

PIDS Welcomes Margo Reed and Jim Murphy
Saturday, September 26, 2009
Phipps Garden Center

Join us at **12:00 Noon Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the Phipps Garden Center** (Fifth and Shady Avenues, Pittsburgh, PA 15232) for our Fall Meeting and Annual Business Meeting. Please bring one of your favorite covered dish meals (serves eight) to share with the group along with your table service. Coffee and tea will be provided and soft drinks are available for minimal charge.

We have as our long-awaited guest speakers **Margo Reed and Jim Murphy from Woodhenge Gardens** (www.woodhengegardens.com) located in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia (zone 6b). Margo and Jim helped to start the Charlottesville Daylily Club in 2001, and Jim served for three years as its first president and Margo is the club newsletter editor. Beautiful Woodhenge Gardens was on tour for the 2006 AHS Regional Meeting in Charlottesville. We had many of their introductions in our auctions this year.

Both Margo and Jim have been breeding daylilies for many years, and are well-known for their northern hardy and surprisingly different daylilies. They specialize in Spider, Unusual Form, and Exotic daylilies that are selected for garden vigor in normal growing conditions. Their goals for hybridizing are many. For Jim the most important goals are breeding for the total plant, including northern hardiness, high bud count, multiple branching, complete sunfastness, and garden vigor. As for Margo, "I want to be the first to produce a pure white ruffled 12 cascade spider daylily that is 6 feet tall, and has six-way branching - maybe with a kaleidoscope complex eyezone." It will be fun to see how far she has come in achieving this goal!

In addition, we will hold our **Annual Business Meeting** with an election of officers for the upcoming three-year term, and hold a discussion of the needs for the 2011 AHS Regional Meeting.

Please circle the date - September 26th on your calendar for another fun and educational PIDS meeting!
We look forward to seeing you there!

Picnic Recap- July 26, 2009

Our PIDS summer activities ended with a fabulous picnic with our friends from DHSWP at the lovely gardens of Steve and Sarah Zolock. We had a perfectly beautiful day - the storm clouds blew over - and again, the Zolocks provided us with one of the most beautiful AHS Display Gardens to enjoy for the day! **Thank you Steve and Sarah for making us feel so very welcome! Thank you for your hospitality, and for the plants, raffle items, and delicious treats you so graciously provided!** We can never thank you enough for all you do for PIDS! And our special thanks also to **Linda Jablonski** for handling the raffle tickets, to **John Barnot and Vicki Zajack** for manning the plant sales tent, to **Mardell Page** for manning the refreshment tent, to **Evan Veychek** for "running" plants, to **Elaine and Bill Modrak, Jeanne and Larry Rowles, and Jack Geyser** for their auction administration skills, to **Gary Ball and Mike Corle** for their plant 'auctioneering', and to everyone who helped with picnic set-up on Friday and "tear-down" on Saturday. What a great time we had!

Very Important - PIDS Hybridizers - Have You Entered Your Seedlings Yet for 2011?

September is still a busy time of year with garden clean-up, dividing plants, harvesting seed, and evaluating seedlings. PIDS Hybridizers **please do not forget** to enter your three seedling entries into the Dan Tau Seedling Competition for 2011. Entering them into the Seedling Bed at the Hart's Garden this year will give your unregistered seedlings plenty of time to become established. Entry information can be obtained from the 2009 spring issue of the **Fanfare** or gotten from Jim Bobrzynski at 412-831-2088

(sockstuff@verizon.net). Our goal is to surpass the record of 67 entries in 2003 (the highest ever!). We promise that your plants will be well cared for! We would be pleased to display your seedlings to compete for this prestigious award, especially in the 50th Anniversary year of Region 3! Please take the time now to enter your plants.

