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“Fear Not” (Emmerich, 2005). Photo by Lorraine Manz

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Region 1 Director's Report

Scott Keller

I've heard it said before, "Where has the summer gone?", but I feel this even more acutely this year. The kickoff of an excellent bloom season started early, then attendance of the National convention. Then COVID, yes, I brought home more from Seattle than just registration plants - boo :(Fortunately, daylilies can't catch COVID, so while I was sequestered, my mornings were filled with hybridizing, and taking seedling pictures. If you've got to be sick, a garden filled with color takes your mind off the misery. However, because of COVID, I did miss the Region 1 meeting, which I was looking forward to. Now, as I watch colors fade away, harvesting pods and filling orders are on my agenda. Three months jammed packed!

The National convention in Linwood, Washington was excellent. Great hosts, great gardens (one, especially, I will never forget), great board discussions centered around how to provide the best value to ADS members, and the anticipation of next year's national convention. It will be held in Valdosta, Georgia, May 20-23, 2026. Here's a link to the convention website: <https://ads2026national.org/#>. Be sure to scroll down and watch the excellent promotional video. You'll be hooked!

Also in 2026, the Region 1 meeting will be held July 10-12, 2026, in Lincoln, NE. Registration and hotel information can be found on the Region 1 website. Guest Speaker is Carol Hunter (Prairie's Edge Daylilies). Please support these regional meetings with your attendance.

Developments of what are coming next from ADS, include a new website which should be available by the time this article published. The daylily registration process has been updated/streamlined with expected access to the new registration portion available in early 2026. A generous donation from an ADS member made this much needed update possible (much applause!).

The Daylily Dispatch is again being published. This monthly publication, which is sent each month via email, spotlights upcoming ADS-related events, regional meetings, club gatherings, flower shows, and national happenings. Anyone can subscribe by clicking on the following link: <https://daylilies.org/society/subscribe/>. Clubs are encouraged to submit their upcoming events for publication. To do so, go to <https://daylilies.org/submit-event/>. This is an excellent outreach tool and is sent not only to ADS members but a large group of other individuals interested in daylilies.

Going forward, ADS is working on a plan to offer monthly Zoom/ Web Classes. These will focus on a range of educational topics to provide engaging, meaningful learning experiences. Links will be provided on the members' portal for those who cannot attend and for those who wish to use these as an agenda item in their club meetings.

Scott



"Sweet Kisses" (Grossmann-M., 2004). Photo by Lorraine Manz

Region 1 President's Report

Lisa Schmidt

Boy, we had fun traveling all over this summer, but while the cat's away the weeds sure played in the gardens! The weeds really liked the rain we got this spring. We got just enough rains to get us out of the drought we had in North Dakota. You would think it's catch-up time once we got home (maybe a little) . . . but no . . . we worked on creating a new bed for the whole 75 years of Stout collection I bought in Washington at the National meeting. Taking down eight trees and pulling roots, burning the branches, killing the grass, tilling in amendments, but it is ready to go. So, on to fall clean up and weed-pulling (but that never ends). Now it's only a few more weeks until we go out to York, Pennsylvania to try the Lilyhemmer meeting for the first time, where Mike Grossmann and Kathleen Nordstrom will be talking. The one nice thing that came out of the pandemic is that many clubs do Zoom meetings so you get to hear many different speakers. For example, Mike Grossmann is talking on the Ontario Daylily's Zoom meeting. Watch for Zoom meetings on other regions' and clubs' Facebook pages. I try to share them if I find them in time.

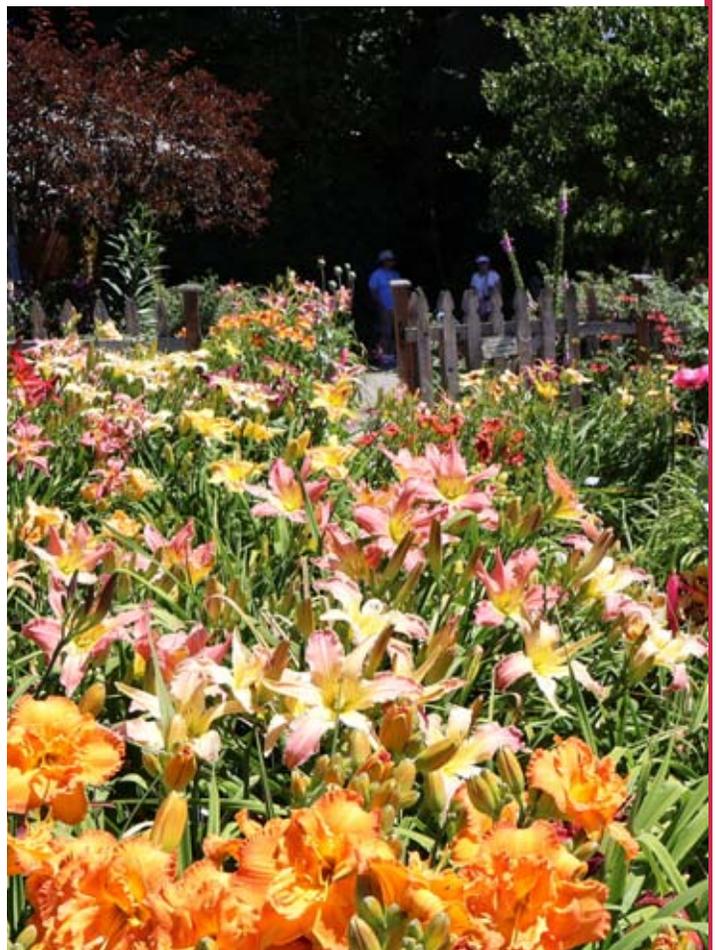
We had a great time at the National Convention in Seattle, Washington this summer. Boy, can they grow plants! The gardens were amazing, very beautiful! Needless to say, I came home with a lot of plants. Some of you perhaps saw my post with a picture of our large vehicle filled to the top with things, and plants coming home. Many thanks to Kris Henning, who was the registrar (and I think Ring Master) for National, who enabled us to bring home the extra registration and bus plants for our Region 1 meeting. Then a quick turn-a-round time to get to Fargo, North Dakota for our Region 1 meeting. We were busy with the Region 1 meeting as our North Dakota club was the host. But I think it went well, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Everyone needs to come to Fargo, ND, once in their life, to see the largest historic and modern daylily display bed at the NDSU gardens. I always think it is amazing. Thank you to Barb Laschkewitsch for taking such amazing care of the daylily display garden and all her work with the annuals and perennials test beds. Because of all this work and dedication, Barb was awarded the VEEP Award this year.

We had a lot of winners this year at the National Convention (see pages 8 and 9 in this issue). Keep up the good work everyone!

Enjoy the rest of the year, and see you next year either at the National Convention in Valdosta, Georgia, May 21–24, 2026 or our Region 1 meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 10–12, 2026, or maybe both!

Happy gardening

Lisa



Washington daylilies. Photo by Lisa Schmidt



From the Editor

Lorraine Manz

weather, daylilies are unpredictable and full of surprises.

When I planted “Casey at the Bat” (Reed, 2005), a bargain table purchase from last year’s Region 1 meeting, it refused to grow. What leaves there were died back and were not replaced, and by the end of August, all traces of it had vanished. Casey had apparently struck out. Resigned to his demise, I was delighted this spring when I discovered he was back, pushing up green shoots through the damp soil, which were later followed by scapes and a beautiful show of flowers. I should never have doubted him. The experience is being repeated this year with “Bison Valentine” (Baker-M., 2013). This plant was part of the outrageously huge hoard of daylilies I acquired at this summer’s regional meeting in Fargo (it has more than doubled the size of my collection). Everything I planted is thriving except for BV which, like Casey, has disappeared without a trace. This time I will try to remain optimistic and look forward to its return next spring.

Meanwhile, the mellow sunshine and falling leaves tell us that nature is preparing for its long, winter sleep as Earth’s northern hemisphere tilts away from the sun. We might not like it, but plants need their rest just as we do, and without winter there’d be no spring.

Happy fall!

There is a quality to the light at this time of year that I can only describe as golden. And while sunlight reflects off the changing colors of the leaves, “Restore the Roar” (Korth-P.-Korth-L., 2012) stubbornly refuses to stop blooming, the flowers so big they are visible from the next street. It’s a grand finale to an extraordinary summer. Midseason daylilies bloomed early (one on June 4!) and early season ones bloomed in midseason. My regular rebloomers didn’t. Some non-rebloomers like the Roar just kept on flowering well into September and even October. Like North Dakota

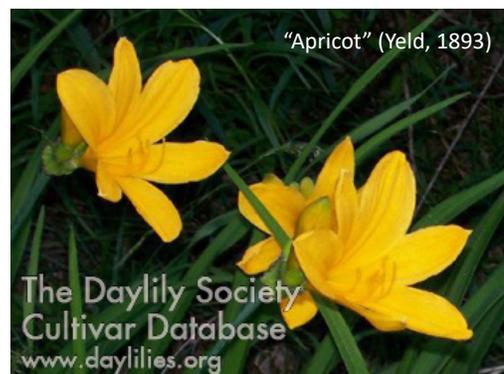
From the NDSU Garden Liaison

Joan Zettel

We were proud to show off the NDSU gardens at the 2025 Regional Tour. The gardens weren’t at peak bloom yet, but we had beautiful weather, and there were plenty of early varieties blooming.

It was wonderful to see an almost full Region 1 Hybridizers’ Bed. Thank you to all the donors for showing off their creations to the world.

We really appreciate all the donations! Please remember NDSU when you’re downsizing your gardens or dividing your daylilies.





2025 ADS REGION 1 VEEP AWARD WINNER BARB LASCHKEWITSCH

The VEEP award is a once in a lifetime award for service to the region and helping the Region 1 president. I always wish I could give the award to all of you. All of you here show up and support our Region 1 and our wonderful daylily. I started at the beginning, really, when I gave my first VEEP award to Karen Schock, who started our North Dakota club in 2002. It's where I learned about and developed my passion for daylilies. The second award I gave to Val Hoefler for supporting me as president, for sharing good times, her experience, and encouraging me to keep going. Many of you may have been involved in starting your local clubs. I know all of you here support our clubs and each other, sharing good times with daylilies.

This year I want to honor and thank all of you quietly working in the background, getting so many things done, things that keep our clubs going, and for your dedication supporting everyone's enjoyment of daylilies. Today, I also want to recognize a very special person who has worked

tirelessly caring for gardens and increasing our knowledge about plants. Because of her care of the NDSU gardens, she has made it possible to have our meeting here in Fargo. She has always been willing to meet us after her work hours, taking time out of her personal life to happily and graciously meet with us, to receive the donated cultivars that we were delivering for the NDSU daylily garden. Whether it was on holidays, weekends or even Sundays, or other personal events she never failed to go out of her way to meet us. I would like to give her a special thank you for all she has done for us. This dedicated individual is Barb Laschkewitsch, and it is Barb who will receive the VEEP award this year. Thank you. Barb, for all you have done to make the NDSU gardens the treasure that they are. I see your work, I appreciate it so much, and I want everyone to know who the person behind, or rather in, the wonderful Historic and Modern Display Daylily Garden at NDSU is.

2025 Nationals Award Recipients

Region 1 Service Award goes to Lyle Moen

By Nancy Carlisle

ADS Region 1 Service award was given to Lyle Moen of Washington Iowa. You see his photos frequently in the Daylily Pioneer. Always stunning photos, always! Here is an excerpt from the nomination letter written by several individuals and submitted to the National Awards committee way back in September of 2024. Yes, the process moves slowly, and is always awarded at the National Convention. This year it was presented in Seattle, Washington. Ironically this was one of the few conventions that Lyle and his wife Nancy did not attend in the past five years.

Lyle joined the ranks of the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society (CVIDS) in 2011 with his wife Nancy Rash. As a couple they have wholeheartedly become active members. First at the local level, but very shortly started attending the national daylily meetings as well. They plan a whole vacation trip around the destination location, often visiting other botanical gardens and historic places of interest on the way. This translates to Lyle sharing pictures of these locations via presentations at the local CVIDS meetings and in the society newsletters. Their shared passion for daylilies and each other is shown in the enthusiasm that they willingly share with CVIDS, Region 1 and the ADS. Lyle, along with his wife Nancy, has co-chaired the CVIDS banquet for the past decade, with recruitment of speakers, setting up the banquet hall, making things go smoothly and of course taking pictures of the audience.

He has been active on the CVIDS membership committee with taking pictures for the membership handbook of new members as they join. He gets the best grins out of people. When a new venue opened at Mar Park Conservation center he rented the building for our membership meeting, paying the cost himself. Lyle served on the Washington County Conservation board during the development stages of this beautiful park and meeting venue.

Lyle is a quiet unassuming man that enjoys his relationships with fellow daylily enthusiasts. His sense of humor comes through with his quick and friendly smile. During his wife's extended presidency of CVIDS, (during COVID years) he

helped edit the society newsletter with a page just from Lyle. He found funny stories, quotes and shared just beautiful pictures of flowers that helped to brighten our outlook during those difficult days when we could not meet in person.

