

American Daylily Society Region 1: IOWA / MANITOBA / MINNESOTA / NEBRASKA / NORTH DAKOTA / SOUTH DAKOTA

# *DAYLILY* PIONEER

Volume 25, No. 2  
Fall 2024





# The American Daylily Society

[www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org)

## National ADS Officers 2024

### President

Rhonda Veroeven  
6674 Windsor Ridge Lane  
Windsor, WI 53598, USA  
(608) 345-0395  
[president@daylilies.org](mailto:president@daylilies.org)

### Vice President/Director

Rich Crider  
18910 Geeting Road  
Keedysville, MD 21756  
(304) 596-4910  
[vicepresident@daylilies.org](mailto:vicepresident@daylilies.org)  
[technology@daylilies.org](mailto:technology@daylilies.org)

### Chief Financial Officer

Dwayne Booth  
6117 150th Place Southwest  
Edmonds, WA 98026, USA  
(425) 971-5607  
[cfo@daylilies.org](mailto:cfo@daylilies.org)

You can view a complete list of staff, chairpersons, and committees at  
<https://daylilies.org/society/#contacts>

## ADS Region 1 Officers 2024

### Regional President / Youth Liaison / Awards and Honors Chair

Lisa Schmidt  
6024 Pine Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58503  
701-595-3263  
[adsregion1president@gmail.com](mailto:adsregion1president@gmail.com)

### Secretary

Nancy Rash  
1506 N. Marion Ave.  
Washington, IA 52353-2830  
319-591-1419  
[nrash2000@gmail.com](mailto:nrash2000@gmail.com)

### Regional Publicity Director

Nancy Carlisle  
P.O. Box 905  
Durant, IA 52747-0905  
563-357-0526  
[njcarlisle56@gmail.com](mailto:njcarlisle56@gmail.com)

### Treasurer

Karol Emmerich  
7700 Old Highway 169 Blvd.  
Jordan, MN 55352  
952-941-9280  
[kdemmerich@aol.com](mailto:kdemmerich@aol.com)

### Director

Steve Horan  
3674 Commonwealth Draw  
Woodbury, MN 55125  
651-402-4681  
[smhoran1@gmail.com](mailto:smhoran1@gmail.com)

### Editor-Pioneer Newsletter

Lorraine Manz  
1209 N 1st Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
701-425-5971  
[adsregion1editor@gmail.com](mailto:adsregion1editor@gmail.com)

### Garden Judge Liaison

Phil Fass  
1623 Hawthorne Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613-5602  
319-268-0059  
[pfass@cfu.net](mailto:pfass@cfu.net)

### Historian

Kathy Larson  
312 West High Street  
Marshalltown, IA 50158  
641-752-2264  
[m.k.larson55@gmail.com](mailto:m.k.larson55@gmail.com)

### Historic Daylily Garden Liaison

Joan Zettel  
230 Crescent Drive  
Breckenridge, MN 56520-1021  
218-643-4643  
[momzettel@hotmail.com](mailto:momzettel@hotmail.com)

### Science Liaison

Kathleen Wiese  
10750 Rushmore Rd  
Bismarck, ND 58503  
701-220-8198  
[wieseacres@midco.net](mailto:wieseacres@midco.net)

### Webmaster

Mary Wickersham  
Contact RP Lisa Schmidt:  
701-595-3263  
[adsregion1president@gmail.com](mailto:adsregion1president@gmail.com)

### Audit Committee

Jackie Westhoff  
6161 32nd Ave.  
Shellsburg IA 52332  
319-521-1607  
[jackie.mysavanna@yahoo.com](mailto:jackie.mysavanna@yahoo.com)

## ADS Region One Daylily Clubs

Beausejour Daylily Gardens  
c/o Mary Veldman,  
Coordinator  
Box 633  
Beausejour, MB, Canada  
ROE OCO  
(204) 266-1311  
[maryveldman59@gmail.com](mailto:maryveldman59@gmail.com)

Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society (CVIDS)  
Heather Harroun, President  
11723 238th St W  
Illinois City, IL 61259  
(563) 554-0028  
[jhsharroun@outlook.com](mailto:jhsharroun@outlook.com)

Central Iowa Daylily Society (CIDS)  
Don Lovell, President  
3352 275th Street  
Marshalltown IA 50158  
(641) 479-2190 or  
(641) 691-5070  
[dmlovell@aol.com](mailto:dmlovell@aol.com)

Central North Dakota Daylily Society (CNDDS)  
Gwen Brady, President  
120 6th Ave SE  
Mandan, ND 58554  
(701) 367-0764 or  
(701) 663-6998  
[mbrady@bis.midco.net](mailto:mbrady@bis.midco.net)

Daylily Society of Minnesota (DSM)  
Kris Henning, President  
P.O. Box 135  
Frederic, WI 54837  
(715) 431-0249  
[kristiehenning@gmail.com](mailto:kristiehenning@gmail.com)

Nebraska Daylily Society (NDS)  
Linda Ferguson, President  
19615 Pierce Street  
Omaha NE 68130  
(402) 763-9936  
[lindamom@cox.net](mailto:lindamom@cox.net)



Please send all corrections, updates and edits to: [adsregion1editor@gmail.com](mailto:adsregion1editor@gmail.com)



# Contents

Region 1 President's Report	4
From the Editor	5
NDSU Historic Daylily Garden Report	5
2024 ADS Region 1 VEEP Award Winner Val Hoefer	6
2024 Nationals Award Recipients	7
2024 Nationals Review	8
ADS 2025 National Convention Registration Form	10
2024 Regional Review	11
Open Gardens	12
Region 1 Board & Liaison Meeting	18
Friday Night Gathering & Auction	19
Region 1 Garden Tours	20
Region 1 Business Meeting	28
Saturday Night Gathering	29
"North of Normal Daylilies" – 2025 Region 1 Summer Meeting Invite and Information	30
2025 Region 1 Summer Meeting Registration Form	32
Article: Top 10 Reasons to Not Miss the 2025 Regional Meeting by Kathleen Wiese	33
Article: North Dakota Club Takes Daylilies to the International Peace Gardens by Lisa Schmidt	36
Local News	38
Beausejour Daylily Gardens	38
Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society	39
Central North Dakota Daylily Society	40
Nebraska Daylily Society	41
Article: Blue Ribbons to Promote Daylilies by Nancy Carlisle	42
Historian's Corner: "Regional Gardens Past"	43



**On the cover:** "Coin of the Realm" (Emmerich, 2008). Photo by Lyle Moen  
**Back cover:** "Pink Starfish" (Nordstrom, 2020), photo by Lyle Moen; and "Toy Trumpets" (Sobek, 1984), photo by Lisa Schmidt. Joint winners of the *Star of the North* competition at the 2024 Region 1 summer meeting in Minneapolis.  
**Facing page:** "Sundew Grace" (Klehm, 2003). Photo by Lorraine Manz  
**Above:** "Naughty by Nature" (Norris-R., 2019) with frogs. Photo by Sherry Moffit

## The Daylily Pioneer Volume 25, No. 2, Fall 2024

The Daylily Pioneer is the newsletter of the American Daylily Society (ADS) Region One. ADS is a non-profit educational and scientific organization dedicated to promote, encourage, and foster the development of the genus *Hemerocallis*, commonly known as daylily. Region One comprises Iowa, Manitoba (Canada), Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Information is presented herein as a service to members and is not necessarily endorsed by ADS or by the editor. Rights to material published in this newsletter remain with the author; to reprint or otherwise reproduce material, please obtain permission from the author.

ADS Region One members receive The Daylily Pioneer as part of their membership in ADS, with no additional dues assessed. Currently, Region One publishes two issues per year, a printed issue for Spring/Summer and a digital issue for Fall/Winter (subject to change as needed).

Non-Region-One subscriptions are available for \$18 per year. To subscribe, send a check payable to ADS Region One to:

Karol Emmerich, Region One Treasurer  
7700 Old Highway 169 Blvd  
Jordan, MN 55352-3500

### Submission Guidelines

The Daylily Pioneer is published for the benefit of ADS Region One members. As such, the focus is on regional members, hybridizers, and activities.

The editor encourages submissions. All contributions are subject to editing for length or size, grammar, and clarity.

Digital images may be used for both electronic and print media and should be of high quality and resolution. Please contact the editor for more information.

Send articles and photographs by email to [adsregion1editor@gmail.com](mailto:adsregion1editor@gmail.com)  
Or send submissions by U.S. Mail to:

Lorraine Manz, Editor  
ADS Region One Daylily Pioneer  
1209 N 1st Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501

Deadline for the Spring issue of The Daylily Pioneer is March 1st

# Region 1 President's Report

## Lisa Schmidt

I just want to start out with a thank you to Lorraine for working so hard to put together another great Pioneer. I have been busy catching up in my yard after a lot of travels to daylily meetings. It is always so great catching up with all the wonderful daylily friends in our region.

I went to the national meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this year in June. We had a pretty good representation from Region 1 this year. We had several winners from our region: Jason Halonen, from Minnesota, for the Region One Service Award, Kathleen Nordstrom's daylily "Quasar Cutie" for Honorable Mention (HM), Karol Emmerich's daylily "Pray Without Ceasing" for Honorable Mention (HM), and Kathleen Wiese, our Science Liaison, who won the 2024 Regional Newsletter Award – Best Article About Daylily Culture for her article "To Fertilize or Not to Fertilize". There had been talk of reorganizing the regions to spread or even out the membership numbers, but I learned that is indefinitely tabled, not to be discussed again. There have been some changes in leadership positions at national so we will be working with new people. And great news, ADS has finally hired a person to work on the computer system. They will have some catching up to do to get all the changes applied! ADS is doing well financially and membership is slowly growing, noting that the most growth is in youth members.

We had a wonderful Region 1 meeting in Minnesota. We toured Karol Emmerich's, Steve Horan's, and Karl and Denise Haldorson's gardens, along with several open gardens, large and small, scattered throughout the Minneapolis-St Paul area. All lovely gardens! Val Hoefer was awarded the VEEP award for all her contributions to Region 1. We voted on and passed that we will discontinue collecting the \$5 per person from the registration fee so that clubs can keep more money for hosting the regional meeting. But that leaves only the auctions at the Region 1 meetings to raise money for our region. So be sure to attend regional meetings and bid at the auctions to support our region. We started a committee of Kris Henning, Val Hoefer, and Lisa Schmidt to look into new Region 1 meetings and will be surveying clubs' members to gauge interest in alternative meeting formats.



We also want to gather insights into people's interest in future meetings. Scott Keller from Lincoln, NE was elected to be the next ADS Region 1 Director, replacing Steve Horan. I would like to congratulate Scott for representing Region 1. And I would like to thank Steve for serving as Director representing Region 1 for the past three years. I am announcing that Nancy Carlisle, from Iowa, has agreed to be the Regional Publicity Director. So, if you have some info to share about your club, please let her know. She will be sharing posts on the ADS Region 1 Facebook page.