Lilyhemmer 2009! Our Freaky 15th Year! October 17-18, 2009

Daylily Lovers – have you ever been to Lilyhemmer? What in the world is Lilyhemmer? Lilyhemmer is the premier fall daylily festival – the Region 3 event of “Olympic Proportions” that is the autumn extravaganza of the daylily gardening season! This year Lilyhemmer will be held on October 17 and 18 (our 15th year – Oh My!) at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel and Convention Center in Camp Hill, PA. There is a terrific line-up of speakers for 2009! Our speakers will be Bob Scott (Oklahoma), Charles and Heidi Douglas (South Carolina), Roy Woodhall (Ohio), Don Herr (PA), Beth Creveling (PA), and Jamie Gossard (Ohio). Being the Freaky 15th year of Lilyhemmer, there is sure to be some Halloween fun!

And... there will be a live plant auction, a silent plant auction, Amish Raffle, Exhibition Judges Clinics I and III, Garden Judges Workshop I (what is stopping you from becoming a Garden Judge or Exhibition Judge?), a Region 3 Meeting, and of course – Good Food and Good Friends and Good Fun!

And... to encourage new attendees, Region 3 is offering a very nice daylily plant (minimum \$35 value) to each new attendee, and... to encourage attendance two very special gift certificates for \$500 have been donated by Michael Miller and Don Herr,

And... **all this for \$79!**

So what are you waiting for? Registration forms can be found at www.lilyhemmer.org or can be picked up at the September 26th meeting. Early registration (\$79) ends on October 3rd. (Registrars: Jan and Greg Thompson, PO Box 116, Dagsboro, DE 19939).

Donations of plants and items are being requested for the Lilyhemmer raffles and auctions. Kevin Walek has requested plants valued at \$50 or more for the Saturday night auction. Gary Ball is requesting items or plants of lesser value for the Lilyhemmer Raffle. You can bring your donations to the September 26th meeting, or contact Gary Ball (gball@kiski.net) or Linda Herhold (lherhold@hotmail.com) for help in transporting your valued donations. Better yet, please make plans to join us for the Freaky Fifteenth Fun-Fest of Lilyhemmer!

November 7th – PIDS and DHSWP Awards Banquet

You are cordially invited to our PIDS and DHSWP Awards Banquet on **Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Rockefeller's Grille** in Kennedy Township, McKees Rocks. Our very special guest speaker will be **Ms. Melanie Vassallo** from Long Island, NY.

Melanie comes with a long list of accomplishments, including Past President of the Long Island Daylily Society, and Chairperson for the 2006 AHS National Convention (a daunting task!). She has held the post of Chairperson for the AHS Display Gardens (5 years). She is a contributing writer and photographer for the book ***The Daylily – A Guide for Gardeners*** by Peat and Petit. She was the Past President of the Nathan Hale Garden Club (a local federated garden club).

From her website, www.melaniesperennials.com and her blog, Old Country Gardens (oldcountrygardens.blogspot.com) you can see her beautiful pictures and posts on various garden related subjects. She brings humor and enthusiasm to her topics.

The title of her presentation will be: **The Collector's Garden**. She notes: “I consider myself a perennial grower with a passion for daylilies. I also grow a number of iris but not enough to compare with a true collector©. They do make excellent photo subjects so they will be shown in my program. My Hosta collection runs about 140 varieties and I also have daffodils so I will try to cover them all.” We look forward to welcoming Melanie to Pittsburgh!

Did You Know We Have A New AHS Display Garden in the Pittsburgh Area?

There is a new AHS Display Garden destination next summer for your local garden visits – the **Enos Family Fourth Street Gardens** in Monongahela! Congratulations to Jack Enos on a huge accomplishment - moving into a new home, moving a garden (difficult), establishing a new garden and in one year creating a new AHS Display Garden! WOW - Lots of work! Congratulations!

A Gorgeous Show! July 18, 2009 Daylily Show, Wexford, PA

The 2009 PIDS Daylily Show was held at Soergel's Farm Market in Wexford, PA – a new venue for our beautiful show. And a beautiful show it was! Our Queen's Table was one of the prettiest and most colorful Queen's Tables we have had despite our weather conditions. We were lacking rain (down by 2 inches) going into the show. Despite our growing conditions, we had **177 entries** in our show, with some new faces bringing entries to show for the first time!

