



The Blue Daylily

Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society (BRADS)
2022 Fall Edition - November 9

President's Message

Greetings BRADS daylily friends,

Hopefully you all have been enjoying this gorgeous fall weather. Perhaps you've taken advantage of the moderate outdoor temperatures to get your garden "winterized," as I have. Fall is one of the times that I really love having an 8' deer fence and being able to plant pansies without worrying that they will become the deer's next meal! My last garden cat passed away in August, and sadly, without cat patrols, even a garden fence cannot keep those dratted little rodent pests, squirrels and rabbits, out of the garden. The pansies all have had to be covered with cloches to keep them from being nibbled and dug. How I miss Mister Pluff, the garden cat!

Friends, we only have two more meetings scheduled for 2022, and you don't want to miss this daylily fun! Please join us on **Saturday, November 12, 2022** at Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC) for a Potluck lunch at 12 Noon, followed by a very short meeting and a fabulous program. Our speaker, Richard (Rich) Howard from Wallingford, Connecticut, the owner of Ct. Daylilies, is at the top of the "cutting edge" in the world of hybridizing daylilies right now. His broken color patterns have won acclaim and awards, and are in very high demand. Rich has let me know that this will likely be his last speaking engagement, so you really don't want to miss an opportunity to hear one of AHS's top hybridizers. Please note: For the potluck, BRADS will supply the entrée (barbeque, slaw, and baked beans), along with drinks, utensils, and dishes, so if you can participate, please bring a side salad, vegetable or dessert. We will have a very short meeting to allow

the nominating committee to present the slate of officers for 2023.

Our December meeting will be held on **Saturday, December 10, 2022**, 12 Noon, at RCGC. Two of our fabulous board members, Lynne Victorine and JoAnne Astin, have graciously offered to prepare the entrees (ham and turkey) for this meeting, which will be easier, better, and more economical than a catering service. Please consider whether you'd like to continue with BRADS traditional "Dirty Santa" game. We will discuss and decide this at the November meeting.

With kind regards,
Julie Covington

Upcoming Event Dates:

November 12, NOON
Potluck, Speaker: Rich Howard

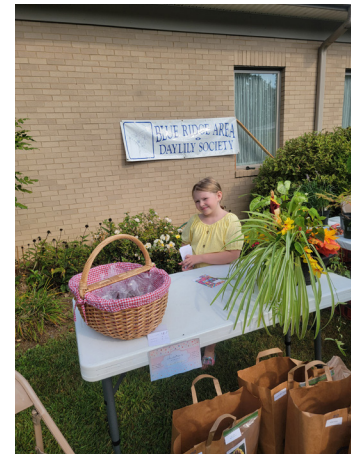
December 10, NOON
Christmas Potluck

Both events will be held at
**Roanoke Council
of Garden Clubs,
3640 Colonial Avenue,
Roanoke, VA 24018**

RCGC Fall Plant Sale

BRADS participated in the Annual RCGC Fall Plant Sale on September, 17, 2022. Offered were many Daylilies that were left over from the Plants for members Auction as well as a large assortment of plant donations from past and present BRADS members. The sale was chaired by Shirley Jarusek with help from many members who helped with set-up, sales, and money collection. We were able to generate \$491.20 in profit for the club. A special thank you to Laira, Nancy B. Jones' granddaughter, who donated all her cookie and cupcake proceeds to the club. What a Sweetheart!!! It was suggested that in the future the club should purchase a pop-up canopy to be used during outside sales events because it was really hot and sunny that day. At the end of the sale I took home all the left over daylilies and potted them up for next Spring's Sale. I will overwinter them at my home. I ended up with 47 plants. The pots and pro-mix potting soil were donated by Mike's Country Market in Salem. Thank you to all those that helped make the sale a success!!!

Shirley Jarusek
Plant Sale Chair



2022 Award Winners from the American Hemerocallis Society

Julie Covington

Some of you may already be aware of the 2022 Awards winners, which are announced each year in late October. This topic has been of interest to me for many years, going back to those early years of daylily collecting when I'd buy based upon the awards list, to the years serving as Awards Chair for AHS, to now, still a member of the Awards Committee and serving as a garden judge since 2000. Garden judges are the people who vote on the awards each year, so I still am interested in seeing whether any that I voted for won!

