

Southern Virginia Daylily Club Newsletter



Organizational Meeting – New Club is Born

Chase City: On the evening of July 26th, a group of flower lovers and gardening enthusiasts met at MacCallum More Museum and Gardens to explore forming a club with the primary focus on Daylilies. By meeting's end a new club was formed and **all in attendance** joined the new club in the endeavor to promote and explore the enigmatic and addictive world of hybrid daylilies in all of their colorful splendor. Daylilies include over 50,000 cultivars with varying petal shapes and a broad spectrum of color combinations. Blooms range in size from about 2 inches to larger than 9 inches in diameter (WOW!).



Canadian Border
Patrol

The meeting hosted by Belinda Shepard and Libby Keim started shortly after 6:00 PM with an introduction of attendees and followed by a presentation by Belinda Shepard who explained the purpose of a daylily club and cited several advantages of club membership. Major advantages include sharing knowledge on growing and hybridizing daylilies, inviting knowledgeable guest speakers (hybridizers, growers, and daylily experts), pooling resources to acquire and cultivate more expensive cultivars to make them affordable to all club members. (Continued on Page 2)

August 19th Meeting 6:30 PM MMMG, Chase City

The next meeting will be held on August 19th, at 6:30 PM in Hudgins House at MacCallum More Museum and Gardens in Chase City. There will be refreshments.

New Members Welcomed and get a free daylily!

The agenda will include crystallizing the clubs purpose, meeting schedule and venue.

A review and discussion of bylaws from neighboring clubs will be preceded by the formation of a bylaw committee as our first

step to gain status as a non-profit organization. This an extremely important and necessary function of our club and we need the help and support of every member.

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Of course, there is the fellowship and fringe benefits of a club such as time for personal interaction and discussion during refreshments, special dinners for members.

Libby Keim added to the discussion indicating additional important activities the club members will engage in such as, outings to local daylily farms, day trips to outlying growers, joint meetings or visits with neighboring clubs, and visits from other club members.

There is also opportunity to join the American Hemerocallis Society for individuals who desire. This national daylily organization sponsors many shows, both national and regional and offers many

benefits including discounts on publications and discounts with many growers.

Once the club purpose and possible activities were discussed, attendees agreed to move forward to organize the club and moved into a business session. The first action was to vote the club into existence.

Business Meeting

Summary

The members rather quickly and unanimously decided on a name for their new club: Southern Virginia Daylily Club. It's official! See the title of your newsletter?

Club member dues were also set and are in line with other local clubs. Five dollars for an individual and Eight Dollars for a family (Member and spouse and up to two chil-

dren under 18 yrs of age).

Since we do not yet have Bylaws and finalized a club framework, it was decided that a minimal slate of officers was needed to conduct business meetings and minimally manage the club's affairs.

In a rather startling fashion, nominations and elections for a Club President, Secretary, and Treasurer was conducted by the new members.

A blushing and somewhat astonished Belinda Shepard was elected club President and a similarly dazed Libby Keim was elected Secretary and Treasurer. Libby will fill both positions until the Bylaws are completed and at which time the positions will be divided between two individuals.

David Keim will chair the Membership Committee.

Phooey! BYLAWS, Organization Requirements, Etc.

All clubs organizations enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship of their activities and meetings directed toward their purpose. In SVDC this, includes lots of daylily stuff, speakers, shows, food, etc.

However, there is another side to forming and operating

a non-profit club. We have to have rules, formal business meetings, and file forms and reports to government agencies.

Yep, we have to follow a procedure in order to gain a non-profit status and be tax exempt.

As in most clubs and organizations our goal is to run a simple club with the necessary formality to meet requirements to get that non-profit status and to conduct our business in an orderly manner. We do not wish to be burdened unnecessarily. (Continued on Page 3.)

SCDC serves Southern Central Virginia including the counties of:

- **Brunswick**
- **Charlotte**
- **Halifax**
- **Mecklenburg**
- **Nottoway**
- **And the surrounding areas.**
- **All in driving range of our meetings are welcome!**

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For SVDC, the first task is to develop a set of bylaws with which to govern our club. At the first meeting, each new member received a copy of the Bylaws from our neighboring daylily clubs; Richmond Area Daylily Society (RADS) and the Raleigh Hemerocallis (Daylily) Club.

These two clubs are well-established and their bylaws should contain elements that we can pull together to develop our own documents. At the next meeting, we will discuss content from these bylaws and take suggestions and ideas to incorporate into the SVDC Bylaws. A committee will be formed to draft a set of bylaws to bring before the membership for ratification.

This is a crucial step and a major hurdle that must be crossed to begin our application for status as a not for profit club.

