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Meeting Agenda for February 21, 2009

- 8:00** Set- up for hospitality (volunteers needed to help)
- 9:00** Board meeting
- 9:30** Social time (Food donations from members, last names A-L)
- 10:00** Morning program: Daylily Bingo (see inside for more details)
- 12:00** Lunch break
- 1:00** Business meeting, drawing for door prize plants
- 1:30** Afternoon program: Don Herr
- 3:30** Clean- up (volunteers needed to help)

Upcoming meetings and activities:

- Mar. 14:** Leo Blanchette (A.M.), Jeannie Gillis (Heritage Plantation)(P.M.)
- Apr. 11:** "Keeping Track of Daylilies" (A.M.) Guest-- Bret Clement (P.M.)
- May 9:** Member Plant Sale
- July 17, 18, 19:** Region 4 Regional convention in Buffalo, NY
- July 26:** NEDS Exhibition
- August 29:** Public Plant Sale and auction
- Nov.:** Margo Reed and Jim Murphy

All meetings for this coming year will be held at Tower Hill Botanic Garden
11 French Hill, Boylston, Mass

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

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From The President

It was great to see the high turn out for my first meeting as president. I hope everyone enjoyed the photo contest as much as I did. Congratulations to all the winners.

Also congratulations to Danielle (nee Cross), who is (was?) awaiting the imminent arrival of her first child. Being a new mom, Danielle is stepping down as the membership chair. If you are an outgoing person who loves to meet and talk to new people this is the perfect position for you. We still need a hospitality chair. Not being a morning person, I can understand not wanting to get in extra early. If the hospitality chair wants to risk a tea drinker (I can't stand coffee) making the coffee, we can work a viable schedule out. Becoming one of the chairs is a great way to start getting involved. Please see me for more information and to volunteer.

I just mailed in my registration for the Can-Am classic. I've heard so many great things about it. I'm really excited to be going to my first one. I've already sent in the registration for the national. It's hard to believe the early bird deadline for that is March 15th. Airfares are going down (but I'm driving down early) and May is a perfect time to go to Florida. The hotel is less than an hour north of Orlando. Don't forget about the Region 4 Regional in Buffalo. Although that is not until July, there is a limit of 120 people – so the earlier the better. Make sure to let Dorothy Campbell know if you are taking the bus – it's already half filled.

It's my cat's favorite time of year, time to start seeds. Every year about this time, I get the mini greenhouse out. The two torties love to get on top. I don't know why the world looks better from higher up – but it does for these cats. Being frugal, I use a heating pad instead of a seed starting warming mat. The plan is to have 2 large trays on the bottom. However, the cats don't approve of sharing the warmth with mere seeds. Our compromise is 1 seed tray and 2 cats on the bottom row.

---Kim

Secretary's Report – January 10th, 2009

Board Meeting

The board meeting convened at 9:15 with Jocelyn Spragg absent. The board and officers took a tour of

the storage facility and investigated the packing of the vases in the sample plastic containers provided by the Secretary. Due to the time spent in the storage area, the board suspended the meeting until noon so that the morning program could begin on time. The board reconvened at 12 noon. The board discussed the following items not presented at the business meeting.

1. The board approved Lisa Bourret to moderate the NEDS_BOARD Yahoo group. It also approved Dorothy Campbell as alternate moderator.
2. The board approved Lori-Ann Jones as Co-Chair of the Program Committee.
3. There was discussion of the actions that NEDS takes when a new member joins NEDS. This led to a discussion about possible attendance requirements to hold a chair position. Discussion was tabled with an action for the President.
4. The secretary was tasked to take possession of the NEDS sign and to examine it. The secretary determined that it is in good shape, and can be used as is. Tower Hill (THBG) thought the use of the signs was a good idea and that NEDS could use the signs as we had in Waltham. However, storage of the sign at THBG is impossible due to space constraints, and, since the sign is very heavy, the secretary cannot manage to transport it to the THBG for every meeting particularly in the winter.
5. Appropriations - The storage situation at THBG was discussed and the board approved purchase of bins (up to a total of 12) by the secretary. The board also approved reimbursing Larry Jones for shipping costs associated with the signs.
6. Garden tours for this summer were discussed, and the board decided to solicit a person to chair a committee arranging these tours.
7. The possibility of adding other classes to the photo contest was discussed, specifically a youth class. The board approved Lisa and Paul Bourret as Photo Contest Chairs, and asked them to develop a proposal for new classes and any changes in rules.

