



American Hemerocallis Society, Region 4

April 2013

NEDS Meeting Agenda: April 13

9:00 Set- up for hospitality
(volunteers needed to help)

9:00 Board meeting

9:30 Social time (Food donations
from members, last names M-Z)
*Please label any baked goods containing
nuts for those who have nut allergies.*

10:00 Daylily BINGO
Presentation by Dan Pessoni
on

12:00 **Potluck Lunch**

1:00 ***Elizabeth Shooter*** of
Marietta Gardens, Marietta, OH

3:30 Clean- up
(volunteers needed to help)

Upcoming NEDS events!

May 11

**NEDS May Plant Sale,
First Parish Congregational
Church, Wakefield, MA**

Details and directions are on the NEDS

website, www.nedaylily.org

All meetings held at Tower Hill Botanic Garden
11 French Drive, Boylston, Mass
See <http://www.towerhillbg.org> for directions.

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help defray the cost of printing and postage.*

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Hemerocallis 'Cracklin' Fire' (Shooter, E.) at
Marietta Gardens, June, 2012*

April Door Prize Plants



EVIL GNOME, Murphy 2011: height 45in (114cm), bloom 6in (15.0cm), season EM, Semi-Evergreen, Diploid, 27 buds, 3 branches, Cream with light purple jagged eyezone, narrow purple edge on petals, chartreuse throat. (Grey Witch × Jack Carpenter sdlg)



WHIP CITY WOWZIE, L. Jones 2011: height 42in (107cm), bloom 7.5in (19.0cm), season E, Dormant, Tetraploid, 22 buds, 5 branches, Unusual Form Crispate, Red with a purple overlay and a large yellow to green throat. (sdlg × sdlg)



SHENANDOAH SUNRISE, Reed 2012: 48" La 5.5" dormant, diploid. Rosy lavender with rose wine eye zone, gold cream throat feathering out onto the eye zone in rays. This tall, rather late daylily has great branching (4-way) and good bud count. It makes a stunning clump with the glowing throat and sunray pattern. It is out of FROZEN MERT X PLANET MAX. Pod and pollen fertile.

President's Message

Thanks to all who found time to attend our March meeting, and to Paul Bourret who organized and ran the NEDS members' photo contest. All those beautiful photos of blooms and gardens surely made me long for spring ---and summer even more. Thanks also to Program chair, George Viamari, for scheduling and making travel arrangements for our guest speaker, Tom Polston. I thought Tom's presentation was marvelous and that the diversity of seedlings that he produces is stunning.

At April's NEDS meeting we'll have Daylily BINGO, a presentation by Dan Pessoni on

the Pot Luck Luncheon and hear a presentation by hybridizer Elizabeth Shooter of Marietta Gardens in North Carolina.

There will be a fee for the BINGO cards: \$5 each card or \$10 for 3 cards. All proceeds go to NEDS.

Don't forget that our May sale is coming up fast---the date of the sale is May 11th and it will be held at the First Parish Congregational Church in Wakefield, MA. Details can be found on the neds website, www.nedaylily.org.

Sign up your garden to the 2013 Open Gardens list. No need to deadhead, just plan to be home on any one or all four of the dates listed on page

I hope to see you at the April 13th NEDS meeting!

Adele Keohan

From our April speaker...



I grew up in Marietta, NC with daylilies in my backyard. We also had greenhouses with orchids and annuals. Daylilies have been a part of my life since I was a child. I remember going out in the yard before school to hybridize. It was exciting and I seemed to lean towards the lavender blues. I've continued to hybridize daylilies as an adult in the summers and I also teach kindergarten. At the end of the year I always give each student a daylily. I have received a few pictures from former students when their daylily blooms. Excitement on a child's face is priceless!