Lyle is also an active community member in Washington Iowa. Lyle is the President of the Board of Directors for Farm to Film Fest. Farm to Film Fest is a two-day international film festival in Washington, Iowa. It is an opportunity to promote the arts and celebrate the rich film history of Washington, Iowa. Lyle is an active volunteer with Washington, Iowa Betterment Foundation, Washington Main Street and Washington Lions.

Our world of daylilies is a better place with Lyle Moen sharing his talent of photos and being an enthusiastic member of the daylily society. Congratulations and a huge thank you Lyle for your service and photography talents.

Lyle Moen and camera. Photo by Lisa Schmidt





Clockwise from top left:

Karol Emmerich of Springwood Gardens received the 2025 Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award and also a 2025 AHS Nationals Honorable Mention for her daylily 'Ruler of Nations'. Photo by Don Unruh

Region 1 science liaison Kathleen Wiese won the 2025 Regional Newsletter Award for Best Article on Photographing Daylilies with "Cell Phone or Dedicated Camera?" Photo by Lyle Moen

Kathleen Nordstrom (left) with AHS President Rhonda Veroeven. Kathleen, who is co-owner of Northern Lights Daylilies with Mike Grossmann, won the 2025 Annie T. Giles Award (outstanding small flower which is 3–4.5 inches) for her daylily 'Quasar Cutie'. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

Region 1 President Lisa Schmidt also won a 2025 Regional Newsletter Award, this one for Best Article About Gardens with "North Dakota Takes Daylilies to The International Peace Gardens". Photo by Jeff Schmidt



2025 Nationals Review

**Text and photos by
Lisa Schmidt**

Wow, Wow, Wow . . . that's all I can say about the Once in a Lifetime, National Convention in Seattle (actually Lynnwood), Washington. They can really grow plants and have amazing gardens. Jeff and I drove out to Washington, going a little early so we could go on the extra tour to Chihuly glass and the city harbor cruise. Chihuly glass is right under the Space Needle in Seattle. I have always wanted to visit this place. It was incredible with all the enormous art works in glass and such vibrant colors. I took a Lot of pictures! The city harbor cruise with Argosy Cruises was interesting. It was a cloudy day, so a little cooler, but you could still see the Space Needle from many places. And we saw container ships being loaded with the giant cranes looming above the ships and harbor.

During the convention we assisted the Washington club and Kris Henning with registration and distributing plants at the auction for auctioneer Mike Grossmann. Mike did very well as an auctioneer, especially when surprised with a bidding war for a Mike Holmes plant with naming rights, when bidding shot up to \$13,000 (so yes, it's true, some plants do go for a Lot of money at Nationals)! They had many silent auction items to bid on and a large bargain plants selection. They had a large courtyard area for the banquets that you could look down on from walkways to your rooms. On the night of the auction, we also had entertainment of a youth group doing Irish dances.

The highlights of the trip were the large, beautiful yards we toured. We knew they can grow plants so very well

as we'd heard stories that some gardens created flowerbeds just three years prior in preparation for the National Convention, and they were huge, very full, well-established looking beds for our visit. My favorite was the Marcia and Klaus Zech gardens. Klaus had just passed before the convention, but Marcia still opened her fantastic gardens to us. From a passage under an arch, winding down stairs past many plantings and seating areas, opening out into gardens going down to the lake front. With so many huge daylily beds, it was spectacular.

We would take a north route or south route each of the two days of tours seeing three gardens each day. Our first day we saw the Zech Gardens, the Hines Garden, and the Cascadia Iris Gardens with a lunch stop at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. I already told you how impressed I was with the Zech Garden. The Leigh Ann, Patrick, and Oliver Hines garden had their daylily collection on an eight-acre garden estate, with the daylily collection fenced to keep deer out. In the center of the collection is a large metal daylily sculpture with an electric train circling it. After a young Oliver helped his grandmother (Marcia Zech) in the garden, he declared that he was going to start a daylily garden to hybridize and name his own daylilies. This garden project started in North Carolina and then moved to Washington in 2021. There was a designated youth seeding area that we could vote on the best seedlings. The other shade garden areas had lovely seating areas and Chihuly glass displayed.

We also saw the five-acre Cascadia Iris Gardens of Patrick and Margaret Spence. We would catch glimpses of Mount Hood on the way to their garden in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. The main display beds featured daylilies brought in specifically for the convention tour. The main display beds also had iris, peonies, carnivorous plants, unique plants, shrubs and garden art work.



Zech gardens



"Hotta Pinkie" (Owen-P, 2008), Zech gardens

Beyond is the greenhouse with sales plants and beyond that the iris and peony production fields. I just had to get an iris and peony to bring home! Jeff had a good discussion with Patrick about the irrigation method he was using, much like ours, so Jeff got ideas for a different end on the water line. We had a stop at the Bellevue Botanical Garden for a box lunch and a chance to walk through some of their gardens like the rock garden and their collection of Fuchsia. Back at the hotel we could again check out the silent auction and bargain plants. Another small auction before the people awards were given that night. Our Region1 Service Award

went to Lyle Moen, from Washington, IA, for photographing and thus documenting so many of our special moments in Region1 and getting smiles from everyone. Karol Emmerich received the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award which is a once in a life-time achievement award. We are so glad to see her receive this award after her many years of continuing to educate people about daylilies and hosting people in her own gardens so they can learn about daylilies. We had 2 newsletter awards, Kathleen Wiese for the best article on photographing daylilies "Cell Phone or Dedicated Camera", and Lisa Schmidt for the best

Kelly gardens



article about gardens “North Dakota Take Daylilies to The International Peace Gardens”. I personally would like to thank our Region1 editor, Lorraine Manz, for making our article look and sound nice.

The second day of tours, we started with the furthest south Sheldon-Hays garden of Kathryn Sheldon, Dan Hays and Jamie Hays in Puyallup. The

wrapping all around the house. There was a Wizard of Oz Garden in back. A line of blueberries covered with blue netting cloth to save some from the birds, and a brightly colored garden shed marked the way to a large gazebo sitting area surrounded by award-winning daylilies, and perched above a stream that runs down toward the house. Keep going around the house for

is still room for seating areas around a small water pond and much garden art work on the back fence with many birdhouses on top. I really loved the different shades of blue hydrangea and lovely hostas leading to the gate. They made very nice signs for each of the yards for the convention, so you would know where you were at each stop. For lunch we stopped at a hotel for a catered Mexican buffet lunch which was very good. Back at the hotel there was a little time to check out the silent auction and bargain plants before they closed. And another small auction

Region 1 delegates. Back row, l to r: Scott Keller, Kris Henning, Kathleen Nordstrom, Mike Grossmann, Jeff Schmidt. Front row: Steve Horan, Vicky Aughenbaugh, Lisa Schmidt, Donna Schouweiler, Donna Steele.



garden beds run up the driveway and around the house with many beautiful daylilies and other plants and garden art of birdhouses, peace poles, mirrors, mushrooms and big bunnies. I am so jealous they can grow such beautiful Japanese Maples and Fuchsia. The next stop at the Kelly Gardens of Pam and Bob Kelly had amazing gardens

many more daylilies and other bright plants, the path zig zagging through all the bright colors. On to the last stop of Sally’s Secret Garden, owned by Sally and Steve Enzukewich. Flowers and bushes line the driveway and front yard leading you to the backyard gate and into the compact and colorful daylily beds with over 950 plants. But there



before the flower awards were given that night. The top Stout Award went to ‘Breathing In Snowflakes’ by Heidi Douglas. We got a picture of the ten of us from Region1 who attended the convention.

It really was a great National meeting, if you did not go you really missed out on a Once in a Lifetime event! See y’all next year at Valdosta, Georgia!

The 80th ADS National Convention

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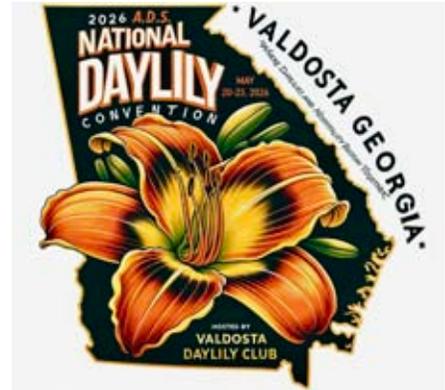
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Registration is limited to **600** people

Full Registration: Includes 2 days of touring, 6 spectacular gardens
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Motel rooms are **\$129 + tax/night** if you register with the code: **DAY.**

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Judges educational clinic (**circle** each that you plan on attending).

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Companion Name _____

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Full refund if received by 3/20/2026, 50% refund if received 3/21/2026—4/15/26. No refund after 4/15/26 (11 PM EST). You may swap your seat if you can not attend. Please notify the Registrar ASAP

Thursday Dinner @ 6:00 PM
(Included in Registration)

Followed by a **LIVE PLANT AUCTION AT 7:00 PM.**

Friday Nights Live Plant Auction begins at approximately. 8:15 PM

Visit www.ads2026national.org for important details on the auction, donations, vendors, volunteers, and the latest convention updates



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A Roadmap to Taking a Hidden Treasure to National Prominence

By Esther E. McGinnis

NDSU Extension Horticulturalist and Associate Professor



North Dakota State University (NDSU) in Fargo is home to the very first American Hemerocallis Society Historic Daylily Display Garden. The daylily garden is the crown jewel of the NDSU Horticultural Research and Demonstration Gardens located on the corner of 12th Avenue North and 18th Street. The massive daylily collection is an incredible sight to behold when in peak bloom in the last half of July. This is truly a hidden treasure for the region. Now it is time to take the daylily garden to the next level as a nationally regarded collection. I will first briefly describe the garden's history and then launch into future plans involving the American Public Garden Association.

History

North Dakota State University initially had a small daylily collection. In 1998, the daylily collection became an official American Hemerocallis Society display garden.

In 2000, Geraldine and John Couturier, daylily breeders from Knoxville, TN, were downsizing and offered to sell their historic daylily collection. Historic daylilies are those cultivars that were registered 30 or more years prior to the present year. The Couturiers first offered the collection to the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum to no avail. Bryce Farnsworth, an NDSU potato researcher and daylily enthusiast, became aware of this collection and convinced Dr. Al Schneider, Chair of the NDSU Plant Sciences

Department, to purchase the collection of 800 historic cultivars for approximately \$1800.

After the Couturier collection was planted, the university announced that it would be constructing a new building on the site of the gardens. Mary Baker and other members of the Region 1 Daylily Society successfully negotiated with the former NDSU president, Joseph Chapman. Consequently, the collection was moved to its existing location at the southwest gateway to campus. The current garden was dedicated on October 30, 2004. Much has been previously written regarding this stressful time period.

Bryce Farnsworth and Barbara Laschkewitsch, garden manager of the NDSU Horticultural Research and Demonstration Gardens, grew the collection over the years, and the number of cultivars now exceeds 1700. The vast majority of the collection is historic, but modern daylilies have been planted to show breeding advances. The collection now houses a Lenington All-American Award Winners bed and also a Region 1 daylily breeders' bed.

Future Plans

Having celebrated our garden's 20th anniversary in this location, we look to the future. Land on college campuses is at a premium. Having already been displaced once in the last 25 years, our project still feels a little insecure. To safeguard the collection and to gain national visibility, the NDSU Horticultural Research and Demonstration Gardens joined

the American Public Garden Association (APGA) this year. The long-term goal is to join the APGA's Plant Collections Network, a designation for the nation's most important plant collections. The Plant Collections Network's focus is on germplasm preservation and excellence in collections management. Notable collections include the Toledo Botanic Garden Hosta Garden, the University of Minnesota Grass Collection, the Morton Arboretum's Malus Collection, the Chicago Botanic Garden's Spiraea Collection and the Arnold Arboretum's Syringa Collection.

Joining the Plant Collections Network is a multi-year process and includes steps such as:

- *Defining the scope of the collection and benchmarking it against other collections
- *Showing that plants were acquired legally and ethically
- *Demonstrating rigorous record-keeping protocols
- *Thoroughly labelling and mapping the collection
- *Providing reasonable access to the collection for researchers, breeders, educators, and the public
- *Posting collection records online
- *Forming strategic partnerships with relevant societies
- *Managing the collection for optimum health
- *Developing a disaster plan, collections policy, and development plan
- *Demonstrating long-term institutional support

I will reach out to the Region 1 Daylily Society for help with this multi-year process. This winter, I will form a stakeholder committee to provide input. Our first task will be to examine the scope of the collection and how that compares to other significant daylily collections in the U.S.

Demonstrating long-term institutional support may become the most challenging part of the

process, because we have to solicit a letter from university administrators, essentially committing to protecting and supporting the garden in its current location for years to come. We are extremely grateful that the university funds our garden manager and provides approximately \$4500 annually to buy seeds, plants, fertilizer, mulch, gas and other supplies for the two-acre NDSU Horticultural Research and Demonstration Gardens. In the face of shrinking university budgets, we sincerely hope the university will maintain this level of support.

