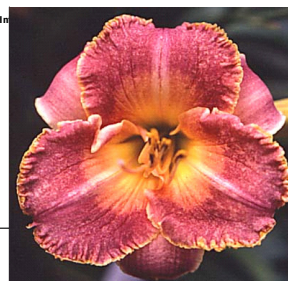


Southern Virginia Daylily Club Newsletter



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Special points of interest:

- **NEW:** Club Happenings
- Meeting September 16th.
- Bylaws Brief
- Membership
- Contact Info
- Hemerocallis History

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August Meeting – Moving Forward

Chase City: Only one month after the organizational meeting on July 26th, the August meeting heralded new growth and an extremely effective and productive business meeting.

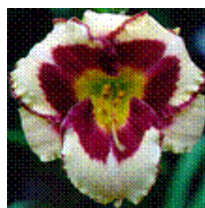
New members in attendance of the meeting increased our infant club's roster to nineteen.

The central focus of the business meeting was to develop a framework for building the Southern Virginia Daylily Club's bylaws. Judy Mathis, Richie Richards, and Pat Ryan volunteered to sit on the Bylaws committee and were commissioned to that task.

Much of the remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing and discussing bylaws from the Raleigh and Richmond organizations as guidelines to construct the framework of our bylaws for the committee to take with them.

The committee agreed to meet and produce a draft document in time for the September meeting.

Afterwards refreshments were served as members engaged in fellowship before retiring for the evening.



Canadian Border
Patrol

September 16th Meeting 7:00 PM MMMG, Chase City

Please note new meeting time!

The next meeting will be held on September 16th, at **7:00 PM** in the Hudgins House at MacCallum More Museum and Gardens in Chase City.

New Members Welcome and get a free daylily!

Scheduled: A presentation on "Putting Them to Bed" explains how to care for your plants as the Summer ends and Fall approaches.

A Member Plant Auction highlighted with some special hybrid plants from Brown's Ferry Gardens!

Members will review a draft of our new SVDC bylaws. Our hope is to ratify the ByLaws as soon as possible.

Club Happenings: Where We Go From Here

This month we are adding a new feature to the newsletter. This is an exciting time. As our club grows and matures we want to give members a heads up on new activities, club plans, and upcoming events.

- President Belinda Shepard and Secretary are working hard to set up programs for future meetings. Guest speakers for Nov, Jan, Feb, Apr are being scheduled.
- Brochures: Belinda has prepared a colorful eye-catching tri-fold club brochure that tells about our club. We can hand these out at events such as the upcoming fair and also place some in area businesses for advertising our club.
- Newspapers: SVDC Club meetings are announced in local newspapers. Special events, meeting time and place are always provided. We need to expand that notification to other adjacent area papers.
- South Central Fair (Oct 7-11) - Club will be setting up a booth. Belinda will be seeking for volunteers to help. This an excellent chance to promote our club.
- Member plan program startup. We will be establishing a member plant program where members will “baby-sit” hybrids. (See below)
- Autumn Jubilee in Chase City is Oct. 18th.. Plans are in the works to have our club represented at this event.
- Bylaws Committee has done an excellent job of pulling together a document for club review. We are moving forward to gain our official club status as a bonafide non-profit organization.
- We will need to elect a couple of additional officers soon. Main concerns are for the Club Vice-President and the Treasurer. Please consider helping your club.
- Program Needs: Programs are being planned for the next several months. We are asking members to submit ideas and comments that we can use in the planning process. As we move forward there will be a club programming effort to establish an annual program schedule with events lined out for the year. This should include events like auctions, club outings, guest speakers, annual club picnic/covered dish supper, and club promotions.
- Send ideas or comments to contacts on page 4.

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!

Member Plant Program to Be Announced

What is a member plant Program?

In order to allow a greater percentage of our members to experience growing newer cultivars and to allow gifts to the club to benefit the largest number of people, a club plant program will be established. Plants donated to the club with a value over \$50 will automatically become part of the program. Plants with a lower value may be used as club plants at the discretion of the

club officers and the club plant program coordinator, auctioned to members, or used/distributed in some other way.

Plants may be purchased by the club or in many cases can be donated by vendors as part of promotional advertising. Members grow the plants and return them to the club after a period of time to be separated and sold at auction.— Details coming soon.

