



THE COASTAL NC DAYLILY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A big thank you to Janet & John Hong for opening their home and gardens for our meeting last month. Everything was beautiful, from the fall decorations, to the immaculately manicured garden! AND a great big thank you for sharing their beautiful



Pat Mansfield

seedlings with us for future club sales and giveaways. We potted up 77 very nice double fans. Janet creates such beautiful daylily and there are some real special ones in what she gave us!



September Business Meeting

Welcome to our two new members, Marsha Jackson from Gates, and Sarah Burket from Hertford.



Marsha Jackson



Sarah Burket



Miss Olivia Burket entertaining Janet's neighbor's goats

Both Marsha and Sarah have little ones, so our Youth membership also grew! Whooooo Hoooooo! Glad to have you all join our group!

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We voted to hold future meetings on Sunday afternoons at 2 pm. The hope is that this change will take away the barrier that meeting on a weekday during working hours presented for potential members. We will continue to meet in members' homes until current pandemic related restrictions have been relaxed for use of public facilities.

Don't forget that nominations are open for club officers until our November meeting. So, if you want to nominate someone, don't be bashful.

Our Plants for Members sale went great! Thank you to everyone who bought plants and helped to boost our treasury funds, not to mention that you guys took home some real nice plants at bargain prices! Be sure to post pictures of your new plants on our Facebook page when they bloom next year!

Although we had to cancel the Fall Regional meeting, we aren't done with that yet! We have re-scheduled to host the Fall Regional next year! And we gave it a new name. It will be **OBX Autumn MMXXI** - (if you are a little rusty on Roman Numerals, that's 2021). We have a lot of work in the bag, but that's not to say we can coast this year and not have to work on anything else. Now is the time for fine tuning the details. Watch the Newsletter for updates from Regional Committee Chairs. And remember, if you don't currently have a job to do for the Regional, we can find one for you, just volunteer!



Be sure to vote early, or by mail, or in person. NATIONAL and STATE choices on NOVEMBER 3rd. Our OFFICERS for 2021, NOVEMBER 15th (need to attend in person for this one)



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"I probably should have been more concerned when I saw my surgeon using Google Maps."

It was not Pat's fault this time

I take full responsibility for this issue of our Newsletter being late to publish. In the last 20 days I had two back surgeries, the first of which really laid me up on my back... no pun intended. But now the vertebrae should be good for another 18 months.

So see you all in November! And speaking of November...



Here is our next MEETING date

Our next meeting will be **SUNDAY, November 15** at **2 PM** in the Fellowship Hall at Great Hope Baptist Church located at 131 Great Hope Church Road, Hertford, NC. We will be electing officers so please plan to attend. Our Youth



Got your seeds? What next? *by Pat Mansfield*

When it comes to growing daylilies from seed, nothing could be simpler. Whether you soak your seed, sow in potting medium or directly in the ground, each method pretty much works! Here's a few that you might try.

Providing moisture to achieve germination prior to sowing – There are three methods: the paper towel, perlite, or just liquid. Each requires the use of small plastic bags (2" x3") from the craft section at Wal-Mart and a 7:1 mix of Water and Hydrogen Peroxide. It is a good idea to label your bags with the seed cross and how many seed are in the bag.

PAPER TOWELS - Soak a small piece in the water and hydrogen peroxide mixture (*see above*) . Fold your seed up in the paper towel and slide it into the bag, sealing it tightly.

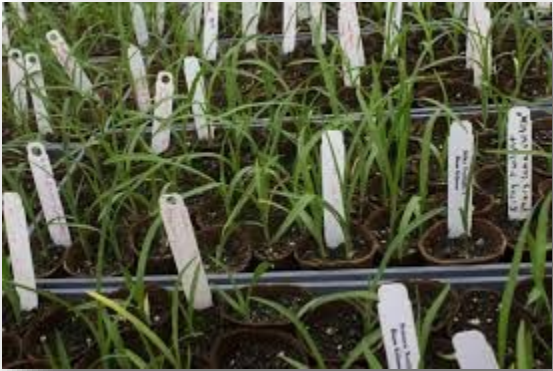
PERLITE – Soak perlite in the water mixture and scoop 1 teaspoon of the wet perlite into your bag with the seed.

WATER - Put 1 teaspoon of the water mix into the bag with the seed.

