

# New England Daylily Society

Of The American Hemerocallis Society

**NEDS Bulletin**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 13-15**      **Region 4 Annual Meeting, sponsored by Connecticut Daylily Society**

**July 21**      **Judged Exhibition at Tower Hill Botanical Garden**

7:30am-10:45am    Drop off and groom scapes

11:00am-1:00pm   Presentations/Raffle during Judging

1:00pm-5:00pm    Exhibition

**August 25**      **August Daylily Sale and Auction (open to public)**

9:00am-11:00am   Bring plants for the auction and bargain table

11:00am-12:00pm   \$5 Bargain table open to public

12:00pm-3:00pm   August Auction

**\*\*\*WE NEED HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS FOR AUGUST MEETING\*\*\***

### *UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE*

*Note: All dates are scheduled for Waltham UNLESS indicated otherwise.*

07/21/07(exhibition at Tower Hill), 08/25/07(auction), 10/06/07(Soups On), 11/10/07, 12/8/07, 01/12/08, 02/09/08, 03/08/08, 04/12/08, 05/10/08



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this, we are passing into summer. While I know that some of you are already looking at this year's buds, Lisa and I are still watching scapes rise like fireworks going up in slow motion. We have a couple about to pop, and the anticipation is excruciating.

I would like to thank all of those who brought plants to the May sale and auction. Your support to the club is appreciated.

For those of you with internet access, I encourage you to join the NEDS group on Yahoo. Leslie has set it up so that NEDS members can communicate easily with each other and exchange pictures to share what you are seeing in your gardens this season. That scoundrel Phil Reilly has joined the group and has dropped some pearls of wisdom as well as a few pictures of his seedlings and future introductions.

I encourage everyone who can to bring scapes to the exhibition at Tower Hill in July. This is a big opportunity to introduce others to the wide variety of shapes, sizes, and colors that are available in daylilies.

A couple of reminders: For our August auction, we need volunteers to help with hospitality and clean-up. If anyone is interested, please let me know before the meeting. The morning help needs to be there at 8:00 to help with set up.

We also need someone to pick up hosting of the door prize plants starting next year. This involves acquiring the plants, hosting them for three years, providing descriptions and pictures for the newsletter, and dividing the plants to bring to the May meeting for door prizes and for the auction. Again, please let me know if you are interested.

In addition, the club has purchased a number of "Discovering Daylilies" brochures. If folks are selling and would like some of these, let me know how many and I will send them off to you right away.

I want to wish everyone a healthy, safe and happy summer in the garden!

-Paul

## SECRETARY'S REPORT – May 12, 2007

There were 75 people present at the meeting, including one new member, Judy Hertel.

### Business Meeting

A short business meeting was presided over by the President, Paul Bourret. The following items were covered:

1. Dan Pessoni is looking for someone to do a clump dividing demo at the exhibition in July at Tower Hill.
2. There is room for some limited selling of cultivars at the exhibition. NEDS will be taking only 10%, and Tower Hill has indicated they won't take any. See Dan Pessoni or contact him at [danthelilyman@aol.com](mailto:danthelilyman@aol.com) or (508) 255-9348.
3. It was announced that some door prize plants had died over the winter and would be replaced in September.
4. Door prizes were awarded as follows:  
SNAKE IN THE GRASS BOO – Denise Pavlovich  
JOHN ALGOOD – Barbara Provest  
TOPGUNS ALICE LANGLEY – Nina Lapierre
5. In addition to plants as door prizes, we had something new this year, Auction Dollar Door Prizes. The following members won these prizes:  
\$10 - Larry Jones, Gail Buckley, Susan Stowe  
\$15 – Marilyn Donnelly, Lisa Rodway  
\$20 – Judy Deene, Bonnie Mohla

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

## FROM THE TREASURER

Congratulations to Charmaine and Kim for a most successful plant sale and live auction in May. And, thanks to all of the contributors and participants. Our morning table sales were about the same as last year - approximately \$1,500,

which earns about 10% of our annual budget. Thanks to excellent donations and spirited bidding, the net income for the live auction was well over \$4,000. The record-keeping system that Charmaine and Kim instituted made my job very much easier - and it seemed to help the buyers and cashiers as well.

