



NEDS Bulletin

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Meeting Agenda for January 9, 2010

In "Great Room" (former café)

- 8:00 Set- up for hospitality (volunteers needed to help)
- 9:00 Board meeting
- 9:30 Social time (Food donations from members, last names M-Z)
- 10:00 Morning program: NEDS Hybridizers' Presentations
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 1:00 Business meeting, drawing for door prize plants
- 1:30 Afternoon program: More hybridizers' presentations
- 3:30 Clean- up (volunteers needed to help)

Upcoming meetings and activities:

- Feb. 13 Daylily Bingo
- Mar. 13 Guest speakers: Willet and Douglas (Brown's Ferry Gardens)
- Apr. 10 Potluck luncheon / Guest speaker: Paul Owen
- May 8 Members plant sale and auction
- July 10 NEDS Exhibition (Set-up on July 9)
- Aug. 28 Public Plant Sale and Auction
- Oct. 2 Guest Speaker : Brian Culver

All meetings held at Tower Hill Botanic Garden
11 French Hill, Boylston, Mass

See <http://www.towerhillbg.org> for directions

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Notes from the President

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully, everyone has gotten their Journal and seen the great articles by Charmaine Rich and Ellen Laprise. Make sure to check the label for your expiration date and get your renewal in. Remember, you must be an AHS member to be a NEDS member. The Board has been working on a change to the bylaws for membership, as there has been some ambiguity the way it is currently written. We will publish the proposed changes in this and next month's bulletin, with a membership vote at the March meeting.

A big thank you to Paul and Lisa Bourret, once again they did a fabulous job with the photo contest. Congratulations to all the winners. We have some great photographers. I'm already plotting what I want to take pictures of this summer. I hope everyone can make this month's meeting, it is the hybridizers' slide show. I can't wait to see the new beauties our talented members have come up with.

Can't get enough daylilies? There are many daylily groups within travel distance. I've seen Brian Culver when he spoke to Southern Maine Daylily and Hosta Society. I'm heading back down to Connecticut (CDS) in January to see Carl and Marlene Harmon's talk about the cultivars from Region 4 hybridizers that are grown in their garden. In February, Patriot Daylily Society is having Tim Herrington (of cupcake and Oz fame) speak. I ordered from Tim last year and was very impressed. I can't wait to see him.

I just sent in my registration for the National in Valdosta Georgia. I beat the deadline for second \$500 drawing (end of February), but I'm not sure if I made the first 100. Once again, we are leaving a couple weeks early to drive to Florida. In theory we are just going to Universal Studios, but I may be able to sneak in a trip to a garden. We are still trying to decide if we are going to spend some time in Miami or the Panhandle. I wonder which has more daylily gardens.

The Can-Am Classic is April 30 – May 2. NEDS's own Charmaine Rich is one of the featured speakers. I saw a preview of her talk at CDS this fall and it is worth traveling to Canada to see. This year's peak bloom regional is July 16-18 in Albany, New York. Details and registration forms for both of these

are in on the AHS website (www.daylilies.org). I would like to help coordinate carpooling and roommates for both of these trips. Let me know if you are going and want to carpool or need a roomie.

The exhibition date has been set for July 10th with set-up on the 9th. I had a lot of fun at my first exhibition last year and hopefully my scapes will survive the trip down this time. Grooming was easier than I thought it would be. Even if you don't win, you see a lot of daylilies in bloom and have a great time.

It's that time of year again, time to start determining what new daylilies to buy and where to buy them. I already own 3 of the 13 award of Merit winners (there was a tie for 12th), and I am so happy the journal had pictures of all the winners. Now I have to figure out which ones I want to get and where to get them. I finally got MYNELLE'S STARFISH to complete my collection in July. And there are so many new cat daylilies this year. Bret Clement is speaking at the Can-Am Classic – hopefully he will bring some to the auction (as long as it is not ONE CAT TOO MANY)

I had a Christmas tree for the first time since the kittens arrived 4 years ago. I still didn't quite dare to go with a real tree – so when my Mother gave me her old artificial tree I jumped at the chance to put it up. I'm happy to report that the tree remained upright for the entire season. It did become a new obstacle on the thunder kitty chase path, usually at 4AM. All of them liked to hang around underneath, but only Rocket tried to actually climb into the tree. While numerous ornaments were knocked down, none were broken. I'm sure they will do better next year.
---Kim

2010 DAYLILY EUREKAS

2010 Daylily Eureka's have arrived and we will have them at the January NEDS meeting. The pickup price will be \$30.03 – this is \$1.43 more than last year, BUT – a saving of \$12.87 over individually ordered Eureka's. All of the ordered copies have been reserved.

If you wish to have your Eureka sent to you, the total price will be \$34.98 (includes priority flat rate postage). Please send a self-addressed mailing label (a 3" x 5" index card is fine), and a check made out to NEDS, Inc. to Jocelyn Spragg at 99 Whitcomb Avenue, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Publicity

It was apparent at the August auction that NEDS did not reach as many members of the public as we like to. This year, there are several possible reasons for that, but one that the Board has decided to address is updating our list of publicity contacts. Some Board members have volunteered to scout out particular New England states, but we also need your help. In your area, what newspapers, magazines, garden bulletins, radio or TV stations, etc. provide information about garden-related activities, such as the NEDS exhibition and flower show? Any suggestions are welcome – as is any contact information, how far in advance notice must be provided, what form the notice should take, etc. Of course, we're looking for free listings! If you could email me any information that seems useful, I have volunteered to compile an updated publicity database. jocelyn99s@verizon.net
--- Jocelyn Spragg and Pat Wessling

Secretary's Report December 12, 2009

Board Meeting

There was no board meeting this month.

