



# The Blue Daylily

Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society (BRADS)  
2025 spring Edition - May 13

## President's Message

Greetings fellow BRADS members,  
Spring has finally sprung...Thank Goodness!!! I lost a few daylilies over the winter, and I am not sure



if it was the brutal cold of January or if it was my fault for getting them planted late last year or if they were just not hardy. But that is ok because we have

plant sales coming up. I am really looking forward to replacing them.

And then we have our Plants for Members Distribution, which is always a great way to acquire a few fans at the end of two years after trialing the newest introductions from sought after hybridizers. If you have not participated in this program, I encourage you to do so. The Plants for Members chairs spend a great deal of time picking out wonderful daylilies for the group and make a great effort to please everyone by having an assortment of all the daylily types from Spiders to Unusual Forms to Doubles and everything in between.



I really enjoyed Clark BeCraft's presentation of All-American Selections. I took many photos of his slides and hope to acquire some of the seeds to try in my garden this year. If you missed the program, you could always go online and see the 2025 winners (*See page 4*). There

are many stunning plants that would make great companion plants to daylilies. The Virginia Western Community Arboretum grows some of the selections and you are always welcome to visit. Maybe a group

of members would like to get together and visit the Arboretum after a BRADS function, or it could be added to our Summer Garden Tours. That would be a lot of fun and show support for our speaker.



I just carried home a handful of plants from the Perennial Plant Exchange but not because there was not a great selection to choose from. I simply had to restrict myself because I have many areas in my garden that need work before any new plants will find a permanent home. I would like to hear about your garden expansions, renovations, or ideas and how you plan to add more daylilies to your gardens this year.

Your Friend In All Things Daylily,  
*Shirley Jarusek*

## Upcoming Event Dates:

**May 17, 2025, 11 AM**

Plants for Members Distribution

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

**June 21, 2025, 9 AM - 1 PM**

BRADS Summer Plant Sale and Show

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

**July 2025**

BRADS Garden Tours and Summer Business Meeting. Details TBD

## Plants For Members News

The April PFM meeting will begin at 11:00 on May 17, 2024. We will hold a brief business meeting on this date and members are invited to bring some cookies to share, if so inclined.

Our 2025 PFM distribution includes plants from Browns Ferry Gardens, Pinewood Gardens, Top Guns Gardens, and Woodhenge Gardens. Thank you to the BRADS members who suggested these hybridizers! If you have ideas about hybridizers for the 2026 PFM distribution, please let Meg and Kat know.



### 2025 PFM Plants:

#### Brown Ferry Garden Plants

Ahead of the Curve  
Browns Ferry Love Affair  
Carolina Red Rebel  
Dinner's on Me  
Great Day in the Morning  
Just a Little Tipsy  
Meme's Pink Stuff  
Pinebark Stew  
Rosie's Beau  
The Rogue Prince  
Uncle Jack Perry  
Walk Away Renee

#### Pinewood Gardens Plants

Flame of Anor  
Servant to All  
Mount Carmel  
Foundation Jewel  
Pinewood Servant King  
Water in the Wilderness  
Celestial Waters  
Heart of the Sea  
Pinewood Flying Saucer  
Healer of Nations

#### Woodhenge Gardens

Bacon is the Answer  
Balderdash  
Casey Jac  
Denominator  
Emergency Stopping Only  
I'll Take Vanilla  
June Jewel  
Leon Noel  
Raven's Roost  
Stingray Point  
Vinyard Sunrise  
Woodhenge Vampire

#### Topguns Daylily Gardens

Topguns the Patriarch  
Topguns Citrine Fantasy  
Swirl City Aging Predator  
Swirl City Electric Dynamite



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

<https://brads.plantfans.com/>

**Please check the website for additions or last-minute changes as we get closer to May 17th.**

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. In order to "fund" this program, plants are grown for two years, then returned for auction. Please see program overview on page 3 and remember that plants are not to be grown in pots, as this will reduce growth and rate of increase.



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.

PFM eligibility: Those who have paid their dues by January 31st of the current year, attended at least one of the quarterly BRADS business meetings in the previous year, and attended one separate club function are eligible to participate in this year's Plants for Members Distribution. (Please note that the annual Christmas party does not count as a qualifying function.) The PFM Committee uses meeting sign-in sheets to determine if requirements were met. Members, it is your responsibility to sign the sheet at each meeting!