This year, voting for the Stout Medal, the top cultivar award, was especially tough as two of my absolute favorite garden plants were on the ballot, 'Isabelle Rose' and 'Mean Green.' Isabelle Rose (LaPrise '09) prevailed, and it is truly an exceptionally beautiful garden plant. Registration data lists it as "pale yellow diamond dusted with green throat." Here it bleaches out to a creamy off white. It's a dormant diploid, registered at 59" with 7" UF cascade blooms. It has beautiful branching and budding and should be widely available. Look for this one if you're after a beautiful dependable garden plant!

These three listed below won the Award of Merit in 2022. All do well here.

1. **Hat's Off to Sue** (T. Herrington '08)
Sev Dip 25" 4" beautiful small flower Red with pink edge
2. **Sebastian on Steroids** (S. Elliott '12)
Sev Dip 35" 7" Peach pink double UF
3. **Back to Black** (Cochenour '08)
Sev UF 28" 4" near black can be color changer. This is a mid-season bloomer and absolutely lovely. It can start as a smoky brown on cool mornings and change to deep black with heat. Highly recommend!

These are Honorable Mention winners in 2022, the first step in AHS's awards pyramid. I was thrilled to see a number of small and miniatures get deserved recognition this year. All listed do well in this climate.

1. **Dietmar's Wisdom** (D. Elliott '16)
miniature – highly recommend

2. **Darth Ciduous** (S. Elliott '17)
small flower – vivid coloring
3. **Little Peanut** (E. Winniford '85)
oldie but gorgeous miniature
4. **Little Ricky** (Cochenour '13)
small UF – highly recommend
5. **Tim's Poetry** (Netherton '13)
wonderful miniature
, great plant habits
6. **Elfin Blues** (G. Stamile '16)
recent club plant! Miniature
7. **Harper Lee** (Netherton '14)
small flower, drop dead gorgeous
8. **Tender is the Night** (D. Elliott '14)
beautiful UF, vivid colors

Specialty Awards are given to the top daylilies in classifications according to form, size, or bloom season. These winners grow here and all do well. Wayne and Coral's Love by Mary Netherton won the Donn Fischer Award for best miniature, and Dietmar's Wisdom (mentioned above) also won the Annie T. Giles Award for best small flower. Ghost Ranger was named best spider for 2022, Opa Klaus, best double; Darth Ciduous, best early season bloom; and One Eye Willie, best eyed cultivar. To browse the entire list, see the ADS (American Daylily Society) website. If you use Facebook, you can see the list on the ADS page.



New BRADS Website

Meg Swecker

The BRADS website underwent a major renovation this summer and now has a whole new look! Our new site is designed to be easily viewed from computer, tablets, and smart phones.

While much of the content is the same as what was available on the old site, there is now a way for visitors to reach out to the webmaster and ask questions about the club. A page to house copies of our newsletters and a membership application are in the works and will be added to the website in the coming weeks. If you haven't seen the new site, please visit: <https://bradsdaylilies.org/>

We are open to suggestions about what could be added to our website and encourage members to reach out to Meg with ideas.

