



The Blue Daylily

Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society (BRADS)
2023 Spring Edition - May 7

President's Message

Greetings fellow BRADS members, What happened to Spring? I had six inches of growth on my daylilies in the beginning of February with the odd high temperatures. Then many nights of frost. Then back to high temperatures. I hold my breath every time I watch the weather forecast! I did see some frost damage on a few plants but the majority have pulled through these crazy temperature swings. I hope everyone's garden has made it through unscathed.

We had a great turn out for the Spring display garden clean up on March the 11th. Thank you to all those who participated! The Perennial Plant Exchange was loads of fun on April 8th. We drew numbers and each member was able to take a turn to pick something out about 7 or 8 rounds. Thank you to all those who donated plants for this fun event. We had a short business meeting and a wonderful potluck lunch also.

The RCGC Spring Plant Sale is coming up on May 13th. This is a great opportunity to add to your gardens at very reasonable prices. I am certainly looking forward to the sale and conversing with other gardeners. I believe there are to be 12 different vendors at the sale this year. As the Plant Sale Chair, I will be at the RCGC building on Friday, May 12th from 9 to 3 for plant drop off. Anyone else who would like to help is more than welcome to come out and give me a hand. The more the merrier!

The following weekend May 20th will be the Plants for Members Plant Distribution. Look for the Eligible Member list in this newsletter. This program is one of the premier benefits of being a BRADS member and

gives you the opportunity to grow and evaluate some truly great new daylily introductions from highly sought out hybridizers.

June 10th will be our BRADS Plant Sale and Exhibit. I potted up the leftover daylilies from the Fall Plant Sale and over wintered them in my vegetable garden. About half of them made it through and I will be bringing them to the sale. This is a great opportunity to purchase daylilies for your garden as well as promoting our Club for future members. I hope to see everyone involved in this great event!

And lastly, July 8th will be BRADS Garden Tours and Summer Business Meeting. We will be visiting Carolyn Fleming's Garden in New Castle and Humble Hen Nursery also in New Castle. I hope everyone will be able to attend and support your fellow club member! I am always very excited for a road trip to see gardens!!

Your Friend In All Things Daylily,
Shirley Jarusek



Upcoming Event Dates:

May 13, 2023, 9 AM
RCGC Spring Sale

May 20, 2023, 11 AM
BRADS Plant for Members Distribution

June 10, 2023, 9 AM
BRADS Summer Plant Sale and Show

July 8, 2023, 8 AM
BRADS Garden Tours and Summer
Business Meeting

See page 2 for complete details.

Upcoming BRADS Events

Saturday, May 13, 2023 - 9 AM

RCGC Spring Sale

(Friday plant drop-off 9 AM - 3PM)

Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC)

3640 Colonial Avenue, SW.

Roanoke, VA 24018

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Fleming Farm

New Castle, VA

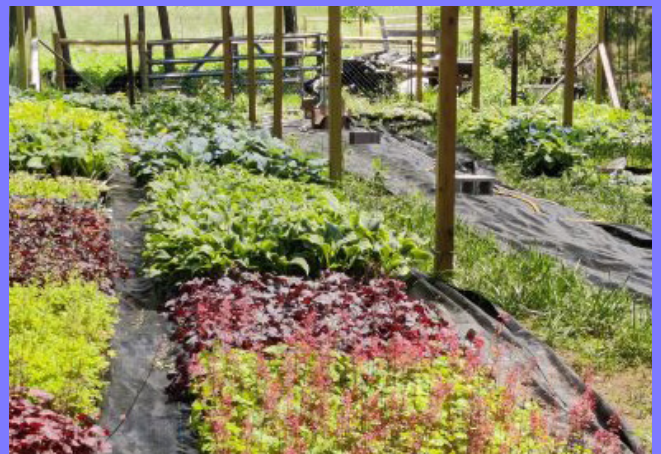
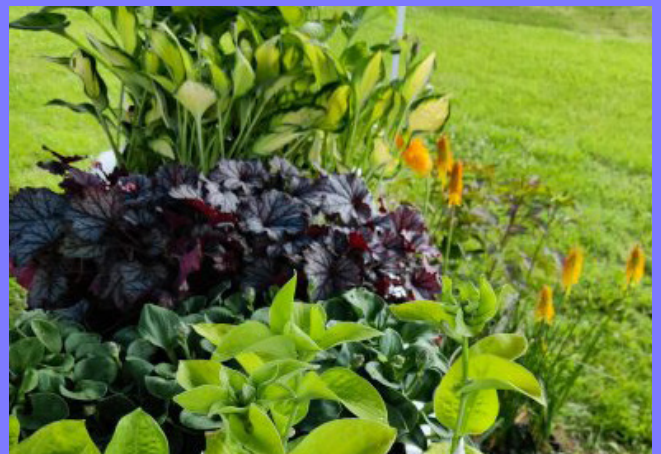
Visit Carolyn Fleming's Garden in New Castle. It is suggested that people carpool from their various locales, and those interested in carpooling further can meet in the lower parking lot at Richfield Salem at 7 AM. We will tour Carolyn's garden and have a business meeting afterwards. Bring a snack if you wish. Water provided. After the meeting, members will visit the nearby Humble Hen Nursery, specializing in shade-loving perennials.

