

## **Flint Hills Daylily Society**

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## **October 7, 2019**

The Flint Hills Daylily Club met October 7 to close out the 2019 year of fabulous daylilies. Members viewed entries in the photo contest and voted on their favorites in each category before enjoying a catered meal provided by Jammin' Jamaican Cuisine.

President Laura Hall called the business meeting to order and presented the slate of officers for 2020 as follows: President, Laura Hall; Vice-President, none; Treasurer, Pam Lauer; and Secretary, Susan Schoneweis. Christopher Renner moved that the slate of officers be accepted. Jeff Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Laura then asked for someone to volunteer to be Vice-President with the understanding that Christopher Renner will take over as President in the year 2021. Shirley Masterson volunteered and will serve as vice-president for 2020.

Laura then led a discussion about the possibility of donating money to K-State Gardens for improved signage in the daylily beds. Jeff Petersen moved and Christopher Renner seconded his motion to donate \$500 to K-State Gardens for signage. Motion carried unanimously.

Laura thanked Lou Irwin for taking over the Photo Contest. Lou and Karen Ridder announced the winners of the 2019 contest.

Landscape: Jane Amy

Individual Full Form Bloom: Laura Hall

Individual Double Bloom: Kathy Foster

Individual Spider: Irene Johnson

Multi-Bloom/Clump: tie - Laura Hall and Jane Amy

Artistic Garden: Kathy Foster

Laura thanked Kent and Kathy Foster for organizing the delicious banquet.

Lou Irwin asked for all members to begin collecting crafts or items for the FHDS's basket to be auctioned at the 2020 Summer Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

submitted by Shirley Masterson

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**August 5, 2019**

The meeting started with the program on club members' favorite daylilies. Chris Renner previously asked members to send him the names and photos of their favorite cultivars and a handful answered. Chris created a PowerPoint presentation featuring favorites in the order he received them from members. Included in the presentation- member, their favorite cultivars, year registered and the breeders included:

**Chris Tyler-** 'Cheddar Explosion', Zachary S. Hicky, 2013; 'Blessings Beyond Measure', 2016, Sattelmeier,

**Rick Tyler** – 'Spacecoast Red Dazzler', 2016, Kinnebrew/Gossard; 'Tucker's Turn', Bob DuPaul, 2014  
'Larry's Twilight Bite', Jamie Gossard, 2012

**Jane Amy-** 'Purify My Heart', Korth, 2007; 'Venetian Pools', Pierce, 2015; 'Pharoah's Arrows', Pierce, 2017

**Steve Amy** – 'Elizabeth Peacock', Hansen, C. 2014; 'Heavenly United We Stand', Gossard, 2009 – very tall, multiplies well, late bloomer; 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy', Stelter, 2012

**Ann Redmon** – 'How I met your cat', Clement, 2011, early cool form, balloon flower. Note the breeder has a series of cat-themed daylilies. 'Painted Demon', Dan White, 2010. 'Six Legs a Leaping', Bob Wilson, 2006; from Iowa, bright yellow with twisty curly form.

**Bobbie Kromm** - 'Winds of Love', Roberts, 2001; 'Joyce Lee Brown', Joiner, 2005; 'Cradle of Bethlehem', Elizabeth Shooter, 2007.

**Chris Renner** - 'Hold Your Horses', Trimmer, 2004, early, large blooms; 'Bird Bath Pink', Webster, 1992, large pink bloom; 'Explosion in the Paint Factory', Howard, R., 2013, red & gold chimera, no 2 blooms are alike.

**Laura Hall** – 'Africa', Kropf-Tankesley-Clarke, 1987 dark, dark, dark, small blooms, it likes cool morning and glows like embers in a fire; 'Mountain Orchid', Keast, T, 2012; 'Starry Skies', E. Shooter, 2006.

**Irene Johnson** – 'Raspberry Mountain', Carol Emerich; 'Kid Charlemagne', a great bloomer.....blooms and blooms and blooms and blooms....; 'I Can Only Imagine', Carol Emerich; her Very Very Favorite –'Orange Clown', Goldner-Webster 2007 a big orange that flops and twists.

**Jeanette Schuler** – 'Grateful Heart', Grace, 2001 – vivid magenta with ruffled bright yellow edge 'Rambunctious Rosie', Davison; monumental flower size 9.5" and large green throat, not floppy; 'By Spider', Stamile, 1991, sunfast red color.

