



NEDS Bulletin

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New England Daylily Society

Meeting Agenda for January 14, 2012

- 9:00 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 NEDS Members' Photo Contest
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 1:00 Business Meeting and drawing for door prize plants
Winning photos announced and viewed
NEDS Hybridizers' presentations (part 2!)
- 3:30 Clean- up (volunteers needed to help)

Upcoming meetings and activities:

- February 11 Morning: Daylily BINGO
Afternoon: Garden Judges Workshop 1
- March 10 Morning: New England Hosta Society (joint meeting)
Afternoon: Guest speaker, Dan Bachman
- April 14 Afternoon: Gil Stelter

All meetings held at Tower Hill Botanic Garden
11 French Drive, Boylston, Mass
See <http://www.towerhillbg.org> for directions

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of printing and postage.*

NEDS President's Message:

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. It is hard to believe it is already 2012. Wasn't it just yesterday that we were all worried about Y2K? Of course it still feels like Christmas with all the new catalogues coming. And all those updated websites...

Once again, NEDS hybridizers outdid themselves. I am in awe of all the talented people we have at NEDS. I saw many plants I need to get. I hope those who didn't get a chance to speak will take the opportunity to do so at our next meeting. We will have the photo contest in the morning and have more hybridizers in the afternoon. If you're worried about PowerPoint, just email me the pictures and I'll set it up for you.

It was so quick and easy to renew my membership on the portal; you don't even need a PayPal account. Don't forget to renew. The membership lists will be coming out soon, and we will stop sending the bulletin to non-members. It's especially important for judges to keep their memberships up to date. You don't want to have to take the class all over again.

So far I have a group of 6 people heading to the National. I'm still taking names and hoping to get to some open gardens. If you enjoyed Bob Faulkner's talk, we are hoping to get there and maybe to Dan Bachman's (March's speaker) garden too... Don't forget we also have the CAN-AM Classic in May and our off peak regional in Canandaigua in September.

I was so inspired by our speakers that I have been buying seed on the Lily Auction (I'm also going to try to get a plant I saw there as I was outbid on the seeds...). A lot of the seed I'm getting is from local sources, so I know it will be hardy. But I still need to focus more. I need to set goals. If you visit my garden, you would see I have a bit of everything. I do love bi-tones (not so much bi-colors as they can be too contrasting). I have DUAL ZONE, which is a wonder bi-tone in lavenders. I'm going to have to think and plan over the

winter. I've also managed to pick up a couple of award of merit winners and at least 1 cat daylily.

Eggie adopted me when I was living in the Florida Keys. I had never lived with a cat; he accepted this challenge and started my training. He quickly uncovered Newton's law (for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction) and proceeded to open bi-fold and sliding doors giving him free access to the outdoors (until I fastened them with rubber bands).

He enjoyed living in Florida and Georgia, where he would spend lots of time outside no matter whether I wanted him to or not. He understood door knobs, but never had the strength to actually turn the knob to open the door. Life was good, until I returned to New England. It was much colder here. Even with a winter coat, it was cold.

I think he discovered the solution one day while "helping" me change the sheets on the bed. Cat Rules state: All corners must be chased into position, and once the blanket goes on, it becomes a fortress of stealth. Steely claws can lunge out at anything that moves. He would never tire of this game. One day I just covered him with the bedspread and left him there to sleep. He soon realized it was warm there. After that he didn't wait for me to make the bed; he would climb up the sides under the covers. We soon realized we had to check for the lump on the bed before we sat down. Of my current herd, only Cappy will settle down under the covers and then only if we "open the door". Even years after his going to the Rainbow Bridge, I miss Eggie.



January Door Prize Plants



DOC HASS (Mason 2010) Height 28", bloom 5.5", Midseason- Late bloom, Dormant, Tetraploid, 4 way branching, 20 buds. Medium orchid with a deeper eye and edge and white midribs above a very green throat. (*Bridgeton Finesse* × *Sugarplum Taffy*) Value: \$100.



JUST JESSIE (Reed 2011) Height 40", bloom 7.5", Midseason bloom, Dormant, Diploid, Reblooms, Extended bloom, Cold Morning Opener, 3-4 way branching, 27 buds. Unusual Form Cascade. Light pink-cream with a

bright rose-purple feathered eye. Pollen fertile but pods are difficult. Value: \$100.



