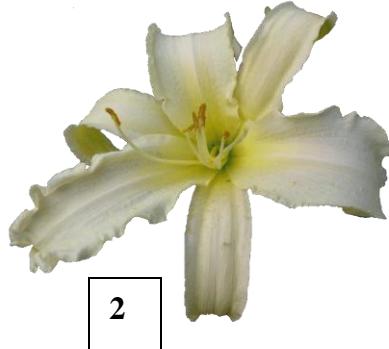


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SVDC Newsletter, May 2011

Southern Virginia Daylily Club



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President's Message

We've got some great activities coming up. Be sure to put everything on your schedules or calendars so you don't miss anything. Our club is constantly evolving with membership and activities. I commend our Plants-4-Members committee for their job well done with the recent auction and new purchases.

Happy gardening everyone!

Belinda Sheppard

Upcoming May Meeting

On Saturday, May 21st, our guest speaker Carole Quiggle will talk about weed control and prevention. Carole is the owner/operator of Perennial Pickle in Ruther Glen, Virginia, where she raises and sells daylilies, hostas, and plenty of other perennials. The meeting starts at 2:00 pm at the Butler Memorial Library in Chase City. Bring snacks. Invite a friend.

April Meeting Auction

For those who braved coming out in stormy weather, we enjoyed a very successful auction at the April SVDC meeting. This was our first Plants-for-Members (P4M) auction. The daylily plants were donated by hybridizer Michael Miller from Small World Garden in Chester, VA. Members growing the plants brought them in to be divided and tagged by the P4M committee. The P4M chair, Charles Stallard, gave a wonderful presentation on the P4M program that included pictures of the plants up for auction and plants recently purchased. For this first P4M auction, we had 13 different plants (34 divisions) +1 iris (\$5) that brought \$360 total. Job well done!

May Plant Sale

On Saturday, May 7th, we had a public daylily plant sale in Clarksville. Most of the daylilies available at the sale were those donated by our member Frieda Jerrell (*thanks Frieda!*). Total sales were \$167; minus \$25 space fee; with \$142 profit. The second sale planned for May 14th has been post-poned until June. We will need volunteers to dig and prepare plants for the sale. Many hands make light work!

Blue Orchard Mason Bees

Did anyone decide to start a hive of Blue Orchard Mason Bees? Linda Logan, a master gardener with the South Central Master Gardener Association, gave a talk on the bees at our March meeting. It sure looked interesting.

Blooming Gardens

Our gardens are just starting to bloom. Isn't this time of year great! The irises are gorgeous and the peonies are larger than I've ever seen. By now, let's hope everyone has cleaned up the garden beds and added mulch. If you are growing any of the plants-4-members plants, make sure you also water and fertilize!

Quiz: Can you name the two daylilies at the top of the page? Hint: They are popular favorites.
(Answers on bottom of last page.)

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Activities for 2011:

- May 21¹: 2:00 pm. Guest Speaker: Carole Quiggle of Perennial Pickle, Ruther Glen, VA Topic: Weed control and prevention.
- May 25-28, National Convention in Baton Rouge, LA
- Jun: (*No meeting will be held this month.*) Public Daylily Sale. Various garden tours. Dates/locations TBD.
- July 15-17: Regional Daylily Meeting in Pennsylvania, hosted by the Pittsburg Daylily Club
- July 16?: Annual Summer Picnic, Location TBD.
- Aug 20¹: 2:00 pm. Guest Speaker: Bob Faulkner, Daylily Hybridizer from Dayton, Ohio Topic: Daylily Patterns
- Sep 17¹: 2:00 pm. Annual Business Meeting. Member Plant Swap.
- Oct 15¹: 2:00 pm. Guest Speaker Linwood Johnson from Brunswick County. Topic: Blue Birds.
- Nov 19¹: 2:00 pm. Quarterly Business Meeting.
- Dec 6: 6:30 pm. Holiday Dinner at Sheldon's Restaurant in Charlotte County

¹ Regular Meeting Location: Butler Memorial Library, Chase City, VA

Welcome New Member

It's always exciting to have new members join in the quest for fun with daylilies! At the last meeting, **Bill Gace** signed up as a new member. Welcome to SVDC!

Regular Meeting Times

We have gone back and forth trying to find the best times to hold our meetings. Tuesday evenings or Saturday afternoons. We thought we finally settled on a mixture depending on the time of year, but it did not work out due to other conflicts with our location. We are going to keep it simple, and schedule our regular meetings for third Saturdays at 2:00 pm. We will still have special events at other times.

Upcoming Schedules

Please make sure you come to our next meeting so we can finalize our schedules for June and July. This is a very busy time of year for those of us who are elbow deep in gardening! Oh sure, we love our own gardens, but it's also nice to get out there and walk through other people's gardens! I get so many ideas from other people.

Daylily Dictionary: **Did You Know?**

What are the flower colors of daylilies?

Modern hybrid daylilies have a remarkably diverse color range, especially considering that the wild types from which they have been bred were only in shades of yellow, orange, fulvous (i.e., dull reddish yellow), and rosy-fulvous. Today, the only colors notably lacking are pure white and pure blue. Needless to say, hybridizers are avidly pursuing these two colors.