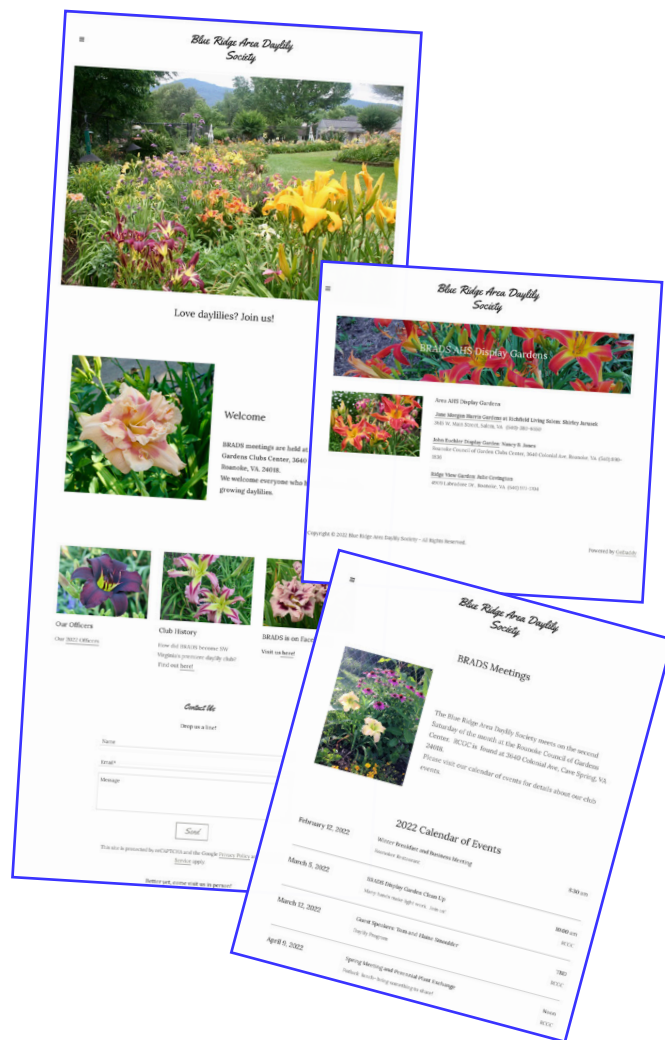
Macaroni and Cheese

Lynne Victorine

- 8 ounces Pasta*
- 2 cups Grated Extra Sharp Cheddar (8 Oz Pkg.)**
- ¼ cup Butter
- ¼ cup Flour
- 2 cups Milk
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- 1/8 teaspoon Pepper

Preheat: 375°F

1. Cook pasta and drain.
2. Grate cheese using medium blade in food processor.
3. Melt butter, whisk in flour, whisk in milk, and add salt and pepper. Cook, whisking, until thickened.
4. Dump in the pasta and the cheese. Mix thoroughly with a spatula.
5. "Pam" a 2 quart casserole and scoop the mixture into it. ***
6. Bake 20 minutes, or until the top is golden and the whole thing is bubbly.



* As a rule, I use corkscrews, rather than boring elbows. However, sometimes I see some really cute pasta in seasonal shapes, and those make a pretty casserole. Just be sure to weigh it to get half a pound of pasta.

** I use Cabot Extra Sharp Vermont cheese. No orange dye. I grate it in my food processor. These days I seem to find it only at WalMart, but sometimes you see the really big blocks of it at other stores.

*** Dane and I like spicy food, so I often shake cayenne on the top if it's just for us. If I am taking mac and cheese to a potluck, I sprinkle on some paprika. Adds nothing to the casserole, to be sure, but it's pretty.

“Twas the Night Before BRADS Plant Distribution” by JoAnne Astin

T’was the night before BRADS plant distribution and all though the house
Nancy and JoAnne were stirring about.
The plants were prepared and put in their place
in hopes that the distribution will be a success.
Nancy in her PJs and JoAnne in her jeans
finally settled down for a night of daylily dreams.

When early in the morning
there arose such a clatter
they sprang from their beds and then realized the matter:
The alarm had been ringing for quite a long while...
“We’re late” they shouted and
without a smile!
Away to the door they flew like a flash, they were late for the
distribution and away they both dashed.

JoAnne was driving so fast in her brand new car
as they tried to remember some older daylilies from afar...
They shouted out:
Now Born to Run,
Now Big Blue and
Bountiful Pink,
Celestial City and
Little Wink!
Now Destined to See and
Dragon Piñata,
Early Shirley and
A Laughing Matter!
To the gardens y’all go
To your new homes you’ll grow
By next summer you’ll bloom and make us all croon.

With a car full of daylilies JoAnne drove on and on,
She was driving so fast
seems like they had just left home.
Then in the twinkling of an eye they arrived at the center
with a car full of daylilies they were waiting to enter.
Nancy was still in her PJs no time to change,
they had a job to do and to be arranged.
They spoke quite a bit asking for help,
and everyone said yes without a yelp.

They sorted the plants and distributed them out.
Everyone was so pleased with what they’d picked out.
Nancy and JoAnne were elated and relieved.
The plant distribution was over, and they both took an Aleve.



October 8, 2022 BRADS Meeting Minutes

President Pro-Tem Julie Covington convened the meeting 12:52 and welcomed all members, as well as our speaker Melodye Campbell. The minutes of the July 9, 2022 meeting were approved as read.

