



The Blue Daylily

Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society (BRADS)
2025-2026 Winter Edition - March 4

President's Message

BRADS is thirty one years old this year. Last year was our thirtieth year but it did not occur to me until late in the year. Should we have a celebration, a birthday party? Think about it and let me know.

This is the third time I have served as President. Each time I was stepping into the position because no one else would, not because I desired the role. I don't bring agendas with me. Well, maybe one, that is to encourage members to participate in their organization. I do not see power in the office of President. Any power should be in the hands of the membership. The success of any organization, garden club, or nonprofit corporation lies in the contributions of its members.

Meg Swecker and Kat Ferneley are already putting together what will be an exciting Plants for Members distribution. I like to refer to the distribution meeting as Christmas at BRADS.

Our next big thing will be March 7 at 10 AM at the display bed at RCGC. Members will come together to clean up the display bed and spread a load of wood mulch. This usually takes about 2 hours and, with numerous participation, goes easily with enjoyable socialization. I look forward to seeing you there with a bucket, a fork for handling mulch, a wheelbarrow if you can swing it or any other tool of mass destruction you think is needed.

Prepare yourselves for a year of changes. BRADS will be looking at the need to revise the bylaws to meet the needs of the organization. We will be looking at the bylaw changes so that we can carry out the business of BRADS with as few hoops to jump through. We would like the bylaws to be as flexible as we can make or need them.

One other item we need to address is a "community project". We have not been up on this since COVID. We donated plants to the Jane Morgan Harris Historic Daylily Display Garden. Look around your community to see if there is an area where we might donate and or plant some named varieties of daylilies. This will place BRADS in the public eye and educate them about daylilies.

Since the bylaws state that the President preside over all meetings, I will ask that any member who wants to bring something for discussion at a meeting to please submit that to me in writing 2 weeks before a meeting. I will send out an agenda for each meeting the week before the scheduled meeting. My goal is to have a smoother process in meetings and decrease the opportunity for the membership to be blind sided with any charged issues. Any member can bring up any concern or issue at any meeting. If a member brings an issue that is complicated or emotionally charged without having submitted it to me prior to the meeting, then after they have stated their points I will ask them to submit the issue in writing to be discussed at the next business meeting.

Kyle Jones
President

Upcoming Event Dates:

March 7, 2026, 12 Noon
Display Garden Clean Up & Mulching

April 11, 2026, 12 Noon
Spring Business Meeting, Potluck
and Perennial Exchange, Garden
Tool Sharpening

Upcoming BRADS Spring and Summer Events

Please see full revised calendar on the last page.

Unless noted all events will be at
Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC)
3640 Colonial Avenue, SW.
Roanoke, VA 24018

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Display garden clean up and mulching

Saturday, April 11, 2026 - 12 Noon

BRADS business meeting, potluck, perennial exchange, and garden tool sharpening

Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 9 AM

RCGC Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 23, 2026 - 11 AM

Plants for Members (new plant distribution)

Eligible member list below

May 20–23, 2026

National Daylily Convention

Valdosta, Georgia

Plants For Members News

This year's Plants for Members program features plants from [Scott Elliott](#), [Dan Hansen](#), [Rich Howard](#), and [Jamie Gossard](#). The tentative date of the PFM distribution is May 23, 2026. This is a calendar change and will be voted on by the membership at our April meeting. Plant details will be posted on the BRADS PlantsFans site sometime in March, so be sure to check them out!

Please take time to read over the updated Plants for Members guidelines adopted at the Jan. 10 business meeting.

