On Saturday, March 28th, 2020 the Connecticut Daylily Society welcomes garden veteran of 40 years, Suzanne Mahler of Hanover, MA. Suzanne will present her program "Know and Grow Native Plants, and Learn Why They Are Critical for Healthy Ecosystems." Past President of the New England Daylily Society, Suzanne has been an active speaker at New England flower shows and garden clubs, has spoken at Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts, and has presented to the Environmental Protection Agency. In recent years, Suzanne noticed a number of aggressive invasive species crowding coveted sunny spots on her acre property. These usurpers even killed off many of her daylilies! Since the 2001 convention, Suzanne has purchased only a small number of newer daylily cultivars due to encroaching shade on her property, but she still retains her affection for the plant. Recognizing that gardens are ever-evolving, Suzanne actively shares her knowledge of the benefits of planting native species (while not giving up those choice non-natives we treasure). It is completely possible to share garden space with both natives and non-natives, and to actively welcome threatened bugs and birds into our landscapes with informed plant selection! For more info, check out Suzanne’s website at [www.suzannemahler.com](http://www.suzannemahler.com).

Our social hour with delicious and popular potluck lunch begins at noon, followed by a brief business meeting and Suzanne’s presentation at 1 pm. As always, there will be fabulous daylily door prizes, and attendance is absolutely free of charge. The Connecticut Daylily Society invites anyone with a passion for plants!

The Avon Senior Center is located at 635 West Avon Road in Avon, CT at the junction of Sycamore and Scoville Roads (at the Sycamore Hills Recreation Center).

Flowers, friends, food, and fun are what the Connecticut Daylily Society is all about! Spring is just around the corner. As our thoughts turn to making our spaces ever more beautiful, let’s dig a little deeper and calculate the value each new plant can add to our landscape. For more CDS info, check out our blog: <https://ctdaylilyclub.com>. Hope to see you on March 28th!