



NEDS Bulletin

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Meeting Agenda for March 13, 2010

- 8:00** 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** Morning or afternoon program: Charles & Heidi Douglas
- 12:00** Lunch break
- 1:00** Business meeting, drawing for door prize plants
- 1:30** Afternoon program
- 3:30** Clean- up (volunteers needed to help)

Upcoming meetings and activities:

- Apr. 10** Potluck luncheon / Guest speaker: Paul Owen
- May 8** Members plant sale and auction
- July 10** NEDS Exhibition (Set-up on July 9)
- July 14** Western Mass Open Garden Tour
- Aug. 28** Public Plant Sale and Auction
- Oct. 2** Guest Speaker : Brian Culver
- Nov. 13** Guest Speaker: Melanie Mason ; "Soup's On"

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

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

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Notes from the President

It's was déjà vu all over again. Almost to the exact minute as the ice storm, my power went off Thursday evening. At least my Hubby was home and I didn't have to worry about him driving. It only took 4 days instead of the 6 for the ice storm, but it still got really cold inside. I think I missed my evening cup of tea the most. Being on a well, no power means no water and no tea even though the stove is gas. I hope everyone who also lost power is back up and running.

Our Bingo meeting is always a lot of fun. I even won one this time! Thanks to Pat and Mike for running a great event! And don't forget this month is Charles and Heidi Douglas. I've ordered from them in the past and am really looking forward to seeing their new introductions.

Being alone in the dark made me realize I have no way of contacting our membership. We don't have a printed paper membership list. I think it would be good resource for the group. I would like to hear your thoughts about this. It would be totally voluntary and would be printed only (it would not be on the web)

In a few short weeks it will be time for the Can-Am Classic, the Region 4 Winter Meeting. Early bird rate is still in effect until April 1st. I bought a new GPS with Canada maps and I'm ready to go. I've heard a preview of Charmaine's talk and it is fantastic. Also speaking is David Kirchhoff, Annette Rice, and Melanie Mason (and more – see the AHS website for more info and links to the all the registration forms <http://www.daylilies.org/AHSconv.html#canam>). I'm happy to see Kris Weitz is speaking. I loved her garden at the Buffalo regional. I'm going to bid on some of her plants at the auction.

Time is running out to get your registration in for the National. They have only about 100 spaces left. Hubby and I are taking 2 weeks off and driving down. We'll spend some time on the beach, in Mecca, and then on to the National. The open garden list will be available soon, and there are many gardens to see in Georgia. If the National is a little to much for you, get your feet wet with the regional. Albany is only a couple of hours away and the tour gardens should be great.

My lily auction buying spree is over. I've "ordered" 12 of the 13 award of merit winners and I just had to

have some of Margo Reeds earlier introductions. So far, no cat daylilies (a couple of space ones...). I have the auction watch on, but nothing has been offered I don't already have. I'm hopeful Bret Clements will bring some to the Can-Am Classic to auction off. In the meantime, I'm moving the cat bed and maybe the space bed. Hopefully I will have enough room for all the new ones I bought.

My Cappy Kitten reminds me of a monkey – she is such a climber, on doorframes, counters, people.... She loves being up high. I'm not sure I would know how to brush my teeth if she wasn't on my neck during the procedure. She has "The Look" where she is eying you for a landing spot. Then – off she goes about halfway up. Her claws go in (only to your clothes) and she climbs the rest of the way. She loves being above the sliders, she will walk back and forth above the frame for hours. During the power outage, she would get under the covers with you and drown out the sounds of the neighbor's generator with her purring. I'm sure she is counting the days until her indoor "greenhouse" goes up and she can take over the top of it once again. To her – that is the first sign of spring.

--Kim

Secretary's Report February 13, 2009

NEDS Board Meeting

Attendance: Mike Maher, Kim Walters, Pat Wessling, Dorothy Campbell

1. We approved two minor changes to the door prize requirements decided upon last month. We changed "three" to "three or more" for the number of prized to be awarded, and we deleted the requirement to accept the prize.

2. It was noted that the roles write-ups were somewhat out of date and needed review for possible updating. All officers and chairs are asked to review their write-ups and submit drafts of changes to the next board meeting. Write-ups can be found on the Yahoo server or can be obtained from the Secretary. The write-ups should be 1) checked for accuracy, 2) bylaw information should be added if relevant, and 3) rules should be added at the end in the Policies and Rules section if relevant.

