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

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Region 1 Director's Report

Scott Keller



A look at the Future of ADS

While January started out as a typical winter month, things were turning out very differently for American Daylily Society (ADS). Shortly after the New Year, I along with thirty-four members from across the United States gathered in New Orleans to brainstorm and dream big about the future of ADS. Topics explored included:

1. How to encourage local clubs
2. The need to support hybridizers
3. Expanding outreach to youth
4. Retaining and growing ADS membership
5. Improving educational resources
6. Expanding digital communication tools
7. The ongoing need for outreach

While specific new priorities resulting from the gathering are still “in the greenhouse” being propagated, a number of items have been completed or are far enough along in development to discuss here.

- An Updated Website. One obvious change is the updated ADS website. While It may look familiar on the surface, huge changes are now in place behind the scenes to streamline functionality and add new features. As website use widens, suggested changes or updates are welcome and can be sent to webmaster@daylilies.org.
- A Warmer Welcome. Every new member should feel like they are a part of the family right away. Therefore, instead of waiting months for the next issue of the Daylily Journal to arrive, new members will now receive a Welcome Packet. In the past, the only connection with new members was the quarterly Daylily Journal. The Welcome Packet will provide a personal touch, helping them find answers regarding frequently asked questions, information on navigating the website as well as information on local clubs in their area. And – to their delight – will show them how then can start/add to their collection with \$25 of free daylilies.
- Daylily Passport. The purpose of the Daylily Passport will be to encourage travelers to discover and visit many of the near three hundred daylily display gardens located throughout the daylily world. The Passport will provide an opportunity to record and note visits. Prizes may be awarded after a number of gardens are logged. Stay tuned as details are being finalized! In the meantime as you travel this spring and summer, visit the Display Garden locator page at <https://daylilies.org/daylilies/display-gardens-daylily-sources-locator/>.

Join Us This Summer! If you have not yet registered for the 2026 Region One Meeting in Lincoln, we would love to have you with us. Between the exceptional gardens on tour and the wonderful company, it is going to be a highlight of the summer. You can find all the details and sign up information at <https://www.nebraskadaylilysociety.com/2026-region-one-meeting.html>.



“Aunt Donna” (Keller, 2024)

Region 1 President's Report

Lisa Schmidt



Well, this is my last year as president. I want to thank everyone for all of their help and camaraderie. Region One is full of such helpful people. There is a lot of good team work always going on behind the scenes for Region One to keep working. Please continue to support our region by volunteering and growing our wonderful daylilies for your club and region.

I always look forward to gathering with all my daylily friends at the regional, at local club meetings and at the national meetings. Everybody brings different ideas for what works for flowers and their clubs in their area. I definitely plan to keep visiting everyone. We already have a lot of trips planned for this year, so hopefully we will be seeing you again soon... somewhere!

Be sure to attend the Region One meeting in Lincoln, NE this year, July 10-12. It sounds like there will be lots of beautiful yards and flowers to see, so much fun! Otherwise, Region Two is having their meeting the next weekend, July 17-19, in Madison WI, so that is very close too, and they definitely have lots of beautiful yards to see also. I have been working with Region Two's president to get our regionals on different weekends so that hopefully we can support each other by attending meetings and tour yards that are close in location.

The National ADS convention is in Valdosta, GA this year on May 21-24. I encourage you to go, just to see the amazing southern gardens. And when the meeting is down south, their peak bloom is earlier than ours so we have time to work on and visit our summertime peak bloom also.

It has been a lot of fun serving you., Thank you for allowing me to be president of Region One. I look forward to continue seeing all of you at various events throughout Region One.

From the ADS Region 1 Garden Judges Liaison

Phil Fass

ADS Region One membership is 183 as of January 6, 2026 (an increase of 8 members since the 2025 membership count of 175).

A region's maximum number of Garden Judges (GJs) is 20% of its annual membership, so Region One can have a maximum of 36 GJs in 2026. We currently have 26 GJs, four of whom are Garden Judge Instructors (GJ Instructors). We can add up to 9 new GJs.

ADS Region One had 28 GJs in spring of 2025. By October 2025, three GJs stepped down due to choice or circumstance. However, we added one new judge in 2025. This makes the number of GJs in our region at 26.

It is very important for existing Garden Judges to 1) pay their ADS dues on time and 2) vote the annual ADS Awards & Honors ballot by the deadline (either by snail mail or online). The 2026

ADS Awards & Honors ballot postmark/online voting deadline is Monday, September 1, 2026.

We need more GJs to represent our region. More votes on the annual AHS Awards & Honors Ballot from our region can help daylily enthusiasts pick plants that do well in Region One. Please consider taking Garden Judges Workshops 1 and 2—in any order—for initial appointment as a new GJ. After their initial appointment, a GJ wishing to renew can only take GJW 3 online for reappointment. Dates of those workshops are provided by the national organization, or can be requested through the Region One Garden Judge Liaison.

Please contact me with any questions.

From the Editor

Lorraine Manz

and philosophically shrug them off with a comment like, “oh well, we need the moisture.” After 25 years, I have become one of those people.

On days like today, spring seems a long way off, but there are signs of it everywhere. Plants are coming up (that will hopefully survive the snow), the elm tree on our neighbor’s berm is putting out its tiny red flowers, there are garden expos, and local nurseries are stocking up in preparation for the new growing season. It’s still way too early to put anything in the ground, but it doesn’t hurt to go and see what will be available!

Every now and again I get on to the ADS daylily database and gaze longingly at the plants I bought at last year’s regional wondering how many made it through the winter. I hope they all did, but if not, there’s always Lincoln, Nebraska this summer. This will be my fourth regional meeting and I find myself looking forward to them more and more each year. I’d be hard pressed to explain why (although the plants have a lot to do with it) but what’s not to enjoy about these meetings? Stunning gardens, good food and great company, and lots of fun! Check out the preview on pages 8-13 of this issue, visit Mary Baker’s blog and the Nebraska Daylily Society’s web site (links on page 8) then sign up.

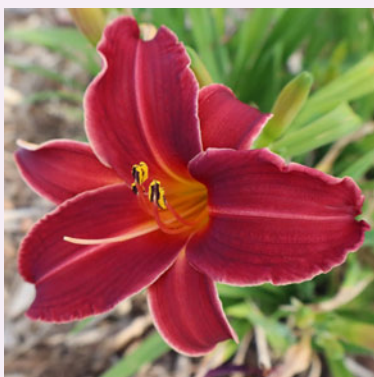
Happy spring and see you in Lincoln!

The first day of spring was about as perfect as it gets in Bismarck: fair skies, mild—almost balmy—temperatures and with no snow on the ground. The week that followed was much the same and it was hard to resist the temptation to get out into the garden and start on some cleanup. I’m glad that common sense prevailed because on April Fool’s Day came the cruelest of jokes in the form of snow. And a day later, as I write this, we are awaiting the arrival of the season’s biggest snow storm and Bismarck is in the bullseye. Most people who have lived in North Dakota long enough are not surprised by these spring storms

From the NDSU Garden Liaison

Joan Zettel

“By Jove” (Wild, 1968)
Photo by Lorraine Manz



Please remember NDSU daylily display gardens:

- ... When you’re making room for new purchases.
- ... When you’re dividing those large clumps.
- ... When you receive a bonus plant you’re not excited to plant
- ... When you want to test a plant in a colder climate, Fargo hardiness is a great selling point!

These are all great times to donate plants to NDSU Modern and Historic Daylily Display Gardens, but really, anytime is a good time!

Region 1 Publicity Director's Report

Nancy Carlisle

Publicity has been the news banner in February. Fabulous February, the news outlets were dubbing the combination of the Superbowl, and the Olympics. A major corporation announced their new Superbowl commercial two weeks prior to the event and made history with such a sweeping panoramic video that had very few words but packed a beautiful message that brought it to the #1 spot in the sweepstake of commercials. Everyone was talking about it and the background story of the eagle and the Clydesdale. We want that kind of publicity for all of our daylily events.

Kudos to Mary Baker and the team of publicity for the 2026 Region One meeting in Lincoln Nebraska. Their team has posted a weekly article during February that is so welcoming and informative. Check it out by becoming a member of the ADS Region One Facebook page or read about it on the Region One Blog post at [https://region1daylily.blogspot.com/2026/02/2026-ads-region-one-meeting-tour_20.html]. The theme is "Ruby Red Jubilee" a celebration of Region One being 80 years young. There are many posts on the blog with pictures of the featured gardens, places of interest and much more. At the meeting in Fargo, an excellent promotion video piece helped to create interest a year in advance. This video is available for club meetings to stir

interest. I heard Region 11 is on board with bringing a bus of participants to the event. It will be great to meet new friends. Get your registrations sent in so you can hear Carole Hunter from Prairie's Edge Gardens as the guest speaker.

