

New England Daylily Society Of The American Hemerocallis Society

NEDS Bulletin

Debbie Carpenter, Editor

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Suburban Experiment Station
240 Beaver St., Waltham, MA



Agenda for Next Meeting January 12, 2008

- 9:00am** Set up time (volunteers are welcome)/Board Meeting
- 9:30am** Social Time (Donations of food items from members with last names M - Z)
- 10:00am** Morning program: Meet the Members
- 12:00pm** Lunch break
- 1:00pm** Business meeting, including a drawing of door prize plants (Blue Adoration, Blue Blast, Topguns Copper Butterflies)
- 1:30pm** Guest Speaker: Linda Michaels, from Burt, NY
followed by auction of her donated intros.
- 3:30pm** Clean-up time (volunteers are welcome, no one signed up, please help)

UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE

Note: All dates are scheduled for Waltham UNLESS indicated otherwise.

01/12/08, 02/09/08, 03/08/08, 04/12/08, 05/10/08(Plant Sale), 07/18/08--07/20/08 (Regional in Nashua)



Hospitality for Next Meeting

Members whose last names begin with letters **M through Z** please bring something to share at the food table. Those who have volunteered to come in early and stay late are:

Set-up: need help

Clean up: need help

Please see the volunteer sign-up sheet next to the attendance sheet when you come to meetings.

We are in need of someone for the morning set-up and someone for the afternoon clean up for the Jan. 12 and future meetings.

Special thanks to those who bring food and those who help Larry with the food tables to make our meetings so enjoyable.

FROM THE PRESIDENT Words from the President

President's Words, December 2007

This winter is shaping up to be very different from last year. As I write this, we have a foot of "white mulch" on the ground with another foot coming. I would hope that this bodes well for the coming season. Last year's lack of snow really hurt the plants last year, though those that made it through the winter put on a terrific show last summer.

As this year comes to a close, I start thinking of what is coming up next year. We are hosting the Region 4 meeting in the Nashua, NH area and it is shaping up to be a terrific meeting. Dan Bachman and Phil Reilly will be there to give presentations and as guest auctioneers. We also have five tour gardens that will be showing off what we are doing in New England

in terms of hybridizing and growing daylilies. Best of all is that daylily folk from Region 4 and beyond will be visiting the area. I am looking forward to this and I hope you will all participate.

Best regards!

Paul

FROM THE SECRETARY Secretary's Report – December 8th, 2007

Board Meeting

The board meeting convened at 9:30 with only Leila Cross absent. The board discussed the following items that were not covered at the business meeting.

1. Pat Wessling suggested using the game of bingo for an activity at a meeting. She said that several other clubs had used bingo as a fundraiser and were very successful. Bingo cards could be sold at \$5 each and daylilies were given as the prizes. Pat is going to investigate the cost and availability of bingo cards and number selection equipment.

Program Highlights



Charmaine Rich from Thetford, Vt. with program coordinator Pat Wessling. Photo courtesy of Leslie Nolan



A Charmaine Rich seedling-Leslie Nolan
Photo

The morning program was presented by Charmaine Rich and contained samples of her hybridizing efforts at her Holdn' Heaven Daylily Garden. She had been unable to make the local hybridizers meeting last month. She showed that "Florida type" daylilies can grow in New England exceedingly well if hybridized here.



Mike Huben and Gus Guzinsky-Photo from Leslie Nolan

The afternoon program was presented by Gus Guzinsky from Kalamazoo, Michigan, and was a presentation of the faults in daylilies. Gus was brutally honest and one can be sure that when he registers a daylily, it will be as free of these faults in the north as possible. Gus also showed several of his introductions.



One of Gus' daylilies – Photo from Leslie Nolan

- VINA S.SIMMONS – Alan Ruuska
- CANDLE IN THE WIND – Bob Warren
- TOPGUNS ANITA CAUSEY – Paul Bourret

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

2008 EUREKAS

The 2008 Daylily Eureka's have arrived. There are still several which will be available from Jocelyn at the Jan meeting. Pickup price is \$27.25. If you'd like to have a Eureka sent to you, send a self-addressed mailing label and a check for \$31.85 made out to NEDS, Inc., to Jocelyn Spragg, 99 Whitcomb Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

jspragg@hms.harvard.edu
Jocelyn's phone is 617-522-0979

2008 REGIONAL

The regional dates are July 18-19-20, the hotel is the Radisson in Nashua. Our speakers are Dan Bachman and Phil Reilly. The registration form is on the NEDS website (<http://www.nedaylily.org/>); we have also updated the AHS site and the region 4 site.