Program

The photography contest was held in the morning and the winners were announced after lunch.

Business Meeting

The short business meeting was presided over by the President, Kim Walters to draw the door prize winners. There were 23 members present.

Door prize plant winners were:

HAZY LAZY CRAZY DAYS	Gary Jones
LILY MUNSTER	Bea Thibault
PRISMATIC	Karin Cooke

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

Here is a small item concerning the bylaws.

Suggested Bylaw Change:

The board has approved and is submitting to the membership a bylaw change clarifying that all NEDS members must be members of AHS in good standing. The changes in *red italics* below will be added to the bylaws if the membership approves them at the February meeting.

"Members of AHS in good standing, by virtue of having paid dues to AHS, and residing in the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont are automatically members of NEDS. *All NEDS members must be AHS members in good standing.* NEDS shall not levy any membership dues."

--Dorothy Campbell
Bylaws Chair

Program Notes

All NEDS hybridizers are being called to do a presentation for the club members on January 9, 2010.

This time, for me, is very exciting, not only do I get to see what others in my club are doing with their programs, but I get to learn things about hybridizing, observe beautiful seedlings, drool all over myself (thank goodness the room is dark) and marvel at the goals each hybridizer has put before themselves. I get to cheer for those hybridizers but most of all, I like to be there as an encouragement, so hybridizers and members of NEDS, do come out and have a wonderful day.

All hybridizers need to either contact Pat Wessling godspocket@comcast.com or Lori Jones knollcottage@yahoo.com and let us know you will be speaking in January so that we can schedule the event. Those hybridizers that are unable make it to the January 9, 2010 meeting to do their presentation, can be scheduled for March or April.
---Lori Jones

July 14, 2010

Please keep this date open because there will be a NEDS Open Garden Tour in Western MA. Five (5) gardens will be available for you viewing pleasure and some are selling gardens for those who cannot resist buying that special cultivar.

More information will be in other issues and we are inviting all club members from the surrounding clubs to participate.

This is going to be a fun filled day!
--Lori Jones

Member Spotlight

From the editor: Many thanks to all NEDS folks who have graciously agreed to write something about themselves, both in past bulletins and for the future. If you would like to share a bit about yourself and your gardening/daylily interests, please contact me. Deb Carpenter



by Michael Sczerzen

My involvement with gardening started at a very early age due to both sets of grandparents. While being babysat they would take me out into their gardens, veggie and flower, and expound on their virtues. Fast forward, I always had some form of garden even when I was off to college. After graduating I entered the work force as a dental ceramist. I spent 30 years in the profession while my hobbies were gardening and antiques. While gardening there were always a few common daylilies in the mix. About 15 years ago, "work burnout" came about. What was one to do? So I tried putting my two hobbies to work. I started a garden design business dealing with plants and antique garden ornaments. As

with any business it was a struggle. While on a nursery browsing day, I happened to see a sign, "daylilies", so I pulled in. Wow! The splash of colors row on row! What I discovered was that I was at Seawright's Nursery in Carlisle, MA. Upon coming home to Lancaster, I read Bob's catalog cover to cover, did some research and found how easy it was to grow and maintain daylilies.

A friend of mine told me that there was a group that met in Waltham who were into daylilies. I went one Saturday, found the field station and went in. I was warmly greeted and sat down transfixed to a program on what else? "daylilies". I don't remember who spoke but, guess what, I was hooked! As my garden business blossomed, I found I could not maintain the massive perennial garden out behind the house, so out it went to friends and in went a dwarf evergreen garden. What to do with my daylilies which I kept? I started a new garden of beds just for daylilies and the beds grew.

My interest started to lean towards unusual forms and spiders, but who had some? After church one Sunday my partner Bob and I went to a display garden in Ashburnham. Pulling into the driveway we were greeted by Joan Dahl. As she took us through her garden, I thought I had found Nirvana--loads of unusual forms and spiders. I will always credit Joan for all her help and knowledge, especially the points on grooming for showing. At present I have about 300 varieties of daylilies and the beds still grow. I've started cross breeding and lean towards tall and late. Time will tell or my lower back will!



Concord Militia (Reilly 1997)

January Door Prize Plants:



VANILA STELLA (Mike Huben 2009)
20" Scapes, 3" Blooms, Blooms Early Season, Reblooms, Near White Self, Dormant, Diploid, (seedling * Early And Often) * (Sunshine On Clouds * Early And Often). Value \$100



BEGIN WITH A BANG (Mike Huben 2009)
34" Scapes, 4.5" Blooms, Blooms Extra early, Red Blend, Dormant, Diploid. (Ruffled Ivory x lilioasphodelus) Value \$75.



ARIEL BENJAMIN (Hensley 2007)
 height 28", bloom 5.5", season M, Dormant, Tetraploid, Fragrant, 25 buds, 4 branches, Double. Peach pink yellow blend with rose red band and lavender midribs above yellow to green throat. (*sdlg* x *Doubly Delicious Dandy*)
 Value: \$60

FROM THE BABYSITTING CHAIR

The Babysitting Plant Drawing will be held at the February 13, 2010 Meeting.

If you are an active member of NEDS, defined as being an AHS member and having attended at least 3 NEDS meetings in 2009 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. You must also be prepared to make your purchase and provide your receipt to Jocelyn Spragg for reimbursement prior to 30 May 2010. If you currently have a babysitting plant you are not eligible for this drawing.

So please either email Carl Harmon at harmonhill25@comcast.net or complete the form below and either give it to me at the January or February meeting or mail to me at 49 Ledge Road Hudson NH 03051. There will be up to 10 winners.

 -----TEAR/CUT HERE-----

ENTRY FOR BABYSITTING PLANT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ Email
 Address _____

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

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