Mark your calendars for July 9-11, 2027 to attend the Region One meeting being hosted by CVIDS (Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society) in Iowa City, Iowa. Chad Bush of Ada, Michigan, "Colorful Chaos" gardens will be the guest speaker. Lovely fields of daylilies will be on view in two large country gardens, and two delightfully manicured city plots will be the tour gardens. There will be open gardens available in whatever direction you travel to Iowa City to stop in to visit. More information will be available in Lincoln and in the Fall and Spring Daylily Pioneer.

What happens when we don't get the public or our chapter members to participate? We lose an opportunity to make a new friend, make a sale, or create a moment for educational opportunity. Take a moment when you read this article to share information about upcoming events in your chapter, in the region and in the national organization with someone. It will make their day!



"Pearl City Pretty" (Grossmann-M., 2023)



Regional Preview

By Mary Baker

2026 ADS Region 1 Meeting Publicity Chair

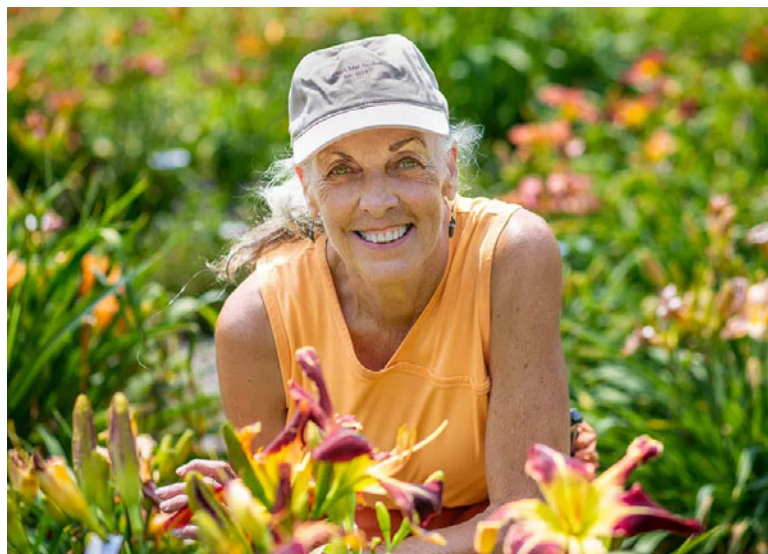
The Nebraska Daylily Society (NDS) invites you to join us on Friday, July 10 through Sunday, July 12 in Lincoln, Nebraska for the 2026 ADS Region One Meeting. For lots of stunning pictures and links, visit the ADS Region One Blog at <https://region1daylily.blogspot.com/> and the Nebraska Daylily Society's web page for the 2026 ADS Region One Meeting at <https://www.nebraskadaylilysociety.com/2026-region-one-meeting.html>.

We will be staying at the Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker hotel at 333 S. 13th Street in downtown Lincoln just a short walk from the state capitol and the University of Nebraska. Included among its many amenities the hotel has a swimming pool, fitness center, two restaurants, a coffee shop, and (oh joy!) a library.

Our featured guest speaker is Carole Hunter of Prairie's Edge Gardens, Rockford, Illinois.

After a career in the education field, Carole Hunter wanted a change. She went back to school to obtain a degree in landscape design and then designed and installed landscapes. Carole started growing daylilies in the 1980s after a friend shared some of her daylilies.

Carole started hybridizing daylilies in 2010 and registered her first daylilies in 2019.



Carole's primary hybridizing goal is daylilies that rebloom during the short summer seasons in her northern Illinois garden. This often occurs as instant rebloom, when a fan produces a second scape before first scape from that same fan finishes blooming.

Carole does not fertilize her daylilies and does not use pesticides in her garden. She waters her daylily seedlings when she first plants them, and mulches them with shredded oak leaves for weed control. Because she doesn't pamper her daylily seedlings, only the hardest and most vigorous survive.

Carole's first daylily registration was Hemerocallis 'Just the Beginning' (2019). More registrations followed. H. 'Stand the World on Its Ear' (2020) was Carole's first unusual form registration. To see Carole's daylilies and learn more, visit Carole's website <https://prairiesedgegardens.com/>.

Tour Gardens

Our tour bus will transport you and your daylily friends on Saturday, July 11 to enjoy Lowe Family Gardens (Robin Lowe), Hello Gorgeous Gardens (Jenny and Mark Cich), and the world-famous public Sunken Gardens (City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation)—plus a delicious lunch.

Lowe Family Gardens

Robin Lowe

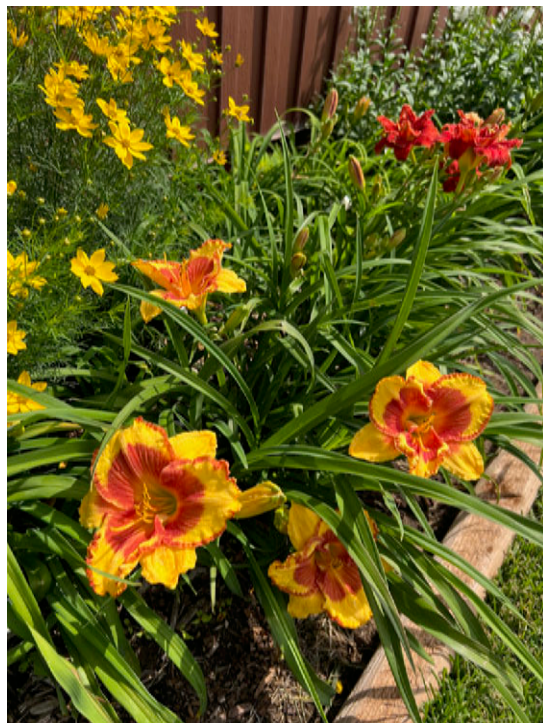
Robin Lowe's Lowe Family Gardens is in USDA hardiness zone 5b on 50 acres southeast of Lincoln, Nebraska near the town of Bennet. Flower beds extend around the perimeter of the one-acre lawn. Robin grows over 1,700 different daylilies. Roughly 80% are tetraploids and 20% are diploids. Robin dabbles in daylily hybridizing, too. She is a long-time Nebraska Daylily Society webmaster and member.

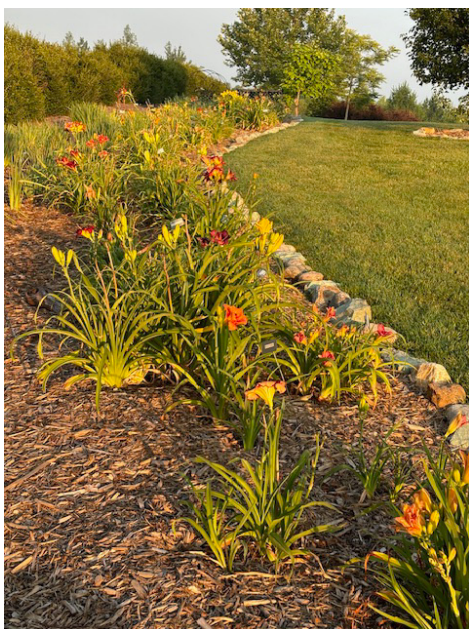
Robin's daylilies are beautifully interwoven among many diverse annuals and perennials. Garden beds enlarge and become more extensive in the upper portion of the lawn and home.

Companion plants include coneflowers, phlox, hibiscus, butterfly bushes, butterfly weed, salvia, veronica, milkweed in selected areas, coreopsis, false sunflowers, beebalm, penstemon, yarrow, daisies, agastache, and numerous varieties of colorful annuals.

Robin is not only a talented garden design artist, she's a daylily hybridizer who creatively combines daylily ingredients to create beautiful and distinctive seedlings.

Each private tour garden includes a collection of Nebraska Daylily Society club plants from a hybridizer selected by the tour garden owners. Robin's club plant collection consists of Curt Hanson's 2023 daylily collection.





Hello Gorgeous Gardens

Jenny and Mark Cich

Jenny and Mark Cich's Hello Gorgeous Gardens is a state-licensed and inspected daylily and iris nursery in USDA hardiness zone 5b located on 20 acres in Greenwood, Nebraska.

About 13 acres is in CRP tall grass prairie and pollinator planting established for over 15 years. It's a beautiful sight—thick and lush with native tall prairie grasses and forbs.

Buildings and garden beds interspersed with lawn take up roughly three acres, beautifully displaying over 750 iris (about 615 bearded iris and 140 beardless iris) in addition to about 400 stunning diploid and tetraploid daylily cultivars.

Daylilies are a mix of modern and historic cultivars, including an extensive collection of beautiful daylilies hybridized by the late David Hansen.