Reports:

The Treasurer's report, which had been emailed and mailed to the membership earlier, required no adjustments. Kyle asked that members please submit their receipts for reimbursement, as needed.

Vice Presidents Nancy B. Jones and JoAnne Astin said they appreciated all the compliments and kind emails about our auction last month. They asked that members be thinking about what they would like for next year, and let them know as soon as possible because the lists from growers will be coming out this fall. They also noted that Elnora had brought in her P4M plants and they will be auctioned at a later date.

Shirley Jarusek, Chair of Plant Sales, said she had heard from Tracy Tuttle of RCGC, and that they would like suggestions for how to improve the next sales. It was noted that people seem to be unaware that fall is an excellent time to plant perennials, so perhaps pre-sales would help promote that idea. Shirley said that she took home all the daylilies that were donated for that sale and has, thanks to donations of pots from Mike's Country Store, she has potted them and will have them for our next sale. It was determined it would be a good idea to have a way to acknowledge that gift at the sale.

Barb Putney, Co-Editor of the Newsletter, reminded members that the next deadline will be at the end of October, and they plan to have the newsletter out the first week of November. Julie requested that Meg submit information about our new website. Pictures, stories, recipes, articles – all are welcome.

New Business:

Julie verified that the nominating committee consisted of Lynne Victorine, Shirley Jarusek and Meg Swecker. She reminded us that we need a president to serve in an unexpired term of one year. The committee will present the slate in November, with voting in December so that the new president can begin in January.

The display garden is a concern that needs resolution. The executive board had three motions they wished to present:

1. The Executive Board moves that BRADS form a small committee to bring recommendations to the club about the future of the club bed at the January 2023 meeting; specifically, to recommend whether to continue with name tags, recommendations about which plants to sell, what to remove, and ideas about how to reduce the garden to manageable size.

Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously and President Covington appointed Shirley Jarusek and Nancy Jones as co-chairs.

2. The Executive Board moved that BRADS offer Shirley Jarusek the Stout Medal collection currently housed at RCGC in our club garden with all winners from 1950- early 2000s, to add to the historic Display Garden at Richfield in Salem, which she curates. We request that these plants be moved by November 1, 2022.

During discussion it was noted that this could be an unreasonable deadline, so the motion was amended to reflect a change in date from November 1, 2022 to June 1, 2023. The motion to amend was approved unanimously, and the amended motion was then approved unanimously.

BRADS Meeting Minutes Cont.

3. The Executive Board moved that BRADS, with regret, NOT continue to maintain the John Euchler Garden as an AHS Display Garden to 2023. Following discussion, which centered upon the current condition of the garden and the hopes that a renewal would enable the club to re-apply when the garden met the standards of an AHS Display Garden, the motion was approved unanimously.

Julie listed the remaining programs for 2022, which are Rich Howard on November 12th, and a Christmas event on December 10th.

We were again reminded to mail hard copies of minutes, treasurer's reports and newsletters to Elnora and Ray Stubbs, as well as Doris Peters.

The business meeting was adjourned at 1:23 and members were treated to an excellent program on mini- and small daylilies by Melodye Campbell.

Lynne Victorine
Secretary

Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society Inc, Treasurer's 3RD Quarter Report 2022

Balance 6/30/2022 \$19,847.82

Income

Smoulder Auction \$250.30
Dues (2 new member 4 renewed for 2023) \$110
Interest \$0.60
BRADS Daylily Auction \$1741.00
RCGC Fall Plant Sale \$614.00
Total \$2725.90

Balance \$22,563.72

Expenditures

Reimburse Meg Swecker for Website Update \$629.40
RCGC meeting rent Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec \$80.00
RCGC 20% of Fall Plant Sale \$122.80
Reimburse JoAnn Astin Auction Supplies \$110.41
Ordered New Checks..... \$25.35
Total \$967.96

Balance \$21,595.76

BRADS 2022 Board Members:

Julie Covington,
President (Pro-Tem)

JoAnne Astin,
Second Co-Vice-President

Nancy B. Jones,
Second Co-Vice-President

Kyle Jones,
Treasurer

Lynne Victorine,
Secretary

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