

Daylilies in the 'DMV'

Region 3 Summer Meeting • June 28-30, 2024
Save the date for a weekend of drive-yourself garden tours hosted by the Northern Virginia Daylily Society.

By Kathleen Schloeder

Mark your calendars now for the Region 3 Summer Meeting on June 28-30, 2024, being hosted by the Northern Virginia Daylily Society (NVDS). The headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn Alexandria – Carlyle located at 2460 Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria, VA, with a room rate of \$169 plus tax that includes free parking. The hotel is right off the I-495 Beltway and near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge connecting Virginia and Maryland. The Eisenhower Avenue Metro Station is a short walk from the hotel if you want to do some sightseeing in Old Town Alexandria or Washington, DC. The registration form will be posted on the Region 3 website by early January with information on making hotel reservations.

There are five gardens to tour at your own pace, and you will be free to visit them on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. This will be a drive yourself tour. With three gardens in Maryland and two in Virginia, the headquarters hotel is conveniently located for you to travel in either direction. On Saturday, there will be a business meeting, banquet and auction at the hotel in the late afternoon and evening. A list of other gardens not in the immediate area but possibly on your travel route is under development - let us know if you want to be listed. A Garden Judges Workshop 2 will be held at Faith Bange's garden during the regional on a day to be announced.

NVDS is a small club and needs support from the region to put this on with things like registration, the auction and counting awards. Other examples of where extra hands would be most appreciated are: picking up potted auction plants and taking them to the hotel on Saturday; handing out registration packets at the hotel; donating registration or auction plants. The details and logistics are still being drafted so there may be other things that we need to staff, such as a raffle or silent auction.

Please let us know how you can help or if you can donate plants to the auction. Contact Kathleen Schloeder at kschloeder@comcast.net or 703-671-6635 or Janice Kennedy at jbkennedy@verizon.net or 703-534-7729.



Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Vienna, VA

With large clumps of over 550 daylilies in their collection, peak bloom at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is a real treat. Highlights include complete collections of the Stout and Lenington award winners, a Region 3 hybridizers bed, and two display beds illustrating the 'History of Hybridizing' from the species to the current decade. There are many other areas to explore within Meadowlark's 95-acre site. Admission is covered by your registration fee.



***Janice Kennedy/Kennedy-Cochenour Daylilies
Falls Church, VA***

Janice grows over 700 registered daylilies and several hundred seedlings on a small city lot with a legacy collection of Pat Cochenour's daylilies and her own introductions. Many small and miniature daylilies are on display as well as polymorous and unusual forms. Perennials such as peonies, clematis, lilies, echinacea, salvia, and stokesia are interspersed in the daylily beds. Containers planted with miniature hostas and decorated with clay houses are found in the shadier parts of the garden.



***Ellen Brous
Beverly Beach, MD***

Ellen designed the layout of the flowerbeds of this small suburban garden and does all the plant selection, labeling, placement and maintenance. Along with over 980 different varieties of hybrid daylilies dating from 1897 to the present, it includes many other perennials, ornamental trees and shrubs. Ellen collects double daylilies and has three named for her. Come enjoy the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay, while feeling the bay breezes and relaxing in this peaceful awe inspiring garden.



***Faith Bange
Davidsonville, MD***

The Bange Garden consists of about 3/4 acre of horticultural plantings. Approximately 1,000 daylily cultivars are interspersed in the 33 beds of plants. The garden also contains hosta, hellebores, ferns, specimen trees, liliiums, flowering shrubs -- just about every plant that grows in our region. Miniature daylilies surround the pond filled with orange and multi-colored carp. There are paths to meander along and benches to sit on while taking in all the beauty of the garden.



***Chris von Kohn and Curtis Cerillo/BlueCreek
Daylily Garden, Owings, MD***

BlueCreek Daylily Garden is a collaborative effort between two current daylily hybridizers. Merging two distinct programs, Chris von Kohn and Curtis Cerillo began building this garden in the spring of 2021. The new garden features rows of daylily seedlings, hybridizer bridge plants, a small species collection, and an ever growing/changing collection of registered daylilies used for hybridizing. Come enjoy the space we've created in three short years, and see 2,000 new seedlings blooming for the first time.