Each private tour garden includes a collection of Nebraska Daylily Society club plants from a hybridizer selected by the tour garden owners. Jenny and Mark's club plant collection consists of recent daylily introductions from Kirsten Hatfield's Dorsets-N-Daylilies. These featured daylilies grow in a beautiful display bed with a backdrop of Diabolo® ninebark.

Hello Gorgeous Gardens not only grow daylilies and iris to perfection, they also sell daylily and iris cultivars.



Sunken Gardens

City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation Public Garden

Sunken Gardens is a world-famous public garden located on 1.5 acres in Lincoln. It was first developed in 1930 and renovated in 2005. Garden design has annual themes—the 2026 theme is “A Patchwork Garden” drawing on diverse designs from American quilt-making history. What fun it will be to see large living quilt patches made of beautiful blooming and foliage plants!

Sunken Gardens weaves together gorgeous tapestries incorporating thousands of different annuals and perennials intermingled with trees, shrubs, and water features—all highlighted by stunning works of art.

Sunken Gardens is an oasis of inspiration and beauty. So much to see and explore, so many ideas, so much serenity. Shady areas are highlighted with colorful accents. Brick pathways are surrounded by flowers.

Inspiration and ideas galore—Sunken Gardens is all this and more, so don’t miss out on this chance to explore. There’s something for everyone—it’s wonderful place to rest, relax, retreat, unwind, and recharge.

Open Gardens

Pick A Daylily Garden (Scott Keller) and Kay Roberts' garden will open their gardens to visitors on Friday, July 10 from noon to 4:00 p.m. Scott Keller's Pick A Daylily Garden will host Garden Judges Workshop 2 on Sunday, July 12 from 10:00 a.m. until noon, and will also be open to visitors during GJW2. The University of Nebraska's Backyard Farmer display garden at 3850 Center Street is open to the public daily.

Pick A Daylily Garden—Scott Keller

Open 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 10 and Open 10 a.m. to noon July 12



Photo courtesy of Scott Keller

Scott Keller invites you to visit his open Pick A Daylily Garden located on an urban lot in Lincoln. Pick A Daylily Garden is a state-licensed and inspected daylily nursery in USDA hardiness zone 6a and an American Daylily Society (ADS) Display Garden. It's a short drive just six miles southeast of the host hotel.

Scott is a long-time member and past Treasurer of the Nebraska Daylily Society (NDS). He currently serves as ADS Region One Director and chairs the Long-Range Planning and Marketing committees.

Over 100 registered tetraploid daylily cultivars and over 350

blooming-size seedlings grow outdoors in the ground to prove their northern hardiness (there is no greenhouse) in Scott's Lincoln garden. Scott's daylily cultivars and seedlings also grow in the ground in fellow NDS member Linda Becker's Exeter, Nebraska garden for additional hardiness and performance evaluation.

Scott has been hybridizing for 15 years, and the late David Hansen mentored him early on. Like Dave, Scott's hybridizing program is tetraploids only. Unlike Dave, Scott's focus is hybridizing doubles and unusual forms. To see Scott's beautiful creations, visit his website at <https://www.pickadaylily.com/>.

Kay Roberts' Garden

Open 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. July 10

Nebraska Daylily Society member Kay Roberts invites you to visit her open garden on a big urban lot in Lincoln. It's a short drive just five miles northeast of the host hotel.

Kay's favorite plants are hostas. Her well-grown hosta collection is an oasis of beauty.

A hedge row of heirloom peonies from Kay's late mother's garden in Bee, Nebraska grow from the front sidewalk to the back fence,

creating a breathtaking river of blooms in May.

Kay loves daylilies and iris, too. About 150 beautiful daylily cultivars (tetraploids and diploids) grow throughout her front and back yard. Three backyard daylily beds accent Kay's collection of tall bearded iris.

Don't miss this delightful urban gem!

The Backyard Farmer Garden—University of Nebraska

Open to the Public Daily

The Backyard Farmer is the longest-running locally-produced television program nationally. It is co-produced by University of Nebraska Extension and Nebraska Public Media. It's my favorite TV show, and it airs seasonally on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. from April through September on Nebraska Public Media.

The Backyard Farmer Garden is on the University of Nebraska's east campus. It's open daily and is almost a quarter of an acre in size.

The Backyard Farmer Garden features ornamental perennials, annuals, and grasses plus herbs and vegetables in addition to an All-American Selections (AAS) Display Garden.

The Backyard Farmer Garden is not only beautiful and inspirational, but is also an educational example of organic farming practices, including a rain chain that distributes rainwater on surrounding plants.

For eye candy, inspiration, and ideas galore, visit the Backyard Farmer Garden and explore.

The garden is located 3850 Center Street in Lincoln and is open 24 hours.



Photo courtesy of the University of Nebraska

*"In the spring, at the end of the day,
you should smell like dirt"*
— Margaret Atwood

ADS Region 1 Auction – NDS Silent Auction & Bargain Table

ADS Region 1 Daylily Auction—Butch Ahlers, Chair

The ADS Region One Auction immediately follows Friday night's banquet from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on July 10 at the hotel. Auction plants will include recent introductions hybridized by guest speaker Carole Hunter and Nebraska Daylily Society member hybridizers.

Auction proceeds go to ADS Region One. Payment is easy—cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

ADS Region One and Nebraska Daylily Society members, please contact our Auction Chair Butch Ahlers at butchahlers@gmail.com to donate auction plants. Donors, your generosity is (as always) appreciated!

NDS Silent Auction and Bargain Table—Sue Stevenson, Chair

Silent auction and bargain table hours are from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10 and from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11 at the hotel.

Silent auction and bargain table proceeds go to the Nebraska Daylily Society to help offset regional meeting expenses. Payment is easy—cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

ADS Region One and Nebraska Daylily Society members, please contact our Silent Auction & Bargain Table Chair Sue Stevenson at shcinvestmentsllc@gmail.com to donate bargain table plants. Donors, we appreciate your generosity!

Chair and Registrar

Questions? Contact our 2026 ADS Region One Meeting Chair Val Hoefer (hoefrv@gmail.com) or our Registrar Henri Schiphorst (hschip@frontiernet.net).

See You Soon

Celebrate daylilies with us in Lincoln on July 10-12. Visit with old friends and meet new ones while enjoying beautiful daylilies in the gardens. Don't let the only thing missing be you!





Regional Meeting Announcements

Notice to ADS Region One Board members

There will be a board meeting at the 2026 Region One Summer Meeting in Lincoln, NE. The meeting will be on Friday, July 10 at 3:00 pm (room TBD). Board members and club presidents are invited to attend the 2026 Region One board meeting.

If anyone has concerns that they feel need to be addressed by our Regional Board, please send your issues to adsregion1president@gmail.com.



Volunteers wanted

Planning on coming to the Region One Summer Meeting? Looking forward to visiting all those beautiful gardens? Want to give your creative and literary talents a little workout?

The Pioneer is looking for volunteers to submit photos along with a brief write-up on each of the tour and open gardens for publication in the fall newsletter. You only have to do one, but if you want to do more, that's OK too.

If you're Interested in helping out or want more information, please contact Lorraine Manz at adsregion1editor@gmail.com.

Gardens will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis, so if you have a favorite, be quick!

ADS Region One Annual Business meeting

The ADS Region One Annual Business meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11 at 7:00 pm following the banquet. Regional award winners will also be announced. All board and Region One members are invited to attend.

LOCAL NEWS

Beausejour Daylily Gardens

Words and Pictures by Mary Veldman

Why does winter have to be so long? It's been a long, dreary winter here in Beausejour, Manitoba. I always look for the bright side every day and try not to dwell on the white stuff. The good thing is we have had plenty of snow this season. I hope this snow and cold weather have put out the peat fires. There are no mosquitoes, though I've had a few insects come alive inside my home. I had a butterfly, a sandfly, lots of ladybugs, etc. We've had plenty of sunshine. It can be -40 degrees outside, but if the sun is shining, it's a beautiful day.

I have spent most of the winter looking at daylilies for sale. Because the Canadian dollar is so weak, and with the tariff threats, I've decided to purchase only in Canada. No hard feelings, I hope, to my American friends. I fell in love with this new daylily with spots and/or stripes, but I am not able to find any this year. Everyone seems to be sold out, or is not replying to my emails. Maybe next year I'll have better luck. I did manage to find a few new daylilies that we will add to the Gardens. I would love to add some David Mussar daylilies to the BDL collection.

I have been posting a daylily picture every day of past blooms of 2025 on the Beausejour Daylily Display Gardens Facebook page. This has created a lot of interest and enthusiasm in the post. I'll continue doing this until I'm outside working the soil. It's been great to look back at last summer's blooms. I've been able to put together a sale catalogue this way by looking at the clumps in the photos.