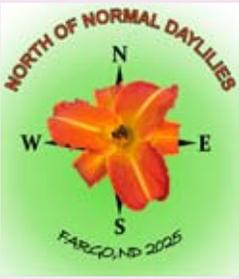
Erosion of Federal Funding

I generally write federal grants to hire and pay part-time summer help to assist our garden manager. Two acres is too much for one person to maintain. Unfortunately, the federal grants that paid for part-time summer help for the last six years are no longer a feasible funding option under the current political situation. We are now pivoting away from the federal grant model to a public fundraising model. This October, we'll be soliciting donations through the NDSU Giving Day. If we raise \$5,000 on Giving Day, my family will provide an equal match in honor of my late father, Charles Wilbur McGinnis. In addition, I am considering hosting a gala in the garden next summer. Fundraising will be a new challenge for this old educator!

Many thanks to the Central North Dakota Daylily Society and the Region 1 Daylily Society for your generous support over the years.



Photos by Lisa Schmidt



Regional Review

By Lisa Schmidt

Another wonderful, successful Region 1 summer meeting is in the books. Thanks especially to all the people attending, volunteers and all the wonderful donations to the live auction, silent auction and bargain table. We had 72 people registered, but there were several last-minute cancellations, mostly because a few of the people who went to the National meeting came down with COVID. Yes, it's still out there so be careful. Some volunteers were busy setting up on Thursday already.

Friday was the start of the meeting with registration starting at noon. There were nine open gardens people could visit on their own, some were able to even stop at some of the open gardens on Thursday as they came into Fargo. They could also browse the silent auction and bargain table plant sale. We had so many items and plants coming in we had to keep setting up more tables. Mike Grossmann led a discussion in the afternoon for hybridizers to talk about their new intros. Some people went to the Downtown Street fair to see if they could find more goodies. That evening was a steak dinner banquet with Esther McGinnis talking to us about the progress of the NDSU gardens, followed by the live auction with auctioneer Darrin Lett from Iowa. There were over 100 plants for the live auction.

Saturday started with a great breakfast buffet, and loading onto two buses that took everyone to the NDSU Historic and Modern Daylily Display garden first. At NDSU they could look over the huge daylily gardens finding their favorites (or maybe their own creations), see the Region1 hybridizer bed, and the Lennington bed, or wander over to the adjacent annual and perennial test beds. From there the buses went to different gardens. Bus 1 went to see the Northern Plains Botanic Garden with its edible forest, the start of

the Japanese garden and the children's garden with a fairy garden and sensory garden in it. The next stop was at Rich Roehrdanz's garden a smaller city lot, packed with many different daylilies, lilies, hostas and more. Rich has quite a collection of different plants and even a book to look through to see what all are like when in bloom. Bus 2 went south to Don and Mary Kinzler's garden. Don, being an extension agent and former retail garden center owner, gave a personal tour of all his plantings and how they have been cared for and their progress. All of his amazing gardens surrounding a beautiful old 1895 Victorian house that was moved twice to reside at its current location. And quite the large vegetable garden out back.

Lunch was at the NDSU Loftsgard Hall, where we had a box lunch. After lunch the two buses went the reverse route to the others gardens, returning back to the Holiday Inn about 2:30 p.m. so that there was a little more time to browse through the silent auction and plant sale, before they closed at 5 p.m. The evening started off with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by Rich Roehrdanz of folk and his original music. This was followed by a banquet of your choice of chicken saltimbocca or peppercorn pork. The Region1 business meeting progressed quickly with the new business of forming a committee to search for a nominee for the next Region1 President. All the awards our Region1 people received at National were announced along with the 2025 VEEP Award winner, Barb Laschkewitsch. We then got to hear two speakers talk about their gardens and hybridizing programs via Zoom all on three big screens. The first was Dave Mussar from Puslinch, Ontario, Canada, and then Karol Emmerich from Jordan, Minnesota.

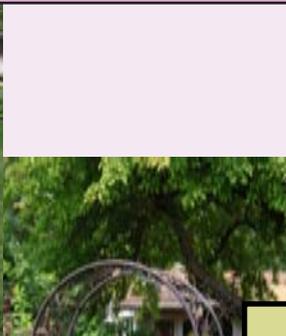
Sunday people could continue to visit the other open gardens before their return trip home.

It is always a great time visiting with our daylily friends. Thank you for all the support for our Region1. Hope to see you at the next Region1 summer meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 10-12, 2026.

"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul."
— **Luther Burbank**



2025 Region 1 Open Gardens



Vince & Val Ames



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Mary Lake

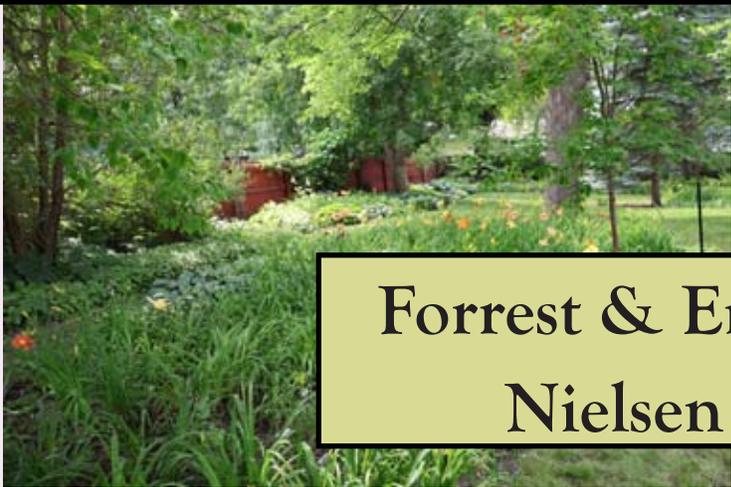




**Michael & Terrie
Mann**



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**Forrest & Emily
Nielsen**



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**Blake & Kathy
Vander Vorst**

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**Julie Vetter &
Aaron Olson**

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Abby Volden



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Joan Zettel



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- Educate gardeners on the care, propagation, and appeal of daylilies
- Maintain the official registry of daylily cultivars
- Evaluate, judge, and award daylily cultivars for outstanding plant habit and exceptional distinction.

Included with your membership, you will receive four beautiful issues of The Daylily Journal, our official newsletter magazine, each year. This magazine contains articles on award winning daylilies, the most popular daylilies by geography, trends in daylily hybridizing, scientific studies, and highlights of gardens and conventions.

As a member of ADS Region 1 you will also receive The Daylily Pioneer, which is published twice yearly, with no additional dues assessed.

New members joining the American Daylily Society also receive a \$25 voucher, which can be redeemed towards purchases of daylilies with select growers across the United States.

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2025 Region 1 Board & Liaison Meeting

July 18, 2025, 3 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Fargo, North Dakota

1. The American Daylily Society, Region 1, Board Meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Region 1 President Lisa Schmidt.
2. The End of the Year Treasurer's Report was published in the spring 2025 issue of the Daylily Pioneer. President Lisa presented the budget prepared by Karol Emmerich. A motion was made by Kris Henning with a second by Nancy Carlisle to accept the report. Motion carried.
3. The Secretary's Report was printed in the fall 2024 issue of the Daylily Pioneer. A motion to approve the minutes for the 2024 Region 1 Board Meeting was made by Kris Henning with a second by Lorraine Manz. Motion carried.
4. Scott Keller, Director, not in attendance, has the American Daylily Society assignment of "Future Planning". Attendance at this last national meeting was down. American Daylily Society membership as a whole has declined significantly. We are encouraging members to bring a friend to local meetings and promote the benefits of joining ADS to help boost membership. Discussion items were the discontinued Popularity Poll that many members enjoyed in the past and Nancy Carlisle will advise how to use Google Poll to possibly renew it.
5. No Garden Judges Report was given. See the spring 2025 Daylily Pioneer for the report by Phil Fass. More Garden Judges and Instructors are needed.

Old Business:

6. The \$5 fee going back to the Region 1 budget from regional meeting registration has been discontinued effective with the 2024 Summer meeting. The board also gave approval of a separate special auction if needed to cover meeting expenses. An article was printed in the Daylily Pioneer about recruiting new members.
7. The Summer Meeting schedule was presented as 2026 – Lincoln, NE; 2027 – Iowa City. Karol Emmerich will be asked if MN will host in 2028.
8. The survey to clubs about regional meeting formats will be continued.

New Business:

9. Regional meeting format will continue to be discussed with surveys to clubs and small group discussion to be explored.
10. The nominating committee for Region 1 President of Nancy Rash, Janet Haag and a third person will be voted on at the Saturday night business meeting. Region 1 members of the American Daylily Society

will vote with a ballot from the spring 2026 Daylily Pioneer. The term of President will begin 2027. Please give nominee suggestions to Nancy Rash.

11. The following awards were presented to Region 1 members at the National Meeting of the American Daylily Society in Seattle, Washington:

Region 1 2025 Service Award: Lyle Moen

Honorable Mention: Karol Emmerich for Ruler of Nations

Annie T. Giles Outstanding Small Flower: Kathleen Nordstrom for Quasar Cutie

Best Article About Gardens: Lisa Schmidt: North Dakota Club Takes Daylilies to the International Peace Gardens

Best Article About Photographing Daylilies: Kathleen Wiese: Cell Phone or Dedicated Camera?

12. A motion for adjournment was made by Joan Zettel with a second by Kris Henning. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Attendance: Lisa Schmidt, Regional President; Nancy Rash, Secretary; Kathleen Wiese, Science Liaison; Nancy Carlisle, Publicity; Kris Henning, DSM; Lorraine Manz, Daylily Pioneer Editor; Joan Zettel, Historic Daylily Garden Liaison.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rash
Region 1 Secretary



2025 Region 1 Friday Night Gathering & Auction



Clockwise from top left:

- Welcome!
- Guest speaker Esther McGinnis
- Auctioneer Darrin Lett
- Kris and friends
- Fab Four
- Plant bargain table and silent auction volunteers Alexis, Jeff Schmidt, Donna Schouweiler, and Kathy Wiese
- Kris, Michelle, and Linnea

All photos by Lyle Moen and Lisa Schmidt





2025 Region 1 Garden Tours

NDSU Historic Daylily Garden, Fargo, ND



"Daily Bread" (Hager, 1973).
Photo by Lyle Moen

By Nancy Rash

In 2003, the daylily display garden at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND became the first public American Hemerocallis Society Historic Daylily Display Garden. There are approximately 2000 daylilies for people to come and enjoy. Historical daylilies are defined as all daylily species plus daylily cultivars registered 30 years prior to the current year.

In 2018 we stopped briefly at the NDSU Historical gardens on our way home from the Region 1 Meeting hosted by the Central North Dakota Daylily Society so I was looking forward to an opportunity to have more time in the garden to explore and study the plants and see research studies. In September 2022 I sent three daylilies hybridized by Gerald Hobbs to the garden manager, Barb Laschkewitsch, to be

planted and preserved in the Region 1 bed at the NDSU Gardens and I saw all three planted together: Be Still, Day After Yesterday, and Clown Capers. Although not blooming on the day of our visit, the foliage was healthy and the plants thriving. Barb was most accommodating when I asked if I could send the Hobbs daylilies to her. I would still like to send the daylily hybridized by Gerald Hobbs named Ring me Up. I made note of the Region 1 hybridizers represented in the Region 1 bed. I saw the daylily, Bing Cherry Binge, hybridized by CVIDS Charter Member Lynn Stoll. Other Region 1 hybridizers represented were Kathleen Nordstrom, Mike Grossman, Don Lovell, Phil Fass, Karol Emmerich, Bill and Dory Lidinsky, Vickie Aughenbaugh, Donna Steele, Linda Ferguson, Nan Ripley, Mary Baker and Karen Schock. I certainly could have missed some names but what an impressive group of daylily hybridizers from Region 1. It was so appropriate that Barb Laschkewitsch received the VEEP award from Region 1 on Saturday night. She has done an outstanding job with the display garden.

I enjoyed the Lennington Award Bed and noted the names of daylilies that I have growing in my garden: White Eyes Pink Dragon, Ruby Spider, Red Volunteer, Condilla, Joan Senior and Golden Prize. Lennington Award winners are voted best performer over a wide geographic area so it makes sense these daylilies do well in my garden. How many Lennington Award winners do you grow?

I made an effort to find the oldest daylily in the bed, 'Apricot', hybridized in 1893. I have a daylily labeled Aztec Gold but I am not sure I have mine labeled correctly after seeing Aztec Gold in the NDSU bed. I have an interest in seeing how the shapes and habits of daylilies has changed over the years. It stresses the importance of correct labeling as well.

The gardens were very well maintained, mulched and labeled with plenty of space between the plants. We did not see weeds in the flower beds and the attractive edging made it easy to walk around each bed of daylilies.

We had one hour in the gardens but I ran out of time to view the trial gardens. I certainly would have enjoyed the annual flower trials, ornamental grass collection, and other plantings.

I would recommend a trip to the gardens. Whether you are just passing through Fargo or want to make it your destination, select a time in the peak bloom season. I came away with a new appreciation for the historical daylilies that we sometimes think are too old to take up space in our gardens.



Above: "Florence Byrd" (Peck, 1970). Photo by Lyle Moen

Above center: One of the NDSU trial beds. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

Above right: "Butter Cream" (Whatley, 1998). Photo by Lyle Moen



NDSU Daylily Gardens.
Photo by Lyle Moen



2025 Region 1 Garden Tours

Northern Plains Botanic Garden, Fargo, ND

By Lorraine Manz

The Northern Plains Botanic Garden (NPBG) is located at Yunker farm Park in north Fargo, not far from the NDSU historic daylily garden, so you can easily visit both on the same trip. It is very much a work in progress, which doesn't mean there's not much to see – quite the opposite! There are currently eight separate gardens (with more to come), each themed to showcase an aspect of Northern Great Plains horticulture.