-Jocelyn Spragg, Treasurer

## From the May Sale and Auction Co-Chairs

NEDS members who joined us for the morning sale were greeted with a beautiful, sunny day and many fine daylilies and plants to choose from. NEDS Auctioneer, Mike Huben, started the afternoon auction with new introductions from Region 4 hybridizers and a collection of Jim Murphy and Margo Reed's creations. The afternoon bidding was fast and furious with daylilies available to suit all tastes and budgets.

Thank You to Peggy, Carl, Gary, Dan, Mike, Christine and Jocelyn for helping Kim and I keep everything running smoothly. A total of \$4346.50 was raised, making it a very successful day!

Charmaine Rich and Kim Walters

## MAY NEDS MEETING

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> was a gloriously sunny day that brought out over 75 members for the NEDS plant sale and auction. As I perused the tables, I saw large, healthy divisions of great northern hardy plants. Darlyn Wilkinson had a fabulous selection of daylilies, Siberian iris and hosta. Lori-Ann Jones had a lovely selection accompanied by beautiful pictures, and I picked up Steve Moldovan's H. 'Old King Cole' from her. Thanks Lori-Ann! Gary Jones was selling many hardy daylilies as well, all potted up with love and care.

Bill Chambers brought a large selection of newer Moldovan, Stamile, and Trimmer cultivars and, with the able assistance of Robin Budd, accommodated the brisk sales at those tables.

Daylilies from the Elm Bank "Dig and Divide/Educational Event" on May 5<sup>th</sup> were for sale as well, with Barbara Provest selling the fruits of everyone's labor. (Look for Adele Keohan's fabulous write-up about the day's

festivities within this bulletin.) I was on the hunt for Moldovan and Benz cultivars and I was pleased to pick up John Benz's H. 'Flamenco Queen' and Steven Moldovan's H. 'South Seas'. Barbara suggested I try a piece of H. 'Early Gold', an older and early cultivar. True to name, it had two scapes on it already.

Throughout the morning box after box of plants were being placed at the front of the room for the auction. I couldn't believe my eyes as the tables were filling with fans. When it came time for the auction, the members were reaching for their checkbooks and warming up their bidding hands.



Curt Turner's H. 'Gabriel's Weathervane', photo by Darlyn Wilkinson

The first daylily to be auctioned off was Curt Turner's H. 'Gabriel's Weathervane', winner of the "Best Seedling" award at the 2005 NEDS Exhibition. Bidding was brisk with Mike Maher winning with the highest bid. Next were several newer introductions donated by the Bourret's that fetched very good prices. Bidding was spirited and there were lots of happy faces in the crowd.

Mike Huben was auctioneer extraordinaire! How he ever managed to auction off all the daylilies without his voice going hoarse is an amazement to me. He kept the auction moving quickly and did an excellent job. Thank you!

Dan Pessoni brought his pick-up truck to transport Heritage Garden plant donations and the bed was full by the end of the afternoon. Thanks to everyone who generously donated to Heritage and many thanks to Dan Pessoni for coordinating this event. I look forward to seeing all those great plants in their new home. Heritage is a treasure for the club and this update to the collection is much appreciated.

-Leslie Nolan

## Heritage Museum & Gardens

Once again, NEDS members came through like champs in support of our National American Hemerocallis Display Garden at Heritage Museum and Gardens in Sandwich, MA. Over 80 newer cultivars were donated by members. These 80+ plants will help keep these gardens updated, replacing the many older plants at Heritage. Thanks to everyone who donated, and a special thank you to Phyllis Davis and Dan & Pam Matzek for their very generous contributions.

Over the past few years, we have asked our members for many plant donations to support our sales, our Elm Bank Display Garden, and now Heritage, and our members have always "filled the need." I feel very fortunate to be part of an organization of such kind and generous members. Thank you all.