----Elizabeth Shooter

April Auction Plants



At Left:

A Walk To Remember (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2010). 28" M Reb Frag Fert Noc Ext Dor. (Mapping North Dakota x Hand Of Faith). 5 ¼" Diploid. A green heart extending to a lemon yellow throat. Three-way branching, 18 buds. \$100



Butterfly Whimsy (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2011). 30" M Reb V Frag Noc Ext Sev. (Blue Oasis x Blue Boundries) x Big Chill). 4 ¼" Diploid. A great flower for breeding taller and larger flowers in eye patterns. It is extremely pod fertile. Six-way branching, 36 buds. DF \$100



Hand of Faith (John Shooter, 2010). 36" ML Reb Frag Fert Noc Ext Sev. (Embroidery Stitching x Seedling). 7" Diploid. Intense green throat radiates through a blush peach self. Incredible ruffling with gold edges. Gold veining and lovely creping. Pod and pollen fertile, a diploid breeders dream. Form is full, flat and round. Five-way branching, 30 buds. \$100



Life of Faith (John Shooter, 2011) 28" E Reb Frag Noc Ext Dor (One Life To Live x Royal Pink Twist). 6" Diploid. The excellent bright green throat contrast with coral self. Great heavy substance, diamond dusting. Petals are ruffled with a thin gold wire edge. Form is opened and recurved. Three-way branching, 14 buds. DF \$100



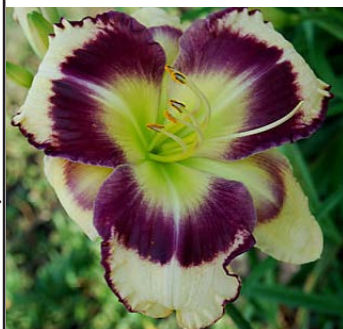
Muscadine Wine (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2012). 48" EM Reb Frag Fert Noc Ext Sev. (Seedling x Shuffle the Deck). 8" Diploid. A prominent lime green and golden throat enhance the gold strips that streak through the muscadine grape petals and sepals. Black veining and feathered ruffling. Sunfast, diamond dusting. Muscadine Wine has produced future seedlings with unique traits and eye patterns. Three-way branching, 18 buds. \$125



Silver Rain (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2011). 34" M Reb Noc Ext Pod Fert Dor. (Stoking The Fire x Seedling). 5 ¼" Diploid. Unique bitone with a great balance of color and clarity. The green heart extends to a chartreuse throat. Lavender-rose petals have a deeper eye and darker lavender veining. Creamy edges loop, twist, and curl. Form is triangular and overlapped. Five-way branching, 24 buds. DF \$100



Soul of the South (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2011). 28" M Reb Noc Ext Dor. (A Friend To All x Seedling). 6" Diploid. Lovely rose lavender petals are enwrapped with pleated bold cream edging and cream veining. Vivid green heart extends to lemon cream blush with lighter painted halo. Cream midribs, diamond dusted and thick bubbling ruffles. Form is overlapped and recurved. This distinctive color range offers extensive opportunities in pattern breeding. Pod fertile and sun fast. Excellent clarity. Four-way branching, 18 buds. DF \$125



America the Brave (John Shooter, 2012). 28" M Reb Frag Pod Fert Noc Ext Dor. (With A Kiss x Seedling). 5 1/2" Diploid. Honoring our brave troops who protect our freedom. This green heart extends to vibrant yellow with a purple wash. The purple eye wraps around the petal edges. Slight ruffling. Form is overlapped and triangular. Outstanding. Four-way branching, 22 buds. \$100

Auction Plants Cont'd



Catch the Glow (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2012). 36" EM Reb Frag Ext Noc Sev. (Bangles To Jangle x Seedling). 8" - 1 3/4" - 1". Diploid. Happy looking flower with a big smiling face!! This medium purple crispate radiates into a deep indigo purple eye. The chartreuse throat reaches midway through the flower. White midribs, darker purple veining. Form is open with curling sepals. Three-way branching, 18 buds. \$100



Coco's Bliss (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2012). 44" M Reb Noc Ext Sev. (Stargate Portal x Shuffle the Deck). 8" Diploid. Trying to describe this flower was challenging not due to its beauty, but instead for Coco our cat. The smell and form of the flower was so intoxicating to her that she kept trying to eat the petals before I could finish the description. The green throat becomes chartreuse and bursts into the frosty purple eye zone overlaid with sliver edging. Diamond dusting and delicate ruffles. Five-way branching, 30 buds. \$100



