



# Cobb County Daylily Society Newsletter

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## President's Message – March 24, 2013

Hello CCDS members:

I can't believe that the first newsletter of the year is coming out. There has really been a lot happening with CCDS. We have had our first two meetings of the year with great guest speakers and lots of daylilies for sale. Our Feb. meeting featured **Jan Joiner** and we had a great auction and a great turnout. Fifty-two members attended that meeting.

March rolled in and we got more wet weather but even though it has been raining we had a little ray of sunshine when Tim Bell came and showed us his 2013 introductions and pictures of his garden. If you missed the meeting you missed the best auction we have ever had at a CCDS meeting. Tim brought plants valued at over \$11,000 (yes, **eleven thousand dollars**) and sold them to us at bargain prices. The most expensive plant sold for \$60 and was valued at \$150. Some \$100 dollar plants went for as little as \$20 dollars. Let me tell you there were some pretty happy gardeners after the meeting and lunch.

**Next month (April 21st) is an important meeting.** We need for everyone to try to attend because we will be discussing the CCDS and DSGA combined Daylily Show, our April plant sale, the May grooming and design clinics, and the plant sale at the June Daylily Show. There is a lot going on and we need all our members to help so that we can make these events a great success.

I also want to let you know of a few new items that will be happening in the future. CCDS was very fortunate in receiving a **spectacular daylily gift from Guy and Karen Pierce of Floyd Cove Daylily Nursery**. They sent us a gift of nine different 2012 fall introductions valued at between \$100 to \$150 per pair. We have potted them into approximately 21 pots and are going to offer them to the membership at \$50 dollars per pot. This is an excellent fund raiser for our club and a great opportunity to get a great plant at a bargain price. I am sending the list of names so that you can check them out on the Floyd Cove web site. The names and photos are on the next page.

Last but not least. I want to tell you that the CCDS board has approved a member recognition award. It will be called the **President's Service Award**. It will be an annual award given by the president to a club member for their service to the club - a way for us to say thank you for a job well done.

That's it for now. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at our regular time and place. It's going to be a great daylily season! Happy Gardening,

**Mark Franklin, CCDS President**

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Floyd Cove 2012 fall introduction plants for sale by CCDS at a future date  
Check out Floyd Cove Daylily Nursery's website for more detailed descriptions



Curb Appeal



Dancing Jubilee



Volaris



Sunset Strip

Rollercoaster Rush



President's Message (continued from pages 1 AND 2)



Jurassic Pink



Moving Pictures



Marina del Ray



Feeling Thorny

At a future date, twenty one pots of the daylilies shown will be available for sale (at a great price!) to our club members. These are gifts to our club from Floyd County Daylily Nursery's 2012 Fall Collection. There will be at least two pots of each variety available. Check out their website.

# Warning - Leafminer Damage in Daylilies!

## Spotted in Georgia, too!

It's not gold in 'them thar' daylily leaves that leafminers are panning for, it's nutrients, dang it! And those goldarn things don't even come up for air until they're ready to breath air and fly! And then they continue the cycle by mating and depositing eggs back in the leaves to start the process all over again.

I was asked by a friend last summer if I had leafminer tracks on my daylily leaves. Of course, I denied having such a thing on *my* daylilies. She looked at me oddly, nodded and gave me a funny look. But you know what I did as soon as I got home? Found leafminer damage just where she said I'd find it. Golly, gee, I hate to be shown up like that!

One of the best articles on the subject is a 2012 Pest Alert from the Florida Dept. of Agriculture titled *Daylily Leafminer: Ophiomyia Swansonis Sasakawa (Diptera: Agromyzidae) new to North America, including Florida*. Here's the link for the heads-up article verbatim: <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/pi/pest-alerts/pdf/ophiomyia-kwansonis.pdf> This eastern US pest was first described in Japan in 1961.

AHS also has info on their website at [http://www.daylilies.org/ahs\\_dictionary/leafminer.html](http://www.daylilies.org/ahs_dictionary/leafminer.html).