Basic Flower Color

The outer portion of the daylily flower is considered to be the basic color of the flower. The present daylily color range includes:

- **Yellow** - all shades from the palest lemon, through bright yellow and gold, to orange.
- **Red** - diverse shades of scarlet, carmine, tomato-red, maroon, wine-reds, and blackish-reds.
- **Pink** - from pale pink through rose-pink to rose-red.
- **Purple** - from pale lavender and lilac to deep grape or violet.
- **Melon or Cream-Pink** - from palest cream shades to deep cantaloupe shades.

Notes: Buff, Brown, Apricot, and Peach are thought to be variations of pink plus yellow. Near-whites are found among the palest tints of yellow, pink, lavender, or melon.

Throat Color

The center area of the daylily flower is called the throat. In most daylilies, the throat color differs from the rest of the flower. Usually it is a shade of green, yellow, gold, orange, apricot, or melon.

Stamen Color

Like the throat, the stamens may be a different color from the basic flower color and the throat color. Or, the stamens may be of matching color. Usually they are light yellow to greenish. The anthers at the tips of the stamens are often darker in color - sometimes black.

Newsletter Articles

Please forward all newsletter articles or ideas for inclusion in the July newsletter to Belinda Sheppard by June 21, 2011. I would love to hear from you.

Daylily Regional Meeting

Once a year, the AHS in our region holds an annual meeting packed full of daylily fun. Daylily clubs take turns hosting the event. This year it is being hosted by the Pittsburg Iris and Daylily Society. The location is Washington, Pennsylvania. Registration fee (*includes meals and garden tours*) is \$125 per adult and \$75 for youth. Hotel costs would be extra. This is a really fun event you may want to consider attending. It should be under an 8 hour drive. (*See next page for more information.*)

*SVDC serves southern central Virginia counties including: Brunswick, Charlotte, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward.
All in driving range of our meetings are welcome!*

AHS Region 3 Summer Regional Meeting 2011

Celebrating Gold - Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Region 3

July 15-17, 2011 in Washington, PA

You are personally invited to attend a celebration of 50 years of friends, flowers, and fun as the Pittsburgh Iris and Daylily Society will host the 2011 AHS Region 3 Meeting and Garden Tour. We look forward to seeing you in western Pennsylvania during peak daylily bloom to enjoy the beauty of our gardens and to enjoy the history and heritage of our area!

Hotel – The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh – Meadow Lands is a beautiful little hotel. In addition to the meeting facilities there is free parking, outdoor pool, workout facility, and a great restaurant. Our hotel is conveniently located in Washington County and easily accessible from Interstates 70 and 79.

Washington County, PA – Take some extra time and explore some of our area's many attractions: Tanger Outlet Center, PA Trolley Museum, Duncan Miller Glass Museum, The Lemoyne House, Covered Bridges, and Canonsburg Antique Stores.

Gardens – Our Saturday Tour Gardens showcase daylilies of all ages, from seedlings to varieties seen 50+ years ago. An optional Friday tour is being planned for people arriving early to the area.

- **Hart's Daylilies:** this beautiful garden features over 1000 varieties of daylilies and beds of seedlings under evaluation and includes the Region 3 Dan Tau Seedling Competition bed. **AHS Display Garden.**
- **Southern Cross Gardens:** the Rowles' garden features a wide variety of specimen trees and plant material in addition to over 800 daylilies and 700 varieties of daffodils. **AHS Display Garden.**
- **Enos Family Fourth Street Garden:** this new **AHS Display Garden** features a hilly terrain of over 700 daylily cultivars and beds of seedlings under evaluation.
- **The Jablonski's Garden:** this small suburban lot features over 350 varieties of irises and daylilies artistically arranged with a wide variety of beautiful annuals and perennials.
- **Heavenly Sunset Gardens:** the Taylors lovingly tend this hillside **AHS Display Garden** which includes over 580 varieties of daylilies, with a special collection of spider and unusual form daylilies.

Banquets – Two evening banquets, with Saturday's banquet featuring our speaker, **Sydney Eddison**. Ms. Eddison is the author of seven books including "*Gardening for a Lifetime: How to Garden Wiser as You Grow Older*" (Timber Press) and "*A Passion for Daylilies*". She has received the National Garden Club Award of Excellence. Her garden has been featured in magazines and on television. A former scene designer and drama teacher, Ms. Eddison lectures widely and continues to teach at the New York Botanical Garden.

Judges Clinics and Workshops – Please consider becoming an AHS Garden Judge or Exhibition Judge.

Boutique/Plant Sale – Find fabulous less expensive daylilies and other garden items for sale, and of course, the Friday night **Region 3 Auction** – our primary fundraiser for our Region 3 Fanfare. Both promise to be great fun and a chance to acquire some great daylilies at great prices!

Registration form: <http://www.daylilies.org/2011Files/2011-Region-3-Registration-Form.pdf>

Quiz Answer: 1. Primal Scream; 2. Margo Reed Indeed.