AI:

1. Kim to contact the membership chair concerning what transpires when a new member joins either Region 4 or NEDS.
2. Dorothy to purchase bins and repack vases at THBG.

Program

The morning and afternoon programs were devoted to the annual photo contest. However, due to the efficient organization of the presentation, all photos were viewed in the morning. See elsewhere in this newsletter for a list of the winners.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was presided over by the newly elected President, Kim Walters. There were 44 members present including two new members, Pat and Ed Norton.

The following items were discussed:

1. The subject of hospitality no sugar, cream, or tea were available for the meeting. The president asked for volunteers for the hospitality chair but there were none. It was suggested that we dispense with hospitality, but the membership did not want to. For the February meeting, Nikki Dricken volunteered to bring cream and sugar, and Barbara Provest volunteered to get there at 9AM and make the coffee. We still have no tea supplies. The coffee supplies container will be in the kitchen with the coffee urns when we arrive. Cleanup action is still required, as we need to rinse and turn upside down the THBG urns. If we do not care for them as required they will not be available to us. Someone needs to police the cleanup effort so that we do not jeopardize the use of these urns.
2. The regional hybridizer award was discussed, and people were reminded to submit their registrations for this award before the deadline. See NEDS website for details.
3. The names for the babysitting plants were drawn. The following people won a babysitting plant, Rich Blanchard, Cameron Stern, Nancy Stern, Dan Pessoni, Valerie Price, Alan Ruuska, Pat Wessling, Barbara Provest, Deb Carpenter, and Marlene Harmon.
4. Members were reminded to sign up for the bus trip to the regional in July.
5. The newsletter editor said that a lot of email addresses had bounced with she sent out the January newsletter. Members are reminded to notify her when their email address changes.
6. The old NEDS coffee urns were given away to Pat Wessling and Dorothy Campbell.

7. Kim Walters and a crew volunteered for cleanup – thanks Kim.
8. Door prize plants winners were:
Carl Wickstrom: DANCE TIL DAWN
Bob Sobek: GESTURE OF LOVE
Dan Matzik: HAYFIELD HEAVEN
Julie Maher: HAYFIELD MIDNIGHT
Pat Boissonneault: HAYFIELD SUNSET
Gail Buckley: POETIC MOMENT

After the meeting the secretary discovered that a commercial quality stainless steel mixing bowl and two very nice autumn decor placemats had been left after the November meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

From the Program Co-Chair

Hello All!!

I hope this finds you all well and warm. Well the great news I have help now with the Program Chair job and a WONDERFUL job Lori Jones is already doing! She has volunteered and stepped right in and doing a superb job! We all need to give her a fine round of applause!

We are looking forward to the February 21, 2009, Program which NEDS will host Don Herr in the afternoon to show his wonderful wares. Don has some superb northern hardy bagels, dips ufs and polys for your perusal. This should be a great afternoon.

The morning will be filled with fun with once again DAYLILY BINGO!! Starting promptly at 10:00 AM we will have two bingo games. The prizes will be a single fan 2010 Valente OUTEAST worth \$175 Sev 28" 5.5" tet mid late dark velvet purple with a semi white edge, pictured here as it is so NEW!!



and a double fan of Jody Ann, Valente 2000, a rose-pink self with slight yellow edge, Tet, 30" ht. 6" blossom, M, Dor , Frag, value \$49.



picture from Rod Kroemer/Jim Wuersch

Also SANTAS PANTS a Jim Murphy dip 2007 worth \$80 ufo 4-5 way branching and 28 plus buds!!



These plants are all kindly donated by the Bourrets so a hardy round of applause for their generosity!!! As I said, there will be two regular BINGO games and we will have a few other prizes for filling the card etc. We will have more prizes listed at the meeting as they are donated. Thanks in advance to anyone that wishes to donate plants to give as prizes!!

So come one and come all!! It was a great success last time it should be a rollicking good time this year!! The cards cost \$5.00 each and you can play as many as you like! So be there early and buy as many cards as you like!! We will have a ball! BRING your highlighters and bring your money!!! I am looking for help with this so anyone willing to forgo playing and help out please contact me at

patwessling@mac.com as soon as possible so I can work out the logistics.