Last October, we had our Scarecrow Fest, and it was a huge success. There wasn't much in the way of daylily blooms, but the gardens still looked lovely as always. Here are a few photos of the Scarecrow Fest 2025. Madam Zarah, aka Carol Bender, offered tarot readings. We had live music, games, food, a scavenger hunt, a scarecrow competition, face painting, Alpacas from 313 Farms, daylilies, lily bulbs, and pumpkins for sale.



Madam Zarah, aka Carol Bender, with her tarot cards

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Ruby Red Jubilee

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



Guest Speaker

Carol Hunter (Prairie's Edge Daylilies)

Featured Tour Gardens

Hello Gorgeous Gardens – Jenny & Mark Cich
Lowe Family Gardens – Robin Lowe
Lincoln Sunken Gardens

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Schedule

Friday July 10

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Open Gardens (Keller & Roberts' Gardens)
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration, Boutique, Silent Auction Open
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm	Region One Board Meeting
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

Saturday July 11

7:00 am – 7:45 am	Breakfast at hotel
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)
Preregister for Garden Judges Workshop 2 by June 10, 2026
Contact Val Hoefer if you have questions about GJW2

Questions contact Val Hoefer 402-843-0349 / hoefrv@gmail.com

Registration Form 2026 Region One Summer meeting

Make checks out to NDS and mail with form to NDS, 405 Center St. Oakland, IA 51560

Name(s) _____

List names as you would like on name tags (Mark Y after name for Youth)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

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Will you accept email confirmation? Yes _____ No _____

#Adults _____ postmarked by June 10, 2026 \$180 _____

#Adults _____ postmarked by June 15, 2026 \$220 _____

#Youths _____ \$ 85 _____

Guest Meals Only (indicate # of guests per meal) Friday Dinner \$60 _____ Sat. Breakfast \$30 _____ Sat. Dinner \$60 _____

Total Fees \$ _____

Name attend GJW2 _____

AHS REGION ONE PRESIDENT ELECTION

Cast your Vote!

It's time for AHS Region One members to elect our President to serve a 2-year term beginning Jan. 1 2027.

Per AHS Region one by-laws, RPs must be elected by mail ballots. Nancy Rash, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will announce the election results at the 2026 AHS Region One business meeting in Lincoln, NE.

To be eligible to vote, you must be an AHS member in good standing. All ballots must be mailed to Nancy Rash, Tabulator, 1303 E. Taylor St., Washington, IA 52353-1370 by July 1, 2026

BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026

AHS Region One Election Ballot

American Hemerocallis Society Region One Election Ballot for
Region One President – 2-year term

Vote for One. Mark your ballot with an X

Ballot must be mailed and postmarked on or before July 1, 2026

AHS Member 1	AHS Member 2	Candidate
		Mike Becker
		Write - in
		Write - in

Signature of AHS Member 1	Date signed	Print name of AHS Member 1
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Scarecrow Fest



Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society

by Diane Derganz

Hello from eastern Iowa where we've seen record warm temperatures the last few days. It's quite unusual for mid-February. I'm not used to such temps and don't really know what to think. Several counties have burn bans in place because it's so dry. Let's just hope we get those April showers as we did last year.

Our club has met monthly since New Year and our annual events are set. We always have two public plant sales, one in May and the other in August. Our member hybridizers present a program in October and show off their seedlings. It's always so interesting to see the results of their work, such beauty from our own gardens.

We will have a special guest speaker at our March meeting, Region One director, Scott Keller of Pick A Daylily Gardens. He'll be traveling from his home in Nebraska to Coralville, Iowa, where he will be talking about his recent AHS meeting in New Orleans as well as his hybridizing program. Our members are really looking forward to meeting him and hearing about his work with daylilies and the National Association.

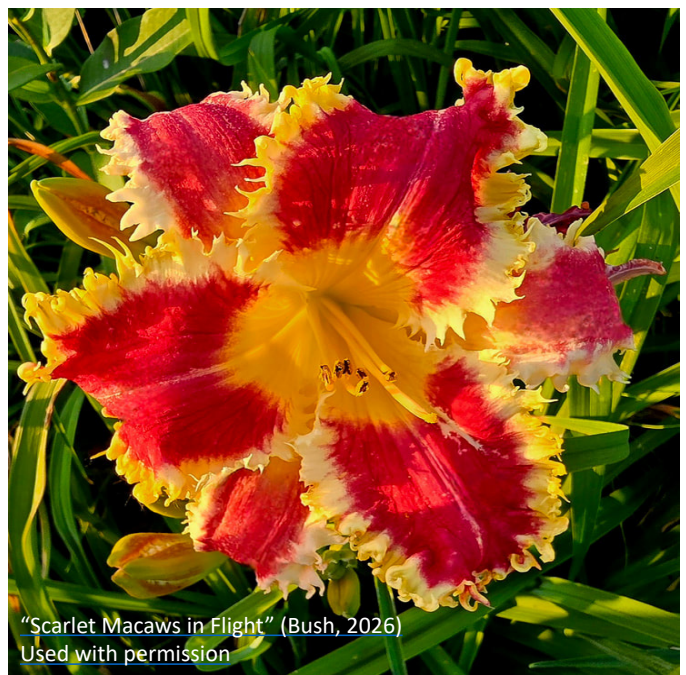
Our annual club plant program continues each year with about half our members being eligible to receive a newly registered daylily. As I've mentioned in the past, these daylilies are grown in member gardens for two years and then the increase is returned and put on a silent auction. The plants are evaluated by their member grower who is allowed to keep the original two fans. The club purchases the daylilies, which allows our members to keep a fairly expensive plant they might not be able to afford otherwise. CVIDS has been conducting this club plant program since its inception 35 years ago. It's a great way to get newly introduced daylilies into our gardens!

Our 2026 club plants have been purchased and our members will get a slideshow presentation at our April meeting. In May the plants arrive and then the fun begins. Each member, who is eligible by being active in club projects the past year, now has a chance to get a brand-new daylily cultivar. We choose names by lottery so members need to have several choices picked out. You might not get your first or even second choice, but, there's always a wonderful plant waiting to be taken home.

Peak bloom time is when we hold our annual garden tours. Usually, three member gardens are visited on the second Saturday in July. We try to concentrate on a different area each year. Our membership extends from northeast Iowa, through east central Iowa and western Illinois, then south almost to the Missouri border. So usually the tours take all day, but each stop is really worth the trip!

Our final event of the year is our annual Fall banquet to be held November 14 in Coralville at the Holiday Inn. Guest speakers this year are Bill and Diana Waldrop, of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, Marietta, GA.

Lastly, but especially not least, is the work being done on the 2027 Region One Convention and Summer Meeting, which we will be hosting July 9 through July 11. The Holiday Inn in Coralville, Iowa, has been chosen as the event center. This is a huge undertaking as you all know and we look forward to seeing many of you there in 2027. According to planning committee chairperson, Nancy Carlisle, our guest speaker for the convention is Chad Bush of Alma, Michigan. His website is colorfulchaosdaylily.weebly.com. Take a look and see what he's been doing for over 20 years in his hybridizing program or better yet, make plans to attend the 2027 Regional in Coralville, Iowa!



"Scarlet Macaws in Flight" (Bush, 2026)
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"Jump to Light Speed" (Bush, 2026)
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Central North Dakota Daylily Society

by Kathleen Wiese

2025 was a busy year for our club. We hosted a successful Region One summer meeting in Fargo, along with our usual meetings. We also went through the process of establishing our club as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. 2026 is looking to be another busy and fun-filled year of daylilies and gardening.

Last year, I personally experienced the big hearts of people who love daylilies. After routine surgery resulted in a complication which left me unable to do my own gardening, a number of our club members stepped up to help. They dug, divided, potted, transplanted, prepared fans for sales at regional and for the club, pulled weeds, and left my gardens looking well-tended. We had some laughs and good conversations along the way and became even faster friends through the process. What would we do without our good neighbors and friends from the daylily society? Now, we are looking forward to spring after a relatively mild, open winter. We are all anxiously awaiting those first shoots of green that tell us our daylilies survived and will reward us with beautiful blossoms this summer.

We enjoyed a potluck brunch at our spring meeting and heard about the exciting new things happening at Plant Perfect in Bismarck as they expand their operation to include newer and exciting annuals and perennials, pottery, bulbs, and other fun garden things. They are working to expand their daylily offerings with what is commercially available to them. They are offering coffee and ice cream to their shoppers! Now what could be better than a nice, cool cone of soft-serve ice cream and the wonderful smell of a greenhouse?

Lisa Schmidt provided a brief presentation on the American Daylily Society and the benefits of membership, and also talked about the process of becoming a garden judge. Her presentation included photos of some gorgeous daylilies, which had our members oohing and aahing, and I think it served to get our four new members who are just stepping into the world of daylilies permanently hooked.

