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Grand Ole Daylilies

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2023 American Hemerocallis Society

77th Annual National Convention

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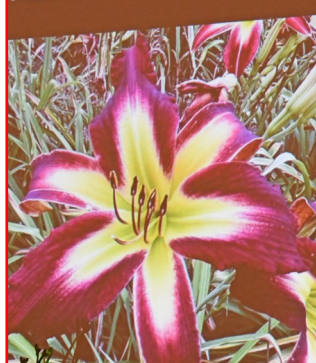

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2023 American Hemerocallis Society
77th Annual National Convention
 Hosted by: Middle Tennessee Daylily Society, Nashville TN
 Co-Chairs: Nicole Bull and Greg Crane
SONESTA NASHVILLE AIRPORT HOTEL
 600 Marriott Drive • Nashville, TN 37214




Crazy Train
Simpson E 2022

- Catalog Price: \$100.00
- Scape Height: 26 inches
- Flower Size: 5.5 inches
- Branches: 3
- Bud Count: 14
- Ploidy: Tetraploid
- Foliage: Dormant
- Bloom Season: Mid-late

Ask Not What Your Cat Can Do For You
Bret Clement 2023



- Catalog Price: \$125.00
- Scape Height: 34 inches
- Flower Size: 6 inches
- Branches: 3
- Bud Count: 16
- Ploidy: Diploid
- Foliage: Dormant
- Bloom Season: Mid-late

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McGray Garden – Duane & Sue McGray

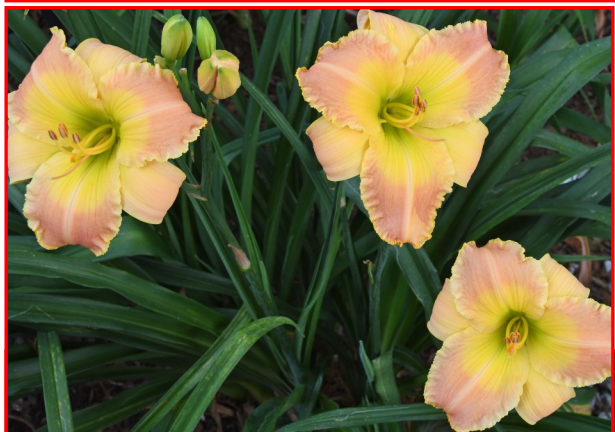
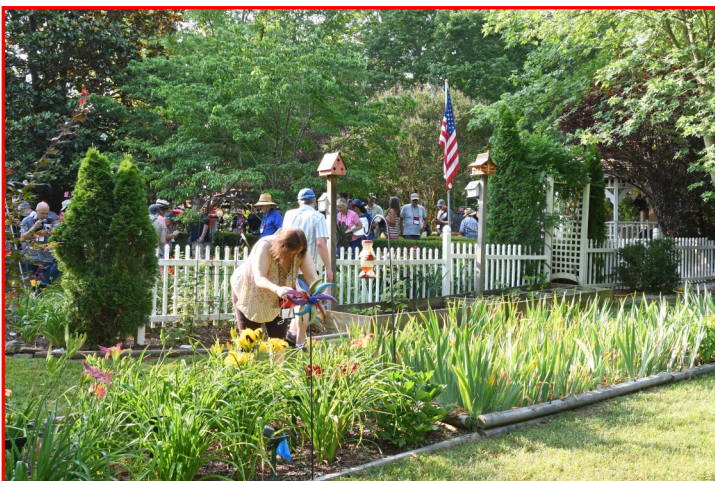
322 Osborne Lane, Murfreesboro, TN

The McGray Garden is a backyard garden constructed along an English Manor motif and designed to bring visitors a sense of beauty, serenity and contact with nature in an urban setting. It has a Boxwood lined brick walkway ending with an arbor topped with Chinese Wisteria and surrounded by two Emerald Green Arborvitae Trees. A gazebo that is framed with trees sits next to the main walkway. There are numerous sitting locations where one can stop, rest and take in the garden's beauty.