Look forward to seeing you all there!!!
As always, you stay warm and take care all!
--Pat Wessling,
Co-Program Chair

From the Treasurer

EUREKAS Jocelyn will be out of town on Feb. 21, and Lisa and Paul Bourret have kindly offered to distribute and collect money for the 2009 daylily Eurekas. Lisa and Paul have all of the reserved copies, plus a few extras. Pickup cost is \$28.60 each – please make checks out to NEDS, Inc. Jocelyn also has a few Eurekas; so if anyone would still like to have a copy mailed to them, please send Jocelyn a self-addressed label (a 3x5 card works fine) and a check made out to NEDS, Inc. for \$33.40.

Congratulations to the photo contest winners. Paul Bourret will have checks available for the first place winners at the Feb. NEDS meeting.

Because I will be away on Feb. 21, I will plan on presenting the 2008 treasurer's report and 2009 proposed budget at the March 14 NEDS

Keeping Track of Daylilies

How do you keep track of yours? We all have our own methods, from handwritten lists to sophisticated computer files that can become impressive printouts. As we collect more plants and want to record relevant statistics on them, I think many of us would welcome the chance to see and hear what others are doing.

If enough members would like to explain the kinds of information they record and show some samples, I would be happy to put together a program, perhaps at the April meeting. Let me know if you can help--at a meeting or email me, seschaidler@yahoo.com.
--Thanks, Sandra

Questionnaire for the Program: Keeping Track of Daylilies

On the sign-in table at our next meeting there will be a short questionnaire for people to input information,

such as, how they currently are keeping track of their daylilies, what software programs they use, how they map plant locations, how they record hybridization results, and what they would like to hear about and be able to do. All suggestions and help are welcome.

2009 NEDS PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

The winners of the photo contest are listed below. Please visit the NEDS website at:

<http://www.nedaylily.org>

to view the pictures. Due to space limitations, they were not included here.

Category 1 – Single Flower: Named and Introduced Variety

- 1st Romantic Returns by Janet Clifford
- 2nd Cherokee Star by Chuck Hubbell
- 3rd Sonic Duck by Lori Jones

Category 2 – Landscape: Flowering Daylily Predominating

- 1st Carpenter Garden by Lori Jones
- 2nd Concord Courtyard by Janet Clifford
- 3rd Crossview Garden by Lori Jones

Category 3 – Clump: Named & Introduced Variety, View of Entire Plant

- 1st Lemon Crisp by Janet Clifford
- 2nd Blue Ribbon Roundup by Kim Walters
- 3rd Fire Escape by Janet Clifford

Category 4 – Seedling not Named or Introduced Variety, Single, Multiple or Clump

- 1st Seedling 05-306, Darlyn Wilkinson
- 2nd Seedling 05-143 by Darlyn Wilkinson
- 3rd Seedling by Peggy Corbeil

Category 5 – Cluster: Named & Introduced Variety, 2 or More Flowers

- 1st Pandora's Box by Paul Carrier
- 2nd Piano Man by Sandra Schaider
- 3rd Gillian by Chuck Hubbell

Category 6 – Daylilies & Companions: Showing off your flowering daylilies in the garden with companion plants

- 1st Sdlg 04-45 by Darlyn Wilkinson
- 2nd Dragon King by Paul Bourret and Greywoods
- Spirit Hawk by Darlyn Wilkinson
- 3rd Lizard in Polasek Garden by Kim Walters

Category 7 – Daylily People: Photos showing the people in our daylily lives, hybridizers with cultivars, people at meetings, garden tours, in the greenhouse, 2008 National Convention or Regional Convention

- 1st Garden Fairy by Mary Ellen Dee
- 2nd Cameron Stern by Nancy Stern
- 3rd Ellen Laprise by Mary Hubbell

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: flowerlady@gsinet.net

We have 2 members spotlighted this month. The first is Judy Deene, from Exeter, NH whose beautiful garden we visited during the regional last summer.



Hi Everybody,

I've been a member of NEDS since sometime around 1992 and am definitely one of those members who "came for the plants and stayed for the people".