Meg Swecker & Kat Ferneley

Plants for Members Co-Chairs

2026 PFM Plants:

Scott Elliott:

Assiduous
Cow Girl Princess
Darth Ciduous
I'll Make Room
In My Secret Life
Jelly Badger
Mayor of Cornatzer
Need A Bigger Wall
Neon Bob
Objectively Bias
Oklahoma Strong
Red Bull and Pop Tarts
Rodeo Princess

Jamie Gossard:

Black Abyss
Blue Kisses
Chaos Hunter
Freedom isn't Free
Heavenly Bluebirds
Heavenly Dragon Rider
Heavenly Thunderstruck
Red Showstopper
Solar Majesty
Tangerine Dragons
Tangerine Tangler



Dan Hansen:

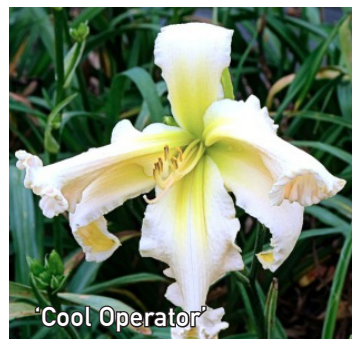
Archangel Ariel
Berserk
Cool Operator
Dodgy Business
Emmy V
Geneva Over the Moon
Glowing Red
Jump Around
Smerk

Rich Howard:

Booga Booga
Dance Like an
Old White Guy
Dirges in the Dark
The Mad Splatter
Bonus plants – TBD

Members eligible for 2026 distribution:

Beverly Angle
Ron Brents
Jean Bryant
Taylor Dake
Kat Ferneley
Carolyn Fleming
Tom & Susan Fore
Ellen Irons
Shirley Jarusek
Kyle Jones
Nancy Jones
Nancy B. Jones
Julie Kitzmiller
John Lawson
Jovi Larson
Tracy Mundy
Trea Smith
Meg Swecker



BRADS Plants for Members Guidelines - Official Revision

Plants for Members (PFM) is a voluntary program. BRADS members are not required to participate in this program and there is no expectation that BRADS members will participate in the PFM program. 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.
- Encouraging social interaction among members.

The club budgets money annually for the purchase of plants. All purchased plants remain BRADS property.

Member Eligibility

The P4M plants will be distributed to eligible club members who choose to participate by using a lottery system. To be eligible, members must:

- Pay dues by January 30th of the distribution year.
- Attend a minimum of one business meeting and participate in one other function.
- Be a club member for at least 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the distribution meeting.
- Have been growing daylilies for at least a year.
- Have adequately accounted for plants (via Plants for Members) in their care and any other Society property.

Distribution Lottery

The distribution meeting date will be published on the club website and in the BRADS newsletter. A list of eligible members will be published in the BRADS newsletter.

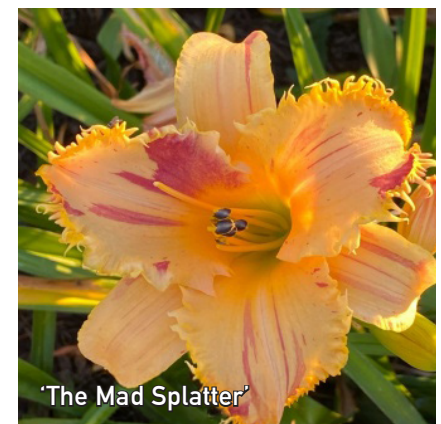
If an eligible member is unable to attend the distribution meeting but wishes to be included in the lottery, a stand-in can be named. The member(s) who will be absent should notify the PFM chair. A stand-in will choose alternate numbers for member(s) who are not present.

The distribution will start with 1 and go up. In the event of a surplus, distribution will start with the greatest number and go backwards. The alternate numbers will choose plants in the same way as the standard distribution but will choose at the end of each round.

One lottery number will be given for each eligible membership.

- Dues for individual membership = 1 lottery number.
- Dues for family membership = 1 lottery number.
- If additional family members wish to participate in the Plants for Members program, additional individual memberships must be purchased.

Duplicate selections: A member may not duplicate a plant selection that they have already selected until



BRADS Plants for Members Guidelines - Official Revision Cont.

the 3rd round.

BRADS officers are given first draws prior to the first round. Starting with the second round, they will participate in the distribution in chronological order of their draw.