Following the program, Guest were introduced, then we broke for refreshments. Jeff and Ginny Peterson, are new to Manhattan having moved from West Virginia. Jeff is a retired chemistry professor. Rebecca Stark is a Master Gardener. Jeff, Ginny and Rebecca joined the club.

Refreshments were provided by Jo Lyle, Irene Johnson, Ann Redmon, Kathy Foster, Steve and Jane Amy. They were delicious as always! Thank you!

The business meeting was called to order by President Laura Hall.

Treasurer's Report - Pam Lauer emailed finance reports via President Laura Hall.

Checking balance: \$15,589.52

Checking & CD balance: \$20,759.

**Finance discussion:** Steve Amy asked "are we going to need more cash for the convention?"

Regional convention budget – Chris Renner – we are breaking even; guessing about 100 people to attend since it's over the 4<sup>th</sup>, but who knows.

Springfield made \$4200 this year. Tulsa is hosting 2022.

Fall Sale – if we have 2 sales do we have to collect sales tax? Not necessarily.

Chris – spring sale went very well; fall is a more difficult sale and he doesn't think we really need one; thinks a spring sale next year would be better

Laura – would a spring sale be an issue with the conference? No

Pam – working on getting Square app so we can take credit cards. A show of hands indicated that no one wants to have a fall sale.

Pam gave an update on Ruby – – she is having a tough month, but has been eating better, though still tired.

Daylily Daze– went ok, would have been nice to have more people attend. Do we want to have it next year? Before or after? Or during the convention? We'll have people there anyway.

Registration may only be on Friday. Discussion on having Daylily Daze on the Sat morning of the tour. One drawback would be non-conference people wanting refreshments. On the other hand, they may like the daylilies so much they join the club. Also, we will need people to deadhead the morning of the tours. Can the K-State Garden staff help too?

Laura - What to do to improve daylily daze? LaDonna Hoffman said several people asked for plants to buy. Ann Redmon said some leftover plants from the sale could be potted up and sold.

The KSU gardens daylily signs now don't have year and hybridizers, hopefully the new ones will. It was suggested we add a permanent sign to explain what the Stout Medal winners are. Everyone thought it was a good idea.

Senior Center daylilies – looking good, weeds need tackling again.

**City Pool** – plants look good, but labels keep getting moved. Irene asked if there is a map, Chris said there is. Susan suggested planting some cool colors so on days when it is hot and the water is hot, it will feel cooler while swimming.

**Community Garden Daylilies** – Ann said it's doing okay, will probably need new mulch next spring. Most are doing very well, approximately 400 fans. Some newer, some not, most 2009 and newer.

**Garden Tour** – all went well. We will skip it in 2020 due to the conference.

**Fall banquet** – pay by Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> for the count. Cost is \$12 Jamaican meal. . Members, guests, spouses and potential members are welcome.

**Photography Contest** – info was sent out via email. Deadline August 31<sup>st</sup>. Computer enhancements such as star effects, rainbows and unicorns are not allowed, though cropping and such is okay.

**2019 Springfield** – 6 people raised hands that they went. Ann Redmon won the regional hybridizer OC Watley Award for the best seedling, so she will be registering it.

**2019 National Convention**– The daylilies were late, a lot needed another week. Lots of ditch lilies everywhere. Scott Elliott, was elected as the new national president.

**2020 Regional Update** – planning meeting was held last week. Friday – fiesta buffet; breakfast buffet is included with room rate; Saturday lunch - sandwich buffet ; Saturday evening banquet – pot roast, chicken, vegetarian, gluten free; 3 desserts, \$60/person for the food cost.

Club members who volunteer with convention activities and preparation, etc. will pay \$60 member registration.

We will need people to help dig and pot daylilies; stuff goody bags, staff the gardens, make refreshments, dig and wash registration plants and other volunteer opportunities.

Speaker – Margo Reed may not be able to make it, so possibly only Jim Murphy will come. This may be better anyway as it will save \$600 for a plane ticket.

Tour Buses will leave at 0745.

Sunday – open gardens with maps – we will use Oklahoma's bus as a 3<sup>rd</sup> bus . Will reimburse OK for their expense.