There are Federal guidelines we must meet and our Club President will need to complete the necessary paperwork requesting that status and obtain an EIN (Employer Identification Number). We must have that in order to open our bank account and comply with Federal reporting requirements.

Our goal is to complete this process before the end of this calendar year.

AND.... We will need your help - PLEASE!

Club Member List – As of August 15th

Stanley A. Betzold—Chase City, Va

Diane and Warren Hills—South Boston, VA

Peggy Jinnings — Red Oak, VA

Libby and David Keim— Chase City, VA

Kathy Martin—Clover, VA

Leon and Betty McLendon—Chase City, VA

F. W. "Richie" Richards—Chase City, VA

Patricia "Pat" Ryan — Chase City, VA

Belinda Shepard , Arett Barnard—Nelson, VA

Charlotte L. Smith—Red Oak, VA

Notice to Members

Please feel free to invite friends and prospective new members. Our club is in its infancy and we should encourage others to join and make our club a resounding success.

Membership forms can be obtained from at meetings or you can request them to be sent by email. Just email David at :
davekeim@mindspring.com

Or telephone your request to:
(434) 372-5677

Club Committees:

Members, as we move forward, the club will need to form committees to help organize activities, events, find speakers, or help in the formation of creating our club as a non-profit organization. Please consider your skills and talents to help us develop our club. Teamwork will make our tasks easier.

Upcoming Programs:

We are already working to provide interesting meeting programs with noteworthy speakers. If you know of some one who may have a presentation interesting to our daylily club please submit information to Libby Keim.

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**COMING SOON:
VISIT SVDC
ON THE WEB**

**History of Daylilies (Part I)
HEMEROCALLIS (hem-er-o-KAL-is)**

Greek translates to

"Beautiful for a Day"

Daylilies arrived in Europe from China, Japan, Korea and Eastern Siberia, during the 16th century, and by the 17th century had crossed the Atlantic to North America.

Crude homesteads being carved out of the forests in the New World were beautified by transplants from the Old Country. They were the carefree choice of pioneers who had no time to spend fussing with ornamentals. The appeal of the daylily with its vigor and rock hardiness, along with its ease in propagating, made it the perfect perennial. The plant also multiplies well and is seldom bothered by insects or disease.

Of the dozen plus Hemerocallis wild species, two were definite favorites: the Tawny Daylily (*H. fulva*) and the Lemon Daylily (*H. liliophora*). Both were treasured possessions at the turn of this century. Many escaped from abandoned homesteads and old cemeteries, naturalizing themselves with ease, and on occasion were referred to as roadside weeds in Eastern North America.

Early English and European hybridizers created the first new crosses, but an American, A.B. Stout, deservedly became the most renowned of all.

Dr. Arlow Burdette Stout (1876-1957)

Raised on a Wisconsin farm, A.B. Stout became fascinated with a Tawny Daylily that his mother had planted by the porch of their home. As a lad, he observed that it did not produce seed pods, and his curiosity to solve this reproductory riddle, led the way to a lifetime of scientific study, breeding and achievement.

He majored in botany at the University of Wisconsin and earned a B.A. in 1909. His Ph.D. from Columbia University was attained four years later.

In 1911, at age 35, A.B. Stout joined the staff of the New York Botanical Gardens and spent the ensuing decades there making an outstanding contribution to the evolution of the modern daylily, and was awarded the title "The Father of the Modern Daylily."

His extensive breeding programs started in the 1920s. Seeds and species plants obtained from the Far East resulted in some 50,000 crosses and hundreds of thousands of seedlings. Meticulous records were kept, and many later published. During his tenure, A.B. Stout selected and introduced approximately 100 cultivars, many of which are still widely grown today. His first cultivar, "Mikado", was introduced in 1929 and offered for sale by The Farr Nursery Company of Weiser Park, Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania.

Daylilies, by A.B. Stout, was published in 1934. This definitive work was reprinted by Sagapress Inc. in 1986 and still remains highly praised by hybridizers and backyard gardeners alike.

Dr. Stout's devoted research created a generous legacy that paved the way for other enthusiasts. From a handful of hybridizers at the turn of the century we now have thousands entering into the new millennium, with registered named cultivars in excess of 48,500 and rising, as the wave of popularity continues. That old-time favorite of pioneer days, has been transformed into a splendid bouquet of colour, texture, form and size.

In 1946 the nonprofit [American Hemerocallis Society](http://www.americanhemerocallisociety.org) was formed. The AHS is an international registry devoted to the promotion, propagation and advancement of daylilies. Their most prestigious award presented to a breeder annually is the Stout Silver Medal, in honor of Dr. A.B. Stout.