



NEDS Bulletin

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New England Daylily Society

Meeting Agenda for March 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 M-Z)
- 10:00 Guest Speaker: Mort Morss
- 12:00 Potluck Luncheon
- 1:00 Guest Speaker: David Kirchhoff
- 3:30 Clean- up (volunteers needed to help)

Upcoming meetings and activities:

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| 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:

The Groundhog may be right. I'm thinking we might be seeing some light at the end of the tunnel – spring. The last couple of storms were rain and not snow. I still have a couple of feet of snow in my front yard, but I can now stop at the top of my driveway and see over the banks. Makes me glad I bought PUNXSU-TAWNEY PHIL [Trimmer], maybe all springs will be early as long as he is in my garden (the other groundhogs can leave).

I want to thank those who were at the last meeting for making my father-in-law feel so welcome, especially Mike Huben. Mike gave a great talk on starting seeds and to really get us started, he gave away a bunch of seeds – thanks Mike! I hope this year to do better. I will not be using peat pots, and while I don't have tree trays, I will use something that allows for deep roots. Hopefully they will be strong enough to harden off and I will have a better survival rate. Maybe in a couple of years I'll have a garden full of bitones. Also, congratulations to our daylily bingo winners.

I'm really looking forward to this meeting; not only is it the spring pot luck, but both David Kirchoff and Mort Morss will be here. "The David" is well known for his reds and doubles and I think Mort's flowers with eye patterns are superb. After moving Daylily World from Florida a couple of years ago, they are now in Kentucky. I hope to be able to visit their new place – maybe around the time of next year's Ohio national. I still have a box of (20) Eureka's left. If you did not sign up (I have the list) it will be first come first serve.

I also wanted to take some time to talk about the August Auction. I would be very interested in why so few of our members have come to the auction in the last couple of years. This is one of our main fundraisers. We need our members' support at the auction with both plants and purchases.

If you can't get enough of Mort, he will also be a speaker at the Can -Am Classic in May. I've gone for the last 2 years and they put on a great show. There are a variety of speakers and an auction of plants as well as a boutique.

David is the speaker at our peak bloom regional, also in Toronto this summer. I'm looking forward to seeing the gardens and discovering new regional hybridizers. And the national is only 3 months away...

One great feature of the lily auction is you can set up a want list. It sends an email with the link to the auction page. I haven't ordered anything yet, but for once I have room to put new plants. I'm looking forward to getting some of the award of merit winners; I really like the look of WISPY RAYS. I also plan to relocate the cat garden first thing this spring. I have about 40 mostly clumps to move in to a new space. I want to use this as the test bed for Preen to see if it really keeps the weeds away. Now all I have to do is decide what goes next to what, and if there are any good annuals to intermix. I'm toying with the idea of becoming a display garden so I have to find a way to keep the weeds down.

Niobe was the fridge alarm, so it has been quieter with her passing until last month. I would give the kittens (now only Cappy and Earl like it) a little milk when ever I would make a cup of tea, which was usually just on the weekends. Every now and then I'll make some boxed macaroni and cheese. Well Cappy has figured out I put milk in it and was not amused she didn't get any. I ignored her loud wailing and attempts to climb into the fridge and started boiling the water. I had all my ingredients measured out. Then I had to go into the other room for something. We have one cat rule in the house, no cats on the counter tops. The cats humor us by not getting up in front of us, but we can hear the thud when they jump down. But it is (or was) rare enough to not worry about. You guessed it, when I came back into the food room (aka the kitchen) she was drinking out of the measuring cup. If that wasn't bad enough, she did the same thing to my husband a couple of days later when he was making an English muffin. But English muffins don't require milk — so she got into the butter!

Kim Walters

March Door Prize Plants



ABBEY PURPLE (Bouman 2010) (Round Midnight X Bela Lugosi) Tetraploid. 6.5" vibrant purple flowers, darker than pictured and impossible to photograph accurately. Hardy semi-evergreen with 38" scapes, 4-way branching, and 35 buds. Early midseason and early-opening flowers. Transmits the plant habit and branching that comes from two of the best purple parents. Fertile both ways. Value: \$75

Photo: Michael Bouman, Daylily Lay
www.daylilylay.com



PRELUDE TO PANOPLY

PRELUDE TO PANOPLY (Derrow 2008) Dormant, Tetraploid, Early bloom, 6" flowers, 34" scapes, Light salmon pink with very faint rose halo above green throat. (Pearl Harbor x Shimmering Elegance) Pollen fertile. Value: \$60.



