

Minutes Daylily Club Saturday, October 14, 2023 2PM Longmont Library

Present: Margaret Wolf, Curt Snowden, Delores Fuhrman, Missy Schoenbaum, Sherri Baldonado, Dave Bowden, Susie Poulton, Jonathan Poulton, Cathy Chiavetta , Deb Browne, Suzanne Thomas

Susie called the meeting to order.

Minutes from April 29, 2023 were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

*Treasurer's Report October 14, 2023 Cathy Chiavetta*

*Old balance \$6251.09*

*We reimbursed Susie for website expenses of 265.43 and brochure expenses 200.10 for a total of 465.53.*

*New balance \$5785.56*

## **Old Business**

Susie went over our activities for 2023:

- February - potluck at Missy's house/business meeting - (11 members attended)
- March - presentation "Growing Roses" with CSU Master Gardeners/business meeting (9 members attended)
- April - "Perennials for Pollinators" presentation with Berthoud Historical Society Garden club/business meeting (9 members attended)
- May- "Spring Rose Care and Pruning Demonstration" presentation with Berthoud Historical Garden Club (4 members attended)  
Clean-up display garden at GOSC (7 members assisted)

- July-Presentation on Growing Daylilies at GOSC by Jonathan - (6 members and 1 guest attended) Needs to be better advertised if he does it again.
- Open Gardens - Elaine, Poultons, Dave, Margaret
- July-August - Deadheading at GOSC (7 members assisted) Our display garden looked great this year!
- September - Plant exchange (6 members attended)
- October - Clean-up display garden at GOSC (5 members assisted) The GOSC mulched afterward.

Susie proposed an upcoming calendar of activities for 2024.

- January-winter potluck/business meeting
- February-learning opportunity
- March-learning opportunity/business meeting
- April-May- Spring clean-up display garden
- July-August - Deadhead display garden
- July - Member garden tours
- August-September - business meeting/ plant exchange and fall potluck
- October , Hybridizers' Forum/business meeting

We discussed setting a tentative specific date for meetings and project days, e.g. the 3rd Saturday of the month. This way the schedule is set a year in advance. There was general agreement on this. Susie will check with a few members who usually attend who were not present. We also discussed setting a time range to begin from 10:00AM to 11:30AM. If members from Denver hope to attend we would try to start at the 11:30 time.

Feedback on our education efforts for our members. The idea of collaborating with other groups as we did in 2023 was well received. Having a speaker just for our group still works well too. We talked about

cut flowers and iris as possible topics for this winter. Suzanne knows some cut flower growers and this is a growing trend.

## **New Business**

### Membership

Susie passed around a new membership list. New members: Mattie Mott and Sally Dunphy. Some members including Kate Avery will be inactive due to family and health situations.

### Region 9

Jacob Braun has stepped down and Allen Bonner is our new director. Paul is still acting as our regional president but in a minimal way as he wants to pass the baton and we still need someone to step up. We discussed joining another region. This has been discussed seriously in the past but met with major resistance on the national level.

## **Presentations**

Presentations on hybridizing were given by Suzanne, Deb and Jonathan. Some takeaways:

Suzanne Thomas : She is focusing on colored teeth, i.e. red and black as well as white crestring and color breaks. She has experimented a lot with ways to grow many seedlings in a small yard. Her current method is inexpensive flimsy insert container trays from 24 7 warehouse, placed inside sturdy flats sourced at HPSseed.com. This allows easy bottom watering and the whole container can be removed from the tray, nestled into the ground for winter and later cut off.

Suzanne stratified her seeds in damp vermiculite and plants only those seeds that germinate there, eliminating wasted empty spots in the seedling tray.

She sees the need for hybridizers to share more in terms of selling their seedlings or pollen etc when they take a break or shut down. Don't just plow them under.

#### Deb Browne

Deb also has very limited space and began hybridizing in 2019 at her rental home in Denver. She does long crosses, focusing on very few crosses but hundreds of seeds from each cross. Mostly diploids. She likes Brian Mahieu daylilies.

She uses coco coir and LECA balls. She also likes fabric grow bags. She starts the seeds hydroponically in an AERO garden in February. She first found these on closeout at Sam's Club. Marijuana grow shops have interesting hydroponic supplies that could help us.

She notes the resulting blooms change noticeably between the first year and 3rd year. She has interesting photos of this.

Bev brought some proliferations and showed us her method of wrapping each in a wet paper towel and keeping the paper towels moist. Using this method results in great roots in about 10 days.

#### Jonathan Poulton

Jonathan talked about starting out with bicolors and moving to his blue phase. He was advised and concurs that having a focus and sticking to it are very important. Right now though, he is doing some pretty on pretty. Space is always a problem.

Our next meeting will be the winter potluck. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy