



NEDS Bulletin

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Meeting Agenda for April 11, 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: **Keeping Track of Daylilies:** presentations by club members
- 12:00** Lunch break: Spring Pot Luck luncheon
- 1:00** Business meeting, drawing for door prize plants
- 1:30** Afternoon program: **Guest Speaker --Bret Clement**
- 3:30** Clean- up (volunteers needed to help)

Upcoming meetings and activities:

May 9: Member Plant Sale

July 17 - 19: Region 4 Regional convention in Buffalo, NY

July 26: NEDS Exhibition at Tower Hill

August 29: Public Plant Sale and auction

Nov.: Margo Reed and Jim Murphy

All meetings 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

While Daylilies may be the focus of my garden, I also grow some other perennials. So I really appreciated the morning's presentation from Leo Blanchette. A catmint that doesn't flop – that's one more I need to have. One day, when the mountain of mulch is gone, I'll move all the catmints and cat daylilies to that area. In the meantime, there's always room for more plants. I especially liked how he started his slides in spring and took us to fall.



March guest: Leo Blanchette

I also enjoyed the presentation about Heritage Garden. I'm already planning a trip there. The new "flume" being installed will end at the daylily garden, so this is a real opportunity for all of us to donate more modern daylilies and really upgrade the beds there. Dan is to be commended for spearheading this effort. When counting daylily noses this spring, see if there are any extra fans that you can send to Heritage Garden. Anything from 1990 on, with emphasis on more modern forms like spiders, is needed. Drop Dan an email (or call him) with a list so he can make sure there is no duplication. Dan will collect them at the May sale.



March guest: Jeannie Gillis

The early deadline has been canceled for the Florida National. As long as there is space (and the side trip busses up north have already filled up), they will honor the early bird price. I'm heading down a week early to see the sights with DH. As we are driving, the skies the limit on the number of gardens we could visit (I'm hoping to convince him we need to stop at a least 1 selling garden before we head back Sunday morning, I may have to trade a stopover in DC for that). I'm looking forward to heading up to Canada to the Can-Am Classic in a couple weeks (I hope everyone has sent their registration in as the early bird deadline ended April 1st). It will be my first time there and I can't wait to hear the speakers. It's also not too early to get in your registration for the summer peak bloom regional in Buffalo. The bus is starting to fill up, so make sure you let Dorothy know as soon as possible, as the bus is first come, first serve.

I've been making my final decision on what I'm ordering this year. I've got it down to three orders, but I'm still missing some AM winners. And there is only one cat daylily on my list. I'm really counting on our May sale to fill out my want list. I'm sure I'll see some must haves at the Can-Am Classic and the National. I've expanded my garden to include the other side of the walkway I put in couple years ago, so this year I have space. But I still have to decide what need to be moved where. When I can't tell on walkabout which of the two purples next to each other is which, it's time to move one of them!

Finally, it looks like spring is starting to arrive. Soon I'll be able to open the windows – well maybe some of them. The littlest cat (my tortie, Cappuccino) loves to sneak out the holes she makes in the window screens. I bought one of those sliding screens for the window that the air conditioner goes in (the holder doesn't allow a normal screen). She has learned if she whaps it hard enough it will pop out and then out she goes... Luckily she hangs around the yard. Last Memorial Day we visited my family in Vermont, who knows how long she was outside. That one is too smart for her own good.

--Kim

April Pot Luck:

It's that time again, the spring potluck. Some people signed up at our last meeting, but we still need main courses, salads and desserts. This is our first time at Tower Hill, but there are still no refrigerators or microwaves. Crock-pots should be plugged in the

back kitchenish area. Remember, it is a \$10 charge if you don't bring anything. Questions or need ideas of what to bring - call Kim at 603-275-0488 or email ownedbycats@comcast.net

April Program Notes

On April 11, 2009, Sandra Schaider of our Executive Board will be heading up the morning program of "Keeping Track of Daylilies".

(Taken in part from the March Bulletin)

"The information that people want to record tends to relate to the reasons why these people grow daylilies; however, goals can change, and we all would like to have a great system that can store some basics, that is easy to use and also easy to read.

Come to the meeting and get some ideas or explain to others what you are doing and how well it works for you."

Some of the best meetings I have attended have been where people interact and share as much information about a given topic as possible, so I am looking forward to the morning meeting. I'm still not too old to learn.....

Our speaker for the afternoon meeting will be Bret Clement from Carmel, Indiana.

Bret Clement has been hybridizing for many years and introduced his drop dead gorgeous daylilies for the first time in 2005. There will be something for everyone's pleasure since Bret hybridizes for Dips, Tets, Round, Spiders, UFs, Eyed, Edges and Selfs.

He is also a co-author of "Caught In The Web", Spiders & UFs, 2006 and his contribution, Chapter 7, is entitled 'Northern Hardy Spiders and Unusual Forms'. Should we have a book signing?

