

# (E)SCAPE

# NEWSLETTER

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**Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

## **March 20 Program**

Major Waltman from the Olmsted Park Conservancy will discuss the butterfly way station planned for Iroquois Park.

Refreshments: Names N-Z to bring refreshments for March meeting.

Plant Raffle & Door Prizes  
Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. so please come early.

### **Meeting Location:**

Usually the third Monday of the month at the Farmdale Church of the Nazarene, 6501 Vandre Ave – Located off Smyrna Rd., about 0.1 miles before Outer Loop.

## **President's Message**

Springing up and forward! Hello DSL members. February's meeting began with the swearing in of the new board members. Doris Stonska did the official 'inauguration'.

Discussion of the preliminary agenda for 2017 was discussed. The order of business started with the approval of replacing the name tags and lanyards. Bill Gdaniec has volunteered to organize the new tags. The cost was estimated to be around \$79.00. Along with that task he will also be looking into the price of 4 fold-up tables for the plant sales. In the past, DSL had to rely on members to accommodate the supply of their personal tables. This will eliminate inconveniencing anyone with prior obligations. These tables will be passed on each year for DSL.

Discussing the need of fold-up tables brought up the need of pop-up tents. It was agreed upon to purchase 2 tents. Bev Crittenden presented information that the tents would cost approximately \$200.00. She will have the final cost at the March meeting.

Bill Gdaniec is also preparing the design of the DSL signs that will be installed on the corner of Smyrna Road and Vandre Avenue on the nights of the meetings. The cost would be approximately \$78.00 for three signs.

The Bullitt County plant sale will be April 29th 8-2:00. The facility will be open for setting up at 6:30 a.m. The road will be closed shortly after that to keep traffic flow out. Be preparing the daylilies you may have for the plant sale.

Claudia Wolff suggested possibly doing a road trip for May. It was suggested to go to Cincinnati Botanical Gardens but going somewhere in Kentucky, possibly the Bourbon Trail seemed like a better choice. Claudia is checking on available tours and times. If it is possible, stopping at David Kirchhoff and Mort Morss garden would be a bonus.

Bill Gdaniec presented the need for a PA system. The meeting room is noisy once the air conditioning is running. Speakers are difficult to hear from the back of the room, (and a known president). The PA system would also be DSL property.

As soon as all club dues are paid Bev Crittenden will have an updated roster for everyone.

Weeds are growing very successfully in my garden and it's not even spring. Dottie Miller has had some serious health issues, and won't be able to work in her daylilies. Some are planning to go one day and help clean her daylily bed. If you would like to be a part of the garden party, please contact me. At least she would be able to look at her daylilies and brighten her day.

Next meeting is March 20 and it will be spring. Bring a guest and get them addicted to daylilies. Once you see one blooming daylily you are hooked.

Health, Happiness.

Donna Ward

### **Board Meeting Minutes ,February 20, 2017**

Those present were outgoing president, Michael Stephens, Donna Ward, President, Norma Ward ,First Vice President, Second Vice President, Don and Claudia Wolff. Bev Crittenden, Treasurer, Bill Gdaniec, Corresponding Secretary, Junelle Edrington, Recording Secretary.

Discussion on the upcoming flower sales in Bullitt Count on April 29 and the Hardin County Master Gardeners in Elizabethtown on May 20.

We discussed the possibility of getting new name tags, two new canopies and folding tables that will belong to the club and be use for various club activities

We also discussed purchasing a PA system for the club to use anything that we need it. Our speakers need this when they do a presentation to us. The noise level in the building is sometime quite loud.

Bev passed out the treasurer's report.

Our dear friend Dottie Miller is very sick and in pain at this time. She has proposed that Norma Ward and myself come and dig her daylilies and take them. I proposed to the board that we take the time to

go to her house and clean her daylily beds and mulch them for her. We will pick a time that is convenient with everyone to do this sometime before the end of April.

Respectfully Submitted  
Junelle Edrington  
Recording Secretary

### General Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2017

Members of the 2017 board were installed by Doris Stonska.

There was discussion on the things that the new and old board would like to implement in the near future. Two new canopies for the club to use anytime that they are needed. New name tags that will replace the old ones. Bill will design these and Patti Byerley will print them up. A PA system for the club to use at all the meetings. This will enable our speakers to relate to the club better.

