



# *The Blue Daylily*

Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society (BRADS)  
**2024 Spring Edition - May 9**

## *President's Message*

Well, I think it is safe to say that Spring has finally arrived. No more jackets, furnace, or frost. Now the fun begins!!! It's time to get all those online daylily purchases in the ground. Who else is doing the same? I'd love to see what cultivars you ordered.

I want to personally thank Carolyn Fleming for stepping up and accepting the office of Secretary. I am here to support you in any way I can!

The Spring Garden Cleanup was postponed due to high winds but we were finally able to get the job done. April 13th we held our Spring Business Meeting where there was a good attendance and discussed a lot of important issues. We were provided a grounds tour with Jean Summerbell, President of RCGC. The perennial exchange was a lot of fun with each person taking several turns around the table.

I am looking forward to chairing the RCGC Spring Plant Sale on May 11th. I will be there the day before for drop off between 9 and 1. Please come out and support the club.

I am super excited about the Plants For members Distribution scheduled for May the 18th. I saw a lot of beautiful daylilies listed on the BRADS website. Thank you Meg Swecker and Kat Ferneley for putting the program together this year. Make sure you check to see if you are on the list of eligible members in this newsletter.



I will also be chairing the BRADS Plant Sale and Show on June 22. Mark your calendar because the date has been changed due to a conflict with the Region 3 Convention. Hopefully we will have lots of blooms to add to the show boards and daylilies showing color. I hope everyone is as excited as I am about all the upcoming Club activities and the opportunity to acquire some really great new daylilies. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Your Friend In All Things Daylily,  
*Shirley Jarusek*

## *Upcoming Event Dates:*

**May 11, 2024, 9 AM**  
RCGC Spring Sale

**May 18, 2024, 11 AM**  
BRADS Plant for Members Distribution

**June 22, 2024, 9 AM**  
BRADS Summer Plant Sale and Show

**July 6, 2024, TBD**  
BRADS Garden Tours and Summer Business Meeting

See page 2 for complete details.

## Upcoming BRADS Events

Saturday, May 11, 2024 - 9 AM

RCGC Spring Sale

(Friday plant drop-off 9 AM - 1PM)

**Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC)**

**3640 Colonial Avenue, SW.**

**Roanoke, VA 24018**

Saturday, May 18, 2024 - 11 AM

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BRADS Garden Tours and Summer  
Business Meeting

**Gardens of Tom and Susan Fore**

**Rocky Mount, VA**

A visit in the garden of Tom and Susan Fore, will be followed by our summer business meeting. Those interested may then go on to visit Simply Daises and the Growing Place, located in Boones Mill and Hardy respectively.

*Nancy Jones*

*Program Chair*



**Tom and Susan Fore**

**Rocky Mount, VA**



Tom and I moved to our home 11 years ago. We brought with us 1 Daylily of Andre Viette's named "Last Light" that we'd been enjoying for about 10 years. The day he retired, we stopped by a home that we had been noticing for a few years with beautiful daylilies. We picked out several to purchase, and we were blessed with another (named "It is Finished" 😊 Perfect for his retirement day).

That started a special relationship with Mrs. Doris Peters that has grown into a beautiful friendship and love of flowers over the years. She introduced us to BRADS where we've been able to meet many folks that have shared their love of daylilies and other plants and flowers and their wisdom of the care of them with us. We now have 90+ different daylilies and enjoy watching them bloom around our yard throughout the summer. We even did a "2023 Daylily Parade" on Facebook as each bloomed for the first time. It was such fun!

We look forward to sharing our home with everyone on July 6th.

## Plants For Members News

Our 2024 PFM distribution includes plants from Curt Hanson, Kirsten Hatfield, Jim Murphy and Margo Reed, and Brian Reeder. Thank you to the BRADS members who suggested these hybridizers! If you have ideas about hybridizers for the 2025 PFM distribution, please let Meg and Kat know.

Information about these plants can be found on our BRADS website:

<https://bradsdaylilies.org/2024-pfm-distribution>

**Please check the website for additions or last minute changes as we get closer to May 18th.**

The April PFM meeting will begin at 11:00 on May 18, 2024. We will not hold a potluck or a business meeting on this date and members are invited to bring some cookies to share, if so inclined.

The purpose of the PFM program is to inform BRADS members about the growth and performance of selected plants. The plants are grown in the ground for two years and returned for auction. Please see the program overview in the box to the right. Any member who becomes inactive after participating in the PFM program must return all fans of the plant(s) in their possession. These plants must be returned to the PFM committee in the spring of the year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on May 18th!

*Meg Swecker & Kat Ferneley*  
*Plants for Members Co-Chairs*



Plants for Members (PFM) is an exciting part of being a member of BRADS. Its primary purpose is to educate our members by investigating the performance of new cultivars. Many of the PFM plants are untried in our area, and this program will give members information on the performance of a cultivar in our area. The PFM program is designed to provide BRADS members with relatively recent and popular daylily cultivars, which in turn will provide plants for future club auctions. Other goals of the program include: encouraging participation in club activities, encouraging visits to other members' gardens, and encouraging social interaction among members. The club has money budgeted for purchasing plants, and all purchased plants remain BRADS property.