Loopy Loo (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2012). 49" M Reb Pod Fert Dor. (Island Music x Seedling). 10" Diploid. The lime green throat has splashes of yellow sunlight. Purple-lavender eye zone extends into lavender petals edged in cream. Darker veining and diamond dusted. Form is open with curling sepals. Excellent height and well branched scapes. Never leans. Five-way branching, 26 buds. \$100



Give A Hoot (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2012). 40" E Reb Frag Noc Ext Sev. (Crackling Fire X Seedling). 5 1/2" Diploid. Creamy tan petals are brushed with lavender patterns on the smoky lavender eye. The deep wide radiating green throat extends to a yellow-lavender brushed effect. The sepals are quite thin and are lined with lavender and tan tips. Diamond dusting. Form is open, very flat and consistent. Four-way branching, 20 buds. \$75



Marietta Fire Ball (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2012). 29" EM Reb Noc Ext Dor. 07-SE73. 5 1/2" - 1 1/2" - 1" Diploid. This is hot ball of raspberry fire! It has a starburst green throat and crisp white midribs with deep green veining. Rippling ruffles, heavily diamond dusted and heavy substance complete this starburst effect. Form is open with recurved sepals. Unique breeder for green throats and great plant habits. Seven-way branching, 43 buds. \$100



Marietta Red Wagon (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2012). 33" Late Reb Frag Noc Ext Dor. 06-D1113. (Humble Heart x Shuffle the Deck). 8" - 1 1/8" - 1". Diploid. This dark red variant has a tremendous green throat extending to chartreuse-white. The red wash intertwines with the flowers distinctive throat. The edge of the petals have a slight blue-purple sheen. Form is an open wheel of turning spinning petals and sepals. Four-way branching, 24 buds. \$75



Secret Window (John Shooter, 2012). 38" E Reb Frag Noc Ext Sev. 05-0001. (Sour Puss X Hand of Faith). 8" - 3 1/2" - 2 1/8". Diploid. The green throat adds splendor to this amazing flat and large polychrome. The flower has both yellow and mandarin veining. The ruffles are tight, yet loop and bound. Diamond dusted and oh so stunning. Three-way branching, 14 buds. \$100



Sunset Rays (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2012). 37" M Reb Frag Noc Ex Dor. (Heaven Waits for Me x Lily Munster). 10" Diploid. Watching a sunset you see a facet of coloration. This sunset states power and grace. The green throat extends midway through flower. The eyezone is tangerine and then becomes mauve, lavender, and blush with tangerine veining. Form is open with twisting sepals. Stunning. Four-way branching, 19 buds. \$75



Whipped Chocolate (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2012). 45" M Reb Frag Pod Fert Ext Dor. (Moroccan Sapphire x Seedling). 7" Diploid. This exclusive bi-tone has milky lavender-chocolate sepals and lavender petals distinguished with cream edging. Darker lavender veining, feathered silvery ruffling. The green throat extends to chartreuse. Petals slightly pinch and sepals recurve and curl. Whipped Chocolate has a unique throat that complements this distinctive bi-tone. Four-way branching, 24 buds. \$100

Auction Plants Cont'd



Eyes Bright (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2013). 42" M Reb POD AND POLLEN FERTILE Noc Ext Dor. 5 ½" Diploid. The green throat has beautiful starbursts of white lines trickling throughout the petals and sepals. A wash of raspberry distinguishes this tall and fertile creamy blush. Delicate ruffling, diamond dusted. Form is open, recurved, and triangular. Six-way branching, 37 buds. \$100



Tides Of Time (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2013). 38" M Reb POD AND POLLEN FERTILE Frag Noc Ext Dor. (Seedling x Stack The Deck). 05-9061. 7" - 1 ¼" - 7/8" Diploid. This deep ruby red flower has a chartreuse green throat with golden midribs extending to the tips of the petals. Twirling sepals and petals add a touch of magic. Feathered ruffles on petals. Form is open. Four-way branching, 26 buds. \$75



Meow Moment (John Shooter, 2013). 33" M Reb POD AND POLLEN FERTILE Frag Noc Ext Dor. 6" Diploid. This light mocha flower has a lavender purple eye that is also lining the outside of the petals. Chartreuse lime throat, diamond dusted, white midribs. Form is triangular and recurved. Five-way branching, 32 buds. \$100



