

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 February 9, 2008

- 9:00am** Set up time (Barbara Provest, More volunteers are welcome)/Board Meeting
- 9:30am** Social Time (Donations of food items from members with last names A - N)
- 10:00am** Morning program : Lori Jones coordinates NEDS annual photo contest
- 12:00pm** Lunch break
- 1:00pm** Business meeting, including a drawing of door prize plants (*Shuffle the Deck, Flaming Red Pinwheel, Topgun's Purple Waves*)
- 1:30pm** Photo Contest Continued
- 3:30pm** Clean-up time (Deb Carpenter, More volunteers are welcome)

UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE

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

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



Hospitality for Next Meeting

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

Set-up: Barbara Provest

Clean up: Deb Carpenter

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 meeting.

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

I hope everyone is faring well this winter. The days are starting to get longer and I am almost to the point where I can start my countdown to Maine's "Mud Season". I am setting up my light stand this weekend and getting ready to start my first batch of crosses. Wish me luck.

In this month's bulletin, we have included a facility survey that I and the board are asking you to fill out. Over the last few years there have been lots of discussions around where we should be meeting, what places are nice and which are not. Clearly, everyone has some favorite places in mind that are either closer for them to travel to, that they think are nicer than the Field House in Waltham, or will attract more members. Before any serious discussion about choosing a meeting location can happen, however, it is important for the board to know what things are important to the NEDS members. So, we've constructed a survey to help you to tell us what things are important to you around a meeting facility. I ask that you take a few minutes to think about this, fill in the form, and then get it back to me at the February meeting or via mail or email. I would like to tally up the results so that the board and I can discuss at the March meeting.

The regional meeting in Nashua, NH is coming up July 18-20. As treasurer for this event, I would ask that NEDS members that will be attending please get your registrations in as soon as you can. We started with a loan from AHS Region 4, but have been working this balance down as we put deposits on the hotel, food, busses, etc. We have more

expenses coming soon for airfare for speakers and other event related costs.

We continue to struggle to get folks to help out on the hospitality front. We do have some help set up for this month's meeting, but we need more members to sign up for meeting support in March, April and May. Please consider contributing an hour or so at one of these meetings.

Best regards, stay warm.

--Paul

Secretary's Report - January 12th

Board Meeting

The board meeting convened at 9:30 with Leila Cross, Dan Pessoni, and Leslie Nolan absent. The board discussed the following items that were not covered at the business meeting.

1. Paul Bourret presented the latest version of the Facility Survey form. After discussion it was decided to add one more survey item, "Any other locations". It was decided to send the survey out either with the newsletter or in a separate mailing.
2. Jocelyn Spragg informed the board that the Waltham facility had not billed NEDS for any meetings after the May 2007 meeting. The board decided to inquire before the potential charges got any higher. Jocelyn has included these potential charges in the 2008 budget. After the meeting the Waltham facility was contacted by the secretary, and the reason that billing has been late is that they suffered a disk crash and there was substantial delays in getting a new computer and recovering critical data.

Program Highlights

The morning program was presented by Ellen Laprise and showed samples of her extensive hybridizing program including several interesting introductions.

The afternoon program was presented by Linda Michaels from Burt, NY (www.daredevildaylily.com). She is located less than a mile from Lake Ontario and is a zone 6 garden. After her presentation, three of her introductions were auctioned off.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was presided over by the President, Paul Bourret. There were 49 members present. The following items were covered at the business meeting:

1. The volunteers for nominating committee, Carl Harmon, Pat Wessling, and Paul Tarmasewicz, were unanimously approved by the membership.
2. The regional 4 meeting, July 18th, 19th and 20th, was discussed and members were urged to register as soon as possible. This will provide necessary cash for the various items that require early payments.
3. The New England Flower Show has again invited NEDS to staff a table for their "Plant Geek Night" Tuesday, March 20th, from 4:30 to 8:30. Check-in time is between 2:30 and 3:30, and tables must be completed by 4PM. Admission to the flower show is free, but there is a \$12 parking charge. NEDS can send up to 4 people, and those names must be provided to the Plant Geek Night coordinator by 22 February at the latest (date firm to allow printing of badges). So far we have two signed up (the Schaiders) and one possible. Sandra said that handing out seedlings to visitors last year was very well received and she said that she had extra seedlings to hand out. If others have extra seedlings or seeds to hand out, please see Sandra at the February meeting or send email to the secretary before the meeting.
4. "Mecca North" was discussed. Hybridizers in the area of northern Kentucky and Ohio have gotten together and named themselves "Mecca North". Hybridizers in the southern area where David Kirchhoff relocated are planning a tour weekend, the 28th and 29th of June, similar to that occurring in Florida each May. Several NEDS members are discussing the possibility of renting a bus for the trip. There are three other Mecca north weekends planned and details of all these activities can be found at www.northernmecca.com. Anyone interested please send an email to Paul Bourret specifying the dates of interest. If enough are interested, we will look into the price of a bus.
5. Jocelyn Spragg presented the treasurer's report for 2007 and the proposed budget for 2008. After discussion, these reports were