Bad news: It's disfiguring to daylily foliage, no formal studies have been done regarding chemical control. Good sanitation practices (removing and destroying infested leaves – don't compost them, destroy them, get them off your property) are recommended to eliminate immature stages (larvae, pupae) and to reduce populations of the adult flies which start the cycle all over again.



*Ophiomyia kwansonis* larva in daylily leaf mine.  
Photography credit: Gary Steck (DPI)



... Distribution of *Ophiomyia kwansonis* in the United States.

## Gibbs Gardens Has a Daylily Section ... More Later

Even on a drab, overcast early March Saturday, a first visit to Gibbs Gardens is a sight to see. The gardens are actually a series of settings created within a larger hardwood forest. The stream running through the property makes the pools believably formed and shaped. Garden names are indicative of what a visitor will see: Waterlily Gardens, Japanese Garden, The Fern Dell, Fall Wildflower Meadow, Rose Arbor, Hydrangeas and Rhododendrons, Monet Bridge, Green and White Garden, Sunken Garden and more. Of course, very little was blooming during the early March visit except perfectly placed annuals, a little forsythia and just millions of daffodils and their cousins. But of major interest to anyone belonging to a Hemerocallis club will be the Daylilies and Crape Myrtles area. If the Gibbs Gardens' map is drawn to scale, this will not be the largest garden-within-the-garden but the bee-buzz is many of the daylilies were obtained from a Cobb County hybridizer. (This will make a great story in a subsequent newsletter.) It will be hugely interesting to revisit in June to see how these are planted and which cultivars were chosen as that seems to be the specialty at Gibbs Gardens – placement, architecture, design and meticulous manicuring. You'll see!



## Very Important Dates for the Remainder of 2013 !

March 23, 10 am	General meeting – First United Methodist Church Program – Tim Bell, Bell’s Daylily Gardens, Pot luck lunch to follow
<b>April 21, 2:00 pm</b>	<b>General meeting – First United Methodist Church</b> <b>Program – Club Business and Show Prep</b>
<b>April 27-28</b>	<b>Daylily Sale at Smyrna’s Jonquil Festival (Proceeds go towards fundraising for the 2015 Convention)</b>
May 10-12	Region 5 Spring Regional, Valdosta, GA
May 18, 9:00 am	Breakfast and Grooming/Design Clinics – Waldrop’s
June 7, 5:00 pm	Daylily Show “set-up” at Galleria
June 8	Joint CCDS & DSGA Daylily Show and Plant Sale Show Chair – Bruce Kovach; Co-Chair – Cynthia Rigsby
June 20, 7:00 pm	Daylily Show “debriefing” meeting – Franklin’s
July 25-28	AHS National Convention, Minnesota
August 4, 2:00 pm	General meeting – First United Methodist Church Program – “Popularity Poll Pizza Party”
September 8, 2:00 pm	General meeting – First United Methodist Church Program – Barbara Kirby, AHS and Region 5
September 28, 4:00 pm	Fall Picnic, ARMS Plant Auction and Plant Sale – Waldrop’s
October 11-12	Region 5 Fall Fling in Atlanta
November 17, 2:00 pm	General meeting – First United Methodist Church Program - TBD
December 8, 4-6:00 pm	Christmas Party – Place to be determined (but we still have a lot of time)

## 2013 CCDS Officers

Mark Franklin, President

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Nancy Green, Secretary

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## Websites

[www.cobbdaylily.com](http://www.cobbdaylily.com) - Cobb County Daylily Society (CCDS) new, official and updated website

[www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org) – American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) website

***Daylily Sale at the Smyrna Jonquil Festival.***

***Needed: Bare Root Double Fans, Tagged & Labeled***

***April 27 and 28, 2013***

***Gene McCord, Chief Salesman***

***Please don't forget to pay your***

***2013 CCDS and AHS dues !***

***Nancy Green's about ready to issue a new CCDS***

***Member Directory and wants you in it !***



Things the Arthur's apply to their daylily gardens in very early spring.



Fran and Jan schmoozing after the Feb. meeting where Jan Joiner spoke about her new gardens and daylily program.

**Editor's note:** Apologies for not having any photos of Tim Bell's presentation in this issue of the newsletter. Your editor promises to find some and post them in a later issue. **Please send them if you have them to**

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