Unforgettable Eye (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2013). 32" M Reb Frag POD AND POLLEN FERTILE Noc Ext Sev. 06-D7821. 5" - 3" - 2" Diploid. The green heart extends to a round yellow center. Almost a mystery to describe... the funky eyezone intertwines with sky and a darker lavender color. Petals and sepals near the tips have a rosy mauve look. Ruffles are all tight, loose, and rippled. Form is triangular and overlapped. Four-way branching, 19 buds. \$75



Peacock Tale (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2013). 42" M Feb POD AND POLLEN FERTILE Noc Ext Sev. 7 ½" Diploid. This flower has a lavender feathering pattern on the edges of the petals and a strong purple color near the center. Lavender midribs and sepals. The green chartreuse throat leads to a crisp lemon. Form is open and recurved. Six-way branching, 34 buds. \$125



Tango Dos (Elizabeth O. Shooter, 2013). 36" M Reb POD AND POLLEN FERTILE Noc Ext Dor. 4 ½" Diploid. The tight green throat leads to a crimson center. The petals and sepals depict extreme vivid color not often found in the dailily world. Fire... Fire... Fire red. Form is triangular with recurved sepals. Five-way branching, 27 buds. \$75

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Secretary's Report – March 9th, 2013

NEDS Board Meeting

Attendance: Adele, Tom, Paul B., Paul T., Kim, Susan

All items discussed at the board meeting were also discussed at the business meeting (see below).

Programs

The morning program was the member's photo contest.

Photo contest winners were:

Mike Huben- Category 1-Single flower.

Marlene Harmon- Category 2-

Landscapes and Garden art.

Claudia Conway- Category 3- Clump or cluster.

Marlene Harmon- Category 4- Seedling.

Mike Huben- Category 5- Daylily People, Pets & Wildlife.

[Visit the NEDS website, www.nedaylily.org

to see the winning photos!]

The afternoon program was a presentation by Tom Polston of Pleasant Valley Gardens in Dayton Ohio.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was presided over by the President, Adele Keohan. There were 51 people present.

1. The president discussed holding the regional meeting in 2015 or 2016, depending on whether or not Connecticut takes the meeting in 2015.
2. We discussed asking Massachusetts gardens to be open gardens on July 13, 17, 31 and August 3. These are Wednesdays and Saturdays.
3. It was decided that the August sale

will be at the same location as the May Sale in Wakefield.

4. Elizabeth Shooter will be our speaker in April.
5. Door prize plant winners were:
HEAVENS TO MURGATROYD
Lily Pendleton
CRABTREE FALLS
Susan Stowe
WHIP CITY DAYDREAM
Anna Wilken
6. Thanks to both Adele Keohan and Paul Bourret for taking notes in the Secretary's absence.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Acting Secretary

POT LUCK LUNCH!

It's that time of year again, the annual spring pot-luck. We need soda, soup, salads main courses, and dessert!

Remember there are no refrigerators or stoves at Tower Hill. If you can't bring anything to eat, please bring me \$10.

Kim Walters

2013 Open Gardens

Last year, the Connecticut Daylily Society scheduled dates on which their members' gardens would be open for visitors, This year, CDS is coordinating their open garden program with NEDS and other Massachusetts daylily clubs. If you live in one of the New England states and would like to participate, please read on...

It's informal! No need to deadhead!

Unlike an AHS display garden or regional tour garden, where deadheading is expected before visitors arrive, our **informal** open garden program's objective is to give folks an easy and convenient opportunity to visit other members' gardens.

You do not need to have your daylily cultivars labeled

You are not required to provide refreshments for visitors.

As a visitor, there's no need for you to call ahead provided you visit on the established open garden dates and times.

When?

The dates for participating Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island or Vermont gardens to be open to visitors:

**Sat. July 13, Wed. July 17,
Wed July 31, and Sat. Aug. 3rd**

[Participating Connecticut Gardens will be open to visitors on the following dates:

Sat. July 6, Wed. July 10, Wed. July 24, Sat. July 27]

We will start finalizing the list of all participating open gardens by late Spring for circulation to NEDS members by mid-June at the latest.