Program

This was a Daylily Bingo meeting. We played two games in the morning and one in the afternoon. Games involved the traditional row or diagonal, four corners, or cover every number. Great fun was had by all.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was presided over by the President, Kim Walters. There were 26 members present.

1. The bylaw change concerning NEDS membership was presented and it was passed unanimously.
2. All members were reminded that March 15th is the deadline for submission of material for the Region 4 newsletter. Material should be submitted to Coral Kincaid at cakincaid@bwr.eastlink.ca.
3. The nominating committee appointments were announced. The nominating committee, made up of Paul Bourret (Chair), Paul Tarmasewicz, Pat Wessling, and Mike Maher, will gather nominations for the election of officers and board members to be held at the December business meeting. Suggestions or volunteers for any of these offices should be brought to their attention.
4. The 2011 Region 4 meeting will be held in Ontario Canada, and is soliciting seedlings for the Stanley Saxton Seedling award. Those in the US can send their seedlings to Melanie Mason and she will get them across the border to the garden hosting the seedling bed. Contact Melanie at melanie@northcountrydaylilies.com or phone 518-753-0356 for more info.
5. Carl Harmon announced the winners of the babysitting plants. There were exactly 10 people interested so there was no drawing. NEDS will reimburse each sale up to \$100. All choices must be approved by Carl before purchase and must be purchased before the May meeting. All NEDS members are free to

use pollen from these plants, but no pods should be set on them.

6. Door prize plant winners were:
WHIP CITY FANCY FREE Mike Huben
WHIP CITY SLINKY SLIDE Jay Lefond
RING THE BELLS OF HEAVEN Dorothy Campbell

The following is a correction to the January winners:

ARIEL BENJAMIN Elsie Allen

7. We also drew for a beautiful set of daylily note cards produced and donated by Andrew Reilly and won by Terri Lafond. Thanks so much, Andrew.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

Program Notes



For our speakers on March 13, 2010 we have Charles and Heidi Douglas from Browns Ferry Gardens in Georgetown, South Carolina.



Charles has created some fabulous eyed daylilies as well as some beautifully sculpted daylilies with gorgeous ruffled edges.



H. 'Debordieu Beach' (C. Douglas 2010)



H. "Way Past The Boonies" (H. Douglas 2010)

All photos above by Douglas

Heidi has a different approach to hybridizing and is into eyed varieties and UFO forms and she is very impressive.

I saw Charles and Heidi speak at CDS a while back and let me tell you I did enjoy them both as speakers and they are the nicest people you would ever want to meet.

Both of these lovely people will charm you and then excite you with all their exquisite creations and just wait till you see what is to come from these remarkable hybridizers.



H. 'Pick of the Litter' (C. Douglas 2003)

--Lori-Ann Jones

July 14, 2010

Please keep this date open because there will be a NEDS Open Garden Tour in Western MA. Five (5) gardens will be available for you viewing pleasure and some are selling gardens for those who cannot resist buying that special cultivar.

More information will be in other issues and we are inviting all club members from the surrounding clubs to participate.

This is going to be a fun filled day!

--Lori Jones

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

Still looking for members who would like to write up a short, simple bio/garden piece for this spot.

March Door Prize Plants



SNAKE IN THE GRASS BOO

(Elizabeth Shooter 2003) Dormant, Diploid, Blooms midseason, Fragrant. 5 way branching, 36 buds, 40" scapes, 7" bloom. Dark huckleberry black-purple above a chartreuse throat. Still \$100 on the hybridizer's website.

STAR OVER OZ (Katie Herrington 2005)

Semi-evergreen, Diploid, reblooms, Fragrant. Blooms early midseason, 28" scapes, 8.5" bloom. UFO crispate-cascade. Purple with a star shaped yellow eye above a green throat.



Picture courtesy of Bobbie Brooks



SUGAR PLUM JAM (Bobbie Brooks 2004)

Dormant, Diploid, Blooms Midseason Late, UFO crispate, 35" scapes, 7" bloom. Plum with lighter veining above a green to gold throat. Value: \$25.

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