

## Northern Colorado Daylily Club Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2024

Loveland Fire Station #6

**Present:** Sherri Baldonado, Dave Bowden, Deb Browne, Dolores Fuhrman, Holly Gordon, Jonathan Poulton, Susie Poulton, Corrine Russell, Curt Snowden, and Elaine Spencer

After Susie welcomed everyone to the meeting, those present were asked to introduce themselves and state their favorite garden tool. The latter included Fiskars snippers, Hori Hori garden tool, Forestry Supply's Pulaski axe/pick tool, Shokz headphones, stool/kneeler, and narrow shovels.

### **Presentation: Q & A on Growing Daylilies**

Several questions were posed by members, including "When is the earliest that you feel comfortable planting your daylily seedlings in the Spring?" The group response was about May 15. Recommended fertilizers included alfalfa pellets, Milorganite and AgroThrive. Elaine recommended the following companion plants for your daylily beds: *Verbena bonariensis*, Crocosmia, Ajuga, Lamium, Larkspur and Jewels of Opa. Fertilome's Over the Top grass killer was recommended to suppress grasses already present in daylily beds.

**Secretary's Report:** The amended minutes from the last business meeting (March 16, 2024), recorded by Cathy Chiavetta, were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cathy had indicated to Susie that our balance remained unchanged at \$5,735.56.

### **New Business:**

#### **Summer Calendar:**

It was agreed that the spring clean-up of the daylily Display Garden at GOSC will take place on Saturday, May 11, beginning at 10 AM. The Gardens will provide kneelers and tools, but members are encouraged to bring their favorite gardening equipment.

After some discussion, it was decided that we will organize two summer garden tours this year. The first tour, which is tentatively set for the weekend of July 20th, would involve members visiting gardens in the Fort Collins/Loveland area belonging to NCDC members. The following members volunteered to be garden hosts: Dave Bowden, Elaine Spencer, Susie and Jonathan Poulton, possibly Curt Snowden and Dolores Fuhrman. We will ask Margaret Wolf whether she would like to host too. The second tour would involve a trip to Denver to visit Deb Browne's garden and perhaps Sabine Baur's garden, the Denver Botanic Gardens, and Gardens at Kendrick Lake in Lakewood.

It was decided to hold the Fall Plant Exchange and Potluck on Saturday, September 7, at a location to be decided. Jonathan agreed to organize a photo contest for that event.

#### **Favorite Nurseries:**

Susie asked attendees to add their favorite nurseries to a list that was passed around the meeting. She will compile the list and send it out via email to the membership, requesting that those not present at the meeting add to the list.

#### **Congratulations to Dave Bowden:**

Those in attendance congratulated Dave for registering seven of his daylily creations with the American

Daylily Society. They are 'Campfire Flames', 'Chevron Pinwheel', 'Jules Jewel', 'Love Between Sisters', 'Magic Triangles', 'Red Aerialist', and 'Sandy My Sunshine'.

**Old Business:**

**Display Garden Map Update:**

Jonathan reported that he recently mapped the 136 cultivars at the GOSC Display Garden and that this map was shared with Mitchell White (GOSC IT) who added our data to the Gardens' electronic map. (As of April 22, all cultivars except 'Everybody Loves Tim' had survived the winter).

**Signage Options for GOSC Display Gardens:**

Jonathan reported that on April 11 Susie sent an email to GOSC Director Kim Manajek requesting that our daylily garden receive two stone tablets to replace the existing AHS Display Garden sign. Since the daylily garden is an official ADS Display Garden, she requested a large tablet like those marking other beds in the Gardens but indicating "DAYLILY DISPLAY GARDEN". She requested a second tablet indicating "MAINTAINED BY NORTHERN COLORADO DAYLILY CLUB". Her letter argued that our Club should be recognized as the caretaker and source of cultivars for the daylily collection for over 15 years now. As of April 20, Susie had received no response from GOSC.

**Door prizes:**

The afternoon concluded with drawings for door prizes. Many thanks to all who contributed prizes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jonathan Poulton