unanimously approved. Questions were asked about the regional meeting financing. Paul Bourret is the treasure for the meeting and stated that those moneys and budget were separate from NEDS and did not utilize NEDS financing.

6. The president again emphasized that we members need to step forth and help with setup and teardown of the hospitality equipment. He mentioned that there was a signup sheet on the table by the door and people were needed for Feb, Mar, Apr and May.
7. Carl Harmon discussed the baby-sitting plant program. There were 11 members to be picked from a list of 17. Those picked MUST have their selections approved by Carl, have purchased and received them, and have a receipt to give to Jocelyn by the May meeting. The following people were picked:

<i>Nick Chase</i>	<i>Paul Tarmasewicz</i>
<i>Lisa Bourret</i>	<i>Peggy Corbeil</i>
<i>Adele Koehan</i>	<i>Paul Bourret</i>
<i>Dave Emerson</i>	<i>Judy Deene</i>
<i>Susan Chapman</i>	<i>Carl Harmon</i>
<i>Harold Cross</i>	

8. Barbara Provost stated that 20 daylilies had been donated to Mass Horticultural Society to force in their greenhouse and will be included in the Master Gardeners Exhibit at the flower show.
9. The following door prizes were awarded:
 - BLUE ADORATION – Jay Lafond
 - TOPGUNS COPPER BUTTERFLIES – Carl Harmon
 - BLUE BLAST – Sandra Schaidner

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

From the Treasurer

By Jocelyn Spragg

I received a nice note acknowledging the donation that NEDS made to AHS in Auggie Krupien's memory.

It said:

"Thank you very much for the memorial contribution made to AHS's William E Monroe Endowment Fund Trust in memory of August Krupien. Daylilies and the Society meant the world to him. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and sympathy." The note was signed by Donna Kelly, Manford Jank and the family of August Krupien.

There are still about 10 copies of the 2008 Eureka's left. Please see me at the next meeting or Email me at jspragg@hms.harvard.edu. Pick-up price is \$27.25. If you'd like one mailed 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

DOOR PRIZE PLANTS FOR Feb. 9, 2008



Shuffle the Deck

(Shooter, E. '04) Dip 52" M-Sev-RE 9"

Royal red purple variant; lavender-cream edge; five way branching; 12 buds. **Value: \$75**

(photo courtesy of Marietta Gardens)



Flaming Red Pinwheel

(Shooter, E. '05) Dip 31" M-Sev-RE 9.5"

Bright rusty red; deep yellow-orange eye;

Spider variant. **Value: \$35**

(photo courtesy of Marietta Gardens)



Topguns Purple Waves

(Scott, B. '03) Tet 24" M-RE-Dor 8.5"

Purple self above green throat; unusual form; 3 way Branching; 12 buds. **Value: \$50**

(photo courtesy of Bob Scott's Nursery)

Carl and Elaine Wickstrom
Door Prize Chairs

"Does Anyone Know This Daylily?"



I purchased this one at one of our sales at least three years ago as, "RUFFLED DOUBLE FRILLS" and it was supposed to be a Greenish-Yellow Double and not this gorgeous color. My daughter also purchased it as RDF and we both want to know what it really is. If you donated RDF to our sale would you look carefully at the bloom to see if you recognize it? Thank you so much.

To make it worse it was donated to Elm Bank and has the same wrong name on it there too. It is shrimp pink (some days hot pink) in color with wide light pink midribs, very ruffled on petals with lots of sear-suckering, crepeing or puckering on all tepals. It has an orange throat that radiates out onto the petals.