I am not a joiner of groups, but back in the early '90's I was starting a horticulture business and began working for several people in the Exeter, NH area who were, back then, long-time members of this club. So, I have to blame Dorothy Kraus, Lois Burns and Irene Melin for initially dragging me to meetings and insisting that this was something I was really going to enjoy. Listening to one's elders and mentors turns out to be a really good idea and those women were absolutely right about NEDS and me!



I am a professional horticulturist and spend the majority of my time gardening, or thinking about gardening. I'm one of those truly fortunate people who work at something I love! I maintain a large estate in Hampton Falls, NH, and the private garden of Lois Burns here in Exeter. And, as most of you know, I also work with Darlyn Wilkinson at Greywood Farm in Topsfield MA. I've worked with Darlyn almost as long as I've worked in this business. We've moved the nursery (which started out as York Hill Farm in Kensington, NH) twice over the years and we've shared a lot of fun, hard work, and both good and hard times as friends and co-workers. It's been a joy for me to watch Dar grow and bloom as her hybridizing efforts have gained regional and national attention. It's also a joy for me to answer the call to "make it pretty, Judy!"



As you all discovered during the convention last summer, my other gardening project is found in my own back yard. Back in 2004 when Bill Chambers asked me to put my garden on the convention tour, I think I asked him if he was out of his mind. However, he assured me that I could, indeed, make my garden presentable for the occasion and for some reason I believed him! I figured that if I had been able to make

a garden out of something that had been rocks, poison ivy and prickler bushes when I moved here in 1989 then I could probably upgrade the existing garden in four years. It was an opportunity to work on MY garden with the end reward of being able to share it with all of you! Being a professional gardener I have an appreciation for what it takes to make a garden look nice, but it's a lot harder when it's your own garden. I was trained to make garden showplaces, but here, I found myself having to make decisions about whether or not rhubarb and asparagus would be accepted as decorative plants and whether I had to take down the clothesline. In the end, I decided that you were all just going to have to put up with my quirky individuality and take my garden and me as we are. It was a good and honest decision and I was rewarded by the generosity and kindness of your compliments. Thank you.

If you missed the garden last summer, or if you want to come again you're welcome to visit this summer. There won't be as many fancy decorations and I can guarantee that there will be weeds, but give me a call or send me an e-mail and come on by. I always enjoy an opportunity to talk about my plants, and there's something in bloom here throughout the gardening season...it's just not necessarily daylilies, although I have those from late May to October.

The second spotlight is on our new NEDS President and well-known cat enthusiast, Kim Walters, from Sandown, NH.



As long as I can remember I liked to garden. Growing up in Vermont, I always planned out our vegetable garden, making sure to rotate the crops every year. Soon, I expanded into flowers, planting seeds in our front yard and tending them carefully.

Growing up we always had a dog. It wasn't until after college when I was living in Florida that I was first adopted by a cat. I was walking a friend's dog one night and there was this orange furball watching me from under a shrub. I must have passed his test because a couple days later he let me pick him up. A quick trip to the 7-11 for some cat food, and I had a cat, Egbert. As he ruled the house, he quickly became his lordship (or Sir Eg of Bert as we called him, he was upgraded to his majesty when I got him a cat friend). He was 18 years old when I lost him a couple years ago. My current herd stands at 5, the last 2 were strays I found in my garden.

While I always had some potted plants, it wasn't until I moved back to New England I was able to put down some roots and really start my garden. Almost a year after I got married, we bought our house. We moved in July 2001, and I carefully watched the sun for the next couple of months before buying any plants. I made a point of reading all the gardening magazines. I kept seeing a plant called Orange Crush, and as I already had some tiger lilies growing around the pine tree... As soon as I saw the plant in person, I realized they were different species, but I still liked the look of it. And so it begins.



At first I just wanted enough for the back of the pine tree and maybe a single row up one side of the driveway. I added different varieties of true lilies to the front of the tree (the chipmunks and red lily leaf beetle took care of that – there are mostly daylilies there now). I didn't like the hosta (full sun until 4PM!) in the center circle, and don't get me started on the juniper. A year and about 100 daylilies later, I was hooked. I joined the AHS and attended my first NEDS meeting – the August sale and auction (I spent \$5 on a grab bag – the cheapest sale I've ever gone to).