A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the regional. This is our regional and everyone idea's are welcome. Feel free to talk with me at any NEDS meeting. E-mail me at ownedbycats@comcast.net or call me at 603-275-0488
-Kim Walters

For Your Winter Browsing Pleasure

During these cold, garden-less winter months (at least for those of

us NEDS members still in NE this time of year) , some of us catch up on our reading, movie watching and web-browsing. (Housework ? What's that ?)

I have enjoyed reading articles online by Master Gardener Fred Davis, from Maine-
<http://www.hillgardens.com>
Fred retired from the Nursery business this year, but has kept his Website for educational purposes.

UNH Cooperative Extension has many general gardening articles and also info on how to become a Master Gardener in NH.

<http://extension.unh.edu>

Each state has their own program and the state universities have online resources. Check them out.

I have an interest in sustainable gardening practices and there are many good sites where you can learn more about ecologically sound methods. Here's one I found, <http://www.sustainable-gardening-tips.com> but if you Google "sustainable gardening" or "permaculture" you will find other, more comprehensive sites.

Are you interested in Hosta also? You should know about: <http://www.hostalibrary.org>

Of course, there are the many DL resources and links available on Charlotte Chamitoff's page: <http://www.abacom.com/chacha/garden.htm>

If you have favorite websites for gardening info, daylilies, hosta, etc. send me the address and I will publish it to share with others.

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Business Meeting

The business meeting was presided over by the President, Paul Bourret. There were 44 members present.

The following items were covered at the business meeting:

1. Volunteers for nominating committee are: Carl Harmon, Pet Wessling, and Paul Tarmasewicz. The nominating committee will be voted on by the members at the January meeting.
2. Board voted and approved change to policy to allow Program Chair to be reimbursed for mileage and other expenses related to hosting speakers.
3. Jocelyn is following up on new IRS requirement for NEDS to file a tax return, even though we do have income over \$25,000.
4. Jocelyn asks that anyone who has proposals for next year's budget contact her.
5. Because of holidays, newsletter information is due to Deb Carpenter by Dec. 18.
6. Those wanting babysitting plants need to submit names to Carl Harmon by Jan 12.
7. Sandra Schaefer has drafted a NEDS logo and had a copy on a laptop at the meeting.
8. The following door prizes were awarded:

Door Prize Plants for Jan. 12



BLUE ADORATION (Shooter, E.06) Dip 39" Sev-M 7.5"
Purple variant with a blast of blue, green throat
Value: \$75 (Photo courtesy of Marietta Gardens)



TOPGUNS COPPER BUTTERFLIES (Scott, B.'03)
28" M-Ev-DBL 6" Orange with red eye above green throat
Value: \$50 (Photo courtesy of Topguns Daylilies)



BLUE BLAST (Shooter, E.'05) Dip 39" Sev-M 7.5"
Purple variant with a blast of blue, green throat
Value: \$75 (Photo courtesy of Marietta Gardens)

Elaine and Carl Wickstrom,
Door-Prize Chairs

FROM THE BABYSITTING CHAIR

--Carl Harmon

The Babysitting Plant Drawing will be held at the January Meeting.

I have neither approved nor been notified of two babysitting winners intentions. Bob Warren and Marilyn Donnelly need to contact me ASAP or your 2007 babysitting plants will be voided and an extra plant(s) will be drawn in January.

If you are an active member of NEDS, defined as being an AHS member and having attended at least 3 NEDS meetings in 2007 you are eligible to enter for the drawing to be able to purchase a babysitting plant and the club will reimburse you up to \$100. You grow the plant for 3 years and then return the entire plant for auction, held at the August NEDS auction. Before you make your purchase you need to get approval from the babysitting chairman to confirm no one else has already purchased the same plant and for a brief discussion on likely hardiness. So please either email Carl Harmon at harmonhill25@comcast.net or complete the form included here and either give it to me at the Jan meeting or mail to me at 49 Ledge Road Hudson NH 03051. There will be up to 10 winners.