AHS Horticulture Awards – On Scape

Section 1. Extra Large Flower: **KEENE** (2003 Reed) Jack Enos
Section 2. Large Flower: **RAPTOR** (1995 Biaglow) Jack Enos
Section 3. Small Flower: **BABY MOON CAFÉ** (1998 Trimmer) Jack Enos
Section 4. Miniature Flower: **DROPS OF SUNSHINE** (1980 Lewis) Jeanne and Larry Rowles
Section 5. Double and Polymerous Flower: **BANANA SPLIT CUPCAKE** (2000 Herrington) Jeanne and Larry Rowles
Section 6. Spider Flower: Not Awarded
Section 7. Unusual Form Flower: **EMERALD LADY** (2001 Burkey) Bernie and Dan Taylor
Section 8. Youth Flower: No Entries
Section 9. Popularity Poll Flower: **PRIMAL SCREAM** (1994 Hanson) Jack Enos
Section 10. Seedling: awarded to Angelo Brunetti
Section 11 and 12: No Entries
Design: No Entries

PIDS Local Awards

Best Single Flower: **BABY MOON CAFÉ** (Jack Enos)
Best Eyed Flower: **BABY MOON CAFÉ** (Jack Enos)
Best Polymerous Flower: **LILLIAN'S CRAZY ARMS** (Jack Enos)
Best Spider: **CREATURE OF THE NIGHT** (Myla Shestik)
Best Blend: **BANANA SPLIT CUPCAKE** (Jeanne and Larry Rowles)
Best Pink: **ALQUIPPA** (Angelo Brunetti)
Best Yellow: **EMERALD LADY** (Bernie and Dan Taylor)
Best Red: **KEENE** (Jack Enos)
Best Orange: **PRIMAL SCREAM** (Jack Enos)
Best White: **MARGO REED INDEED** (Jeanne and Larry Rowles)
Best Lavender/Purple: **RAPTOR** (Jack Enos)
PIDS Local Hybridizer's Award: **KEENE** (Jack Enos)

Many thanks go to our judges: Linda Pinkham, Patricia Bennett, Elaine Modrak, Shirley and Rick Stout, Irene and Tom Case, Kevin Walek, and Gregg Savard.

Thanks to our Clerks: Lorraine Duffalo, Dan Taylor, Gary and Tracey Heyl, Gary Ball, and Jack Enos.

PLEASE PICK 5

As the season winds down, we have been looking back at all of the wonderful flowers that have performed well in our gardens this year. Our email question over the Labor Day Holiday weekend was: **What plants have performed well for you? Please PICK 5 - what five irises, or five daylilies, or five perennials, or five annuals (or a combination of these) have out-performed your wildest expectations in your garden this year? (We have had a very difficult gardening year this year!)** Here are the responses so far:

From **Jeanne Rowles**: [These have not out-performed my wildest expectations, but I **did** enjoy having them in our garden this summer! :o)] I was very pleased with two daylilies we purchased this year from Dan Trimmer: **MEMPHIS** and **ORANGE CITY**. These plants bloomed and rebloomed plus increased. Frank Smith's **LINDA'S MAGIC** and **JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS** were gorgeous every day they bloomed and quickly became members of my popularity poll. **ORANGE CITY** was also on my pop poll list.

I like sweet potato vine for containers and hanging baskets. I found a new one this year at Bedner's that Barbara Dittmer also liked: **SWEET CAROLINE GREEN YELLOW**. It is a shiny, green yellow deep cut leaf that grew very well in a recycled wheelbarrow. Barb is going to try to order it for their South Carolina garden, and I am planning on growing in next year, too.

From **Elaine and Bill Modrak**: *Stunning flowers in the garden! This year my Sweet Autumn Clematis is outstanding!! It has grown at least 12 feet in height and width! It has made an archway to my front door & the fragrance is lovely as you pass under it!*

Daylily "Orange City" by Dan Trimmer arrived this spring. When I received it, there were 3 fans which had 3 scapes cut off for shipping. It proceeded to produce 3 more scapes which bloomed like crazy and when they were almost bloomed out, it produced 2 more scapes!! What a lovely flower & terrific performer!

