



The Blue Daylily

Newsletter of the Blue Ridge Area Daylily Society (BRADS)
2025 Summer Edition - August 24

President's Message

Greetings fellow BRADS members,
Well, here we are in August already. Summer has flown by. Either it was extremely hot or raining day after day. It didn't seem to bother the daylilies though. I had an abundance of blooms. How about you? I really enjoyed the garden tours this year and got some great companion plant ideas to incorporate in my own garden. I do wonder why the member attendance was so low this year. Was it too hot, were you busy, just not interested? We would really like your feedback as we think about next year's programs. This is your club and if you have gardens you would like to visit, please speak up. We want to schedule fun activities for all to enjoy.

I am looking forward to cooler weather and all the Fall fun that is scheduled. Next up we have the Fall Plants for Members Auction on September 13th. I always enjoy this program and look forward to acquiring some great daylilies at great prices. It is always interesting to see which plants bring the higher bids and which ones cause a bidding war. Meg has provided each member with their pertinent information as to what plants need to be returned this year within this newsletter. I hope to see you there!

BRADS will be participating in the RCGC Fall Plant Sale on September 27th. If you will remember we skipped this last fall because we focused our energy on our Online Plant Sale. All donations are welcome and as we get closer to the date, I will let you know when I will be there for drop off and set up. I will share the official flyer with you, so you are able to post to your favorite social media sites. If anyone needs help digging, dividing, or cleaning plants please reach out and we can help.

Our Fall Business Meeting will be on October 11th. We will start the election process for new Board Members. Several positions will need to be filled so please be thinking about what role you would like to



take on for the Club. You will be fully supported so don't be nervous or shy. If you want to see change then be the change.

Your Friend In All Things Daylily,
Shirley Jarusek

Upcoming Event Dates:

Sept. 13, 2025, 10 AM

Potluck and PFM Auction

Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC)

September 27, 2025, 9 AM - 1 PM

RCGC Fall Plant Sale and Show

Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC)

October 11, 2025

Fall Business Meeting and Potluck

Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC)

Upcoming BRADS Events

All events take place at:

Roanoke Council of Garden Clubs (RCGC)

3640 Colonial Avenue, SW.

Roanoke, VA 24018

Saturday, September 13, 2025

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RCGC Fall Plant Sale

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Following the meeting there will be a visit to the Community Arboretum at Virginia Western Community College.

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Member meeting. Details to come.

2025 Spring Distribution

Our Spring PFM distribution included 39 cultivars from the following hybridizers:

Charles and Heidi Douglas – Brown's Ferry Gardens

<https://www.brownsferrygardens.com/>

Phil and Luella Korth – Pinewood Gardens

<https://www.pinewooddaylilies.com/>

Jim Murphy and Margo Reed – Woodhenge Gardens

<http://www.woodhengegardens.com/>

Robert Scott – Topguns Daylilies

<https://www.topgundaylilies.com/>

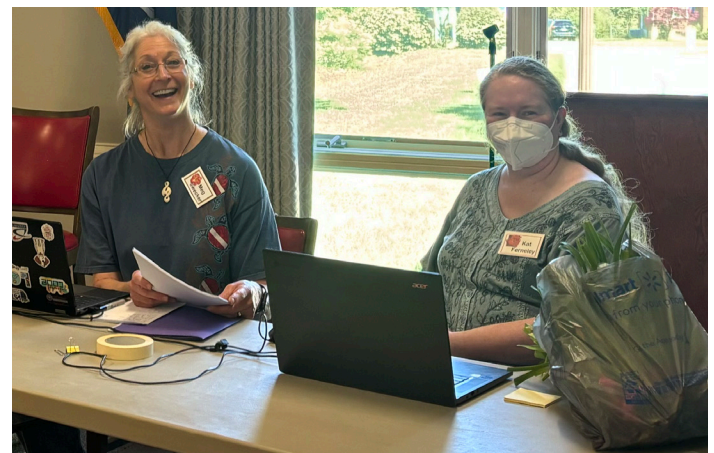
These plants will return for the Fall auction in 2027.