-Dan Pessoni, Heritage Chair

## POPULARITY POLL

During the upcoming bloom season, don't forget to make note of the best performers. Participation for Region 4 last year was 20.8%. Let's exceed those numbers! If voting by mail, ballots must be postmarked by September 1, 2007. You can print out a mail ballot from the following site:

<http://www.ahsregion4.org/r4poppoll.htm>

OR you can vote online at the following site:

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

OR you can send your vote by email directly to Melodye Campbell at [meljim@rochester.rr.com](mailto:meljim@rochester.rr.com)

Please remember to only vote once for up to 10 of the best performers in your garden. Come on NEDS members! Get those ballots in!

-Leslie Nolan

## ATTENTION ALL HYBRIDIZERS!



It's time to toot your own horn and show us what you've been accomplishing in your hybridizing programs! The fall 2007 issue of the Region 4 newsletter will showcase YOU, your hard work, patience and dedication. This summer take lots of digital photos of your recent introductions, futures and superb seedlings and submit the 4 best to both Coral Kincaid and Mel Campbell. We also need your contact information: name and address, phone number, e-mail, website URL. What better way to let everyone know about your achievements because your photos will be in color! E-mail your images (please don't resize them) to both:

Coral Kincaid  
[cakincaid@bwr.eastlink.ca](mailto:cakincaid@bwr.eastlink.ca)

Mel Campbell  
[meljim@rochester.rr.com](mailto:meljim@rochester.rr.com)

## NEDS YAHOO GROUP

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](mailto:leslienolan@hotmail.com) and I will assist you.

-Leslie Nolan

## STANLEY SAXTON SEEDLING AWARD

At the 2008 Region 4 Summer Convention which NEDS is hosting, the Stanley Saxton Seedling Award (SSSA) will be awarded to the best seedling hybridized in Region 4. Purchased seed and purchased seedlings are not eligible for the competition. Region 4 hybridizers may submit up to a maximum of (3) unregistered seedling entries. As to the number of fans of each seedling, at least 3 fans are desired but no more than the maximum of 5 fans for each seedling is allowed. These plants will be grown at Carl and Marlene Harmon's garden, which is one of the tour gardens. During the bus tours all attendees will have the opportunity to review the entries planted in a stand-alone SSSA bed and to vote for the best overall seedling. The SSSA will be presented to the winner at the evening banquet. Seedlings entries should be sent to Carl Harmon, 49 Ledge Road Hudson, NH 03051 between 1 May and 15 August 2007.

In addition to clearly labeling the plant with your name and whatever seedling number you want the plant identified as, please include height and color information to assist in plant placement in the SSSA bed. In addition it is required that you provide instructions for the return or donation of the plant after the competition. The Region 4 2008 Committee is hopeful that the winner and possibly the runner-up would be willing to donate their plants for a special mini auction after the award announcement with the proceeds to benefit the Region 4 convention. The donation is not a requirement and is totally up to the hybridizer but if you would be interested in donation we would need to know prior to the day of the competition. Any questions please call or email at 603 880-6228 or [harmonhill25@comcast.net](mailto:harmonhill25@comcast.net)

-Carl Harmon

## AUGUST AUCTION August 25, 2007

Daylily donations and set up 9:00 to 11:00 am. Named cultivars only (no seedlings).

Donations for **bargain plants** (value of less than \$15) should be three fans or better, washed bare root.

Donated plants should be labeled with the **NAME, HYBRIDIZER, YEAR, PLOIDY(DIP or TET), DOR, SEV, EV, SEASON(E,M,L), HEIGHT, FLOWER SIZE AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION.**

**Auction plants** should have the above listed info, plus the average Eureka price to save us time during the auction.

The more expensive auction plants can be double fans or strong singles.

This year we have a collection of plants from a variety of hybridizers.