Grower Responsibilities:

All Club plants must be grown in the ground, not in pots. We are evaluating the plant and how it performs in our area, and in our specific garden conditions. If plants are grown in pots, they are not truly being evaluated in the standard garden conditions in our area.

It is essential that the correct plants are returned for auction. Plant labels are provided at the lottery. Please use these tags to keep track of where the plant is growing in your garden. A minimum of 18" between club plants and other daylilies is recommended to ensure that the correct plant is returned.

Lottery plants are grown for two years while the plant increases.

- For clumps of five or fewer fans, the member may keep one (1) fan.
- For clumps of 6 or more fans, the member may keep two (2) fans.
- If the plant is a slow increaser, the member should contact the PFM chair and discuss whether the plant should be held for increase for one more year.



If a member resigns from BRADS or leaves the area, all lottery plants must be returned to the PFM chair. No fans may be kept.

Pollen from lottery plants may be used. Pods should be removed from lottery plants as soon as they are detected. This is done so the plant's energy can be directed toward increase.

Preparation for plants returning for auction

Verify that you are growing the correct plant as soon as it blooms. If there is any question, contact the PFM chair as soon as possible so the hybridizer can be contacted for resolution.

Send photos of the bloom to the PFM chair so they can be added to the Plantfans site.

Send plant updates to the PFM chair.

Bring blooms to club meetings for display, when possible.

Bring clean, divided, and labeled plant(s) to the fall auction.

Write your initials on the back of your plant labels.

If a plant purchased at the fall auction is incorrectly labeled, the plant may be returned for refund within the first year.

BRADS Meeting Minutes - January 10, 2026

After a pot luck luncheon, Kyle Jones, President, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Members attending were Kyle & Nancy Jones, Tracy Mundy, Tom & Susan Fore, Carolyn Fleming, John Lawson, Shirley Jarusek, Meg Swecker, Kat Ferneley, Doris Austin, Julie Kitzmiller and Beverly Angle.

Carolyn Fleming stated minutes of October business meeting were published in November newsletter. December minutes to follow.

Kyle Jones, Treasurer, gave a yearend financial report. Balance 12/31/25 was \$14,654.56. Balance includes \$11,006.11 CD that matures in January. Kyle asked the members for advice about disposition at maturity. Meg Swecker motioned that the CD be rolled over at best rate/term at the current bank. Motion seconded by Nancy Jones. Motion passed by majority vote.

New Business:

Julie Kitzmiller raised issues with December election. Specifically, election was not held at regularly scheduled business meeting with 30 day notice, and therefore, was invalid. She stated there was also a conflict of interest with Kyle serving as both President and Treasurer. It was noted that Kyle is serving temporarily until someone else volunteers to take either office. A lengthy discussion followed. Tom Fore made a motion that people serving temporarily will serve until next business meeting. The motion was seconded by Tracy Mundy and the vote passed. (Note: A proposed slate of officers was presented at November 8th meeting and published in November 11th newsletter. Conclusion: Membership was notified in required 30 day notice period and election was held at December meeting.)

Calendar of Events 2026:

Nancy Jones, 1st Vice President, discussed preliminary schedule of events for the coming year. She indicated the schedule will be very busy due to BRADS monthly meetings and events, district and national conventions, and RCGC fundraisers. A final calendar will be presented for approval to membership via newsletter and website prior to

next business meeting. Nancy also asked for any suggestions for speakers and garden tours. Meg Swecker motioned that the preliminary schedule be adopted. Motion was seconded by John Lawson and vote passed.

Meg Swecker, 2nd vice president, discussed a draft of revised PFM guidelines. (Note: draft was published in November 17th newsletter.) Julie Kitzmiller stated that non profits cannot legally require mandatory attendance at fundraisers or service projects as a requirement for getting plants. After discussion, Tom Fore motioned to approve guidelines without mandatory requirement to attend fundraisers or service projects). Motion was seconded by Beverly Angle and motioned passed. (NOTE Section 4 of By Laws states that to be a member in good standing the member has to attend at least one business meeting and one function in previous year to be eligible for plants.)