ENTRY FOR BABYSITTING PLANT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MAILED or EMAILED ENTRIES MUST BE
RECEIVED BY JANUARY 12th. SEND TO:

Carl Harmon 49 Ledge Road Hudson NH 03051 or
email harmonhill25@comcast.net or call

603 880-6228

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

-Mike Huben

I'm a modest man (indeed, I'm proud of my humility), so I'm not sure I like this idea of writing about the glory that is me. It used to be that we'd have one member write about another to prevent omphaloskeptic (navel-gazing), self-indulgent bragging that nobody else would be interested in. But in my case, how could that be a problem? After all, for me, there is no I in ego.

I've always been fascinated by flowers. My mother has a picture of me (at age 2) staring intently at a patch of petunias. I bought my first rosebush at age 6. At age 10, I saved my allowance for 18 weeks to buy carnivorous plants. At age 16, I made a large garden in my backyard of annuals and dahlias. When I went to college, I worked in the botany department's garden and greenhouse.

Oh, there have been distractions along the way. I've had some other great, lifelong loves.

I'm an entomologist. My father showed me how to catch and pin butterflies at age 6. I developed a stooping posture in my youth from my ever down turned gaze, searching for insects wherever I walked. At Cornell, this passion exploded and I spent my spare time collecting and working in the insect collection. After college, I took two sabbatical years to collect insects in the US and Ecuador. I've specialized in an unusual wasp family (no, not the Bush family, ugh) and published 3 papers and two new genera. I'm also something of an expert on mites.

Geekdom came easily to me: first recreational mathematics in high school, and then a 30-year career in computer programming. But after 6 layoffs, changing jobs every year or two, and at least three complete changes in technology, I grew weary of the hitech scramble. My wife led the way: she'd taken the 50% pay cut to change to teaching. So I completed my BS (it only took me 30 years!), enrolled in a masters program, got certified to teach Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics, and now I'm a high-school math teacher at Boston Latin Academy.

As a proud geek, I always disdained physical activity, especially team sports. But somehow I always bicycled, jogged, trampolined, hiked, etc. I started Aikido, a Japanese martial art, 23 years ago. It's a little like nurturing pro-wrestling: we defend ourselves by throwing people or pinning them in harmless ways. No bellowing, no blood, and even small women can do it. I'm a third degree black belt now, and I teach at 3 dojos. I also have a third degree black belt in Iaido, Japanese quick-draw sword. It's

not nurturing: it's kill them first, by surprise if possible.

The real reason I started aikido was to meet women. And it worked: I met my wife Peggy at the Aikido dojo, and we fell for each other. We've been together 20 years now, and I have a 17-year-old daughter, Carol, and a 14-year-old son, Robert. The three of them occasionally help out in the garden and both kids have made a few crosses, but they're not into plants or insects much. All of them like Aikido and math. Not my fault!

But I suppose you wanted to read something about daylilies. About 20 years ago, I visited the Massachusetts Horticultural Society library and saw some copies of *The Daylily Journal*. There was a big, gaudy picture of a Salter hybrid on the cover, and my jaw hit the floor. Then I looked inside, saw the prices, and my jaw hit the floor again. I ignored daylilies until about 5 years later, when I came to my first NEDS meeting. Gaudy pictures! I bought a dozen or so at the \$3 sale, and enjoyed their bloom. But they weren't fancy enough, and their bloom period was so short!

The second year, I bought a bunch that was labeled as re-bloomers: a longer season at last! But they didn't re-bloom. Even Stella De Oro didn't re-bloom for me for three years. And worse, most of the daylilies increased very slowly for me: Stella De Oro was the rare exception. Thus, I found my calling: to improve northern daylily behavior.

Somewhere around my third year, I bought the daylily of my dreams from Steve Greene: Monica Marie, by Lee Gates, a round, ruffled, pristine white of exceptional beauty. I wanted that, but with the vigor, profuse bloom, and re-bloom of Stella De Oro. So in 1995, I made my first cross of Stella De Oro with Monica Marie.



H. Monica Marie

Now, I had a pretty good idea of how to go about breeding plants. I had been a plant breeding major at Cornell. But I sought advice from the local diploid breeders, especially Bob Sobek and Phil Reilly. I also

sought advice from the local garden judges on what makes a good daylily. Mary Collier Fisher, Darlyn Wilkinson, Curt Turner, and numerous others shared their expertise. I sought advice from the scientifically oriented members: Jim Brennan and George Doorakian. And further afield from Darrel Apps and Stephen Kendall, who had very similar goals. Their help has been invaluable: for finding breeding material, for planning my breeding program, for describing what's hard and what's easy, for what's been done in the past, for what's needed to be done, and choosing the breeding goals wisely.