The butterfly and hummingbird gardens are designed to attract pollinators. Nearby is a rain garden, designed to create an ecosystem based solely on rainwater and runoff from an adjacent greenhouse. A chrysanthemum and woodland garden feature sun-loving and shade plants respectively. The edible forest includes native fruit trees and shrubs, and more pollinator-friendly plants. I confess, I couldn't resist sneaking a taste of some of the redcurrants and raspberries ripening in the sun. They were delicious!



Above: In the Butterfly Garden, even dead wood has its charm. Photo by Lyle Moen

Below: Hostas and other shade-loving plants are sheltered by this venerable old box elder in the Woodland Garden. Photo by Lorraine Manz





Just off the edible forest is the Children's Garden. Filled with colorful flowers and vegetables, it features an "alphabet garden", a sensory garden, and a fairy garden. Characters from Alice in Wonderland peek out at you beside a tree-stump house. Unfortunately, the fairies and their garden have been placed behind bars. Not because the "good people" have gone bad but because, unfortunately, some visitors can't resist the temptation to take them home.

Last but definitely not least is the Japanese Garden or Garden of Mind and Soul. Part dry garden, and soon to include a koi pond, this garden is unique to the area and is founded on five cherry trees, part of a gift to the United States by the Japanese people more than 100 years ago, as a living reminder of international friendship.

Daylilies are not a primary component of the (NPBG) but you will find them scattered throughout the flower gardens. Give yourself a little quiz and see how many cultivars you can find and name.

I noticed that the paths connecting the various gardens appear to be a favorite of local dog-walkers, so if you are planning a visit, bring your pet as well!

Entry to the garden is free of charge and open to the public all year, 24/7 (except for the farmhouse). It is a great place to visit if you are looking for inspiration, new plants to try, or just to relax for an hour or so on a summer afternoon.

To learn more about the garden, go to the NPBG Society website at <https://www.npbgs.org/>.

Above left and above: Alice and friends and bright summer flowers in the Children's Garden.

Below left and bottom: Dry Garden and the Japanese Garden.

Below right: The tiniest pansies I've ever seen. I had to get down on my hands and knees to get a good look at them!

Photos by Lorraine Manz





2025 Region 1 Garden Tours

Don & Mary Kinzler, Fargo, ND

By Kathleen Wiese

When you first spot the Kinzler residence from down the street, you think that the beautiful 1895 Victorian style home is the queen of the property. Once you walk into the yard, you can see that if the house is the queen, she is well attended by beautiful perennial beds and a profusion of brightly colored annuals.

At the front of the house, you are greeted by a walkway bordered with a curved grouping of meticulously manicured shrubs. The space around the brick sidewalk is filled with roses and containers overflowing with colorful annuals. We gathered as a group there and Don gave us quick tips on how he manicures those shrubs to keep them looking healthy. As we walked along, Don continued to give us great tips and advice on everything from pruning to lawn care to starting annuals and keeping them looking good all summer long. What a deal—a garden tour and an educational program all wrapped up in one!

Don and Mary start all their own annuals in the basement of their home. This allows them to save money on the great number of annuals that provide summer long color in their gardens, as well as gives them the opportunity to grow exactly the varieties they want for the coming year. They have annuals in containers and in mass plantings in parts of their gardens. They have also placed annuals strategically within the perennial beds to provide color when there might be a lull in the perennial blooms.

As you walk around the sunny side of the house, you see large island beds with shrubs, grasses, and perennials. Walk a bit further and you see their shed with the front nearly covered with two giant purple clematis vines. Around the back of the house there is a seating area and a fountain that provides the relaxing sound of moving water. The north side of the house is flanked with hydrangeas and hostas, creating a beautiful forefront for the house. There are also annuals on this side which create a pop of color as you come through the shade.

Don and Mary's yard is registered as an All-America Selections display garden. You can hear the pride in their voices as they talk about the work and the love they put into their home and gardens. They enjoy telling the story of the two moves for their Victorian house that finally brought it to this spot and the work of moving many of the shrubs and perennials from location to location. That pride is well-earned for this showcase home and the gardens that beautify it.



Above: Don and Mary Kinzler's beautiful Victorian home. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

Left: Don Kinzler. Photo by Lisa Schmidt

Below: House and garden. Photo by Lyle Moen





Clockwise from top:

One of the Kinzler's many perennial beds. Photo by Lyle Moen

Mass plantings of annuals provide bright pops of color throughout the Kinzler's garden. Photo by Lyle Moen

Two huge clematis climb the garage wall. Photo by Lorraine Manz

The Kinzler's large vegetable garden safe behind a sturdy deer fence. Photo by Lisa Schmidt



2025 Region 1 Garden Tours

Daylily Flats, Fargo, ND

By Joan Zettel

As the bus pulled up to Daylily Flats, my reaction was “What a Feast!” . . . a feast for the eyes, a feast for the senses, and as I toured the yard there was even a feast waiting to be picked from the vegetable garden and a feast for the pollinators, birds and even the squirrels in the backyard.

Daylily Flats is the home of Rich and Marcia Roehrdanz where they have created a garden paradise on a small city lot. Marcia is in charge of the porch pots and Rich is the gardener. While daylilies are definitely the star of the show, this yard is also filled with liliium, iris, hosta, peonies, phlox and native wildflowers that will make the garden come alive when the daylilies are asleep; definitely four seasons of interest in this garden.

The gardens started right at the street and bordered the whole yard and trimmed the house. The eye-catcher in front of the house was *Lilium Viva La Vida* which made a perfect vertical accent plant in the border of daylilies. There were so many beautiful daylilies, with an emphasis on plants from northern hybridizers. From Northern Lights Daylilies, I saw

“Take Me Home” (Grossmann-M., 2020), “Luscious Kiss” (Nordstrom, 2018), “Mr Stipples by NLD” (Grossmann-M., 2018), “Nordic Sunshine” (Nordstrom, 2022), and “Pink Starfish” (Nordstrom, 2020) all blooming to perfection.

Rich is very proud of his home state of Wisconsin, and there was a bounty of daylilies from Wisconsin hybridizers, as well as a Green Bay Packers flag flying over “Lambeau Leap” (Korth-P.-Korth-L., 2017). Other Korth introductions that were blooming included: “Flame of Anor” (2021), “Lydia’s Cloth” (2012) and “Missing Waldo” (2017).

When I asked Rich if he had a favorite daylily the answer was “Out of Balance” by Jamie Gossard (2015). It wasn’t blooming the day we were there, but Rich sent me a picture, and it will be on my “most wanted list”.

Thank you Rich and Marcia, for sharing your yard with us, it was a treat!





Clockwise from top left:

Lilium "Viva La Vida". Photo by Lorraine Manz

"Take Me Home" (Grossmann-M., 2020). Photo by Lorraine Manz

"Out of Balance" ("Gossard-J., 2015). Photo by Rich Roehrdanz

"Mr Stipples by NLD" (Grossmann-M., 2018). Photo by Joan Zettel

"Missing Waldo" (Korth-P.-Korth-L., 2017). Photo by Joan Zettel

"Flame of Anor" (Korth-P.-Korth-L., 2017). Photo by Lyle Moen





2025 Region 1 Business Meeting

July 19, 2025, 7 p.m., Harvest Hall
Holiday Inn, Fargo North Dakota

1. The 2025 ADS Region 1 Business Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Region 1 President, Lisa Schmidt.
2. Lisa thanked all in attendance for coming and extended thanks to the Central North Dakota Daylily Society for hosting the meeting and garden tour.
3. Region 1 Officers and Liaisons were announced:

Regional President: Lisa Schmidt

Regional Secretary: Nancy Rash

Regional Treasurer: Karol Emmerich

Regional Publicity Director: Nancy Carlisle

Regional Director, ADS Board of Directors: Scott Keller

Newsletter Editor, The Daylily Pioneer: Lorraine Manz

Garden Judges Liaison: Phil Fass

Science and Education Liaison: Kathleen Wiese

Historic Daylily Garden Liaison: Joan Zettel

Historian: Kathy Larson

Webmaster: Mary Wickersham

Audit Committee: Jackie Westhoff

4. The Treasurer's Report was sent by Karol Emmerich. The 2025 budget was presented to the membership with a balance of \$26,173. A motion to approve was made by Donna Steele with a second by Val Hoefler. Motion carried.
5. A motion to accept the minutes of the 2024 ADS Region 1 Business Meeting was made by Erik Holland with a second by John Hanson. Motion carried.
6. The ADS Director report noted that ADS membership is down.
7. The Garden Judge Report was printed in the spring 2025 Daylily Pioneer. We need more Garden Judges and Instructors.
8. Old Business: It was noted that \$5 from each Region 1 Meeting registration fee will no longer be going back to the regional budget. Approval for a separate auction if needed was given last year to offset the cost of the regional meeting.
9. Membership recruiting ideas have been presented in the Daylily Pioneer
10. The Region 1 Meeting schedule was announced:

July 2026 – Lincoln, NE; July 2027 – Iowa City;
2028 – need a host; 2029 – Minnesota.

11. The committee will continue to survey clubs for other formats and ways to bring folks to the Region 1 Meeting and still have an auction to raise funds.

New Business:

12. Lisa Schmidt and committee will keep looking at ways to increase attendance at meetings and continue discussion.
13. The nominating committee of Nancy Rash, Janet Haag and Erik Holland was presented for approval. A motion was made by Val Hoefler with a second by Lorraine Manz to accept the names. Motion carried. The nominating committee will present a candidate for the next regional president in the Spring 2026 issue of the Daylily Pioneer. The term will be 2027-2028.
14. Awards presented to Region 1 members at the ADS National Meeting in Seattle:

Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award: Karol Emmerich

Regional Service: Lyle Moen

Honorable Mention: Karol Emmerich for Ruler of Nations

Annie T. Giles Award: Kathleen Nordstrom for Quasar Cutie

Newsletter Award: Kathleen Wiese, Best Article on Photographing Daylilies: Cell Phone or Dedicated Camera?

Newsletter Award: Lisa Schmidt, Best Article About Gardens: North Dakota Club Takes Daylilies to the International Peace Gardens

15. Lisa Schmidt presented the Region 1 VEEP Award to Barb Laschkewitsch for care of NDSU Gardens and the liaison work with Region 1.
16. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Erik Holland with a second to adjourn by Barry Stoll. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rash
Region 1 Secretary



2025 Region 1 Saturday Night Gathering



Clockwise from top left:
Rich Roehrdanz and guitar
Invitation to ADS Region 2
summer meeting
Faye Kroh and her beautiful quilt
Nebraska contingent
Nancy Rash

Photos by Lyle Moen and Lisa Schmidt



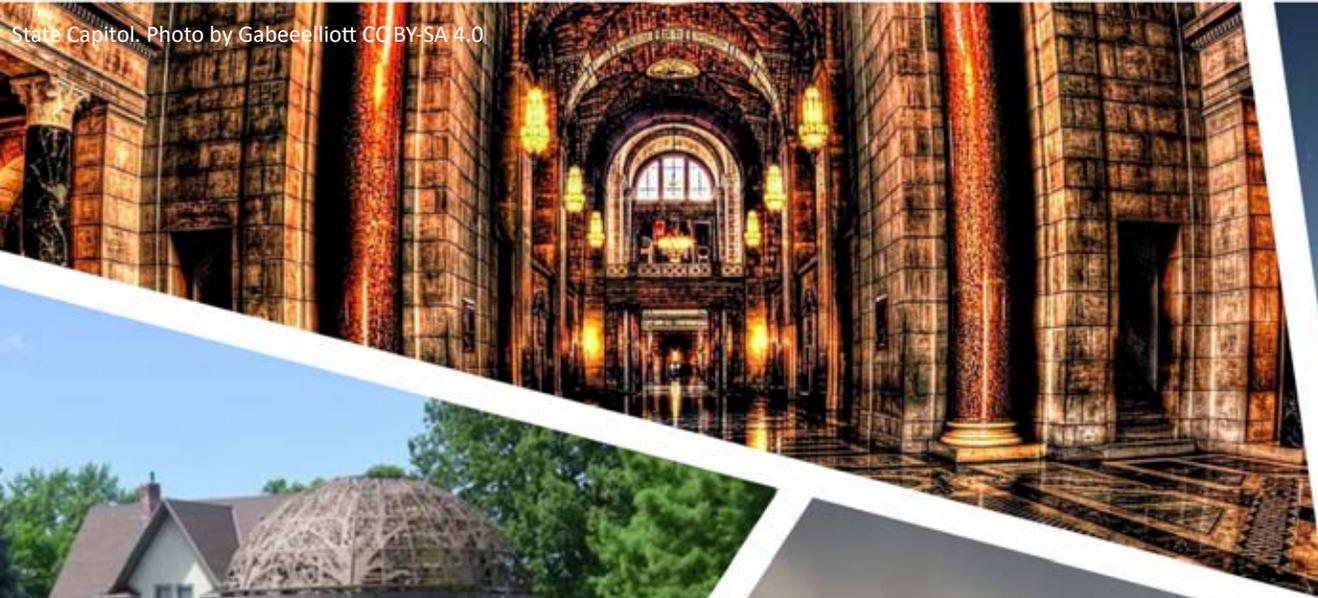


AHS REGION 1 MEETING

Lincoln, Nebraska

July 10-12, 2026

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Sunken Gardens



Chimney Rock National Historic Site. Photo by Gene Brown CC BY-SA 4.0

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Region One Summer Meeting July 10 – 12 2026
Hosted by Nebraska Daylily Society

Guest Speaker

Carole Hunter (Prairie's Edge Daylilies)

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Lowe Family Gardens – Robin Lowe
Lincoln Sunken Gardens

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4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	Hybridizers Slides
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Social Hour/Cash Bar
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Region One Auction

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7:45 am	Buses Depart
3:40 pm	Buses Return
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Boutique & Silent Auction Open
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Social Hour/Cash Bar
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Banquet
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Region One Business Meeting
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Guest Speaker – Carole Hunter
8:30 pm – 8:45 pm	Invitation to 2027 Regional

Sunday July 12

10:00 am – 12:00 pm	GJW2* at Pick A Daylily Garden (Scott Keller's Garden)
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Open Garden (Scott Keller's Garden)

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At midsummer, lilies and daylilies steal the show

BY DON KINZLER

Editor's note: This article was first published in the July 20, 2025 issue of the Fargo Forum.