I hope your summer has been great, watching our beautiful, favorite flower bloom. I hope to see many of you at the next Region 1 meeting in Fargo, ND on July 18 – 20, 2025. Come support our region!

Happy Gardening



"I Lava You" (Holmes-S., 2009)  
Photo by Lyle Moen



## From the Editor

### Lorraine Manz

They say gardening is good for your health. I disagree. A week after returning home from regionals in Minneapolis, I tripped over a carelessly discarded hosepipe while working in the yard and broke my foot. How is that good for my health? I couldn't even blame anyone for the mishap because I was the person who left the hose lying around in the first place. Two months later, I am almost fully mobile again, but for want of attention, my garden now looks more like the wild kingdom than a (fairly) well-tended suburban back yard. With luck, if the weather holds, at least there will still be time to restore some order before winter moves in.

My backyard is a certified pollinator garden. It got started as something to do during COVID and I've been working on it ever since. Almost two-dozen native plant species are currently growing quite happily alongside my daylilies and other perennials. Some of these – roses, sedum and Russian sage, for example – are very attractive to pollinators in their own right, especially bees and butterflies. I also grow annuals like zinnia and blue salvia (*Salvia guaranitica*) to increase the allure. The tube-shaped flowers of *S. guaranitica* are a great favorite with hummingbirds. And it all works. For the last few summers, the number and variety of insects and birds visiting my garden has increased noticeably. Not all are welcome, like the horrid little yellow aphids that infest the milkweed, but you have to accept some bad with the good, I suppose.



“Mona of Gascone” (Gaskins, 2012)  
Photo by Rich Roehrdanz

And here's a thing. I am seeing a lot more seed pods on my daylilies than I used to. Probably not very useful if you're a serious hybridizer, but I'm delighted. I've been collecting them to sow, just to enjoy the anticipation of seeing what comes up. Maybe I'll get lucky and it will be something beautiful. And if that sounds naive, I'm OK with that, it's all part of the joy of gardening. Perhaps it's good for your health after all.

## NDSU Historic Daylily Garden Report

### By Joan Zettel, Historic Daylily Garden Liaison

Hello from the NDSU Historic and Modern Daylily Gardens! I have good news and bad news, let's share the good news first:

Our Region 1 Hybridizer's Bed has doubled in size this year with the addition of 40 new plants! Thank you so much to everyone who donated! Our total is now at 70 varieties, but there is plenty of room for more.

The bad news is that it was a rough winter for the daylilies as we had no snow cover. There were some losses, but I don't have exact numbers yet. Even though the temperatures were much warmer than average, that blanket of snow makes all the difference.

We hope you all come up to Fargo for the 2025 Regional Meeting – and if you have a plant that you would like to donate to our garden, bring it along. Both potted plants and bare-root donations are greatly appreciated.



View of NDSU Historic Daylily Gardens  
Photo by Lisa Schmidt



# 2024 ADS REGION 1 VEEP AWARD WINNER VAL HOEFER



Val Hoefer and Region 1 president Lisa Schmidt  
Photo by Lyle Moen



The new VEEP award  
Photo by Lisa Schmidt

## By Lisa Schmidt

I would like to thank all of you for being here and supporting our Region 1. Our region might be small in numbers but it is remarkable, with our few clubs cooperating and contributing toward having a great time enjoying daylilies. I think you all should have an award. Daylily people are the best.

But for one outstanding person, the VEEP award is a once in a lifetime award for service to the region and helping the president. This year, I would especially like to thank that person for getting me in this position as president, and really contributing toward many people's addiction in our region. Val Hoefer encouraged me to run for Region 1 president. She has really supported me as president, giving advice about presidential duties and sharing laughs to keep me excited about daylilies and our region. Val has generously donated many daylilies to me and the North Dakota club, the Nebraska club and the local Bargain Bin thrift store to help them raise money. She has been president of her Nebraska club and the Region 1 president. She has helped plan regional meetings that were held in Nebraska (several times already). Val has already received a Region 1 Service award (in 2021) for her dedication in keeping the region moving along and together during COVID. So, I would like to present this VEEP award to Val Hoefer with my deepest thanks for all your service for promoting daylilies and contributing to our region.

## Editor's comment

Readers may recall that the original VEEP plaque, which had been in use since 1963, was retired last year after the last available space was filled. The new trophy is a glass roundel featuring a daylily and the name of the award. Unlike the plaque, this trophy will not returned to storage with the region president after its presentation. Instead, the recipient gets to keep it, and another will be made for next year's winner.



# 2024 Nationals Award Recipients



Karol Emmerich of Springwood Gardens won a 2024 ADS Nationals Honorable Mention for “Pray Without Ceasing”. Photo by Joan Zettel



Kathleen Nordstrom with Region 1 director Steve Horan. Kathleen, co-owner of Northern Lights Daylilies with Mike Grossmann, also won a 2024 ADS Nationals Honorable Mention for “Quasar Cutie”. Photo by Lyle Moen

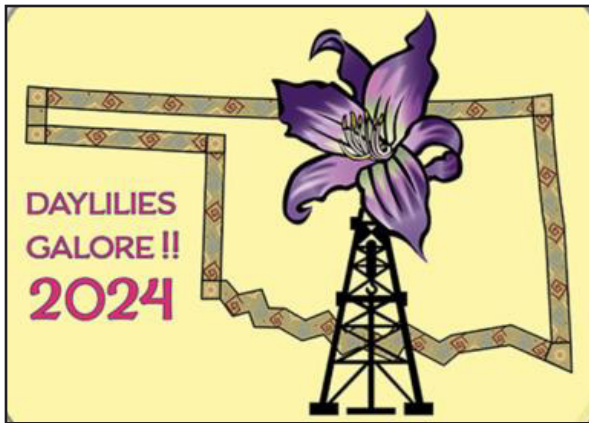


Steve Horan presented Region 1 science liaison Kathleen Wiese with the 2024 Regional Newsletter Award for Best Article About Daylily Culture. Her winning article, “To Fertilize or Not to Fertilize” appeared in the spring 2023 issue of the Daylily Pioneer. Photo by Lyle Moen



Former publicity director Jason Halonen received the 2024 ADS Region 1 Service Award.





# Nationals Review

By Nancy Rash

Daylilies Galore!! 2024 was hosted by the Central Oklahoma Hemerocallis Society in Oklahoma City. Co-Chairs Michael Kowalchuk and Terry Lopp with volunteers created a convention that was educational, fun, full of beautiful flowers and loaded with opportunities for new friendships. Two full days of beautiful gardens followed the invitation to visit gardens and nurseries on Thursday. Being from Iowa, the red soil was noted and daylilies do grow in the red soil of Oklahoma! Check out the blog of Dee Nash at: <https://reddirtrablings.com/>.

I saw helpful companion plants, creative yard art, unusual pot combinations and of course the most beautiful daylilies! I asked others to use their plant ID app to learn the names of plants I might want to use in my yard. I appreciate the hard work behind the scenes to implement the convention and the work in the gardens. Each garden had snacks and plenty of water to keep us hydrated in the hot Oklahoma sun.

We had the most delightful bus captains that made the miles go quickly. We were “entertained” with trivia contests and daylily facts and we all were given the opportunity to introduce ourselves and give a gardening/daylily tip. Prizes were daylilies, of course.

Attendees that participate in the bus tour may vote for convention awards. It is taken seriously by most and the daylily awards are announced Saturday night. During the two days of garden tours,

I was taking photos of plants I think fit the category so I could make the final selection from reviewing the photos and my notes. It is satisfying to learn that I had some winning daylilies on my list. I am surprised and disappointed when I have missed seeing a daylily that was given an award. Presented Saturday night were



the 2024 ADS National Convention Cultivar Awards: President’s Cup – “Windswept Oklahoma Sunset” (Lopp, 2024); Georgia Doubles Appreciation Award – “Topguns Her Majesty” (Scott-R.H., 2020); Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form Award – “Green it Up” (Lopp-T., 2024); Florida Sunshine Cup – Dietmar’s Wisdom” (Elliott-D., 2016).

**Left:** “Green it Up” (Lopp-T., 2024)

**Above:** “Windswept Oklahoma Sunset” (Lopp, 2024)

Photos by Lyle Moen





The list of convention garden award winners can be viewed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/chbovgENU2yYgJjU/?mibextid=xfxF2i>. Other award winners are listed at: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:cccb404-b0b7-4135-88ba-5c7d349ac31e>

Lyle and I met so many friendly, open and genuine folks at the convention and came home with new friends, new ideas and of course, new daylilies! Our group from Region 1 gathered each evening for our own social hour and gained more friends and a deeper appreciation for the opportunities that come from attending the National Convention for the American Daylily Society.

**Right:** "Mean Green" (Davisson-J., 2008). Photo by Lyle Moen

**Below left:** Convention guests at Topgun Daylilies, owned by Bobby Scott. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

**Below right:** Delbert and Brenda Jindra's garden. Photo by Lisa Schmidt



Region 1 Nationals attendees  
Photo by Lyle Moen





## 79<sup>th</sup> Annual ADS National Convention "Once in a Lifetime"

July 9-12, 2025, Seattle, Washington  
Hosted by the Puget Sound Daylily Club

[www.ads2025national.org](http://www.ads2025national.org)

Registration includes two days of garden bus tours,  
two lunches, two dinners and two gift plants!

Breakfast free with your Embassy Suites room.

### **FINAL DEADLINE IS JUNE 9, 2025!**

-Registration is limited to **375** people-

#### **CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS**

**Daralee Newkirk**

[thedaralee@gmail.com](mailto:thedaralee@gmail.com)

**Monique Warnke**

608-279-0299, [Mwarnke77@gmail.com](mailto:Mwarnke77@gmail.com)

#### **CONVENTION HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION**

Embassy Suites Seattle North Lynnwood,  
20610 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Lynnwood, WA 98036  
425-775-2500. **Reservations open at hotel on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.** See **our website** for the online hotel link.  
Rooms \$220 + taxes & fees—king/2 queen. Mention "2025 National Daylily Convention" for block rate.  
Rates available up to 3 days before & after event—subject to availability. Must book by 5 PM P.S.T. June 23, 2025, to get block rate—if still available.  
See hotel website for cancellation info.  
See **our website** for airport transportation info.

#### **REGISTRATION INFO**

USD check or M.O. payable to: 2025 ADS National  
Mail To: Kris Henning, Registrar  
P. O. Box 135, Frederic, WI 54837  
[kristiehenning@gmail.com](mailto:kristiehenning@gmail.com), (715) 431-0249  
Register on **our website** if paying with VISA/MC.  
**\*ADS Youth members will be reimbursed** at the Reg. desk; attendance is required to reimburse.

#### **REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS**

Received by 5/8/25- full refund; from 5/9/25 to 6/9/25- 50% refund; after 6/9/25- no refunds.  
You may swap your seat if you cannot attend.  
Please notify the Registrar ASAP!

