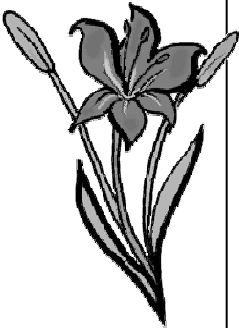


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# The GVDS Gazette

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## 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**July 7, 6:30 pm**  
Open Garden Tours  
Ginny Pearce  
2387 Gatetree Ln SE, Kentwood

Mari & Dave Zelaya  
9481 Tiger Lily Dr, Caledonia

**July 9, 10am—5pm**  
Annual Daylily Show at Meijer Gardens  
**Setup from 7am-10am**

**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  
2089 Hayes NW  
Marne

**Please Note Location and Date Change**

**September 10, 8am-2pm**  
Daylily Booth  
Rockford Farmer's Market  
S Squires St parking lot between the  
White Pine Trail & Chase Bank on Main St

### 2011 AHS Calendar of Events

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

### **\*\*EXTRA\*\*EXTRA\*\***

July is the month full of fun daylily events with your daylily club. Check out this issue of 'The GVDS Gazette' and get involved! There are wonderful gardens to see. Plan to lend a hand at our public show on July 9. Show off your daylilies--enter a floral arrangement in the design division. It will all be lots of fun!

### A DAYLILY DYNAMIC DUO

We will continue our garden touring season on Thursday, July 7 at 6:30 PM. Our first stop will be at the garden of Ginny Pearce, 2387 Gatetree Lane SE, Kentwood (phone 954-0416). Ginny operates Garden Path Perennials, a Michigan licensed and inspected grower of Daylily, Hosta, and other companion plants. Ginny has combined Daylilies with many interesting perennials in her large front yard bed giving her home lots of curb appeal. The backyard is home to her raised bed daylily hybridizing area where we will see 16 years of her hybridizing as well as her new 2011 introductions. There is also a shade garden featuring over 200 Hosta cultivars. You will want to walk slowly through the perennial pathways as every square inch has been put to beautiful use in this garden!

From Ginny's we will head to Mari and Dave Zelaya's garden at 9481 Tiger Lily Dr., Caledonia (891-0782). There will be lots to see on this 4 acre lot. The gardens include a wonderful assortment of Daylilies, Sedum and other perennials. One and a half acres are devoted to trees including a small orchard with fruit trees including raspberries and blackberries. Zelaya's also have a vegetable garden and shade garden with Hosta. Mari also is a Daylily hybridizer who does so just for the enjoyment squeezing her hobby around a full time job. Many of her seedlings will be in bloom for us to enjoy. Join us for a night full of beautiful West Michigan daylilies!

Directions to Ginny's: From Eastbound i-96 take Cascade Rd. West exit, merge onto Cascade Rd. SE.1 mi. then left on E. Paris Ave. SE for 1.5 mi. Go left on Burton .6 mi. then right on Gatetree Ln. .2 miles to 2387

Directions to Zelaya's: Turn right onto Burton, go .6 mi. to a right on Patterson Ave., SE continue approx. 12 mi. on Patterson then left on 92nd St. SE .5 mi. to 1st right on Tiger Lily Dr. SE to the 9th home which is 9481.

## HAVE YOU HEARD???

...that two more of our very own GVDS members have made it official! Ginny Pearce and Mandy McMahon have registered their first daylilies with AHS!!

Ginny Pearce is waiting for the registrations to be completed on six of her seedlings! You can view these beautiful Daylilies at her new website: [gardenpathperennials.com](http://gardenpathperennials.com) Her hybridizing objective is to create very hardy, robust, and northern reblooming tetraploid daylilies with large flowers, great color, substance and form with a minimum of 20 buds on well-branched scapes.

After sixteen years of hybridizing, and much advice from her fans (no pun intended) on which seedlings she should introduce, her recent retirement allows her the time now to concentrate on getting the daylilies introduced. We are so happy for you!

Mandy McMahon has two stunning Daylilies registered. They are 'Get Your Grin On' and 'Sugar Buzz'. You will definitely want to check these two winners out at the AHS website: [www.daylilies.org/DaylilyDB/](http://www.daylilies.org/DaylilyDB/) Mandy somehow manages to find time for her daylily business, Silver Creek Daylilies in Hamilton, MI, as well as her busy family. She has been growing daylilies and other perennials for ten years and started hybridizing six years ago. She has concentrated on Northern daylilies with great plant habit, scapes and bud count and especially loves daylilies that are big, round and full of character. Double edges, toothy edges and "knock- your-socks-off color" also rate high in Mandy's book! One look at her two intros tell us she is achieving her goals.

Ginny and Mandy, we wish you much success to you and these introductions!! Congratulations to you both.



### IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN TROY!

It's not too late to join in the fun of another AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting! The 2011 meeting is real close to home in Troy, Michigan July 15-17! The Southern Michigan Daylily Society has been working real hard on planning this event and are letting everyone know that "they haven't forgotten how to throw a daylily party!" All the details can be found at their website: [greatlakesgathering.com](http://greatlakesgathering.com) or members without internet access can contact Sharon VanderWilp (447-8998) for a schedule and registration form.

#### \*SAVE THE DATE\*

: August 4 (6:30 PM) is the date for  
: this year's Annual Picnic and Open  
: Garden Tour. We'll be serving up  
: delicious food, beautiful flowers  
: and great company at the garden  
: of Nancy Sniff. More details in the next  
: issue of 'The GVDS Gazette' but put the  
: date on your calendars now.

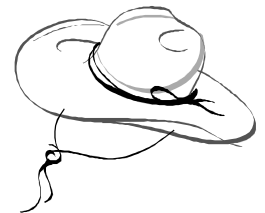


### COWBOY CAVIAR

At a recent meeting, several of our club taste testers declared this recipe from Carol Carter a real winner so here it is for all to enjoy. Thank you for sharing this, Carol!

#### Cowboy Caviar

- 1 - 15 oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 - 15 oz. can black eyed peas, drained and rinsed
- 1 - 12 oz. can white corn, drained
- 4 oz. can jalapeno pepper, minced (or less if preferred)
- 1 fresh tomato, chopped
- 1 small red onion, diced
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 1 t. garlic salt
- 1 c. (or less) oil based Italian Dressing
- 1/4-1/2 t. cayenne pepper
- 1 avocado, peeled and chopped



Mix everything except avocado. Just before serving add avocado (so it doesn't brown). Serve with tortilla chips.

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# JULY 9 DAYLILY SHOW INFORMATION

## IT'S A CLASSIC

Saturday, July 9 is the date for our 11th annual Daylily Show at Frederik Meijer Gardens. This year's show will again be in the downstairs meeting rooms. The best news is that now visitors can visit the Daylily Show for free. No admission price as in past years. Each year 100s of Daylily Cultivars and Seedlings are brought in by our club members and put on display for our public show. The featured Daylily for 2011 will be Lavender to Purple Colored Daylilies. Plan to bring your favorite Lavender-Purple Daylily to be put in a special display area. Club members and visitors will be casting votes for the best Lavender to Purple flower. No special knowledge is needed, we simply would love to include your blooms as we again display:

- ~Daylily off-scape blooms
- ~Daylily on-scape blooms to showcase structure, budding and height.
- ~New seedlings that show promise
- ~Educational Programs
- ~Children's Activities
- ~Club purchased daylilies coming up for auction
- ~Popularity voting for your favorite daylilies



With the exception of the Design (arrangements) Division, this is a non-judged show. Our purpose is to have fun and to educate the public about daylilies. LOTS of help is needed to make this show a success. Please join us by bringing daylilies, volunteering to help out, and/or just hanging out and enjoying the day. Meijer Gardens will be open at 7:00AM to set up. We need to be ready for the public by 9:00AM. Contact Steve Smith, General Show Chairperson, at 878.1759 or smithg3761@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

# DAYLILY DESIGN INFORMATION

The July 9, 2011 Daylily Show at Frederik Meijer Gardens will offer a Daylily Design Division. Flower arrangements featuring Daylilies allow you to see how great Daylily flowers can look in containers with other plants. This is a judged Design Division with award ribbons given in each class. Trophies for Best in Show - Most Artistic Design and Novice Class will be given. Arrangements must be ready for judging at 10:00 A.M. on July 9. This year's theme 'IT'S A CLASSIC' is based on famous children's books. The 6 entry classes for 2011 are:



### "IT'S A CLASSIC"

- Class 1** "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK" A traditional Line design
- Class 2** "SNOW WHITE" A winter theme design with use of evergreen material
- Class 3** "BLACK BEAUTY" A design in the Oriental manner with use of water.
- Class 4** "ALICE IN WONDERLAND"- "MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY" A single place Tea setting on a placement in a 24" x 24" space (no silverware utensils).
- Class 5** "GULLIVAR'S TRAVELS" Daylilies in design must be miniature (Flower diameter size 3" or less). Stages maximum design not to exceed 10" x 10".
- Class 6** "THREE LITTLE PIGS" Novice only. (Has never won a blue ribbon in Daylily Design) Designer's own interpretation. Design limited to "THREE" (3) Daylily flowers.



Contact Design Show chairperson Ginger Smith at smith3761@sbcglobal.net or phone 878-1759 with any questions. Design Division rules will be available at the Club General meetings or contact Ginger.

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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 July we continue 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!**