Meg Swecker and Kat Ferneley

Plants for Members Co-Chairs

2025 Distribution List:

Beverly Angle	JUST A LITTLE TIPSY PINEBARK STEW SWIRL CITY ELECTRIC DYNAMITE WOODHENGE SEDUCTRESS
JoAnne Astin	DENOMINATOR DINNER'S ON ME GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING
Doris Austin	BROWNS FERRY LOVE AFFAIR FOUNDATION JEWEL PINWOOD SERVANT KING SERVANT TO ALL



Angie Bowald	THE ROGUE PRINCE
Taylor Dake	BACON IS THE ANSWER DINNER'S ON ME EMERGENCY STOPPING ONLY MOUNT CARMEL SWIRL CITY HEM HEAD ALPHA
Kat Ferneley	CASEY JAC MELISSA MADE IN MARION RAVEN'S ROOST STINGRAY POINT
Carolyn Fleming	AHEAD OF THE CURVE CAROLINA RED REBEL ROSIE'S BEAU THE ROGUE PRINCE

2025 Distribution List Continued:

Susan Fore SWIRL CITY BLOOD SACRIFICE
SWIRL CITY HEM HEAD ALPHA
TOPGUN THE PATRIARCH

Tom Fore CAROLINA RED REBEL
TOPGUN CITRINE FANTASY

Shirley Jarusek BROWNS FERRY LOVE AFFAIR
DINNER'S ON ME
MEME'S PINK STUFF
UNCLE JACK PERRY
WATER IN THE WILDERNESS

Kyle Jones HEART OF THE SEA
LEON NOEL
SWIRL CITY AGING PREDATOR

Nancy Jones BALDERDASH
BROWNS FERRY LOVE AFFAIR
CASEY JAC
FLAME OF ANOR
PINWOOD FLYING SAUCER

Nancy B. Jones BROWNS FERRY LOVE AFFAIR
GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING
JUNE JEWEL
JUST A LITTLE TIPSY

Julie Kitzmiller DENOMINATOR
JUST A LITTLE TIPSY
UNCLE JACK PERRY
WALK AWAY RENEE

Jovi Larson EMERGENCY STOPPING ONLY
I'LL TAKE VANILLA

Meg Swecker CELESTIAL WATERS
GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING
THE ROGUE PRINCE
WALK AWAY RENEE

Carol Sarginger AHEAD OF THE CURVE
JUNE JEWEL

Treasa Smith BROWNS FERRY LOVE AFFAIR
HEALER OF NATIONS
JUST A LITTLE TIPSY
MEME'S PINK STUFF
PINEBARK STEW
RAVEN'S ROOST

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 are 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

2025 PFM Fall Auction

Thank you to all the members who have grown our daylilies for the last two years. We look forward to auctioning off these plants at our September event! Thank you to the members who sent updates on the plants, including pictures and information about any plant that died.

Our Plants for Members auction will be held at RCGC on Saturday, September 13, 2025.

- Please return your plants bareroot, divided, cleaned, and labeled. This ensures speedy check-in and helps us get started on time.
- We will begin accepting plants at 10:00 am. The potluck will begin at 11:00 am and our auction will begin at 12 noon.
- Check out and payment will occur at the end of the auction. We cannot check members out until this time.

Please see the list of plants that are due back and visit our Plantfans page to get a photo preview: https://brads.plantfans.com/LgGalleryByTag/2025_BRADS_FALL_AUCTION. If you have questions or if important information has been missed, please touch base with Meg for clarification at: megswecker@gmail.com.

If any member would like to donate plants to the Fall auction, please notify Meg by Monday, September 8th.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the fall auction!