Plants will be distributed to those eligible using a lottery system. Members given PFM plants will grow the plant for two years while the plant increases. If the clump increases to six (6) or more fans, then the member may keep two (2) fans; if less than six (6), the member may keep one (1) fan and return the remaining fans for auction. If the plant is a slow increaser, then the member may be asked to grow the plant for another year before bringing it to auction. For especially fast growers (8 fans or more), members may bring in a portion of the plant for auction in one (1) year instead of the normal two (2).

### Grower Responsibilities:

- Encourage visitors to your garden
- Bring blooms to club meetings for display
- Send photos of blooms and plant updates to the PFM chairs
- Return all fans to the club should you resign from BRADS or leave the area
- Bring cleaned, divided, and labeled plant(s) to auction when due

**Qualifying members on the next page.**

## *Qualifying for 2024 Plants for Members distribution:*

Beverly Angle  
JoAnne Astin  
June Avis  
Angie &  
Craig Bowald  
Jean Bryant  
Julie Covington

Taylor Dake  
Kat Ferneley  
Carolyn Fleming  
Susan Fore  
Tom Fore  
Dennis Guerra  
Shirley Jarusek

Kyle Jones  
Nancy Jones  
Nancy B. Jones  
Julie Kitzmiller  
John Lawson  
Elaine &  
Shane Lorenzen

Pat Malotte  
Doris Peters  
Barb Putney  
Kathy Reed  
Carol Sarginger  
Dave Sarginger  
Trea Smith

Frank Sparks  
Meg Swecker  
Lynne Victorine  
Kent Walton



***Be sure to visit <http://brads.plantfans.com> to view all the 2024 Plants for Members!***

## *Annual Garden Cleanup*

March 16th was the date of our annual garden clean-up, and between mulching, pruning, and clearing English ivy and brush it was a good morning of work and fellowship. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help!



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## *BRADS Meeting Minutes - April 13, 2024*

President, Shirley Jarusek called the meeting to order. Members present, including the president were Kyle and Nancy Jones, Nancy B. Jones, Jean Bryant, Kent Walton, Ellen Irons, Lynne Victorine, Tom & Susan Fore, JoAnne Aistin, Carolyn Fleming, Kat Ferneley, Meg Swecker, Barb Purtney, Julie Covington, John Lawson, Beverly Angle, and Mitch Holcomb, and Guest, Jean Summerbell, President RCGC.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted as read.

Kyle Jones, Treasurer, stated the first quarter treasurer's report had been sent to membership. Balance was \$9,732.90 and does not include the \$10,000 CD. Beverly and Barb will review 2023 records after the meeting.

### Old Business

A call was made for a volunteer for Secretary position. Lynne gave a description of secretary responsibilities and offered to train and be backup. Carolyn Fleming said she would accept the position.

Nancy Jones gave a program report. Due to conflict with regional meeting BRADS daylily show and sale has to be moved to June 22. Meg moved to change the calendar date and John seconded. It passed unanimously. Barb Putney will handle publicity for the event. Meg stated plants of all types are needed for the sale. It was suggested that if newer members don't have plants to dig they could volunteer to help members with lots of plants to divide.

PFM Plants are coming from Curt Hanson, Kierston Hatfield, Jim Murphy/Margo Reed, and Brian Reeder. Plants can be viewed on BRADS PFM website.

Display Garden – Nancy has spent a year identifying tags that are missing. Shirley has a notebook of ideas to check. Lynne stated more members are needed on the committee for broader input and consensus of ideas. Volunteers willing to help were John, Kent, Nancy, Shirley, and Barb. Lynne stated a concrete plan was needed in order to acquire pricing, who will do the work, who will maintain, seek donations, and

find out what RCGC will allow. County regulations will also need to be examined. Lynne made a written motion that she handed out to members regarding proposed changes and deadlines for changes to the display garden. Seconded by Kat. Motion failed. Deadlines were discussed and it was the consensus of members that the deadlines proposed were too ambitious. Nancy made a motion to amend July/October deadlines for report to October 2024 and approved by membership by January 2025. Seconded by John. Motion carried.

The next newsletter deadline is 4/30/24.

### New Business

Wente Award. Jack Wente was the first president of BRADS and we created the award to be given to the best Region 3 hybridizer plant and the garden it grew in. The board decided to continue this award and membership approved.

BRADS brochure is out of copies and we need to make more.

JoAnne gave report on details of holding an online auction this fall. The auction would be held on BRADS Facebook account or set up a separate page. A Paypal account would be needed. She stated she uses Pirateship.com for shipping which is 1/3 cost of USPS. Members will volunteer to donate plants and are responsible for shipping or possibly meeting to ship together. JoAnne has scales, we need tape and newspaper. Lynne may have a printer that can be used without Wifi.

