



# *The Blue Daylily*

Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society (BRADS)  
**2024 Winter Edition - March 1**

## *President's Message*

Happy New Year! I sure am looking forward to 2024 and all the Daylily Activities that have been scheduled for the club. New officers have been installed (except the Secretary position) and it will be interesting to see each person put their own spin on things. We had our first business meeting on January 13th with a great showing of members. The seed exchange was a whole lot of fun...Thanks to all those who donated seeds and to Nancy Jones (First Vice President) for putting things together. Our next order of business will be the Spring Garden Clean-up scheduled for March 9, 2024 at 9:00 am. I hope to see you all there to help clean up BRADS Daylily Display Garden. Bring your favorite pitch fork and wheel barrow.

I am thankful for the warmer weather and have been getting a lot done outside. I am excited about this year's growing season and have already purchased 10 new daylilies to add to my garden. My sister from Maine (enabler...lol) sent me a gift certificate from Oakes Daylilies for my birthday and I will be picking out even more daylilies to be shipped. I have looked at their catalog several times now and keep changing my mind (prerogative of a daylily fanatic) but I will eventually decide. I have plans for several new beds this year and will need plants to fill them. I can't wait to get my hands in the dirt!

Your Friend In All Things Daylily,  
*Shirley Jarusek*



## *Upcoming Event Dates:*

**March 9, 2024, 9 AM**  
**RCGC BRADS Spring Garden Cleanup**

**April 13, 2024, 12 Noon**  
**BRADS Spring Business Meeting,  
Potluck, Perennial Exchange**

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

**May 18, 2024, 11 AM**  
**Plants for Members Distribution**

Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC)  
3640 Colonial Avenue, SW.  
Roanoke, VA 24018

## BRADS 2024 Calendar

I wanted to share this picture taken by Julie Covington possibly in 2001 at a Reg. 3 meeting. Pictured to the right in the short sleeved shirt is Dr. Jack Went, BRADS club founder. John Euhler, for whom the display garden is named, is the dark haired bearded fellow in the blue t-shirt. Also pictured is Joan Cabiness, red checkered dress, who hosted many club events at SML. She is talking with Jim Smith, a former BRADS member. Could that be Gary Osborne to the left side of the picture? He had a beautiful garden that he opened to the public for years until nature (deer, a Derecho, and aging) told him it was time to quit.



March 9 is our daylily garden spring clean up and mulch day starting at 10AM. Hopefully the weather will be good for this (warmer than last year). April 13

will be pot luck at 12 noon, business meeting, guest speaker will be Jean Summerbell (new president for RCGC), and a plant exchange. May 11 spring garden sale with RCGC. May 18 plants for members, details to come from Meg and Kat.

*Nancy Jones*  
*Program Chair*

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

**January 13, 2024, 12 Noon**

BRADS Potluck and Business Meeting  
Program: Seed Exchange

**March 9, 2024, 9 AM**

RCGC BRADS Spring Garden Cleanup  
(weather permitting)

**April 13, 2024, 12 Noon**

BRADS Spring Business Meeting, Potluck,  
Perennial exchange, and Garden tool sharpening

**May 11, 2024, 9 AM**

RCGC Spring Sale

**May 18, 2024, 11 AM**

Plants for Members Distribution  
Eligible Member list will be in the spring newsletter.

**June 29, 2024, 9 AM**

BRADS Plant Sale and Exhibit

**July 6, 2024**

BRADS garden tours gardens / Summer Business Meeting  
Gardens of Tom and Susan Fore, Rocky Mount, VA  
Schedule TBD

**Sept. 14, 2024** BRADS PFM Auction and Potluck

**10 AM** – PFM chairs receive auction plants  
from members

**11 AM** – potluck

**12 Noon** – PFM Auction begins

**Oct, 12, 2024, 12 Noon**

Potluck / Fall Business Meeting

**Nov. 2, 2024, 12 Noon**

Frozen Pizza from Kroger./ Program  
Speakers: Charles and Heidi Douglas, Browns Ferry  
Gardens, Georgetown, SC

**Dec. 14, 2024, 12 Noon**

BRADS Christmas pot luck and gift  
Exchange

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

President Shirley Jarusek called the meeting to order at 12:55. Members present, including the president were JoAnne Astin, Jean Bryant, Taylor Dake, Carolyn Fleming, Dennis Guerra, Nancy B. Jones, Nancy Jones, Kyle Jones, Julie Kitzmiller, John Lawson, Elaine Lorenzen, Shane Lorenzen, Pat Malotte, Barb Putney, Kathy Reed, Treasa Smith, Meg Swecker, Lynne Victorine, and Kent Walton.