<b>RUSSIAN RAGTIME</b>	<b>Salter 2002</b>
<b>TROUBLED SLEEP</b>	<b>Hanson 1998</b>
<b>REFORMA BOULEVARD</b>	<b>Sellers 1997</b>
<b>PREMIER SURPRISE</b>	<b>Salter 2001</b>
<b>SIESTA KEY</b>	<b>Salter 2004</b>
<b>SEIZE THE NIGHT</b>	<b>Stamile 2000</b>
<b>AWESOME ARTIST</b>	<b>Lambertson 2002</b>
<b>NIGHT RAPTURE</b>	<b>Hansen</b>
<b>SUNDAY SANDALS</b>	<b>Smith 2004</b>
<b>SPINY SEA URCHIN</b>	<b>Stamile 2004</b>
<b>IDA'S BRAID</b>	<b>Kaskel 1996</b>

All the money from this sale goes to support our club. So please donate plants for the sale and tell all your family and friends to come and buy the great bargains. Please e-mail me at [vtblume@wildblue.net](mailto:vtblume@wildblue.net) if you have any questions. **Please put "NEDS August Auction" in the subject line to make it easier to identify the auction inquiries from our other email.**

This will be my first time chairing the August Auction, and following in Dan Matzek's footsteps may be a hard task. On auction day, we will be looking for folks to volunteer to be runners, auctioneers, and scribes (etc), to help make the day a successful fundraiser for the club.

Please join me in thanking Dan Matzek for his many years of running this club function.

-Harold Cross

## FROM THE BABYSITTING PLANTS CHAIR

The 2004 Babysitting Plants are due for the August Auction. If you are the holder of one of the Babysitting plants listed below you need to bring the plant in its entirety to the August meeting washed, labeled and trimmed to about 12". You also need to present the plant to Carl Harmon before lunch in order to divide it (hopefully) and also to ensure you get proper credit for returning the plant. Please **do not** place it on the table with all the other auction plants.

The entire plant is to be returned as the grower does not get to keep a piece. If you can not bring the plant in person, please arrange for someone else to bring it in or contact me in advance to make other arrangements.

Carl Harmon, Babysitting Chairman  
(603)880-6228, [harmonhill25@comcast.net](mailto:harmonhill25@comcast.net)

The following plants are due to be returned for the August Auction :

Acquired in 2004 - due to be auctioned August 2007

<b>CULTIVAR</b>	<b>NEDS MEMBER</b>
<b>VELVET ONYX (Stamile)</b>	<b>Robin Budd</b>
<b>FAIREST OF THEM (Salter)</b>	<b>Peggy Corbeil</b>
<b>SPACECOAST SEA SHELLS (Kinnebrew)</b>	<b>Dave Emerson</b>
<b>BLACKBERRIES AND CREAM (Trimmer)</b>	<b>Carl Harmon</b>
<b>DIVINE INSPIRATION (Doorakian)</b>	<b>Charles Hubbell</b>
<b>VIRGIL EARP (Stamile)</b>	<b>David Kelman</b>
<b>PINHILL AUGUST SUNSET (Lefkovitz)</b>	<b>Sally Ann King</b>
<b>MALICIOUS RUMOURS (Abajian)</b>	<b>Mike Maher</b>
<b>SAN LUIS HALLOWEEN (Morss)</b>	<b>Regindis Mahler-Emerson</b>
<b>MARIETTA SONG BIRD (Shooter)</b>	<b>Paul Tarmasewicz</b>

-Carl Harmon, Babysitting Plant Chairman

## **DON MARVIN FEATURED IN THE CURRENT AHS JOURNAL**

Be sure to read the article featuring Don Marvin entitled "Don Marvin: A New England Daylily Society Pioneer" written by Jim Brennan in the Summer 2007 AHS Journal. Congratulations to Don and many thanks to Jim for shining the spotlight on a truly deserving gentleman. NEDS is fortunate to have both of these fine men as members and mentors.