Over the years I've added new gardens, cut down about 20 pine trees, added a walkway, and of course expanded the beds (they grow about 1 foot every year). I currently have just under 600 different varieties, about half of which I buy solely because of the name. Being owned by cats (yes – I use that ID in both the lily auction and Dave's Garden) I will automatically get anything that has cat or kitten in its name. I currently have 35 cultivars in "cat land". Surprisingly enough I have a collection of spidery types by the catmint tree. I am a huge science fiction (and science fact) fan. I bought Time Lord because I love Dr. Who (I'm just hoping someday someone introduces a daylily called Dalek that I can put next to it). I have 22 daylilies in my Star Trek bed. I have a space bed, candyland, a monster bed (surrounded by elves, fairies and pixies), a Camelot bed, a butterfly zone, and I've started a booze bed. I've just ordered some of the cupcakes (they'll go next to candyland for a total sugar overload) and some of the Oz – maybe I'll start a library bed (I already have Watership Down, one of my favorite books hmmm....) And then there are some I saw at a regional or a national and just had to have them.

My adventure in daylilies isn't limited to my garden. One of my favorite things about joining the AHS is going to regional and national conventions. Every year my husband and I plan our vacation around where the national is (except Minnesota – he was in the dog house for that one). It is a great opportunity to see plants you've never heard. And to visit places you would otherwise have never seen. The regional is a great weekend trip and a wonderful place to see region 4 hybridizers and discover cultivars that enjoy our challenging climate.

One of the things I've enjoyed the most about my daylily adventure is becoming a garden judge. A 2 hours course to start (with a small test), and then a second course in a garden during peak bloom and you can vote that year. When I first became a judge, I noticed I grew very few of the Stout medal finalists. So every year I try to get 8-10 of the AM winners. This gives them a year or so to settle in before they go on the ballet. My next goal is to become an instructor.

While I'm not a selling garden, my doors are always open to visitors (just don't let the cats out). There is only one rule I have for garden visitors, ignore the weeds or help pull them.

--Kim

**DOOR PRIZE PLANTS for
FEBRUARY 2009**



CANADIAN SUMMER (Lorrain/Lycett'06) Tet 29" M-RE-VFR-Dor 6.5" Lavender with slate blue eye above chartreuse green throat; 17 buds, 3 branches. **Value: \$30**



SCARLET SUMMER (Lorrain/Lycett'07) Tet 36" Mla-RE-FR-Dor 6" Cherry scarlet with white washed scarlet halo; 20 buds, 4 branches. **Value: \$30**

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We're In The Hayfields Now



SNOWY SENSATION (Lorrain/Lycett'07) Tet 33" Mla-VFR-Dor 5.5" Cream self above yellow throat; 18 buds, 3 branches. **Value \$30**



SONG AND DANCE
(Lorrain/Lycett'07) Tet 26" EM-EV-FR 6.75" Pink melon blend above chartreuse throat; 18 buds, 2 branches. **Value \$35**



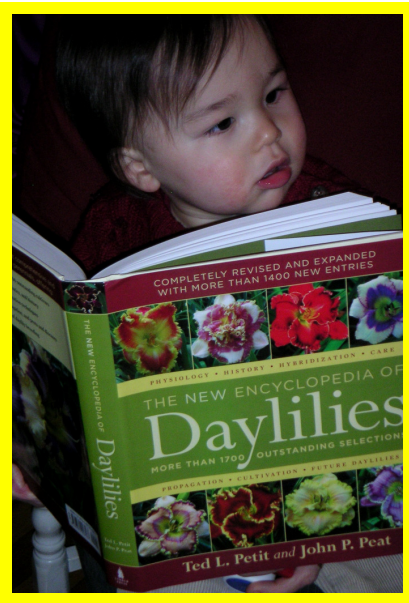
SUMMER SIDEKICK (Lorrain/Lycett'07) Tet 22" L-RE-FR-Dor 5" Pink with raspberry eye and edge above yellow green throat; 17 buds, 4 branches. **Value: \$30**



TIMELESS PASSION (Lorrain/Lycett'05) Tet 24" Mla-FR-Dor 6" Pale yellow self above chartreuse throat; 10 buds, 2 branches. **Value: \$20**

Happy Valentine's

Elaine & Carl



The New Encyclopedia of Daylilies

Ted L. Petit and John P. Peat
Timber Press, 2008

By Sandra Schaidler

Playing grannynanny two or three days a week for a little grandson can put me knee deep in wonderful picture books. Come to think of it, not being one of those people continually walking around with a book, I have always felt the more pictures a book contained, the better, so imagine my sheer delight at receiving The New Encyclopedia of Daylilies. It is filled with more than 1700 photographs of the most amazing, most beautiful, most popular, most exotic and rare daylilies on earth! Authors Ted Petit and John Peat have updated their previous encyclopedia, published in 2000, by adding 1400 new photographs and the latest information on the work being done on daylilies.