I knew that it would take two or four generations to get a white northern rebloomer because I'd have to outcross, and some of the characteristics were recessive or required rare combinations of genes. Hardly anything I bred rebloomed, until I got Early And Often. It's increase and re-bloom were so spectacular that I introduced it in only 4 years from seed, in 2001. I've continued since then using Early And Often as the base of my breeding program:



H. Early and Often

After 12 years, 4 generations, and 10,000 seedlings, I now have near-white northern rebloomers that re-bloom terrifically. They're not nearly as perfectly formed as Monica Marie, nor do they have all the extraordinary plant characteristics of Stella De Oro. But nobody out there has anything that looks and behaves like my newest introduction, Snowy Stella.



H. Snowy Stella

Snowy Stella is just the beginning. I have more near-whites to introduce, and will continue to improve them.

Along the way to Snowy Stella, I acquired several other breeding goals. The mixed perennial gardens we northerners delight in require daylilies of many statures and flower sizes. I've chosen to work in the tall-and-small category, in whites and velvety sun fast reds. I'd like vigorous plants with scapes from 36 inches to 60 inches, a fountain effect. The flower forms could range from mini spiders to trumpets to flat open "butterflies" to strongly recurved and hanging "martagons". This goal will keep me busy for yet another decade.

From the Program Chair

--Pat Wessling

Linda Michaels of Burt, New York, will be here for our January Meeting!!! Please come see her as she is known for her wit and wisdom. Linda has quite a few introductions that are northern hardy as she is from the Niagara Falls area and subject to our tough winters. I asked Linda to give us a bit of a background on herself and this is what she sent me.

"After 25 years as a freelance science fiction, fantasy and horror illustrator (mostly private commissions), I realized that I and my drawing could not adapt to bifocals. With the sole goal of proving that I could make seeds, I'd already done my first daylily crosses in 1997 and seen the first seedlings 2 years later. Living on a city lot, there wasn't space to line out plants, but I had enough plants to make a heck of a lot of seeds. When daylily rust was first isolated in the US in 2000, my ethical qualms about selling daylily seeds were overwritten by a belief that seeds might be a way to preserve the potentially endangered daylily genetics. So I sold a heck of a lot of seeds. Over the years, buyers began to send me images of some fantastic seedlings they'd grown from these seeds. I wanted to grow these seedlings, and we wanted to move out of Niagara Falls, so we purchased 5 acres 35 miles to the east. Since rust has obviously not been a danger to the continuation of daylily breeding, I now prefer to donate seed to the International Seed Bank and concentrate on my own hybridizing. My program will detail, primarily via "family portraits," my 3 goals in diploid breeding and my first ventures with tetraploids."

(ed. Note : Linda's website is <http://www.daredevildaylily.com/>)



H. Flamingo Flamenco (Michaels 2008)

I am sure you will all enjoy her presentation! She is speaking this year at CAN AM and we get the first peek!! We will be auctioning a couple of Linda's introductions that she is most generously donating to the club!

I do hope you can all attend, as it will be a rollicking good time with Linda at the helm!

I am working on getting a BINGO game set up to use for our DAYLILY BINGO meeting in APRIL, I am also looking for suggestions as to what hybridizers we want to select the introductions from. I was thinking to select them from the speakers that have kindly supported our club by speaking here. We also have Phil Korth of Pinewood Gardens in Wisconsin is coming in March as I have been unable to secure a photographer to speak for a digital photography clinic, but Phil also has taught photography so he has graciously offered to give some pointers on picture taking during his presentation on that day. I will have more information about Phil and his growing of daylilies in his basement and on the frozen tundra in the next bulletin. I am currently working on getting John Rice and Guy Pierce for the fall meetings. I had to cancel Guy Pierce due to a conflict with the digital photography contest and he could not make it in January, March or April.

-Pat Wessling



H. Heaven's Proclaim (Korth 2008)

See Phil & Luella Korth's website at <http://daylily.net/gardens/pinewood/>

Quotable Quotes

“As I work among my flowers, I find myself talking to them, reasoning and remonstrating with them, and adoring them as if they were human beings. Much laughter I provoke among my friends by so doing, but that is of no consequence. We are on such good terms, my flowers and I.”

- Celia Thaxter, 1835-1894

“Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.”

- Luther Burbank

“I want real flowers, perennials which not only grow and change and die, but also rise again and astonish me. A garden shouldn't just bloom and look pretty; it should develop like the rest of life. Otherwise it, and we, live only to be spaded under.”

