

2011 Mid-Winter Melt
Soup's On!
February 12, 2011 – 12 Noon

Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own. Charles Dickens

Happy New Gardening Year to You! Winter is the time to celebrate the natural beauty of the season! It is the time to slow down and step-back, and survey the winter-white landscape. It is the time to look at the snowflakes (each one is so different), feel the chill wind on your face and in your bones (B-r-r-r!), and settle into your favorite chair with a cup of cocoa after you have shoveled the snow for the tenth time this week!

Winter is the time to dream about the future. It is the time to read, to study, and to salivate over the seed and plant catalogs arriving in the mail. What one new plant have you lusted after for so long that you must add it to your garden in 2011? What one thing do you want to do differently in your garden this year? What is your favorite book or catalog to pick up for inspiration while we wait for the weather to warm?

2011 brings for PIDS a busy year. As the hosts of the 50th Anniversary of American Hemerocallis Society's Region 3, we will be **CELEBRATING GOLD** in the Pittsburgh area on the weekend of July 15-17th. This will be the weekend where we showcase our love of daylilies and irises in the gorgeous gardens we are well-known for. We will also celebrate the history of Region 3 – we will celebrate the people who had a vision to join together to start the clubs in our region and we will celebrate the plants that we and they loved so much! There will be much to do to get ready for our guests. Please plan to help – many hands make the work easy!

So let's celebrate 2011! Our ever-popular **Soup Luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 12th at 12:00 Noon at Phipps Garden Center** located at 1059 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15232 (phone: 412-441-4442). This will be our *seventh annual* joint soup luncheon with our sister club DHSWP, and it has become one of our most popular events to kick-off a busy gardening year! It is a great chance to get out of the house and see old friends in this New Year!

Our special guest speakers will be **Kathy Guest Shadrack** and **Michael Shadrack** from Western New York. Kathy and Mike are the authors of a new book published by Timber Press called **The Book of Little Hostas: 200 Small, Very Small, and Mini Varieties**. Kathy has gardened passionately in the Buffalo area for over 25 years, and has maintained collections of hostas, irises, and daylilies. Mike is a photographer with more than 6000 hosta images in his library. They have been frequent speakers to our group and promise to bring wit and insight to this very interesting subject!

What to bring: we have members who have volunteered to bring numerous types of delicious soups to take the chill from our bones. Please do bring **an appetizer, or salad, or sandwiches, or dessert** to share with the group – enough to feed eight people. And don't forget to bring your **bowl and spoon** (of course), **plates and utensils, and your appetite**. And **lug-your-mug** (Phipps is Green – no Styrofoam) because coffee and hot tea will be provided.

So mark your calendar – we hope you will join us in celebrating the New Year at our seventh annual "SOUP'S ON" February event!

SAD NEWS OF IRENE OTTE

We mourn the passing of a long-time PIDS member Irene Otte on December 20, 2010. Irene was always generous in sharing her "wealth of knowledge" of iris culture with anyone who asked. She and her late husband Morrie hybridized and introduced many daylilies that are hardy to our western PA climate. A donation was made to the American Hemerocallis Society in Irene's name.

EUREKA!!

The 2011 Eureka Daylily Reference Guides should be here soon. Ordered copies will be available for pick-up at the February 12th Soup Luncheon. Some extra copies will be available (first come basis). Please contact Larry Rowles at 724-941-6329 or email at ljr329@comcast.net to reserve your copy.

OPEN GARDENS IN JULY

Since we are hosting the Region III Meeting this year and it is the 50th Anniversary of Region III, we would like to have a wide variety of Open Gardens for our guests to visit while in the area. Ideally we would like to have open gardens on **Thursday, July 14th, Friday, July 15th and Sunday, July 17th** throughout our western PA area.

I will be compiling the information to be given out with the Registration Packet when our guests arrive at the hotel. Any or all dates can be listed as well as times or "by appointment only". If you are interested in participating, I will have a sign-up sheet at the Soup Luncheon on February 12th or you can e-mail me at moe1001@aol.com or phone @ **412-833-7572**. Just your name and contact information is all that is necessary at the present time. I will send out the information needed to participate to each of you once I have compiled a list of gardens.

