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* **NEW** *
* **YEAR!!** *

The GVDS Gazette

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2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 6, 7:00 pm

Carol DeVries
Marne, MI
Meijer Gardens

May 12, 7:00 pm

Spring Auction
Note: 1 Week Later for Added Growing Time

February 3, 7:00 pm

David & Mary Moore
Stone Cottage Gardens, Gladwin, MI
Meijer Gardens

June 2, 6:30 pm

July 7, 6:30 pm
August 4, 6:30 pm
Open Gardens

March 10, 7:00 pm
Please Note Date Change

Gus Guzinski
Kalamazoo, MI
Meijer Gardens

2011 AHS Calendar of Events

May 25-28, 2011
2011 AHS National Convention
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

April 7, 7:00 pm
Jamie Gossard
Heavenly Gardens, Galloway, OH

July 15-17, 2011
AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting
Troy, Michigan

DISCOVER DAYLILIES IN THE SNOW!

On January 6 at 7 PM at the Frederik Meijer Gardens, past GVDS president Carol DeVries will present "Success with Daylilies". This popular talk provides an overall introduction to a bloom that is destined for so much more than a ditch. Colorful pictures and down to earth direction on things to look for in a quality daylily, general care of them, three methods to propagate, and ways to find them. All of which will open the wonderful world of Hemerocallis to you. For our more advanced members, this is a great chance to see this talk and give your input before Carol presents it at Frederik Meijer's spring gardening series.

A MID-WINTER GARDEN PARTY

Join us on February 3 at 7 PM, when we will be thinking of Spring and how to improve our own gardens with the help of guest speakers, David and Mary Moore, owners of Stone Cottage Gardens near Gladwin. The mission of Stone Cottage Gardens is to help gardeners create their dream garden by supplying high quality, reasonably priced plants, garden products and accessories. Their program entitled, "Growing Daylilies Naturally at Stone Cottage Gardens" will show us how to use organic practices to successfully grow daylilies as well as other perennials and vegetables. David and Mary grow approximately 900 daylily cultivars and 500 varieties of perennials, herbs, grasses, ferns and vines. Situated around an old stone cottage are beautiful display gardens where they host garden seminars, parties and weddings. Their program on February 3 will also include photos of these gardens--sure to brighten your mid winter evening!

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HEMEROCALLIS—THE GOOD, BUT ALSO THE BAD!

Our special guest on March 10 at 7 PM will be Dr. James (Gus) Guzinski who will present his program, "Quality in Daylilies." Gus has been very active with AHS for many years serving as the Region 2 Scientific Studies Liaison as well as on the AHS Scientific Studies Committee. He has analyzed the two classes of pigments which create the broad range of color in daylilies. He is also a garden judge and garden judge instructor which takes him around the country teaching workshops. The program he will present to us is the result of 25 years of photographing all types of daylily flowers, foliage and clumps, to show the good but also the bad. Gus' perspective is that daylilies can only be improved by studying all daylily flowers and all parts of a daylily plant, including imperfections. So join us for this look at Hemerocallis from a unique approach.



SAVE THE DATE

Our Spring Hybridizer speaker will be Jamie Gossard from Heavenly Gardens on April 7! Also, another date-change, our Daylily Show at the Meijer Gardens will be on July 9 this year.

THINK SPRING... AND SUMMER!

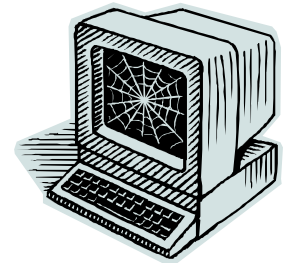
The deeper the snow gets, the more our thoughts turn to our gardens waiting to burst from under the snow come Spring. Please consider opening your garden to the club in 2011! Here is what a couple of members who have done this in previous years have said: "I had a lot of fun and couldn't believe when it was time for everyone to leave." and "What could be more fun than standing in my garden listening to compliments all night long."

All this fun could be yours by sharing your garden with your daylily friends for a club meeting next Spring or Summer! The dates to choose from are June 2, July 7, or August 4.

We are not looking for gardens that are perfect. Whose is? We also realize that most gardens are a work-in-progress since gardeners love to revise their garden plan and move plants around. Also know that if you offer to host the picnic, you are not required to provide or plan for anything involving the food nor is it necessary to have tables or seating. Don't delay--contact Sharon VanderWilp at slvanderwilp@sbcglobal.net or (616) 447-8998 with any questions or to pick a date. Spring will be here before you know it!

FOR THOSE WITH A CREATIVE TOUCH

Are you looking for a little something to do with that spark of creativity? Are you comfortable with technology? Well, you could be just the person we need! We're looking for someone willing to learn the basics of the newsletter and website so that we have a "backup plan" if the need arises. Please contact Laura at LoomanL@Yahoo.com if you'd be willing to lend a hand, and thanks!