Regional president – Ann will end her term, they are searching for a new volunteer.

Pam asked about officers for next year. Nominating committee: Laura, Ruby, Chris

Chris is declining to serve president for next year but Laura is willing to do it and was nominated. Chris is the region 11 PR person for next year. We need a vice president for next year. Susan volunteered to continue as secretary. Pam will continue as treasurer and conference registrar. The vice president is in charge of planning 4 programs.

Any other new business?

Participation plants drawing— Steve Amy proposed to make AHS an optional, not required activity, for the club participation. Since the requirements are not in the bylaws, we can make the change immediately. Steve moved to change the bylaws to make AHS membership optional. Motion 2nded by Chris Renner. Discussion – membership can be one of 3 things, not a requirement. Ann Redmon – should we change it to 4 things, instead of 3?

Of the list of criteria in the yearbook for participation drawing: delete #1(Must have AHS membership), change AHS membership to under 3. Laura and Ann suggested one do 4 things out of the 18 criteria.

Kathy Foster moved to amend the motion to make it 4 club activities. Motion was seconded and amendment was approved. Motion as amended – passed for the 2020 participation drawing.

The meeting adjourned to the plant raffle featuring plants bred by David Mussar.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schoneweis, Secretary

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**June 3 2019**

The meeting was held on Monday, June 03, 2019, at the Riley County Seniors Service Center, 412 Leavenworth in Manhattan. Socializing started at 6:30; the meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with a program by Riley County Master Gardener volunteers Barbara Pearson, Bill Baack, Carol Gould, and Gloria Holcombe.

Barbara told about the MG program, read their mission statement and shared some of activities in which they participate. To become a Master Gardener volunteer, one must complete 48 hours of training and donate 40 hours of volunteer service. Some of their projects include maintaining the KSU rose garden, the Sunset zoo butterfly garden, courthouse flowerbeds and, leading 4-H gardening plant science projects. They also answer questions at the farmers market in the winter and once monthly in summer. The multi-site garden tour they organize and manage features gardens in the Manhattan area and serves as their main fundraiser.

Bill shared info on research done in the 1980's on indoor plants removing toxins from indoor air. Research was conducted by Bill Wolverton at NASA and others. Findings included aquatic plants can be used to clean up toxins in the soil in waste dumps. Sansevieria (Mother in-law's tongue) was found to be one of the best air cleaners and he recommended having one in the bedroom as they are CAM plants\* (Crassulacean acid metabolism) which are plants that minimize photorespiration and save water by separating photorespiration and only take up CO<sub>2</sub> at night

They brought a variety of houseplants including a deep red amaryllis, anthurium, Flapjack Jade, pothos, Phalaenopsis orchid, Sanseveria and others.

Carol Gould talked about the "best" air-cleaning plants according to the research done. Sansevieria is at the top; also aloe, peace lily, ferns, (button fern is one she brought, she found it at Family tree Nursery in KC in Old Overland Park. She showed her Frosty Fern, the tips were white when she bought it, it is in the spike moss family, not a true moss. Pothos is said to be good at extracting benzene. The leaves of Flapjack Jade turn red when grown in full sun. She also talked about the physical and emotional benefits of growing plants and mentioned her pot of Rieger begonia and moneywort as a favorite.

Gloria- talked about K-State Extension publications and how to find/search for various topics and handed out cards with the search info. You can find all subjects of mostly free extension bulletins at <https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/>

We broke for refreshments at 7:42 and invited the presenters to join us as they answered questions during the break. Thanks to Pat, Barb, Jeanette, Bobbie, Chris Tyler, and Pam brought refreshments. They were wonderful as always!

### **Business Meeting:**

Val Converse, Ruth Rosenblatt, and Pam Bathurst were introduced as new members. Pam brought a guest, Mona.

Passed a card for Ruby – Get well and birthday wishes, her birthday is June 6. Ann and Laura visited and dug plants that Ruby donated to KSU Gardens.

Treasurer report – Balance in the checking account \$ 15,367.63; CD value \$5170.08. The Lowes gift card we won at the regional meeting last year was given to Jim Fry for all the plants he gave us last fall. We are growing them for the 2020 regional meeting. The budget has been updated with current expenses and income and transactions. Jan 1 – June 3, 2019

Membership list – 16 new members from the Farmers' Market sale.