TOAST AND JAM (Derrow, 2009) Tetraploid, Dormant, early-mid season bloomer, 22" tall (but close to 25" this past summer) with 3 laterals, 25 buds, 5.5" blooms. Easy pods, good pollen, excellent parent. (Eye On America X Angel's Smile) Value: \$75.

Photos of PRELUDE TO PANOPLY and TOAST AND JAM by Dave Mussar, Hillside Daylilies.
www.dave.mussar.com

Secretary's Report – February 12th, 2010

NEDS Board Meeting

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

Items not discussed at the business meeting:

1. August Sale – Contract arrangements are underway. At March meeting members will be asked for ideas as to how to increase membership turnout.
2. The activities chair asked to be given a prepaid money card to cover some speaker expenses such as gasoline and hotel costs. The board decided that the treasurer would give Pat a check in advance each month, if required for out of town speakers.
3. The topic of fund raisers was raised with examples such as a silent auction or a raffle as possibilities.
4. The board discussed and agreed that more NEDS members should be encouraged to speak or make presentations at meetings.

Program

In the morning, Mike Huben gave a presentation on the basics of starting seed. He brought hundreds of seeds with him and offered free seed to any member wishing to try growing them. Peggy Corbeil showed photos of her seedlings. Her breeding program is limited to tetraploids and she is working for near black blooms with white edges. The afternoon was filled with Daylily BINGO.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was presided over by the President, Kim Walters. There

were 35 people present.

1. Eureka's were delivered to those purchasing them.
2. Kim reminded all that the March meeting is the pot-luck meeting.
3. Pat Wessling gave out a DVD, "Daylily Addict", courtesy of Charles Dorsey.
4. BINGO Winners:
Jerry Robbins – ROCKY HORROR
Janet McOsker – VATICAN CITY
Kathy Viamari – STAR SEARCH
Peggy Corbeil – pollen/fan from Pat W.'s near black seedling
Jean Doherty – SEIZE THE NIGHT
Julie Maher - TBD

Door prize plant winners were:
MOUNT HERMAN GRACE Carl Wickstrom
MOUNT HERMAN INTRIGUE Christine Kann
JACOB'S PILLOW Carl Harmon

Many thanks to Adele for taking notes in my absence.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

From The Program Chair:

Hello All!

Pat Wessling here, still struggling through what seems like a never-ending winter. Well this upcoming meeting should be the most spectacular one of recent meetings! We have David Kirchhoff and Mort Morss coming!!

Mort will be presenting in the morning and David in the afternoon! They are NOT to be missed! They are both wonderful people and have not been to NEDS since Luddy Lambertson was a member! So it is a treat for them too! They will each have a wonderful program to show and we also will be

having the pot luck luncheon so we can all schmooze with them during that time also.

Hopefully we will be able to go through the botanic gardens indoors with them after the meeting and then off somewhere for a dinner if some of the members would like to spend some additional time with them. David and Mort moved their entire garden from Florida to Kentucky in the past few years and that should make for interesting conversation. David is truly entertaining and a foremost authority on all things AHS and daylily. He has given me a wealth of knowledge each and every time I have spoken to him. He is absolutely astounding! Mort is wonderful also and extremely accomplished and talented in many ways. We are very lucky to have them both coming!

Do what ever you can do to make this meeting!! They will surely entertain!! I cannot wait to see you all there!!! Be well all and stay warm!

Pat Wessling

From the May Auction Chair:

The May Sales and Auction is right around the corner, and this is a great opportunity for short term volunteering! Assistance would be great with the following:

3 persons of any age – Youth encouraged – to act as runners.

3 persons to help with invoices and check out.

1 person to help organize the plants to be auctioned (i.e., all of the same cultivar in one lot).

As always...auctioneers requested! Anyone who wants to try their hand at auctioneering, step on up!

TABLE RESERVATIONS:

Reservations must be made by April 25, 2011. No exceptions!!

Two changes have been made to table reservations:

1. You may reserve for yourself only. If you plan on sharing table space, I will need the other seller to call or email me to let me know their intent.
2. In order to ensure equal opportunity at table space, the number of tables allotted per seller may be restricted as necessary. This includes the possibility of having to drop down table numbers closer to the deadline.

PHYSICAL ALLOCATION OF TABLES:

Tables will be self allocated on a "first come, first serve" basis. Each seller will have a namecard to pick up on the morning of the auction that will match the number of tables requested. It is your responsibility to place your card on the table you want. Tables cannot be claimed by using plants, boxes, coffee cups, computers, cash boxes, or any other item.

I will not be at the March meeting, so please email me at weedingaway@cox.net or call me at (401) 290-8755 to reserve your table for sales.

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