

New England Daylily Society Of The American Hemerocallis Society

NEDS Bulletin

March 2008

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Agenda for Next Meeting March 8, 2008

- 9:00am** Set up time: Sandra & Len Schaidler (more volunteers are welcome)
/Board Meeting
- 9:30am** Social Time (Donations of food items from members with last names O- Z)
- 10:00am** Morning program: Surprise
- 12:00pm** Lunch break: Annual Spring Pot Luck Luncheon
- 1:00pm** Business meeting, including a drawing of door prize plants (Island Style, Mean as a Snake, Topguns Gold Mine)
- 1:30pm** Afternoon program: Guest Speaker—Phil Korth
- 3:30pm** Clean-up time (Volunteers are welcome)

Welcome to NEW AHS members!! We invite you to join us at NEDS and/or another local club. You will be receiving a complimentary copy of NEDS newsletter by US mail for a year. If you would rather receive the email form of the newsletter (with color pictures!) please send your email address to the editor. After the first year, if you still wish to receive the paper form, we ask for a donation of \$5 to cover printing and mailing expense.

UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE

Note: All dates are scheduled for Waltham UNLESS indicated otherwise.
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 **O through Z** please bring something to share at the food table. Those who have volunteered to come in early and stay late are:

Set-up : Sandra and Len Schaider Clean up

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 Words from the President

March 2008

I would like to thank everyone for completing the Facility Survey. As of the time that I write this, we have received over 50 responses from the February meeting, email and post. I will present results at the March meeting during the monthly business meeting. This information will help if and when we have to look for different places to meet.

Last month's picture contest was terrific. The pictures were a wonderful diversion from all of the snow that I have to look at lately. My thanks to Lori-Ann for organizing the pictures and to Paul, Joan and Billie for counting the ballots. Congratulations to all of the winners!

I don't know about y'all, but this is probably the hardest part of winter for me to endure. I know that in 5-6 weeks that the 3' piles of snow that Lisa and I have around the house now should be just about gone, but I cannot conceive of how we will get there with the constant onslaught of storms we have been getting. At least we have a nice blanket over the garden beds for now up here in the tundra.

My best wishes to you all. Keep repeating "Spring is coming" – it will have to be true some day.

--Paul

Secretary's Report – February 9, 2008

Board Meeting

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

1. It was noted that the deadline for the Spring/Summer issue of the Region 4 newsletter is 15 March 2008. Anyone wishing to submit an article, or propose items to be included in the Secretary's submission can forward them to the Secretary or forward them to Coral Kincaid, the editor at cakincaid@bwr.eastlink.ca.
2. Leila Cross, the VP, has been unable to attend meetings this year and volunteered to resign. However the board unanimously agreed to ask her to stay on since she contributes to board business via email and has so much historical information.

Program Highlights

This meeting was the yearly NEDS photo contest which took up both the morning and the afternoon. Many beautiful photos were shown, and it was hard to judge them from a photography point. Congratulations to all the winners.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was presided over by the President, Paul Bourret. There were 35 members present including one new member, Maryellen Dee (welcome Maryellen).

The following items were covered at the business meeting:

1. The membership was reminded that the March meeting was the pot luck meeting.
2. The president again appealed for hospitality volunteers.
3. The president discussed a letter that he had received from AHS. This letter discussed the future possible use of funds in the Joe E. House Scientific Fund donated and earmarked specifically for rust studies for other purposes. These funds could be used either for other scientific studies, or transferred to one of the funds that AHS maintains. It asked each club to

decide what they wanted to be done, and to report to AHS. After some discussion, the members voted to keep the money in the scientific fund, but to remove the restriction to rust studies.

NEDS presence at the New England Flower Show was discussed. Pat Wessling and Maryellen Dee volunteered to assist Sandra Schaider and her husband Leonard to staff the NEDS tables. Sandra asked that seedlings, old region newsletters, and AHS journals be brought to the March meeting to be handed out at the Flower Show. The tables will be staffed from 4PM to 8PM on Tuesday, March 11.