Bill Gdaniec suggested that we get two signs to put on the street to help people coming to our meeting find the place. Also a magnetic sign to put on the correct door for entering.

Door prizes were drawn and raffle tickets drawn. Punxsutawney Phil went to Patti Byerely and Copper Chameleon went to Don Wolff.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.  
Refreshments were available.

Respectfully Submitted  
Junelle Edrington  
Recording Secretary



Bullitt County Master Gardener Plant Sale –  
April 29

Hardin County Master Gardener Plant Fair –  
May 20

Region 10 Summer Meeting & Garden  
Tours - Memphis, Tn., June 16-17, 2017

2017 National Convention – Norfolk, Va.,  
June 21-24, 2017

DSL Flower Show – July 1, 2017

### 2017 DSL OFFICERS

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Claudia & Don Wolff.....363-3349

**Second Vice President**

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## Let's BEE Friendly

As anyone who gardens for a profession, hobby, necessity, or the love of nature you are familiar with bees. Sometimes not in a good manner. I have become an advocate for bees. Love to see my bees. When I moved to my current residence there were only 2 trees....on three acres. No flowers, shrubs, no birds, no bees. Since that first summer I have a labor of love to restore the environment around me. The birds, bees, and wildlife have returned. There wasn't any food or shelter before, so they left. I now have turkey, deer, coyotes, nests of owls, hawks, geese, hummingbirds, and assorted other critters that I could live without. One of the raccoons got in my chicken coop and killed one of my chickens. It was horrible. My husband sent him to animal heaven.

I have become aware through Mother Earth magazines, and other environmental reports that pesticides are killing off our bees. The bee population has been severely depleted due to humans. But the irony of that is this...BEES pollinate 84% of the food crops grown for human consumption per 'One Green Planet.' No bees, no food.

Therefore, be careful with pesticides. Let's BEE friendly.

Donna Ward

## March Garden Notes:

Spring is here! Officially the 20th is the date on our calendars. Keeping an unofficial "garden diary" for over ten years now, certain patterns are repeated in my garden here in Louisville. The early daffodils like Lemon Silk, Tete-a-Tete and Cum Laude (a pink split corona with white perianth variety) are blooming from 3-1-17 through 3-7-17 (the date of this writing). Bradford pear trees and bright yellow forsythia bushes are complementing the many daffodils all around Jefferson County.

Looking back to last year, we had a high temp. on 3-1-16 of 59, and the early jonquils were blooming away. The next weeks saw daily highs in the 60's, 70's and even 81 on 3-15-16.

In 2015, snow and sleet fell on March 1st, with a high of only 40. February was much colder than it was in 2016 and 2017. On 3-4-15, eleven and a half inches of snow fell in Louisville! Businesses, schools and the courts were closed. Twenty-four inches was recorded in Elizabethtown the next day! Now THAT slows our flowers down, but by 3-17-15, the early daffodils were blooming!

What was 2014 like? On March 1st the high was 56 with light rain. Five inches of snow fell the next day. Forsythia bushes were blooming by March 14th, and three days later, the early daffodils were fully out.

Melorganite fertilizer is being applied on daylilies by DSL hybridizer, Don Wolff. Our daylilies are breaking dormancy, so it is time! Oh, the weeds!! They LOVE March. Well, the month "came in like a lion" this year. Does that mean it will "go out like a lamb"? Helen's mom always believed this was true. Only time will tell.

Happy gardening!

Richard Porter

## Raffle Plants



### Curly Twirly Shirley

height 35 in., bloom 7 in., season M, Evergreen, Diploid, Fragrant, 12 buds, 3 branches, Unusual Form Crispate, Light buff orange polychrome with medium brownish orange eye above golden yellow throat.



### Kinloch

height 32 in., bloom 6 in., season MLa, Dormant, Tetraploid, 22 buds, 3 branches, Red purple stippled with gold edge above green throat.

*I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden. ~Ruth Stout*



**Don't forget to renew your membership for 2017.**

**DSL Membership Renewal Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

AHS Member: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Source List? (for those selling daylilies add \$5) Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

New \_\_\_\_\_ or Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Membership?

Dues: Single \$10 Family \$15 Youth \$7

***Make Checks Payable to DSL and Mail To:***

*Bev Crittenden, DSL Treasurer*

*10005 Plum Hollow Ct.*