## **FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR**

•All new AHS members in New England receive the NEDS Bulletin by mail for free for one year. Welcome to AHS and we hope to see you at a future NEDS meeting!

If any of you would like to receive the NEDS bulletin by email instead of a postal mailing, please email me at [leslienolan@hotmail.com](mailto:leslienolan@hotmail.com) with your email address and I will be glad to make the change.

•Former NEDS member and "favorite son" Phil Reilly has an entertaining and informative article in the Summer 2007 AHS Journal on daylily hybridizing. For those of you who are hybridizing or are considering hybridizing, this is a must read!

•Food item donations for the August Meeting – We are asking any member whose last name begins with the letter **O** through **Z** to please bring an item to the August meeting. Your help is greatly appreciated!

•Hospitality volunteers are needed at our meetings. Larry Jones has been doing a tremendous job and he deserves our help! We need at least two volunteers for the **AUGUST** meeting. One volunteer would arrive at approximately 8:00am to assist Larry in the setup. The remaining volunteer(s) would do all clean up at the end of the meeting. If you have enjoyed that hot cup of coffee or the delicious pastry at

past meetings, I urge you to consider helping out for one meeting. Email me at [leslienolan@hotmail.com](mailto:leslienolan@hotmail.com) or call at (401) 732-4232 to volunteer. Thanks in advance!

•If you are submitting an item for the bulletin, I kindly ask you to do so by the deadline. This is a group effort and most contributors are courteous and on time. If you cannot submit your information by the deadline, email me at [leslienolan@hotmail.com](mailto:leslienolan@hotmail.com) so that I can make accommodations or hold the submission over to the next issue. Deadline for submitting items for the October Bulletin is September 22, 2007. Thank you.

-Leslie Nolan

## **PRESENTATIONS AT EXHIBITION**

In addition to the Exhibition, there will be several Presentations and Demonstrations held in the Tower Hill theatre. There will also be the opportunity for members to sell daylilies during the event.

Anyone selling daylilies would give 10% of the proceeds to NEDS. This will be limited to 4 individuals, so reply as soon as possible.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need a volunteer who would be willing to demonstrate how to divide a daylily clump. A clump will be provided for the demonstration.

We also need someone to man a membership table. This is a fantastic opportunity to get people to join AHS. We desperately need to get youth members in the club as well.

If you are interested in selling, doing demo of dividing a daylily clump, donating daylilies for the raffle or helping at the membership table, please contact Denise Pavlovich at (978) 433-0445 or [DPAV54@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:DPAV54@HOTMAIL.COM).

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**11:00 am** - Power Point presentation showcasing "Daylilies through the

ages", depicting the early species and hybrids, to the newest daylilies available today. There will be pictures of the last 20 AHS Stout Silver Medal winners. Also included will be pictures of many cultivars that were hybridized by local NEDS members. (20-25minutes)

**11:30 am** - Bob King will give a presentation and demonstration on Hybridizing Daylilies. (20-25 minutes)

**12:00 pm** - Sandra Schaidler will do a Power Point presentation titled "DAYLILIES FROM SEED, An Introduction to Hybridizing". In addition to the information contained in the poster, this presentation covers pollination, fertilization and pod formation, and shows hybrid seedlings in the garden at 4, 5, and 6 months. A handout "Daylilies from Seed" containing a series of pictures which covers the development of seeds in pods, the treatment of seeds for greater rates of germination, the growth of seedlings between wet paper towels and in a growing medium, and the transition of seedlings to the outdoors. (20-25minutes)

**12:30 pm** - A demonstration on Dividing a daylily clump. Fans from the clump will be given away, or raffled off at the end of the demonstration.

**1:00 pm** - FREE Raffle- Held just before the show opens to the public. Items that will be in the raffle are a 1 year adult membership to the American Hemerocallis (AHS) valued at \$25, a 1 year Youth membership (18 years or less) valued at \$10, and several daylilies.