Farmers' Market – expenses \$263.30; income \$2390.00, netted \$2126.70 which was better than last fall and the year before with 3 sales. Many people came in search of specific plants that had been listed on our website and in our catalog.

Preparation for the sale "Wash and Tag" was held at Irene's was about 10 hours long! But, they finished in a day. 10-12 volunteers most of the time. Irene doesn't want to chair the sale next year, who wants to be in charge? Do we want to have a sale next year or concentrate on the regional convention? Discussion ensued.

If we have a good enough auction at the regional meeting we not need another sale since in our region, the host club keeps the profits from the auction.

Someone said the Topeka club has a members' auction and made \$2000 with 35 members! Perhaps we could have a fall member's auction? Things to think about....

Members were encouraged to consider giving up \$30-40 fans for the regional auction so that we have more high-value plants to attract bidders. Remember, the money from regional goes to our club.

### **Other Activities & Committee Reports**

KSU Daylily Daze will be held from 9-11 a.m. on July 6. Everyone is encouraged to post info on social media. Prepare to bring blooms for the bloom display. Laura has about 12 plants for raffle giveaways. We will likely not be selling any plants at Daylily Daze.



KSU Daylily Collection – we are adding 37 plants so far to the collection.

Senior Center –Several members helped clean and spruce up the flower beds including: Laura, Irene, Ann, Pat, Barbara, Pam, Laura, Bobbie, Steve, and Jane. President Laura said the bindweed and nutsedge are already back!

**Members' Tour June 22**– Chairman Shirley Masterson reported we will probably start at Lou Irwin's followed by Ann Redmon's, Chris Renner's, Amy's and Irene & Ricks's. Bring your own picnic lunch if you desire. More instructions will be sent out later.

**Community Garden**- Jim Fry's donations were planted at the community garden and Ann had some donated from retiring breeder, George Doorakien. They will all be for the auction and registration plants.

Ann, Pam and Laura put down newspaper and prairie hay and preen at the Community Garden after weeding.

**Fall Banquet October 7<sup>th</sup>** - Will be held here at the Seniors Center. Chairman Kent Foster's friend and owner of the Jammin' Jamaican food truck and chef from the Little Grill will cater it. The proposed menu: porkloin, curried chicken, rice and peas, steamed vegetable, fried bread, macaroni and cheese for \$15. Drinks and ice cream sundaes will be provided by the club. The club will provide \$3.00 of the \$15 cost so members cost will be \$12.

Jeanette moved we have Jammin Jamaican food truck cater the meal with the club paying \$3 towards the cost of meal and provide fixing for ice cream sundaes. Motion was seconded by Barb Pearson. Motion passed. Steve Amy asked for a vegetarian option of which some of the listed dishes are vegetarian.

**2020 Auction** – Christopher Renner led discussion about the auction. He would like to have bare root plants for our auction, or at least he will not be responsible for potting and hauling plants. We are growing some auction, bus and registration plants, but Chris will be ordering plants from Reed and Murphy too. We discussed whether to pot or dig the day before and/or pot and hill in for winter and haul the pots to the hotel.

A debate ensued over pots, cost, and soil price. Last time we had the regional auction we made \$5-6 K because the plants looked good (and we had 1 really big spender).

Chris from Topeka said weather was a problem last year and the potted plants looked bad even with lots of water. She had a \$900 water bill for the summer and the plants were mulched in and in afternoon shade and she couldn't keep them wet enough.

If buyers don't want pots, buyers will un-pot. We'll need a place for them to dump soil. They can deal with twice the transplant shock.

If we go with bareroot, plants must be dug and washed the week of the conference

Potted must be babysat through the summer and winter. The following people volunteered to babysit 10-15 plants each in 2 gallon pots: Irene, Laura Hall, Ann Redmon, Karen, Pat, Bobbie, Amys, Shirley Masterson, Lou Irwin, Marion Quinlan, and Susan Schoneweis.

Christopher will figure out when to have the plants arrive so they are ready for July.

Hotel & Bus Contracts – Christopher Renner will get hotel contract and bus deals next week – Oklahoma only has 15 coming so far.

2019 Regional Conference - the conference is in Springfield, MO at end of June, fun times to be had by all. There is no cut off for registration so if you want to go on a whim, GO!!

