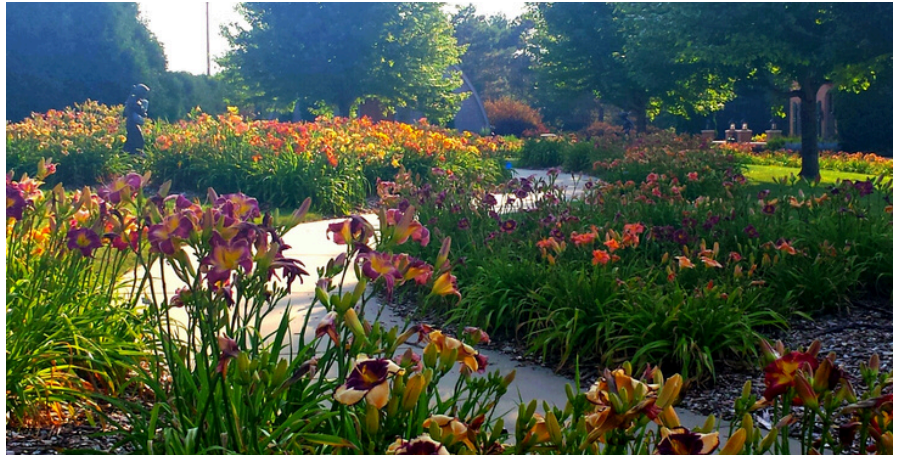


# Daylily Society of Minnesota



## A message from our president

Dear Daylily Friends,

Our club's fall 2025 member meeting was held at Bachman's Garden Center on October 26. We heard presentations from members James Sherepa on Favorite Extra Early Daylilies, Steve Horan on Favorite Extra Late Daylilies plus Highlights of the 2025 National Convention, Michelle Smith on Highlights of the 2025 Region 1 Meeting in North Dakota, Dawn Bryant on Labelling Plants plus an Invitation to the Region 1 Meeting in Nebraska, Kris Henning and Dawn Bryant on Favorite Garden Tools, Karol Emmerich on Daylily Foliage Types and Daylily Hardiness, and James Sherepa and JP Shelstad with an update on a possible new DSM Daylily Display Garden. So much knowledge and talent in one daylily club!

Our February 22 member meeting was held at Bachman's. Mike Grossmann from Northern Lights in Minnesota was our featured speaker. He gave an outstanding talk about his daylily breeding titled "Everything is Coming Up Teeth at Northern Lights Daylilies", where he showed lots of stunning daylilies with great color and amazing edges. Our educational hour featured Kathleen Nordstrom whose talk "From Seed to Introduction" described all the steps involved in producing a new daylily from seed to its registration years later. We came away with a better understanding of all the hard work a hybridizer goes through to select and produce a new daylily introduction! I then discussed all the steps daylily hybridizers need to go through to have their plants and themselves become nationally known, the ADS daylily awards process, and choosing daylily award winners for your garden. During the business part of the meeting our members voted for DSM to hold the Region 1 Meeting in 2028. We will have a contest for the slogan, with the winner receiving \$50 in Daylily Bucks to use to purchase plants at our events. Submissions are due to James Sherepa by the end of the August 9 banquet.

We are looking forward to our annual Daylily Dig on June 13 at the Stanislaws, where we will also distribute the new adoption plants. The sale will be at Bachman's on June 14. If you would like to donate plants but are physically unable to dig them, please contact Dawn Bryant, Director of Plant Sales, who will try to find a volunteer to assist. Our Off-Scape Show will be held at Bachman's on July 18, and the Bus Tour will be on July 25. The annual club banquet, auction, silent auction and photo contest will be held on August 9 at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest. Our final meeting of the year will be held at Bachman's on October 25.

Wishing all of you a wonderful daylily season! Karol Emmerich, President

### SPRINGWOOD GARDENS

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# Daylily Dig & Sale

**The Daylily Dig Sale is the primary fundraiser to support our club but it is also a fun time working with each other, and we cannot do it without you.**

Here is how you can help:

## **DONATE daylilies for the sale!**

It is that time again and we need many plants donated by our members to make the sale a profitable one.

