



RADS Spring Newsletter 2017

Message from the President

As often happens in Virginia, we've had some crazy weather the past couple of months. We had the start of spring then summer, then spring again and this past week winter again or it sure felt like it. Everyone is chomping at the bit to get out in the garden. When you are out in the garden pulling all those weeds look around and see if there are any daylilies that you might want to share with the club for our spring sale.

The next meeting is April 22. Hope to see everyone!

Happy Gardening!
Paulette Miller



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We Welcome New Members!

Bring your friends and neighbors who love gardening and good times!

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For our members that have not been feeling well, we hope you are feeling better soon! Please let Pam George know if you hear of members that are not feeling well so that we can reach out to them.

Spring Calendar:

April 22, 11:00 a.m. Stranger's Florist West Broad Street. Meeting and Auction for Plants for Members. Please bring a dish to share.

May 5, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Spring Plant Sale at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, see below Volunteers needed!

June 17, Daylily Show & Sale Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

July picnic, note location & date to be announced. There will be a short meeting where a nominating committee of three members, including the chairman, shall be nominated and elected by the members. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled for 2017. The slate of officers shall be presented at the August meeting.

August note location & date to be a announced. The slate of officers for 2018 shall be presented.

Members are asked to bring a luncheon dish (main dish, side dish, dessert) to share, and a lawn chair if you have one. The club will furnish drinks and paper products.

September 2, Strange's Florist 11:00 a.m. Election of 2018 officers. After the meeting, there will be a "Plants for Members" auction.

September 15, and 16, Fall Plant Sale at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

October 7, Strange's Florist 11:00 a.m. Fall Luncheon. Speakers Charles & Heidi Douglas.

October - Lilyhemmer daylily fall festival held in Camp Hill, near Harrisburg, PA.! Link to Lilyhemmer site: <http://www.lilyhemmer.org/> To be announced

November 11, Strange's Florist 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving luncheon

Lewis Ginter Spring Plant Sale:

Volunteers needed – please let Paulette know if you are available to help prepare the daylilies for the sale or can work a few hours at the show.

Lewis Ginter Annual Daylily Show and Plant Sale:

Volunteers are needed, please reach out to Paulette Miller if you can help.

- Set up
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Clean up
- Plant Sale
- Advertising

Are you interested in entering a daylily in this year's show? Here are some tips from Paulette –

Look carefully at the scape to ensure the scape is not brown or marred. Next select a scape that has a bloom that should open for the show. Select a daylily that has had very few blooms. A daylily on it's first bloom the day of the show is ideal.



Member Spotlight: Donna Ponce and Pam Rutledge

A Treasured Friendship



We have two members in the RADS member spotlight for spring....Pam Rutledge and Donna Ponce. These two ladies met at Pam's yard sale in 2003. Donna remembers buying ponytail palms. She was introduced to daylilies by Pam that day and came back the same evening to learn more. She was bit by the Daylily Bug! The first two daylilies she bought from Pam were Fairy Tale Pink and Jerry Christine. Over the years they became friends. Pam taught Donna about hybridizing and she joined RADS in 2005.

In 2006, Pam and Donna bought seeds from Bill Jarvis in Texas. They were both so excited about receiving them and adding new cultivars to their collections. By 2007 Donna had begun hybridizing herself. They traveled together to two regional conventions and two Lilyhemmer meetings. On all their out of town trips they collected rocks to commemorate their experiences writing the meeting and date on them. On their first trip to Lilyhemmer they got lost trying to get there taking a few detours. On the next trip Leo insisted on driving as he was concerned that they just might get in too much trouble on their own! On this second Lilyhemmer trip they remember visiting the hospitality room squeezing together into one of Pam's pair of pants. Pam had lost a considerable amount of weight that year with Donna serving as her coach. Donna called her every morning and they talked on the phone as they exercised.

When Pam attended a Daylily Mecca in Florida Donna asked her to buy her a new daylily with a budget of \$100. She bought her Princess of Wales. On the return trip on the bus Pam refused to cut back the daylilies she purchased and came home surrounded by beautiful blooms. She did not want to lose all that good pollen! Pam and Donna hosted many plant sales together at Pam's home. They still laugh about having frozen margaritas after a very hot day in the garden and then having a late customer show up. Despite having a drink, Pam was able to show the customer around and talk about daylilies for a lengthy period of time! Donna was a bit more incapacitated! During one sale Pam was showing her friends the Wards around the garden and she tripped over a tree root falling butt first into a clump of daylilies. From this day on this beautiful cream and purple daylily was known as Fallin and All Shook Up.

Pam and Donna have run boutiques at two regional conventions. Pam became interested in garden art by viewing various creations on Pinterest. She began building garden towers from her purchases at local thrift shops. On viewing these creations Donna became inspired and started making butterfly and bird baths. Donna now sells her creations at the Lazy Daisy in Short Pump. Both ladies have donated some of their pieces to help support the RADS. For some strange reason both Pam and Donna call each other "Missy"; probably from saying "look here Missy". Pam even bought "Little Missy" for Donna's birthday one year.

Because of Pam's gracious spirit and enthusiasm for daylilies many friendships have bloomed. Her friendship with Donna is an example of one of them.

Join the AHS

Join other gardeners and flower enthusiasts and join the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS). Individual dues are \$25.00 per year or \$70.00 for three years. Dual membership (two persons, one set of publications) is \$30.00 for one year and \$83.00 for three years. Life membership is \$500.00; Dual Life Membership, two individuals living as a family unit at the same address, one set of publications (\$750.00). Youth membership - through calendar year of 18th birthday, \$10.00.

A year's subscription (four issues) to the **Daylily Journal** is included with each membership. All yearly memberships are on the calendar year (January - December). Membership applications received for the current year before September 30 will receive all the publications for the current year.



NEW VALUE. The AHS offers new members and current members upgrading their membership a \$25 voucher for daylilies from participating vendors.

Annual RADS Dues:

Send in your annual RADS membership dues. Please send your check, made out to "RADS," for \$5 single or \$8 family, to Pam George at 2004 Shady Branch Trail, Henrico, VA 23238. Pam makes deposits once per month, and sends an updated membership spreadsheet to the RADS website at the end of the month.

Recipe Corner

From the Kitchen of Louise Walton

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A favorite dessert from RADs meetings!



Orange Jello Salad

6-ounce package orange gelatin
2 cups boiling water
1 cup sugar
2 cups sour cream
2 11-ounce cans mandarin oranges (drained)
2 8-ounce cans crushed pineapple (drained)
1 cup chopped pecans (optional)

Stir gelatin in boiling water until dissolved. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Beat the sour cream into cooled mixture. Add the fruit and nuts (optional). Pour into 8" x 12" dish and chill until set.

We would love to have your favorite recipes to create a RADs member cookbook for 2017. Bring your recipes to the meetings and Pam will create a RADs Recipe collection and will send an email copy and printed copies at the November meeting.



Appointed RADs Positions 2017

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**Spring Gardening Tips***Weed Control -*

Two great choices for garden weed control are Freehand for Ornamentals or Snapshot. Snapshot is a specialty herbicide that work around the clock for up to six to eight months to keep landscapes and container and field-grown nursery ornamentals weed-free. It controls or suppresses more than 125 broadleaf weeds and annual grasses and can be used over the top of more than 635 labeled ornamentals.

RADS Website Resources

Calendar
Membership listing
Meeting Minutes