The garden is accented by a thirty-foot-wide circular brick lined patio with a ten-foot-wide circular sunken garden highlighted by a eight foot tall statue of a ancient Greek woman carrying water jugs. The statue is surrounded by tall orange, yellow, white and deep purple Calla Lilies along with various varieties of Hostas that add color and symmetry. An adjoining pergola provides shade

and seating. The patio has a small waterfall constructed of stacked rock the simulates an East Tennessee mountain stream waterfall and adds the sound of falling water to further stimulate the senses.

The garden incorporates flowers such as Irises, Peonies, Daffodils, Azaleas, Crepe Myrtle trees, a Ivory Lilac Tree, a Pink Giant Rose of Sharon Tree, Tulips, potted ferns, numerous potted citrus trees, Hydrangeas and annual flowers that add color from early spring to late fall. Multiple Daylily sections are the garden's main focal points, and they are lined with low rock lined borders that are visually broken up by Hostas which add beauty and a certain balance. The Daylily sections are interspersed throughout abundant green lawn space.



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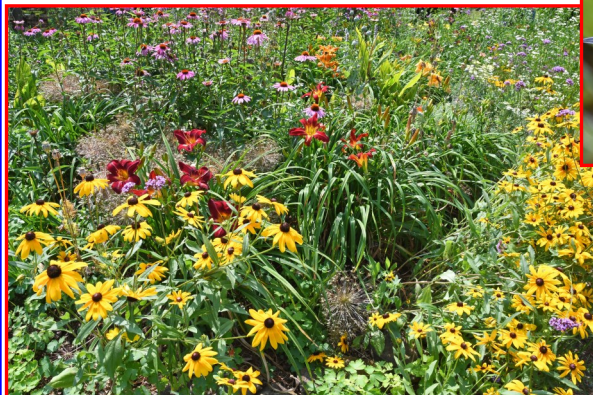
Eden's Edge Garden – Kate Patrick

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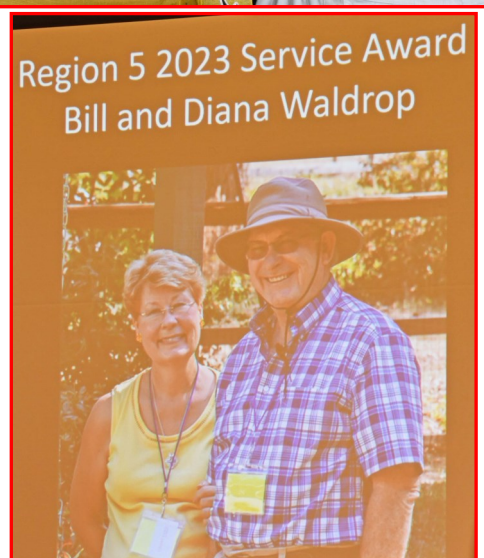
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Eden's Edge Garden is a roughly 4-acre suburban garden located on the site of an old farm. Most of the beds were first planted 12 or so years ago, but the process has been on-going in response to a changing environment and the gardener's aging knees. This garden is not so much a daylily garden as it is a garden with daylilies in it. The number of individual cultivars has been reduced over time and favorites have been planted in larger drifts. Trees and shrubs have become a priority and the garden boasts over 30 species of evergreen and deciduous trees including American fringe tree, black gum and Kentucky coffee trees. Ecological diversity is encouraged in order to provide wildlife habitat.

We grow host plants and nectar sources for various butterflies and look the other way when wild turkeys nest in the flowerbeds. We have some deer and rabbit pressure but have relied on predators to maintain a balance for us. We garden as organically as possible to be as wildlife friendly as possible. Another goal is to provide a peaceful place for humans to wander and enjoy the healing benefits of nature in the midst of the burgeoning growth of Middle Tennessee.