- Emma L. Roth-Schwartz

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Those of you, who do not have access to e-mail or the Internet, please don't feel isolated. The *Daylily Journal* has lots of addresses and phone numbers. You can also contact Leslie Nolan at (401) 732-4232. She'll help you find what you need.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF NEDS BULLETIN RECIPIENTS are posted in this bulletin every few months. NEDS infrequently sends messages to all the e-mail addresses known to the Bulletin database. Remember if you have one to include or change, please contact Debbie Carpenter flowerlady@gsinet.net

DAYLILY INTERNET WEBSITE LISTINGS

Check out the NEW website for NEDS at www.nedaylily.org Past bulletins are posted on the website.

Region 4 Home Page: Tom Rood has been working on changes to the Region #4 web site. Our new Region #4 domain address is www.ahsregion4.org. Please advise RVP Gary Jones of any necessary corrections or additions at: jonesg@mindspring.org.

Please consult the Region 4 home page for details on any of the region's various club events and activities.

AHS WWW Home Page

<http://www.daylilies.org/daylilies.html>

Webmaster: Timothy Fehr, 3115 Gregory Ln, Eau Claire, WI 54703-1139

E-Mail Robin – contact Tim at fehrtj@charter.net to join

Have you sent in your AHS renewal for 2008 yet?

Membership: Membership in NEDS is complementary to membership in the AHS. There are no additional NED's dues and the e-mail bulletin is included. SO....

Join the AHS and keep your membership current. Membership in AHS is by calendar year – Jan-Dec.

Membership Renewal is due by January 1st

Each year. Individual dues are \$25 year, or \$70/ 3 years. Family membership (2 persons) is \$30, or \$83 for 3 years. Life membership: \$500. Youth membership: \$10.

Payment must be made to AHS Executive Secretary. Pat Mercer P.O. Box 10, Dexter, GA 31019

FUTURE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

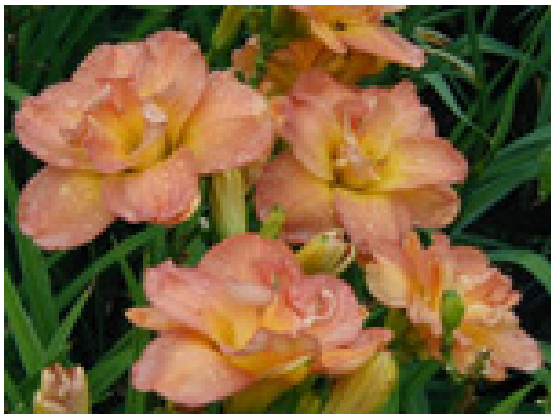
NEDS Programs for 2008

Jan. 12	Guest Speaker: Linda Michaels
Feb 9	Digital Photography Contest coordinated by Lori-Ann Jones
Mar	Guest Speaker: Phil Korth
April	TBA plus Daylily Bingo
May	NEDS members plant sale

Name That Face

Can you put a name to any of these pretty faces?

#1



Hint: This lovely rose blend was registered in 1988. It is dormant, 5.5" and blooms mid season.

#2



Hint: This bright orange gold dormant blooms mid to late season and is 4.5". It was registered in 1997.



#3

Hint: This dormant 6" bloom is light yellow with blue-violet eye, 33" tall

Answers to Name That Face next month or see me on Jan 12 at NEDS meeting

2009 Region 4 Regional Meeting - Buffalo, NY

By Pam Hoffman, Guest Plant Coordinator

Attention all Region 4 Hybridizers. We need to showcase the hybridizers in our Region. So, we are reaching out to you. We need your registered daylilies for our Tour Gardens where we will have them prominently displayed and labeled, along with our own group of local hybridizers.

We also need your seedlings for the Stanley Saxton Seedling Award Bed. Please contact me for more details.

We want to get them into the gardens early spring 2008 for maximum WOW factor in 2009... so this is your heads up message.

We also plan on a slide/PowerPoint presentation presenting our very own Region 4 hybridizers, from someone who may have registered many daylilies, to someone who only has seedlings so far. If you have many or a few, please contribute some images to display. So plan ahead! Start taking those photos this summer.

All backyard hybridizers warmly welcomed.

Anyone who can send plants or wants more details; please contact Pam Hoffman at pamhoff@roadrunner.com or 716-655-9223.



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