Julie Covington

Program Chair



Humble Hen Nursery - July 8



Garden of Carolyn Fleming

Greetings BRADS,

Everyone is anxiously awaiting spring and warmer weather, but Mother Nature has been teasing us with cold and windy conditions one day and summer like temperatures the next. Hopefully this will be the last of frost and near freezing weather.

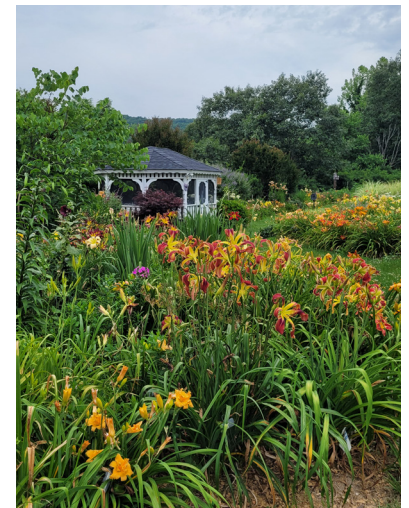
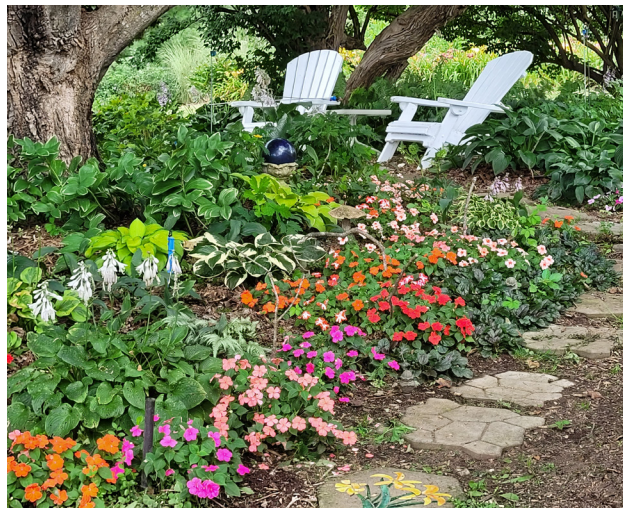
My dog, Susie, and I are looking forward to welcoming you to our garden on July 8th for the summer tour. The garden is planted to provide blooming color 3 seasons of the year. Early spring arrives with dozens of cheerful daffodil and forsythia blooms. Later spring brings poppies, peonies, alliums, Spanish bluebells and the grandest of all, many varieties of Iris. The highlights of the year are the daylilies that start blooming the last of June with peak bloom mid-July. I've lost count of the number over the years, but to suffice it to say its north of over 1,000 cultivars. The garden contains many older, but still

beautiful daylilies. There are also a sizable number of newer cultivars and club plants as well. Sprinkled around are colorful annuals and the beginnings of my dahlia collection are appearing. One of my favorite spots is the shade garden in the front yard featuring

a hosta collection, columbine, ferns, hardy orchids and coleus. Impatiens and other colorful annuals in sunny areas form a carpet of color.

We are looking forward to your visit to the Fleming Farm July 8th. We are located about 20 miles north of Hanging Rock on route 311. Take a right turn on 615 in New Castle and we are located approx. 5 miles from New Castle. Look for the Fleming Farm sign on the left.