We elected new officers this year. Gwen and Diane have faithfully served as President and Secretary for several years and they wanted to give others the opportunity to give back to their club. Kathleen Wiese was elected President; Lisa Schmidt, Secretary; and Jeff Schmidt will continue to serve as our Treasurer.

We have some fun plans for the summer. First up will be some "greenhousing" days. We are organizing group day trips to greenhouses in our area. The day will include as many greenhouses as we can fit into a one-day road-trip, coffee breaks, a group lunch along the way, and maybe even some rhubarb cheesecake. The only dilemma is where will we put all our purchases? Four of our members attended the Bismarck-Mandan Garden Club and presented on the mission of the daylily club and benefits of being a part of our group. We will participate in the Spring Garden Expo, sharing a booth in the vendor hall with the garden club, and an

educational presentation on the daylily club. Our club auction will be June 4. We are considering holding a public sale in late summer as well. Garden tours will be in either late July or early August, depending on how things grow this spring. We are researching the possibility of hosting a flower show at one of the local malls in mid-summer. Our fall meeting will be September 19, with the Klechner's presenting on hybridizing and growing daylilies.

By then, I think we'll all be thinking about some rest time! Have a great gardening year.



Nebraska Daylily Society

by Mike Becker

Greetings to all fellow Region One members from the Nebraska Daylily Society.

Having our first meeting of the year in January, the year got started out right. We have gotten two new members with one of them attending their first meeting. Our club is very excited to be hosting this summer's Regional in the capital city of Nebraska. Lincoln to be exact. We are in the mid-stages of welcoming you all here to Lincoln. There will be some excellent gardens to tour. There even will be one on the campus of the University of Nebraska/Lincoln. Also, a city garden as well. Many of you will be pleased with these gardens. Our May meeting will be held in Lincoln at St Andrew's Lutheran Church. We will have an auction of newer daylilies along with making the last of our plans for the summer Regional and Garden Tours. Bring your garden hats along with sun screen for this event as mid-July can be very hot and sunny in Nebraska. Look in this issue of the Pioneer for all of the information about this upcoming event. Then in August we will welcome a hybridizer from the state of Massachusetts. Her name is Mary Holt-Wilson of 4 Dog Farms. This meeting will be August 15 in Omaha, NE at St Leo the Great Catholic Church at 1920 N 102nd St. Then one last sale of daylilies in mid-September, that date being September 12. Sale starting at 9:00 AM till sold out. This will be a very busy daylily season. That's all for now.

Till next time, Happy Daylily Gardening.

Daylily Society of Minnesota by Karol Emmerich

Although the Daylily Society of Minnesota usually brings in an out-of-town speaker for its spring and fall membership meetings, our club is blessed to have an abundance of smart, talented members who not only love everything daylily related but are also happy to get up on stage to share their experiences in words and pictures. We decided that our October 2025 meeting would be a great time to feature short presentations (what we call “popcorns”) from many of them, and it would allow newer members to get to know them better. James Sherepa talked about his favorite extra early daylilies and Steve Horan his favorite late daylilies. Steve then covered the highlights from the 2025 National Convention and Michelle Smith the highlights from the Region One meeting in North Dakota. Dawn Bryant discussed several good ways to label garden plants. Kris Henning, Karol Emmerich, and Dawn showed off their favorite garden tools, and then Karol talked about different types of daylily foliage and how to choose hardy daylilies.

Our February 22, 2026 meeting featured hybridizer Mike Grossmann with a talk entitled “Everything is Coming Up Teeth at Northern Lights Daylilies.” During the following education hour

Kathleen Nordstrom presented “From Seed to Introduction”, which covered all the steps involved in producing a new daylily from seed to its registration many years later. Karol Emmerich then talked about all the things hybridizers need to do to have their flowers (and themselves) become nationally known, plus a summary of the awards a daylily can win based on the votes of the American Daylily Society garden judges as well as the process a daylily goes through to win one. And importantly, during the business meeting the members approved our club hosting the 2028 Region One meeting. One of the topics during the educational hour in October will be garden judging (led by Steve Horan and Kris Henning) with the goal of getting more of our members to take garden judges training and hopefully becoming garden judges.

We are all looking forward to a busy summer, which is when most of the club’s activities take place, from the plant sale at Bachman’s in June, to the offscape show and bus tour in late July, to the auction and banquet in August.



Mike and Kathleen, 2023

Historian's Corner

By Kathy Larson

Excerpts from Daylilies and How to Grow Them,

by Ben Arthur Davis (1954)

The Good

"During these stressing years with the economic situation what it is and efficient garden labor becoming scarcer and more difficult to obtain from season to season, more and more of us who garden are looking for plants of permanency—plants of strong characteristics, possessed of exceptional ruggedness and stamina. The daylily is the logical solution to at least part of our problems."

The BAD!

"Experiments so far conducted indicated that all insects known to attack daylilies (tarnished plant bugs, thrips, and cucumber beetles) can be controlled by the use of the newer insecticides, DDT, chlordane, and lindane. A spray containing a liberal portion of lindane, applied at two-week intervals, is perhaps the most practical method of control."

