



Cobb County Daylily Society Newsletter

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President's Message

Spring is just around the corner and soon the daylilies will be blooming again. I hope all of you are as excited as I am. With the mild winter, this should be an excellent bloom season and probably an early one.

Those who attended our February meeting saw some great presentations by Don and Nancy Eller of Eller's Sunshine Garden in Leesburg, GA. They brought seven plants to offset the cost of their visit. These plants will be part of our membership awards plants. The plants were Bubba Duck, Tommy Lee Duck, Billy Bob Duck, Daisy Mae Duck, Sizzling Kisses, Gourmet Fudge and Fantasy Beckons. You can view these on their website at www.donellerdailies.com.

We have also purchased plants from Floyd Cove Nursery in Deland, Fl. I will let everyone know about these plants as soon as I get the list. We have requested plants of all different sizes and forms. We also asked for newer introductions as well as lesser expensive plants. The more club events you attend and the more you volunteer for club functions, the more "money" you have to bid on these plants at the fall picnic. Don't you just love free daylilies? You can't beat the price!!

Did I mention volunteering for club functions? As you know we are hosting the 2015 National AHS Convention with the Greater Atlanta Daylily Society. We need lots and lots of help in this. No matter what your talent or skill level we have a spot for you. We are currently working on a venue and seeking tour gardens. We will have a presentation on the National Convention and asking for help on the various committees at our meeting in March. Start now deciding how you would like to contribute. (We really like the "any way I can" answer.) Your response to the Regional Meeting last year was incredible. We have such great talent in our club and we have only just begun.

We have more of our club members who have taken positions on the regional and national level. Doris Bishop is the new Regional Secretary and Claude Carpenter is the national calendar manager for the AHS Portal. Congrats to both!!

Another topic for our next meeting will be asking the membership what we can do to improve our meetings and what functions we can plan. We have included a breakfast in the garden this year and are open to other ideas. Your officers want to make this a club for everyone to enjoy and we need your input. We have also added a daylily education segment to the meetings and would like to know any topics you would like covered.

Speaking of our next meeting, we have Kim McKutcheon from Pretty Petals Daylily Garden in Ohio as our speaker. Kim specializes in patterned daylilies. We hope everyone can attend. There will be of course daylilies, food and fun for all. See you there!!!

CCDS youth have been involved in “extracurricular” activities recently.

Read all about it!

Daylilies, Tennis, and Mock Trial

By Luke Van de Vate

Growing daylilies is one of my favorite past times; I think we all can admit that. I love to hybridize them and then wait to see what I have created. It is amazing to see what will come out of the cross I have just made. Will it look like the pod parent, the pollen parent, or maybe a plant from generations back, thus creating something I would never have expected? All of these questions fill my mind as I touch the stamen to the pistil of another plant early on a summer morning. For these reasons, and many more, growing daylilies is one of my favorite hobbies, but it's not all I do.

Mrs. Arthur, one of my many mentors and a neighbor as well, asked me to write about what I do besides growing daylilies for this news letter. (Hopefully this won't sound prideful.)

My name is Luke Van de Vate. I attend Mount Paran Christian School and am currently a junior in high school. I love to study math, history, and science. I am on the school's varsity tennis team and mock trial team as well. I enjoy both activities very much.

Tennis is a great sport. It can be played with people of all ages, children and adults alike, and it is also a great way to socialize. I play singles for the Mount Paran tennis team this season. Last year, I played doubles, and the team made it to the state tournament. I cannot wait for this season to get started. I really enjoy singles and have been trying to get a singles position on the team since I started high school.

Other than tennis and daylilies, I am an opening attorney for the prosecuting side on the Mount Paran mock trial team. Mock trial is a team based court room experience in which you take on the role of a member of a trial in a pretend (mock) case. Each member has his/her own role; some are attorneys, while others might be witnesses or time keepers. To compete, one team's prosecution side goes up against another school's defense side. This year, Mount Paran competed at the Marietta court house, where to our great excitement, we won! Now, we get to go to the state competition this March in Lawrenceville!

It is really nice to have something to do while the daylilies are under the ground in the winter. It keeps me from getting too excited for the daylily season to come the next summer. While some kids might be ready to sleep in by the time March rolls around, or even go to the beach, I am ready for summer to arrive so that I can get out into my garden and enjoy the best plant around, Daylilies! By March, no, actually, as I am writing this article, I have already begun to jot down possible crosses. “Could this work? No...No... Yeah that might work!” is what is going through my mind all spring as I write down what I want to create.

Mrs. Arthur, why have you asked me to write this article!? Now I already have daylily fever and will have to wait even longer for the fever to break!



Editor's note: www.mudcreekdaylilies.com takes you to Luke's blog and photos of his 2011 daylily introductions. Good luck, Luke, on your 2012's, 2013's, 2014's, etc. !!!!!
Abvphotography.com/mpcmocktrial shows pictures of the mock trial in which Luke participated.

Youth Continued . . .

And who isn't familiar with Pinewood Derbies? Well, CCDS member Jacob (aka Jake) won first place in his competition. The pictures submitted by Camilla and David, his grandparents, show his Cub Scout handiwork and joy in his victory. Jacob, when you see this, know that we all wish you as much success in growing daylilies as you've had in carving and painting and fine-tuning your super car !!!



Did you know that AHS (American Hemerocallis Society) annually awards a Christine Erin Stamille Youth Award and Bertie Ferris Scholarship?