**11:00 - 1:00** - Table(s) of daylilies for sale.

-Denise Pavlovich

*Editors Note: Twig's Café at Tower Hill Botanic Garden offers a light lunch from 11am to 3pm for you to purchase. NEDS is not providing refreshments at this event.*

# NEW ENGLAND DAYLILY SOCIETY'S DAYLILY EXHIBITION

**Tower Hill Botanic Garden**  
**11 French Drive**  
**Boylston, MA 01505**  
**Telephone: 508-869-6111**  
**Website: [www.towerhillbg.org](http://www.towerhillbg.org)**

## Directions to Tower Hill Botanic Garden

From I-90 (Mass Pike) or I-495, take Route 290 to Exit 24, Church St. (Watch for Tower Hill directional signs.) Proceed 3 miles north towards Boylston. Entrance is on the right, just before blinking traffic light.

## SCHEDULE

Upon entering Tower Hill, you must identify yourself at the Toll Station as a judge, clerk, worker, exhibitor, or NEDS member for free access to the Botanic Garden.

## SET-UP

**Friday, July 20th @ 2:00 p.m.** Contact Dan Pessoni at 508-255-9348 or [danthelilyman@aol.com](mailto:danthelilyman@aol.com). We will need about 5 to 8 volunteers.

**Saturday, July 21st, Exhibition Day starts at 7:30 a.m.** When dropping off your scapes to be exhibited, drive past the "do not enter" sign to the rear of the building. Drop off your scapes - someone will be there to help you. Return your car to the parking lot; there is no parking at the loading area.

Cleaning and grooming of scapes to be exhibited will be from 7:30 a.m. to no later than 10:45 a.m. All exhibited daylilies must be given to Dorothy Campbell, Classification Chair, for classification. Exhibit must be in completed form, i.e. in vase with tag completed and well groomed

Lisa Bourret, Placement Chair, and NEDS helpers will place your exhibit in the proper division. If your exhibit is one of the five Regional Popularity Poll lilies, it must be displayed in Division I, Section 9, Popularity Poll, not in large, small, miniature, etc. areas.

If you have any concerns about how to groom your daylilies for the Exhibition, someone will be there to educate and assist you. If you have questions, please contact Dan Pessoni.

This promises to be the most exciting NEDS sponsored Exhibition ever. Tower Hill Botanic Garden, the location for our Exhibition, is located on 132 acres with breathtaking views of Mt. Wachusett and Wachusett Reservoir. Take time to wander around this incredible garden.

## BEGINNING AT 11:00 a.m.

Don't miss the special programs at the Tower Hill Theatre, produced and directed by Denise Pavlovich, including Daylilies Through the Ages, Hybridizing Daylilies, How to Start Daylilies from Seed, and a demonstration on dividing a daylily clump.

At 1:00 p.m., the Exhibition opens, with 200 to 300 of the finest daylilies grown in the Northeast. This is a terrific time to grow that wish list.

The success of our Exhibition depends on its members getting involved. We look forward to seeing everyone there. It promises to be a wonderful time.

## EXHIBITION

Thirteen judges, some from as far away as Georgia and South Carolina, will be at the Exhibition.

## Clerks (please report by 10:30 a.m.)

Lisa Bourret	Debbie Carpenter	Chuck Hubbell
Mary Hubbell	Ellen Laprise	Barbara Provost
Shirley Splaine	Jocelyn Spragg	Pat Wessling