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

**Qualifying for 2025 Plants for Members distribution:**

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Beverly Angle   | Shirley Jarusek         |
| JoAnne Astin    | Kyle Jones              |
| Doris Austin    | Nancy Jones             |
| June Avis       | Nancy B. Jones          |
| Angie Bowald    | Julie Kitzmiller        |
| Jean Bryant     | John Lawson             |
| Julie Covington | Jovi Larson             |
| Taylor Dake     | Elaine & Shane Lorenzen |
| Kat Ferneley    | Pat Malotte             |
| Carolyn Fleming | Kathy Reed              |
| Susan Fore      | Carol Sarginger         |
| Tom Fore        | Treasa Smith            |
| Dennis Guerra   | Meg Swecker             |
| Ellen Irons     | Lynne Victorine         |

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 pant 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

## *RCGC Spring Plant Sale*

This past Saturday was a fine day to be at the RCGC Spring Plant Sale! Shoppers were tempted by a wide variety of gardener's delights, and BRADS members stepped up with donations netting a profit of \$831.20 for the club. It was also fantastic to have our own bright new canopies to create some shade.

Thanks to Shirley Jarusek, John Lawson, Nancy and Kyle Jones, Carolyn Fleming, Jean Bryant, Tracy Mundy, Tom and Susan Fore, Meg Swecker, and Beverly Angle for their efforts and participation.



## *April Program - Clark BeCraft*



On April 12th Clark BeCraft, the Horticulture Program Coordinator at Virginia Western's Community Arboretum, presented a program of the 2025 All-American Selections (AAS) Winners. Everything from purple broccoli to pink petunias. New introductions are planted all over North America in impartial trial

gardens and winners are selected for their superior garden performance. Meg Swecker kindly presented Clark with 4 fans of 'Cerise Masterpiece' from her garden and the club presented him with a 200 dollar check. It was a very informative presentation.

*Shirley Jarusek*



All-America Selections is an independent nonprofit committed to developing award-winning flowers and vegetables. You can visit their website at: <https://all-americaselections.org/>

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## *BRADS Meeting Minutes - April 12, 2025*

After a potluck luncheon, Shirley Jarusek, President, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Members attending were Kyle & Nancy Jones, Tracy Mundy, JoAnne Astin, Barb Putney, Jean Bryant, Tom & Susan Fore, Treasa Smith, Lynne Victorine, Carolyn Fleming, Ellen Irons, Taylor Dake, John Lawson, Jovi Larson, Shirley Jarusek, Kat Ferneley, Meg Swecker and Nancy B. Jones.

Minutes of the March 8, 2025 were read by Carolyn Fleming, Secretary, and approved.

Kyle Jones, Treasurer, gave a financial report and was approved as read. Kyle stated the CD was maturing and asked for guidance from membership how to proceed. After discussion and by unanimous vote, Kyle was given discretion to roll over the CD at the best possible rate.

Nancy Jones, Program Chair, gave a report of upcoming events:

May 10, 2025 RCGC Spring Plant Sale

May 19, 2025 BRADS Plants for members Sale

June 21, 2025 BRADS Show and Daylily Sale

Meg Swecker, PFM Co-Chair reported that plants had been ordered and a list will be available on BRADS' website.

Shirley Jarusek reported that she had submitted articles and club calendar to the regional newsletter, Fanfare.

Members discussed the possibility of having another online daylily auction in the fall. The majority of members indicated that the club should repeat the sale since it was so successful. No final decision will be made until it is discussed with JoAnne Astin, last year's chairperson.

Old Business:

Renovation of the Display Garden will be tabled until RCGC finalizes their plans for the property.