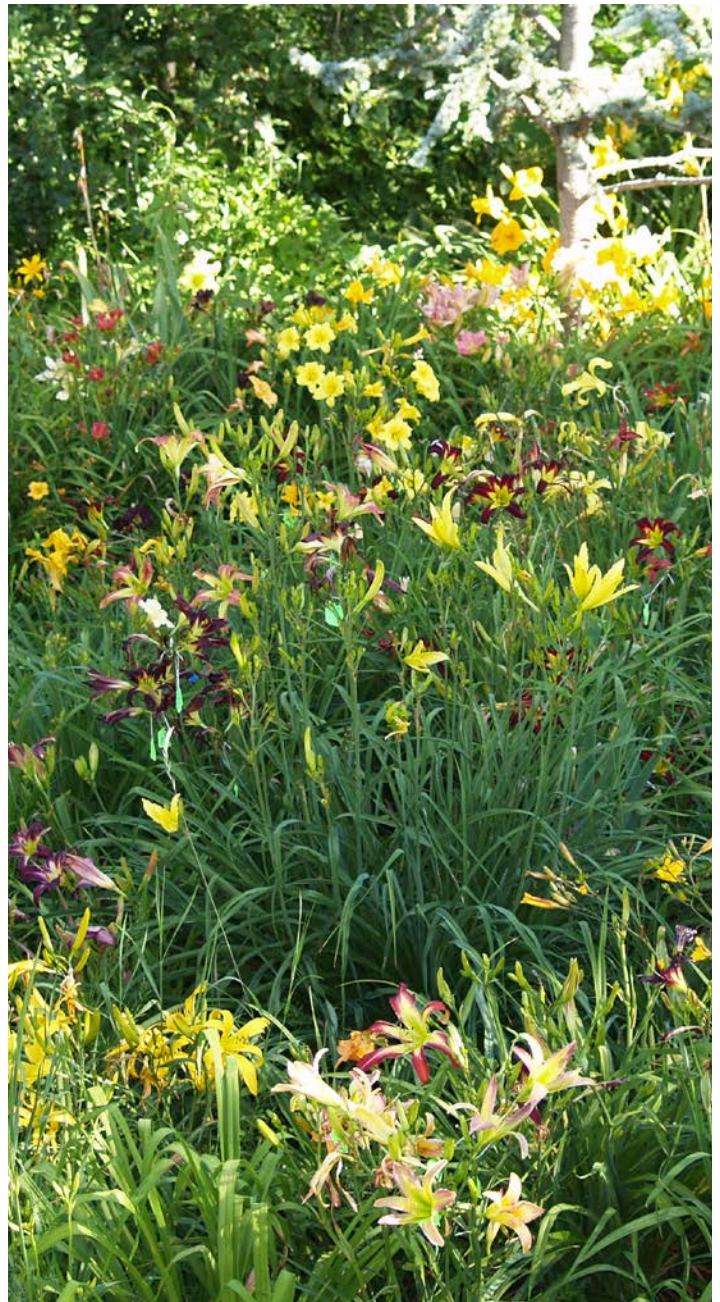
Folks wishing to participate can sign-up for one or multiple dates to have their gardens open and we will circulate a list of gardens open on each date

for reference by club members when organizing trips.

Start thinking now about signing up your garden in the Spring for one or more of the 2013 open garden dates.

To have your garden included on the 2013 Summer Open Garden list for one or more of the four dates listed at left, please sign up at the April NEDS meeting or email Adele Keohan at akgabriel22@comcast.net

Please supply your full name, address, email or phone number and the dates on which you are willing to open your garden to visitors.



THINK SPRING, NEDS members.

Also THINK MAY SALE.