4. It was mentioned that a lot of email addresses were bouncing when the newsletter was emailed. Members were reminded that if they didn't get their newsletter; they should contact Deb Carpenter to see if she has the correct email address. In the interim, newsletters can be read at the NEDS website, www.nedaylilies.org.
5. A request was made for someone to perform an audit on NEDS books. Len Schaider volunteered to do the audit. Thank you Len.
6. Bob DeForge donated gel caps for storing pollen. If you did not get any, see Bob at the next meeting, he says that he has plenty more. Thank you, Bob.
7. Carl Harmon drew another name for a babysitting plant. One of the persons previously drawn ordered a daylily from Gerda Brooker, and when Gerda found out that it was a babysitting plant for NEDS, she donated it instead of charging for it. That meant that we had money for another plant. Thank you very much Gerda. Chuck Hubbell won the additional babysitting plant purchase.
8. Door prizes were won by:
SHUFFLE THE DECK -- Marilee Ruuska
FLAMING RED PINWHEEL-- Billie Greenfeld
TOPGUNS PURPLE WAVES-- Steve Greene

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

From the Treasurer

-- Jocelyn Spragg

Unfortunately, I won't be able to be at the March NEDS meeting. If anyone needs reimbursement before April, please send receipts to me at 99 Whitcomb Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

March Pot Luck Luncheon:

--Kim Walters, chair

Come one, come all --

It's time once again for the spring potluck.

We are looking for salads, main courses and desserts. Remember, the field station doesn't have refrigerators or stoves. If you don't bring anything it's a \$10 charge. Not sure what to bring? - contact Kim (603-275-0488) or ownedbycats@comcast.net.



Photo courtesy of Sandra Schaider: Seedlings 18 days after planting

PLEASE !! BRING SEEDLINGS & LITERATURE to the MARCH 8 MEETING!

Please email seschneider@yahoo.com if you can bring seedlings to the March meeting. The plan is to have small, potted plants to give the winners of drawings held on March 11 when NEDS will be promoting daylilies and our society at the New England Spring Flower Show, Bayside Expo Center, 4:30 to 9:00 PM.

Also, please bring to the next meeting any AHS journals, Region 4 newsletters, NEDS bulletins and vendor catalogs that you no longer need. These items will let flower show visitors see the kinds of publications they would receive from membership and also see an amazing array of daylilies available from commercial growers.

Come to "Plant Geek Night" at the flower show and check out our display!

DOOR PRIZE PLANTS FOR March 8, 2008

Carl and Elaine Wickstrom --- Door Prize Chairs



ISLAND STYLE

(Shooter, E. '06) Dip 42" M-Sev-RE 6"

Dark purple, intricate pattern, green throat white

Midribs and edge Value: **\$50**

(Photo courtesy of Marietta Gardens)



MEAN AS A SNAKE

(Shooter, E. '05) Dip 28" E-RE-Sev 5.75"

Vivid violet purple, light pink-white edge, variant,

Noc. Value: **\$35** (photo courtesy of Marietta Gardens)



TOPGUNS GOLD MINE

(Scott, B. '95) Dip 24" ML-RE-Sev 5.5

Double yellow-gold self with green throat

Value: **\$25** (photo courtesy of Bob Scott's Nursery)

NEDS NEWS

NEDS member, **Rachel Flaksman** will be submitting excerpts from the new Historical Daylily Robin to the AHS Journal. She volunteered for this position and in her words,

“ I wasn't picked for being a great expert or anything, but it is another feather in NEDS' cap! Hopefully everyone will enjoy reading them “.

Historic Daylily Project - Our own NEDS member, Rachel Flaksman of Rhode Island, has been part of this effort to keep our historic (pre-1971) daylilies alive and well. Please visit www.historicdaylilies.com to view lists of historic daylilies (some with photos), the zip codes where they are growing and possible sources if you'd like to acquire some yourself.

CONGRATULATIONS to our own Charmaine Rich, whose **Holdn' Heaven Daylily Garden** was featured as a “Garden of the Week” at Charlotte's Daylily Diary website. The pictorial tour of Charmaine's garden can be found here:

<http://www.abacom.com/chacha/CharmaineRich/index.html>

NEDS YAHOO GROUP

----Leslie Nolan

Have you joined our new Yahoo Group? It's a great way to connect with fellow NEDS members outside of meetings. There are plenty of daylily enthusiasts to discuss and answer all daylily related questions! Members are sharing pictures of their latest seedlings – come and see what our friends are creating!