Rich Howard, of Connecticut is the speaker in Springfield, MO

Lou Irwin is going to be in charge of the basket for the 2020 Regional.

**Raffle** – There were three additional plants besides what were planned – 'Triple Honey' by Barbara White, 2007 \$10 and two 'Va Va Voom', 2007 yellow orange with dots \$10.

Raffle plants were from Polston.

1<sup>st</sup> raffle – all members –

2<sup>nd</sup> raffle – participation plants - free

Explanation about our plant raffles and instructions were given for new members' sake.

Participation Drawing explained– is done for the 2018-19. Plants are free for those qualified – were from award winning hybridizer, Don Herr from PA. Don won the AHS Steve Moldovan mentoring in 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schoneweis, Secretary

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**April 15 2019**

The meeting was held on Monday, April 15th, at the Riley County Seniors Service Center, 412 Leavenworth in Manhattan. Socializing started at 6:30; the meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with program by Christopher Renner.

### **2020 Regional**

VP Christopher presented the plans for the 2020 Region 11 daylily conference which will be held in Manhattan.

Conference date: July 3,4,5 at the Four Points Sheraton

Theme: (Flint Hills) Daylilies 2020: A Perfect Vision

Logo : graphic of a daylily and the name- AHS Region 11 Summer Meeting, Manhattan, KS

Program: it was proposed that the Judges 1 workshop not be offered since it is available online, but the Garden Judges 2 workshop will be held.

Friday – judges training, dinner on own

Saturday garden hosts: Ann Redmon, KSU, Laura Hall, the Amys

Saturday afternoon: judges training; we will need a minimum number of participants to offer the judges training.

Saturday evening: speaker, dinner, MoKanOk auction

Sunday: breakfast, regional business meeting

Open gardens & hosts: City Park, Christopher Renner, Irene & Rick Johnson, Kathy & Kent Foster, and Lou Irwin. There will be a bus to Johnson's at Olsburg.

Publicity: presentation at regional 2019, article in Mekanok, social media, need: photos of display and open gardens for publicity;

Pam will stay on as treasurer and serve as conference registrar; she will try to set up online payment via Paypal or Square. Eventbrite or other online registration may be used.

Needed: people to collect stuff for goody bags for Friday's registration; conference t-shirts, volunteers for registration committee & work table and other work.

Friday auction discussion— initially set for 8 pm – Ann and others think that is too late for the plant sale. Shirley Masterson suggested we sell baskets on Friday night; silent auctions – Irene and Shirley will be in charge of the silent auction; baskets will be a live auction.

Ask Topeka to host hospitality suite; Who to have to speak on Friday?

Someone to ask hybridizers asking for daylily donations. Previously have had 4 breeders get \$250 each to donate a bunch of plants.

- Have heavy hors d'oeuvres instead of just snacks so people can skip supper and we can start earlier

Special hybridizer plants - Ann has said previously tour gardens get to keep one plant, the others are dug up for the sale.

In 2015, David Kirchhoff (speaker), gave \$150 off his list of new things to plant to keep for the tour gardens. Then the club purchased plants and potted up to include in the garden.

Ann suggested each tour garden pick one, the others go into the community garden for digging and potting up.

### **Saturday afternoon overview**

No boutique this time, nothing to do other than downtime for showers and naps. Start hospitality at 5:30, eat at 6pm, and allow 45 min for eating, then start the keynote; speaker for 40 minutes Chuck Rice, KSU Nobel Peace Prize co winner in 2007 Impact of global warming on our region.

Plant auction on Friday; basket & silent auction on Saturday

Letter or email to region 11 club presidents to ask for baskets for the auction; ask Chris Tyler for ideas and info. (Wait until after Springfield)

Add the info to our presentation at Springfield regional.

### **Saturday decisions:**

Garden tours: Ann Redmon, Laura Hall, KSU, Steve & Jane Amy. Display garden plants have been ordered: \$750 Margo and Jim will send \$1500 worth of new introductions.

Lunch: back to hotel, included in registration – 2 buses

Door prize & bus prize chair- ??

