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# The GVDS Gazette

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## 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**August 4, 6:30 pm**  
Summer Picnic & Open Garden Tour  
Nancy Sniff  
1452 Blossom SE, GR

**September 8, 7:00 pm**  
GVDS Annual Fall Auction  
Ottawa-Kent Perennials  
**Please Note Location and Date Change**

**September 10, 8am-2pm**  
Daylily Booth  
Rockford Farmer's Market

**October 6, 7:00 pm**  
Meijer Gardens

**November 3, 7:00 pm**  
Meijer Gardens

### FABULOUS FLOWER, FUN ART, AND FINE FOOD!

You are invited to join us on August 4 at 6:30 PM for our annual Summer picnic at the garden of Nancy Sniff, 1452 Blossom SE, Grand Rapids. The club will providing tasty pulled BBQ pork on a bun, beverages and tableware. Please bring a side dish or dessert, serving utensil and a lawn chair. We will eat first so that our dishes stay at the right temperature. After dinner we will tour Nancy's garden.

Nancy's garden is situated on a one acre city lot, half of which is wooded and, as she describes, is a "work in progress." Her neighbor once noted that "everything in her yard is always on the tip of her shovel" as she is always adding more plants and rearranging others. She has over 650 named daylilies and a wide variety of companion plants so that something is always in bloom from early Spring to late November. In addition to the perennials, Nancy has a lot of fun garden art, including an Art Prize piece as well as large metal and wood sculptures and smaller whimsical art tucked in amongst the plants.

Nancy's garden is located west off of Kalamazoo Ave. halfway between 36th and 44th Streets in Grand Rapids. Blossom only runs west off Kalamazoo directly across from the Plymouth Congregational Church. Proceed to 1452 Blossom located at the corner of Tallman and Blossom. Parallel parking is available along her west fence on Tallman. Please keep the driveway open for the meeting.

### A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE DAYLILIES

September 8 at 7 pm is the time once again for our annual Fall Auction of daylilies, perennials, and garden related items. This auction will be held at Ottawa Kent Perennials, 2089 Hayes NW, Marne. As you stroll through your garden over the next few weeks, please think about which daylilies and perennials do well for you and donate a part of them to our auction. Chances are if the plant has been one of your favorites, you've been growing it for awhile, it's time to divide it. Then plan to attend the auction to see what plants have worked well for your fellow club members and bid on these beauties. With everyone's help, this auction will be a success and the funds raised will enable us to continue the activities we all enjoy. So like Julie Andrews (almost) sang, "I simply remember my favorite plants and then Fall won't feel so bad." Invite your gardening friends!

Ottawa Kent Perennials is located about 15 minutes west of Grand Rapids a short distance off I-96 W. From Grand Rapids, take I-96 W to Exit 25 or 8th Ave. Travel .3 miles and turn left on 8th and proceed .2 miles. Turn right onto Ironwood Dr. NW/M-11 W and go .4 miles. Stay straight to Hayes St. and continue 1.6 miles to 2089 Hayes, which is on the right. There is plenty of parking near the auction pole barn. Don't forget to bring a chair.

### HELPING HANDS NEEDED FOR THE FALL AUCTION

Please consider lending a hand at the Fall auction. We will need several people to organize the donations as they arrive and assist with the donations for the Rockford Farm market booth, three people to be runners and two bid spotters. It is always lots of fun! Please sign up at the August picnic or contact Sharon VanderWilp (slvanderwilp@sbcglobal.net or 447-8998). Thank you!

## SHARING DAYLILIES WITH THE COMMUNITY AT THE ROCKFORD FARM MARKET

We will once again be taking our favorite flower to the larger gardening community at the Rockford Farm Market where we will have a booth on September 10 from 8 am til 2 PM. How can you help to make this event a success? Divide those daylilies that have been taking too much room in your garden. Named varieties (bare root) will be offered for a \$3 donation, unnamed will be \$2. Donna Rosa, who once again is heading up this important event, will be accepting your donations at the Fall auction or you can call her at 363-6304 to make other arrangements. Then offer to help on September 10. Donna needs people to set up the booth prior to the 8 AM opening and also to assist during the hours of the farm market. You'll find it enjoyable to answer questions and share the love of daylilies with these gardeners! Sign up at the August meeting or contact Donna to help out. The Farm Market is in the S.Squires St parking lot between the White Pine Trail & Chase Bank on Main St.