2011 EUREKA DAYLILY REFERENCE GUIDES—GET YOURS NOW!

Sandy Olson has a few copies left of the 2011 Eureka Daylily Reference Guide. The annual Eureka Daylily Reference Guide is a compilation of over 75 daylily sellers' price lists and gives a full description of 12,000 registered daylilies in commerce along with the current fair market value, and will be sold to club members at a cost of \$37 each. Call Sandy at 616-696-9579 today!

DUES OVERDUE?

Please remember that membership dues for the Grand Valley Daylily Society are due on January 1 of each calendar year. Your expiration year is shown on your mailing label. If it still shows "2010", our records do show that you have yet renewed your membership for 2011. Those who do not renew their membership by the March meeting will be dropped from our mailing list and will no longer receive quarterly issues of the GVDS Gazette. If you receive your newsletter by email only, you will receive a separate email if your membership expired in 2010.

MEET THE NEW GVDS PRESIDENT—BARB BUIKEMA

I was introduced to “gardening” at an early age. My dad and his two brothers started Kingma Brothers Produce and Garden Center on Kalamazoo Ave. in Grand Rapids. I was in sixth grade when I would help out at the store on Saturdays during the summer, watering plants and carrying out flats of flowers, and filling bags of good black soil (back then we called it black “dirt”).

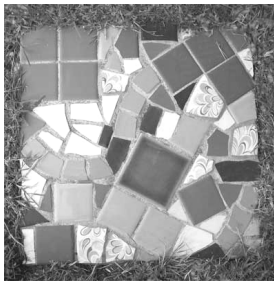
In 9th grade I was promoted to running a small outside garden store up on Fuller and Leonard with my cousins, Bob & Ed Kingma, who now run Kingma’s on Plainfield Ave. My love for flowers just kept growing.

For Christmas in 2003 I was given a wonderful gift from my husband Bob: attending the Master Gardener Class at Kent MSU Extension. Bob had driven Tour Bus for the Master Gardeners for several of their trips and thought it would be awesome for me to be a part of this Master Gardener Family. In 2004 I received my Master Gardener Certificate and 6 months later received my Advanced Master Gardener Certificate.

Judy Sink, a dear friend from church and a member of the Master Gardeners and Daylily Society, asked if I would open my garden for the 2005 Summer MSU Garden Tour. Like most I didn’t think my garden was worthy, but I was excited to take on the challenge. Then in 2008 I was asked again to host. This time I knew what was coming or thought I did. Carol DeVries was in charge and a delight to work with. I received a call from the Grand Rapids Press asking if they might come take pictures of the garden. Carol had been contacted by the press and asked who they might talk to and she said she had just the person. I was thrilled, but a bit scared. Two gentlemen spent over 2 hours and we talked and talked. To my delight they did an awesome article. The garden tour that year brought over 380 people to our garden more than I ever imagined. This is when I met several people from the Daylily Society, they asked if I was a member? No, but I was excited to hear about what was going on in the club so I came to my first meeting. Loved it, and joined right then and there!

I have been a member for two years and have learned so much with the wonderful speakers that we have had. My husband Bob also joined and together we have enjoyed the Garden Tours during the summer, as well as the meetings. I am now serving as President of the Grandville Four Season Garden Club and also working with my favorite project David’s House. I am redoing landscaping for several of the buildings which house special need adults.

I love working with people and talking to them about the wonders of God’s creation. It is truly a blessing to be a part of working with others to make our world a more beautiful place.



MOSAICS AND MORE

Remember those gorgeous stepping stones from the Christmas party? Well, if you weren’t one of the lucky winners, or you were and you want another one, here’s the info you’ve been waiting for! (by the way, the picture is generic, not one of hers)

They were made by Carol Graham of Mosaics and More, ph# 616-636-4248 or email mosaicnmore@gmail.com. She does stained glass benches, stepping stones, garden pots, bird baths, and more!

PLANT GROWERS NEEDED!

We have lovely healthy club plants to offer at auction, solely due to the efforts of our member growers. Allison Tigris, 2010 Club Plant Chair, will be putting out a sign-up form at future meetings. Those signing up, get an opportunity to grow and enjoy these wonderful plants in their gardens while benefiting the club. After growing them for a time, you will get to keep a fan absolutely free! What a great way to expand your collection.

Eligibility requirements - To receive Club Plants you MUST:

- Be a member of GVDS in good standing for a full year
- Have participated in 3 or more club activities in the past year, excluding the Christmas Party.
- Return any previous GVDS guest plants as directed
- Agree to care for the guest plants with regular watering, fertilizing, labeling, etc.
- Agree to open your garden to club members who would like to see the GVDS guest plants in bloom.
- Return the GVDS guest plants to the auction as directed
- Be present at the May Auction to receive your plant (unless prior arrangements have been made with Allison)

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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.



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Membership ___\$5 individual ___\$8 family X ___years = _____

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