The minutes of the December 2023 meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer Kyle Jones noted he had emailed the end of year report. BRADS has a balance of \$10,865.55. Our \$10,000 CD will have the growth reported at the end of its first year. The people who had been appointed to review the books did not appear, so that still needs to be completed. He pointed out that dues must be paid by the end of January in order to participate in the Plants for Members program. Kyle sent \$70.00 to American Daylily Society and they sent him a journal, which shall be shared among members.

Nancy Jones presented a tentative program schedule; she said that October and April are still open and that Garden Tours are still being settled. Members offered suggestions for garden visits. She reported that our daylily sale will be June 29th, the last Saturday in June. The members gave preliminary approval to the plans as presented and Barb Putney will do publicity for our sale.

Meg Swecker reported that Plants for Members distribution may be May 4 or May 18th. She and Kat welcome any suggestions for hybridizers to contact.

Barb said there will be a newsletter for February, with a date to follow.

### *Unfinished Business:*

Deer fencing was briefly discussed for the display garden. The deer population has become exceedingly troublesome, and spraying plus mylar balloons are

ineffective. No resolution was made.

The group had postponed making a decision regarding an end of year contribution to RCGC. Meg Swecker moved we not make a year-end contribution to RCGC; the motion was seconded and following discussion was approved.

The group had expressed some concern about participation in the RCGC Fall Plant Sale, citing poor returns. In the previous discussion, online sales were mentioned as an alternative. Lynne Victorine moved an exploratory committee be appointed to devise a preliminary plan and present it at the April meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. JoAnne Astin and Treasa Smith will chair this, with the understanding that it would be in addition to the fall plant sale.

There being no new business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55, at which time members participated in a seed exchange.

*Lynne Victorine*



Star Magnolia in bloom at the display garden, February 2024.

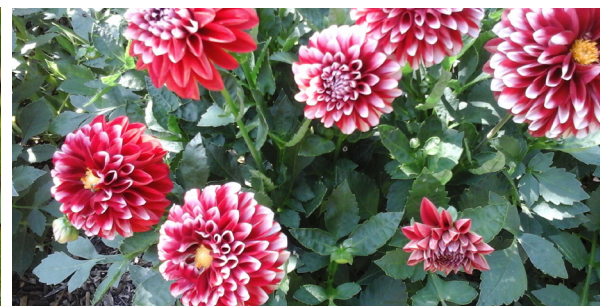
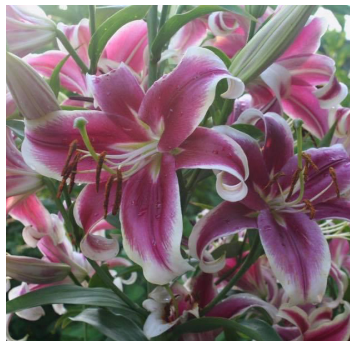
## *Dreaming of Spring and Plants that Compliment Daylilies*

After the BRADS January business meeting ended, we started talking about our garden plans for the coming season, the seeds we brought to exchange and what plants we wanted to go with lilies. As we talked, Nancy Jones ask us to name the non-daylily plants we liked the best and the ones we liked the least. Since we had all had different experiences, there were interesting discussions. The plants that were most disliked were ones that were invasive, though some folks liked the invasion!

This is a list of favorite plants (other than daylilies): clematis, salvia, lantana, blackberry lily, hydrangeas, herbs (especially lavender), helleborus, sweet bay magnolia, peony, dahlia, iris, Virginia bluebells, Japanese iris, ferns, red poppy, coneflower, verbena bonariensis, veronica, oriental and Asiatic lilies.

