

Absolute Treasure

RADS Newsletter, April/May 2011

Richmond Area Daylily Society

President's Message

There's nothing like having a spring flu right when you'd rather be outside getting your hands into the garden! But, that's behind me and I am outside as much as possible now.

Happy Gardening,
Paulette Miller

March and April Garden Activities

At this time of year, we are kicking into high gear in garden care activities. Daylily beds should already have been cleaned up, so if you haven't done that, you sure want to get that done soon. All dead foliage and debris should be cleared away from around your daylilies. It's also important that if we don't get rain, water your daylilies in the spring since this is when the plants are making scapes and buds. If you fertilize, now is a good time for it. And, although mulching is not essential, it sure does help with weed control, water retention, and overall aesthetics.

February Chili Meeting

Heidi and Charles Douglas, from Browns Ferry Gardens, Georgetown, South Carolina, gave a wonderfully entertaining presentation on their daylily love affair. After sampling chili and desserts, there were lots of oohs and aahs from attendees watching the Douglas presentation. To top it all off, we had the chance to bid on seven of their new introductions and the very special THELMA DOUGLAS (*first time ever donated for auction*). All are invited to the Browns Ferry Gardens annual open house sale on June 4th and 5th where you will see thousands of daylilies in bloom and catch some good sale prices too.

March Lunch Meeting & Home Show

RADS members enjoyed a luncheon at the March meeting and several planning details for upcoming events were taken care of! The meeting minutes are posted up on the website if you'd like to read them.

Richmond Home Show

Again, we had great success for the Richmond Home and Garden Show. Many thanks to Wayne Bryant, Judy Durant, Pam & Leo Rutledge, Ann Fowler, and Ellie Jerrell for all your help with the show.

Upcoming Plant Sale. We are planning our spring plant sale for April 28-30 at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. While you are cleaning up your gardens, pick out something you can donate for the sale. We provide the tags. In fact, tags will be available at the next meeting so you can pick them up there. We also need to know who can help with cleaning and tagging for the sale! We hold three plant sales a year and they are our primary revenue source. Please help us out with this!

Trip to North Carolina. On May 7th we are taking a one-day trip to visit Plant Delights Gardens and Bob Solberg's Green Hill Hostas just below Raleigh, North Carolina. We will have two vans and up to 16 passengers (and plenty of room for purchases). The two drivers are Wayne Bryant and Paulette Miller. So far, we have 9 people signed up for the trip. We will meet at 7:30am at the Harrowgate Elementary School, at 15501 Harrowgate Rd, Chester, VA 23831. This is always a fun trip where we not only enjoy seeing beautiful gardens, but buy some new and unusual plants for our own gardens. Please contact Paulette if you'd like to go.

RADS 2010

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can be sent to:
711 First Avenue
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Annual Dues:

\$5.00 single,
\$8.00 family

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<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzepo9m6>

Membership Dues

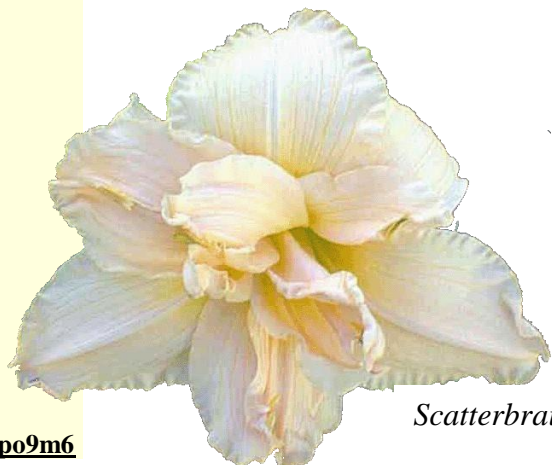
If you haven't already paid your dues, please send it in!

Activities for 2011:

- April 23 – 11:00 am Meeting and Plants For Members Auction at the Wagner Bldg
- April 28-30: Lewis Ginter Plant Sale
- May 7 – Take a trip to Plant Delights and Bob Solbergs.
- May 25-28, National Convention in Baton Rouge, LA
- June 11 - Richmond Flower Show
- July 15-17 – Region 3 Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA
- July – RADS Annual Picnic and Plant Auction; Hostess *Judy Durant*.
- August – Plant Swap; Host: *David Metzger*
- September 3 – 11:00 am Meeting at Wagner Bldg
- October 8 – Annual Banquet at Wyndham Hotel; Speaker – Paul Owen
- October 22-23- Lilyhemmer
- November 12 – 11:00 am Thanksgiving Meeting at Wagner Bldg.
- December – Christmas Party

Member Concern

We are sorry to report that Judy Durant's sister Hilda McDaniel passed away Saturday March 19th. Our love and prayers go out to Judy and her family. God bless.



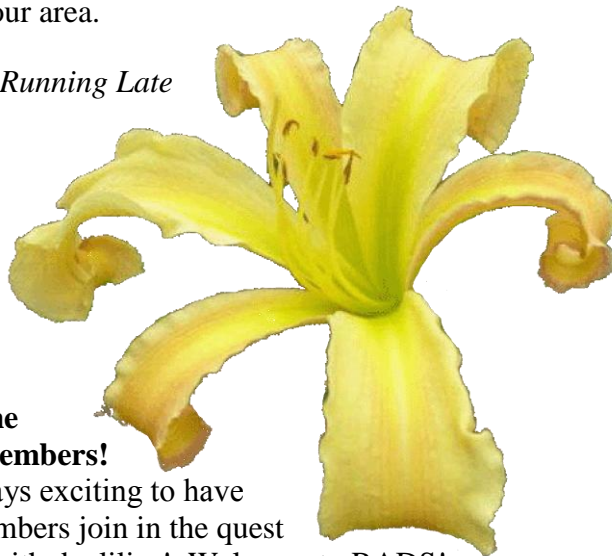
Scatterbrain

Daylily Dictionary: Did You Know?