Tom moved to donate Bobbex and John seconded.

There being no further business to discuss, the business meeting was adjourned. Jean Summerbell, Pres. RCGC took members on a tour of the grounds.

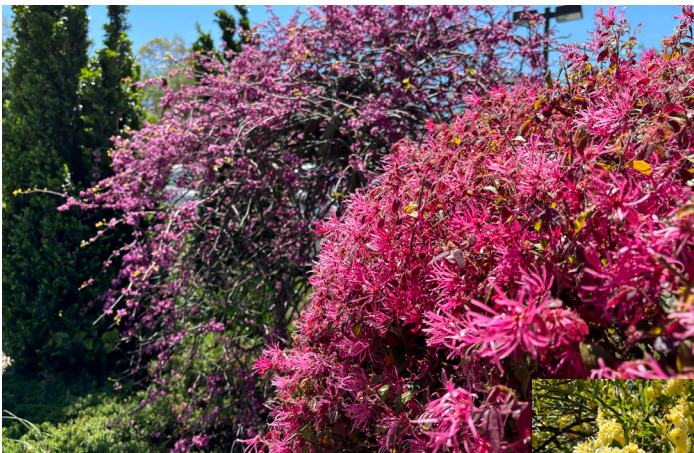
*Carolyn Fleming*  
*Secretary*

## *April Meeting and Garden Tour*

Our guest speaker for the April 13 meeting was Jean Summerbell, the new Roanoke Council of Garden Club president.

BRADS members were given a tour of the grounds around the RCGC facility and the history behind many of the improvements, plants and trees. She also talked about future plans and how excited she is to take on this new role.

Jean was born in Edinburgh, Scotland and was raised near London, England, with a love of gardening. She was a dentist for over 20 years until she retired in 1990 and moved with her husband to Atlanta, Georgia. They moved to Roanoke in 1996 and joined the Hunting Hills Garden Club and soon became active in the RCGC.



# Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society Inc, Treasurer's Reports

## 1st Quarter 2024

**Balance 12/31/2023 .....\$10,865.55**

### Income

Dues ..... \$380.00  
Kroger Cares ..... \$29.87  
Interest ..... \$1.28  
Total ..... \$411.15  
**Balance .....\$11,276.70**

### Expenditures

Zoom ..... \$157.40  
Kyle Jones reimbursement, ice, stamps, Kroger \$41.40  
Membership reimbursement ..... \$10.00  
RCGC meeting rental Jan, April, May June ..... \$80.00  
Brian Reeder (PFM) ..... \$530.00  
Kirsten Hatfield (PFM) ..... \$725.00  
Total ..... \$1,543.80

**Balance 3/31/2024 .....\$9,732.90**

\*There is a check to Jim Murphy \$800 (PFM) will be on April statement

\*Kroger cares check \$26.15 also on April's statement  
Certificate of Deposit \$10,123.76

*Kyle Jones*  
*Treasurer*

## BRADS 2024 Board Members:

**Shirley Jarusek**, President

**Nancy Jones**, First Vice-President

**Meg Swecker,**  
**Kat Ferneley,**  
Second Co-Vice-Presidents

**Kyle Jones**, Treasurer

**Carolyn Fleming**, Secretary

**Beverly Angle,**  
**Barb Putney,**  
Newsletter Co-Editors

## AHS Region 3 Summer Meeting



Remember that this Summer, the Northern Virginia Daylily Society (NVDS) will host the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) Summer Meeting on June 28-30 in Alexandria, VA.

In addition to the business meeting, Saturday will include a banquet and live auction, with five area gardens to tour at your own pace over the course of the weekend. One of the gardens accepting visitors will be that of Chris von

Kohn, who we met as a guest speaker this past November.

You do not have to be an AHS member to attend, registration deadline is May 28th, so don't wait! This is also the deadline for group rates at the hosting hotel. Visit the AHS website, [http://ahsregion3.org/Page/2024\\_SUMMER\\_REGIONAL](http://ahsregion3.org/Page/2024_SUMMER_REGIONAL) for more information and the registration form. Any questions can be sent to Kathleen Schloeder at [kschloeder@comcast.net](mailto:kschloeder@comcast.net).

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ROANOKE COUNCIL OF GARDEN  
CLUBS

# SPRING PLANT SALE

SATURDAY MAY 11TH

9AM-1PM

## V E N D O R S

Aunt Bee's Craft Cabinet  
Fair Acres Alpaca Farms  
Humble Hen Farm and Nursery

### QUILTOFF

Comfort & Joy  
First Fitness Nutrition  
WABI SABI Botanics  
Living on the Patio  
Sandy Pants Pottery  
Mosaic Glass  
Two and A Half Sisters

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