

## Daylily farm hosts festival, names hybrid after Berry site



The Joara daylily, named after the nearby Berry site settlement, is a hybrid daylily created by Mark and Sara Hord of Millstone Meadows Farm. The farm will host its fifth annual daylily festival Saturday, where attendees can catch a glance of the Joara daylily and more than 1,300 other species.

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MORGANTON - Don't let the heat keep you in Saturday while Millstone Meadows Farm, 2595 Henderson Mill Road, celebrates its fifth annual daylily festival.

The farm is showing off its Joara daylily named after the settlement found at the Berry site that also opens Saturday for the summer, owner Mark Hord said.

Located just down the street from the archaeological site, the festival kicks off at 11 a.m. with bluegrass musician Bobby Denton, children's activities and flower gazing until 3 p.m.

For five years owners Mark and Sara Hord have run the farm that also has an organic garden and livestock supplying Millstone Meadows Market and Kitchen.

Mark Hord said the history of the farm dates back to the Civil War era, but the daylily farm began a little more than 10 years ago.

Hord spent the last four years cross-pollinating daylilies before registering the Joara daylily. Hord said the Joara daylily, a deep red with a yellow center and long, slender petals, is the first hybrid he has created that he will register.

Hord said he decided to name the daylily after the Berry site because of the site's historical importance, to honor those who lived at the historic site and his longstanding friendship with the property owner.

Due to the recent rains, the daylilies are in fantastic shape, Hord said.

The farm features more than 1,300 different species varying in color, sizes and blooming times, Hord said. Although many of the daylilies are blooming, there are some varieties that have yet to blossom.

For more information about Millstone Meadows Farm, visit [www.millstonemeadowsfarm.com](http://www.millstonemeadowsfarm.com) or call 433-7126.

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