Logo design – t-shirts, program; he talked to Watson Ink about t-shirt, silk screen \$11, sell for \$15; Hanes/Greek to me // Nzone?  
Bus captains

7:38 Break for Refreshments

Provided by Linda Marston, Amys, Lou Irwin, Kay Hummel, Shirley Masterson, Chris Renner

**Business Meeting:** President Laura Hall called the business meeting to order.

Treasurer Pam Lauer reported that we have \$ 13,901.96 -in checking and \$5,170.08 in the CD.  
See email

Club Happenings - at KSU gardens last Saturday – gave out lots of postcards

Farmers Market – Pam will be gone on May 4<sup>th</sup> so needs help for the sale \$\$

**Community garden** social went well, represented by Ann Redmon and Susan Schoneweis - Community Gardens duties should now be fulfilled. Help will be needed to weed at Collins Lane; 250 older plants for gift plants; newer plants for the auction.

Laura suggested giving the Lowes auction basket gift card to Jim Fry for all the plants he gave us for the community garden for the 2020 meeting.

**New business** – Shirley Masterson said the Stoneybrook director would like to have the daylilies relabeled and the club sign should be repainted so we get recognition. Leon Delmez started the garden. Irene has a map of what's what for relabeling. Lou Irwin offered to see if is a sign she can repaint. Bobby said there are lots of chiggers in the area. 😊

Members' garden tour – Shirley Masterson, chair, said she'd been was thinking July 6, but that's the Daylily Daze so June 26 will be okay. Let Shirley know if you want to be on the members' tour. People wondered if it will be too early.... We decided we can be flexible and hold it when we have time

May 4<sup>th</sup> – plant sale – Ann Redmon handed out wash and tag day instructions. Irene said she has the notice on her Facebook page and on the twin valley tv psa screen. Laura had cards for the spring sale and daylily daze cards to give out. Chris suggested placing them at the local garden markets. Irene said start making a list of what you want to donate to send to Ruby, she will do the catalog. Linda Marston said she needs bags and tags; Irene has labels and mesh bags available. She talked to Ace Hardware about posting our sign on their sign. Also we could have another made for \$30. We could have yard signs made too double-sided \$17, \$15 one-sided. Susan suggested calling other places for prices; think of other places to put them.

Leftover sale plants – Lou wants to donate them to someplace. Manhattan lines them out 1<sup>st</sup>, then they move them; Susan and Lou suggested nursing homes. More discussion about signs ensued.

Meet me at the Market – we have 2 weekends before the sale;- Chris could do it for a while maybe; others are needed to man the booth – never mind for this sale due to time constraints.

Growing daylilies 101 is on April 27 at UFM, need someone to help Chris teach 1:30 – 3:30 at UFM. He doesn't know if anyone is signed up. If you want to get rid of plants you can donate them to participants.

Dig Days – May 1 and 2 at Irene's with potluck; call on Thursday to see if needed in case they are finished on Wednesday.

Regional conference in Springfield – pretty part of the country; speaker from Connecticut Rich Howard – (explosion in the paint factory), taco bar and dance w/ "Not dead yet" band at the botanical center.

Minutes approved as sent out–Moved by Ann Redmon, Chris Renner seconded. Motion approved.

Visitor: Cathy Lowe, met Gary at the nursing home and he told her to come. Ann Redmon said she knew her years back in grad school. Laura explained the raffle drawing to her.

Plants brought to share: Iris : Carnival Song - tall bearded and Cranapple – border bearded iris from the Amys; Laura Hall brought tomatoes and peppers.

Raffle Drawing: The daylilies from February meeting have been in the garage boxed up for several days so they need a bit of TLC.

Tonight's plants are from Kathy Crally

Older plants from David Kirchhoff.

Plants bred by the Taylors from Chanute are still being sought.

Plant raffle began – Meeting ended when the last plant was chosen and paid for.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schoneweis, Secretary

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### February 4 2019

The first meeting of 2019 was held on Monday, February 4th, at the Riley County Seniors Service Center, 412 Leavenworth in Manhattan. Socializing started at 6:30; the meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Christopher Renner showing a PowerPoint presentation of AHS photo contest finalists and winners from a variety of regions including our own Region 11. It was a great opportunity to get ideas and tips for our own photo contest.

Due to previous bad weather canceling other meetings, a plethora of refreshments were served so the unused treats would not go to waste. Ann Redmon, Kathy Foster, LaDonna Hoffman, Laura Hall brought refreshments. These were supplemented by treats provided by Irene Johnson, Christopher Renner and Steve and Jane Amy.