Do you know why the gardener took a photo of the ailing plant? He thought it would help it photosynthesize.

High summer is an incredible time in the flower garden. A well-designed perennial bed exhibits bloom from spring through fall, and summer's midpoint can be the most sensational, thanks to lilies and daylilies.

Do you know the difference between a lily and a daylily? Don't feel bad if you don't, as both have trumpet-shaped flowers, and to the casual observer, they might look alike.

Lilies and daylilies are very distinct, though, each with unique care needed for success. The similarity ends with their trumpet-shaped flowers. The botanical structures from which they grow are miles apart, as is their care.

Lilies, better known as "true" lilies, grow from actual underground bulbs with layers of scales similar to an onion, another true bulb. The underground structures of daylilies are much different, and rather than growing from bulbs, the roots of daylilies are fibrous and fanned out with thickened sections.

You can easily tell lilies and daylilies apart just by looking at the plants, because daylilies have long, strap-like leaves that arch outward from a central crown at ground level. The leaves of true lilies are spaced along a central tall stalk, and the blossoms form at the top of these stalks. Picture the Easter lily.

The botanical genus name of daylily is *Hemerocallis*, which is derived from Greek, meaning beauty for a day. Although each individual flower only lasts one day, the plant produces a multitude of buds, providing a long-lasting show.

True lilies belong to the botanical genus *Lilium*, which is a name originally given to the classic white lily, signifying it arises

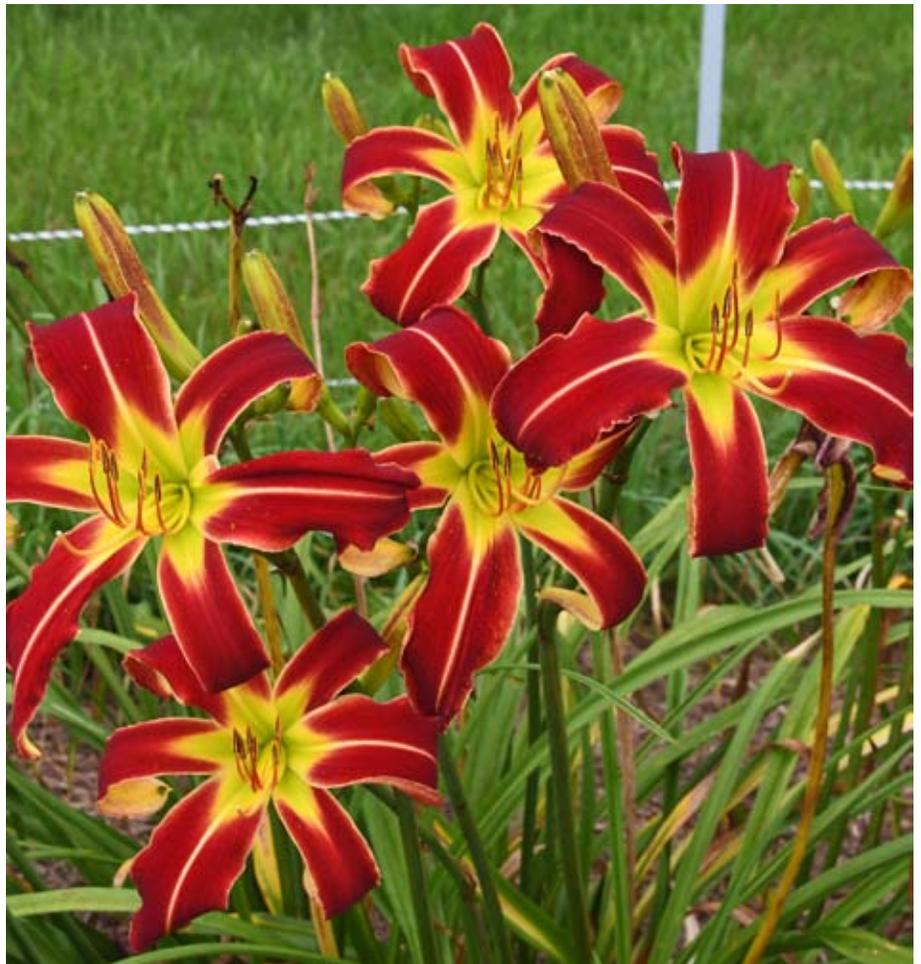
from an underground bulb. Each flower of a true lily lasts up to a week, depending on wind and temperature.

The bloom season of daylilies and lilies is similar, with peak flowering in midsummer. There are many types of both, some starting earlier, and some starting a little later, but July through early August is certainly their heyday.

Following are tips for best success with lilies and daylilies:

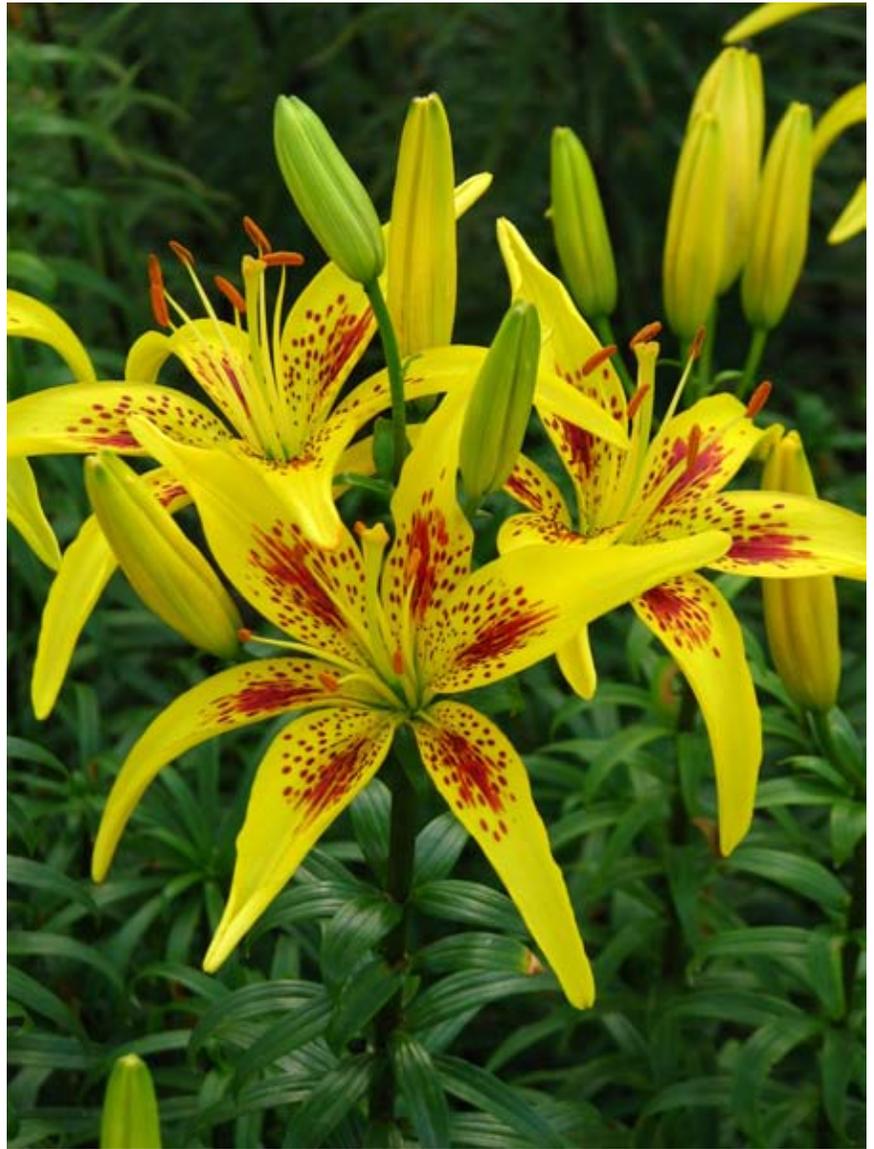
- Lilies prefer full, all-day sunshine, although a little afternoon shade will prolong their flowers. Daylilies offer a little flexibility, flowering in full sun or part sun.
- Lilies grow best in well-drained soil that doesn't stay soggy during wet periods, and they thrive in soil rich in organic material like peatmoss or compost. Daylilies are more soil-tolerant and will grow well in areas of the flowerbed that stay

Daylilies aren't true lilies because they grow from fleshy roots instead of bulbs. "Candy Cane Train" (Holmes-S., 2014). Photo by Lyle Moen



moist. They likewise enjoy organic material.

- Both have cultivars in a myriad of colors, flower shapes and plant heights, giving great flexibility in design.
- For greatest visual impact with both, instead of planting scattered individuals, plant three or five of the same cultivar in a closely spaced grouping for a larger splash of color. If budgets don't allow purchasing multiples all at once, let the plants grow a season, then divide.
- Plant lilies in spring or fall from dormant bulbs, or all summer from actively growing potted plants sold at garden centers. Daylilies likewise are available seasonally as dormant roots or as potted plants.
- The best time to dig, divide and reset established lily bulbs is September; which should be done every three to five years, if the clump becomes crowded and flowering diminishes. Daylilies can remain in place longer without requiring division, but if they become too crowded, divide the clumps in August or September.
- Among the many types of true lilies, the most common are called Asiatic lilies, with their upward-facing flowers. They're the most winter-hardy and easiest to grow, but don't limit yourself. Trumpet lilies are even more spectacular with their huge, fragrant, outward-facing trumpet-shaped blooms on plants that can reach five or six feet in height, and they grow remarkably well in our region. Explore these and other types of true lilies.
- If your vision of daylilies is the old-fashioned, small flowering type, think again. Today's named cultivars have huge flowers measuring up to seven inches across, in rich, vibrant colors with fun shapes ranging from ruffled to spider-form. Each individual blossom might only last a day, but the huge clusters of buds keep the show going.
- For generous blossoms, fertilize lilies and daylilies in early May and early June with a well-balanced 10-10-10 fertilizer; or a water-soluble type.
- Both benefit from a mulch of shredded wood products or compost to keep summer soil cool and moist.
- For end-of-season cleanup, cut back daylily foliage to several inches above ground level after a hard freeze, because the plants become quite limp by the following spring. Stems of true lilies are best left intact during winter and cut down in early spring before new growth begins.



The leaves of true lilies are spaces along a central stalk, and the blossoms form at the top of these stalks while daylilies have long strap-like leaves that arch outward from a central crown at ground level. *Lilium* "Zhar Ptitsa". Photo by Andrey Korzun, CC BY-SA 4.0.

Don Kinzler, a lifelong gardener, is the horticulturalist with North Dakota State University Extension for Cass County. You can reach him at donald.kinzler@ndsu.edu. Attendees of the Region 1 summer meeting in Fargo will also recall that the gardens surrounding his beautiful Victorian home featured on the Saturday garden tour. See also pages 28 and 29 of this newsletter.

LOCAL NEWS

The summer of 2025 at Beausejour Daylily Gardens (BDLG)

Text and photos by Mary Veldman

I woke up and it was September. I'm not sure where the summer went. Why are winters so long and our other seasons so very short?

Here in Manitoba, Canada, it was an arid spring, a dry and smoky hot summer, except August. August was a saving grace, as I think most of us were very tired of watering every day.

Luckily, we have an irrigation system at the BDLG. The water was running steadily. Skies were always gray, which was awful to breathe in, but great for taking photos.

In June, we hosted the Manitoba Master Gardener Association for a walkabout tour. The early daylilies "Earlianna" (Betscher, 1938), *Dummorteri*, *H. Luteola* (Wallace-R, 1900), *H. Flava*, etc., were blooming as well as the herbaceous, *itoh*, *lactiflora* peonies, the tall bearded irises, and the ornamental mock orange shrubs.