**It's time to get ready for our annual NEDS May member and public sale,
Saturday, May 11.**

**Doors will open at 9 AM for sellers to set up. Members only sale will be
from 10 – 10:30 AM and open to the public at 10:30 – 12:30. Auction
starts at 12:30. Auction and sales to be completed by 3PM.**

**As usual we need people to sell plants, people to buy plants, people to
work at the sale: set up, auctioneers, runners, clean up and others.**

**To those who may not be aware, we have had to move our location to a
new site but fortunately it's only a short distance from last year's site.
The May sale will be held at the First Parish Congregational Church,
1 Church St, Wakefield, MA 01880 The directions will be in the May
bulletin.**

Tell your friends and everyone you know about this sale.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS ONE OF OUR TWO MAJOR
FUNRAISERS FOR THE YEAR. THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP NEEDS
TO BE INVOLVED.**

**Tables need to be reserved in advance. Please contact me to reserve
your tables as space may be limited.**

Thanks, in advance for all your help.

Paul Tarmasewicz

May Sale Chairman

Tel: 978-340-4077

Email: paka1968@comcast.net

2013 Bingo Prize Plants

WHIP CITY SHOW STOPPER (Jones-L., 2007) height 30", bloom 7", blooms Early-Midseason, Evergreen, Tetraploid, 15 buds, 2-3 way branching, Unusual Form Cascade. This beautiful exciting red daylily has magnetism and can be seen from across the garden. What a show stopper! The curling is consistent on both the petals and the sepals. Some days it even tightens up more than expected making this beauty look round instead of an Unusual Form until you see it sideways. The yellow to green throat just adds to its showiness. WHIP CITY SHOW STOPPER, as a clump, started blooming before the Fourth of July and ended blooming the beginning of August, with over a month of enjoyment. (Spider Man × Long Stocking) Pod and pollen fertile. Hardy in Zone 5. Value: \$40



PEAK EXPERIENCE (Reed, 2010) height 56", bloom 8", blooms Midseason Late, Dormant, Diploid, 20 buds, 3 way branching. Large, out-facing, silvery lavender-pink bloom with a cream appliqué watermark above a cream throat. Fast grower. Fertility unknown. Value: \$40



SPOKEN IN PARABLES (Emmerich 2010) height 26", bloom 5", blooms Midseason, Reblooms, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid, Early Morning Opener, Fragrant, 25 buds, 4 way branching. Peach-pink with a soft red eye and edge above a lime green throat. ((Intelligent Design × (sdlg × Desperado Love)) × (Cherry Valentine × (sdlg × Tet. Dragons Eye))). Pod and pollen fertile. Value: \$100



WHIP CITY WHIMSIE (Jones-L., 2010) height 35", bloom 7.5", blooms Early Midseason, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid, Fragrant, 15 buds, 3-4 way branching, Unusual Form Crispate-Twisting. It's a chameleon: in the morning, it starts off with a lovely shade of lavender and a hint of an eye above an intense yellow to green throat. By the afternoon, the sun turns it into a lovely pale rose red daylily. The petals and the sepals twist and curl and do their own thing from day to day. Keep it shaded or put it in the sun and enjoy WHIP CITY WHIMSIE for summers to come. (Chicago Royal × Long Stocking) Pod and pollen fertile. Hardy in zone 5. Value: \$60





NORTH GARDEN MAGIC (Murphy 2012) height 45", bloom 7", blooms Midseason Late, Dormant, Diploid, 19 buds, 2 way branching. Rose-pink with yellow midribs above a vivid green throat. The flowers are Unusual Form Cascade and Very Recurved. Strong bud builder. Sun resistant and showy. (MAGIC OF OZ x NORTH WIND DANCER) Pod and pollen fertile. Value: \$100



CRABTREE FALLS (Reed 2011) height 38", bloom 8", blooms Midseason, Dormant, Diploid, 16 buds, 2 way branching, Spider Ratio 4.80:1, Cascading Spider. Cherry red fading to rose with cream midribs above a cream gold to green throat. Tailored and recurved. (Unknown x Unknown) Fertility unknown. Value: \$50

CELEBRATING GOLD (Murphy 2011) height 53", bloom 6.5", blooms Midseason Late, Reblooms, Dormant, Diploid, 18 buds, 2 way branching, Unusual Form Cascade, 100% sunfast. Diamond dusted, Light gold with lighter midribs. The spent blooms and buds are also gold, making it a pleasing back of the border plant. ((Sunny Son x Jersey Jim) x Luna) Pod and pollen fertile. Value: \$60



STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND (Emmerich 2012) height 24", bloom 5", blooms Midseason Late, Reblooms, Dormant, Tetraploid, Fragrant, 15 buds, 3 way branching. Violet-grape with a blue-lavender eye and edge, trimmed in ivory above a yellow to green throat. Good grower and increaser that blooms for at least a month. ((Filled to Overflowing x ((sdlg x Tet. Lavender Blue Baby) x Heartbeat of Heaven))) x (((Pirate Lady x Tet. Lavender Blue Baby) x (Uppermost Edge x sdlg)) x ((Regal Majesty x Clothed in Glory) x Heartbeat of Heaven))) Pod and pollen fertile. Value: \$75



SKIN OF MY TEETH (Emmerich 2012) height 26", bloom 6", blooms Midseason, Reblooms, Semi-Evergreen, Tetraploid, Fragrant, 15 buds, 3 way branching, Dark purple, etched faint dark lavender eye and edge plus ivory or ivory gold sharks teeth above a yellow to green throat. Very hardy; rapid increaser; great in the rain. Usually blooms into September. Stunning when at its best. Heavy dew will cause it to spot periodically (see website), so this one got introduced by the "skin of its teeth" based on its good days and because it is an outstanding parent for beautiful clear colors with sharks teeth. (((Chance Encounter × Shaka Zulu) × ((Fortune's Dearest × Lifting Me Higher) × Doyle Pierce)) × (Heartbeat of Heaven × sdlg)) Pod and pollen fertile.

Value: \$125



WHIP CITY TICKLES ME FANCY (Jones-L., 2012) height 48", Bloom 8.5", Tetraploid, Dormant, blooms Midseason Late, 17 buds, 5 way branching, no fragrance. Unusual Form Cascade. The color is a pale to medium orange with a darker orange halo above a green throat. Excellent complimentary color combination. Hardy to zone 5. (Whip City Zingie '09 X Mason Sldg.) Pod fertile. Value: \$100



Daylily Events at Neighboring Clubs:

CDS- Connecticut Daylily Society

Saturday, March 16, 2013--Bob Faulkner of Natural Selection Daylilies of Dayton, Ohio will talk about his hybridizing program, which is geared primarily toward cutting edge patterns. See: <http://www.naturalselectiondaylilies.com/> Meetings are held at the Avon Senior Center, Avon, CT. Visit <http://www.ctdaylily.com/CDS.html> for details and directions to the meeting site.

PDS- Patriot Daylily Society

Saturday, February 2, noon-3pm: Members Photo Contest Saturday, Mar. 2, speaker- Dan Robarts Meetings are held in the Bedford Library Bedford, MA. Visit <http://patriotdaylilysociety.org/> for more information.

SMDHS- Southern Maine Daylily and Hosta Society

March 16: Annual Photo Contest. Get ready for spring by reliving last year's garden beauty. Meetings are held at Southern Maine Community College Horticulture building on Slocum Drive in South Portland, ME. <http://www.smdhs.info/events/>

SMDS- Southeastern Massachusetts Daylily Society

February 17, 2013, Mike Huben, Diploids Resurgent, of Arlington, Mass. 12:30pm. Mike is well known for his work with northern-bred rebloomers and early bloomers. You may view his 2012 introductions at www.harmonhillfarm.com/mikehuben.htm or read more about Mike on his blog hubendaylilies.blogspot.com. Meetings are held at the Wesley United Methodist Church, Wareham, MA. For more information, email SMDS President Pat Wessling at patwessling@mac.com.

Visit the AHS Region 4 Website for a wealth of information on Region 4:

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...and more!

<http://www.ahsregion4.org/>

March 9th, 2013 Saturday,
New England Daylily
Society

Subject: Tom Polston
SPEAKER and guest Doug
Sterling
at the Tower Hill Botanic
Garden, Boylston,
Massachusetts

This excited club member
set out early, 6:45 AM to
be exact, to head on down
to see someone in the
daylily hybridizing
circles who piqued her
interest..Mr. Tom Polston
of toothy daylily renown.
New Hampshire was
serenely snow covered
and appropriately so...
for this time of year..... I
fully expected that spring
would be in the air.. as I
drove down Rt 3 towards
the more southern,
Massachusetts.

