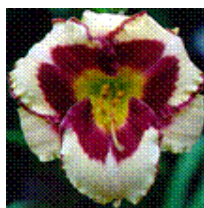


Southern Virginia Daylily Club Newsletter



February Meeting— Charles Stallard Speaker

The SVDC met in the Hudgins House of MMMG on Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 PM . Charles Stallard, club member, gave a presentation and demonstration on drip irrigation methods. In his presentation, Charles displayed various components such as timers, filters, one and way check valves which can be useful in any watering system but are essential to the successful operation of a drip irrigation system. Charles displayed the tubing and emitters necessary to build drip irrigation units and showed how easily they can be assembled.



Canadian Border
Patrol

Drip irrigation provides for a very efficient and conservative watering method. It will pay big dividends for those who have limited water availability or wish to contain the expense of city water sources.

Charles provided a very nice handout that explains and illustrates all aspects of the drip irrigation system. If you e-mail Charles at ckstallard@aol.com and ask for his handout, he will send it. It also contains information on where you can obtain the different apparatus required for any combination or organization you might wish to design for your own garden and watering needs.

Tuesday March 17th Meeting 7:00 PM MMMG

Our next meeting on the requirements tent in your work. will be Tuesday, for an AHS Display Garden. Although March 17th. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. We will fairly strict guidelines, it is not too difficult to achieve this goal if you are careful and persistent in your work. We will also have a quarterly business meeting. Plants for members program will be on the agenda. See you there!

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Special points of interest:

- 2009 Club Calendar
- Meeting March 17th.
- Membership
- Updated Contact Info
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- Hybridizing, Part V

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SVDC Events Calendar for 2009

Once more we are presenting our 2009 event calendar. The purpose of such a calendar is to provide a planning tool for our program committee and, to help you, our club members, be aware of meeting activities. All club members are asked to submit ideas, wishes and suggestions for speakers to the program planning committee.

January - 2009: Speaker David DeKort from the Raleigh Club. Selecting Plants for Members Committee.

February - 2009: Speaker program—Charles Stallard.

March - 2009: Quarterly BUSINESS Meeting, Receive the plants from Small World Gardens for our Plants for Members Program. Club President to speak about AHS Display Garden Requirements.

April - 2009: Speaker Michael Miller - Small

World Gardens - AUCTION

May - 2009: Speaker Ray Quinn - Lillington NC grower (Raleigh Club)

June - 2009: Area garden visits and picnic lunch - Keim

July - 2009: Quarterly Business Meeting, Plant Swap

August - 2009: Speaker Program, Plant Swap

September - 2009: Speaker/Presentation, Annual Business Meeting

October - 2009: Speaker Program/Presentation

November - 2009: Speaker/Presentation, Quarterly Business Meeting

December -2009: Club Year-end Holiday Social and Dinner

SVDC is Your Club— Take Advantage

Club Member Participation

As we get ready for Spring and our Summer Activities, let's review why membership participation is important and the advantages of being an SVDC member. The fundamental advantage is "strength in numbers". By pooling our resources we can get more for our money. We can purchase supplies such as plant tags and pots in large lots and get bargain prices.

The club can purchase plants at prices individual members may not wish to pay and cultivate them for a couple of years and sell off the increased plants at low prices.

We can pool resources to take trips to other gardens and share the fun of fellowship on the trip. Speaking of fellowship, we also have picnics and a Christmas social.

We have speakers from many places and different backgrounds who will provide knowledge and share their know-how at club meetings. They can introduce us to new plants, new techniques in cultivating and growing our own gardens and help each of us be more successful as individuals.

Please support your club!

SCDC serves Southern Central Virginia including the counties of:

- Brunswick
- Charlotte
- Halifax
- Mecklenburg
- Nottoway
- And the surrounding areas.
- All in driving range of our meetings are welcome!

Hybridizing Daylilies—Part V

Last Month: We completed part IV of this series by discussing pollination, harvesting of seed pods, starting seedlings and growing plants, and transplanting Plants into beds.

These are all of the essential steps of hybridizing and creating your own crosses. You will be delighted with your own creations and become satisfied as you cultivate your better hybrids to make your garden more unique and beautiful.

There is one additional step you can take. If you have been very careful, if you kept good records on the plants you have cross pollinated you may want to register your best cultivars.

Evaluating Seedlings:

Seedling evaluation is a matter of personal taste and hybridizing goals. If your goal is to register your seedlings with The American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) and place them into commerce, you will need to be very critical in terms of selecting your seedlings. The goal here is to produce Daylilies that are unique. It is important to select seedlings that demonstrate superior form, branching, clear color, bud count, petal substance, scape strength and sun fast characteristics.

Major faults to consider when evaluating seedlings:

- Low branching
- Branches too long or too short
- Short scapes that bloom down in the foliage
- Scapes that cannot support buds and open blooms
- Scapes too tall towering over the foliage
- Blooms that do not fully open by 09:00 AM
- A Petal or Sepal that sticks straight out
- Petals with poor substance, Too thin
- Foliage that does not bend and stick straight up

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New Club Members and Membership Status

Please welcome new member **Mattie Forbes** who joined in February

Please spread the word. Help us bring in new members and expand our club's capabilities. New members help to stabilize our club and every club member will benefit.

FREE PLANTS: Our club offers a free daylily to each new member who signs up and pays

dues.

Please tell your friends about our club.

Remember that club membership is open to all who have interest in daylilies and would like to join our club. In addition to club membership and benefits, we also engage in social activities during the year to share in fellowship.

Notice to Members

Please feel free to invite friends and prospective new members. Our club is growing and maturing. We should encourage others to join and make our club a resounding success.

Membership forms can be obtained from me at meetings or you can request them to be sent by email. Just email David Keim at : davekeim@mindspring.com

Or telephone your request to: (434) 372-5677

Club Committees:

Plants for members committee to submit their draft of new rules for club approval.

Plants for Members Program to start with its first plants provided by Small World Gardens at the April Meeting.

Upcoming Programs:

If you know of some one who may have a presentation interesting to our daylily club please submit information to Rachel Adams our program planning Chairperson.

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**COMING SOON:
VISIT SVDC
ON THE WEB**

Hybridizing—Part V Cont'd from page 3:

Cultivar Registration:

Cultivar registration is a complicated time consuming process. All the requirements can be found at The American Hemerocallis Society website. Their registration information page can be accessed on the web at:

<http://www.daylilies.org/AHSregister.html>

This web page shows you all of the steps necessary to complete the registration process.

This site will provide you with all of the needed information regarding the process:

- AHS Registration Procedure
- AHS Registration Guidelines
- AHS Registration Rules
- General Registration Information
- Fees
- Forms

I hope you have enjoyed and gained some knowledge from this series. I will endeavor to find new topics of interest for our members.

I am always open to listening for topics of interest—OR—members may submit articles of their own for publication in our newsletter. If you have something you want to know about please let me know. I will try to research the topic and provide you with good reading.

Next month:

If I do not hear from you— I will write an article on plant nutrition and healthy growing conditions.

- David Keim