## DIVISION I - Horticulture on-Scape

- Section 1: Registered Extra Large Flower\* 7" or more in diameter  
Groups A-Z (alphabetically by cultivar name)
- Section 2: Registered Large Flower\* 4 1/2" or more but under 7"  
Groups A-Z
- Section 3: Registered Small Flower\* 3" or more but under 4 1/2"  
Groups A-Z
- Section 4: Registered Miniature Flower less than 3"  
Groups A-Z
- Section 5: Registered Double Flower  
Class A - Large Flower 4 1/2" or more  
Class B - Small/Min. Flower less than 4 1/2"
- Section 6: Registered Spider Flower - Spider ratio 4.0:1 or greater  
Groups A-Z
- Section 7: Registered Unusual Form Flower  
Groups A-Z
- Section 8: Youth - Registered cultivars any size, form, or pattern  
Groups A-Z
- Section 9: Regional Popularity Poll - Any one or each of the top five cultivars from the most recent regional poll: FOOLED ME, STRAWBERRY CANDY, RUBY SPIDER, KINGS GOLDEN TREASURE, ADORABLE TIGER
- Section 10: Seedlings
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| Group 1: Extra Large | Group 5: Double       |
| Group 2: Large       | Group 6: Spider       |
| Group 3: Small       | Group 7: Unusual Form |
| Group 4: Miniature   | Group 8: Polytepals   |

Section 11: The American Hemerocallis Society Achievement Medal  
Three scapes of a single seedling or pre-registered cultivar severed as near the base as possible. (*An exhibitor may have multiple entries in this section.*)

Section 12: Collection: Judged by Scale of Points  
Six registered varieties in six vases on scapes.

Section 13: Collection: Judged by Scale of Points.  
Six numbered seedlings in six vases on scapes not necessarily the exhibitor's own.

\* Including polytepals as registered by size.

## DIVISION II - Horticulture Off-Scape

Division II is exhibited for display only and will not be judged.

Section 1: Registered Extra Large Flowers\* 7" or more in diameter  
Groups A-Z (alphabetically by cultivar name.)

Section 2: Registered Large Flowers\* 4 1/2" or more but under 7"  
Groups A-Z

Section 3: Registered Small Flowers\* 3" or more but under 4 1/2"

Groups A-Z

Section 4: Registered Miniature Flowers\* less than 3"

Groups A-Z

Section 5: Registered Double Flowers

Groups A-Z

Section 6: Registered Spider Flowers - Spider ratio 4.0:1 or greater

Groups A-Z

Section 7: Registered Unusual Form Flowers

Groups A-Z

Section 8: Youth - Registered cultivars, any size, form, or pattern

Groups A-Z

### DIVISION III - Displays

Class 1: Commercial; \$75 may be awarded

Class 2: Non-Commercial; \$75 may be awarded

NOTE: In Division III Classes 1 and 2, any decorative foliage may be used, but no flowers other than daylilies should be included. Emphasis in these displays should be on a wide variety of colors and types of daylilies. Seedling daylilies should not dominate the display.

### DIVISION IV - Education

Class A: Exhibits showing any phase of the growing, hybridizing, culture or classification of daylilies.

Class B: Exhibits showing the use of daylilies in art and/or literature.

Class C: A display of materials available through membership in the AHS.

Class D: Species - Not Judged

Any species may be displayed, on scape

### MAJOR AWARDS

**The AHS Purple Award** is awarded to each blue ribbon winner scoring 95 or more within Section 1 - 10 of Division I.

**The AHS Rosette** is awarded to the most outstanding purple ribbon winning entry in Sections 1 - 10 of Division I.

**The AHS Best in Show Rosette** is awarded to the best of the AHS Rosette winners in Section 1 – 10 of Division I.

**The AHS Sweepstakes Rosette** is awarded to the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons in Division I, Section 1 - 10. In the event of a tie, purple ribbons will be counted. If a tie should still exist, red, then yellow ribbons will be counted.

### SPECIAL AWARDS

**The AHS Achievement Medal** is awarded to the originator of each collection of scapes in Division I, Section II, scoring an average of 90 points or more, and which in the opinion of the judges, shows adequate and distinctiveness as compared with existing cultivars. The cultivar must be a seedling or pre-registered (a pre-registered cultivar is considered a seedling.) Lilies must be entered by number as assigned by the Classification Committee. Each of the judges on the panel assigned to judge the entries will point score each scape individually. The score sheets will be returned to the General Show Chair who will tabulate the scores and announce the winner(s).

