



NEDS Bulletin

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New England Daylily Society

Meeting Agenda for February 12, 2011

- 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 NEDS Hybridizer's presentations: Darlyn Wilkinson, Peggy Corbeil
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 1:00 Daylily BINGO
- 3:30 Clean- up (volunteers needed to help)

Upcoming meetings and activities:

- Mar. 12 Guests --- David Kirchhoff and Mort Morss ; Potluck lunch
- April 9 Guest --- Richard Norris
- May 14 Members Plant Sale
- July 24 NEDS Daylily Exhibition at Tower Hill

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

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

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NEDS President's Message:

What is a New England winter without snow? Well that is something we don't have to find out this year. After a bit of a late start, we've had storm after storm after storm. Every year while shoveling the driveway I wonder why we live here, and in the summer I remember why.

We had a bit of a light turn out at the last meeting, but the promised snow never quite developed. Both Mike Huben and Lori Ann Jones gave excellent presentations. If you didn't make it you missed a treat. Lori has introduced a couple of must haves. I have ordered Whip City Catnip Kitty (what a surprise – but I think I got the last one...) and Mike showed this beautiful bi-tone seedling he is still evaluating. I will have to make a trip to his garden this summer to see it in bloom. As usual, Mike made more seed than he can grow and hopefully will have some to spare at our next meeting. I think he mentioned he had some extra seed out of that plant...

Every year I say this is the year I'll get it right, I will start my seeds (the few I make) and they will survive being hardened out. I think my biggest problem is when and how I start them. I'm in luck, at our February meeting we will talk about seed starting. I know Mike will have plenty to say – but if you have something that works for you, please share it. I really want to start a line of bi-tones. We should also have time if any hybridizer missed the last meeting and wants to show their introductions.

The National is just around the corner (at least that's what I tell myself when it is snowing and cold) on Memorial Day Weekend, and I'm looking forward to the drive to Baton Rouge. I highly recommend attending a National Convention if possible. Besides seeing another part of

the country, you get to see some undiscovered gems from local hybridizer's plants. And the food is always great. Don't forget the Can-Am Classic is coming up the first weekend in May, I'm driving there again this year. I'm always open to car pooling if anyone is thinking about going.

I'm still trying to get together the summer tour. I've got 2 yes so far. I will be sending out reminders, so if you want to be on tour or can suggest a garden (we are heading to Eastern Mass this year) let me know ASAP.

A cold winter's night is a great time to sit under a blanket with a cat and drool over all the new catalogues I've been getting. There are so many wonderful flowers out there it is hard to decide which ones to get. In tune with my new goals, I will be looking at bi-tones and the Award of Merit winners and of course cat named ones. The Lily Auction is a good place to start, and I've got a bunch of names on their wanted items. Last year I prepared the expansion of the beds that run up and down the driveway so I could add another row. And in a stroke of good luck a tree fell on the house (softly – it didn't do any damage). So as long as we had to get someone in to remove it, we also had them take down the willow tree. This will give me more sunshine in the front and less mess to mow around. And I have 3 more mounds of mulch.

Being a frugal Yankee, I tend to set my thermostat low. All winter long it is set at 60°, so we had a small space heater. This year for the first time, I bought one for the living room. Rocket has discovered it. He is so happy when I get home and turn it on. He plants himself right in front and enjoys the warmth. So far the others haven't copied him, but it is only a matter of time. This will pass once I set up the shelves for the seeds. The plastic cover

never goes down enough and they always get in on the bottom shelf. I've tried using heating pads as seed starters, but found I had to leave one empty as all cats will push the seeds out of the way to claim a heating pad.
—Kim Walters

From The Treasurer:

I will be preparing the 2011 proposed budget to present to the Board and the membership at the March NEDS meeting. Please let me know if there are any line items that you would like to have considered.

Denise Pavlovich
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February Door Prize Plants



MOUNT HERMAN GRACE (Bomar 2007)
height 23", bloom 6.5", season M, Rebloom, Dormant, Diploid, Fragrant, 21 buds, 3 branches, Pink blush cream polychrome above very green throat. (*Here My Love* × *sdlg*) Value: \$70



MOUNT HERMAN INTRIGUE (Carpenter, J 2006) height 26", bloom 5.5", season E, Rebloom, Dormant, Diploid, Fragrant, 26 buds, 5 branches, Dark purple with darker eye above green throat. (*Midnight Dynamite* × *Red Eyed Fantasy*) Value: \$40.00

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JACOB'S PILLOW (Mason 2008) height 38", bloom 6", season MLa, Dormant, Tetraploid, 22 buds, 4 branches, Recurved pastel pink cream blend with white midribs above chartreuse throat. (*Maid of the Meadows* × *Mabou*) **SOLD OUT BY HYBRIDIZER** Value: \$100
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Secretary's Report – January 10th, 2010

NEDS Board Meeting

Board members absent were Dorothy Campbell, Pat Wessling, Lisa Bourret, and Paul Tarmasewicz.

Items not discussed at the business meeting:

1. The board authorized moving ahead with contract arrangements for the rental of the Wakefield Masonic Banquet Hall for the August 27th 2011 public plant sale. Methods of advertising the sale were also discussed.
2. The need to cut back on expenses due to poor August Sales was discussed. One suggestion was to cut back on the number of speakers.

Program

The Program for this meeting was presentations by NEDS hybridizers. Mike Huben presented his work in the morning and Lori Jones in the afternoon.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was presided over by the President, Kim Walters. There were 30 people present.

1. The president announced that the February Bulletin will be snail-mailed to those who paid in 2010, who are new AHS members and who have informed us they do not have a computer.
2. The treasurer discussed the 2011 budget. She asked that any member who has something that needs to be added to the budget contact her as soon as possible.
3. Kim announced that she had the Eureka's for those who had signed up for one.

4. There were 10 people drawn from those who had signed up for babysitting plants.

5. Door prize plant winners were:
PINK STRIPES- *Shirley Ann Robbins*
FROM DARKNESS COMES LIGHT-
Gail Buckley
UMPTY KAJILLION- *Marilee Ruuska*

Many thanks to Adele for taking notes in my absence.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

From The Program Chair:

Happy frigid weather all! I sit here freezing, thinking how much I miss those daylily blooms. I look forward to seeing you all at the daylily Bingo at the February Meeting. David and Mort are all set for March after there was much confusion. They did not know I was from NEDS, and told someone that no one from NEDS had contacted them about speaking!!! OUCH! After a few panicky phone calls, all was clarified. David and Mort are coming despite the rumors going about!! I have spoken with "The David" and he is very excited about coming.

Daylily Bingo is on the agenda for the next meeting after hybridizers Darlyn Wilkinson and Peggy Corbeil give their presentations. Anyone wishing to donate plants for the game it will be greatly appreciated! I have a few that are wonderful plants and nice northern hardies! It should be great fun and I look forward to seeing you all as I have been among the missing due to the inclement weather. I hope all of you had wonderful holidays and join me at the next meeting!!!!

Be well all!
Pat Wessling

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