Anyone who has gone to a Regional Meeting or National Convention truly appreciates visiting local gardens as part of the convention experience. Every garden is different & unique in its own way, and it is such a joy to share our love of gardening, ideas and daylilies with others. It is also a great way to see our old friends and meet new ones along the way! Sooooo.....Please give consideration to participating in this event - we would like the 50th to be the very best ever!! - **Elaine Modrak**



(NOT DEAD ~ DEFINITELY ALIVE)

PIDS PRESIDENT

QUALIFICATIONS: NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

A LOVE OF DAYLILIES/IRISES RECOMMENDED

WILLINGNESS TO SERVE THE PIDS COMMUNITY

NO SALARY ~ JUST SATISFACTION (BUT LOTS OF IT!)

A POSSE OF WILLING HELPERS IS AVAILABLE TO OFFER GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

PLEASE HELP US!

CONTACT: RETIRED SHERIFF LINDA HERHOLD, DEPUTY MIKE CORLE OR DEPUTY LARRY ROWLES

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

As a reminder, PIDS dues for 2011 are now due and payable to **PIDS**. As noted on the renewal form, please send you information and check to Robin Weidman, Membership Chairperson. The dues are still \$10.00 for individual membership and \$12.00 for a family membership. 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 a great the time to do so. **Thank you for your prompt renewal!**
P. S. don't forget to renew your AIS and AHS memberships too!

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!! Both organizations now allow you to join online!

American Iris Society

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

Tom Gormley
P.O. Box 177
DeLeon Springs, FL 32130
Phone: 386-277-2057
Email: aismemsec@irises.org

American Hemerocallis Society

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

Pat Mercer, AHS Executive Secretary
P.O. Box 10
Dexter, GA 31019
Phone: 478-875-4110
Email: secretary@daylilies.org

Check It Out: Those joining AHS for the first time or renewing for a longer period of time should check out the membership page at <http://www.daylilies.org/AHSmemb.html> The new AHS website is now offering a \$25 voucher for new members and current members upgrading their memberships!

PLEASE CLIP AND RETURN RENEWAL FORM PROMPTLY

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, Zip code (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.

Celebrating Gold - Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Region 3
July 15-17, 2011 in Washington, PA

You are personally invited to attend a celebration of 50 years of friends, flowers, and fun as the Pittsburgh Iris and Daylily Society will host the 2011 AHS Region 3 Meeting and Garden Tour. We look forward to seeing you in western Pennsylvania during peak daylily bloom to enjoy the beauty of our gardens and to enjoy the history and heritage of our area!

Hotel – The Holiday Inn Meadowlands is a beautiful little hotel. You will find friends around every corner. In addition to the meeting facilities there is free parking, outdoor pool, workout facility, and a great restaurant. Our hotel is conveniently located in Washington County and easily accessible from Interstate 70 as well as Interstate 79.

Washington County, PA – Take some extra time and explore some of our area's many attractions:

- The Meadows Racetrack and Casino – adjacent to our hotel with free shuttle service
- Tanger Outlet Center – 80 brand name manufacturer and designer outlet stores across from our hotel
- PA Trolley Museum – experience a bygone era at the largest trolley museum in the state
- Duncan Miller Glass Museum – featuring a stunning collection of glass, glassmaking tools and memorabilia from 1870 – 1955
- The Lemoyne House – first official landmark of the Underground Railroad – one of six in the US
- Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Museum of Rural Life – the oldest site of human habitation providing a unique glimpse into the lives of North American prehistoric hunters
- Covered Bridges – 29 covered bridges throughout the countryside of Washington and Greene counties
- Canonsburg Antique Stores – a dozen of the finest antique stores in the state

Gardens – One day bus tour of five beautiful gardens on Saturday, July 16th. Also offered will be an optional bus tour of three gardens on Friday, July 15th. And – open gardens galore to visit on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday!

Judges Clinics and Workshops – Please consider becoming an AHS Garden Judge or Exhibition Judge by attending training.