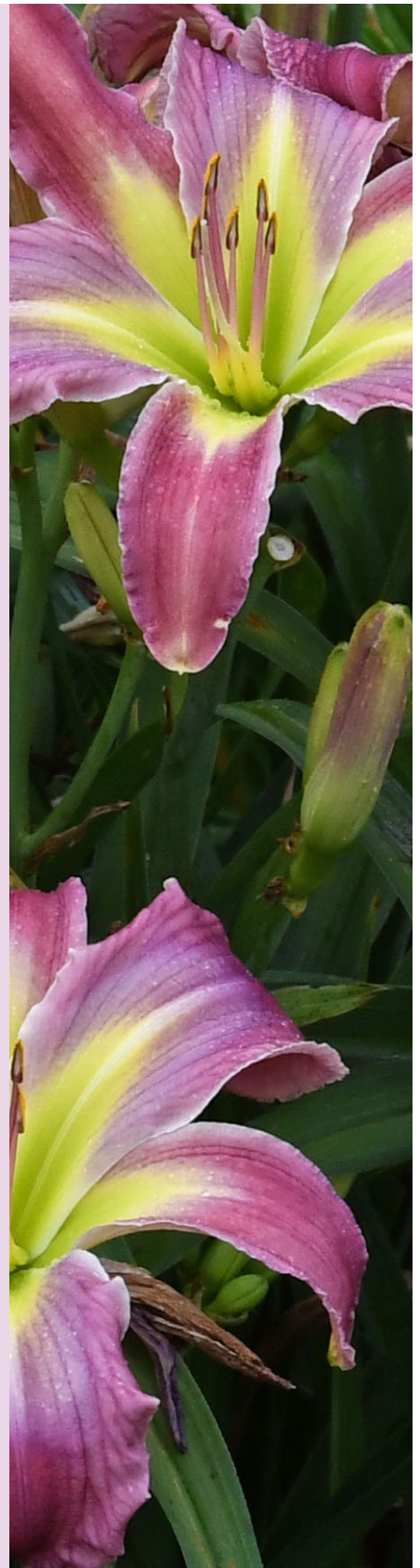
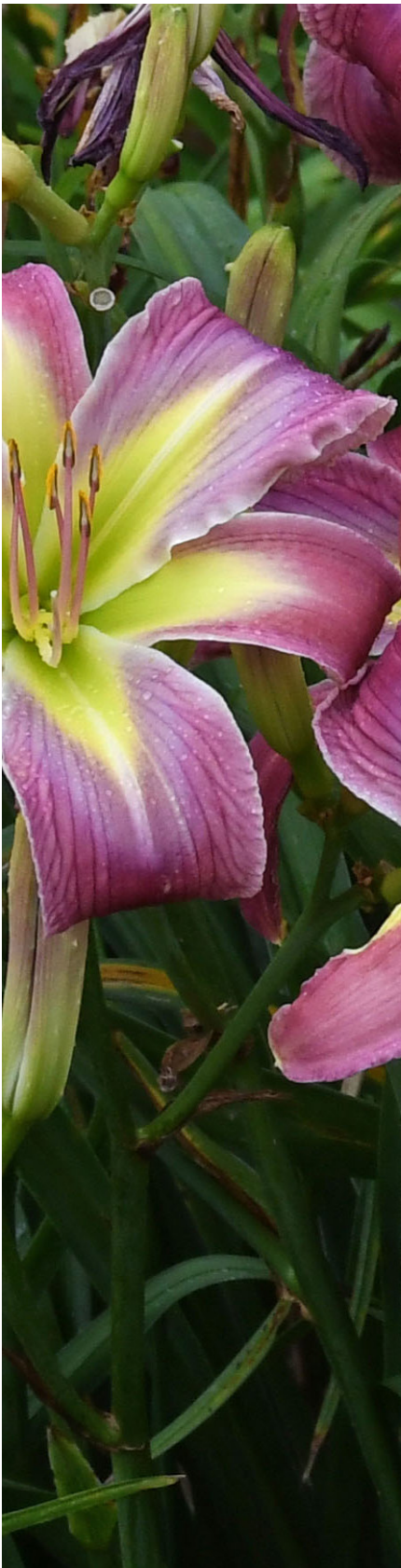
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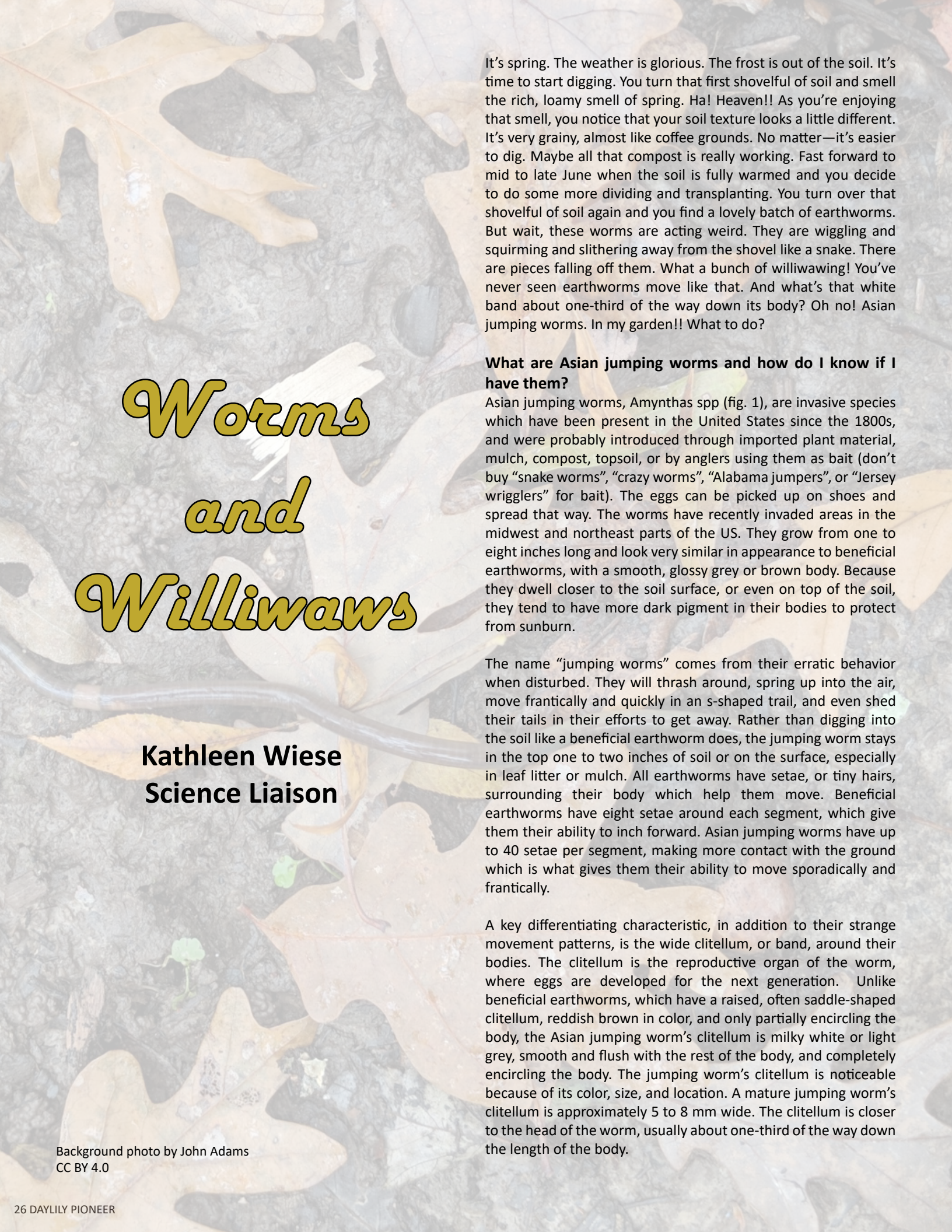
"You cannot plant Southern grown stock in late summer or fall without likelihood of considerable loss. I have found that almost all the original roots (from Southern grown plants) die the first winter. This mass of dead material under it inhibits the plant's growth and encourages rot. When you plant a southern raised plant cut the roots back severely, to 3", in order to encourage new growth. This applies also to plants from California."

Stanley Saxton.

Editor's note: For health and environmental reasons, DDT, chlorane, and lindane are all now banned for use as pesticides in the U.S. Modern options are safer and more environmentally friendly but should still always be handled with care.

Background: "Pink Starfish" (Nordstrom, 2020)
Photo by Lyle Moen



The background of the entire page is a photograph of a forest floor. It is covered with a layer of dry, brown, and orange autumn leaves. A single, dark, segmented jumping worm is visible, crawling horizontally across the middle of the frame. The lighting is soft, creating a natural, earthy atmosphere.

Worms and Williwaws

**Kathleen Wiese
Science Liaison**

It's spring. The weather is glorious. The frost is out of the soil. It's time to start digging. You turn that first shovelful of soil and smell the rich, loamy smell of spring. Ha! Heaven!! As you're enjoying that smell, you notice that your soil texture looks a little different. It's very grainy, almost like coffee grounds. No matter—it's easier to dig. Maybe all that compost is really working. Fast forward to mid to late June when the soil is fully warmed and you decide to do some more dividing and transplanting. You turn over that shovelful of soil again and you find a lovely batch of earthworms. But wait, these worms are acting weird. They are wiggling and squirming and slithering away from the shovel like a snake. There are pieces falling off them. What a bunch of williwawing! You've never seen earthworms move like that. And what's that white band about one-third of the way down its body? Oh no! Asian jumping worms. In my garden!! What to do?

What are Asian jumping worms and how do I know if I have them?

Asian jumping worms, *Amyntas* spp (fig. 1), are invasive species which have been present in the United States since the 1800s, and were probably introduced through imported plant material, mulch, compost, topsoil, or by anglers using them as bait (don't buy "snake worms", "crazy worms", "Alabama jumpers", or "Jersey wrigglers" for bait). The eggs can be picked up on shoes and spread that way. The worms have recently invaded areas in the midwest and northeast parts of the US. They grow from one to eight inches long and look very similar in appearance to beneficial earthworms, with a smooth, glossy grey or brown body. Because they dwell closer to the soil surface, or even on top of the soil, they tend to have more dark pigment in their bodies to protect from sunburn.

The name "jumping worms" comes from their erratic behavior when disturbed. They will thrash around, spring up into the air, move frantically and quickly in an s-shaped trail, and even shed their tails in their efforts to get away. Rather than digging into the soil like a beneficial earthworm does, the jumping worm stays in the top one to two inches of soil or on the surface, especially in leaf litter or mulch. All earthworms have setae, or tiny hairs, surrounding their body which help them move. Beneficial earthworms have eight setae around each segment, which give them their ability to inch forward. Asian jumping worms have up to 40 setae per segment, making more contact with the ground which is what gives them their ability to move sporadically and frantically.

A key differentiating characteristic, in addition to their strange movement patterns, is the wide clitellum, or band, around their bodies. The clitellum is the reproductive organ of the worm, where eggs are developed for the next generation. Unlike beneficial earthworms, which have a raised, often saddle-shaped clitellum, reddish brown in color, and only partially encircling the body, the Asian jumping worm's clitellum is milky white or light grey, smooth and flush with the rest of the body, and completely encircling the body. The jumping worm's clitellum is noticeable because of its color, size, and location. A mature jumping worm's clitellum is approximately 5 to 8 mm wide. The clitellum is closer to the head of the worm, usually about one-third of the way down the length of the body.

