



RADS Newsletter, April/May 2012
Richmond Area Daylily Society
President's Message

Some of you really got a jump on cleaning up your daylily beds because we had such great weather. Spring bulb plants bloomed early. Forsythia and Azaleas were early. But so were the weeds. So, I commend all those that got a jump on it, but some of us still have to catch up!

Happy Gardening,
Paulette Miller

2012 Flower Show

The theme for this year's flower show is "Summertime Calling Me." Judy is currently working on the design section requirements. A lot of RADS members enter daylilies in the horticulture section, but this time think about also entering something in the design section. The show is on June 16th, so get that on your schedule. See you there!



Volunteers Needed...



to assist with
digging, dividing, and tagging daylilies
for the Lewis Ginter Plant Sale.

April 30 – May 2
Time and Location TBD

Contact Wayne Bryant,
276-1260, for details.

Member News

Please continue to keep *Larry Miller* and family in your thoughts and prayers as he has now finished his radiation treatments.

We are sorry to inform you that long time RADS member *Lola Branham* passed away on March 9th. Lola was a founder of RADS and a noted hybridizer with 53 daylily introductions. A number of these daylilies were named for RADS members, such as NICOLE JORDAN (*long time RADS president*). Hybridizer Clayton Burkey named a beautiful crispate UF lavender blend daylily LOLA BRANHAM after our dear Lola.

Also, please keep RADS member *Gail Benoit* and family in your thoughts and prayers after the loss of her 43-year old son *Gary*. He died suddenly on February 21st leaving a wife and 15-year old son. *Remember Psalm 9:9.*



QUIZ: Can you name the hybridizer of the pictured daylilies in this newsletter? (See answer page 3)

RADS 2012

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Annual Dues:

\$5.00 single,
\$8.00 family

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

Activities for 2012:

- 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 hosted by Julia Perkinson
- 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

 **Don't FORGET!**

You are invited to visit...

The Richmond Area Daylily Society
booth at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Plant Sale

Choose from many varieties of bare root daylilies - all \$4 each.

Thursday	May 3	1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	May 4	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 5	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Volunteers to work in the booth are also needed.
Please Call Wayne Bryant, 276-1260, to sign up.*





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.



Daylily Dictionary: Did You Know? What creepy crawly pests affect daylilies?

Daylilies do have some pests, but many do only minor damage. Plant pests include insects, mites, mollusks, and millipedes. Maintaining your daylilies in good condition with adequate water and sufficient nutrients will go a long way towards helping them overcome pest problems.

Aphids

Daylilies have their own specific aphid which feeds only on daylilies.

- Controlling daylily aphids is not as easy as with other kinds of aphids, which are usually vulnerable to such soft controls as soaps.
- In order to reach daylily aphids inside the fans, a pesticide with at least a mildly systemic action is needed.
- Do not use the pesticide Kelthane, which is known to harm daylilies.

Spider Mites

Spider mites are among the most common daylily pests.

- Spider mites are most active in hot, dry weather.
- You can get some control of spider mites just by hosing them off as needed.

Thrips

Several species of thrips are known to infest daylilies.

- Control thrips by starting early in the growing season with a pesticide having either a systemic or long residual action.

Slugs and Snails

Slugs and snails feed on the young, tender tissues, causing ragged edges and holes.

- They feed at night and hide during the day in cool, moist places, such as in mulch, under rocks and bricks, and in dead foliage.
- Sanitation helps to control slugs and snails. Otherwise, control requires using pesticides which are targeted specifically at these pests.

Other Pests

There are other pests that attack daylilies.

- Other insect pests which have been reported affecting daylilies include cutworms, tarnished plant bugs, cucumber beetles, wasps, Japanese beetles, grasshoppers, and periodical cicadas.
- Bulb mites may be involved in the transmittal of crown rot.

(Source: AHS Website)



Answer: The hybridizer of the pictured daylilies is **Jamie Gossard**. The daylilies pictured are: Blue Dragon, Wild Smurf, Supernatural, Venus Fly Trap, King Crab, and Megatron.

**AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY
REGION 3 SUMMER MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 29-SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2012
“DAYLILIES UNDER THE STAR”**



Daylilies Under the Star

Hosted by Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society ~Roanoke, Virginia

Registration Fee: \$130 per person – Youth Members -\$65 (before June 10th)

Registration Fee: \$145 per person – Youth Members -\$65 (after June 10th)

Name(s) for your name tag

Registration Fee

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL FEE \$ _____ (Checks payable to BRADS)

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone () _____

Local Daylily Club(s): _____

May we include your contact information on the distributed list of attendees? Yes _____ No _____

List any special dietary requirements: _____

Please enter name(s) of anyone who will be participating in any of the Judges Clinics and Workshops.

Exhibition Judges Clinic I _____ Garden Judges Workshop 1 _____

Exhibition Judges Clinic II _____ Garden Judges Workshop 2 _____

Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic III _____

(Fee for each clinic is payable at the clinic -\$5 or \$3 to audit. Students must bring the 2010 revision of Judging Daylilies to the clinic or workshop.)

Please make your own hotel reservations at the Roanoke Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center (540) 563-9300 or 1-800-325-3535. Use code word “Daylilies” to get the \$99 per night special rate. Cut-off date for Block rate will be June 10, 2012. This hotel has free parking.

Mail this form and total due (payable to **BRADS**) to:

Julie Covington, Registrar 4909 Labradore Drive Roanoke, VA 24012

For registration questions contact Julie Covington, Registrar: juliecov@cox.net (540) 977-1704

General meeting questions contact A.L. Bryant, Regional Meeting Chair : dixieranch@aol.com (540) 977-5452

You may also pay your total due via PayPal: See www.BRADSDaylilies.org for the easy PayPal link. When you make your payment, please be sure to also mail this registration form to the above address. You must send in the form AND pay using PayPal if you choose electronic payment.