I am looking forward to Bret's program and for those who just love magnificent, elegant and dazzling daylilies, Bret has agreed to let some of his intros be auctioned off with a delivery in the spring.

Lori Jones
Program Co-Chair

Secretary's Report – March 14, 2009

Board Meeting

The board meeting convened at 9:15 with Paul and Lisa Bourret absent.

The board discussed the following items not presented at the business meeting.

1. Since THBG does not schedule any society meetings on the Columbus weekend, the board voted to move the meeting one-week earlier for 2009 and 2010. (Subsequently THBG notified me that in 2009, only the following weekend, the 17th, was available.). For dates when only the theater and room C are available, the board voted to request room C only. For the January 10th, 2010, meeting, we will be in room C also due to another conflict.
2. Dan discussed the bus to the region 4 meeting. Tentative pickup places are Ludlow MA and Framingham MA. When plans are firm, Kim Walters will notify the Patriot Daylily Society and Gary Jones, and Paul Bourret will notify the two Maine societies.

Program

The morning program was presented by Leo Blanchette on perennials. The afternoon program was presented by Jeanie Gillis from Heritage Museum and Gardens. Both programs were excellent and very informative. Heritage Museum and Gardens has extended an invitation to all NEDS members to visit free of charge. Just email or call Jeanie Gillis in advance and she will leave tickets at the gate for you.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was presided over by the President, Kim Walters. There were 40 members present including one new member Jean Doherty, welcome Jean.

The following items were discussed:

1. The treasurer presented both the 2008 treasurer's report and the 2009 proposed budget. Both were approved.
2. A request was made for someone to audit the finances and Len Schaider again volunteered. Thanks, Len.
3. The president listed some deadlines for registration forms for various meetings:

- National – has been extended to until all rooms are gone
 - Regional – June 1st for reduced rates
 - Can-Am Classic – April 1st
4. Dan discussed the bus trip and said that details will be in the next newsletter.
 5. Dan discussed the Exhibition in July. He discussed giving each judge a gift of \$50 for travel expenses since a judge is prohibited from asking for payment. The members approved such a gift. He asked for volunteers to staff the show. Jim Brennan and Jocelyn Spragg volunteered to be placement runners, and Jim Brennan, Jocelyn Spragg, John and Debra Ballew, and Sandra Schaider volunteered to be clerks (he needs 8). Dorothy Campbell will again certify cultivar information.
 6. Door prize plants winners were:

COCKTAIL HOUR	Sally Ann King
FIBRE OPTICS	Elaine Wickstrom
FOOL'S PARADISE	Larry Jones
FREE TO BE	Dan Pessoni
HAYFIELD GOOD TIMES	Marilee Ruuska

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

Bus to Buffalo Daylily Safari

July 17 - July 19, 2009

There are still 20 seats left on our bus to Buffalo. The only charge for this trip is a donation for the driver's gratuity.

The bus will leave at Friday, 7/17, at 7:30 a.m. sharp from Millbury/ Worcester Park & Ride, Mass Pike exit 10A, and stop at Ludlow Park & Ride, Mass Pike exit 7 at 8:15 a.m.

On Friday's trip, we will visit Tom and Kathy Rood's Seneca Lake Garden in Penn Yan, NY, early in the afternoon for about one hour. Tom promises a beautiful view of Seneca Lake, door prize plants, and refreshments.

On Sunday's return trip, we will visit Melody Campbell's garden in Fairport, NY. The bus should be back in Millbury by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Much more information will be provided in the summer newsletter.

If you haven't already signed up for this trip, you'll be missing a wonderful time!!

Dan Pessoni
Bus Coordinator



'Just As I Am' (Carpenter-J., 2006)

DOUBLE TAKE By Sandra Schaider

One morning last summer, while making the daily round of chasing nectar-crazed ants out of my daylily flowers to take their photographs, I came across this bloom and could not believe my eyes. How is that, six males and *two* females? After taking this photo, I removed the sepals, petals and male stamens for a closer look.

Ever since, curious as to whether I had found a flower with 2 complete female structures, I finally asked Sue Bergeron of the AHS Scientific Studies Committee and Mike Huben, NEDS Scientific Committee Chair. From my photos, these people both concluded that the 3-part ovary, which is normally fused, was separated at its top, so that what is shown in this photo is one-third and two-thirds of a single style from a single ovary.

So maybe not such a rare find after all, but how often do you see something like this... and how strange that it happened to a flower called *Hemerocallis* 'Just As I Am'.

May 9th Members Sale and Auction

Spring is here and that means the May 9th Members Sale and Auction is only a few weeks away! Do you need some space for those winter acquisitions or clumps that need dividing? The May sale and auction is the perfect opportunity to make room and help support NEDS.

Our May sale and auction has been moved to our usual meeting rooms A&B. The larger room means we can have more tables available for Sellers. If you would like to sell or have already reserved the one table and would like more, please call or email me with the number of tables you would like reserved. Tables must be reserved by May 1st due to the need to notify Tower Hill for set-up.