Daylily "Skinwalker" by Ned Roberts has been in my garden quite a few years & always done poorly, so I thought I would move it to see if it would help. The result was unbelievable! It produced more buds, MUCH larger flowers and another fan! It was stunning - good move!!!

Daylily "Worth It All" by Jack Carpenter & "Rock of Salvation" by Carol Emmerich were both heavy bloomers this year with each bloom more stunning than the one before!

Bulb Lily "Silk Road" produced heavy blooms with a beautiful fragrance for several weeks!

Jan Thompson writes: "We had a great daylily season, enough rain early in the season here in coastal southern Delaware. Number 1 would have to be **Carmen Renee** - Apps 06. A great cream yellow lavender blend and a UF named for one of Darrel's workers. Number 2 would be Crochet's **Curly Cinnamon Windmill** and Number 3 would be **Lyndell's Pink Lemonade**. Two of the three are Region 3 hybridizers!"

I asked the above question and I realize now that it is so hard to remember what "eye candy" was in bloom in April, May, and June! What has done well for us this year have been the **hanging baskets** we purchased from **PIDS at May Market that Dennis James** created. Three of them hang over our back deck and are filled with a mixture of annuals – they were priced very reasonably and they continue to bloom well now into their fourth month! At our front door we potted **impatiens and coleus** from the **Zolocks** (also a May Market purchase from DHSWP), and the quality of their plants is unsurpassed! We "buy local" from our own club growers if we are able, and we have not been disappointed! Our vegetable garden was a feast for a very fat groundhog this year – minimal cucumbers and squash and zucchini. Very disappointing! My perpetual goal is to have more late blooming daylilies and perennials in my garden. **Soapstone Bubbles** (Reed) was outstanding this year, along with **After Awhile Crocodile** (Reed) and **Moon Dazzle**, a bright yellow from Stamile. (I can't wait for the PIDS Meeting on September 26th to see the late blooming daylilies Margo and Jim are working on!) Our **Sedum** is a feast for the bees right now. **Linda Herhold**

2011 Regional Meeting – 50th Anniversary of Region 3

The planning for the 2011 Regional Meeting has begun. We have started scouting for hotels to host our meeting. There is much to do and lots of help is needed. So you want to help, but you are not sure what needs done? Find listed below the committee responsibilities for this event. If you would like to help out (or chair) a special committee, just let Larry Rowles or Linda Herhold know. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the September 26th meeting. Your help even in the smallest way will be greatly appreciated!

Auctions: Organize both live and silent auctions; acquire and accept plant donations for auctions; acquire pictures of auction plants; acquire auctioneer, spotters, and tabulators, numbered paddles, digital software or paper format for auction check-out.

Awards and Ballots: Responsible for designing, printing, distributing, tabulating and reporting of AHS Region 3 and PIDS award ballots

Boutique: Responsible for acquiring merchandise, operating hours, sales personnel, room set-up and breakdown, opening and closing, and security.

Judges Clinics: Responsible for organization, set-up and co-ordination for Garden Judges Clinic I (hotel) and Exhibition Judges Clinics I, II, and Judges Refresher Clinic. Obtain both named variety and seedling scapes for Sunday AM Exhibition Judges Clinic II use.

Digital Programs: Design digital presentation about 2011 Regional. Have pictures taken of all tour gardens and area attractions. Show program at Lilyhemmer 2010. Work with PIDS Web Administrator and AHS Web Administrator to set-up meeting information website.

Freebies and Giveaways: Responsible for purchasing tote bag contents, raffle items, donations and door prizes, awards, tickets, and ticket sales.

Guest Plants: Contact hybridizers to acquire guest plants for display in tour gardens.

Hospitality Room: Responsible for food, drinks and snacks, room set-up, opening and closing of hospitality room at hotel

Logo and Theme: Responsible for logo design and artwork

Open Gardens: Compile a list of PIDS members who wish to have their garden open for visitors during the Region 3 meeting (Friday and Sunday). Compile names, addresses, directions, and garden descriptions for handout for Registration Packet for each attendee.