Boutique/Plant Sale – Fabulous less expensive daylilies and other garden items for sale.

Hybridizer's Slide Show and Banquets – Two banquets, with featured speaker, **Sydney Eddison**. Ms Eddison is author of seven books including "Gardening for a Lifetime: How to Garden Wiser as You Grow Older" (Timber Press) and "A Passion for Daylilies". She has received the National Garden Club Award of Excellence. Her garden has been featured in magazines and on television. A former scene designer and drama teacher, Ms Eddison lectures widely and continues to teach at the New York Botanical Garden.

Region 3 Auction – This is a primary fundraiser for our Region 3 Fanfare. It is also great fun and a chance to acquire some great new daylilies a bargain prices.



Future Introduction by Jim Murphy for the 2011 Regional Meeting

2011 AHS NATIONAL CONVENTION – BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA – MAY 25 – 28, 2011

It is not too late to register for the AHS 2011 National Convention to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The registration form can be found in the front cover of the winter 2010 edition of The Daylily Journal or at the AHS website www.daylilies.org.

2011 AIS NATIONAL CONVENTION - BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA – MAY 29 – JUNE 3, 2011

Registration is still open to attend the AIS National Convention in British Columbia, Canada on May 29 to June 3rd. More information can be found at the AIS website www.irises.org.

January Email Question

What is your favorite plant/seed/gardening catalog or magazine to thumb through?

What is your favorite gardening book? Why?

From Barbara Logan: My favorite gardening catalog was always Heronswood. I loved the writing, the insight, and the list of offerings was awe-inspiring. Every plant that I ever bought was beautifully packed in recyclable newspaper, and every one of them thrived. Some I've not seen elsewhere. I miss it.

My favorite gardening book is "Onward and Upward in the Garden." I read it first years ago and was astonished and gladdened to learn that my prejudices about plants were shared by at least one other. In addition, she listed reliable plant sources when they were difficult to identify. It is my ambition to read all the autobiographical gardening books in the Carnegie Library; they all offer something.

If anybody hasn't read them, the Beverly Nichols series about his dream garden in England offers enchantment. He lived a fantasy life in gardening, until the cost probably swamped him. But the story endures.

I look forward to learning about other people's reading choices. Barbara Logan

From Linda Jablonski: I have two I love to go to each year: Bluestone Perennials and Mid-America Gardens. Mid-America has the most beautiful irises!

From JoAnne Lightner: *Sooooo many favorites. It is usually the first one that reaches me that gets my \$\$\$! But, I do love the Browns Ferry Daylily Catalog and end up ordering something from it every year. As for other publications, as a general 'land use' etc., periodical, I love the Mother Earth's News. There is always something in there about improving the soil, how to grow things, and just good natural common sense advice.*

From Terry Oates, Verona PA 15147 hemehostaholic@gmail.com: To drool over daylilies I can't afford, it's a tie between Frank Smith's and Nicole Harry's catalogs. Is she his niece? For online sources and photos, I just updated the links on <http://www.delawarevalleydaylily.org/links.htm> and you're welcome to publish this link in the newsletter or on the PIDS site. BTW, www.Ridaught.com just started taking internet orders 1/15 and the best values usually sell out within days.

2011 REGION 3 MOST POPULAR DAYLILY POLL WINNERS

1.	'Primal Scream'	40
1.	'Ruby Spider'	40
3.	'Webster's Pink Wonder'	23
4.	'All American Chief'	22
5.	'Laura Harwood'	20
6.	'Alabama Jubilee'	17
7.	'Buttered Popcorn'	16
7.	'Margo Reed Indeed'	16
9.	'Creature of the Night'	15
9.	'Dances with Giraffes'	15
9.	'Magic of Oz'	15
9.	'Spider Man'	15

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<i>Parial PIDS 2011 Calendar</i>						
February 12	Saturday	12:00 pm	Soup Luncheon			Phipps Garden Center
			Speakers: Kathy Guest Shadrack and Mike Shadrack			
			Topic: Small Hostas			

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