Plants sell best in the \$5 to \$20 range.

Save your more expensive plants to donate to the auction in August.

- Dig/divide your daylilies (named cultivars only – no seedlings or unknown plants).
- Mark your plants and/or containers clearly so they get labelled correctly.
- If you know you have jumping worms, please do not donate.
- To minimize the risk of possibly spreading invasive jumping worms, please rinse most of the soil off at your location before packing up to bring to the dig/prep.
- Plan to have your plants to Circle C Ranch on June 13th by 10 a.m.

**Email Dawn Bryant** (dmbryant02@comcast.net) by June 5th :

- the names of the cultivars you are bringing so the information can be pulled together for the tags.
- the approximate number of fans for each cultivar.
- perhaps a picture if one cannot be found on the AHS site.

## **VOLUNTEER! Many hands are needed to make the sale successful.**

**The PREP:** No digging will be done but there will be many jobs: washing, dividing & labeling. Come and work as long as you are able.

We are typically wrapped up late afternoon.

Saturday, 6/13 at 10:00 a.m.

Circle C Ranch, 3701 CR 65, Stillwater, MN 55082

- Bring bug spray, a folding chair, gloves, etc.
- Lunch and snacks will be provided
- You get first pick at purchasing daylilies at a discount at the end of the day.
- This year's adoption plants will be distributed here.
- Several of our past regulars can no longer attend so we really appreciate the help.

## **The Sale: June 14th**

- Setup 8:00 a.m.
- Sale 9:00 to 2:30
- Cleanup 2:30-3:00

Bachman's – Heritage Room, 6010  
Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN

*Help needed with the setup at 8, and then assisting customers throughout the sale & cleanup at the end.*

## **PERKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!**

- Earn volunteer hours so you can take advantage of the Plant Adoption program!
- FIRST CHANCE at getting some new daylilies for your garden AT A DISCOUNT (30%)
- Make room for new daylilies (donate plants)!
- Build friendships and get to know club members while helping the club!

Can't volunteer? Society members still get a 10% discount for shopping at the sale!

Please let me know if you can volunteer for any of these dates. Thank you!

Dawn Bryant dmbryant02@comcast.net (763) 656-9617(c).

## Daylily Sale Preview



Defining Moment



Coin of the Realm



Cosmic Struggle



Get Jiggy



Precious Candy

# Region 1 Meeting

## Schedule

**Guest Speaker** Carole Hunter  
Prairie's Edge Daylilies

# Ruby Red Jubilee

## July 10 - 12, 2026

Hosted by Nebraska Daylily Society



### Featured Tour Gardens

- Hello Gorgeous Gardens - Jenny & March Cich
- Lowe Family Gardens - Robin Lowe
- Lincoln Sunken Gardens

### Registration Fee Includes

- Friday & Saturday dinner and programs
- Saturday Breakfast & Lunch
- Gift Plant with Registration
- Guest "Breakfast & Dinner Only" available



Prairie's Edge Garden

**Hotel:** Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker  
333 S 13th St, Lincoln Ne.

Reservations Group Rate: \$143  
(parking included)

Call 1-888-236-2427 and mention the  
Nebraska Daylily Society

Until June 10, 2026

Mention AMERICAN DAYLILY SOCIETY

Pre-register for Garden Judges Workshop 2 by Jun 10, 2026

Contact Val Hoefer if you have questions about GJW2

Regional Meeting Chair:

Val Hoefer

If you have questions about  
the Regional Meeting,  
please contact Val.  
[hoefrv@gmail.com](mailto:hoefrv@gmail.com)  
402-843-0349

Registration checks  
should be made out to  
NDS and mailed to:

NDS  
405 Center St.  
Oakland, IA 51560



Eveready Bunnisoo



Hunter's Moonlight



Dragon Fruit Swirl



Man Enough to Wear Pink

# Off-Scape Show

## July 18, 2026

The show will be in the Heritage Room at Bachman's

6010 Lyndale Ave. S.

Minneapolis, MN

Setup will begin at 9 am

Open To The Public from 10 am – 2 pm

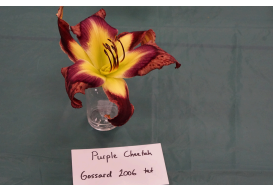
Takedown will follow from 2 pm – 3 pm



Mayr of Cornflower  
Elliot 2016 dp



Just Fabulous  
Petit 2018 hp



Purple Chantrelle  
Gardner 2016 hp



Just Fabulous  
Petit 2018 hp

**Please bring your blooms;** Both registered cultivars and  
unregistered seedlings are welcome! We also need volunteers  
inside during the show to answer questions about daylilies  
and talk with the public. If you are available,  
help with takedown after the show at 2pm is appreciated.

Please contact Robin Stanislav by email [robinstanislav@gmail.com](mailto:robinstanislav@gmail.com) or 651-233-  
6847 if you have questions about how to transport your blooms or wish to  
volunteer for the show.

# Garden Tour

# Saturday, July 25, 2026

Spend a day visiting 3 gorgeous gardens located in the western metro.

Transportation will be provided on a comfortable air conditioned bus.

Snacks and a festive Mexican themed lunch are all included. Please join us on this fun tour!



## Stop 1~ Karol Emmerich's Springwood Garden (7700 Old Highway 169 Blvd, Jordan, MN 55352)

Karol Emmerich is a world-class daylily hybridizer and grows over 25,000 daylilies on the 145 acre Springwood Gardens property she and her husband have owned since 2000.

## Stop 2~ University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318)

Founded in 1958, The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is a 1,200-acre public garden in Chaska, Minnesota. We will tour the daylily specialty garden which has grown over the last few years and includes many daylilies from Region 1 hybridizers. There are additional focal gardens in the area if time allows.

## Stop 3~ Mexican Lunch (with other options) JP's home & garden (17224 Lake Street EXT, Minnetonka, MN)

Enjoy a festive Mexican themed lunch with drinks and dessert. 😊

## Stop 4~ Julie Carley and Gary Mosiman's Minnetonka Garden (4130 Dynasty Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55345)

Gorgeous, nationally recognized garden which was featured in the Fall 2024 Northern Gardener Magazine.

**TIME: 8:45am-3:30 p.m. \*\*\* (Loading begins at 8:30)**

**PLACE TO MEET BUS:** Minnetonka Middle School East Parking Lot  
(17000 Lake Street EXT, Minnetonka, MN 55345)

### DIRECTIONS TO Minnetonka Middle School East:

From Interstate 494, go west on Hwy 7 in Minnetonka, go north on County Road 101 to Lake Street EXT, go east on Lake Street EXT to entrance to school. Look for the bus in the parking lot.

### COMBINED COST FOR BUS AND LUNCH:

\$15 per person for members or \$20 per person for non-members \*\*\*HINT: Guests can sign up for an annual membership for \$5.00 and pay members' price for the tour. Membership benefit includes 2 newsletters full of information and several events throughout the year\*\*\*

**QUESTIONS** – contact JP Shelstad at 704-906-4964 [jpschelstad@windstream.net](mailto:jpschelstad@windstream.net)

Register SOON – only 30 seats available. Please detach slip below and return with your check made payable to DSM no later than July 15th!! Pre-payment is required to reserve your seat.

Name(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*Email address allows for easy confirmation of your registration and updates as needed\*\*\*\*

Mail to: JP Shelstad, 17224 Lake Street EXT, Minnetonka, MN 55344

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# 2026 Banquet-Silent Auction-Auction

SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 2026

MINNEAPOLIS MARRIOTT SOUTHWEST 5801 OPUS  
PARKWAY IN MINNETONKA (OFF 169)



Battle of Jericho  
Emmerich (2007)



Get 'R Done  
Gossard (2006)



Mountain Kaleidoscope  
Keast (2010)



Baby Bird's Nest  
Shooter (2007)

Join us for great food, fun, and fellowship - and of course, lots of great plants to add to your garden! Please contact Dawn Bryant at [dmbryant02@comcast.net](mailto:dmbryant02@comcast.net) or 763-767-0186 by August 1st at the LATEST with the names of the plants you'd like to donate to the auction so she has ample time to prepare the handouts and powerpoint. Note "DSM Auction" in the subject line. Plants with catalog values in the \$25-50 range get the most interest from our members, but feel free to go higher. If you wish to donate to the silent auction, please contact Dory at [dldinsky@comcast.net](mailto:dldinsky@comcast.net) or 763-772-7941.