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



2025 Auction

**June
Avis**

DAZZLING CANDY
LADY VICKI
WHIRLIN CURLIN
(All held in 2024)

**JoAnne
Astin**

DOUBLE PINK PERFECTION
JOHN D. ROSENTHAL
QUEEN'S JUBILEE
SPEAK MEMORY
WHISPERING ARTIC SUNRISE
WHISPERING DANCING SUNSHINE
WHISPERING WATER NYMPH

**Angie
Bowald**

BUBBLEGUM CUPCAKE
DAENERY'S DRAGON
MCKENZIE BEACH
STUNNING IN PINK
(Held for increase)

**Craig
Bowald**

DAENERYS' DRAGON
FIT FOR A QUEEN
WHISPERING WINGS OF AN ANGEL

**Julie
Covington**

PRINCESS MADISON ANN
(Returned by Meg)

**Taylor
Dake**

ALL THE STARS
BOOYAH
HALLOWEEN KITTEN
LILAC SPRINGTIME
MEREDITH GOOD KNIGHT
WHISPERING ARTIC SUNRISE
WHISPERING DANCING SUNSHINE

**Kat
Ferneley**

A LITTLE CURIOUS
CHASING WATERFALLS
LILAC SPRINGTIME
STILL STANDING

**Carolyn
Fleming**

BUBBLEGUM CUPCAKE
DIRE WOLF
DOUBLE PINK PERFECTION
GOOSE FEATHERS
LITTLE BALLERINA IN A TUTU
MUNCHKINLAND SUNRISE
YOGA MAN

2025 Auction Continued

Susan
Fore

FIT FOR A QUEEN
GOOSE FEATHERS
NIGHT INTO LIGHT
RAPTURE YOUR HEART OUT
WHISPERING TANGERINE TANGO
MADE IN CONNECTICUT *(Held in 2024)*

Tom
Fore

JOHN D. ROSENTHAL
KEY LIME CREAM
MERCER'S SONG
QUEEN'S JUBILEE



Deborah
Hubbard

ALL THE STARS
AMUCK AMUCK AMUCK!
COVER ME IN SUNSHINE
(Returned by Meg)

Shirley
Jarusek

BLACKBERRY PICKING WITH JAMES
FIT FOR A QUEEN
GALACTICA
GOOSE FEATHERS
QUEEN'S JUBILEE
STILL STANDING
WHISPERING DANCING SUNSHINE

Kyle
Jones

COVER ME IN SUNSHINE
GALACTICA
THE SWEET HEREAFTER
YOGA MAN



Nancy
Jones

BLACKBERRY PICKING WITH JAMES
BLUEMOON BOUQUET *(Held in 2024)*
DOUBLE PINK PERFECTION
HAWK'S SUMMER SQUASH
SPEAK MEMORY
WHISPERING WINGS OF AN ANGEL
ZOEY GRACE & PRESTON'S SWEET LOVE

Nancy B
Jones

ALL THE STARS
BOOYAH
DIRE WOLF
GOOSE FEATHERS
HATS OFF TO SUE
MEME'S MARGARITA
SASSY FRASSY
SKIN TIGHT

Julie
Kitzmiller

AMUCK AMUCK AMUCK!
HALLOWEEN KITTEN
PASSION'S HEART DESIRE
SKIN TIGHT
WHISPERING TANGERINE TANGO

Kathleen
Lietz

KEY LIME CREAM
NIGHT INTO LIGHT
PASSING HEART DESIRE
SASSY FRASSY
SCENT FROM ABOVE
THE SWEET HEREAFTER
WHISPERING DANCING SUNSHINE

2025 Auction Continued



Elaine &
Shane
Lorenzen

AMUCK AMUCK AMUCK!
FLUFF YOUR TUTU
LILAC SPRINGTIME
WHISPERING WATER NYMPH
YANKEE CLOSER

Barb
Putney

ELIZA'S PURPLE BUTTERFLY
~~BLAME IT ON TIM~~ *unknown plant*
NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE
ZOEY GRACE & PRESTON'S
SWEET LOVE *(Held for increase)*
LITTLE BALLERINA IN A TUTU
(Held for increase)

Kathy
Reed

EIGHT LADIES DANCING
FLUFF YOUR TUTU
HAWK'S SUMMER SQUASH
MEME'S MARGARITA
MERCER'S SONG
WHISPERING WINGS OF AN ANGEL
YANKEE CLOSER