The Master Gardeners said the gardens were lovely, but the dessert table was the best part of their visit.

We were very busy in July. We had a record number of visitors. Many folks from all over Canada came to visit us. We had many compliments, most stating that the gardens have never looked so good. I may



be biased, but I would have to agree with the masses.

In early August, we were very honored to have Lyndon Penner visit the BDLG. Lyndon is a garden expert. He has written many gardening books, is a CBC columnist, and is presently the head gardener at the Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba. He is famous for saying, "You should grow this". Lyndon was very impressed with our daylily collection as well as our biodiversity collection of many other perennials, and ornamental trees and shrubs.

On the August long weekend, we hosted the Eastman Pipers, who played bagpipes for a modest crowd. The Eastman Pipers

are a young group of pipers coached by our local favorite Robert Grant. Bob had broken his ribs days before the show, but didn't cancel. The local BB Jammers opened up for the Eastman Pipers, playing middle-of-the-road tunes. Money raised went towards the Eastman Pipers.

Our green team staff worked very hard this summer. The students had many daily tasks. Their least favorite was deadheading daylilies. I'm not sure why, other than that there were many to deadhead every day. The team renovated three flower beds, planted and pruned shrubs and trees, weeded and mulched.

We had a very successful spring sale. We continued to sell surplus daylilies and irises all summer long on three tables set up with the honor system in place. We will not be having a fall sale this year. Our Scarecrow Fest is scheduled for October 4 from 11:00 till 3:00. We hope to have a decent turnout of scarecrow entries. I'll have pics for you for the spring of 2026 issue.

September 3, and we still have plenty of daylilies blooming. It's been a fantastic season for the daylilies. Deer Haven Pretty in Pink (Lidinsky-BD, 2018) and Deer Haven Peach Starfish (Lidinsky-BD, 2018) are blooming away with plenty more buds to come.



“Deer Haven Pretty in Pink” (Lidinsky-BD, 2018)



“Deer Haven Peach Starfish” (Lidinsky-BD, 2018)



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With sincere thanks,

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Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

by Diane Derganz

It's been a wonderful summer for daylily blooms as our eastern Iowa area received much needed rainfall after two years of dry or near drought conditions. Many CVIDS members remarked about the exceptional color, size and abundance of flowers in their gardens.

We enjoyed seeing these flowers in their splendor during our club's annual garden tour on July 12. Three gardens were on display starting in the morning with the garden of Lyn Hoversten Hafner of Iowa City. We then traveled to Gina and Dan Snyder's home in rural Riverside where we ate our sack lunches under the shade of patio umbrellas and enjoyed their many flower and vegetable gardens. Our final stop was at the home of Nancy Rash and Lyle Moen of Washington where our hosts showed off their mature gardens created over the past 34 years. They are currently in the process of moving to a new home this fall and are transplanting their beloved flowers as well.

This year's fall public plant sale was held on August 23 in Monticello and our members provided many varieties of daylilies, iris and other perennials for gardeners to purchase. Following the sale, our group enjoyed a potluck meal before a short business meeting.

Announcements were made by Nancy Carlisle, chairperson of the planning committee for the 2027 Regional 1 Summer meeting, that we have contracted with the Holiday Inn and Kinnick Conference Center in Coralville, IA, to host the event.

The Holiday Inn will also be the setting for our 2025 CVIDS Fall Banquet on November 8. Chairperson Nancy Rash said our speaker will be Kirsten Hatfield

of Dorsets N Daylilies, Zanesville, Ohio. Kirsten and husband Dan's 247-acre farm is home to 600 daylilies, thousands of seedlings as well as cattle, sheep, corn and soybeans. Kirsten began hybridizing in 2012 and has 65 introductions with focus on double forms.

Our last regular meeting of 2025 will be October 11 in the Washington (IA) Public Library and will feature our member hybridizers. They will be sharing their work on hybridizing new cultivars and will present them in a PowerPoint program.

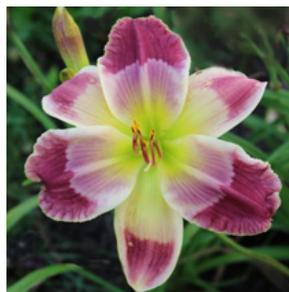
If you're like me, cleanup of dried scapes, moving plants to new locations and just generally keeping up with those pesky weeds is still taking much of my outside time. Seems like mowing lawns this year was also an almost bi-weekly chore. But I enjoy this time of year, and while typing this letter I can see just outside my front window, a hummingbird going from salvia flower to my small feeder. I think he's fueling up for his long trek south and I know that in a day or two, he'll be on his way.

Winter is coming but that doesn't keep me from planning how I want my garden to look next year. I've planted several new daylily cultivars given to me by a friend so I'm anxious to see them bloom along with my old favorites that were such a joy this past summer.

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to next year's flowers, new and old, it doesn't matter. We have faith that those beautiful blooms will always come.

Sincerely,
Diane Derganz
President, Cedar Valley Iris & Daylily Society

Some of Kirsten Hatfield's 2025 introductions. **Left to right:**
"Neon Nights"
"Sheza Hottie"
"The Sparkle in Subhana's Eye"



Central North Dakota Daylily Society

by Gwen Brady

It was a busy summer for Central North Dakota Daylily Society. We hosted the Region 1 Meeting in Fargo, North Dakota. Our theme was North of Normal and believe me the weather this summer was anything but normal. It was a haberdashery of varied climate and extremes.

With things as they are, we did not have an in-person speaker at our meeting but tried a Zoom meeting which worked out fine. We were able to have two speakers. The first was Dave Mussar from Canada, and the other speaker was Kklarol Emmerich from Minnesota. Both speakers gave wonderful insight into the world of daylilies. We had great daylily bargain tables and a fine selection on the silent auction tables.

Earlier this spring, the club had Esther McGinnis from the Department of Plant Sciences at North Dakota State University give us a talk on pollinator habitat and how to attract them to our gardens.

In June, we held our annual members-only daylily auction at the Bismarck Eagles Club. We enjoyed a nice dinner too, courtesy of our hosts.

CNDDS has been holding meetings at the Bismarck Eagles Club for a number of years now, so in return for its support of our club, our volunteer project this year was to help landscape and plant the grounds surrounding their premises.

And now an update on last year's volunteer project. We invited club members to donate daylilies or perennial plants to the International Peace Garden which is located along and adjacent to the Canada-United States border between the state of North Dakota and the province of Manitoba. A group from CNDDS traveled to the Peace Garden in the early summer of 2024 to plant the donations, and later in the fall, Master Gardeners from the Fargo area went there to put mulch around the plants. We received a call this spring to say that all the plants had survived the winter in spite of some really cold temperatures and not much in the way of snow.

Summer is winding down so now it's time for fall clean up in the garden and to begin the wait for the catalogues to start coming so that we can dream of next summer's garden.

Gardens forever,

Gwen Brady

Central North Dakota Daylily Society

Nebraska Daylily Society

by Mike Becker



"Swirl City Pygmy Supernova" (Scott-R.H., 2024)

Greetings from the Nebraska Daylily Society. I would like to introduce myself. My name is Michael Becker. I am the newly elected president. I'm married to my best friend, Sue. Our club has had a great year. This past year we've had our regular four meetings starting in late January with a casual get together. We had our regular May meeting in Lincoln with an auction of new and newer Daylilies. Also in May we had a sale of Daylilies at the Extension Office in Omaha. In July we had our Garden Tour. This year we visited a grower in our area. The place was Hillsdale Lily Garden in Glenwood, IA. A great time was had by all. Also in July a number of members made the trip to Fargo, ND for the summer Regional and Garden Tours. Everyone who attended was glad they went! In August we had our last meeting for this year. We had Bobby Scott from Topguns Daylily Gardens as our speaker. Also an auction was held for daylilies, some from Bobby and many other daylilies from numerous hybridizers. A fantastic time was had by the members. In early September we had another sale for the public at the Extension Service Office in Omaha. It was a great success. For the upcoming year, we have our first meeting in late January in Scribner, NE as we've been meeting there for the past few years. In May we will have our meeting in Lincoln. It will be as usual with an auction. As in May this year, there will also be a public daylily sale at the Omaha Extension Office on Saturday, May 9, and a second one on Saturday, September 12. In July we will be hosting the Summer Regional and Garden Tours. Our August meeting will have a hybridizer for a speaker as usual with an auction as well. It will be interesting, as it will be my first year as president. Have a great year everyone.

Daylily Society of Minnesota

by Karol Emmerich

Our members had a grand time washing and dividing daylilies at Bill and Dory Lidinsky's on May 31 in preparation for our sale the next day. We also had a very good sloppy joe luncheon and distribution of our adoption plants. The following day at Bachman's Garden Center we had a nice stream of customers for our sale and sold a lot of the more than 90 daylily varieties offered. Due to the extremely large amount of donations, we also held an after sale for a few days, which allowed even more people to obtain the lovely plants we had offered at the main sale.

Our Offscape Show was held on July 26 at Bachman's. The kids who came were fascinated with the daylily blooms, and excited when we let them take one home. On July 27 we held our Bus Tour and left with a full bus to Northern Lights Daylilies (Mike Grossmann and Kathleen Nordstrom). Our stop there was not only an opportunity to see a garden bursting with blooms from their stunning introductions and many other northern hardy cultivars, but it was also a chance to see their selected seedlings and vote on which ones really caught our attention. As an added bonus, our visit was during their annual U-dig sale, where they sell seedlings that didn't make it through their selection process. Needless to say, the bus left full of both happy members and the beautiful seedlings they had dug. After a nice lunch at Perkins, we headed to Bill and Char Scurry's home, where we were awed with lovely landscaping (including a pond) and many varieties of daylilies. We were also provided with gift plants that Joan Zettel had brought down from North Dakota.

Our August 10 banquet was held at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest. It was great to see so many people attend, and we are finally back to pre-COVID attendance levels for our events. Everyone enjoyed the food, photo contest, silent auction and good company, followed by a fast-moving auction of many plants. Mike Grossmann served as auctioneer and did a great job as always. Bidding was fierce and everyone had a great time. Northern Lights Daylilies provided "Summer in Minnesota" as a surprise daylily gift plant to all the attendees.

Karol Emmerich



Top and center: Digging daylilies at Bill and Dory Lidinsky's for the plant sale.

Bottom: Daylily sale at Bachman's Garden Center
Photos by James Sherepa



At Northern Lights Daylilies.
Photos by Dawn Bryant (below
left) and James Sherepa (above
left).



Bill and Char Scurry's garden.
Photos by Dawn Bryant.



Looking Back on Dr. Joanne Norton's Color Prediction Model Fifty Years Later

By David Senchina (Ames, IA)



From left to right: Little Grapette (Williamson, 1970), Autumn Red (Nesmith, 1941), Fairy Tale Pink (Pierce-C, 1980), Stella de Oro (Jablonski, 1975), Hyperion (Mead-FB, 1924), Ice Carnival (Childs-F, 1967)

Let's begin with a brainteaser: Your daylily garden includes the six daylilies pictured above, all diploid. You want to generate a hybrid that is solid orange in color. Using two of the six cultivars, which cross would give you the highest probability of an orange-flowered seedling, and why?

Fifty years ago, Dr. Joanne Norton of Ames, IA, was tackling practical questions just like that one. She had been breeding daylilies for almost two decades and then set a Herculean goal for herself: to develop a preliminary model for predicting the probability of daylily offspring color based on the parent flowers' appearance (and inferred underlying genetics). Her motivation was to help breeders of all stripes achieve their hybridizing goals more efficiently. The result was a three-part paper titled "Some Basic Hemerocallis Genetics" which was published in *Daylily Journal* from 1972 to 1973 [1-3]. The first two articles dealt with main colors, and the third article dealt with patterning (eyes, bitones, etc.).