- ✚ “The Christine Erin Stamille Youth Award was initiated by Patrick and Grace Stamille to honor the memory of their daughter Christine. ... The award presently funds one Life Membership in the AHS each year to a qualified AHS Youth Member.”
- ✚ “For the year 2012, the AHS is offering two \$1000 Bertie Ferris Scholarships” to graduating high school seniors.
- ✚ The CCDS annual show includes a Youth division and provides our younger members chances to win ribbons and distinctions in their own right. They can rub elbows with their elders, some of whom can teach them a thing or two about daylilies and other elders who'd love to hear the youth talk about their experiences. There's enormous room for more youth in our club activities and adult members are asked and encouraged to expose any youth who's interested to get involved with us in meetings, shows, picnics, auctions, grooming clinics, you name it.

Editors Note: To learn more about the AHS awards, go to www.daylilies.org and click **Youth Pages** on the left hand menu.

News, News, News . . .

From a recent Nancy Green, Secretary, email: "Julie Covington, president of the American Hemerocallis Society, has informed David and Camilla Arthur that the AHS Board unanimously and enthusiastically approved our application to host the 2015 AHS National Convention on June 10-13, 2015 . . ." Based on the success of the Region 5 meeting last June, the club discussed at several board and general membership meetings and voted affirmatively to apply for this honor. It's now official that we were given the go-ahead by AHS, committee chairs are stepping forward, making lists, recruiting member help, etc., to make this event successful. While 2015 sounds far-off, planning now will ensure success. Membership, please say "yes" when asked to help or step forward if you see something that might be neglected to ensure that the 2015 convention is remembered for years afterward as one of the most outstanding.

The Daylily: Bright, Bold, and Beautiful

2012 Daylily Show on June 9, 2012 at the
Galleria Mall

Sponsored by the Cobb County Daylily
and the Greater Atlanta Daylily Societies

We are looking for beautiful daylilies to be
entered in the Show

Diana Waldrop, Chair
Bruce Kovach, Co-Chair

A huge **THANK YOU** to

Serena and Steven Verner

for welcoming us to their home and
hosting an outstanding 2011
Christmas Party last December.

As a fund-raiser for the 2015 National Convention held here in Cobb County, Patty Franklin is introducing a raffle to win a free registration and hotel stay at the 2012 AHS Convention in Ohio which includes registration and hotel, an \$875 value! Raffle tickets will be on sale at every CCDS event between now and the June 1st Savannah Regional meeting. Look at the next page !

SOLICITING IDEAS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

VISITED ANY GARDENS?
KNOW AN INTERESTING
PERSONALITY?
HAVE ANY TIPS or PHOTOS TO SHARE?

SEND YOUR IDEAS TO
ritabuehner@bellsouth.net

Win a trip to the
2012 AHS National Convention!!!!

You could win convention registration for two people
AND
one hotel room for three nights at the
2012 AHS National Convention in Columbus, Ohio
July 11-14, 2012

1 Raffle ticket - \$10.00
3 Raffle tickets - \$20.00
(Prize valued at \$875.00)

Raffle drawing will be held June 1, 2012 at the Spring Regional
held in Savannah and the winner notified immediately.



Winner will receive two convention registrations and one regular rate hotel room for three nights. Transportation to and from the convention is the responsibility of the winner. (If you've already registered for the convention, you'll be reimbursed your registration fees.)

*All raffle proceeds to benefit the 2015 AHS National Convention General Fund to be held in Atlanta, GA.

SAVE THE DATE

March 25 2PM CCDS General Meeting @ First Methodist Church, Whitlock Avenue and the Marietta Loop. Speaker: Kim McCutcheon of Pretty Petals Garden in Bellbrook OH – www.prettypetalsgarden.com

April 22 2PM CCDS General Meeting @ First Methodist Church Speaker: To be determined.

May 12 9AM Breakfast @ Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies aka The Waldrops' followed by a grooming class taught by our own Jim Mullins.

June 1-3 2012 AHS Region 5 Spring Convention in Savannah GA – for up-to-date info and registration forms visit the website www.savannahdaylilies.com .

June 9 CCDS and DSGA (Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta) joint show – show chair Diana Waldrop (thank you, thank you, thank you, etc.)

July 11-14 2012 AHS National Convention, Columbus OH – visit www.columbusdaylilies.org and click on “Enter the 2012 Daylily Convention Website”. On the left-hand side of the page are other clicks leading to registration, hotel, schedules, tours, and everything else you want or need to know to attend. We’re hoping to send a sizable delegation from CCDS (Cobb County Daylily Society) since the National is in **JULY !!!**

August 5 2PM CCDS General Meeting @ First Methodist Church, Whitlock Avenue Camilla Arthur will sponsor the first ever Popularity Poll Party - details forthcoming.

September 9 2PM CCDS General Meeting @ First Methodist Church Speaker: Guy Pierce, Floyd Cove Nursery, Enterprise FL . Voting for new officers, too!

September 22 4PM Fall Picnic and ARMS Plant Auction @ Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies aka The Waldrops'. Activity Rewards Member System (ARMS) is about earning points to spend at this auction. Keep track of your CCDS activities – that’s how your points add up! Ask any officer of the club for information on the ARMS program.

November 11 2PM CCDS General Meeting @ First Methodist Church Speaker: Tim Herrington, Herrington Daylily Garden, Dublin GA. Installation of new officers !

December 16 4-6PM Christmas Party at MP Flowers, home of Patty and Mark Franklin

CCDS OFFICERS for 2012

David Arthur, President

Mark Franklin, Vice President

Nancy Green, Secretary

Jack Rigsby, Treasurer

Cynthia Rigsby, Hospitality

Bill Waldrop, Parliamentarian

Diana Waldrop, 2012 Show Chairperson

Anne Murray, Publicity

Rita Buehner, Newsletter Editor



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www.cobbdaylily.org - CCDS

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