. They also have two fabulous monkey puzzle trees!

Our bus next traveled to Jan and Greg Thompson's garden, which has a lovely rural setting on the water. Daylilies featured included lots of Region 3 hybridizers, and they also have a Land of Oz bed in which the Herringtons' Oz-themed daylilies are displayed. In addition, the Thompsons have an extensive hosta and shade garden.

Jeff Cox's garden came next. Living in a suburban development, Jeff manages to show off over 800 daylilies, many from Southern hybridizers. Since many of us can't grow these Southern plants well, it was fun to see what can grow this far north. In addition, many of his plants are relatively new introductions, so we had a real treat here.

After the Cox garden, our bus headed to the East Coast Garden Center for lunch and voting on the best seedling (Jacque's mini-spider won). We also had time to shop a little, which made me feel like a kid in a candy store!

The last garden, Willow Rock Gardens, was created by Heather Hotaling, her daughter Amanda, mother Grace, and Heather's new husband Dave Giglio. An AHS Display Garden, it features over 3000 cultivars, including all the Stout Medal winners. The 65 themed beds include one for Region 3 hybridizers, an Oz bed, and one for the Siloam series. My favorite was the Redneck Garden! And Amanda Jack dug the pond herself!!

There were lots of free plants at the gardens, but the best was the bus plants. There were two new beachy themed introductions, donated by Don Herr and Stu Kendig: Beach Bonfire and Tan Lines. We received really nice beach bags with lots of goodies inside.

For those who wanted to chat, we had a hospitality suite, and we also had a boutique with daylilies, hostas, and other beautiful crafts made by our own members.

Saturday evening concluded the weekend with another terrific dinner and the auction. People got lots of good bargains, and went home happy. The weather held for us, the food, flowers, and folks made the meeting a great one, and the weekend will be remembered by us all.

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H. Cowardly Lion in the garden of Jan and Greg Thompson at the Regional Meeting. *Photo by: Beth Creveling*

2013 DVDS EVENT SCHEDULE

Calendar-2013

See inside for details!

August 17 **SPLIT AND NO SPLASH**

August 24 **SALE AND AUCTION at The Good Samaritan church**

Oct. 18-20 **LILYHEMMER**

Nov. 2 **FALL LUNCHEON United Church of Christ Randy Kobetich talking about witch hazels.**

Girls' night out at Nancy's home packing the goodie bags for the regional. And when we were done, they were full and actually a bit heavy as one regional attendee "complained." *Photo by C J Cardinale*