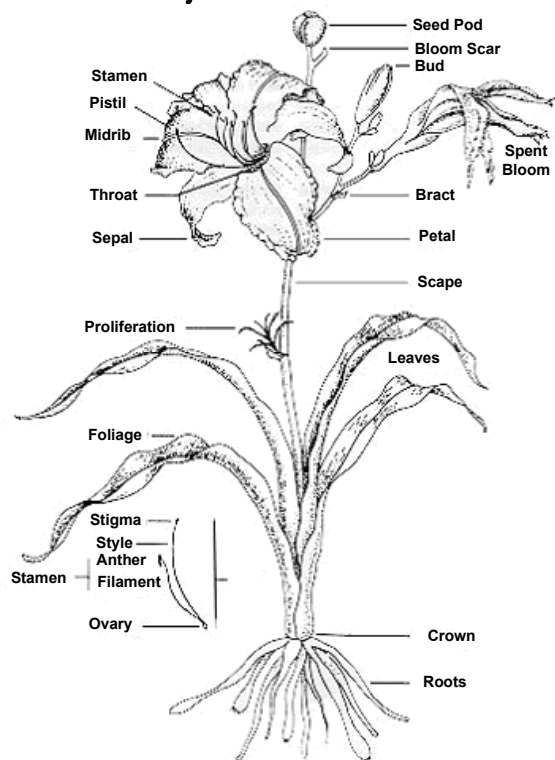


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Many people are familiar with the common daylily "*Hemerocallis fulva*" seen growing wild in many areas of New Jersey and other states. Its orange-red blooms atop 30" scapes line many roadside ditches earning it the nick name of "the ditch-daylily." Most individuals are unaware of the tremendous variety that hybridizers worldwide have created and made available through their breeding programs. Note that *H. fulva* is sterile, and spreads only through its roots.

Individual flowers of the daylily open for a single day, are pollinated, and then die to form a seedpod. The reason there are so many different hybrids available today (well over 54,000) is that producing interesting hybrids is so easy that even amateurs can get spectacular results. Crossing the pollen of one plant with the pistil of another produces seeds that germinate to create new hybrids. To get more of the same

daylily it is necessary to wait for the crown of the daylily to develop additional fans over time.

Daylilies have been hybridized for many years and a large variety of shapes, colors, heights, bloom sizes, and bloom seasons have been developed. Through genetic manipulation, diploid daylilies have been altered to produce tetraploids. Tetraploids have twice the number of chromosomes as diploids and tend to have more eye-catching form and color, although diploids are rapidly closing that gap.

The color blue is absent in daylilies (to date). Many hybridizers are working to produce the first true blue and are getting closer each year. All other colors are abundantly represented, although a deeply saturated green flower is not yet available. A daylily's form can be flat and round or re-curved and stringy (spiders) or one of many other variations. All the petals and sepals can have the same pattern or the petals may have one color or pattern and the sepals may have a different color. Some flowers "double" producing more 3-dimensional forms. Some daylilies "re-bloom" throughout the season sending up new scapes so that they bloom almost continuously. One famous re-bloomer is *Stella De Ore*, a common landscape plant.

Being perennials, daylilies are a wonderful addition to any garden. Returning year after year and multiplying in number, their flowers add color from late June to mid August. Daylilies tolerate a wide variety of soil conditions and watering. They prefer full sun to partly shady locations, and will bloom best when watered regularly.

Join us at our meetings or as a full member and learn more about these beautiful flowers and how to take advantage of them in your garden.

Members of the Garden State Daylily Growers receive a regular newsletter during our active months of March through October, and are invited on members garden tours, and to our yearly auction. Dues are very affordable at \$10 per year per mailing address. To join, please send a \$10 check (payable to Garden State Daylily Growers)

and mail this form and the check to

Shirley Michaud-Dent, GSDG Treasurer, 718 Paramount Way, Brick, NJ 08724.

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Date	Location or Event Information
2/20/05 1:30 PM	Don Herr, Lancaster, PA Hybridizer www.donherrdaylilies.com Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown, NJ (Public Welcome)
3/20/05 1:30 PM	John Shooter, Marietta Gardens Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown, NJ (Public Welcome)
4/17/05 1:30 PM	Bobbie Brooks, Landscaping with Daylilies (Public welcome) Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown, NJ
6/25/05 10-4 PM	DAYLILY DAY (Public Welcome) Exhibit and Sale Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown, NJ
6/28/05 7/7/05 7/15/05 Tour starts at 10 AM	Darrel Apps' Garden Tour Woodside Nursery, Bridgeton, NJ (Bring picnic lunch) (Public Welcome)
7/9/05 1-4 PM	(Public Welcome) DVDS Daylily Show Paoli Presbyterian Church 225 S. Valley Rd., Paoli PA
7/21/05 9-3 PM	Darrel Apps' Closeout Sale Woodside Nursery, Bridgeton, NJ (Bring picnic lunch) (Public Welcome)
9/4/05 1:30 PM	Annual Daylily Auction- Betty Harwood's, Farmingdale NJ (Public welcome)
10/16/05 1:30PM	Photo / Slide Contest Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown, NJ (Public welcome)

Goal

Our goal is to expand the gardener's knowledge of the genus Hemerocallis and promote the landscape use of daylilies. We participate in plant sales, garden fair days, planting of public gardens, and distribution of Daylily books to public libraries. We raise funds through plant sales and auctions.

Membership

Individual/Family memberships are only \$10 per calendar year. After October 1, get fall free with next year's dues!

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Garden State Daylily Growers

Uniting Daylily Lovers in New Jersey

The club was formed by New Jersey gardeners who grow and want to promote public interest in daylilies.

The club is an affiliate of Region 3 of the **American Hemerocallis Society** and holds meetings in the fall, winter and spring of each year. These meetings have a program relating to new daylilies, growing methods and/or companion plants. The meetings are usually held in the meeting room at Deep Cut Gardens in Middletown, NJ.

During July and August, we hold garden tours mostly in the central New Jersey area. Our member newsletter and web site will keep you informed.