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2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 6, 7:00 P.M.
MEIJER GARDENS

NOVEMBER 3, 7:00 P.M.
MEIJER GARDENS
HYBRIDIZERS ROD KROEMER AND JIM
WUERSCH OF 5-ACRE FARM DAYLILIES

DECEMBER 1, 6:00 P.M.
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.
THE SWAN INN ON ALPINE

OCTOBER 6: A DAYLILY SMORGASBORD



We'll be serving up a video feast for your eyes on October 6 at 7PM at Frederik Meijer Gardens, lower level meeting room. A quick appetizer course will be an Introduction to Daylilies. The main course includes an in depth discussion with three hybridizers, David Kirchoff, Mort Morss and Richard Norris. Dessert will be a generous helping of delicious photography at an AHS display garden. Tips on hybridizing as well as general gardening are also covered in this professionally produced video. With its wide variety of topics and beautiful photography, there should be something of interest for everyone so please join us on October 6.

NOVEMBER 3: WELCOME OUR FALL HYBRIDIZERS



Plan to join us on Thursday, November 3 at 7PM at the Frederik Meijer Gardens lower level meeting room as we welcome Rod Kroemer and Jim Wuersch from 5-Acre Farm Daylilies in Tolono, IL. Rod and Jim feel honored to be carrying on the hybridizing program of Rod Valente from Maine since his death in 2001. They will explain the history of 5-Acres Farm Daylilies and show us their introductions which build on the work of Ron Valente as well as Steve Moldovan all with the solid underlying basic goal of producing totally Northern hardy plant materials. You can take a sneak peak of their work at their website: www.5acrefarmdaylilies.com. Rod and Jim are enthusiastic speakers and looking forward to their visit to Grand Rapids. Let's give them a warm welcome on November 3.





COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Start your season of holiday celebrations off with your daylily friends on December 1 at the Swan Inn. Our annual Christmas dinner party will begin with a punch bowl at 6PM. Cash bar available from the restaurant. Dinner will be served around 6:30 PM. The buffet will include delicious Swiss steak, Ham with fruit glaze, mashed potatoes, vegetables and dessert. If you wish to participate in a voluntary gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift to exchange (\$10.00 value). There will also be great door prizes. Cost is \$12.00 for members; \$24.00 for non-members. Reserve your spot by November 15 by completing the reservation form on the back of this newsletter. The Swan Inn is located at 5182 Alpine Ave., NW, Comstock Park, 49321 at the corner of 6 Mile and Alpine Ave. The lower level banquet room is accessible by elevator. Our party planners, Sandy Olson and Marianne Inman our planning a fun event you won't want to miss on December 1!

IT'S EUREKA TIME!

Now is the time to place your order for the 2012 Eureka Daylily Reference Guide. The annual Eureka Daylily Reference Guide is a compilation of over 75 daylily seller's price lists and gives a full description of 12,000 registered daylilies in commerce along with the current fair market value. GVDS offers its members this guide at cost, with no profit added. The further good news is that the price is the same as last year--\$37.00, prepaid. Reserve your copy by completing the form on the last page of this newsletter or by calling Sandy Olson at 616-696-9579 no later than November 27. We will notify you as soon as your copy arrives.



LOOK TO 2012

Here are some dates to put on your new 2012 calendar!



- Winter/Spring meetings at Meijer Gardens: January 5, February 2, March 1 and April 5.
- Spring Auction: May 10.
- Open garden tours: June 7, July 5 and August 2.
- The Daylily Show at Frederik Meijer Gardens: July 7.
- AHS National in Columbus, Ohio: July 11-14.

We're looking forward to seeing you for a new year of daylily activities!



DUES ARE DUE



GVDS memberships expire on January 1 and we want you to continue your membership! Since most members receive emailed newsletters, if you do not know when your membership expires, you can check the emailed membership roster. The first column shows the year of membership expiration. There will also be a membership roster available at upcoming meetings so that you can check this date, as well as update any other information on the roster. For those without email the membership expiration date will appear on the next mailing label.



SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!

A club member recently made the Board aware of a mislabeled plant purchased at a spring auction. This plant was part of the order placed to Riverbend Daylily Gardens from our fall hybridizer/speakers in October, 2008. The Board contacted Sandy and Mike Holmes to see if this plant could be exchanged. Sandy wrote back that unfortunately they were not even currently growing that particular cultivar. The Board agreed to refund the member for this plant and thanked Sandy for her time and trouble. Sandy wrote back again, still very apologetic and said that although problems such as this don't "happen often, once in a while is still too often." She wanted the opportunity to make this right with our club.

Sandy then shipped us a large single fan of her 2011 introduction, 'Lunar Moth', which will be offered at an upcoming auction. 'Lunar Moth' is a dormant tetrapod Unusual Form, mid-season, 7.5", 14 buds, 28"H with 3 way branching. Its parentage is: (*See Me Feel Me Touch Me X Tet. Heavenly Angel Ice*). On Riverbend Daylily Gardens' website, Sandy writes: "Since 'Lunar Moth's' first appearance I marked it as a keeper. As a bonus, the genetics of Tet. 'Heavenly Angel Ice' as a parent, made it an easy choice. We have used 'Lunar Moth' as a parent for near whites and to lighten colors since its first appeared. The blooms have always been near white with a clear green throat, but after 'Lunar Moth' was moved to the lineout bed the color became more very pale cream, so the soil must really impact the color of this daylily. "It is fertile both ways. A single fan is selling for \$150.00.

You can see pictures of 'Lunar Moth' at Riverbend's website: www.sandyholmes.com. Stay tuned to GVDS for news on when this great daylily will be ready for the auction block!

WELCOME

Why not invite your gardening friends to our October meeting to see the beautiful daylily "eye candy" video pictures? You know..... that lady down the street who always admires your hems, or that fellow Master Gardener who's looking for a bit of inspiration, or even that couple who live on Daylily Lane. We welcome newcomers to every meeting! Think about it



"A garden is never so good as it will be next year."-- Thomas Cooper

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