New Business:

Kyle Jones gave a report on a proposal to change Article 10 of the Bylaws. 100% of Board supports the change from Robert's Rules of Order to a simpler parliamentary procedure. Discussion among some members of BRADS entertains the frustration many feel regarding "Roberts Rules" because it is too complicated for a small non-profit. "Democratic Rules of Order" has only 33 pages and its focus centers on democratic vote with importance of inclusive opportunity and respect to each member. Lynne Victorine, parliamentarian, stated "Roberts Rules" had been used to make changes to suit BRADS changing requirements. She stated several instances where it had been used to settle disputes. Meg Swecker motioned, seconded by Carolyn Fleming that the change [from Robert's Rules of Order] be presented to membership 30 days before the Vote for approval.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

*Carolyn Fleming*  
*Secretary*



## *Amendment to the Bylaws*

Discussion among some members of BRADS entertains the frustration many feel regarding the use of “Robert’s Rules of Order”. This is the conclusion of 100% of the board. There are alternatives and they are attached. Roberts is complicated and few people have a grasp and understanding of its 816 page book. A Google search presented some ideas worth considering. Roberts is too large and complicated to be used by a small nonprofit organization such as BRADS. Also consider that adopting Roberts into one’s bylaws makes the whole book part of your bylaws leaving BRADS open to unintended consequences. Whether we should or not the vast majority of members could care less about all the rules involved. Of the choices available “Democratic Rules of Order” by Fred and Peggy Francis has 33 pages. Its focus centers on the democratic vote with the importance of inclusive opportunity and respect to each member.

Our current bylaws are:

ARTICLE X: PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert’s Rule of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority of this Society.

I move to amend the bylaws as:

ARTICLE X: PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

Democratic Rules of Order 10th Edition, shall be the parliamentary authority of this Society.

*Kyle Jones*

**See the next page for further information on the alternatives.**

**Please review the information and be prepared to vote on this amendment at the business meeting, Saturday 5/17.**

## *Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society Inc, Treasurer’s Reports*

### **1st Quarter 2025**

**Balance 12/31/2024 ..... \$12,721.46**

#### **Income**

Kroger Cares ..... \$26.13

Auction, Heidi Douglas ..... \$310.00

Dues ..... \$585.00

Total ..... \$611.13

**Balance ..... \$13,332.59**

#### **Expenditures**

Zoom\* ..... \$167.90

Ice, Utensils, Balloons,

Garden Sprayer\*\* ..... \$84.45

Building Rental RGCC (Jan.—Jun.) .... \$100.00

Woodhenge Gardens PFM ..... \$619.00

Browns Ferry Gardens PFM ..... \$850.00

Robert Scott PFM ..... \$488.50

Pinewood Gardens ..... \$500.00

Stamps from USPS (Debit Card) ..... \$14.88

Total ..... \$2,824.73

**Balance ..... \$10,507.86**

### **Certificate of Deposit (Matures 4/20/25)**

**\$10,683.35**

*Kyle Jones*

*Treasurer*

### ***BRADS 2025 Board Members:***

**Shirley Jarusek,**  
President

**Kyle Jones,**  
Treasurer

**Nancy Jones,**  
First Vice-President

**Carolyn Fleming,**  
Secretary

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

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

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## Alternatives to Robert's Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order are a complex, formal system for group decision-making. They were developed by General Henry M. Robert, a U.S. Army Engineer who studied parliamentary procedure. He first published *Robert's Rules of Order* in 1876.

For some nonprofit organizations, Robert's Rules of Order are an appropriate way to manage the way meetings are conducted and especially to handle disagreements. For others, the use of Robert's Rules may be counterproductive to the goals of the organization, including the need for nurturing productive working relationships among the members.

Here are some web-based resources that offer alternatives to Robert's Rules. You may wish to consider these resources before deciding on the best method for conducting formal business and settling disputes. Also, keep in mind that some approaches, such as consensus decision-making, may be too time-consuming or simply impossible under specific circumstances.

Consensus Decision-Making: A Virtual Learning Center  
<http://consensusdecisionmaking.org/>

Democratic Rules of Order (this has to be purchased)  
<http://democraticrules.com/>

Simplified Rules of Order  
<https://www.counseling.org/docs/default-source/Branches/simplified-roberts-rules-of-order.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

Atwood's Rules  
<http://robertsrules-team1.weebly.com/alternatives.html>

Comparison of Robert's Rules, Consensus Process and Dynamic Facilitation  
<http://www.co-intelligence.org/l-comparisonRR-CC-DF.html>

Martha's Rules of Order  
<http://camblog.topsssoft.com/coming-to-consensus-marthas-rules-of-order>