This group was formed to facilitate communication between our members. It is a tool for NEDS members to discuss all aspects of the genus *Hemerocallis*, focusing on cultivars hardy to our region. Members can upload images of their favorite registered daylilies, seedlings or gardens. It will also serve as a searchable archive for our discussions.

Please come and join us at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NEDS>

If you are having problems joining, please contact me at leslienolan@hotmail.com and I will assist you.

THANK YOU to Bob Deforge for donating many containers of gelpcaps and copies of a Daylily Journal piece on keeping pollen viable.

New NEDS Logo

Did you notice the new logo designed by Sandra Schaidler at the top of the first page? In color it's even more attractive and really spruces up the front page. Thanks for all your hard work Sandra and also for all the other things you and Len do for NEDS.

February Photo Contest

Category 1: Single registered bloom (tie)



1st place tie: Greywoods Spirit Hawk—
Darlyn Wilkinson



1st place tie: MASKED BANDIT-- Terry LaFond

2nd Place: BANNED IN BOSTON-- Mary Hubbell
3rd Place: FORSYTHE WHITE BUDS--
Chuck Hubbell

Category 2: Landscape



1st Place: Greywoods Farm Fog -- Darlyn Wilkinson

2nd Place: Greywoods Farm w/ Lillium & R. Sage--
Darlyn Wilkinson
3rd Place: Landscape #2-- Adele Keohan

Category 3: Daylily Clump



1st Place: BUTTERED POPCORN-- Leslie Nolan

2nd Place: GREYWOODS KIWI FROG--
Darlyn Wilkinson
2nd Place: RED VOLUNTEER-- Mary Hubbell
3rd Place: FRANS HALS-- Mary Hubbell
3rd Place: GREYWOODS DUSTY BUDS--
Darlyn Wilkinson
3rd Place: GREYWOODS KIWI FROG--
Darlyn Wilkinson
3rd Place: MOONLIT MASQUERADE--
Terry LaFond

Category 4: Seedling



1st Place: Seedling 7140-- Leslie Nolan

2nd Place: GW-03-141T-- Darlyn Wilkinson

3rd Place: Trimmer Seedling-- Mary Hubbell

Category 5: Cluster of 2 or more blooms



1st Place: CUSTARD CANDY-- Mary Hubbell

2nd Place: ALICE'S GHOST-- Sandra Schaidler

3rd Place: APPLE PIE SPICE-- Terry LaFond

Category 6: Daylilies and Companions



1st Place: GREYWOODS ROSEBERRY SORBET & Catmint--Darlyn Wilkinson

2nd Place: GREYWOODS ROSEBERRY SORBET & Catmint--Darlyn Wilkinson

3rd Place: GREYWOODS ROSEBERRY SORBET & Catmint--Darlyn Wilkinson

3rd Place: ARTIC SNOW & Hosta flower-- Janet Clifford

Category 7: Daylily People



1st Place: Jay resting-- Terry LaFond

2nd Place: Garden Judge Clinic CDS 2007-- Chuck Hubbell

3rd Place: Marion Miller's Garden-- Mary Hubbell

Membership spotlight

Charmaine Rich



Charmaine with Pat Wessling

I grew up in Newburyport, MA and graduated from Essex Agricultural High in Hawthorne where I majored in Dairy and Livestock sciences. Throughout most of the 1980's I worked as Herdsperson on several dairy farms in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. After getting married my husband and I decided to settle down in East Thetford, Vermont where I stayed busy raising my son Ben, Arabian horses and a few beef cows. Vegetable gardening was a natural for this ex-dairy farmer and soon to follow were flowers.