I envisioned open
meadows driving up the
hill...with daffodils peeking
thru the still dull grass..
a slight frost in the air...
big blue skies above....
Gliding into the tree lined
parking lots....on the
hilltop... I fully expected
forsythias to be yellowing
their buds.... and birds
to be starting their spring
serenades...

Snow covered highways,
more heavily covered than
NH, greeted me over the
state line... HMM I said to
myself..

It will be OK... the clear
pastures on the tall hill..
with sun beckoned in
my mind... But the snow
became more deep...
and the exit ramp off the
highway dumped me onto
the hardly plowed lumpy
road to the HILL.... What
is this..??? as my car
bumped along behind
a timid driver.. HMMM
Then I remembered that it
was going to
be more of a southern NE
storm.... and light began
to dawn....on this early
voyager.

The iron gate at Tower
Hill sat tentatively open....
and massive freshly
plowed snow walls lined
the driveway up and up....
Everything was covered
in a deep winter blanket...
No early spring here... !
The plow was still hefting
piles of snow onto piles of
snow...attempting to make
room for the weekend
crowds that make their
way to enjoy a little slice
of heavenly botanical
pleasure...at Tower Hill.
I entered the empty
meeting room and set

about getting things up and
running for the meeting.
I wondered how many
people would brave the
snow ...and eventually they
began to trickle in. Coffee
pots were brewing... and
people were sitting at their
tables.. Soon the room
was abuzz... with daylily
chatter. Friends seeing
friends..were catching
up on lost time... and an
occasional " what do you
think of this storm?" floated
thru the air. Just like the
mailman... I was reassured
that neither snow nor rain
nor heat nor gloom of night
stays these daylilies lovers
from the attendance of
their appointed meeting!
Our guests arrived.. and
the stage was set... After
our annual photo contest
we paused for lunch
and then our guest Tom
Polston was introduced.

A lovely slide show rolled
out the amazing work
Tom and Doug had done
on their farm. Each
section of the garden was
enhanced with garden
art and an over the top,
fabulous fountain.....
all surrounding an 1843
beautifully kept farmhouse.
Even a hardy banana tree
monopolized one side of
the barn. Chicken, dogs

and the regal Clydesdales...all occupy the spotlight along with Tom's daylilies. Tom's spoof photo of a multi-multi legged dog... that had accidentally gotten into daylily chems had the room in stitches... Tom starts his daylily seedlings in February under lights..much like many a daylily hybridizer. He does not have a greenhouse... so all are started indoors and then off they go to the outdoors. This make for very tough seedlings. About 4000 seedlings are started annually.. He also outlined his outdoor seedling planting process... that was simple yet effective for suppressing weeds..using heavy plastic landscaping material with holes cut out for planting. Of course, thanks to the Clydesdales, Tom has an endless supply of fabulous horse manure.. That and water get the daylilies growing really well... They stay in this spot for approximately 3 years... then they all get moved... and the process is repeated... soil refurbished.

I would have to estimate Tom has a high percentage of keepers after viewing many slides of his upcoming beautiful toothies. They have come a long way from the rusty early toothy daylilies (ie Tet. Spindazzle). Tom is concentrating on bringing in clarity of color and elongation of the teeth. Paula Nettles, Ruffled Strawberry Parfait and Lady Stephanie Victoria Redding figure in heavily in his backgrounds. He sees a lot of bitones and also an unusal daylily type with 2 petals 2 sepals. He says he sees a dozen or so new ones in his garden every year! Unusual pinched forms have also been a fun development in his garden...and this writer agrees they are fascinating...!

Bob Faulkner's diploid genetics have also been put to good use by Polston. Fabulous patterns and color combinations had the crowd ooing and ahing. I am certain that we are all in agreement that wishing Tom a very successful daylily venture is in order! We are glad he braved the elements...so we could view his astounding cultivars.... in their beautiful, expansive farm setting.. Kudos Tom... and great meeting you Doug!

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