What is meant by a daylily season? In the Richmond area, daylilies bloom from spring until frost, but very few daylily cultivars bloom during that whole period. When a daylily is registered, their daylily ‘season’ is identified. To ensure daylily blooms from spring to frost, make sure you have daylilies in each of the categories.

- **Extra Early (EE).** These daylilies are the first to bloom, typically May in our area.
- **Early (E).** These daylilies bloom three to five weeks prior to the mass of bloom at midseason.
- **Early Midseason (EM).** These daylilies bloom one to three weeks before the height of bloom of most cultivars.
- **Midseason (M).** These daylilies bloom at the peak of the daylily bloom in your own garden. This is typically mid-June in this area.
- **Late Midseason (LM).** These daylilies bloom one to three weeks after the height or peak of bloom in your garden.
- **Late (L).** These daylilies bloom when most others have finished blooming, usually four to six weeks after the peak of the season.
- **Very Late (VL).** These daylilies are the last to bloom, often late into the fall in our area.

Running Late



Welcome

New Members!

It’s always exciting to have new members join in the quest for fun with daylilies! Welcome to RADS!

QUIZ: Can You Identify the Season of Each Daylily? (*Hint: Each daylily is a different season and the daylily name is a clue for some.*)

- Absolute Treasure (Stamile 1997) _____
- Later Alligator (Reed, 1997) _____
- Scatterbrain (Joiner 1988) _____
- Spacecoast Early Bird (Kinnebrew 2009) _____
- Running Late (Murphy 2006) _____
- Early Elegance (Apps 1996) _____
- Late Twinkle (Joiner 1983) _____

[Answers at bottom of last page.]

Upcoming April Meeting

Be ready for a plants-for-members auction at the next meeting! You could go home with one of the following:

- Chang Dynasty** (*Stamile 2007*)
- Emerald Bay** (*P Stamile 2007*)
- Judge Nancy** (*D Hansen 2005*)
- Kokopelli** (*N Roberts 2003*)
- Ladybug Lancelot** (*D Hansen 2009*)
- Micro Wave** (*J Trimmer 2005*)
- Mint Octopus** (*P Stamile 2008*)
- Monkey Business** (*Nan Wilkerson 2008*)
- My Heart Belongs to Daddy** (*Wilkerson 2009*)
- My Mama Thinks I’m A Star** (*Wilkerson 08*)
- Olly Olly Oxen Free** (*Wilkerson 2008*)
- Richard William Haynes** (*Stamile 2007*)
- Rolling Raven** (*Stamile 2007*)
- Shipwreck Cove** (*Salter 2007*)
- Southern Blues** (*G Stamile 2006*)
- Spacecoast Ojo Rojo** (*J Kinnebrew 2008*)
- Sugar Magnolia** (*Nan Wilkerson 2008*)
- Sweet Child of Mine** (*Wilkerson 2007*)
- You Bet Your Sweet Bippy** (*Wilkerson 2009*)



*Spacecoast
Early Bird*

Grooming Clinic

We will have a “Grooming Clinic” offered by Michael Miller one week prior to the Flower Show. June 4th. We expect to have enough daylilies blooming for a good training session. This is going to be held at the Miller Garden at 10:00 am. Many people have expressed an interest in this.

2011 Flower Show

Our annual daylily flower show is going to be held a bit earlier this year. *(Sometimes that’s the way scheduling works.)* We are excited to see what blooms will be entered this year with this change. We are also excited about our theme this year. “Nature’s Most Beautiful.” Judy is working on the design categories.

Garden Judge Refresher Course

Our very own John Ware is certified to conduct the Garden Judge Refresher course. Plans are in the works to provide this training for those interested.

New RADS Website

There is a change in the internet address of the RADS website. Many thanks to Don Merkle for all his hard work in this transition! He is still working on some issues with the pictures, but the rest of it looks fabulous. Add this link to your favorites list.

<http://myrads.com/>

AHS Membership Portal

New and fabulous things are happening for those of you who are also members of the AHS! A new internet membership portal was rolled out in March. Great networking and information will be at your fingertips! All of our regions will be divided into groups so everyone can view the happenings in each group – and you’ll be able to post in your own group. There are also specialty group areas for exhibition judges, garden judges, youth members, and youth liaisons.

There are 31 community forums covering many daylily and AHS-related topics. The best part is that you can participate as much or as little as you want. You can scroll through the forums to see what’s going on, or request an email notification whenever there is a post to the forum of your choice. The topics cover everything from growing daylilies, to planning events, to landscape and garden design.

AHS members received their User ID information with their spring issue of the Daylily Journal. If you are not a member, you may want to be one now – and you can do it all online! Check it out: <http://www.daylilynetwork.org>

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.

Answers to Quiz:

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- Later Alligator (Reed, 1997)..... **ML**
- Scatterbrain (Joiner 1988)..... **M**
- Spacecoast Early Bird (Kinnebrew 2009)... **EE**
- Running Late (Murphy 2006) **VL**
- Early Elegance (Apps 1996) **E**
- Late Twinkle (Joiner 1983)..... **La**