Plants we can live without: bamboo, dwarf pygmy bamboo, mugwort, persicaria, English ivy, yarrow, houttuynia (chameleon plant), vinca, holly, lirioppe, bittersweet, honeysuckle, tickseed, yucca, wisteria, iris, beebalm and creeping jenny. At least two go without listing: poison ivy and kudsu!

*Barb Putney*



Please enjoy these photos of some of our favorite companion plants. From the gardens of Nancy & Kyle J., Barb P., Julie C., and Beverly A.

## Annual Christmas Party

BRADS held its annual Christmas celebration on December 9, 2023. We mixed things up a bit and changed the potluck to a brunch instead of lunch. What delicious quiche, sausage gravy and biscuits, and fruit platter. A Dirty Santa gift exchange was held and fun was had by all. Thanks to all those that came out and participated.

*Shirley Jarusek*



## WANTED! A SECRETARY!

Your BRADS is in immediate need of a person to assume the office of secretary. If ever there was a time to be a hero, this is it! Outgoing secretary Lynne Victorine has volunteered to assist in any way needed and is providing a secretary's notebook with easy-to-follow instructions and a template for everything needing to be done. She has also agreed to sub for her replacement given notice. Perfect attendance is not a requirement. Please see her note below.

From Lynne:

The office of secretary is not hard. Your main tasks are to make sure you have the attendance sheet and convey that information to the Plants for Members VPs. Then you take notes at the meeting and convert those to minutes. I will email you a copy of the most recent minutes, which you can then copy and paste

into a new document, change the date and type of meeting, and then follow along by noting what time the meeting was convened, who was present (the attendance sheet!), and from then on, record what happened. Minutes are NOT a blow-by-blow account of everything that was said. It is a whole lot less stressful than you think. You do not need to be the parliamentarian. I did that on a purely coincidental basis. Our bylaws prohibit me from serving again, and quite frankly, I need a break from it. If ever there was a time to step up and help the group, this would be it. You couldn't choose an easier way to serve!



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

### **3rd Quarter 2023**

<b>Balance 10/1/2023</b> .....	<b>\$21,613.26</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Interest .....	\$1.66
Dues .....	\$240.00
Kroger Cares .....	\$33.23
Total .....	\$274.89

**Balance** ..... **\$21,888.15**

#### **Expenditures**

RCGC Use of Building Sept. - Dec. ....	\$80.00
Julie Covington, Chicken Tenders Oct .	\$37.90
Julie Covington, 3 Little Pigs BBQ Nov.	\$81.43
Membership Dues ADS .....	\$70.00
SCC yearly registration fee .....	\$25.00
Angie Bowald dues reimbursement* ....	\$10.00
Purchase of 11 month CD .....	\$10,000.00
Total .....	\$10,865.55

**Balance** ..... **\$10,865.55**

This is the checking account for BRADS, We also have a \$10,000 CD with American National.

\*Angie and Craig paid individual dues in Sept and changed to Family.

*Kyle Jones*  
*Treasurer*

### **BRADS Annual Financial Report 2023**

<b>Balance 12/31/2022</b> .....	<b>\$20,202.72</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Dues .....	\$810.00
Interest .....	\$8.92
Kroger Cares .....	\$132.82
Plant Sales .....	\$2,501.45
Auctions .....	\$1,822.75
Reimbursements .....	\$90.00
Total .....	\$5,345.94

**Balance** ..... **\$25,568.66**

#### **Expenditures**

Plants for members .....	\$2,349.49
Memorials .....	\$100.00
RCGC (dues, rental, plant sale %) .....	\$1,026.00
Speakers .....	\$718.27
State Corporation Commission .....	\$25.00
Meals, Chicken tenders, BarBBQ .....	\$119.33
Zoom .....	\$157.40
Membership Dues ADS .....	\$70.00
Dues Refunded* .....	\$10.00
BRADS Plant Sale Tags, buckets .....	\$127.62
CD Purchase .....	\$10,000.00
Total .....	\$14,703.11

**Balance** ..... **\$10,865.55**

### ***BRADS 2024 Board Members:***

**Shirley Jarusek**, President

**Nancy Jones**, First Vice-President

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

**Kyle Jones**, Treasurer

**Secretary**, (vacant)

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