Just like last summer, the schedule starts ONE HOUR EARLIER than in past years and is as follows: 4:00 pm Photo contest voting, silent auction tables, social hour with cash bar 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Welcome, Program, Auction

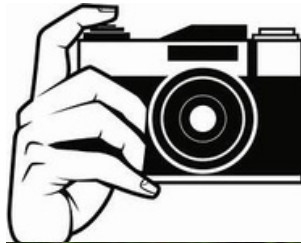
Dinner will be a buffet with LOTS of choices, but if you need a plated meal (e.g. gluten free) please let Karol know. RSVP by Tuesday August 5 at 10pm. No RSVP's after that date!

Please send a check for \$25 (payable to DSM) to Karol Emmerich, 7700 Old Highway 169 Blvd, Jordan, MN 55352. It should be sent early enough to ensure it arrives at Karol's by August 5th. If for some reason your check will arrive before the banquet but not by August 5th, you can call or email Karol at [kdemmerich@aol.com](mailto:kdemmerich@aol.com) or 952-941-9280.

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## Amatuer Photo Contest 2026

- Photos must contain at least one live daylily plant or bloom.
- Winners of Each Category will receive 25 "Daylily Bucks" to be used at the Banquet Auction on August 9, 2026
- Members are eligible to win one of the five categories.
- Submit up to 3 photos per category.
- Please provide the name of the cultivar categories. Submissions must be anonymous. (your name cannot appear as a watermark on the front of the photo)



### Categories

- 1) Cultivar Single Bloom  
(provide the name)
- 2) Cultivar Clump  
(provide the name)
- 3) Seedling Single Bloom or Clump
- 4) Daylilies in the Landscape
- 5) Open Category (Anything with Daylilies, be creative! Art and Nature (Frogs, Bugs, Statues) Members & Friends in the Garden Daylily Disasters, Ugly or Unusual Blooms)

Deadline for entries: August 3, 2026 Photos received after 8/3/25 will not be accepted

Email Photos to: James Sherepa [jameshevel@gmail.com](mailto:jameshevel@gmail.com)

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# 2026 Plant Adoption Distribution

The 2026 Plant Adoption program plant distribution will take place on Saturday June 13, 2026, during the lunch break at the Sale Dig at the Lidinsky's. We will draw applicant names one at a time to choose a plant to adopt. If you are an applicant and cannot make it that day, please contact Kris Henning and you will be able to pick up a plant at the Sale at Bachman's the next day. All applicants will receive an email in mid-May with the plants available for adoption to study. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kris (see contact info on Director page).



At the Crossroads  
Emmerich (2026)

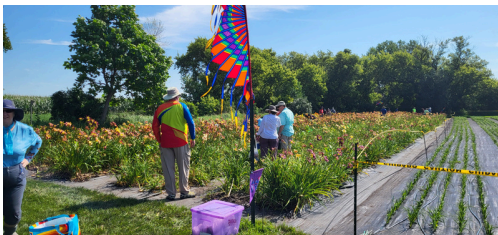


Tiger Shark Twist  
Bush (2019)

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## Education and General Meeting

October 25th, 2026  
Bachman's Garden Center Heritage Room  
6010 Lyndale Ave, Minneapolis  
Open to the public-bring a friend



Agenda: 12:30pm-1:00pm Registration/Mingle  
1:00pm-1:15pm Daylily Society Business Meeting  
1:15pm-2:15pm Speaker: Ann Townsend,  
Bittersweet Farm Daylilies, Ohio  
2:30pm-3:45pm Educational Forum: Topics TBD

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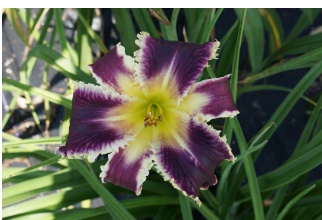
## Membership Corner



Please look at your address label as it should have a date listed through which your DSM dues are paid.