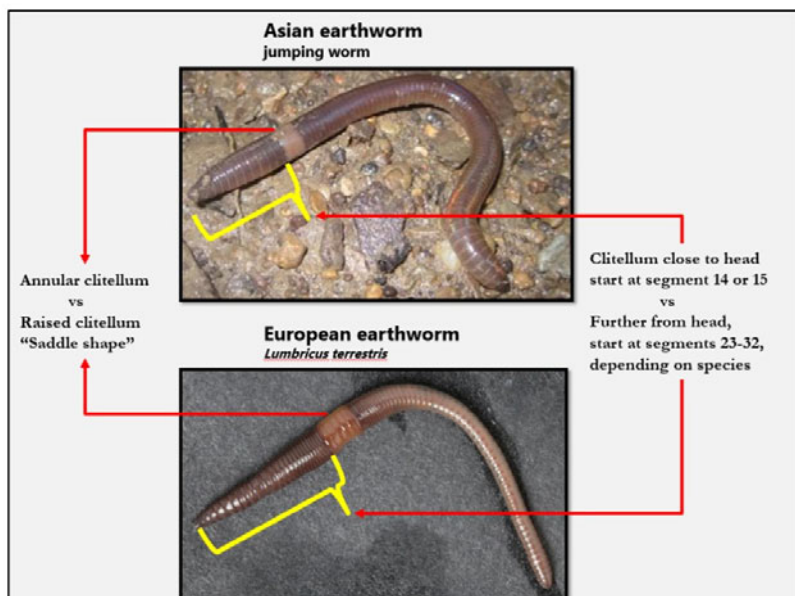


Figure 1. Photo from University of Minnesota

Adult Asian jumping worms die after the first freeze, but not before laying their eggs in the leaf litter or soil surface. The worms are parthenogenetic, which means they need no mate to reproduce, and a single hatch can create an entire population. The cocoons are 1 to 3 mm in size, about the size of poppy or mustard seeds, and are brown, nearly matching soil color (fig. 2). The egg-filled cocoons are produced in late summer and survive cold, drought, and the best efforts of gardeners to get rid of them. They blend in so well with the leaf litter or soil that it is almost impossible to detect them with the naked eye. The cocoons overwinter and hatch in the spring when soil temperatures are consistently 50°degrees F (10°degrees C) or higher. Asian jumping worms are voracious eaters and reach maturity within 60 to 90 days, reaching adulthood and laying a new season of eggs by late June to early July.



Figure 2. Photos from University of Wisconsin Arboretum

So, I have Asian jumping worms. What's the big deal?

They feed primarily on fallen leaves and debris and that's not a bad thing, right? I even add earthworm castings to improve my soil. How bad can it be?

Whereas most European earthworms (native American earthworms all but disappeared in the last ice age) leave nutrient-

rich castings which can enhance soil fertility and tilth, or the physical condition of the soil, Asian jumping worms do not. They leave nutrient poor, hard coffee ground-like castings that are perfectly worthless (fig. 3). The resulting nutrient-poor soil cannot sustain the plants, animals, fungi, and bacteria that are critical to good plant health. Large populations can also damage plant roots and hinder plant growth by consuming all the nutrients in the soil. They can also impact plant reproduction by removing the vegetation and changing the soil structure which seedlings require to germinate. Soil compaction at their work site may result in decreased soil moisture retention and diminished soil structure quality. The granular castings create soil that is more likely to erode, leading to exposed roots and enhancing the ability of invasive, non-beneficial plant species to thrive.

OK. I'm convinced that Asian jumping worms are a menace, but what do I do about them?

The first step is reading this article (just a wee bit of shameless self-promotion here). Seriously, though, it is important that we educate ourselves and others on what Asian jumping worms are, how to identify them, methods to prevent their spread, and what to do if we already have them. We've talked about what they are and how to identify them. How do we prevent their spread?

Cleanliness is next to wormlessness. Be careful when sharing or moving plants, or when purchasing potted plants. Always check for the presence of jumping worms before planting new plants in your gardens, and when moving plants from one part of your garden to another. You can do this by scratching the surface of the container or root ball and looking for the worms. As an added precaution, you can remove the soil ball and rinse any remaining soil from the roots, but this will only help you identify if hatched worms are present. You won't likely see any cocoons that will

become adult worms by mid-summer. Buy bare root plants if you are unsure of the reputability of the nursery or garden center and remove any old foliage before planting. If you have detected jumping worms in your garden, do not share plants. Do not accept plants from someone who's known to have a jumping worm infestation, as there is no sure way to know that a worm or an egg is not lurking therein, just waiting to set up housekeeping your nice, tasty garden.

Beware of mulch and purchased garden soils or compost, especially from landfills or bulk commercial suppliers. Be sure that any of these items you purchase have been heat-treated to a minimum temperature of 130°degrees F (55°degrees C) for at least three days to destroy the cocoons. If you purchase bagged products, make sure they have also been heat-treated. Keep in mind, though, that heat-treating is a point-in-time control. Even if the product has been heat-treated, if it is stored in a place where Asian jumping worms exist, the product can become infested after the treating has taken place. You can safeguard against this by solarizing the products before use.



Sign of jumping worms: “Coffee ground” soil

- Grainy
- Little loose organic matter
- Small slightly compact pieces (worm castings)

Photo credit: Purdue Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory



Uninvaded soil

- Higher ratio of organic matter to “sand”
- Loose organic matter
- No or few small compact pieces

Photo credit: Maria Barnes

Figure 3

The worms and the cocoons are sensitive to heat and can quite easily be killed by solarization. In late spring or early summer, you can leave bagged product set in the hot sun. Use a thermometer to check the temperature in the middle of the bag and once it reaches 130°degrees F (55°C), maintain it at that temperature for at least three days. Placing a solarizing blanket over the bags will help maintain that temperature. Bulk products can be moistened and covered with clear polyethylene plastic not more than 4 mils thick. Clear plastic of 1 to 2 mils is ideal for heat absorption but can be prone to tearing from wind, so if the solarizing area is not well protected, use a slightly thicker plastic sheet.

for at least 10 minutes and then check to assure that all worms are dead. Discard the sealed bag with the dead worms in the garbage. Do not compost, even if they all appear to be dead. There are some additional methods of control being researched that show some promise. Abrasive materials can be incorporated into the soil to the depths where worm activity is found. Additives such as biochar and diatomaceous earth can damage the worms’ protective layers and kill them. Careful surveillance for worm activity and early addition of the abrasive materials is important if control is likely to be achieved.



Figure 4. Photo from University of California

Garden beds that have been infected with worms can also be solarized in the same manner (fig. 4). Soil temperatures must reach 104°degrees F (40°degrees C) for solarization to be effective. The solarizing plastic must be kept in place over the garden bed and the temperature maintained for two to three weeks once soil temperature reaches the desired temperature. With increased cloudiness that much of this area has experienced over the past several years, this can be a challenge, however, once heated, soil does cool slowly.

If you have an infestation of jumping worms, clean all leaf litter and old mulch away in the fall to remove as many cocoons as possible. You can handpick and destroy any adult worms you find. Bag them and seal tightly in plastic. Leave the bag set in the sun

Early detection can be achieved by using a mustard pour that is harmless to plants. Mix a gallon of water and 1/3 cup of ground yellow mustard; pour half the liquid slowly over one square foot of soil to be tested. Wait a few minutes and pour the remaining mixture over the same square foot of soil. Watch carefully for the worms to come to the surface. Some sources indicate that a hot variety of mustard is more effective than other types. Since the mustard does not kill the worms but rather irritates them and makes them come to the surface, that seems to make sense. I know my mouth gets more irritated by hot mustard than just the plain old yellow hot dog mustard. This method can also be used in potted plants, with the amount used adjusted according to the size of the pot. Collect any worms that come to the surface and dispose of them with the plastic bag in the sun method.

If using this detection method, remember that it will bring all invertebrates to the surface, not just Asian jumping worms. Use careful identification in determining and destroying the presence of invasive, destructive species.

Asian jumping worms are becoming an increasing problem throughout the United States. They have been positively identified in at least one garden here in Bismarck, North Dakota and have been documented in all of the other states in Region One. As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, so education on how to identify, how to limit their movement from location to location by careful plant selection and inspection, and early detection and control are critical.

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- Maintain the official registry of daylily cultivars
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Daylilies on the Move:

Relocating a Washington, Iowa Garden

BY NANCY RASH
PHOTOS BY LYLE MOEN

I was not planning to ever move my well-established daylily bed and perennials but we built a new home and I was not going to leave my flowers that I acquired over 40 years behind at our former home. We married in 1985 and I immediately started to remove all of the river gravel at our home and new flower bed shapes were designed and added over the next 40 years. We had the first “Garden Walk” in Washington, Iowa and celebrated with a 10-year anniversary walk in 2001. We joined the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society in 2011 and more daylilies were added to the flower beds and that meant changes in design were needed. Over the years, trees were removed and trees added.

In preparation for the move, I updated all plant labels in the garden and the Excel spreadsheet listing all plants. That made it easy to determine how many plants I had. It was not easy to determine each and every plant that was going to be moved. I started my flower beds with perennials from my mom’s garden that had been in my grandma’s and great grandma’s gardens. Bringing a

start of each of those heirloom plants was a must. Unless a daylily was without a label or was an extremely poor performer, most all daylilies were moved. I started planning a year ahead for the move and did remove about 20 daylilies at that time that I did not feel were important to move. The last three “celebratory” garden tours of my well-established flower beds were held in July 2025.