Sometimes it throws up an extra petal. I'm guessing it was registered about 5-10 years ago and came from the south (not very many buds and slow to increase). Some days it is the color of FRANK GLADNEY, but much more ruffled and creped. Look familiar, anyone? I'll bring another picture of it to the next meeting.

Barbara Provost

NEW ENGLAND SPRING FLOWER SHOW

HOW YOU CAN HELP

by Sandra Schaider

NEDS will be joining other plant societies for "Plant Geek Night" at the New England Spring Flower Show on March 11th from 4:30 to 8:30 PM. Come to the show and stop by our display to visit and lend your support.

For the show we need about 3 dozen daylily seedlings to be given away in 3 drawings held throughout the evening. Last year this part of the presentation was a huge success with show visitors eager to win, so those of you who are planting seeds and can share some seedlings please email me at seschneider@yahoo.com or see me at our next meeting. I would like to know who could bring how many. PLAN ON BRINGING SEEDLINGS to the MARCH 8th MEETING or even the FEBRUARY 9th MEETING if seedlings are up and showing growth and the weather is not too cold.

In addition to plants we need AHS, Region 4, and NEDS publications as well as vendor catalogs picturing cutting edge cultivars as well as long time, popular favorites. Please bring literature to the February and March meetings. Thanks for your help!

WHAT THE MEMBERS WANT

from Program Chair, Pat Wessling

Greetings all, from the frigid corner of my office. I was just sitting here wondering what I could do to get the members that do NOT attend the meetings to attend the meetings, short of handing out gas money! What is it that would entice you to come to a meeting? What would peak your interest to the point that you would not stay away? Inquiring minds want to know! I WANT TO KNOW! This is your club

and I want to do everything I can to make it a place for you to look forward to, if not every meeting, most meetings. I need your help here. I need input from the membership that will tell me what will draw you to the doorstep!

I have some suggestions that have come to me and they are wonderful and hopefully will be implemented in the near future. Such as our newest idea of DAYLILY BINGO for the meeting in April, you will get the opportunity to win one of two new introductions while having fun playing BINGO! It will only take up half the day but should be fun and a lot of laughs! We also have an idea of doing a discussion group on southern plants and their survival rate, truth and myth as to their bud count and branching and how all that translates up here in the frozen tundra.

I really need and want the help of ALL the members, I want you to use your club, I want it to be a great resource for you and for that to happen I need you to put some effort into thinking about what the club can do for the meetings to increase attendance and bring in new members. All of these things will improve all of our experience with the club and that is what it is all about, the camaraderie, the learning experience and the wonderful daylily addiction! I want you all to feel free to contact me at godspocket@verizon.net or my home 508-291-1835 with any ideas and suggestions or criticism that you may have, I can't change things unless you, the membership communicate with me.

I have also arranged for Philip Korth a Wisconsin, Zone 4, hybridizer to come to speak for March. He has some wonderful stuff that is truly northern hardy. I would hope that you all could attend. He has such a short growing season that he actually does some of his hybridizing in his basement. He is very interesting and I hope you will look forward to him coming here to impart knowledge of hardy daylilies.

I can always get speakers, but I want to know, other things and topics that are of interest to the members, such as garden problems, fertilizing, mulching, companion plants, etc. Anything that is of interest is valid and can be added to the agenda.

Thanks to all of you this club is successful. It is both an honor and a privilege to work with the people of the New England Daylily Society.

Membership spotlight

Adele Keohan



Adele Keohan, second from left

Chapter 1: I am born.

Uh- oh! Sorry to scare you, readers! My mom might go into great detail telling you my life story thus far, but aside from a few incidental facts, and one or two ramblings, I'll just tell you how I came to join AHS, NEDS, PDS, MassHort---and the journey to becoming crazy over daylilies---in a good way, of course!

My name is Adele Keohan, and I hail from Wakefield, Mass., a town about 10 miles north of Boston. I am a member of Actors' Equity, and have performed in community and regional theatre productions---mostly musicals. I am a Catholic cantor/leader of song at a parish in Somerville, Mass. I have a Master's degree in Elementary Education; and although I officially lost my head over daylilies about 2 years ago, it all really began when...

All I could see was dirt!