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Got your seeds? What next? (Continued)

Place the bags in an area **out of direct sunlight**. In a few days, begin checking and when 75% of the seed have germinated, place them in your potting medium and cover lightly. Be careful when handling the germinated seed as you can break off the newly sprouted root.



Direct Sow – With this method you do not pre-germinate the seed. You can either start your seed in potting medium or in the ground.

There are many choices for potting medium. Potting soil, orchid sphagnum moss, coir fiber and the list goes on. Make sure your potting medium is thoroughly wetted before filling your trays or pots. Plant seed 1/2" deep. Seed will begin sprouting within two weeks. Some may take longer, so don't give up on them. One downfall of potting soil is that it seems to harbor fungus gnats. The larva will eat the seedling roots.

Beverly has had great success with the orchid moss which does not harbor the gnats. When ready, transfer seedlings to larger pots or plant in the ground. Before planting outside, it is best to water your plants from the bottom as watering from the top seems to encourage damping off and you can lose young seedlings.



Sowing directly in the ground is always an option. You will need to prepare a bed by tilling the soil and perhaps adding some soil amendments. A loose, well-drained soil works best. Sow your seed in a shallow trench and cover with about 1/2" of soil.

Got your seeds? What next? (Continued)

When to sow your seed – It has long been held that daylily seed need to be cold stratified in the refrigerator for 2-6 weeks before sowing. Lately there have been testimonials about sowing them as soon as you harvest your seed. Since the jury's still out on that, let's stick to the need to put them in the fridge for a little while. Once stratified, it is up to you as to when you decide to sow your seed. If you do it early enough to get seedlings up and growing where you can plant them in the ground a minimum of 6 weeks before frost, that's great. Otherwise, you will need to consider how you will handle seedlings during the winter months inside or in a greenhouse or cold frame. (That will be next month's educational topic!)



The advantage of sowing your seed as quickly as you can is to get a jump on bringing your seed to bloom quicker. Anything sowed before January, has a good chance in our area of blooming the first year.

Send us photos of **your efforts**, and we'll put them in a Newsletter. Shoot pictures with a camera or a phone... we'll be able to use them in any kind of a file.



Some useless information about OCT/NOV dates

October 31st is a lot more than just **Halloween**. It will mark the second **FULL Moon** of the month, the **Hunter's Moon**, a **Blue Moon**, a **minimoon**, and the end of **Daylight Savings Time 2020**.

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As the Moon rises over the horizon around sunset on October 31st (in Camden County that will be 6:07:52 Actual time, 6:10:39 Civil time, 6:37:14 Nautical time, and 7:07:37 Astronomical time), it may appear larger and more orange—how perfect for the fall season.

But, the apparent size of the moon is an illusion, a good topic for another useless filler article.

The first full moon of the month (October 1st) was the Harvest Moon. The second full moon of the month is the **Hunter's Moon**. The name relates to time of year when humans and animals alike are stocking up on food in preparation for the long winter ahead.

BUT wait, that is not all of the trivia about this astronomical show.

Because the Hunter's Moon is the second full Moon in the month of October, it is also considered a **Blue Moon**. This term refers either to the second full Moon to occur within a single calendar month or to the third full Moon in a calendar season. Despite the name, the Moon won't actually appear blue-tinged; it will be its normal golden hue near the horizon, transitioning to a bright white overhead.

BUT there's more.

The Hunter's Moon will be the smallest full Moon of the year—a so-called **minimoon**, thanks to it being farther away from Earth than any other full Moon in 2020. As you might have guessed, a minimoon is the opposite of a supermoon. This phenomenon is caused by the Moon's oval-shaped orbit around Earth, which results in the Moon being farther and closer to the Earth at different points in its orbit.



**Did you know that
25% of all candy
sold annually in the
US is purchased for
Halloween?**

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of [Samhain](#), when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.



Halloween and COVID 19

CDC offers considerations to help protect individuals and their families, friends, and communities from COVID-19. These considerations are meant to supplement—not replace—any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which holiday gatherings must comply. The photo to the left is an example of a DIY, CDC approved candy dispenser, that makes social distancing easy peasy.

And finally, NOV 1, 2:00:00 AM

Turn your clocks back one hour (if they don't do it automatically), as Daylight Savings Time ends in the US. Some people want permanent DST, but that will take Congressional approval. I wouldn't write my congressmen just yet... they seem to be busy with a lot of other stuff at the moment.

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