General Care of Daylilies

This series of articles, beginning with last month's brief history of daylilies, is intended to help provide an information base valuable to all members. Our club members have different levels of background regarding daylilies, their care, propagation, and how to enhance your enjoyment of the tens of thousands of cultivars. We hope everyone can gain a little something to help in your own flower beds.

Mulch daylilies to help retain soil moisture, reduce weeds and to help moderate soil temperatures. Pine needles, leaves or shredded pine bark are among the most desirable mulches and should be applied in a 2- to 3-inch (5.1 cm) layer.

Daylilies survive dry conditions well due to their extensive root systems. However, the number and size of blooms, plant growth and overall vigor can be adversely affected by prolonged drought. A spectacular display of blooms can be achieved by the weekly application of 1/2- 2 inches of irrigation or rain. During the summer heat, irrigate them frequently if regular rainfall does not occur. The best time to water is in the early evening because the plants benefit from moist soil during the evening hours. Fertilize daylilies in the fall, early spring and mid-summer with 3/4 to 1-1/2 pounds of fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed. Use the same general N:P:K ratio fertilizer used at planting time. Fertilizer should be evenly applied between plants, kept off the foliage and watered into the soil after application.

Insects, Mites and Diseases

Daylilies are rarely bothered by pests, however, aphids, thrips, spider mites and grasshoppers are known to occasionally attack the foliage and flower buds. Aphids are small, soft-bodied insects with sucking mouthparts.
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New Club Members – As of September 10th

Please welcome these new members to our club. We had the pleasure of meeting these new members at our August meeting.

Norma Wirt, Red Oak, VA

Anna Tyser, Saxe, VA

Carol Bigger, Chase City, VA

Curtis Bigger, Chase City, VA

And since that time we have two new members to add:

Rachel and Rex Adams, Wylliesburg, VA

Please join us in welcoming all of these people to our new club.

Notice to Members

Please feel free to invite friends and prospective new members. Our club is in its infancy and we should encourage others to join and make our club a resounding success.

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

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

Club Committees:

Members, as we move forward, the club will need to form committees to help organize activities, events, find speakers, or help in the formation of creating our club as a non-profit organization. Please consider your skills and talents to help us develop our club. Teamwork will make our tasks easier.

Upcoming Programs:

We are already working to provide interesting meeting programs with noteworthy speakers. If you know of some one who may have a presentation interesting to our daylily club please submit information to Libby Keim.

WELCOME!

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

Insects, Mites and Diseases—Continued from page 3.

(Aphids...) They feed on leaves, causing the tips of the damaged leaves to curl and die.

Most home gardeners do not realize spider mites are present until damage is severe. These pests are very tiny and usually go undetected on the undersides of leaves. Mites damage leaves by sucking plant juices and chlorophyll. Damaged leaves lose their green color, turn tan and then brown, and eventually die.

Thrips are one of the most serious pests that attack daylilies. Thrips are gray-black insects about the size and shape of the upper part of a small exclamation point (!). Thrips damage immature stems and blooms. The damage causes discolored, misshapen flowers and reduces flower bud set. Grasshoppers chew the leaves and their damage is easy to detect.

In 2000, a newly introduced airborne fungus - *Puccinia hemerocallis* - called daylily rust began to attack daylilies nationwide. It will not kill an otherwise healthy plant but will make it quite unsightly and decrease its performance. The most obvious symptoms of daylily rust are yellow to brown streaks and small, very bright yellow spots on the surfaces of the leaves. Small, orange to yellow spots on the undersides of the leaves contain pustules that release numerous dust-like, orange-colored spores. As symptoms progress, leaves turn yellow and dry.

Management strategies for daylily rust include growing varieties that are resistant to this disease, cutting off infected foliage and removing it from the garden, and periodically spraying susceptible plants with fungicides. Local daylily societies can provide information on rust-resistant cultivars and other localized information about daylilies in general. At this time there is not a published or on-line list of rust-resistant varieties.

Apply a pesticide only when insect, mite or disease infestations are severe or when large numbers of plants are affected. For recommendations on selection and application of pesticides, contact your county's Extension office. There are also many fine resources online.

Next Month:

Propagation and Hybridizing Daylilies:

In next month's issue we will see how daylilies are propagated by seed, division or by proliferations (small plants that grow on the flower stalk). Although daylilies can be grown readily from seed, genetic variation in seedling populations is great. Therefore, named varieties and selected clones must be propagated vegetatively (by division or proliferations) to maintain a true line.