The year 2022 marked the fiftieth anniversary of Norton's paper. In commemoration, I made three daylily crosses to casually explore her color prediction model. Those crosses

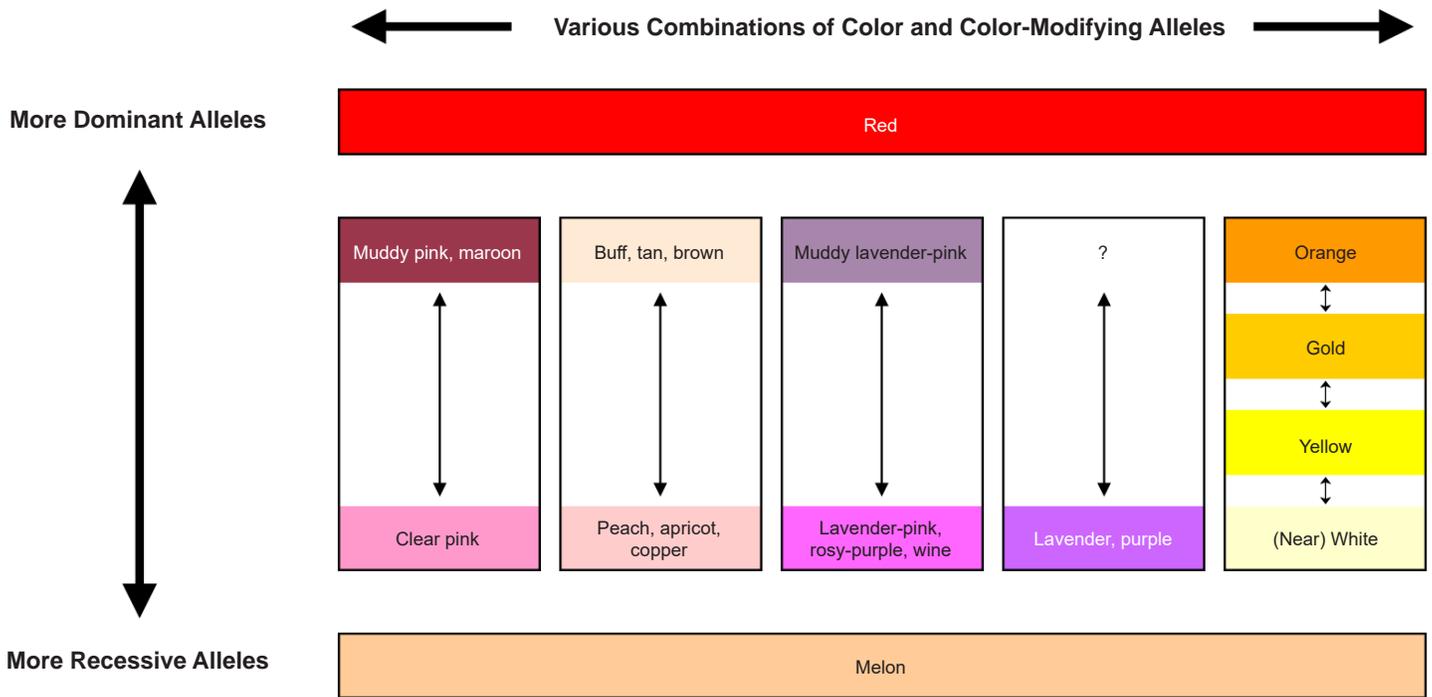
bloomed for the first time in 2025. In this article I'll (1) explain the basic tenets of her model using minimal jargon and a schematic, (2) share the results of my crosses and how they compare with predictions from her model, and (3) provide some contemporary perspectives and opinions on her model as a fellow scientist.

Basic Tenets of Norton's Model

This section presents an abridged version of Norton's model that isn't technically correct in all aspects but remains faithful to the main ideas from her work and is accessible to a general audience. Only main daylily color will be discussed.

Norton proposed that daylily color may be determined by six genes, three "color genes" (*pink*, *red*, and *yellow*) and three "color-modifying genes" (*drab*, *muddy*, and *influencing modifier*), though she suspected still other color-modifying genes were yet to be discovered. By Norton's model, each gene exists in two variations called alleles: dominant and recessive. Dominant alleles are written in uppercase letters whereas recessive alleles are written in lowercase letters.

Gene Category	Gene	Alleles
Color	<i>P (pink)</i>	P (pink or lavender base color) p (no pink or lavender color)
	<i>R (red)</i>	R (red base color) r (no red color)
	<i>Y (yellow)</i>	Y (yellow base color) y (no yellow color)
Color-Modifying	<i>D (drab)</i>	D (gives pink or yellow flowers a drab appearance) d (no drab appearance)
	<i>I (influencing modifier)</i>	I ^L (influences lavender color if P is present) I ^P (influences pink color if P is present)
	<i>M (muddy)</i>	M (gives red flowers a muddy appearance) M (no muddy appearance)



Norton only hybridized diploids. Diploid daylilies have two copies of each gene (one from the pod parent and one from the pollen parent). Taking the *red* gene for example, if a diploid daylily had RR or Rr* for its *red* alleles then it would have a red flower (since R is dominant over r), but if it had rr for its *red* alleles then it would be some color other than red (since R, but not r, yields red color).

All daylilies have all six genes. Therefore, a flower's appearance isn't a matter of which genes it has, but rather which alleles of those genes it has and how many copies of each. Norton's model further proposed certain alleles could be dominant across genes, not just within genes. By her model, R was the most dominant allele, trumping other color gene dominant alleles (P and Y). If a daylily has even one copy of R, then the flower will be some form of red, regardless of any other alleles it had for any other genes.

The schematic shown above represents how Norton perceived all these alleles interacting. From top to bottom, the rows represent a dominance hierarchy among the three color genes: *pink*, *red*, and *yellow*. The R allele is dominant to all else (top row) because, as explained above, if even one R allele is present, then that daylily will be some shade of red. If no R is present, then we slide down into the middle five columns. The P and Y alleles are roughly equal in dominance and heavily influenced by color-modifying genes; thus, the five middle columns represent different allele combinations of P and p, Y and y, and color modifiers (not shown). Melon daylily color occurs when the plant has only recessive alleles for the three color genes (bottom row): only r's, p's, and y's; zero R's, P's, or Y's. The question mark represents an allele combination Norton never formally discussed, though "muddy lavender or purple" would fit the model.

* By convention in the field of genetics, there is no "rR" because whenever you have a pair of different alleles, the dominant allele is always written first, regardless of which parent contributed it.

If you're thinking to yourself that color perception and naming are very arbitrary things (the same flower may be perceived as dark pink by one person and red by another, and those two colors have different genetic mechanisms), then rest assured that Norton would wholeheartedly agree with you. Norton herself proactively and repeatedly recognized this as a problem with her model and used the terms in the schematic very consistently and narrowly to refer to specific allele combinations—remember, her goal was to develop a first draft model, because no-one had previously attempted anything of this scale. Bright orange and near white are colors on the yellow spectrum in this model. Norton regarded lemon yellow, like in 'Hyperion', to be the "central" yellow tone.

Understanding the schematic's principles allows for some color prediction in hybridizing, but it only indicates *more probable* outcomes (not guaranteed results). Using a true red flower is likely to yield a high number of red offspring owing to the power of R. Similarly, crossing two melon-colored flowers is unlikely to give you anything other than a melon-colored flower, because the plants have so many recessive alleles.

Now we can go back to our opening puzzle. Initially, you might have thought of the "color wheel" and reasoned that crossing a red flower such as 'Autumn Red' with a yellow flower such as 'Stella de Oro' or 'Hyperion' would be most likely to yield an orange flower (like mixing acrylic paints). By Norton's model, we'd want to avoid 'Autumn Red' because of its dominant R allele. Instead, Norton's model would recommend crossing the two yellow flowers, since they're most likely to contain the alleles that would result in an orange flower.

Fiftieth Anniversary Crosses

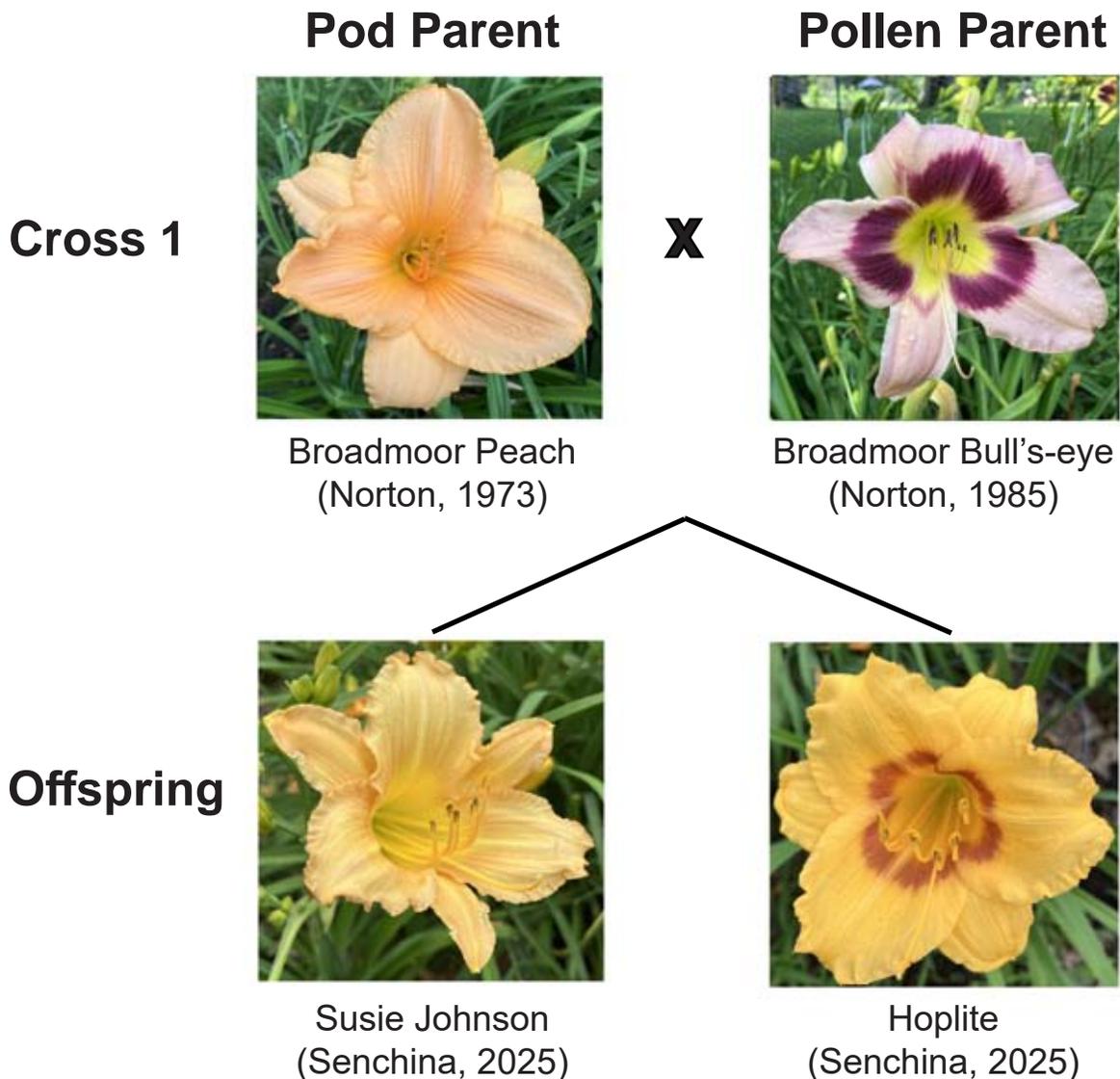
To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Norton’s genetics paper in 2022, I made three daylily crosses to explore the predictive ability of the model. Ideally, I should’ve performed these crosses in 2019 so they’d bloom by 2022, but I’d only learnt of her and acquired some of her collection through happenstance the year prior [4]. To preserve the historical integrity/context of her original work, I used only Norton cultivars or cultivars available prior to 1970 (i.e., cultivars potentially available during the time of her work) and only diploids. I performed single reciprocal crosses, germinated the seeds, and then grew up only the two or three most promising seedlings. The crosses were NOT a rigorous nor systematic scientific experiment. They were done in sentimental honor of the paper’s anniversary, as I had time, using daylilies already established in my garden, and out of curiosity.

Crosses were performed in July 2022, with seeds harvested in September 2022, stored in a dry basement, germinated indoors in June 2023, and then transferred outdoors to their permanent growing locations in Ames, Iowa, in August

2023. Seedlings from the same pod grew side-by-side to each other, experiencing identical growing conditions. Seedlings flowered between June and July 2025. Named crosses were registered with AHS and are in the Daylily Database.

Cross #1. The first cross involved two Norton cultivars: ‘Broadmoor Peach’ (Norton, 1973; peach self) × ‘Broadmoor Bull’s-eye’ (Norton, 1985; lavender with aubergine eye). In Norton’s model, peach and lavender are “equal” colors, occupying the middle columns of the schematic and being on the same row as each other. The model predicts zero probability of red offspring, a low probability of melon or white offspring, and a high probability of offspring being a peach-lavender blend or some solid color from that same section of the model.

Cross #1 yielded two seedlings: one a peach, yellow, and purple polychrome with no eye (‘Susie Johnson’) and the other a solid yellow with a red eye (‘Hoplite’). Although very different from each other—‘Susie Johnson’ polychrome and ‘Hoplite’ a single main color; ‘Susie Johnson’ lacking the eye and ‘Hoplite’ having it—the model predicted both flower colors were likely outcomes.