WHIP CITY TIZZIE (Jones 2011) Height 38", bloom 8.5", Early Midseason bloom, Dormant, Tetraploid, 5 way branching, 21 buds, Instant rebloom. Unusual Form Crispate. Quilling, rolls back on both the sepals and the petals. Deep purple color that holds very well in the sun. It also exhibits a thin white pencil line that leaves the petals and the sepals from the yellow to green throat and disappears along the way. Pod and pollen fertile. (*Astral Voyager* x *Seedling 98-30*) Value: \$150.

Secretary's Report

December 10th, 2011

NEDS Board Meeting

All board members were present with the exception of Pat Wessling and Michael Maher.

1. Adele agreed to take the NEDS sign.
2. The May sale was discussed again. Paul Tarmasewicz, the new chair, presented a complete write-up of the new public sale which included the requirement to add the Eureka price to the label of plants to be auctioned off. The write-up was accepted with no changes.
3. Adele took an action to try to get a photographer for the Jan meeting to replace the morning speaker who cancelled. \$100 honorarium was approved.
4. A change to the bylaws to stagger the four board members' terms was suggested. This would provide more continuity to the board. Paul Bourret took an action to investigate such a bylaw change.
5. Leslie Nolan was appointed to the chair for the Heritage Museum replacing Dan Pessoni (thanks for all your years, Dan).
6. Adele took an action to check on the status of Gil Stelter for the April meeting.

Program

The morning and afternoon programs were presentations by local hybridizers. Peggy Corbeil unfortunately could not show her seedlings as the file format could not be read by the NEDS computer. We hope to see her seedlings in January. Many thanks to all who presented.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was presided over by the President, Kim Walters. There were 36 people present.

1. Paul Bourret is again heading up the nominating committee for the December 2012 elections. Mike Maher and Paul Tarmasewicz are committee members and we need one more.
2. Kim W. reminded members that the January meeting is the photo contest. We hope to have a professional photographer for the morning presentation.
3. Kim W. discussed driving to the National this summer, Jul 11-15. She said that it is a 12 to 13 hour drive from her house in

southern NH. She is willing to take a list of people wishing to drive and match them up with people wishing to ride.

4. Ten people winning babysitting plants will be drawn at the Jan meeting. See write-up elsewhere in this newsletter.
5. Kim W. reminded all members to renew by Jan 1st if necessary.
6. Mike Huben is giving a presentation at the Patriot Daylily Society on 1/7/2012.
7. Door prize plant winners were:
BIG HONKING CARL Adele Keohan
WHIP CITY TOOTIE WOOTIE Paul Tarmasewicz
NANTUCKET NAVIGATOR Mike Huben

AHS National Convention is next summer!



With the National just 7 months away it is time to start planning.

I highly recommend going to a National at least once, and this one is in our back yard. With a 14 hour drive (from NH) I don't think it would be cost effective to get a bus. But we can break into smaller groups and maybe rent a van. We can even break into groups of 4 or so and car pool. I would like to get together a list of interested people, and maybe do some brainstorming during lunch. We could even match people up to be roommates, or plan some visits to open gardens (and gardens along the way)...

Send me your email if you are interested.

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— Kim Walters

2012 Region 4 Hybridizer Award

Attention all Pollen Dabbers from Region 4!

January 15th is the deadline to nominate one of your introductions for the 2012 Region 4 Hybridizer Award. The nominating process for this award is controlled by you, the hybridizer, much like the AHS Honorable Mention award.

Every eligible hybridizer in Region 4 may submit the name of one of his/her registrations. The cultivar must have been registered in the last 10 years. In addition, the hybridizer should e-mail a photo of their submitted registration to the Chair of the Awards Committee, incoming RP, Kim Walters, ownedbycats@comcast.net.

The ballot, along with photographs, will be published in the spring issue of *Daylilies in the Great Northeast*.

In 2011 there was a 3 way tie for winner. Congratulations to:

George Doorakian for ROSE F. KENNEDY

John Stahl for KELLY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

Darlyn Wilkinson for GREYWOODS LIPS A QUIVER

Mel Campbell

outgoing RP Region 4

Fairport, NY Zone 5/6

FROM THE BABYSITTING CHAIR:

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

If you are an active member of NEDS, defined as being an AHS member and having attended at least 3 NEDS meetings in 2011 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 Denise Pavlovich for reimbursement prior to 30 May 2012. If you are currently growing 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 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 13th.

SEND TO:

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