**If the date is older than 2025, you owe dues to keep your membership active.**



Please send your dues check-\$5 per year- made out to DSM, to our Treasurer Bill Lidinsky, 2841 147th Ave NE, Ham Lake, MN 5530



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# Meet the Board

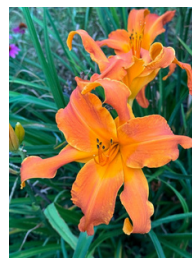
Michelle Smith, Vice President & Membership Chair  
Member of DSM since 2024

**Brief description of what got you into daylilies:** I've always been a gardener of food and perennials but I became a daylily addict after encountering Garfield Gardens in Lonsdale, MN.

**Favorite Cultivar:** I love old and new, big, bright, clean colors. UFs are interesting and polychromes can be extra special. Primal Scream is up there!

**Favorite Hybridizer:** The dedication required to be a hybridizer makes all hybridizers special people. Go Minnesota!

**Favorite event on our calendar:** I love, love, love the DSM dig and sale. Such a great day working outdoors with a lot of interesting people...getting wet and dirty.



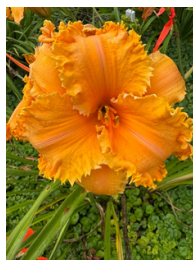
Primal Scream  
Hanson-C (1994)



Oceana  
Murphy-J.P. (2022)



White Eyes  
Pink Dragon  
Gossard (2006)



Colonel  
Mustard  
Heemskerk (2011)

**If hybridizing, what are your goals:** I am starting to dabble with hybridizing. You know I'm new to it since my goal is to make a fantastic flower on a slightly taller plant, with a huge bloom, that blooms from April through October, and has 7+ branches with 50+ blooms. (I'm not asking for much!)

**If collecting, what are you focused on collecting:** I am growing a food forest with willow varieties and daylilies. I would like to make food, basketry willow and daylilies available to the general public. Show them that it is possible to eat cleanly, make fun and useful structures, and go into your garden where your eyes pop, you take a big sigh of contentment, and stress escapes through your bare feet and into the soil.

**Favorite companion plant to go next to daylilies:** Daylilies are universally great around many plants. They belong everywhere. Giant Fleece Flower, Delphinium, Joe Pye Weed, hydrangeas, and Queen of the Prairie are especially great as backdrops to daylilies.

**Any tips to pass along:** When planting daylilies for beauty remember a few tricks: Daylilies' grass-like leaves look great next to plants with other textures. Use complimentary colors and plant in color clumps so your eyes jump from one place to the next. Manage plant heights so all can be seen. Soil health is important - learn how to make yours great (manure, compost, biochar, mulching). Add water features and pollinator plants to attract birds and useful garden bugs. Mulch! Leave no bare soil... Mother nature will cover it with weeds.

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Daylily Society of Minnesota  
C/O James Sherepa, Newsletter Editor  
2841 147th Ave NE,  
Ham Lake, MN 5530

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promoting the improvement and enjoyment of daylilies

# 2026 Calendar Events



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DSM Website QR Code

- February 22, 2026 Program & Discussion @ Bachman's
- June 13, 2026 Dig-location @ Stanislaw's
- June 14, 2026 Sale @ Bachman's
- July 18, 2026 Daylily Off-Scape Show @ Bachman's
- July 25, 2026 Garden Tours
- August 9, 2026 Banquet, Auction & Silent Auction, Marriott SW
- October 25, 2026 Program & Discussion @ Bachman's

The Daylily Society of Minnesota (DSM) promotes the development and enjoyment of the daylily—*Hemerocallis*—with an emphasis on culture in northern climates.

The Daylily Society of Minnesota was founded in 1980 as a 501(3) organization under the name "Hemerocallis Society of Minnesota