Carolyn Fleming



Plants For Members News

Our annual Plants For Members distribution will be May 20, 2023, at 11:00 AM at the RCGC building. Some information for new members and reminders for everyone else: The purpose of this program is to educate BRADS members by giving them the opportunity to grow and report on the performance of the club plants chosen. In order to “fund” this program, plants are grown for two years, then returned for auction. Please see program overview to the right and remember that **plants are not to be grown in pots**, as this will reduce growth and rate of increase. If a member participating in the PFM Program becomes inactive (does not renew their BRADS membership), **all fans of all plants** in their possession are to be returned to the PFM committee in the Spring (date to be determined by the PFM chair and the ex-member).



Also, as a reminder, although last year eligibility requirements for PFM were suspended, these are now **back in effect**. This means that members who paid their dues by January 31st, 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 the club secretary's end of year attendance report for determining whether or not requirements were met. **Members**, it is your responsibility to sign the sheet at each meeting.



We're looking forward to the coming distribution! Qualifying members listed on the next page. See you there!

Nancy B. Jones & JoAnne Astin
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

Be sure to visit
<http://brads.plantfans.com>
to view all the
2023 Plants for Members!

Qualifying for 2023 Plants for Members distribution:

Beverly Angle	Taylor Dake	Debora Hubbard	Elaine Lorenzen	Treasa Smith
JoAnne Astin	Kat Ferneley	Shirley Jarusek	Pat Malotte	Elnora Stubbs
June Avis	Carolyn Fleming	Kyle Jones	Doris Peters	Roy Stubbs
Angela Bowald	Tom Fore	Nancy Jones	Barb Putney	Meg Swecker
Craig Bowald	Susan Fore	Nancy B. Jones	Kathy Reed	Lynne Victorine
Jean Bryant	Dennis Guerra	Julie Kitzmiller	Carol Sarginger	Kent Walton
Julie Covington	Mitch Holcomb	John Lawson	David Sarginger	

BRADS Meeting Minutes April 8, 2023

President Shirley Jarusek convened the meeting at 1:10 and welcomed everyone.

The minutes of the January 14, 2023 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer Kyle Jones shared the first quarter report. He also noted that BRADS had received a thank you note from the Hunters for the Hungry for our memorial gift to honor A.L. Bryant. He also explained how he reimbursed himself once annually by submitting receipts.

Second Vice Presidents JoAnne Astin and Nancy B. Jones were unable to attend, but sent word that pictures have been posted to our Plants for Members site.

Co-chair of the Display Garden Committee, Shirley Jarusek indicated she would begin digging Stout Medal Winners for the Richfield Heritage Garden.

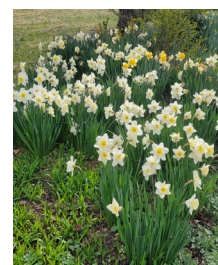
Newsletter Co-Editor Beverly Angle informed members that the deadline for the May newsletter will be April 28th.

There being no further business to discuss, President Jarusek adjourned the meeting at 1:26 and the members participated in the spring perennial plant exchange.

*Lynne Victorine
Secretary*

Annual Garden Cleanup

March 11th was our annual Spring display garden cleanup. Although the morning started out pretty chilly we had a good number of members come out to get the work done! A special thank you to Kyle for delivering mulch!



Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society Inc, Treasurer's Reports

1st Quarter 2023

Balance 12/31/2022\$20,602.72

Income

Dues	\$360.00
Donation	\$40.00
Kroger Cares	\$31.82
Interest	\$2.40
Total	\$434.22
Balance	\$21,036.94

Expenditures

Meg Swecker, Zoom	\$157.40
RCGC Meeting Rental Jan., April, May, June	\$80.00
Plant for Members	
Brown's Ferry Gardens	\$545.00
Steven A. Franklin	\$293.75
Janice Kennedy	\$113.00
Laura Teague	\$236.00
Dan Hansen	\$307.00
Hunters for the Hungry	\$100.00
Rich Howard (late cashing)	\$400.00
Total	\$2,232.15

Balance\$18,804.79

*Tim Herrington has 2 checks not yet deposited
\$328.00 and \$172.00

Kyle Jones
Treasurer

BRADS 2023 Board Members:

Shirley Jarusek,
President

Julie Covington
First Vice-President

JoAnne Astin,
Nancy B. Jones,
Second Co-Vice-Presidents

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Newsletter Co-Editors



BRADS members are encouraged to visit the American Daylily Society website, daylilies.org for information about daylilies, display gardens, photos, and much more. ADS membership comes with quarterly issues of their own publication the "Daylily Journal".

See <https://daylilies.org/membership> for more details.