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Bluebird Springs Garden – Nicole & Reagan Bull 3

631 Kennedy Rd, Shelbyville, TN

Bluebird Springs farm began in May 2017 when we purchased 32 acres in Shelbyville, TN. Over the next Four years we built our new house and moved thousands of plants, including over 800 daylilies, to the farm. In August 2020 we moved full time to the farm. From the moment we bought the property we wanted to find a way to create a home and business and still retain the native plants and animals that already existed here. Not only did we leave several fields undisturbed to encourage native plants and wildlife including beaver, otters, deer and quail, but we also have large areas within our main gardens that we've left natural as small habitat refuges for small mammals, birds and insects. The main display

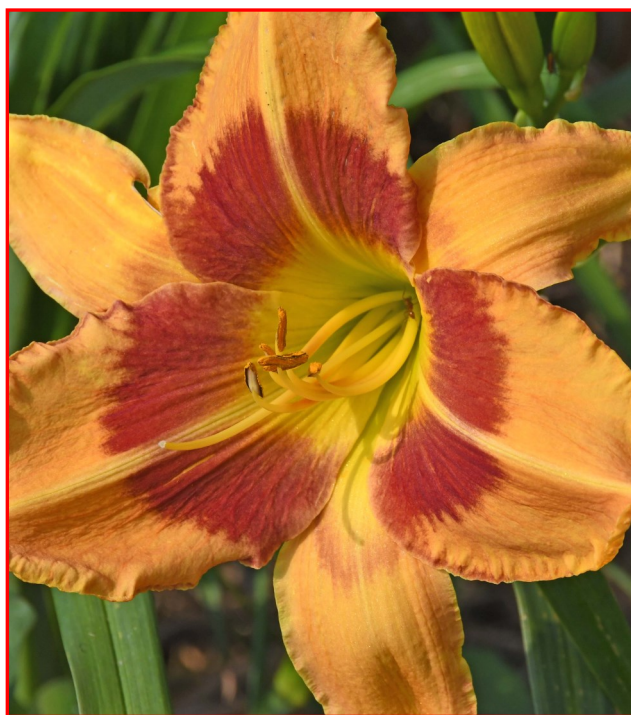
gardens contain over 1,000 daylily cultivars which are planted in Perennial borders which contain hundreds of varieties of perennials and grasses that provide interest in all seasons. Our Orchard contains over 20 fruit trees, 20 blueberry bushes, a 60 foot blackberry and raspberry trellis and grapevines. Our latest garden project has been transforming a portion of the field into a pollinator meadow. We also have a cut flower garden, a pond and a vegetable garden. This winter we will be adding a building that will become our farm store where we will be expanding our nursery and selling our cut flower bouquets and homemade jams.



PRESIDENT'S CUP:

FLORIDA SUNSHINE CUP:

GEORGIA DOUBLES APPRECIATION AWARD:



Fiesta Latina
Selman, 2007



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Leipers Creek Garden – Will Coltharp & Jack Alexander

5436 Leipers Creek Rd, Franklin, TN

Leipers Creek Garden is located in a valley across the road from the historic Natchez Trace Trail, an ancient pathway used for hundreds of years by native Americans and early settlers to transverse in the Southeast. Set in a rural setting just outside the village of Leiper's Fork, 40 miles south of Nashville, the garden has been in the current location for about 12 years. Leipers Creek and was approved as an American Hemerocallis Display Garden by AHS in 2004 and in 2006 as an AHS Historic Display Garden. Leipers Creek Garden has always been a "collectors" garden and for this reason there is a priority on unusual plants, trees, and shrubs. A recent interest has been adding more hostas along with a few Rhodora to the garden, most of which are being grown in containers. Scattered around the garden are items of fun garden art as well as more serious pieces of garden sculpture. Last

but not least there is a small hybridizing program that is done primarily for fun but has resulted in several AHS introductions. The focus of the hybridizing program is on unusual form, non-traditional, late blooming cultivars but there has also been a recent interest in small UF's some of which may be blooming during the tour. Meanwhile the garden will continue to coexist on 18 acres with a menagerie of animals, including two horses, three miniature donkeys including Facebook celebrity, "Greenbean", an unknown number of indoor/outdoor cats and one large family of ground hogs.



Will Coltharp

