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Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 16 Program

Lani Basberg a local beekeeper will educate us on bees and bee keeping. She also plans on bringing some honey for us to purchase.



Refreshments: Names N-Z to bring refreshments for October 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

It's fall y'all!

Happy fall to all DSL members. With the coming of the new season, our efforts for winterizing the garden begins. The common adage ones 'garden bed' is true for me. I do feel I'm putting the daylilies to bed for rest. Resting is important for nature and humans. A few of my late-late bloomers are still blooming, but they look a little faint. Having begun winterizing I have begun my 'scavenger hunt' for bagged leaves tossed by the side of the road waiting for waste pickup. Actually, a few people remember me and thank me for hauling it off. Win-win situation.

The October meeting program will be a presentation about beekeeping. Claudia Wolff has been in contact with her for several months trying to get her schedule clear for us. The spring was a busy time and was unavailable to clear her schedule to come and speak. This should be interesting for all whether you become a beekeeper or not. We thank Claudia for keeping in touch with her. Our natural pollinators have our full attention.

The annual DSL picnic at the Louisville Nature Center was a great success. LNC was such a relaxed atmosphere and the location so convenient. MSD

tried to get us lost but we all made it. Don't we have the best cooks ever?! NO one left hungry. Speaking of food, November is our Holiday dinner at Carrabas Italian Grill. Each dinner includes soup or

salad and pasta. Entrees are chicken parmesan, grilled Tuscan pork chops, Tuscan grilled sirloin, shrimp and scallop linguine Alla vodka. Oooo-yummy!

As I will be stepping down from my position, the nominating committee is considering the candidates for the 2018. I have enjoyed being president so much. It has given me an opportunity to get to know all of you. That's a gift. Come to the meeting with any questions on our busy bees. Looking forward to seeing all of you. Until then stay safe, healthy, and happy. And happy Halloween.

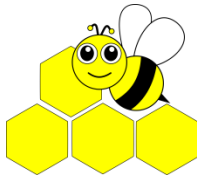
Donna Ward

BEE friendly-

The bowl shape of poppies have a shorter proboscis that honey bees love.

The spots on Foxgloves-called nectar guides- show the bumble bees the way in towards the nectar. Isn't that cool?

Bumble bees have the strength to open the hinged flowers of snapdragons.



Holiday dinner – November 20th at Carrabba’s Italian Grill

AHS Region 10 Mid-Winter Symposium – February 2018 in Chattanooga, Tn.

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OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN by Richard Porter

What's the old saying about "the best laid plans...?" I hoped to plant all the dozen plus pots of daylilies and perennials from the various summer events, and I almost succeeded. But then, the DSL Picnic happened! And what a picnic it was! So many door prizes - everyone went home with many more garden daylilies and perennials to add to their landscapes.

Looking back in October for the last two years, many new daylilies were still being planted. Days were becoming cooler and some watering of new plantings was necessary (unless some rain helped water). So, this year was no different.

The jury is still out, but daylilies are often cut back so beds will be "cleaned up" for winter appearances. Other growers, including myself, do not cut them back. Winter temperatures cause foliage to die back. The dried foliage can act as a mulch for our daylilies. You can remove these dead leaves next year as part of your spring clean up.

This is a good time to consider adding some daffodil bulbs for Spring bloom. Several kinds of bulbs were among the door prizes at last month's picnic. Bulbs tend to rot in the ground, I have learned, when temperatures are too hot. So this is why it is advisable to plant in the late Fall, after the ground is much cooler.

Following up with some ideas on all those proliferations we exchanged at the DSL Picnic, transition the little ones from water to small pots of good dirt. Water well! Next, if growth has been pretty good, get them in the ground. With small root systems on the little guys, the usual Kentucky weather may cause the "prolifs" to "heave out of the ground." If their roots are exposed to the (cold) air, the "prolifs" will probably die. That is why they will need to be watched almost daily to make sure the roots stay covered with soil. Squirrels are also a huge problem for newly planted proliferations. Active in looking for buried nuts, squirrels have often decided a nut must surely be under that loose soil around a proliferation. The little beast will dig up your proliferation to see what's under it. After re-planting one particular proliferation three days in a row, I "rigged" bricks as a fence around the plant. This prevented the squirrel from digging it up after that. Not very pretty but you can outwit a squirrel at least some of the time! You gotta do what you gotta do!

Fall is an interesting time of year, and a good time to plant for the next spring and summer. Just keep an eye on the new plantings, cover their roots with soil if they "heave," and you will be enjoying their blooms come spring and summer.

Happy Fall gardening!!

The foliage has been losing its freshness through the month of August, and here and there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first gray hair amidst the locks of a beauty who has seen one season too many.... September is dressing herself in showy dahlias and splendid marigolds and starry zinnias. October, the extravagant sister, has ordered an immense amount of the most gorgeous forest tapestry for her grand reception. ~Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809–1894), "Autumn," The Atlantic Almanac, 1868



A fun time at DSL picnic



Raffle Plants



Little by Little (Stamile-G., 1998)

height 16 in., bloom 2 in., season M, Rebloom, Semi-Evergreen, Diploid, 35 buds, 4 branches, Double 100%, Coral pink blend with green throat. (Bubbly x You Angel You).



Tangerine Horses (Kaskel 1996)

height 28 in., bloom 4.5 in., season EM, Evergreen, Tetraploid, Fragrant, Orange tangerine self with olive throat. (Spanish Glow x (sdlg x My Darling Clementine)) Awards: AM 2006, HM 2003.

Fall work in the Wolff's garden

Now that it is October I feel like time is running out in the Wolff's garden. I know that I am not the only one that has plants sitting around that still needs to find a home in the garden. Some of these were purchased and potted from some of our plant sales way back in the Spring. They need to be planted so that they have time to get rooted in so that they have every chance to make it through the Winter months. They may heave out of the ground due to the freezing and thawing of the ground.

I have been busy over the past week amending the soil in two areas of the yard to line out some of my past and future introductions. I did move some plants to these beds and mulched them in. Yesterday I watered the plants and hope they all recover from the move and get through the winter without any problems.

Just when you think you have pulled the weeds in all of the beds, you find more and more that are determined to beat you in this fun competition. I plan to continue until I win, or the weeds just give up due to colder weather and decide to go to sleep until next Spring.

Each Spring Claudia and I spend hours moving all of the garden art and fun things out from winter storage to the garden. Now is the time to move them back inside. We spent yesterday moving them in to their designated area in the basement. Hopefully this fun job can be completed today or tomorrow.

Each Fall I get into our beds and cut the daylilies back to a height of about eight inches. This gives me a chance to remove the brown and dead foliage. I have found that it is best to do this in November. If I cut them back too early they will only grow back in a few weeks and you can hardly tell that I have cut them at all. Any beds that I fail to get to will just have to wait until Spring at which time I can just pull the dead foliage and possibly fertilize at the same time.

Well Claudia just reminded me that I need to buy several rolls of sod to cover a small area in the back yard before it rains in a few days. I guess this will get a high since of priority since the boss has spoken and the yard worker, me, wants to keep her happy. As we all know work in the garden never ends.



Program suggestions

In order to have fun and educational programs for future meetings we all need to just think about what we want to have at our meetings. Colletively we should be able to come up with some good ideas. Please let Claudia and myself know what you want to hear about in future meetings.