President Laura Hall called meeting to order:

Minutes approved as sent out.

Treasurer Pam Lauer reported that we have \$15,589.27 in checking and \$5170.08 in the CD. She said a couple members still owe dues for 2019.

The budget was discussed; it is for \$400 less than last year at the end of the year. Ann Redmon moved to approve the proposed budget; Christopher Renner seconded; the motion passed.

Pam said she could send out the 2018 check register if people want it. Let her know if you'd like it emailed to you.

#### **Committee reports:**

**Banquet** – Kent Foster, chairman. Dates – October worked well last year. Dates suggested were 30 Sept or 7 October or later in October. Kent selected 7 October since it seemed to work for all present.

**Daylily Days KSU Gardens** – July 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. Committee members are needed. Chris asked if we were going to sell plants, Laura will ask Scott to see if we can. Jo Lyle said there is a policy that sales on KSU property can't be done for fundraising. Money raised must go to the university. For example, all the money from the iris sale goes to the KSU gardens.

**Daylily Drawings** – Chris Renner reported that the following breeders' plants will be featured the following months: April- 12 plants from Cathy Krattli and 12 from Gossard; June - Polston and Herr for the participation plants; August - Mussar. Some regional hybridizers don't have enough product to provide plants.

**Farmers Market Sale** – September 14<sup>th</sup> was recommended by the board after checking the KSU football and other schedules. Much discussion about whether to have the sale in August or September. Hopefully it will be cooler in September. We need committee members for the market and Daylily Daze committees. Signup lists will be sent out for the committees. The question was posed as to whether or not we should have a sale in the spring. Are people more excited in the spring to buy so they can see them grow immediately? Chris Renner brought up the concern of setting back plants if they are divided too late in spring unless entire clumps are dug. Jane Amy said she thinks people buy more in spring as evidenced by the success of their own sales in Wamego.

Treasurer Pam Lauer looked up the history of recent spring sales vs fall sales. In 2017 we made \$829 profit in spring; \$1181 in fall. When in spring? May perhaps; April is too early as they aren't showing growth. Who wants to spearhead it? Will Irene want us at her place in May? Dates were discussed- conflicts include Memorial and Mothers' Days and graduation. The idea of planning and having a spring sale and if we make enough, skip having a fall sale seemed popular. Jane Amy said they sell three times as much at their spring garage sale than at their fall garage and plant sale.

Kathy Foster said we should we try a spring sale and see. Dates were discussed further... 27 April is the last Saturday in April; 12 May- Mother's day; 4 May- graduation and the Town & Country Garden Club sale. President Laura Hall and Jo Lyle are members of both clubs.

Kathy Foster moved we have a spring sale at the Farmers' Market; Gary McKenzie- seconded it. More discussion followed. Jo Lyle asked why not May 11th; Chris Renner said he thinks the 4th is better than later to preserve bloom production for later. Motion passed to hold a Spring Sale on May 4th; Irene will be the chairman; Ann Redmon volunteered to co-chair, taking on any of Ruby's previous responsibilities that she might be unable to cover. Susan Schoneweis suggested that each club advertise at the other's sale. We will decide later if we will have a fall sale.

**KSU Gardens** - the KSU garden daylily collection needs reviewing with references on hand to be sure plants are labeled correctly. Steve Amy said they previously did it with Steve Thien but nothing happened. It was suggested we try reviewing it one more time and make recommendations as to what plants should be kept and which should be removed. Also a general review is needed of all the daylilies to determine which ones should be kept or removed. It was recommended if Scott doesn't know what's what, sell them. Scott wants pictures of all that will be sold. KSU is still awaiting the "mythical donor" to fund the greenhouse conservatory project. Laura is going to try to put all the daylilies in Plantstep Flower Software ([www.plantstep.com](http://www.plantstep.com)) to help with review.



**Label maker** – Chris has it. It can be checked out by club members and uses up to 1" labeling tape. Please purchase tape to replace what you use.

