Discover the Daylily Garden

The Daylily Garden features more than 100 cultivars of the Hemerocallis genus. For more than a decade, Master Gardener volunteers in the garden have been cross-breeding different daylilies, including about a dozen new hybrids that will be registered with the American Hemerocallis Society. The daylilies are propagated and sold at the Master Gardeners’ annual Spring Garden Fair.

Look for:

- Spider daylilies: Do you see any of the daylily flowers that are considered a Spider variety? These flowers generally have thin petals that are long and dangle—they look like spider legs hanging down.
- Ruffled daylilies: Can you see some of the daylily flowers that have a wonderful ruffled edge? This trait has been selected for several years, and adds a wonderful dimension to the traditional daylily flower.
- Try to find the daylily called “Waite Legacy” (named after head gardener Marsha Waite). It is a real beauty!

Garden Tips:

- Daylilies aren’t difficult to grow in Southern Oregon. They are not prone to many insect or disease problems, and don’t require a lot of water.
- The daylilies bloom from early June to the first of August, peaking around the 4th of July.
- Like tomatoes, daylilies won’t form flowers or set seed in temperature above 90 degrees F. Look for heat-tolerant varieties.

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