



SVDC Newsletter, March/April 2012

Southern Virginia Daylily Club

President's Message

I'm excited about our plant sale opportunity in April. This is a great time of year to have a sale. Please remember to print the flyer and get the word out. We need to build up our funds to strengthen our club. We have a great group of people in our club and I certainly enjoy the fellowship with other daylily enthusiasts. See you at the March meeting.

Happy gardening everyone!

Belinda Sheppard

Great February Meeting

We had a large turnout to hear Ken and Cindy Dye, daylily hybridizers from Homeplace Gardens, Charlotte, NC. The pictures were beautiful and the daylily plants they generously brought for auction covered the speaker costs. All the plants will be shipped to us for distribution at the April meeting.

Upcoming March Meeting

Come to our next meeting to see how to properly dig, clean, trim, and label the daylilies for a sale. We will have a sign-up sheet for volunteering at the plant sale. I've got some other pretty pictures too. Since this is a quarterly business meeting, please come prepared with reports. Bring a snack and invite a friend.

Garden Tips

March is the month when many of the beautiful spring flowering perennials and shrubs begin to bloom. Hellebores, Daphne, Witch Hazel, Daffodils, Crocus, and more are blooming all over the place. I've even seen forsythia in bloom already. March is

also a good time to divide and transplant summer blooming perennials and fertilize established ones as soon as new growth appears, cut back established Penstemon, prune Winter Jasmine after flowering, and cut Honeysuckle vines back to 3 feet.

April 14-15 Plant Sale

Charles Stallard donated a beautiful and professional looking banner for our club to use at sales. Plants are needed for the sale. Please check your daylily plants to see if you have something you can divide and donate to the club for our sale. In order to print pictures and plant details for the sale, we need to know the daylily names ahead of time. Please remember to print and pass out the event flyer to generate interest. Our sale will be held at the Annual Flea Market at the Dixie Warehouse in South Hill.

Membership Dues

Have you remembered to pay your dues this year? Don't let your membership lapse. Send to David Keim at 6171 Hwy 92, Chase City, VA 23924. The amount is \$10 for single or \$15 for family.

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\$10.00 single
\$15.00 family

SVDC Web Site

<http://www.daylilyfans/SVDC>

Activities for 2012:

- Mar 17¹: Quarterly Business Meeting, Mini-program on preparing daylilies for a sale.
- Apr 14-15: Daylily Plant Sale in South Hill
- Apr 28^{1*}: Plants-4-Members Auction.
- May 19¹: Speaker Larry Miller, "Care of Daylilies," Chester, VA
- Jun 23 Picnic: Location TBD, Speaker Tina Moore, Daylily Arrangements
- Aug 18¹: Speaker Thomas Voytilla from The Orchid House (with Orchids).
- Sep 15¹: Quarterly Business Meeting, Plants-4-Members Auction
- Oct 20¹: Speaker J.B. Stadler, Celestial Daylilies, Charlotte, NC
- Nov 17¹: Quarterly Business Meeting. Mini Program TBD.
- Dec: Date and Location TBD.

¹ Regular Meeting Location: Butler Mem. Library, Chase City, VA
* NOTE: Please note that April's meeting is on the 4th Saturday.

Daylily Pictures

The two daylily blooms pictured in this newsletter are two of the plants that will be auctioned through the plants-for-members program at the April meeting. They are HOLY GUACAMOLE and JUDY FARQUHAR. Start planning your budget now so you can add to your daylily collection!



Upcoming April Meeting (4th Saturday)

We've had two changes for the April meeting. One, the day is moved to the 4th Saturday, and two, we rescheduled our guest speaker to August. So, that means we will have the entire meeting to devote to plants-for-members and general meeting. If you have any daylilies in the program from 2009 up through April of 2010, they will need to be dug up and brought in prepared for auction.

**Daylily Dictionary: Did You Know?
Why do some of the daylilies die off in
winter and others don't?**

Daylilies are classified in three categories for foliage habit depending on how they retain foliage throughout the year (*having nothing to do with winter hardiness*). They are either **dormant**, **semi-evergreen**, or **evergreen**.

The foliage of a **dormant** daylily will die off completely during the winter with new leaves emerging in the spring. The foliage of an **evergreen** daylily will remain as a mound of frozen pale green foliage and can resume growth during a mid-winter warming. Daylilies with foliage behavior that is not adequately described as simply **dormant** or **evergreen**, but in-between the two, is called **semi-evergreen** and may behave differently in different hardiness zones.

Since the leaves of the **evergreen** and **semi-evergreen** do not completely die off during the winter, they are exposed to possible freezing in our area and can become mushy, brown, or pale yellow which makes them more susceptible to rot or insect invasion. Regular cleanup of your plants will keep them looking great for spring growth.

Member News

We have several members undergoing various medical tests and working hard on recovering from various ailments. Thoughts and prayers go out to all in need in hope for comfort and recovery.

As a believer in the power of prayer, please let me know if there are any special needs with our club members.

Plants for Members Program

During the January meeting, the club discusses and agreed to recommended changes to the Plants for Members Program policy. There were two main items addressed. Growers will not only agree to plant the daylily in full sun (6-8 hrs), but also to fertilize, water, weed, and mulch. (*Fertilize is the change.*) We've had some slow growth in the past with some of our purchased daylilies and feel this would enhance production and health. The other big change relates to digging the plant and bringing it in for auction. "Just prior to auction, the plants shall be dug, divided, washed, dried, trimmed, and tagged by the grower. All plants are to be dug at their scheduled time; however, growers producing fewer than five fans will not be given a fan." We will have instructions for this at the March meeting.

Some of the daylilies we will have for Plants-for-Member auction are: ALIQUIPPA, BORN TO REIGN, BORN TO RUN, COMPLIMENTARY COLORS, CRAZY IVAN, DUKE OF GASCONE, EVELYN KLOREIS, FIREWALL, GILDED SCARLET, GOLDEN TENTACLES, HOLY GUACAMOLE, I WANNA PIRANHA, ICE CREAM EMPEROR, JENNIFER TRIMMER, JUDY FARQUHAR, LESLIE RENEE, MISSISSIPPI RED BED BEAUTY, MOMENT IN THE SUN, PHANTOM OF GASCONE, PRECIOUS CANDY, PRINCESS DIANA, SHAMROCK BLUSH, STORM SHELTER, WILD IRISH, WINTER ROMANCE, WONDER OF IT ALL, and ZEPHYR'S SONG.

*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!*