Photographs for those cultivars that are registered with the American Hemerocallis Society have full descriptions including parentage when known. They are grouped by characteristics such as form, color and pattern, an arrangement that is highly useful for making in-depth comparisons, for selecting pod and pollen parents in cross-pollinating programs and for simply planning a garden.

Petit and Peat cover every aspect of the genus *Hemerocallis* in a concise and understandable way. They tell the history dating back to 2697 BC when daylilies were being used in food and medicine by people in China. The authors also give a history of

hybridizing and introduce those who are working today in so many different areas. Other sections of the book describe structural parts of the daylily and the techniques of growing, propagating and hybridizing. Although pests and diseases are relatively rare for these plants, the authors detail various problems and offer helpful information on how to prevent and deal with them.

Included in the daylily history chapter is a section on daylily species. All the modern, complex cultivars come from years and years of hybridizing species plants, yet few people even know or care about them. However, the authors point out that in the rush to bring daylilies to new heights, some valuable traits lie dormant. *Hemerocallis fulva kwanso* has more layers of petals than any modern double. *H. multiflora* bears 75 to 100 flowers. *H. graminea* has flowers that remain open for 2 or 3 days! Will these traits be brought forth in the future? In just the past few decades, so much has happened to the daylily, where will it be taken next?

As a daylily society member and a daylily collector, I am always on the watch for what is new and exciting in the world of daylilies. For me, the most awesome part of this 400-page encyclopedia are the ninety pages devoted to seedlings, that is, plants still under evaluation and not yet registered with AHS. They are the future. Daylily addicts might well label them, flowers to die for. Their photographs and descriptions are arranged alphabetically by hybridizers' last names. By viewing these cultivars, the reader gains insight into future releases, and this reader, in particular, now knows exactly whom to contact to blow future daylily budgets! How lucky I am that my Little Sweetheart gifted me such a beautiful, comprehensive reference book that weighs almost as much as he does and that he also seems to adore.



Hallway at Tower Hill -- photo by Sandra Schaidler

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Sitting here looking out at a frigid white landscape, where my daylilies are sleeping under a 12 “ blanket of white powder, I started wondering how many daylilies have “SNOW” in their name. Well, there are over 50 just with “Snow” as the first part of the name. Here’s a little mind game to test you on a long winter day. See how many of the following registered cultivars you can name the hybridizer for and which ones are actually listed as “white” (ivory, cream, near white). Answers can be found on Tinkers Garden website (also has pictures of most) and the AHS database website. (NO CHEATING!!)

CULTIVAR	HYBRIDIZER	REGISTERED COLOR
1. Snow Angel		
2. Snow Baby		
3. Snow Bird		
4. Snow Blizzard		
5. Snow Bound		
6. Snow Bride		
7. Snow Bunny		
8. Snow Bunting		
9. Snow Business		
10. Snow Cap		
11. Snow Carnival		
12. Snow Cloud		
13. Snow Crane		
14. Snow Crest		
15. Snow Dome		
16. Snow Dove		
17. Snow Dream		
18. Snow Elf		
19. Snow Fairy		
20. Snow Flake		
21. Snow Flower		
22. Snow Flurry		
23. Snow Fox		
24. Snow Gem		
25. Snow Goddess		
26. Snow Gown		
27. Snow Glitter		
28. Snow Goose		
29. Snow King		
30. Snow Kissed		
31. Snow Mountain		
32. Snow Line		
33. Snow Maiden		
34. Snow Owl		
35. Snow Princess		
36. Snow Queen		
37. Snow Sculpture		
38. Snow Shower		
39. Snow Squall		
40. Snow Surprise		
41. Snow Valley		
42. Snow White		

