



Lily Talk

A newsletter of the Central Missouri Hemerocallis Society

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CMHS 2010 Calendar

February 12-14
Region 11 Winter Gathering

February 14
CMHS Meeting, Tim Rost, Superior Gardens

April 11
CMHS Meeting

May 27-29
AHS Ntl. Convention, Valdosta, GA

June 13
CMHS Meeting, Preparing & Designing for
Show-Alice Havard

June 25-27
Region 11 Meeting, St. Louis, MO

July 10, 11
Flower Show, Columbia Public Library
Open Gardens

August 20, 21
Picnic
Farmer's Markets Sale

October 10
CMHS Meeting, Members Slide Show

December 5
Holiday Party

**All meetings this year begin with a
potluck meal at 1:30 p.m.**

Directions to the Extension Center, 1012
Route UU, Columbia, MO – Take the
Midway exit off of I-70 (just West of
Columbia). Route UU is Southeast of
the exit. The Extension Center is the
first Building on the left on UU.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have experienced some of the coldest weather we have had in a decade. With much of it we had a blanket of snow to protect our flowers. Time will tell us if some of the newer cultivars are as hardy as necessary to face what Mother Nature has given us. This weather tends to make us look forward with extra anticipation for the coming bloom season.

As we move forward in the current year, we must work together as a group in order to have a great Regional Meeting in 2011. Don't necessarily wait to be asked to do something, just volunteer. "What can I do to help?" is never out of line. We will also need help for those things we always do, like the flower show and the plant sale. These activities do wonders in promoting both daylilies and our club.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the other officers and the members that have agreed to help with the leadership roles in carrying out the functions of the club. It takes us all to have true success.

To each of you: Happy gardening and beautiful blooms.

Bob McConnell

Eureka's

Eureka's for will be available at the February meeting. We have 10 left to sale. The cost is \$34.50, checks should be made payable to CMHS.

Member Handbooks are on the way to the printer and will be available at the February meeting. Those that are not picked up then will be mailed.

CMHS Welcomes Tim Rost

Tim started Rost, Inc. in 1985 when he turned a part time job during college into a full time career. His passion in landscaping is to create natural looking landscapes that provide a place for entertaining and relaxation. Tim stays busy with Toby, his wife and co-owner of Rost, Inc., helping to manage the six divisions making up Rost, Inc. but enjoys hunting and the outdoors during his free time. Come join us welcome Tim as he talks to us about different landscaping techniques.

Vole Adventures with Marie Pasley

I have had a recent major infestation of voles and have done some research on ridding my garden of them so thought I'd share it with you.

Voies are rodents, approximately 3.5-5 inches long, dark brown to gray in color. They look a lot like a hamster with a shorter tail like them and round ears. Although, they are kind of cute, they are devastating to bulbs, bulbous roots, grass roots, and plant stems, they can girdle young trees, too. They raise 5 to 10 liters a year, with 3-5 young in a liter. There are 3 species in Missouri, pine voles, meadow voles, and prairie voles, I think I have meadow voles. They have been known to use mole runs to travel in but usually prefer surface runs.

I live in the middle of what used to be a soy bean field, so I have grass fields around my 2.5 acre yard, so I've always had voles (field mice). My 2 cats have always kept them in check, unfortunately my 2 cats died over the past 2 years of old age, leaving me only Sam, our golden retriever. Sam's method of vole hunting is digging. Most days he seems to be going to China and this past summer he tried his best to dig up an ornamental grass I had planted in my largest daylily bed. Little did I know, under this grass was developing a huge vole colony. Last fall I started seeing vole runs, pathways approximately ½ "deep along the top of the soil. These pathways spoke out from the ornamental grass to nearby daylilies, where I would see a hole into the ground under my treasured daylily. I could grab the top foliage and it would easily come up with the roots totally cut off at the soil line, "vole food". It is devastating because of course this is my most expensive daylily area.

Methods of ridding yourself of voles vary; trapping and poisoning being the most used. I chose to trap them, using mouse traps. I place the peanut bated trap in the vole run on the soil surface, then check the traps daily. Since voles don't hibernate they have continued to feast on my daylilies, even under the snow cover but I am getting some of them. I have trapped 9 since the first of December, just call me "the vole trapper". They aren't fast runners, so if you see them on the surface you can step on them if you're fast. The other thing I'm doing is raising 2 new kittens, Molly and Polly. They are teenagers now, Molly caught her first vole today, boy! I was so proud of her. The problem I had is she brought it back into the house alive, luckily voles are slow. Hope this can help you in your vole adventures. Check Extension guide sheet G9445 or <http://extension.missouri.edu/publications/DisplayPub.aspx?P=G9445> on the web for further information