Plant Acquisitions: Acquire daylilies for live auction, silent auction, boutique sales and bus plants.

Program Booklet: Design, compile information, edit and print program booklet to include: logo, welcome statements, schedule of events, hotel information, tour garden descriptions, photographs, PIDS officers, committee members, acknowledgements, speaker bio, and awards. Also compile list of closest grocery store, pharmacy, hospital, and other emergency numbers.

Publicity: Responsible for submission of articles, pictures, registration form, notices to **The Fanfare and AHS Daylily Journal**, Region 3 Clubs, email Robin and local newspapers.

Registration: Design and print registration form, confirmation letter and registration materials. Accept and acknowledge registrations. Work with Treasurer to deposit receipts. Mail/email post-registration materials. Compile list of attendees. Create and print name badges.

Registration Desk: Responsible for set-up, personnel, and operation of check-in/registration area for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Check list of attendees, distribute tote bags, name badges and other meeting related materials.

Tour Gardens: Assist tour garden owners in finding garden helpers for tour day, helpers for weeding, funds for refreshments

Transportation and Bus Captains: Secure Bus Company, quantity of buses, map out bus routes for garden tour schedule, acquire bus captains, drive routes with bus captains, stock buses with water coolers and bus plants.

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Periodically there are changes in our PIDS schedule – like our date change for our September Meeting. Do we have your email address? It is so useful to send out quick reminders to everyone. Please make sure you share it with us – we don't want anyone to miss out on any important PIDS information!

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

As a reminder, PIDS dues for 2009 are now due and payable to PIDS. As noted on the renewal form, please send you information and check to Robin Weidman, Membership Chairperson. You will notice that the dues have changed to \$10.00 for individual and \$12.00 for family as voted on by the Board of Directors earlier this year. If you have renewed you membership already - **Thank You!** If not, please use the renewal form in this mailing. Please also alert us to any changes in address, e-mail address or telephone number. If you have not given us an e-mail address previously, now would be the time to do so. Thank you for your prompt renewal.

P. S. Don't forget to renew your AIS and AHS memberships too!

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Pittsburgh Iris and Daylily Society **Membership Renewal Form**

PIDS annual dues are still **\$10.00** for individuals and **\$12.00** for families.

Please mail your check (payable to **PIDS**) and this form to:

Robin Weidman, 570 Greenlee Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zipcode (plus four if known): _____

Telephone Number: _____ New Member(s) to PIDS? _____

Additional names for family membership only: _____

E-mail address: _____

Primary garden interest – iris, daylilies, or another garden plant: _____

Are you a member of the American Iris Society? _____

Are you a member of the American Hemerocallis Society? _____

Are you a member of another garden society or club? (Name) _____

*Do you or family members have a special skill, talent, or profession that might help our club?
If yes, please tell us of this ability.* _____

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AHS and AIS Membership

If you have been a member of AHS and/or AIS in prior years, but have not yet renewed your membership, your dues can be sent to the following individuals. Be sure to send your dues to continue to receive all of the great benefits of membership to the national organizations!!

American Iris Society

(Individual Annual \$25.00; Dual \$30.00)

Tom Gormley

10606 Timber Ridge St.

Dubuque, IA 52001-8268

phone: 563-513-0504

email: aismemsec@earthlink.net

American Hemerocallis Society

(Individual Annual \$25.00; Dual \$30.00)

Pat Mercer, AHS Executive Secretary

P.O. Box 10

Dexter, GA 31019

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Those joining AHS for the first time or renewing for a longer period should check out the membership page at <http://www.daylilies.org/AHSmemb.html> for the new AHS voucher program to see if you are eligible to participate!

American Hemerocallis Society, Region 3
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PIDS 2009 Calendar

September 26	Saturday	12:00 pm	Fall Program – Margo Reed / Jim Murphy Spider and Unusual Form Daylilies	Phipps Garden Center
October 16 – 18	Saturday – Sunday		Lilyhemmer	Camp Hill, PA
November 7	Saturday		Awards Banquet Speaker: Ms. Melanie Vassallo	Rockefeller's Grille Kennedy Twp, McKee's Rocks