#### **OPTIONAL TOUR, Wed. or Thur. @ \$115**

Exquisite **Chihuly Garden & Glass Art Museum** and a narrated **Harbor Cruise of Seattle** waterfront.  
**Lunch on your own near Chihuly.** See **our website.**

#### **OPTIONAL THURSDAY BUFFET—6 PM @ \$60**

Pre-Auction Buffet described on **our website.**

**Visit our website for further details and the latest Convention updates!**

### **Registration Form**

Print names as you wish them to appear on your name badges.  
Indicate Youth with a "Y" after name. Put add'l. names on back.

NAME #1: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME #2: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ REGION: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Is email confirmation acceptable to you? (  ) Yes (  ) No

Do you want your contact info on attendee list? (  ) Yes (  ) No

Do you have any special needs (food, accessibility, motion sickness, etc.)? Provide name and details (use back for additional space if needed). \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an ADS or Reg. Officer or Staff? Name & office: \_\_\_\_\_

**Companion Dinners are available on Friday and Saturday @ \$65 each-- Fri. dinner – Roasted Chicken, Sat. Dinner – Slow-braised Swiss Steak**  
Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Thur. Buffet—Seared Chicken breast & Seared Salmon @ \$60 ea**  
**Optional Convention T-Shirts\*\*:** \$20 short sleeve or V-neck; \$25 long sl.  
List names, type (S,V,L) & size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Garden Aprons\*\*:** \$20 ea. List name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Judges Clinics & Workshops—Thursday. \$5 for credit, \$3 to audit.**

(Pay at door; don't send fees now) List name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibition Judge Clinic I: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibition Judge Clinic II: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibition Judge Clinic III: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Judge Workshop 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Judge Wk. 2 (in garden): \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Judge Workshop 3: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*See website for description/styles/sizes. Pick up at Registration desk.**

#### **Number Attending:**

\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee @ \$349 -postmarked by 5/8/25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Late registration fee @ \$399 -postmarked 5/9—6/9/25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Youth registration (18 & under) @ \$249; see Reg. info\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Optional Tour; choose Wed. \_\_\_\_\_ or Thur. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Companion Dinners; specify Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Optional Thursday Buffet \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Optional Convention T-shirts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Optional Garden Aprons \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount due:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Fees:**





# Regional Review

## Daylilies Galore in '24!

AHS REGION ONE EDITION • JULY 19-21



By Dory Lidinsky

The Daylily Society of Minnesota thanks the attendees and the volunteers for making the 2024 Region 1 Summer Meeting a resounding success! Eighty-two individuals participated coming from seven different states. The meeting was held in Minnetonka, MN at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest. Some attendees and volunteers were already hard at work on Thursday p.m., July 20<sup>th</sup> with the official start beginning on Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> with five open gardens, registration, shopping at the boutique and silent auction, and finally an evening banquet with the daylily auction. Mike Grossmann from Northern Lights Daylily Garden was the auctioneer and daylily lovers raised their paddles enthusiastically leading to some wildly competitive bidding and a financially successful auction.

Saturday morning started out cool and sunny with excited participants ready to board one of two buses ready to take them to three tour gardens. Both buses arrived together at Springwood Gardens owned by Karol and Dick Emmerich in Jordan, MN. The garden was showing off that day with an abundance of daylily blooms and a gentle breeze. Even as it started to warm up, the easy-to-walk paths and the far-off views gave the wonderful feeling of being in a heavenly, even spiritual, setting.

After Springwood Gardens, the two buses went their separate ways, one bus headed to K & D Garden (Karl & Denise Haldorson) in Farmington, MN where we were treated to a smaller, yet beautifully designed and landscaped garden filled with daylilies and Asiatic and martagon lilies all trying to outdo each other. The

second bus drove on to the Steve Horan Garden in Woodbury, MN. This garden featured pathways and seating areas, water features and stone birdbaths, and a special showcase area of the 2024 introductions of Kathleen Nordstrom. Lunch was provided at two different Olive Gardens.

About 3:30, tired but happy participants returned to the hotel where they had the opportunity to re-visit the boutique and the silent auction before they closed at 5:00. Saturday evening began with a sit-down dinner followed by a short business meeting led by Region 1 president Lisa Schmidt. Our featured guest speaker, Eric Simpson from Blue Ridge Daylilies in North Carolina, presented an engaging program regarding the development and direction of the daylily hybridizing program he shares with Robert Sellman.

After the presentation, meeting attendees had more opportunities to bid on a wonderful selection of daylilies from Eric Simpson and additional daylilies donated by Karol Emmerich, Mike Grossmann, and Bill Lidinsky.

Sunday, the last day of the Region 1 Meeting, featured a Garden Judge workshop at the garden of Steve Horan and more opportunities to visit open gardens as participants checked out of the hotel, said their goodbyes to old and new friends, and started the journey home.

We hope to see many of our daylily acquaintances next year in Fargo, ND, July 18-20 for the annual Region 1 Meeting.



At Deer Haven Gardens  
Photo by Lisa Schmidt





# Open Gardens



Photo by Lisa Schmidt



Photo by Lisa Schmidt

*Deer Haven  
Gardens*  
Dory & Bill Lidinsky



**Left:** "Bird of Prey" (Korth-P.-Korth-L., 2010)  
**Bottom left (inset):** "Deer Haven A-Dory-able" (Lidinsky-BD, 2020)

Photos by Lyle Moen



Photo by Lyle Moen



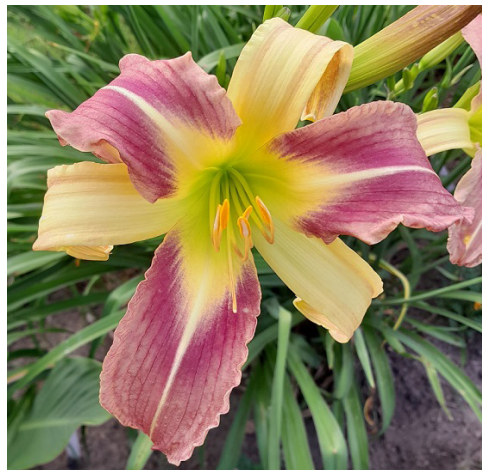




*Jon & Donna  
Harley Garden*  
Photos by Jon & Donna Harley



**Left:** "Pinewood Flambeau" (Korth-P.-Korth-L., 2015)  
**Bottom left:** "Free Wheelin'" (Stamile, 2004)  
**Bottom Center:** "Sword of Camelot" (Grossmann, 2021)  
**Bottom right:** "Miss Jessie" (Hardy, 1956)

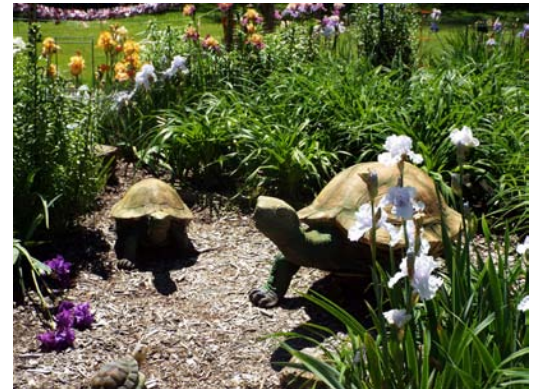






# L & T Garden

Dave & Linda Beckman



**Counterclockwise from top left:**

Linda. Photo by Lyle Moen

“Daughter of the King” (Korth-P-Korth-L., 2012). Photo by Lisa Schmidt

Linda’s garden. Photo by Lyle Moen

Carousel horse - one of the larger pieces in Linda’s amazing collection of garden art. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

A remarkably life-like pair of tortoises pose among the flowers. Photo by Linda Beckman





**Far left:** "Wispy Rays" (Joiner, 1998)  
**Left:** "Quasar Cutie" (Nordstrom, 2018)  
 ADS 2024 Nationals Honorable Mention.  
 Photo by Rich Roehrdanz  
**Below:** "Angus Pride" (Mason-M., 2006)  
**Bottom left:** Mike  
**Bottom right:** Kathleen

*Northern Lights Daylily Garden*  
 Mike Grossmann & Kathleen Nordstrom  
 Photos by Lyle Moen except where indicated





# University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

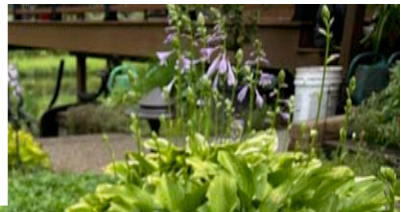
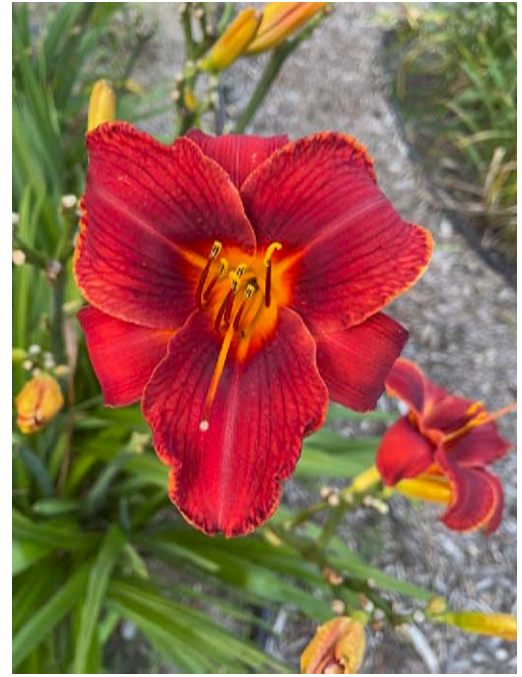


Photos generously provided by the University  
of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

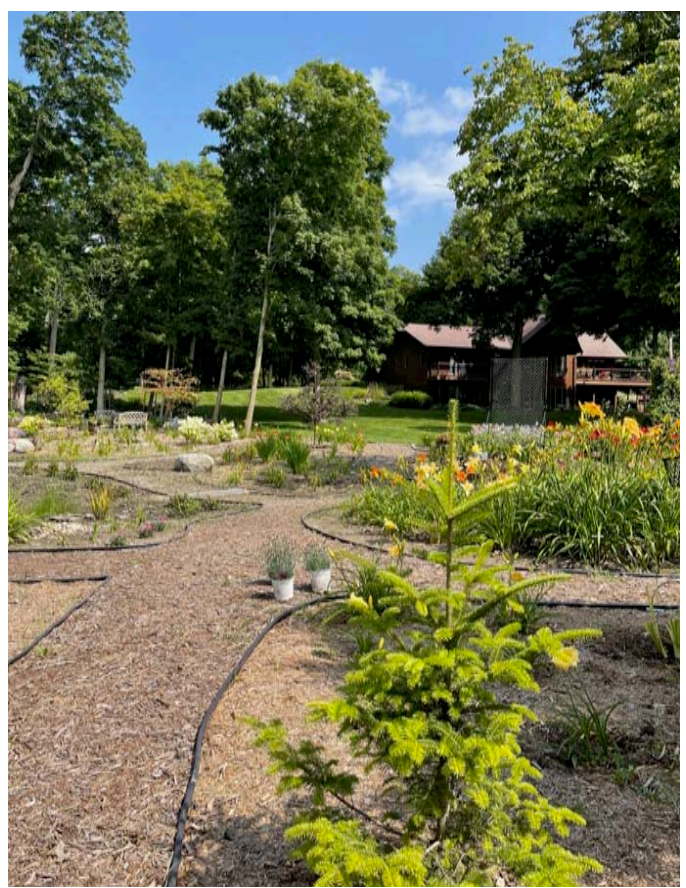
Used with permission.