How did it start for you? For me, "It"- this daylily thing, started with a photo. The photo was of Designer Jeans (Sikes1983) and it was the first daylily I had seen that wasn't orange. The photo was in a magazine sometime back in the "80's. I had cut it out, stuck it in a file and in 1999 found it again. I decided to see if I could find Designer Jeans and traveled down to Olallie Gardens. It was there that I first saw Designer Jeans and many other daylilies in all colors. I purchased around 20 different ones, brought them home, dug up some lawn and planted them. The Olallie plants grew well the next summer, more daylilies and perennials started following me home. All but one of the horses was sold, the cows started going into the freezer - one at a time, to make room for the ever-growing flowerbeds. My husband seemed pleased, the feed and vet bills had dropped considerably. Boy, was he in for a surprise!

I spent the winter surfing the Internet and looking at photos. Lots of photos. One in particular stood out. It was yellow and had the most amazing texture in the throat. Supreme Empire (Hanson 1996) even the name was magical. I tracked it down and sent a check for \$150.00...my first \$150 daylily.

When Supreme Empire bloomed, I wanted more of these sculpted daylilies but in other colors- pinks, purples, reds and with eyes or patterns, but there were none to be found. I had purchased some books about daylilies and one of them explained how to hybridize. So out to the garden I went, book in hand to try "breeding" flowers. After all how difficult could it be? I had spent years studying pedigrees of animals and had a good understanding of genetics. My efforts produced 34 seeds that year.

In the spring of 2003, I found I had ordered 130 daylilies over the winter with them all scheduled to arrive the 2nd week of May. Now, you have to understand, this is Vermont and sometimes the ground doesn't even thaw out until the 1st week of May. I had nothing prepared - no flowerbeds, no pots, no greenhouse, nothing for these poor plants. So mid-April, pry-bar and shovel in hand, I started digging my dream garden in the front pasture. The plants arrived as scheduled and were planted in the new beds. During bloom season I made more crosses and that year there were just over 500 seeds. While watching them grow in the house that winter, a plan began to form for what I really wanted to see in these seedlings of mine. Hardy, bud count, branching, EMO, CMO, sculpting and patterns. At that time there were not many sculpted or patterned daylilies, so choosing parents to work with was difficult. A list was made and spring 2004 found me once again digging, to enlarge the previously prepared beds for another 150 soon to be arriving daylilies. During the spring of 2004, I applied to be an AHS Display Garden and received approval in August. That year also saw the first bloom of what would become my most important sculpt breeder, the pink, sculpted Proof Positive (Rich 2008).



Since then the purchasing of new plants has slowed (sure it has!) as I try to add only new cultivars to work into the hybridizing. The garden currently is home to 500 registered daylilies and 4000 seedlings.



Some lessons learned along the way:

- 1) The word "pry" in pry bar should be "TRY" - there are rocks you will not move.
- 2) Some daylilies will not show new growth in spring no matter how many times you've told them: "You're gonna love it here!"
- 3) Stop at all stop signs during bloom season - The not-very-happy Police Officer does not want to hear

NEDS BULLETIN AVAILABLE ON E-MAIL

The Bulletin is now being sent via e-mail to all addressees known to the Bulletin database who have requested it. If you want the Bulletin sent to you this way, please contact Debbie Carpenter at flowerlady@gsinet.net

NOTE: Quite a few emails have "bounced" lately and I removed those from the address book. I will try to send a paper copy this month to all those members to remind them to send me their current EMAIL address or please pay \$5 to help defray mailing costs.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF NEDS BULLETIN RECIPIENTS are posted in this bulletin every few months. NEDS infrequently sends messages to all the e-mail addresses known to the Bulletin database. Remember if you have one to include or change, please contact Debbie Carpenter flowerlady@gsinet.net

you are rushing home because it is getting too hot to pollinate. (This one cost me \$130) and
4) Remember to stop and see all the daylilies and daylily people along the way.



Rich seedling 07-39

Visit Charmaine's brand new website <http://www.holdnheavendaylilies.com/>

To see more pictures of her wonderful daylilies and garden pictures.

DAYLILY INTERNET WEBSITE LISTINGS

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

Region 4 Home Page: 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 WWW Home Page

<http://www.daylilies.org/daylilies.html>

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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

FUTURE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

NEDS Programs for 2008

Mar. 8	Spring Pot Luck Luncheon 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

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