The whole side of our property was brown and pretty much flat. This was the scene in 1998. The ash trees on half of the property had died, and it was imperative that all seven of them be cut down---according to my mom---in order to save me from the possibility of being squashed by one of them falling over on top of my head in the future. After stumps were removed---and the whole area scraped down, I was left with the lovely sandy pebbly rocky stuff that New England is made of---at least in my yard. Well, I certainly had a blank canvas to work with, but couldn't dig down past a few inches without encountering sand, rocks and tree roots. So, I ordered truckloads of loam, had each load dumped at four pre-selected spots starting at the back of the yard, and moving towards the front. I used rakes to smooth the piles into berms or islands. It took several days of raking and moving soil to achieve the look I wanted. Meanwhile, my father informed me that he had bumped into a few of the town's residents

who commented on my "project". They were puzzled as to what I was doing, and I'm sure they didn't think it looked so great. Well, it takes time to build a garden!



One of Adele's gardens

Yes, I do like flipping through the pages of various clothing catalogs, but that's nothing compared to the peaceful, soothing, truly meditative and enlightening experience that I call "Garden Catalog Spa Time". How can I convey the joyous experience of lounging on the couch, nibbling on fruit, and using those little Post-it tabs to mark a large number of pages, and then going back to the flagged pages with my red china marker, using little codes to signify "must have it", "really like it but don't need"...well, it's at this point during my pretend garden catalog "spa" time that I mentally leave my body, and imagine that I have acres and acres of land, a greenhouse... then I come back to earth. After I've tagged and marked the amazing catalogs with their tempting and colorful photos, I make my lists.

But I digress...back to my brown dirt islands. I decided to do a bit of research before making the mistake of purchasing plants on impulse with little regard for the plants' climate and cultural needs. I read a number of good books on perennials, books about gardening in the northeastern U.S., and looked around to see what grew well in my area. When my list was finally finished, daylilies were right up there at the top, along with hosta, astilbe, herbaceous peonies, bearded iris, and narcissus.

Hundreds of narcissus bulbs went into the ground before any of the perennials were planted. I was able to purchase some yellow and orange daylilies locally, but I received a couple of catalogs in the mail which pictured daylilies in pink and red, violet and white, and some had different colors in the center. I was astonished!

Needless to say, as each year went by, I discovered one or two more sources for purchasing daylilies, and the "faces" got more and more interesting. The daylilies I had purchased didn't seem bothered by our

sometimes nasty winters or occasional periods of drought in summer. I felt I had made an excellent choice to plant daylilies.

The show must go.

After making the decision not to pursue theatre/acting as a career, I gave some serious thought as to what career could utilize my talents, love for learning, and would be interesting as well. I wanted to be involved in something challenging, exciting and motivating. I decided to give elementary school teaching a try, and in 2003 received my Master's degree in Elementary Education. I had enjoyed classroom science courses the most, and for my independent study project, I chose to concentrate on plants and ecology. In the summer of 2006, I was seeking an interesting course to take which would give me professional development credits. I learned about a summer course for educators given by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society at Elm Bank Reservation in Wellesley, MA. The course was called 'Bringing Plant Study Back Into the Classroom', and the instructor was Monique Cafarelli, Education and Outreach Coordinator. The purpose of the course was to better educate teachers about general horticultural principles, which they would then feel comfortable utilizing in the classroom with their students. I enjoyed this course immensely. It reawakened my love for gardening and horticultural pursuits. It was around this time that I joined AHS, looked around on the internet for local daylily societies and began to acquire cultivars from famous southern hybridizers----I was not yet aware of all of the northern hybridizers right nearby! I joined MassHort, and with membership you get free tickets to the New England Flower Show in spring. My first flower show ever! What a rush! I took so many photos of the fantastic displays.

Early in 2007, I enrolled in the Master Gardener Training program, also at MassHort. During this program of study, I learned more about which aspects of horticulture I enjoyed most. I was fascinated as I learned more about weeds, composting, propagating plants, IPM, plant diseases, pruning, garden design and many other topics. Also at MassHort, I had taken a course called "Junior Master Gardener Training" for educators. The Junior Master Gardeners Program (JMG for short) is a nationally accredited program, modeled after the Master Gardener program for adults. The JMG program is based upon an innovative 4-H youth gardening project in which children earn badges for each level of training they complete. The JMG course is given during summers and school vacations. I volunteered to help out during the JMG

camp last year, and I truly enjoyed working with the students. I will be helping with the JMG program again this year, during February vacation. Check out adult programs and classes as well by visiting www.masshort.org.