*Woodland Gardens*  
Char & Bill Scurry  
Photos by Char & Bill Scurry



**Top right:** "Sigudilla" (Griesbach-Hardy, 1972)  
**Center left:** "Windows of Heaven" (Korth-P-Korth-L., 2019)  
**Above:** "Pinewood Monkey Business" (Korth-P-Korth-L., 2007)





## 2024 Region 1 Board & Liaison Meeting

2 p.m., July 19, 2024, Lake of the Woods Room  
Marriott Hotel Minnetonka, Minnesota

1. The American Daylily Society, Region 1, Board Meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m. by President Lisa Schmidt.
2. The Treasurer's report was printed in the spring 2024 Daylily Pioneer. The December final budget was \$28,842. Treasurer Karol Emmerich reported good auctions contributed to our balance.
3. The Secretary's report was printed in the fall 2023 Daylily Pioneer. A motion was made by Karol Emmerich to approve the minutes for the 2023 Meeting. A second to the motion was made by Val Hoefer. Motion Carried.

### Old Business:

4. The nominating committee of Val Hoefer, Nancy Carlisle and Dory Lidinsky presented nominee Lisa Schmidt for the Region 1 President to serve a two-year term beginning January 2025. Scott Keller was presented as the Region 1 Director for a 3-year term beginning January 2025. The ballot was printed in the spring 2024 Daylily Pioneer. Both candidates were elected. The next nominating committee will be approved at the 2025 Region 1 Meeting in Fargo, ND.
5. The Region 1 Summer Meeting schedule was presented by President Lisa Schmidt: 2025 – Fargo, ND; 2026 – Lincoln, NE were confirmed.
6. Ideas for ADS membership were discussed. Nancy Rash submitted an article by Russ Allen, ADS Marketing Chair, which was published in the spring 2024 Daylily Pioneer.

### New Business:

7. On the next nominating committee will be Nancy Rash and two more folks need to be recruited. Per Region 1 By-Laws, "None of the three members can have served on the nominating committee during the prior election of a RP and under no circumstances can a member serve more than two consecutive terms on the nominating committee."
8. Regional meeting schedule: Fargo, ND in 2025; Lincoln, NE in 2026. The Central Iowa Daylily Society, CIDS, Will be asked to host in 2027 with consideration to be held at a Pollen Dabber's meeting. A committee has been appointed to look at regional meetings, their structure and dates. Zoom calls will be implemented to discuss. The committee of Lisa Schmidt, Val Hoefer and Kris Henning will work on survey questions for ideas to improve attendance and participation at Region 1 Meetings. A written survey was presented at the Saturday night banquet.
9. Deb Scott will develop a video spot, "Why I attend the Regional Meeting." It was discussed sending the video

to clubs/members via U-Tube. Lorraine has all emails for ADS Region 1 members. Discussion included expanding ADS membership and using a survey in the fall sending to all daylily clubs. Instagram use was also included.

10. Recruitment of new ADS members included promoting through 4-H Clubs and the Agriculture or Horticulture Department at universities to recruit college students.
11. A motion to discontinue the \$5 fee per registration at regional meeting going back to Region 1 was made by Karol Emmerich. A second by Val Hoefer was made and motion carried. The fee is paid to the Region 1 budget. The regional budget is doing well without the fee. The membership will vote to approve at the Saturday night business meeting. If approved, the fee will be dropped effective with the July 2024 Region 1 Meeting.
12. It was decided the purchase of a printer for plant tags would not be efficient at this time.
13. Discussion for an increase in compensation for the Director and Region 1 President was tabled as the board felt it was not needed at this time.
14. A motion was made by Karol Emmerich to approve a special auction with all proceeds going to the entity putting on the Region 1 meeting. The club hosting has an option to hold the auction to help fund the cost, effective July 19, 2024. A second to the motion was made by Kris Henning. Motion carried. It is not a fund raiser but to be used to offset a "loss" for the cost of hosting the meeting.
15. The board recognized national ADS winners Jason Halonen for the Region 1 Service Award, National ADS Honorable Mention to Karol Emmerich for "Pray Without Ceasing" (2019) and National ADS Honorable Mention to Kathleen Nordstrom for "Quasar Cutie" (2018). National Newsletter Award for Region 1 was awarded to Kathleen Wiese for the article, "To Fertilize or Not to Fertilize".
16. A motion for adjournment was made by Lorraine Manz with a second by Val Hoefer. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Nancy Rash  
Region 1 Secretary

Attendance: Lisa Schmidt, RP; Nancy Rash, Secretary; Lorraine Manz, Editor, Regional Newsletter; Kathleen Wiese, Science Liaison; Karol Emmerich, Treasurer; Kris Henning, DSM President; Val Hoefer, Deb Scott, DSM, Programs; Joan Zettle, Historic Garden Liaison.



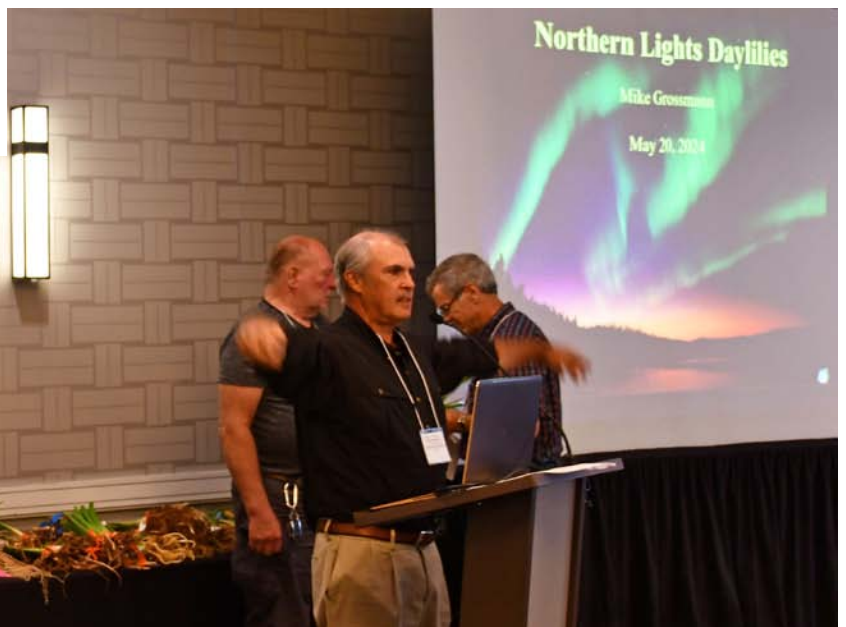


# 2024 Region 1 Friday Night Gathering & Auction



**Top left:** Volunteers at registration  
**Top right and right:** Friday night dinner  
**Bottom right:** Auctioneer Mike Grossmann and helpers  
**Below:** Silent auction volunteers

All photos by Lyle Moen







# 2024 Region 1 Garden Tours

Dick & Karol Emmerich, Jordan, MN

## By Kathleen Wiese

All photos by Kathleen Wiese except where indicated

If Karol Emmerich's goal is to put a smile on people's faces when they see her daylilies, she has certainly succeeded at Springwood Gardens. We stepped out of the bus into daylily paradise.

The notorious Minnesota wind was behaving that day, allowing for a beautiful, leisurely walk around the many gardens. The wide concrete walking paths make the walk easy, especially when navigating some of the hillier parts of the yard.



We were surrounded by thousands of daylilies, some named and registered cultivars. We also had the opportunity to see Karol's seedlings, many of which we all hoped would become named, registered, and planted in our own gardens.



"Pray Without Ceasing" (Emmerich, 2019) ADS  
2024 Nationals Honorable Mention.  
Photo by Joan Zettel







Throughout the walk, the daylilies are complemented by awe-inspiring bronze sculptures. The warm and inviting tones of the bronze enhances the colors of the daylilies and the daylilies do the same for the sculpture. It is surely a match made in heaven.

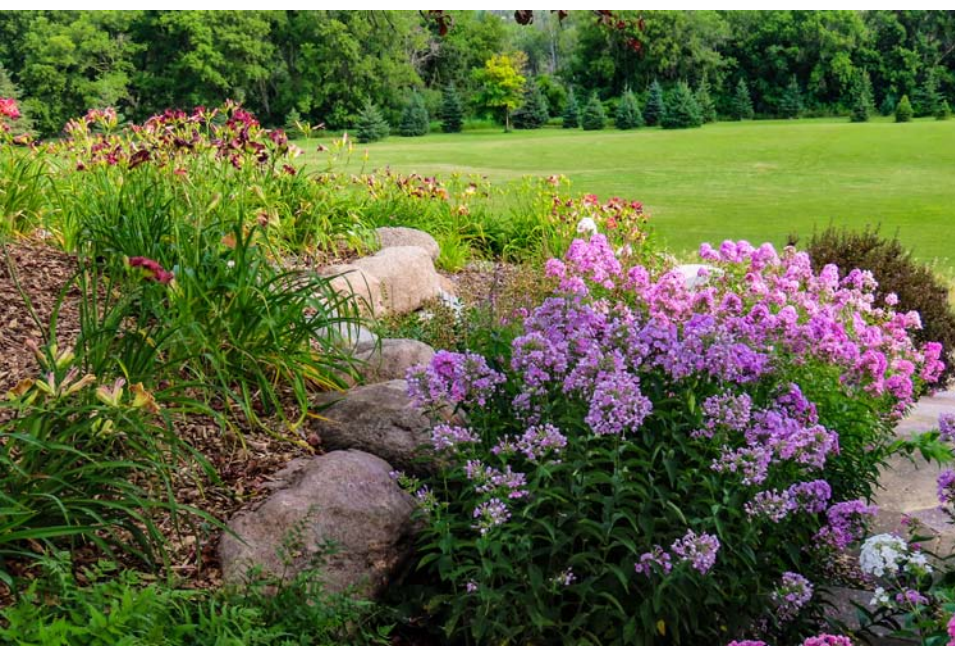
Also awe-inspiring is Karol's greenhouse. The structure has to be every plant starter's dream, with automatic side venting, a sprinkling system, great protection from the wind, and a disease-free environment to raise seedlings for introduction.







