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Daylilies in bloom

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Bear W Daylily Farm, 4560 Silver Creek Church Road, kicks the festivities off from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday with more than 1,100 daylily varieties, co-owner Kim Webb said.

Spiders and doubles in all colors are on display, Webb said. Chicken fat daylilies, those with "fatty" edges also abound.

Webb and her husband, Mickey Webb, have been busy hybridizing daylilies, but haven't registered any yet this year, Webb said.

In the past up to 400 people attended the festival, taking in music from the Good Ol' Boys and enjoying barbecue and hot dogs, Webb said.

Millstone Meadows Farm, 2595 Henderson Mill Road, follows up the following Saturday, June 26, with its daylily festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Music and drinks will be available at the festival.

Last year farm owners Mark and Sara Hord created a hybrid daylily named after nearby archaeological site, Joara. Sara Hord said Mark Hord's been working hard hybridizing daylilies this year, too.

The Hords also are adding something a little new this year too, including the festival in their Farm to Fork series, a dinner club that pairs food and wine.

The fare on June 26 is ethnic Mexican cuisine served on a family-style buffet, Hord said. The dinner follows the daylily festival. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$50 with wine or \$35 without wine.

For more information about either daylily farm visit www.bearwdaylily.com and www.millstonemeadowsfarm.com.