Susan Fore asked the membership if business meetings could be scheduled monthly to expedite club business. Discussion followed but no motion was made to change current schedule.

Meg Swecker made a motion to review and revise the current Bylaws. Motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business: None was presented

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A seed exchange by participating members followed the business meeting.



BRADS Special Business Dispatch

The membership voted in officers temporarily at the January meeting. There was a question over their legitimacy due to the conflict between the articles of incorporation stating elections are in October at the Annual Meeting and bylaws stating elections are in December. After having a phone conversation and an email from the State Corporation Commission, we know now this is not an issue. The SCC does not dictate how a corporation operates. There is also a VA State Law that covers nonprofits that clearly states “*Corporation Act (§ 13.1-838), the failure to hold an annual meeting on the intended or scheduled date does not affect the validity of any corporate action, nor does it typically cause a forfeiture or dissolution of the corporation.*” As planned we will still have a vote for officers at the April business meeting. At that time nominations may be taken from the floor. The slate is as follows:

President Kyle Jones
1st VP Nancy Jones
2nd VP’s Meg Swecker , Kat Ferneley
Secretary Carolyn Fleming
Newsletter Editors Beverly Angle, Barb Putney
Treasurer open

After other issues raised at the January meeting and subsequent discussion by the Executive Board, the following by-law changes will also be voted on by membership at the April Business meeting.

Current Bylaw: Article VI Section 1. The Society shall hold four business meetings each year, with written notice provided two weeks in advance.

Proposed change: The society will hold a minimum of four business meetings each year, but business can be transacted at any other scheduled meeting as needed.

Current Bylaw: Article V Section 5: The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society and deposit them in a Board-approved financial institution within 3-4 business days of a meeting or event. Notice of annual dues shall be sent to the membership each December.

The Treasurer shall distribute a quarterly report, as well as an end-of-year report, at the December meeting. The President or Treasurer may sign checks. The Treasurer will maintain a roster of the Society’s membership and share that with the Secretary and Membership chair whenever it is updated.

Proposed Change: Add the following statement. Checks may be signed by the treasurer or a designated officer from a different household.

Current Bylaw: Article VI Section 6. Officers shall serve for a two-year term, or until their successor is elected, and may serve only two consecutive terms.

Proposed change: Officers shall serve for a two-year term, or until their successor is elected, and there are no term limits. Members can serve if they are willing to and are voted in by membership.

Current Bylaw: Article IV Section 9. No officer may hold more than one elected office at a time.

Proposed change – eliminate this section.

In the January meeting, Kyle Jones asked Meg Swecker if she was willing to be the alternate Board member who could sign BRADS checks. Meg said she was willing to do this. The bank will not initiate this change without seeing meeting minutes that show the membership approval of this change. In the BRADS April business meeting, the membership will vote on Meg being the alternate signee for checks.

Submitted by
Kyle Jones President

BRADS 2026 Board Members:

Kyle Jones,
President

Vacant
Treasurer

Nancy Jones,
First Vice-President

Carolyn Fleming,
Secretary

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

Beverly Angle,
Barb Putney,
Newsletter Co-Editors

Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society Inc, Treasurer's Reports

4th Quarter 2025

Balance 9/30/2025 \$14,566.83

Income

Kroger Cares \$18.13
 Dues \$280.00
 Total \$298.13
Balance \$14,864.96

Expenditures

RCGC's Percentage of Fall Plant Sale .. \$105.40*
 RCGC Meeting Rent Sep. - Dec. \$80.00
 VA State Corporation Commission \$25.00
 Total \$210.40
Balance 12/31/25 \$14,654.56

Certificate of Deposit (due 1/20/26)

\$11,006.11

*Check \$105.40 written in September (3rd Quarter) did not appear until October's Statement. This was 20% of \$527.00 we made at the Fall Plant Sale.