While studying or volunteering at MassHort, I loved walking the grounds, and fell quite in love with the NEDS daylily display garden, overseen and maintained by Master Gardener and NEDS member, Barbara Provest. I joined NEDS, and attended a daylily dig and divide at Elm Bank in the spring of 2007. I had a blast, met super people, and wrote about it the July 2007 NEDS bulletin. Not too much later, I joined the Patriot Daylily Society and met wonderful daylily folks there, as well. Although I haven't put out my first issue yet, I am currently editor of the PDS newsletter, The Petaloid. I hope to have my first issue sent out in February. Any submissions from folks in Region 4 (ideally) are always appreciated! :->)

Yeah,.. I wear a badge.

After completing Master Gardener training, and volunteering over 60 hours at MassHort working in the garden, helping with the JMG program or serving on the Hort/ Help Line, answering a variety of gardening questions over the phone, I received my official green Certified Master Gardener badge, on December 12, 2007. If you have not been to MassHort/Elm Bank in Wellesley, MA, you really must make a date to go---and don't forget to view the gorgeous NEDS daylily display garden!

I'm like a mad scientist....It's alive! It's alive!!

This summer, I will hopefully see many blooms from the first daylily crosses I made during the summer of 2006. I ran around like a mad scientist with little plastic bead containers(for freezing pollen) and florescent green tags for recording crosses. In spring of 2007 I planted out 128 seedlings, and two bloomed that summer! Last summer's crosses were made with a little more thought, and out of the 184 seeds I planted under lights around Christmas, 172 have germinated, including 2 albino seedlings which I realize won't make it, as they lack the chlorophyll necessary for the process of photosynthesis to occur. Now that I have acquired several good books on plant breeding and genetics, I know that over time I will develop a greater understanding of the process of hybridizing. I am still working to form clear goals for a hybridizing program, but currently I'm quite interested in trumpet shaped blooms, spiders and spidery types, UF's and anything on a tall to very tall scape as I am 5'10" and would love to stare a daylily in the face without bending down. You know, I never

thought I'd be so crazy over something I couldn't (well, wouldn't) put on a plate and eat. I had a really sunny area staked out and made ready for a vegetable garden last spring. One guess as to what I actually planted there. Someday, I hope to give a hybridizer's presentation at a future NEDS meeting---perhaps in a few years if I get my hybridizing act together. In the meanwhile, I'll be conducting my mad scientist experiments in the garden, volunteering at MassHort, enjoying my garden catalog spa time, and feeling very grateful to have discovered---- or rather re-discovered the joy of gardening, the world of daylilies, and the super folks who are just as "nutty" as I am about them.

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DAYLILY INTERNET WEBSITE LISTINGS

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

REGION 4 HOMEPAGE 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 HOMEPAGE

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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.

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

2008 NEDS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Feb 9	Digital Photography Contest coordinated by Lori Ann Jones
Mar. 8	Guest Speaker: Phil Korth, Wisconsin Hybridizer , zone 4
April 12	Daylily Bingo
May 10	Annual members' plant sale and auction
July 18-20	Region 4 convention in Nashua, NH
Aug.	Public Plant Sale and Auction
Oct. 11	TBA
Nov. 8	TBA
Dec. 13	TBA

Mystery Photos from Jan. bulletin:

- #1 . Frances Joiner (Joiner, 1988)
- #2 Indian Ripple (Dougherty, 1997)
- #3 Arnold Raeker (Korth, 2004)

NEDS Facility Survey

In an effort to ensure that we are serving the club members, the NEDS Board is conducting a survey to determine what members want from a meeting facility. Please complete the survey below and return either to the February meeting or return to the address below.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Do you regularly attend meetings? Yes _____ No _____

If "No", then why? _____

Please rate the importance to you of the following attributes (*Hint: Pick the attribute most important to you and score it as a '5'. Assign scores to the other attributes based on how they rate relative to your most important attribute*):

Attribute	Importance to you				
	1 Low	2	3 Med	4	5 High
Distance to travel					
Convenience to get to					
Accessibility of facility					
Availability of Parking					
Cleanliness of facility					
Comfort					
Quality of room for presentation (acoustics, line of site, etc)					
Ability to have beverages and snacks served separately from meeting room.					
Place to serve beverages and snacks.					
Attract new members					
Cost to club					

What other considerations should be considered for a meeting facility?

Are there other facilities where you think NEDS should meet? If so, then where?

Please return to Paul at Feb 9 meeting or mail to:

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