Karol and Dick fell in love with the 1860s-era house and all its possibilities. They have brought many of those possibilities to artful completion. Sitting down, drinking a cold water supplied by the Emmerichs, it was easy to get lost in the beauty around you.



Daylilies and assorted other perennials sprawled down the hillside, kept in check by strategically placed boulders.





The bold, beautiful colors of this seedling (above) leapt out at you as you walked by. There were many times when I had to stop, get down close to a blossom and absorb its beauty before I could get my camera ready to shoot a close-up.



The saying "parting is such sweet sorrow" definitely applies to the Emmerich's slice of paradise in the Minnesota River valley.



### By Nancy Rash

I had a preview of Steve Horan's Garden from reading the fall 2023 issue of Northern Gardener. I knew it would be a beautiful garden, but it was even more delightful than portrayed in the article.



**Above:** One of the many perennial beds behind Steve's house with one of his beautiful pieces of garden art. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

**Below:** "Embrace the Sunshine" (Karl, 2014)

**Bottom left:** Don Shull, inventor of the "daylily divider", enjoys a quiet moment in one of the chairs carefully placed throughout the garden. Photo by Peggy Rash-Daniels

**Top left:** A view of Steve's beautiful backyard

All photos by Lyle Moen except where indicated.



The design of the garden and placement of all plant material is perfect. Steve has incorporated masses of plants, water features and decorative art and art from natural materials to create the most artistic garden. A wide variety of bulbs, annuals and perennials adds color throughout the year. A water feature at the front of the house with a glider called to me to sit for a few minutes. The wave of grasses on the side yard is a backdrop to daylilies and leads you to more flowers and trees in the back yard. A back deck provided a place to sit, rest and view the beauty of the garden.



Plentiful stone bird baths, a chair made from wood slabs and driftwood, stone-lined mulched paths with a bridge and water feature and strategically placed stones adorned the garden in a subtle way. All plant material was labeled including any "Perennial Plant of the Year". Attention to every detail added to the experience.



Hostas were growing in the shade of a ginkgo tree. A locust tree provided dappled sunlight for plants that needed filtered shade. A ten-foot-tall surprise was cup plant, a member of the sunflower family, in the mixed border providing height to the garden design and food and cover for birds. An attractive blue beech muscledwood tree was growing along the garden path. Repetition of switch grass and prairie dropseed in garden beds unified the garden design. Peonies and martagon lilies were evidence of earlier blooms. Indiangrass was the focal point in a bed. Phlox, yarrow, daisies, catnip, sedum, rudbeckia, and coneflowers in bloom provided a variety of color to the garden. The placement of three (feather reed) grasses: Eldorado, Avalanche, and Overdam were a refreshing change from the often-seen row of repeated Karl Forester.

I made of list of daylilies that caught my eye but I also added Quick Fire Hydrangea and Indiangrass to my list of favorites in the garden. I was most impressed with – everything! Thank you, Steve for sharing your garden with members of Region 1 of the American Daylily Society.



**Bottom left:** Steve Horan. Photo by Joan Zettel  
**Top right:** More of Steve’s beautiful daylilies  
**Left:** “Flamingo Horizon” (Fass, 2017)  
**Bottom right:** Waterway

All photos by Lyle Moen except where indicated.







## 2024 Region 1 Garden Tours

K & D Gardens, Farmington, MN

### By Joan Zettel

We were greeted with big smiles and waves as the bus pulled up to K & D Gardens, which is the home of Karl and Denise Haldorson. Gardens adorned the whole property, front, back and side yards. It's hard to believe that this amazing project was just started in 2017 after the Haldorsons packed up about 50 potted plants and moved from Bemidji, MN. Karl is the master of the daylily gardens, while Denise collects true lilies, (the *Lilium* species) and is the President of the Lily Society of Minnesota. The daylilies and liliiums have been woven together with exquisite companion plants and fun art features to make a restful paradise.

The back of the house has sliding glass doors that open into a pergola-covered patio, the perfect place to relax and view the gardens. Next to it is a greenhouse, don't we all wish we had one of those to start the growing season early? There were so many daylilies calling my name! From the tiny little "Child Within" (Stamile-G., 2004) to "Heavenly Flight of Angels" (Gossard, 2003) there was a size and form for every taste. I was drawn to the blue eyes on "Hold Me Close" (Emmerich, 2017), "Magnificent Rainbow" (Stamile, 1995) and "Triathlon" (Rice-JA, 2010). I marveled at the bud count and branching on "Blue Healer" (Korth-P.-Korth-L., 2016), and "Matchless Fire" (Schindler, 2004) was really heating things up. "Polar Vortex" (Howard-R., 2014) was showing off with twin blooms and "Mona of Gascone" (Gaskins, 2012) showed its UF crispate-cascade forms. My winner of the most unique daylily went to "Spider Girl" (Gossard, 2018). I've never seen anything like it.

I reached another resting area at the back of the property under the shade of stately white pines which they call "The Cathedral". This quiet, shady area was home to hostas and martagon lilies. Martagons make such good companion shade plants that the Haldorson's have been invited to sell martagon bulbs at the National Hosta Conference.

Before boarding the bus, I noticed the beautiful "Restore the Roar" (Korth-P.-Korth-L., 2012) and remembered seeing it for sale in the bargain room. I definitely needed to take that one home with me!

Thank you, Karl and Denise for sharing your little piece of heaven with us!



**Top:** Karl and Denise Haldorson  
**Center:** "Heavenly Flight of Angels" (Gossard, 2003)  
**Bottom:** "Matchless Fire" (Schindler, 2004)

All photos by Joan Zettel





**Left:** Visitors explore the riot of colorful daylilies and true lilies (*Lilium*) in the Haldorson's garden. Photo by Beth Paterson

**Center left:** A perfect color combination of pale yellow *Lilium* and red roses. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

**Center:** A little stone hedgehog peeps out from under the leaves of a hosta. Photo by Joan Zettel

**Bottom left:** Kathleen Nordstrom and Karl discuss the finer points of daylilies. Photo by Lyle Moen

**Bottom right:** Another view of Karl and Denise's garden. Photo by Lyle Moen







# 2024 Region 1 Business Meeting

7 p.m., July 20, 2024, Lake of the Woods Room  
Marriott Hotel Minnetonka, Minnesota

1. The 2024 ADS Region 1 Business Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Region 1 president, Lisa Schmidt.
2. Kris Henning thanked attendees on behalf of the Region 1 Meeting Chairs: Kris Henning, Dory Lidinsky, Mike Grossmann and Karol Emmerich.
3. The Star of the North award was announced a tie for "Pink Starfish" (Nordstrom, 2020) and "Toy Trumpets" (Sobek, 1984) seen in the garden of Steve Horan.
4. Lisa Schmidt welcomed all to Daylilies Galore in '24! The four chairpersons were thanked in addition to all members working on the conference and the persons attending.
5. Region One Officers and Liaisons were announced:  
Regional President: Lisa Schmidt  
Regional Secretary: Nancy Rash  
Regional Treasurer: Karol Emmerich  
Regional Publicity Director: Nancy Carlisle, appointed by Lisa Schmidt, 2024  
Regional Director, ADS Board of Directors: Steve Horan  
Newsletter Editor, The Daylily Pioneer: Lorraine Manz  
Garden Judges Liaison: Phil Fass  
Science and Education Liaison: Kathleen Weise  
Historic Daylily Garden Liaison: Joan Zettel  
Historian: Kathy Larson  
Webmaster: Mary Wickersham  
Audit Committee: Jackie Westhoff
6. A motion to approve the minutes of the 2023 ADS Region 1 Business Meeting was made by Kris Henning with a second by Erik Holland. Motion carried.
7. The Treasurer's report was presented by Karol Emmerich with a balance of \$28,842. Motion to approve was made by Peggy Rash-Daniels with a second by Donna Steele. Motion carried.

#### Old Business:

8. The President announced a new nominating committee is needed. Two persons are needed to assist Nancy Rash on the committee. Note was made of the article submitted to the Daylily Pioneer by Nancy Rash and written by Russ Allen on increasing membership.

#### New Business:

9. The Region 1 Meeting schedule was announced: July 2025 – Fargo, ND; July 2026 – Lincoln, NE.
10. Kris Henning and Val Hoefer will serve on a committee with President Lisa Schmidt to generate interest in attending a regional meeting and in helping clubs to host a regional meeting.
11. A survey will be sent to clubs to ask why members do

not attend a regional meeting.

12. The Region 1 Board approved the optional auction to offset the costs of hosting a regional meeting.
13. The board asked for membership approval to discontinue the \$5 fee/registration that is sent to Region 1. It generates \$300 to \$500 per meeting. A motion to discontinue the fee was made by Phil Fass. A second to the motion was made by Val Hoefer. Motion carried.
14. Election Results (voting in the spring 2024 Daylily Pioneer): Lisa Schmidt, President for 2025-2026 and Scott Keller, Regional Director for 2025-2027.
15. Garden Judges report: Phil Fass emphasized the importance of being a garden judge and the need for additional judges.
16. Region 1 director Steve Horan highlighted news at the national level: A small gain in youth ADS membership; ADS has a new Webmaster; Garden Judges clinic will be held at his garden on Sunday. Please consider attending the ADS National Meeting in Seattle, Washington in 2025. The national meeting schedule is 2026 – Georgia and 2027 – Virginia.
17. National Awards presented at Daylilies Galore in '24! were National ADS Honorable Mention to Karol Emmerich for "Pray Without Ceasing" (2019) and National ADS Honorable Mention to Kathleen Nordstrom for "Quasar Cutie" (2018). National Newsletter Award for Region 1 was awarded to Kathleen Wiese for the article, "To Fertilize or Not to Fertilize". Jason Halonen received the Region 1 Service Award.
18. The Region 1 president presents the VEEP award to a person that greatly helps the regional president in their role. Lisa Schmidt presented the 2024 VEEP award to Val Hoefer for her outstanding support, assistance and contributions.
19. A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Horan. A second to the motion was made by Peggy Rash-Daniels. Motion carried. The 2024 Region 1 Business Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m..

*Respectfully submitted,*

Nancy Rash  
Region One Secretary





# 2024 Region 1 Saturday Night Gathering



**Top left:** 2024 summer meeting registrar and co-chair Kris Henning  
**Above:** Region 1 president Lisa Schmidt  
**Top right:** Guest speaker Eric Simpson  
**Right:** North Dakota singer-songwriter and owner of Daylily Flats gardens in Fargo, Rich Roehrdanz  
**Below:** The North Dakota "North of Normal" contingent. Left to right – Rich Roehrdanz (Sven), Lisa Schmidt, Jeff Schmidt (Ole), Erik Holland (Lars), Lorraine Manz, Kathleen Wiese (Marge)  
**Left:** Kris Henning with the recipient of the 2024 Star of the North award, Steve Horan. The joint winners were "Pink Starfish" (Nordstrom, 2020) and "Toy Trumpets" (Sobek, 1984), shown on the back cover of this newsletter.

