

# RADS Newsletter, December 2011/January 2012

## Richmond Area Daylily Society

### President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday seasons with wonderful meals and family get-togethers. This time of year we spend a little more time indoors scanning through catalogs and gardening books. It's a time to start planning that new bed for all the new daylilies you have added to your wish list.

Happy Gardening,  
Paulette Miller

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### The Daylily Journal

AHS members just received the Winter 2011 edition of The Daylily Journal and it is full of daylily pictures. Every year, convention participants and garden judges select the daylily award winners. They are all pictured and described in this issue. There are numerous other articles to enjoy as well!

### Other Garden Plants

Most of us are in this daylily club because we love daylilies and we enjoy spending time with others who have the same love. But, I bet many of you also like other garden plants. Irises have a gorgeous flower and typically bloom earlier in the season than the daylilies. Some of our club members are also members of the American Iris Society and can share a lot of knowledge with us! Four pictures of irises in this newsletter are common varieties you may be familiar with. Can you name them? *(Answer on last page.)*



## RADS 2012

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### Annual Dues:

\$5.00 single,  
\$8.00 family

**RADS Web Site**  
<http://myrads.com>

### Activities for 2012:

- January 7: 9am – Breakfast at Chester IHOP
- February 11: - 11 am – Chili Meeting at Wagner Bldg, Guest Speakers: Jim and Margo
- March 2 – 4: Home & Garden Show at Richmond Raceway
- April 21: 11 am – Meeting and Plant-for-Members auction at the Wagner Bldg.
- May 3-5: Lewis Ginter Plant Sale
- June 16: Daylily Flower Show
- June 23: Picnic
- June 29 – July 1: AHS Region 3 Summer Meeting in Roanoke, VA – Hosted by BRADS
- July 11-14 AHS National Meeting in Columbus, OH
- August 18 – Plant Swap
- September 21-22: Lewis Ginter Plant Sale
- October 6: Fall Dinner, Guest Speaker Tim Herrington
- November 10: Thanksgiving Meeting



### 2012 Officers

During the November meeting, club members voted on officers for the upcoming year. The elected positions are:

President: Paulette Miller  
Vice President: Pam Rutledge  
Treasurer: Scott Clark  
Secretary: Julia Perkinson

These positions took effect on January 1, 2012. Please remember to thank these people for taking on the duties of these positions. Also, a big thank you to Paul Compton for your many years of service as treasurer (*about 25 years*). What an amazing commitment to the organization.

## Daylily Dictionary: Did You Know? What is it called when your scapes fuse together?



This is called **fasciation**, from the Latin word “*facia*” which mean “to fuse.” This is an abnormal development from a single growing point (meristem), most commonly resulting in a flattened, wider than normal stem (scape), often with more than the expected number of flowers. In appearance, fasciation may give the impression of multiple fused stems (as it does in this picture) or it could look like one large flat stem.

There are several proposed causes, including mechanical injury and pests or diseases, along with environmental factors. A plant that produces a fasciated stem will not usually do so again in the following growing season. In 2010, this was my only plant in the garden that did this and I’d like to think they all had the same conditions (but who knows). And sure enough, the plant did not repeat this the following year.

### Welcome New Members!

It’s always exciting to have new members join in the quest for fun with daylilies! If you need any clarification on any activities, feel free to contact any of the officers listed. Welcome to RADS!

### Eureka!

The Eureka Guides are in. See Paulette Miller if you ordered a copy.

### Member News

We are pleased to announce that John and Debbie Mason are new grandparents! **Taylor Mason Guild** was born to Shane and Jennifer Guild on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:39 am. Taylor weighed 6 lbs 8 oz and was 19 inches long! We welcome this new precious life to the world!

Please keep Paulette Miller and family in your prayers as her brother, **Kerry Smith** is facing additional serious cancer treatments and surgery.

Please also keep the family of Belinda Sheppard in your prayers as her sister, **Karen Calvert** had her cancerous thyroid removed. No additional radiation treatments are expected.

### 2012 AHS National Convention

Next summer, the national convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio. The Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society invites you to “**Discover Columbus’ Passion for Daylilies**” at the 2012 Convention. They will have eight spectacular daylily tour gardens. As with all the national conventions, there is a registration limit, so make sure you register early for the July 11-15 event.

### Cancel Bus Trip to National Meeting.

We are so sorry to inform you that we will not be able to have an organized bus trip to the national in Ohio. We worked very hard to get details ironed out but not every national meeting committee operates the same. We were unable to get the discounts needed for our bus so the costs would end up being too high for our members. I know this is very disappointing news for some of you who were anxious to participate. For now, we recommend that you work with other members to perhaps car pool and share the costs.

### Newsletter Format:

To keep costs down, email recipients will receive a text version and the color version with pictures will be posted on the RADS website and can be easily viewed and/or downloaded if you choose.

Irises Pictured: 1: Supersition, 2: Brazilian Holiday, 3: Rustler, 4: Persian Berry