While having the larger room will work much better it does have one drawback - carpeted floors. Therefore ALL plants for the sale and auction will need to be cleaned, bagged and labeled bareroot or bagged pots - the plastic grocery bags work well provided they don't have holes. Sellers will be responsible for cleaning their sales area. Disposable tablecloths will be provided to make this easier.

If you have questions or need to reserve tables, I will be at the April meeting or you can email cnbrich@together.net, or phone 802-785-2916.

--Charmaine Rich

FALL IS COMING!

Seems a long way off to you? Believe me - fall will be here before you know it. While you are out strolling through your daylilies and watching them emerge, think of which clumps will need dividing and what some of your favorites are that you could donate to the August auction and sales tables. We are going to need your help and daylilies more than ever this year. With NEDS being at Tower Hill and the increase of potential customers, it means that we could be positively over run with folks wanting daylilies. Let's not disappoint them.

--Harold Cross – August Auction Chairman

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



Susan Stowe - Hospitality Chairperson

I grew up in Oxford, Massachusetts on farm with cows and pigs and everything else. It was a great beginning and those days working with my dad are still, these many years later, some of my very best memories. Later, I would do my undergraduate work at Springfield College and go on to spend over 30 years in education. After I married, in 1971, my father-in-law brought me a shovel full of daylilies as a present for our new home. I delighted in them, and thought them special from the very beginning.

When we moved to a new home, a couple of years later, I dug them up and brought them with me. I was always gravitating towards perennials, adding Japanese iris, bearded iris, astilbe, hollyhocks, peonies, and many others to my garden. But it was always the daylilies that held my interest most. Every year I added to my collection.

About ten years ago, I saw a TV show about hybridizing and I found that very interesting. I thought right then and there that when I retire, I am going to put that on my to do list. I started seriously in 2005. I presently have 700 plants in the ground from 2007, and 2000 seeds from 2008 that will go in this spring. Originally, I was most interested in color. But I have changed my emphasis now to classic round form, heavy substance, medium height, and good branching. Color has been relegated to last. I have learned that a lot of listening, research, and careful selecting are most important. I have always been interested in science and math,

and organizational endeavors. Hybridizing has provided a practical activity utilizing these interests. It was recommended to me that I join NEDS to network with other growers. I am in my 3rd year of membership, and very glad that I did.



My family, daylilies, and quilting, just about cover my interests at this point. In 2002, we built a "garden house" as it was becoming increasingly clear that a dedicated space was needed to store supplies and equipment for the plants. This past summer, we added a new barn, as even more space was needed.



Hill Hollow Daylily Farm was established to promote and accommodate my interests and to sell selected plants. I hold a plant sale in the spring that has become popular locally. I also produce raspberry jam from plants given to me by my dad many years ago, and bread and butter pickles from our vegetable stock. My husband says that I am the hardest working and most committed worker that he has ever seen. I do know that I often find myself, in season, in the gardens from first light until dusk. There are few places that I would rather be. As you all know, it takes a lot of dedication to produce plants that reflect your goals and interest.

I also maintain a strong interest in antique quilts, I make reproductions of antique quilts, restore them using authentic period material and techniques. I also collect them, and teach classes and workshops about them.

I am a life long resident of Massachusetts, with two married children, both residing in New Hampshire.

I remember that my high school yearbook said that I was quiet, reserved; yet always willing to serve. As I reflect back, that was probably pretty accurate. I presently have 400 registered daylilies at Hill Hollow.

Get in Shape for Gardening



From the AHS Internet Robin,
Submitted by Fran Harding

Tim, a friend of mine sent me the following exercise to help me, and others over 55 get in shape. You may find it helpful in preparing for the new daylily season.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks. Then try 50-lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.
Hope this helps.

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DOOR PRIZE PLANTS



HAYFIELD SPECKLES

(Lorrain/Lycett 2006) Tet
34" Mla-RE-FR-Dor 6"
Speckled lavender polychrome
above yellow throat; 18 buds,
4 branches. **Value: \$25**



HEATHER BRYSLAN

(Lorrain/Lycett 2006) Tet
29" M-FR-Dor 6"
Red self above yellow-green throat;
26 buds, 4 branches. **Value: \$45**

(All photographs courtesy of
We're In The Hayfields Now)



Happy Spring!
Elaine & Carl



MIDNIGHT ICE

(Lorrain/Lycett 2006) Tet
21" M-FR-Dor 5.5"
Pale cream self above chartreuse
green throat; 9 buds, 2 branches.
Value: \$30



NO ONE BUT YOU

(Lorrain/Lycett 2006)
34" EM-FR-Dor 5"
Crimson red self above yellow-green
throat; 18 buds, 3 branches.
Value: \$40



WHIMSICAL WONDER

(Lorrain/Lycett 2004) Tet
27" Mla VFr-Dor 6"
Lavender pink with gold edge
above chartreuse green throat;
17 buds, 3 branches. **Value: \$25**

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