Photos by Lyle Moen except where indicated.



Photo by Lorraine Manz





# NORTH OF NORMAL DAYLILIES

## 2025 REGION 1 SUMMER MEETING FARGO, ND



Rich Roehrdanz's "Daylily Flats"

We cordially invite you to the Region 1 meeting in Fargo, North Dakota on July 18-20, 2025. Ya – we are “North of Normal” – so we are the best test for northern hardy daylilies.

We will be staying at the Holiday Inn right across from the West Acres Shopping mall. Dave Mussar from Ontario Canada is the keynote speaker. He has a lot of nice northern plants that will be featured in the live auction on Friday night. We have a bus tour of four yards, a bunch of open yards, a big auction, silent auction and bargain table of daylilies.

We are going to visit the NDSU Historic Daylily Display Garden, the largest historic daylily display garden in the world! It has over 2,000 different daylilies. There are also perennial and annual test gardens on the other side of the NDSU garden, for extension agents to evaluate perennials and annuals to recommend northern hardy varieties.

We get to stop at Rich Roehrdanz's garden 'Daylily Flats', a hidden gem in Fargo packed full of daylilies.

Another stop is Don Kinzler's yard. He is an extension agent for NDSU and horticulturist for Cass County, North Dakota. He is opening his large yard in south Fargo, with quite a collection of different plants.

We are also making a stop at the Northern Plains Botanic Garden where they have a children's garden, fairy garden, sensory garden, edible forest and are working on expanding a Japanese garden.

But wait! There's more! Other places to see in Fargo include the Fargo Air Museum, Hjemkomst Center, Bonanzaville, Red River Zoo, Roger Maris Museum in the West Acres Mall, and the Comstock House. And you can see the woodchipper used in the movie Fargo at the Fargo Visitor Center. The Downtown Fargo Street Fair is also going on the same weekend as our meeting. It is North Dakota's largest free outdoor event that is held over three days with hundreds of vendors and over 150,000 visitors and it will be its 50<sup>th</sup> year. So, Fargo will be busy. Book your hotel early!

You can also continue your trip up to the International Peace Garden. Our North Dakota club has been sponsoring a bed up there for several years and just donated and planted almost 200 daylilies and other perennials. The new conservatory is home to the largest collection of cactus and succulent species from around the world. But you DO need to bring your passport!

The registration form is on the Region 1 website at <https://www.ahsregion1.org/> and also on page 32 in this issue of the Daylily Pioneer.



The fairy garden at the Northern Plains Botanic Garden



A view of the NDSU Historic Daylily Display Garden



Don Kinzler's garden in south Fargo







Pictured daylily is "Orange Porridge" by Karen Schoek (2013) – Region 1 hybridizer

**Hosted by the Central North Dakota Daylily Society  
Registrations capped at 112**

**FEATURED SPEAKER** – Dave Mussar – Hillside Daylilies, Ontario, Canada

**FEATURED TOUR GARDENS**  
NDSU Historic Daylily Garden  
Northern Plains Botanical Garden  
Don & Mary Kinzler gardens  
Rich Roehrdanz – Daylily Flats

**GARDEN JUDGES WORKSHOP 2 ON SUNDAY**  
Held at NDSU Historic Daylily Gardens for new judges only. Drive-yourself directions will be provided. See box below.

**REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:**  
Friday & Saturday programs, Saturday bus tour, gift plant, and all meals from Friday dinner through Saturday dinner. Guest 'dinner only' is also available (see below).

**REGION ONE AUCTION**  
Gwen Brady, Auction Chair  
Email: [mbrady@bis.midco.net](mailto:mbrady@bis.midco.net)  
**PLEASE CONTACT GWEN TO DONATE FOR REGION 1!**

**REGISTRAR/CO-CHAIR**  
Jeff Schmidt, P.O. Box 463, Bismarck, ND 58502  
Cell: 701-595-3262 Email: [JeffSchmidt51@gmail.com](mailto:JeffSchmidt51@gmail.com)  
Contact Jeff if you have any registration questions

**OTHER QUESTIONS?**  
Chair Lisa Schmidt: 701-595-3263, [LisaSchmidt51@gmail.com](mailto:LisaSchmidt51@gmail.com)  
Co-Chair Kathleen Wiese: 701-220-8198, [kwiese@bis.midco.net](mailto:kwiese@bis.midco.net)

**SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, JULY 18**

10 AM–4 PM	Open gardens, hours as noted
12:00–5:00 PM	Registration
	Boutique open – Silent Auction, Raffle, Bargain Table
3:00–3:45 PM	Region 1 Board meeting
4:00–4:45 PM	Hybridizer slides
5:00–6:00 PM	Social hour
6:00–7:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Region 1 Auction

**SATURDAY, JULY 19**

Breakfast at hotel	Tour buses depart
Staggered, TBA	Tour buses return
3:30–3:40 PM	Boutique open
3:30–5:00 PM	Social hour
5:00–6:00 PM	Banquet
6:00–7:00 PM	Region 1 Business mtg/Awards
7:00–7:30 PM	Guest speaker – Dave Mussar
7:30–8:30 PM	Invitation to 2026 Regional & close
8:30–8:45 PM	

**SUNDAY, JULY 20**

10 AM–12 PM	Garden Judges Workshop 2 – if held**; Instructor TBD
10 AM–4 PM	Open gardens, hours as noted

**-Schedule subject to change–check at Registration-**

**HOTEL– HOLIDAY INN FARGO**  
3803 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, Fargo, ND 58103

Reservations are open and must be made by calling the hotel directly at +1-701--282-2700. To get the group room rate of **\$116+ tax**, you need to identify yourself with the 2025 American Daylily Society Region 1 Meeting. Rate is good until 6/26/25 or until the hotel sells out. Rate is good for Wednesday through Saturday nights.

**REGISTRATION FORM–2025 REGION ONE SUMMER MEETING**  
Make checks out to "**CNDDS**" & mail with form to: CNDDS, P.O. Box 463, Bismarck, ND 58502.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please list name(s) as you would like them shown on your name badge(s). Mark Youth with a "Y" after name.*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special needs? \_\_\_\_\_ (Bus, meals, etc. Please use back). Will you accept email confirmation info? \_\_\_\_\_

**Late fee if postmarked after June 18<sup>th</sup>. Final cut-off date is July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Garden Judges 2 (you must pre-register by 6/18/25):**

**\*\*Workshop 2** is for **new judges only** to complete the GJ training, not for renewing judges anymore. \$5 to register, \$3 to audit (observe). Cash fee collected at garden. Do not pay now.

Name(s) of those who will attend Workshop 2:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**We need you!** Consider becoming a Garden Judge. ADS website <https://www.daylilynetwork.org/page/GardenJudgesHome>  
**Workshop 1** is to start becoming a judge and is online.  
**Workshop 3** is for renewing judges and is also online.

**Fees**

# Adults postmarked by 6/18 @ \$170	\$ _____
# Adults postmarked 6/19–7/3 @ \$190	\$ _____
# Youth @ \$85	\$ _____

**Guest dinner-only @ \$55 each night:**

# Friday	# Saturday	\$ _____
----------	------------	----------

**Total Fees = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**





# TOP 10 REASONS TO NOT MISS THE 2025 REGIONAL MEETING

By Kathleen Wiese

In July, I attended the 2024 Region 1 Meeting in Minnesota. What a great experience! Beginning with the beautiful eight-hour drive from my home near Bismarck, North Dakota to “the cities”, as we generally refer to the Minneapolis-St. Paul area; old friendships renewed and new friendships made; and touring gorgeous wild gardens, it was a learning, socializing, and shopping success.

We asked attendees this year what convinced them to go to their first regional or national meeting. I also asked a few people some more in-depth questions about what brings them to daylily events. With that information in hand, I give you **The Top Ten Reasons to Not Miss The 2025 Region 1 Meeting** July 18 to July 20, 2025, in Fargo, North Dakota.

**Number 10:** At daylily society events you have the opportunity to be in an entire room full of daylily and garden enthusiasts. There are thousands of years of collective experience to gain knowledge from as you sit down at a banquet table or browse through silent auction tables. At this year’s banquet, I had the opportunity to sit with three well-known hybridizers. Listening to their conversation was fascinating and gave me some great ideas for future articles, as well as for my own garden. They willingly answered questions and offered information in a way that did not intimidate even me, someone whose knowledge of hybridization is limited to knowing the definition of the word.

**Number 9:** Daylily enthusiasts are great people. As current Region 1 President Lisa Schmidt said, “It is true that you might come for the daylilies, but you stay for the people,” knowledge she has gained from nearly 20 years of being active in a daylily society and

attendance at 10 regional and five national meetings. She went on to say, “Daylily people are just the nicest, most fun people so you are sure to feel at home and have fun.”

**Number 8:** You will see sizes, shapes, and colors of daylilies you have never seen before. Karen Schock, another veteran attendee of 10 regional and four national meetings was encouraged to attend her first meeting because it was close to her sister’s home. She flew to her sister’s place and she and her sister attended together. The hybridizing bug bit Schock and she has gone on to create her own daylilies and register them, as well as tirelessly promoting the beauty and endurance of daylilies to hundreds of others.

**Number 7:** You may develop an entirely new passion in life. Less than five years ago, Peggy Daniels was convinced by her sister to attend a Region 1 meeting being held close to where she lived. Daniels bought her first daylilies there and has been hooked ever since. She has attended three regional meetings since that first one and enjoys adding to her ever-growing daylily collection through the auctions and the bargain tables.

**Number 6:** You can buy daylilies that are new to the market, hard to find, or not even available for commercial purchase. Schock says she has found daylilies at society events that she has never been able to find anywhere else. The auction at each meeting sees some daylilies go for quite high prices, however, there are always some available for nearly every budget. In addition, there are bargain tables with low prices and many varieties from which to choose.



**Number 5:** The daylilies you find at regional meetings are thriving in a climate close to the one in your garden. As a novice, I ordered daylilies from many sources. I was often disappointed because one plant would do well, and another would not make it through the first winter. Having been raised by a very frugal mother, those losses were quite unsettling. I've rarely had a failure of those I have bought at club, regional, or national meetings. Those that have failed might possibly be attributed to gardener malfunction...

**Number 4:** You get tons of great garden design, plant combination, and garden décor ideas. Just prior to leaving for the 2024 conference, my husband and I decided it was time to downsize. Wiese Acres has been a labor of love, but it seems like it is in danger of becoming more labor than love as we age. We purchased an acreage half the size of what we currently have. I

was at a loss for how to downsize that much and still have the beautiful, park-like atmosphere with hundreds of daylilies and other perennials we currently have. After touring gardens, both large like my current gardens and small like the future holds for me, I was feeling much more optimistic about our move to Wiese Acres 2.