Cross 2

Pod Parent



Broadmoor Bull's-eye
(Norton, 1985)

Pollen Parent



Broadmoor Fantasy
(Norton, 1969)

X

Offspring



Joanne Norton
(Senchina, 2025)



Secret of Mana
(Senchina, 2025)



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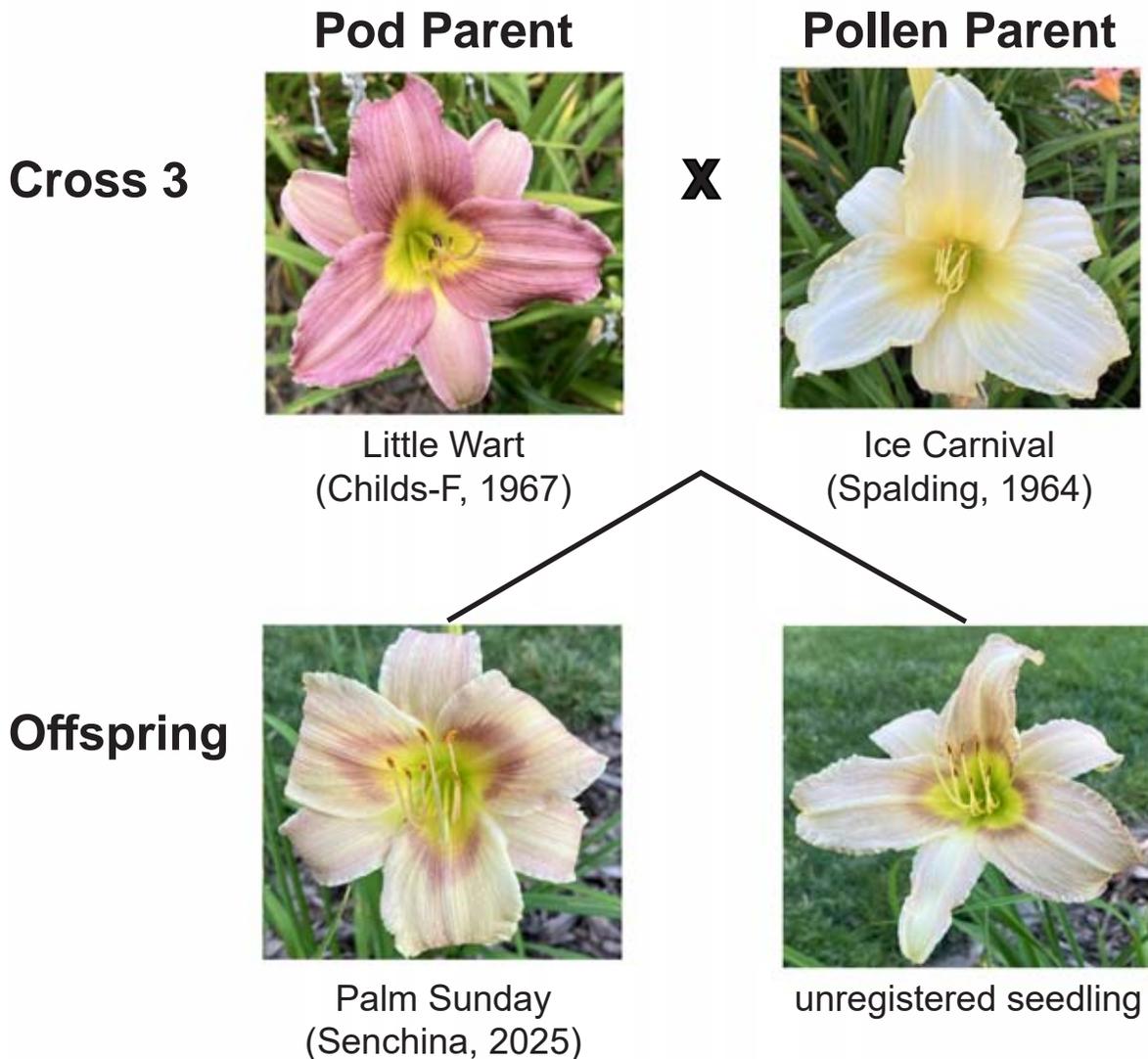
Cross #2. The second cross also involved two Norton cultivars: 'Broadmoor Bull's-eye' from the first cross × 'Broadmoor Fantasy' (Norton, 1969; bitone with purple and near-white petals, near-white sepals with purple edging). Since lavender and purple are "equal" colors in Norton's model, the model predicts roughly the same outcomes as in the first cross, only this time with purple instead of peach.

Cross #2 produced three seedlings. All three had the eye from the pod parent and the bitone from the pollen parent, but differed in color, degree of ruffling, petal thickness, and scape height. 'Secret of Mana' and the unregistered seedling had similar flowers, differing only in bloom size and scape height. 'Joanne Norton' was tonally warmer/softer in color, had wider and thicker petals, and a scape height midway between 'Secret of Mana' and the unregistered seedling. All three seedlings' appearances were consistent with predictions from the model.

'Joanne Norton' is of course named after Dr. Norton. It had the wider petals that she often sought in her own hybrids and was produced from two of her own cultivars bookending her scientific career: 'Broadmoor Fantasy' was from her first batch of six hybrids she registered in 1969 and 'Broadmoor Bull's-eye' was her final registration in 1985.

Cross #3. The third cross was between two cultivars from other hybridizers contemporaneous with Norton's work: 'Little Wart' (Childs-F, 1967; lavender self with green throat; in my garden, and apparently others' based on Google Images results, flowers are often bitone) × 'Ice Carnival' (Spalding, 1964; near white self with green throat). Outcomes for this cross are more difficult to predict with Norton's model for two reasons. First, though the schematic doesn't show it, there are two different allele combinations that can yield lavender in Norton's model. Second, Norton suspected additional unidentified color modifiers may be responsible for white flowers. For this cross, I predicted the offspring would be lighter shades of the darker parent, but the model is ambiguous here and allows the possibility of unexpected color outcomes.

Cross #3 generated two seedlings that exhibited similar color characteristics in different proportions: 'Palm Sunday' (pale buttercream and pink blend with lavender streaks and a transitioning band/throat color) and an unregistered seedling lesser and duller for those traits, also having lower bud count and sometimes scraggly flowers. It's fair to say the outcomes "fit" the model's predictions, but equally fair to say the prediction was broad to begin.



Perspectives on Norton's Model in 2025

Acknowledging context is critical to evaluating any scientist's work [5]. The daylily world is very different now than it was in the '60s and '70s. Fifty years ago, garden daylilies were almost exclusively diploids, and in far fewer colors than we have today [6]; thus, Norton was working with more limited stock than breeders have now. The concept of "gene" in 1970 was different [7]; likewise, our understanding of gene inheritance and expression today is greatly improved over the classical Mendelian** approach Norton employed, and we better comprehend the biochemistry of plant pigments and color production [8, 9]. Recordkeeping was done with notebooks and typewriters; there were no computer programs to organize and analyze data, and no Internet for instant communication or information access.

Based on the results of the commemorative crosses, you might be expecting me to conclude that despite all the above factors, Norton's model is still valid today. Unfortunately, it isn't. Daylily flower color is far more complex than the model assumed: genetically, biochemically, anatomically, and with regards to environmental influences. Whereas the model accurately forecasts the outcomes of some daylily crosses, it doesn't for others. For example, the model would struggle with tetraploids and color combinations developed since the '60s because daylilies of those types weren't used in the generation of the model. Models directly reflect the data from which they were built. Norton's model is more robust when handling cultivars like those it was based off; too, remember from the preceding paragraph that there simply wasn't the variety of daylilies in the 1960s as there are in the 2020s [6]. That the model was able to predict the outcomes of the commemorative crosses is due to a combination of (1) chance, (2) the somewhat broad nature of the model's predictions, and (3) using Norton cultivars (which came from breeding stock and experiments used in the model) or cultivars similar to those from the era the model was developed.

From her writing, it's clear Norton understood that her model was a "rough draft" and would be refined or outright replaced as other breeders and scientists tested it. That's the nature of science and Norton's words clearly reflect a humble awareness. She recognized at least twelve specific limitations of her model, ranging from interfering factors to lack of knowledge. In her opening pages she wrote that daylily color is "genetically complicated", that her methods "admittedly involve chance, intuition, guesses, and wishful thinking", and that no one yet can churn out "custom made daylilies" owing to incomplete scientific knowledge and inability to control allele mixing during fertilization [1]. From the hindsight of 2025 we could identify even more limitations, and it's fair to point out that Norton sometimes misapplied genetic terms in her articles (even by the standards of her time), complicating interpretation of her work.

I suggest the most appropriate perspective is to simultaneously acknowledge the model's invalidness while still respecting

the sophisticated reasoning that undergirded it. As stated earlier, no-one had attempted a daylily color prediction model of this scale prior to Norton. Norton's paper was a pioneering effort in ratiocinating (deducing through logic/reason) how daylily color was produced and, by extension, how it might be predicted. The intellectual work inherent in the model is sincerely meritorious and Norton should be duly recognized and celebrated for it. That perspective motivated my commemorative crosses. I hope this article helps today's daylily enthusiasts and breeders appreciate the forgotten work done by trailblazing scientists such as Joanne Norton.

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Thirty-Five Years as CVIDS — Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

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“The first meeting of the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society (CVIDS) was held on Saturday afternoon, March 24th, 1990, at the home of Lela and Jerry Hadrava in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Thirteen avid iris and daylily buffs from as far away as Davenport and Fort Madison discussed ideas for possible group activities, meeting locations and other organizational details. Everyone who attended the meeting decided to join the group.

The group discussed ways to expand the membership. Members were invited to bring friends, and supply names and addresses to whom a newsletter would be sent. After the informal business meeting and short break for refreshments, the group watched a video preview of the 1990 national convention of the American Iris Society to be held in Omaha. Fred McDowell showed slides of some of the many choice daylily cultivars from his garden, and Gerald Hobbs followed with slides of some of his newest seedlings. Barry Stoll then showed some slides which had been sent for the meeting by daylily hybridizer Lucille Guidry.

The first planned activity of the group was a median iris tour in the Hadrava and Stoll gardens on May 12, 1990. Members will see some 300 varieties of iris in bloom. At this initial meeting all members agreed that the group should meet approximately from March to November. As Susie Quinn put it, “we’re all especially “starved” for our favorite flowers when they are not in bloom!”

A poll of the group on preferred activities for these meetings showed



Founder members Joy Adams, Barry Stoll, and Jackie Westfall

that members were most interested in slide shows of new varieties, potlucks, and informal talks on cultural practices, companion perennials, and extending the bloom season. Most of these meetings will be held somewhere in the Iowa City area, which is centrally located.”

The above paragraphs were excerpted from the April 1990 Edition one, Volume One of the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society newsletter.

Charter members were Barry and Lynn Stoll, Mary Brendel, Lela and Jerry Hadrava, Cyrus and Mary Katherine Cacioppe, Elenora and Gerald Hobbs, Larry and Anita Kemp, Frederick McDowell, Gertrude and Bill Pfeiffer, Joy Adams and Susan Quinn. By the end of 1990 there were 40 listed members. In the beginning of 2015 at the 25th anniversary there were over 130 members. After COVID and changes in our population aging, membership in 2025 is at 76.

The formula that was established early on by the founding members who had found a common ground; is one that has drawn and kept the members

interest for 35 years; the promotion and study of loving iris and daylilies. Eighteen members who joined in the first three years were still active at the 25th anniversary. At the 35th anniversary two charter members are alive from the March 1990 meeting: Barry Stoll and Joy Adams. Jackie Westfall joined in the fall of 1990. Dave and Sue Kramer joined in the fall of 1990, but busy lives of active children took them away for a while. The Kramers have been very active members again the last 15 years. Alas, many of those original charter members have passed away.

The group became affiliated with both of the National organizations in the first two years.

In the first three years as a Society, the membership hosted four large events. May 1991 found the group hosting at Barry and Lynn Stoll’s “Walnut Hill Acres” the Region 23 American Iris Society Spring meeting. In 1993 the Region One American Hemerocallis Society held their annual meeting in Iowa City. The area of eastern Iowa and the Midwest had seen devastating floods that limited access everywhere in the Region during June and July.

The National Hosta meeting was hosted by Lela and Jerry Hadrava in Cedar Rapids, and the Siberian Iris National meeting was held. What huge undertakings for a small group of members. Grace and Pat Stamile, who were the Region One guest speakers in 1993, said that they had never been at a better Regional event. Over the years, we have continued to hold regional

events: in 1999 at Fort Madison, 2012 in Cedar Rapids, and in Muscatine 2023. We are scheduled to host the 2027 Region One meeting to be held July 9-11, 2027 in Iowa City, Iowa. We have great potlucks, banquets and entertainment/education with speakers on a wide variety of topics.

As we celebrate the 35th year, the deep-

rooted friendships that were created have blossomed. We have such a wealth of knowledge among our own talented group. Charter Member Gerald Hobbs quoted at the 25th anniversary said “We are all family members, we have a love for daylilies and are gardeners”.

We just finished the 35th annual plant sale at Monticello. The very first CVIDS plant sale was held in Monticello by the group in August 1990. Now it is a four in one project day: club plant sales, return of “our on loan to evaluate” plant, auction of return plants, and a meeting with a potluck. A long but fun day. The support in that community continues. In honor of our 35th anniversary of the society that was founded to host an American Iris Society meeting, eligible club members received an iris plant in a lottery-style drawing. Many of these irises are from cutting edge hybridizers. Thanks to Diann Pavelka for selecting these quality plants for us.

Come join us at meetings, come visit our gardens during tour gardens, share a bite at a potluck, bring some flowers for the two annual sales. Just come and celebrate with us. Visit our website at www.cvids.org. Many of our meetings are shared with a Zoom link.



Above: Cindy Bottrell (left), friend Betty, and Scott Feddern peruse the sale plants.
Below: Jill Williams and Sherry Moffit arrange plants for sale.





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We're excited to share that registration is now open for the **AHS Planning Meeting in New Orleans, January 17–18, 2026!**

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Dates: January 17–18, 2026



Location: New Orleans, LA



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