Carol
Sarginger

RAPTURE YOUR HEART OUT
STUNNING IN PINK
WHICH WITCH IS WHICH

Dave
Sarginger

STUNNING IN PINK
WHISPERING WINGS OF AN ANGEL

Treasa
Smith

BUBBLEGUM CUPCAKE
CHASING WATERFALLS
DOUBLE PINK PERFECTION
EIGHT LADIES DANCING
ELIZA'S PURPLE BUTTERFLY
SASSY FRASSY
WHISPERING TANGERINE TANGO

Meg
Swecker

ALL THE STARS
BOOYAH
EXPLOSION IN THE PAINT FACTORY
(Held in 2024)
HAWK'S SUMMER SQUASH
LITTLE BALLERINA IN A TUTU
MEME'S MARGARITA
MUNCHKINLAND SUNRISE
SCENT FROM ABOVE
SASSY FRASSY

Lynne
Victorine

SPRING WINE *(Held in 2024)*
BOJANGLES DANCING *(Held in 2024)*

Kent
Walton

A LITTLE CURIOUS
MCKENZIE BEACH
MEREDITH GOOD KNIGHT
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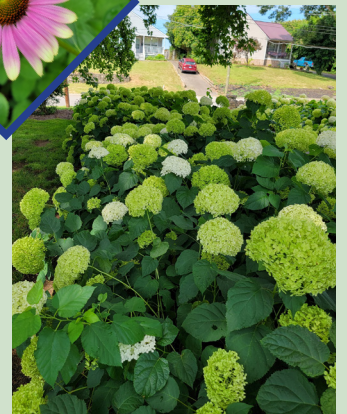
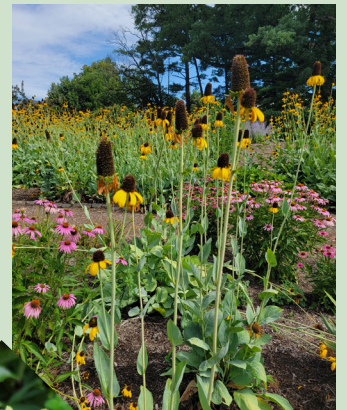
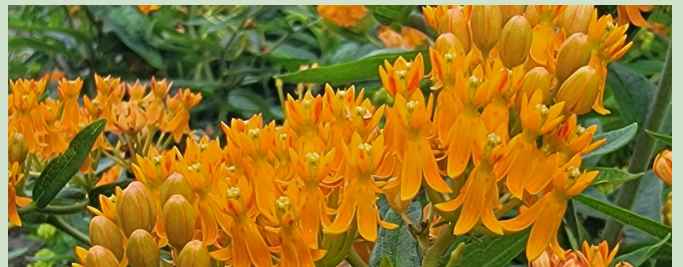
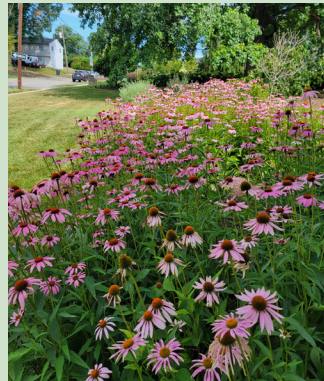
Summer Garden Tours

On June 28th we toured first the Jane Morgan Harris Garden at Richfield Living in Salem, and then the Mountain View garden at Roanoke's Fishburn Mansion. While the heat had taken its toll on the daylilies of the latter, there were still plenty of other interesting blooms to catch our attention.

Jane Morgan Harris Garden at Richfield Living in Salem



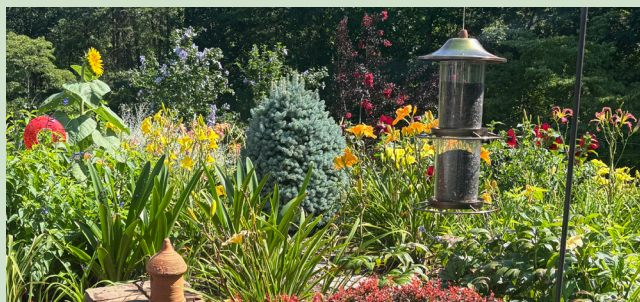
Mountain View Garden at Fishburn Mansion



Summer Garden Tours Cont.