**Number 3:** You get to see different parts of the region and learn new things about those areas. According to Daniels, attending the regionals has opened her eyes to different parts of the country and different environments around the region. At the first national event I attended, I visited a part of the United States I had not been to before. It was a wonderful vacation as well as a great daylily experience.



NDSU Historic Daylily Display Garden. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

**Number 2:** You will have the opportunity to attend the first-ever Region 1 meeting held in Fargo, North Dakota. You will see the North Dakota State University (NDSU) historic daylily garden on the campus. This is the largest historic daylily display garden in the world, with over 2,000 varieties. The Historic Daylily Display Garden is adjacent to test plots for perennials and annuals so you will get a peek at which varieties are performing best in our climate. The Northern Plains Botanical Garden is home to a children's garden, a fairy garden, a sensory garden, an edible forest, and a Japanese garden is in progress. Daylily Flats is a hidden gem in Fargo. Rich Roehrdanz says he started his daylily collection by taking out a small strip of grass. Then another strip. And another, and another. I bet many of us can relate to that! Don Kinzler is a well-known NDSU extension agent and expert on all things green. He is opening his large yard and extensive collection of plants to regional meeting attendees. These fantastic tour

gardens are complimented by six equally fantastic open gardens that will take you from the South Dakota border north almost to the Canadian border. There is also shopping at West Acres Mall right across the street from the meeting hotel, and several wonderful nurseries and greenhouses in the Fargo-Moorhead area. The largest street and craft fair in North Dakota is happening in Fargo the same weekend, so you can see all those vendors have to offer. It means it will be a busy weekend, though, so make your hotel reservations early.

Featured speaker is Dave Mussar from Ontario, Canada. Dave owns Hillside Daylilies in Guelph, Ontario, where he has been hybridizing daylilies since 2000. Mussar currently has nearly 100 different daylilies registered. His passion is hybridizing true spotted daylilies, striped, and broken color daylilies. He is exploring toothy edged daylilies, and extra early blooming tetraploid daylilies in hopes of increasing the size and color

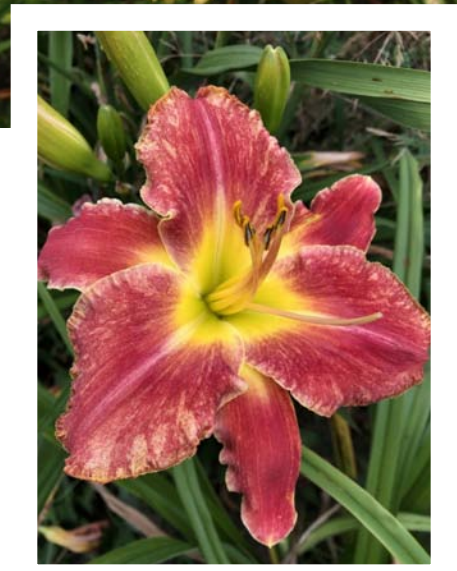


selection of plants that will bloom with Stella D’Oro. He is working with tetraploid cristates (blooms with extra tissue on the surface of the petals), a developing area of daylily breeding. He’s also interested in tetraploid polymerous (blooms with more than the usual allocation of 3 petals and 3 sepals) as well as true white tetraploids. Wow! I hope I get to sit at the same banquet table as him next July!!

You’re also only a hop, skip, and a jump away from the International Peace Garden in Dunseith, North Dakota and Boissevain, Manitoba. The Peace Garden straddles the North Dakota-Manitoba border and is quite a sight to see. The Central North Dakota Daylily Society sponsors a daylily bed at the Peace Garden and volunteers time there every year to assist in its maintenance. You do need a passport, passport card, or NEXUS card to exit Canada and return to the United States. You can take an extra day or two and see the beautiful Turtle Mountain and Lake Metigoshe on your way to or from the Peace Garden. There are lots of other things to do and places to visit while you are in the area – you can even see the infamous woodchipper from the movie Fargo at the Fargo Visitors Center.

**Number 1:** And, speaking of the movie Fargo, you may even have a chance to see Marge, Ole, Sven, and Lars again, or meet them for the first time if you weren’t in Minneapolis in 2024. Ya suure, you can’t beat a deal like dat. Uff da!

So come on, everybody – let’s go North to Dakota and see what’s North of Normal!



Dave Mussar introductions: four more reasons to come to Fargo in 2025  
**Below:** “Hey Jude” (Mussar, 2023)  
**Top right:** “We the North” (Mussar, 2022)  
**Middle right:** “Spraypaint” (Mussar, 2020)  
**Bottom right:** “Spots and Stripes” (Mussar, 2018)  
All photos by Kathleen Wiese





# North Dakota club takes daylilies to the International Peace Gardens

By Lisa Schmidt



**Above:** The daylily bed before planting. Much of the soil at the IPG is derived from lake clay and doesn't drain well. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

On June 27<sup>th</sup> several of us from the Central North Dakota Daylily Society (CNDDS) caravanned four vehicles about 200 miles up to the International Peace Gardens, which straddles the border by Dunseith, ND and Manitoba, Canada. We needed four vehicles to haul some 200 bareroot daylilies and many potted hostas and other perennials to be planted at the gardens. All plants were generously donated by the CNDDS club members. Gwen Brady, president of CNDDS, coordinated the gathering, preparing, planting time, and transportation of all the plants to the International Peace Gardens (IPG). Gwen, along with her husband Mike and son Jay, led the early morning caravan of Erik Holland and Lorraine Manz, Jeff and Lisa Schmidt, and Jan Maddock to carry all the donated plants to the gardens. We were greeted by Meredith Swanson, the horticulturist of the Sunken Garden, and shown where to unload the plants back by the greenhouses. Unfortunately, they had received well over 1 inch of rain that night, so the bed they had prepared for the daylilies was quite a bog yet that day. This provided Meredith with an opportunity

to give us a personal tour of the grounds leading to the newly expanded cactus conservatory, where horticulturalist Jonah Neufeld showed us around the new layout. The conservatory has an amazing collection of cacti and other succulents from around the world, and is the largest of its kind in the U.S. It truly is a Must See. We had some lunch at the restaurant in the conservatory building and then headed up into Canada to stay over at Boissevain where the local hotel still had rooms available, unlike the closest town on the ND side where they were all full. We enjoyed supper at a local Chinese restaurant then retired to our rooms at the lodge, hoping for no rain overnight so that we could try to plant the daylilies in the morning.

Well, we got our wish – no more rain, we could try to plant! We met Meredith by the new daylily bed. She had the daylilies there and had thoughtfully provided some boards and plywood pieces to help float us out in the still very wet flower bed. We jumped into finishing labeling and organizing the plants, then began putting them in the ground. Mike Brady especially

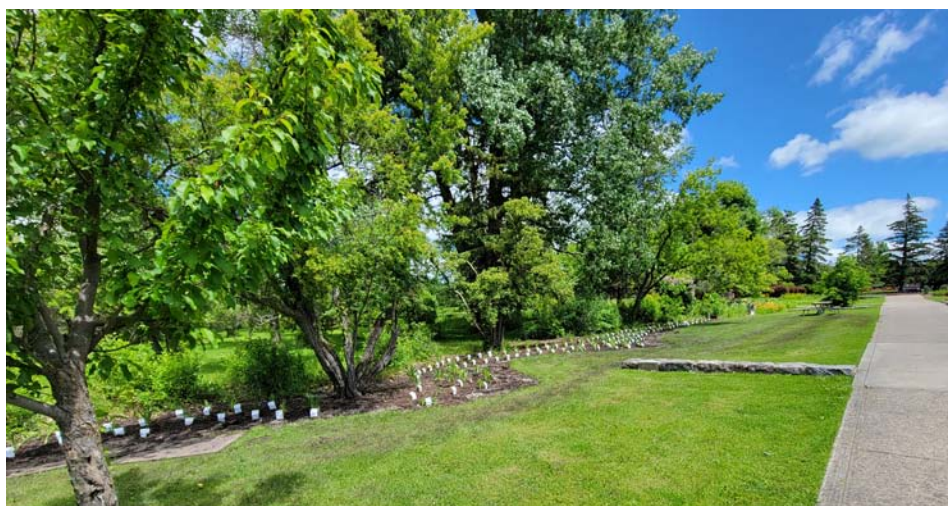


jumped in to dig holes, the shovel making sucking sounds with every load of wet, sloppy soil he pulled from the ground. Gwen was busy laying out the plants and their matching marker, making sure each one was properly labeled. Meredith seemed very hesitant about laying out all the plants, concerned, I think, that she would have to pick them back up if we did not get them planted. But we were on a mission to get all those daylilies in the ground, and we did... before noon! Meredith was very pleased that they all got planted. That day other volunteers were at the gardens still planting annuals in their patterns in the many beds. Every time some other helpers came by the bed we were working on she would exclaim 'look they are all in!'.

Some people from Bismarck visited the International Peace Gardens later in the summer and checked out the new daylily bed, reporting that some were blooming already. I guess it worked out OK to 'mud in' the daylily plants. Hopefully our club will bring more to the gardens as they work to create more perennial beds, only edging the front with annuals so they can



**Above, left to Right:** Mike Brady, Erik Holland, Jan Maddock, Lorraine Manz, Jay Brady, Gwen Brady, Lisa Schmidt, Jeff Schmidt. The red and gray pavers mark the international boundary between the U.S. and Canada. The U.S. is to the left. Photo by Meredith Swanson



minimize the number they have to buy and have smaller crews of volunteers to plant them. The IPG gardens are very beautiful. An amazing symbol of peace between our two countries and well worth a visit. Be sure to see the annual gardens, which have a different theme for the bed colors every year. This year is story books, and you can see some of the characters and central themes from the Wizard of Oz, Harry Potter, and Lord of the Rings depicted in thousands of flowers. And of course, you must stop by the new conservatory with its world-class cacti collection. But remember to bring your passport so you can get back home!



**Above left:** The daylily bed after planting.  
**Left:** Erik Holland and Gwen Brady in the newly extended cactus conservatory. Photos by Lisa Schmidt



# LOCAL NEWS

## *Beausejour Daylily Gardens* by Mary Veldman

2024 will go down as the year we had a daylily named after our founding coordinator Carol Bender. In the early months of 2024, our committee reached out to local hybridizer Brian Culver from Canada looking for the perfect daylily to name after Carol. He graciously agreed to name one of his beauties after her. Carol and Brian had met at an ADS conference a few years back and hit it off. Here's a picture of this beauty.

This daylily will never be for sale. Once established, we will honor a fan or two of it every year to our volunteers. Hopefully this will be an incentive to get more volunteers to sign up. Everyone who sees this one wants it.



Also new to 2024 is an experiment with sheep wool using it as a mulch in one of our beds. The circle bed was renovated this spring. In August it was put back together with the addition of this earthy smelling white cloud mulch. It has raised many eyebrows! Either folks love it or hate it. Why sheep wool you might ask? After doing some research on the topic I learned that sheep's wool offers many benefits when used in a mixture as compost or mulch: as a source of slow-release nitrogen and other trace elements, in weed and pest control, moisture retention and temperature regulation. Wool may be used as a sustainable, renewable and environmentally friendly alternative. Who knew, right?