Kyle Jones
 Treasurer



Plants rescued from the beds of Kent Walton sleep under a blanket of snow in their temporary abode. Thanks to Ellen Irons and Dennis Guerra for helping to dig for the benefit of the club!

Beverly Angle

BRADS Annual Financial Report 2025

Balance 12/31/2024 \$12,721.46

Income

Kroger Cares\$81.89
 Dues\$905.00
 Plant Meg Sold\$15.00
 RCGC Plant Sales Spring & Fall \$1,566.00
 BRADS Plant Sale\$1, 532.00
 Plants for Members Auction \$2,284.54
 Total \$6,384.43
Balance \$19,105.89

Expenditures

Zoom\$167.90
 Utensils \$102.51
 2 Canopies for Plant Sales \$245.34
 Clark Becraft Speaker Stipend\$200.00
 VA State Corporation Commission \$25.00
 Stamps\$14.88
 RCGC Rental for BRADS Meetings \$180.00
 RCGC 20% Spring Plants Sale \$207.80
 RCGC 20% Fall Plant Sale\$105.40
 RCGC Dues for 2025 \$745.00
 PFM Woodhenge \$619.00
 PFM Browns Ferry \$850.00
 PFM Robert Scott \$488.50
 PFM Pinewood\$500.00
 Total \$4,451.33
Balance \$14,654.56

Certificate of Deposit (due 1/20/26)

\$11,006.11



Delicious cookies and other treats at the holiday gathering...nom, nom, nom.

BRADS Proposed 2026 Budget

Income Actual 2025			Proposed 2026	
Dues				
2025	\$720		\$540	
Plant Sales				
Spring 2025	\$1039	\$3098		
Fall Sale *	\$527			
Daylily Sale	\$1532		\$3000	
Daylily Auction				
	\$2284.54		\$2000	
Kroger Cares				
	\$81.89		\$80	
Total	\$6184.43		\$5620	

Expenses Actual 2025			Proposed 2026	
Plants For Members	\$2457.50		\$2500	
RCGC Dues	\$745		\$565	
RCGC Building Use \$25 q meeting	\$180		\$220	
Programs	\$200		\$1500	
Website	\$781.86 paid in 2022 for 5 years		0	
Outreach	0		\$200	Brochure
SCC	\$25.00		\$25.00	
Newsletter	0		\$25	
Memorials			\$200	
Meeting refreshments	\$102.51		\$125	
Display Garden	0		\$200	
Community Service Project	0		\$500	
Wente Award	0		\$200	
Total	\$3710.01		\$6235	

BRADS 2026 Calendar

All meetings will be held at the **Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC)**,
3640 Colonial Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24018 unless otherwise noted.

January 10, 2026	12 Noon BRADS Potluck and Business Meeting Program: Seed Exchange
March 7, 2026	Display garden clean up and mulching
April 11, 2026	12 Noon BRADS Spring Business Meeting, Potluck and perennial exchange , Garden tool sharpening.
May 9, 2026	9 AM RCGC Spring Sale
May 23, 2026	11 AM Plants for Members (new plant distribution) Eligible Member list will be in newsletter.
May 20-23, 2026	<i>National Daylily Convention, Valdosta, Georgia</i>
June 27, 2026	9 AM-1PM BRADS Plant Sale and Exhibit
July 11, 2026	BRADS garden tours gardens/Summer Business Meeting
Sept. 12,2026	Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs, Fall Plant Sale
Sept. 19, 2026	BRADS PFM Auction and Potluck *note schedule 10 AM – PFM chairs receive auction plants from members; 11 AM – potluck. 12 Noon – PFM Auction begins
Oct. 10, 2026	12 Noon Potluck/ Fall Business Meeting/
Oct. 16-18,2026	<i>Lilyhemmer</i>
Nov. 14, 2026	12 Noon Program Speakers: TBD
Dec. 12, 2026	12 Noon BRADS Christmas Pot Luck and Gift Exchange