Brents Gardens

Before the business meeting on July 19th, we were very fortunate to be able to visit the Montvale gardens of Ron and Anna Brents. From shade to sun, they've created captivating combinations of colors and textures, as well as a collection of brilliant daylilies. Thanks Ron and Anna for the lovely tour! We look forward to the next visit!



BRADS Meeting Minutes - July 19, 2025

Meeting called to order by Shirley Jarusek.

Members present were Shirley Jarusek, Nancy Jones, Beverly Angle, Ron Brents, Jovi Larson, Kyle Jones

No minutes from prior meeting read or available.

Treasurer's report. Kyle sent out the 2nd quarter treasurer's report to the membership 2 weeks ago. Our CD will be renewed this coming week.

Shirley discussed the need for a nominating committee to determine officers needed to fill positions being vacated by end of terms or people not wishing to continue in their positions. Would like to firm this up prior to December election of officers.

Discussed having the fall online sale every other year.

Shirley reminded everyone to use BCC (blind copy) when sending out group email.

Kyle Jones shared some ideas for future consideration. He will type up the details to share with BRADS members to see if there is an interest.

Nancy Jones 1st VP shared

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*note schedule

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Beverly Angle will have the newsletter out in August.

Kyle Jones

BRADS Plant Sale and Exhibit

BRADS held its Annual Sale and Exhibit on June 21, 2025. Many members donated potted and cleaned daylilies. Nancy Jones brought a huge assortment of perennials and shrubs that she grew from her garden. The show boards were covered with every kind of daylily you could imagine from members gardens. The club made a total of \$1,532.00.



There was a huge surge of customers early in the sale and I thought I was going to have to play referee for minute as people were snatching and grabbing up the daylilies like I have never seen before. We sold out an hour before the sale was to end. Needless to say, the sale was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated, set up and tore down. I couldn't have done it without you! Kudos to the Club!

Shirley Jarusek
President/Plant Sale Chair



Picture This!

What's the latest blooming daylily in your garden?

What's still shining when everything else is empty brown scapes? Let the editors know and share your favorite late bloomer for the next issue.

Board Officer Nominations and Elections

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



Board Officer elections will be coming up this fall as some current Officers have reached the end of their second, two-year terms. According to our by-laws, during the September meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three members, one of which should be a member of the current board (excepting the President) and two additional people from the membership. I am asking that members start thinking about this and that if you are willing to volunteer for one of the spots on the Nominating Committee to let me know in advance. Otherwise, I will choose the members.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for putting together a proposed slate of officers and presenting it at our November meeting. This information shall be distributed to the membership in writing. Nominations from the floor shall be permitted, provided the proposed nominee has given previous consent to serve.

Elections shall be by voice vote and absentee ballot unless there are additional nominations from the floor, in which case the election shall be by ballot. A simple majority is required.

New Officers will begin their two year term January 1st.

Shirley Jarusek
President

2nd Quarter 2025

Balance 3/31/2024 \$10,507.86

Income

Dues \$40.00
 Plant Sold by Meg Swecker \$15.00
 RCGC Spring Plant Sale \$1,039.00
 BRADS June Plant Sale \$2,626.00
 Total \$13,133.86
Balance \$13,133.86

Expenditures

Purchase 2 Popup Canopies \$245.34
 Clark Becraft Speaker Stipend \$200.00
 RCGC 20% of Spring Plant Sale \$207.80*
 RCGC 2025 Club Dues \$745.00**
 Total \$1,398.14
Balance \$11,735.72

Certificate of Deposit (Renews 6/20/25)

\$10,791.72

*20% of \$1039 RCGC Sping Plant Sale

**Dues for RCGC is \$25 plus \$20.00 per member (36 members)

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