Designing our new home included designing an area for flowers and other landscape plants. Lyle’s engineering background was put to work determining where the plants would be situated best with the house design and slope of the landscape. Of utmost importance was what plants we would be seeing out the windows of each room. My sister, Peggy, with a landscape architecture degree, was tasked with a complete landscape plan to be implemented as time and money permitted. The flower area needed to hold 200 plants with two feet of space between each plant. Her expertise put our vision on paper. We appreciate her skills.



Digging daylilies



Ben with auger

After the home building contractor was finished, Lyle finished shaping the flower bed area according to the landscape plan, staked the perimeter, designed the paths and placed stakes as we began measuring for the 200 spots to hold daylilies, perennials and roses. Spring flowering bulbs were added later. The landscape design included a spot for a double spinner wind sculpture and a small flowering tree in the flower bed. Lyle and I dug the first “batch” of daylilies, transported them to the new house and planted them with regard to spacing, viewing from the house or patio. We had the plan ready to implement and with this “practice run” we were ready for nephew Ben and niece Kathy to come help. Lyle and Ben dug holes at the new home while Kathy and I dug and bagged daylily clumps to transport. Large sturdy “shopping” bags were used for whole clumps and the corresponding label. Part of the move and replanting was keeping the matching label with the daylily! Most daylilies were replanted in groups of the same hybridizer. Favorite plants were planted for prime viewing out the windows or from the patio.



First plant at the new house



Kathy and Nancy planting

It was the first weekend in October and 90 degrees! We kept hydrated and the first task after the planting was completed was watering and more watering. Stone patio pavers had been installed as the main path and rubber mulch was added for the side paths and brown wood mulch was used around each plant. A total of 230 bags of mulch were ordered and used to complete the project that included mulching the perimeter of the house. As winter approached, I moved mulch closer around each plant for insulation and kept watering if we did not have timely rain. Some garden structures were added and spring bulbs were planted.



Laying concrete stones



Fall garden at 1303

While the digging and replanting of the flowers was exhausting, it was made easier by pre-planning and implementing the plan. Lyle and I designed what we hoped would be a practical yet beautiful flower area that would complement our home. In 2018, Melanie Mason of North Country Daylilies (now retired) was the speaker at the Summer Region One Meeting in Bismark, North Dakota. She shared how space, physical ability and health, other interests, size of property and loss of work force affect our garden size and daylily numbers. She shared lessons and asked questions that stayed with me as my garden evolved through the years. It was easy for Lyle to see the need for a smaller garden area but, it was difficult for me. I decided to face the reality that this was my opportunity to recreate a garden with what I loved most, not a garden of everything that I loved.

We could not have moved mulch, dug two hundred holes, dug two hundred plants and replanted two hundred plants without the help of our family. Ben and Kathy worked tirelessly and we appreciated all the effort and encouragement they contributed to the move of our garden. As always, Lyle was there to share the vision, handle all the fine details to prepare the beds for planting and provide realistic direction to the project. He is looking forward to seeing blooms outside his office window.



Winter garden

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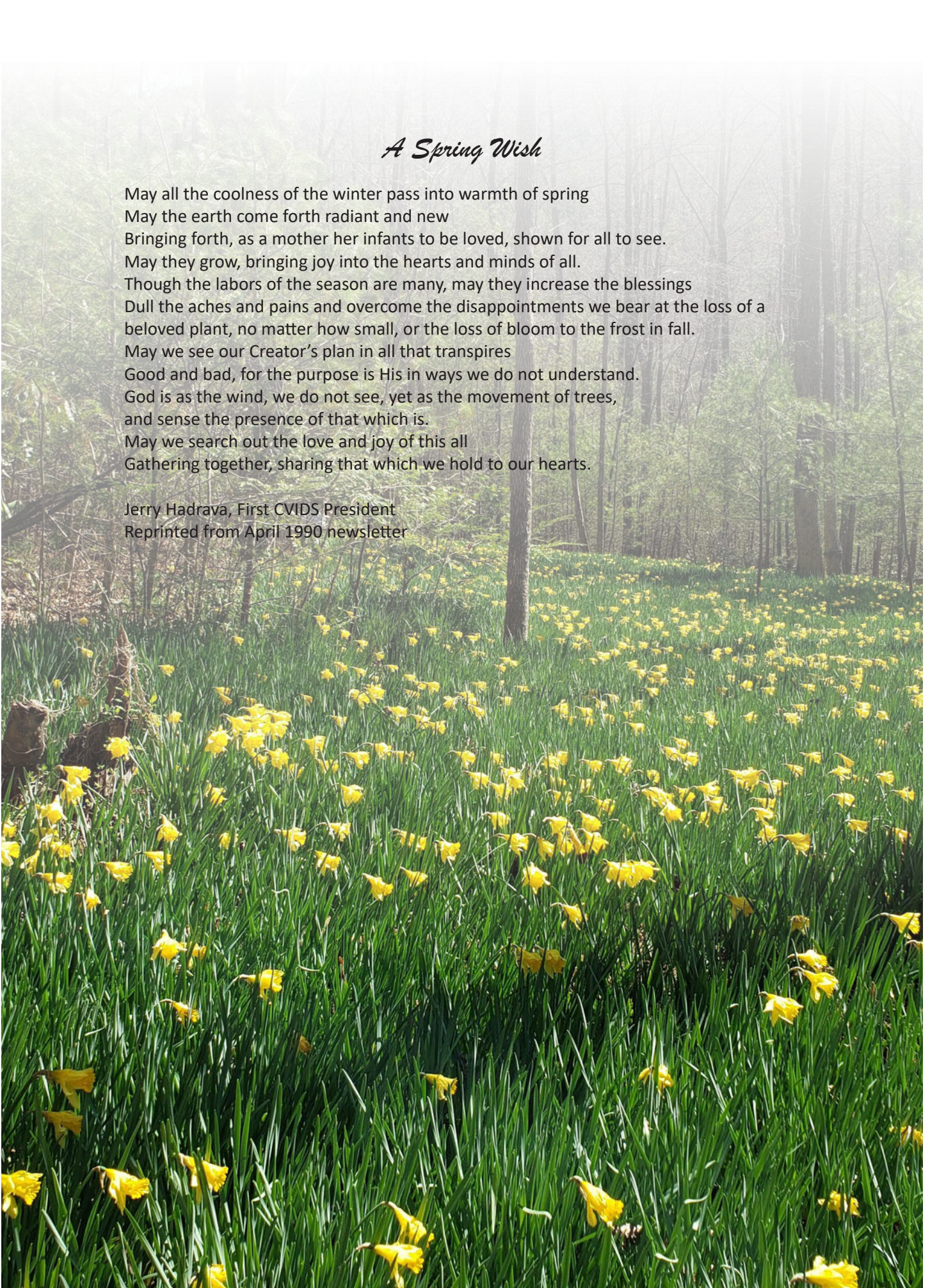
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A Spring Wish

May all the coolness of the winter pass into warmth of spring
May the earth come forth radiant and new
Bringing forth, as a mother her infants to be loved, shown for all to see.
May they grow, bringing joy into the hearts and minds of all.
Though the labors of the season are many, may they increase the blessings
Dull the aches and pains and overcome the disappointments we bear at the loss of a
beloved plant, no matter how small, or the loss of bloom to the frost in fall.
May we see our Creator's plan in all that transpires
Good and bad, for the purpose is His in ways we do not understand.
God is as the wind, we do not see, yet as the movement of trees,
and sense the presence of that which is.
May we search out the love and joy of this all
Gathering together, sharing that which we hold to our hearts.

Jerry Hadrava, First CVIDS President
Reprinted from April 1990 newsletter



2025 ADS Region One Financial Report December 31, 2025

**Total Amount Checking/Savings Accounts –
January 1, 2025** **\$28,748**

Income:

Auction	\$ 4937
Postage reimbursement from ADS	223
Miscellaneous (newsletter subscription)	18
Donation from Central North Dakota Daylily Society	<u>2063</u>
Total Income:	\$ 7241

Expenses:

Newsletter – postage, printing, software	\$ 2186
Editor stipends	1500
Regional President travel reimbursement	1000
Regional Director travel reimbursement	0*
Miscellaneous	<u>101</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 4787

Net Gain (Change in Assets) **\$ 2454**

**Total Amount Checking/Savings Accounts –
December 31, 2025** **\$31,202**

With the exception of mailing expenses related to the newsletter, the Region receives no income from the ADS, and the Region is not allowed to charge dues. All income for Region One comes from regional auctions and fees, plus donations from clubs and individuals.

*Region One's President and Director are reimbursed for travel expenses to American Daylily Society's Regional President and Regional Director meetings and the Regional Editor is reimbursed for travel to the summer regional meeting. Travel reimbursement of \$1924 for the fall 2024, summer 2025 and fall 2025 Board meetings for the new Region One Director was paid in January 2026 and will be reflected in the 2026 financials.



"Out of Balance" (Gossard, 2015)
Photo by Lorraine Manz

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