2024 will be remembered for many other things as well. It was a great year for daylilies. All the rain in the spring was just what the perennials needed. It was a record year for blooms lasting months. It was a record year for visitors as well. August 1<sup>st</sup> approximately 50 master gardeners from all over Manitoba came to visit our gardens. Carol and I broke the group up into two groups and showed them around the 2-acre display garden.

August 4<sup>th</sup>, we had the Eastman Pipers come out to perform for a group of 60 or more folks. Almost \$300 was collected and donated to the daylily gardens.



**Left:** "Carol Bender" (Culver-B., 2024)  
**Above:** Not snow in August! The white stuff is sheep's wool – an experimental mulch  
**Below:** The Eastman Pipers

All photos by Mary Veldman





# Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

by Heather Harroun

The Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society, in addition to regular meetings, kicked off the events of the year with a May plant sale in Muscatine in cooperation with Muscatine Master Gardeners and Muscatine Garden Club. Turnout was good and we couldn't have been blessed with better weather for the sale.

Our next event was the club plant distribution and live auction later in May in West Liberty.

We enjoyed an open garden celebration of Sue Kramer's birthday in Cedar Rapids on June 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a surprising treat to see so many daylilies in peak bloom that early in the season.

In July we had our first group garden tour since COVID. It was wonderful to be together again as we toured four outstanding gardens. The day started with Doug and Sara Kelley's beautiful farm, Lily Acres, in Central City where, in addition to lovely gardens, we were able to see their sheep and other animals. We continued to Jackie Westhoff's My Savannah Gardens in Shellsburg where we saw firsthand her monumental efforts to recover from the derecho that decimated her property in 2020. We enjoyed lunch in a park in Vinton before finishing in up in Dysert at the gardens of Dick and Jo Palmer and then Rex and Judy Raub. They have created stunning gardens on their city lots and they treated us to refreshments as the temperatures were climbing into the 90s. We finished just as the worst of the heat was upon us. Thank you to the Kelleys, Jackie, Palmers, and Raubs for all the work they put in preparing their gardens for our tour. It is deeply appreciated.

In August we held our silent auction of returning club plants, then our fall plant sale in Monticello followed by our live auction of the remaining returning club plants that were not snapped up in the silent auction. It was a very good sale and auction!

Our Hybridizer's Roundup will be held at the Washington Public Library on October 12<sup>th</sup>. This is where we showcase our in-house hybridizer's efforts to improve the world of daylilies. We encourage all members who hybridize to take part whether it is their first crop or a seasoned program.



We will finish out the year with our Banquet on November 9<sup>th</sup> in Coralville. We are excited to have Curt Hanson of Crintonic Gardens in Ohio as our guest speaker.

Please visit our website at [cvids.org](http://cvids.org) for more information about upcoming events.

**Top and above:** CVIDS Members admiring beautiful displays of daylilies during the July garden tours  
**Below:** Paddle practice at the club plant distribution

All photos by Lyle Moen





## Central North Dakota Daylily Society

by Gwen Brady



Summer passed like a flash again but we did have adequate moisture this summer even with the flash flooding in the Bismarck-Mandan area. It did cause some damage but the daylilies benefited with good topsoil moisture and good subsoil moisture. Everyone who I spoke to this summer had a good increase in fans on their daylilies and the blooms this year were absolutely huge, vibrant and awesome.

This spring the club had Esther McGinnis from North Dakota State University speak to us on gardening as we age and she brought along some new tools that are out there for people gardening with arthritis. She also spoke a little about the Region 1 meeting next summer in Fargo, ND.

We had a club auction in June along with an evening dinner which was a great potato bar selection. We had a large assortment of daylilies in our auction, featuring daylilies from Carol Hunter and the memorial daylily "By the Name of Susan" that Kathleen Nordstrom introduced this year in memory of Susan Holland.

At the end of June, members of the daylily club went to the International Peace Gardens to plant daylilies in the new bed the staff there had created. The daylilies and perennials were donated from members of the daylily club. We planted around 200 daylilies in the muckiest ground that ever was. There had been a deluge of rain the days prior to us arriving and the ground was saturated. Still, we did manage to plant and have gotten reports that the daylilies are doing well and some even bloomed this summer. Staff comment after we planted: "Well I guess we don't have to water today." (You can read more about our trip to the Peace Garden in Lisa Schmidt's article on page 36 [ed].)

We had a garden tour in July. Featured gardens were Erik Holland and Gwen Brady's Gardens.

We were delighted to have ADS president Rhonda Veroeven as guest speaker at our fall meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. After a fine taco dinner provided by the Bismarck Eagles, Rhonda's presentation on how to get youth involved in horticulture (youth, in her words, meaning "anyone younger than me!") was warmly received and the highlight of a fun, very social evening.

Happy gardening!

**Top:** Gwen's garden with some of her unique yard art  
**Middle:** "Orange Porridge" (Schock, 2013) is the logo for next year's Region 1 summer meeting in Fargo, ND  
**Bottom:** Erik Holland's garden

All photos by Lisa Schmidt



# Nebraska Daylily Society

by Linda Ferguson

The Nebraska Daylily Society began the year with our Winter Social and Hybridizers Programs in Scribner, NE. This meeting was hosted by Val Hoefer, and Mark and Betsy Langemeier. Programs were presented by Scott Keller, Tom Keast and Linda Ferguson.

May 4<sup>th</sup> was our Spring meeting in Lincoln. We had an auction of inspected plants which featured plants by Phil Korth and donations by club members.

May 10<sup>th</sup> we had a sale of older daylilies at the Omaha Extension Office of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. The proceeds go to fund the scholarship we offer to an eligible horticultural student.

July 13<sup>th</sup> was our annual flower show and garden tours which was held in Sloan, IA. Hosted by Peggy Hanner and Karla Kluver. We attended three different gardens and the Stoddard mansion and gardens.

August 24<sup>th</sup> was our fall meeting hosted by Annette Langan, Phyllis McIntosh, and Lyle and Rita Kahnk. Kirsten Hatfield from Dorsets and Daylilies was our guest speaker. She brought a nice variety of plants for our auction, which was supplemented by donations from our members. Bobby Scott will be our guest speaker next August.

We had a number of members who attended the Region 1 Summer Meeting in Minnesota and also the National Convention in Oklahoma.



**Left:** The traveling NDS trophy is awarded each year to the person who wins most first places in the society's July flower show. Last year's winner, Linda Ferguson, presents it to this year's winner, Scott Keller.

**Top right:** Region 1 president Lisa Schmidt and Tom Keast

**Above:** Rita Kahnk and Phyllis McIntosh

All photos by Scott Ferguson



# BLUE RIBBONS TO PROMOTE DAYLILIES

By Nancy Carlisle



**Left, left to right:** Lynne Kirkman, Haleigh White, and Nancy Carlisle

**Above:** Flowers at the 2024 show

**Below:** Nancy with flowers at the 2023 show

Photos used with permission



I have been entering the local Muscatine County Fair for over two decades with daylilies and other flowers. This year my granddaughter, Haleigh joined me in entering her daylilies that she earned as a youth participant at the American Daylily Convention Asheville, North Carolina in 2022. She could have entered in the youth section, but decided to join in the adult judging competition.

I am so proud of her as she won four blue ribbons and two red second place. Which I have to say, she placed over me with those four blues. "Screaming Afterburn" (Bender, 2019), "Asheville Sunrise" (Selman, 2022), "Windy Hills" (not registered), and "Mountain View" (Wild, 1989) were just lovely that morning.

After her success at the fair, she decided to come along to the Region 1 meeting in Minneapolis later that month. If you were in attendance, you may have noticed that she was not shy in bidding on her favorite form and color, ruffled pinks. She has now started her own daylily bed at her house with eight new varieties. And plans on moving the six varieties that she received in Asheville

to her house. (Yeah, success and more room for me! She wasn't interested in digging up a location at that time in 2022.) Colleen Hansen joined me at the fair in 2023 with great exhibits.

Our County Fair flower shows are judged by local experts who may have a greenhouse, or have gone through the Master Gardener program, or are Federated Garden Club judges. This is always a great opportunity to learn new tricks of presentation and help other participants learn about the various forms and colors of the daylily. I bring information about the local daylily club and ADS to place at the welcome table. The usual comments are, "I did not know there was such variety in shapes, sizes and forms." Or, "who knew there was a national organization?"

If you have a local fair near you, enter into the open flower shows. The cost is usually very little and it's a great way to meet new friends who share the love of flowers. And who knows, you may take the Grand Prize Exhibit of the day like I did in 2021 with "Soli Deo Gloria" (Emmerich, 2011).



# Historian's Corner

By Kathy Larson

## Region 1 Gardens Past

### *Region 1 Tour - The Wood Garden by Eldren W. Minks (excerpt from the fall 1974 Region 1 Newsletter)*

"In Adel, [Iowa] it wasn't hard to find Suzy Woods "oasis" garden. It was the only green spot that this writer saw on Ninth Street. And what an "oasis" it was! Since most of the Hemerocallis were in the rear of the garden, the first impression was reminiscent of an old-fashioned prairie garden with waves of gold and rust daisies ... except this time they were gloriosas! The weatherworn wood, the western cacti, and the unusual jewel-like rocks all contributed to a recalling of nostalgic yesteryears."

Project—"Open Garden" by Suzy Wood (excerpts from the spring 1972 Region 1 Newsletter)

"Mrs. De Votie asked me to write about my garden. This article is to share the pleasures of gardening with others.

Our lot is 72' by 137'. The north border is divided by a path of stones. The larger garden in back is divided by winding paths. The backgrounds for the north and west borders are named lilacs ... A row of pink lythrum backs the narrower south border.

In the garden are 458 daylilies. Also grown are 548 varieties of iris. The iris [*sic*] border the paths and lawn areas. Mine is a State Award garden.

Daylilies are bought after seeing them growing. It seems that catalog pictures are not always color-true... My first daylilies were purchased in 1950. Some of the older ones are still being enjoyed.

Companion plants are mostly perennials. Shasta daisies ... columbine if white or cream... feverfew for bits of white ... echinops are lovely accents for red hems [*sic*] ... physostegia are good, especially in white, as are blue and white delphinium. Red spikes of glilia are allowed to dance through the borders for special interest.

Gardening is a richly rewarding hobby in my retirement years. Garden guests are always welcome. You-all come to Suzy's "Open Garden"."



"Luscious Kiss" (Nordstrom, 2018)  
Photo by Lyle Moen

**Editor's note:** Kathy wonders if anyone remembers Suzy's garden. We'd love to hear from you if you do! If you'd like to share your memories, please send them to Lorraine at [adsregion1editor@gmail.com](mailto:adsregion1editor@gmail.com), and we'll publish them in the next newsletter.