**Meet Me at the Farmers' Market** – Ruby did it last year; we discussed whether we should do it this year. The goal is to promote daylilies, answer questions and advertise the upcoming sale. We have daylily magazines to give away and we need promotional flyers for advertising. The club has boxes of daylily magazines to give away - perhaps at Daylily Daze and Farmers' Market. We'll need a sign-up sheet for volunteers to promote the Spring Sale at the Farmers' Market.

Jo Lyle asked about the signs used at the garden shows...it is thought that Ruby has them at home; we will check. Amys may also have some signs to be used. Chris will do a Doodle Poll to seek volunteers, perhaps for 2 weeks at the market. Chris suggested doing bookmarks to leave at the garden markets, also promote and advertise on FaceBook and other places.

**Members' Garden Tour:** 22 June –Shirley Masterson will chair; tour gardens have yet to be determined.

**Membership** – Jo Lyle –please keep her informed for who needs notes & cards. Longtime member, and recent past President, Ruby Zabel has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

**Photo contest** – to be determined

**Nominating committee** – is made up of the 3 most recent presidents - Chris, Ruby, and Laura

**Programs** – Chris Renner –April program will be planning for the 2020 regional meeting. The theme is **"2020 Vision"** and will be in Manhattan, KS, 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. One talk will be on how environmental changes affect gardens.

June program will be Master Gardener Volunteers, topic "Plants and Your health".

**Refreshments:** Amys are serving as co-chairs. They will send email reminders and bring supplies. Lou Irwin suggested just having 1 item. Perhaps time to revert to the olden days where less is more. LaDonna Hoffmann mentioned the issue of allergies, so sweet, savory, vegetable options give choices for all. Tonight's refreshments were from 2 meetings due to weather last week. We will maintain a variety of refreshment choices.

**Yearbook:** Ruby has it in Word; Chris can update it from her file.

**Plant Raffles** – leave the same or let committee chairmen have first choice? Kathy said for some clubs officers don't have to pay dues; Laura was thinking chairs that do the most work; those who do the most don't seem concerned about getting a free plant or first pick, so the

raffles will stay the same. Committee chairmen and others who need help should ask and everyone else should say yes ("I'll be glad to!") or volunteer to help.

**Daylilies at Ward Meade Park** –Daylilies bred by Kansans used to be featured at the governor's mansion, but the deer ate them so they were moved to Ward Meade Park. Let Laura know if you have plants hybridized by Mannoni. Irene said she has a few.

Addendum to the minutes: Laura Hall received an email with more details about the search for Kansan-bred daylilies and below is a link to an article in the Chanute Tribune Newspaper published February 28, 2019\*. Sol and Ruth Mannoni were hybridizers who lived in Chanute. Southwind Extension Master Gardener Volunteers are developing a memorial garden featuring the Mannonis' plants for Chanute. They have 14 daylilies attributed to them. We are trying to locate sources for these plants for a memorial garden honoring them. The cultivars attributed to them are 'Beelzebub', 'Carmie', 'Carrot Curls', 'Chanute', 'Dim Dimity', 'Hazel Ruth', 'Larson Street', 'Looby Loo', 'Madge Allison', 'Safari', 'Sparta', 'Spartacus', 'Tioga', and 'Xerxes'. Also to be featured are plants bred by George and Naomi Taylor, also of Chanute.

Any information would be helpful in our search for these daylilies. Ivan Beyer, George Taylor; Schoonover; and Cindy Lindquist were mentioned as possibly having some of their daylilies.

**Winter Gathering 15-17 February** – speakers will include Brett Clement from Indianapolis – his plants feature cats and law names and Barry Matthie from Canada. There will be over 100 daylilies in the live auction; silent auction and bag auction. \$89 registration. Sunday a.m. Region 11 breeders get to show off their work.

**Plant Raffle** – Michael Bouman, a St. Louis area hybridizer and past Region 11 President, sent \$1400 worth of plants for \$400. 2019 plants should be bought by members with gardens on the Regional tour and open show gardens. 'Clamdigger Blues' was selected for planting in the KSU Gardens.

Meeting ended when the last plant was chosen and paid for.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schoneweis, Secretary

\*Memorial Gardens in Chanute - [http://www.chanute.com/news/article\\_ec72c6fc-3bde-11e9-acfd-f31f31684afd.html?mode=story](http://www.chanute.com/news/article_ec72c6fc-3bde-11e9-acfd-f31f31684afd.html?mode=story)

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