### A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS...

...and Carol DeVries has agreed to put together a Powerpoint from pictures of your donated daylilies for the Fall auction. Please send the cultivar name and photo, if you have one, to [ddvottawa@juno.com](mailto:ddvottawa@juno.com) or call her at 677-5530 by September 7. Let her know if you wish to keep your donation anonymous or if you have a special reason why this daylily is a favorite.

### CALLING ALL REGION 2 SHUTTERBUGS

Speaking of pictures, don't delete all those great photos you took at the Region 2 Summer Meeting. Nancy Sniff has agreed to put together a Powerpoint of the trip. Please download your photos onto a CD to give to Nancy or email them to her at [nsniff@gmail.com](mailto:nsniff@gmail.com). Then next winter when the snow is flying we can all be warmed by those 90+ degree days in some fabulous gardens.

## 2011 DAYLILY SHOW REPORT

A cool wet start to the growing season resulted in less than peak bloom for the July 9th Daylily Show at Meijer Gardens. Daylily Society members still managed to bring in 450 off-scape flowers for an impressive display of Daylily colors and forms. 94 promising seedling were shown on tables surrounding the main display. 14 daylilies on-scape greeted visitors as they entered the Show Room. In a separate smaller room across the hall, the Purple/Lavender Daylilies were placed on a Board for a favorite popular vote. Only 14 Purple/Lavender flowers were submitted, but 104 votes were cast. All 14 flowers received at least one vote. The winning Purple/Lavender with 21% of the votes was 'Mountain Wild-flower' (Stamile, 09), a 5.5 inch Orchid flower with a Purple Eye and Edge. (Eureka Price -\$90.00) Second place was a 3 way tie between - 'Tie and Tails', a 5 inch Purple blend with a darker shadow eye ;'Larry Miller', a 7 inch Purple with a chartreuse gold edge and 'Spirit of Truth', a 6 inch Lavender pink with an ivory watermark and edge. The Greeting-Hospitality Table recorded a total of 374 Visitors to the Show. Next year's Show for 2012 is scheduled for July 7th in the UpStairs Hauenstein-Pfeiffer Room.

The Daylily Design Division featuring a theme of 6 Classic Children's Stories saw 20 entries. Two judges needed over an hour to select awards.

Results of the Design Division were :

Class 1 - "Jack and the Beanstalk"

1. Ginger Smith
2. Sharon VanderWilp
3. Maryann Inman

Class 2 - "Snow White"

1. Ginger Smith
2. Sharon VanderWilp

Class 3 - "Black Beauty"

1. Ginger Smith (Best of Show Award)
2. Maryann Inman
3. Helen Burkhardt
4. Barbara Buikema

Class 4 - "Alice in Wonderland"- Mad Hatters Tea Party"

1. Sharon VanderWilp
2. Ginger Smith
3. Maryann Inman
4. Barbara Buikema

Class 5 -"Gulliver's Travels"

1. Ginger Smith (Most Artistic Award)
2. Maryann Inman

Class 6 -"Three Little Pigs"

1. Henry Rankin (Novice Award)
2. Barbara Buikema
3. Amber Veurink
4. Doug Veurink
5. Adam Veurink

Thank You to all who participated in the 2011 Daylily Show, with Special Thanks to:

Fred DeVries - On-Scape Preparation and Display  
Maryann Inman - Off-Scape Flower Display Chairperson  
Susan Williams - Design Clerk  
Ginny Pearce - Daylily Tour Talk  
Jackie Kropf - Daylily Tour Talk  
Greeting Table Workers  
Set Up Crew  
Clean Up Crew

## KINDNESS, LIKE A BOOMERANG, ALWAYS RETURNS

Although the author of the above statement is unknown, the Grand Valley Daylily Society experienced the sentiment it conveys while at the Region 2 Summer Meeting. One of the southeast Michigan hybridizers whose garden was on tour, Martin Kamensky, advised Carol DeVries that he had some daylilies he wanted to give our club. Martin had traveled with our club on our chartered bus for the 2007 National Convention in Minnesota. Martin was very appreciative that he not only was able to travel on our bus, but that Carol had so graciously helped him when he had difficulties with his reservation at the hotel. Even four years later, he remembered us and wanted to return this kindness with the gift of three of his own recent introductions! Martin breeds for early and extra early blooms and in 2009 won the Englerth Award for his introduction of 'Picotee Magic'. More information on Martin Kamensky as well as a photo of the three plants he gave us can be found on page 20 of the AHS's "The Daylily Journal", the Summer 2011 edition. These three plants which will be auctioned at a future auction are:

Cheerful Eyes (Kamensky, 2010) height 24", bloom 3.25", season E, Rebloom, Dormant, Diploid, Fragrant, 10 buds, 2 branches, Cream with lavender band above yellow to green throat. (*Frequent Flyer* × *Pristine Charm*)

Amore Mio (Kamensky, 2010) height 28", bloom 3.25", season EM, Rebloom, Semi-Evergreen, Diploid, Fragrant, 18 buds, 3 branches, Creamy pink with rose red eye above a yellow throat. (*Miniature Mime* × *Frequent Flyer*)

When Robins Sing (Kamensky, 2009) height 24", bloom 4", season EE, Rebloom, Dormant, Diploid, Fragrant, 15 buds, 3 branches, Apricot blend with rose halo above yellow green throat. (*Chippewa Bride* × *sdlg*)

Thank you to Lori Hankinson, John and Jackie Kropf and Carol DeVries for taking the time (and gasoline) to pick up these plants on your return trip from the Regional.

## SMILES AND THANKS ALL AROUND

A sincere thank you is in order for the generous donations for the GVDS entry in the basket contest at the recent Region 2 Summer Meeting. Just check out all the wonderful donors and donations that made up our 'I Dig Daylilies' basket (in alphabetical order by last name):

All GVDS members – stepping stone

Carol DeVries – floral coaster set

Sandra Dunn/Along the Fence Daylilies – \$50 gift certificate to ATF Daylilies, 'I Dig Daylilies' license plate frame

Lori and Mike Hankinson – (4) Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park daily admission tickets with tram passes, 15th Anniversary FMG *Seasons* magazine, FMG keepsake postcard book, lawn & garden utility bag, hummingbird feeder

Mandy McMahon/Silver Creek Daylilies – 2011 daylily introduction

Mary & David Moore/Stone Cottage Gardens (February speakers) – \$25 gift certificate to Stone Cottage Gardens

Ginny Pearce/Garden Path Perennials – 2011 daylily introduction

Nancy Sniff – basket, (2) woven place mats, Totes® gardening multi-tool

Sandy & Doug Veurink/New Every Morning Daylily Gardens – (3) 2009/10 introductions

The winner of our basket was Sally Marcum from Norwalk, Ohio. Those of you who attended the 2010 Summer Meeting surely remember visiting her wonderful garden, she calls Willow Brook Acres. Sally has over 800 varieties of daylilies and has introduced six of her crosses. When each bus pulled up during the 2010 meeting, she welcomed visitors by saying, "My garden is your garden for the next hour so please feel at home here." Now she has some wonderful West Michigan daylilies and garden gifts to share with those who visit her lovely garden.

Here is the thank you Sally emailed us:

Please tell your club members what a wonderful job they did getting the basket together. The place mats are perfect in my kitchen. My kitchen is country and with green walls. I am so excited to grow Michigan daylilies. I was so impressed with the hybridizers there and with the great branching on the seedlings. Of course they also have pretty faces. Can't be happy about a tree branched daylily unless the face is pretty too. I am needing a new big leaf bag too. Love the stepping stone. I don't think anyone is going to be stepping on that stone for a long time. It is going to be propped up some place to show it off. Lots of goodies in that basket. I told my husband I have to really go looking for the old Mustang convertible I have been wanting. Told him I need the car to go with my daylily license frame. :-)

It sounds like our basket found a good home. How wonderful that GVDS was one of only four clubs who through the generosity of so many of its' members was able to participate in this contest. Thank you!!

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**WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT**  
The Grand Valley Daylily Society is a 501(c)7 non-profit organization organized to promote and encourage the development and improvement of the daylily and to increase interest in its use as a means of home and civic beautification.



**CHECK US OUT AT**  
[www.grandvalleydaylily.org](http://www.grandvalleydaylily.org)



**OPEN GARDEN TIPS**

In August we have the last of our summer outdoor meetings in member gardens. We all love to share some sun and the lovely gardens of our fellow members. Let's live up to our 'come for the flowers, stay for the friends' reputation and make it as fun for the hosts as it is for the guests. Presented below are a few reminders for us all.

- Keep it beautiful - leave purses, bags, unnecessary camera equipment on your chair or locked in your car as they can swing and damage daylilies.
- Ask permission before stepping into a flower bed for any reason.
- Do not disturb pollen or deadhead spent blooms as the host may have a hybridizing program.
- Share your enjoyment, do not criticize.
- We know you're excited, but don't show up \*too\* early. The host may need to grab a quick dinner after work or do some last minute deadheading.
- Be gracious and thank the host.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR FOR THE MEETINGS!**