**The AHS Award of Appreciation**, a rosette, may be given at the discretion of the local show committee, not the judges, to one or

more non-competitive educational exhibits in Division IV to show appreciation for the significant efforts involved.

### LOCAL AWARDS

Class 1: New England Daylily Award

This award is given to the exhibitor of the finest specimen on scape of a registered daylily originated in New England. The entry does not have to be made by the hybridizer. Any number of entries may be made by the same exhibitor as long as each entry shown is a different cultivar.

Class 2: Collection - Judged by Scale of Points.

Six registered varieties in six vases, on scapes  
\$15.00, \$10.00, \$5.00, Division I, Section 12

Class 3: Collection - Judged by Scale of Points

Six numbered seedlings in six vases on scapes not necessarily the exhibitor's own.  
\$15.00, \$10.00, \$5.00, Division I, Section 12

Class 4: Sweepstakes Winner (Youth Classes)

First Prize: \$15.00

Class 5: A.H.S. Sweepstakes Winners

Awarded to the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons in Division I, Sections 1 - 10.

First Prize: \$25.00; Runner-Up: \$15.00

Class 6: Best-in-Show

Winner will receive a \$25 Award.

NOTE: Registered cultivars which are polytepals but are not registered as such, may be exhibited in LOCAL sections. However, they must be judged according to their registration - size, color, form, etc.

### HORTICULTURE SCALE OF POINTS

	On Scape Registered Cultivars	On Scape Seedlings
<b>Distinction</b>	-	25
<b>Flower</b>		
Color	10	10
Form	10	10
Texture	10	10
Substance	10	10
Size of Flower	10	-
<b>Scape</b>		
Height and Strength	15	10
Buds	10	10
Branching	10	10
<b>Condition and Grooming</b>	15	5
<b>Total</b>	100	100

**As you can see, Condition and Grooming is very important. You can lose up to 15 points if your exhibit is not groomed properly, i.e. brown on the scape, pollen on the petals, etc.**

## DIGGING FOR (FREE) DAYLILIES



Paul, Judy, Rita, Chuck, Mary and Denise. Photo courtesy of Adele Keohan.

If you were not one of the nine people who attended the NEDS Educational Workshop at Elm Bank on May 5, you missed a really fun day of digging, dirt, washing, dividing, and occasional wrestling--yes, wrestling--with some daylilies which resisted our attempts at splitting them up!

The workshop was to start at 10am and I arrived at 9:30 to find Barbara Provest and Chuck and Mary Hubbell on site. As a newbie to NEDS, I introduced myself, and learned that Barbara Provest, Master Gardener, would be telling me what needed to be done, and supervising the dividing and preparation for sale of some of the daylilies in the NEDS Display Garden. As I talked with Barbara, I made sure she knew that I was currently enrolled in a Master Gardener certification course at MassHort and that I have no more space in my garden because I have so many daylilies--and seedlings of my own crosses! Hopefully, she would trust a Master Gardener student and amateur daylily hybridizer with digging and dividing such precious plants!

Soon to arrive with border forks, pocket knives and other gear were: Master Gardener Judy Hertel, Paul Bourret, Rita Yeo, Denise Pavlovich, and David Kelman. I was surrounded by Master Gardeners and experienced daylily growers and enthusiasts--all more knowledgeable than yours truly --- and I had them all to myself!

Under Barbara's direction, tables were set up for preparing, labeling and bagging daylily divisions, and large containers were filled with water for washing the dirt from clumps before bagging. Mary began tagging some of the clumps that were to be dug up, and the digging began.

Even without blooms, I found the green daylily clumps polka dotting the display garden to be a gorgeous site. My first target

was a large clump of 'Frans Hals' and I was exuberant when I dug all the way around with my border fork and lifted the whole thing out of the ground at one time. Of course it was too heavy to hold up more than an inch or two off the ground, and it plopped onto the gravel path with a soft thud. Soil went all over the beautiful gray gravel path! Barbara gently reminded me to try to keep the soil with the soil and the path with the path. So much for my impressing Barbara! Chivalrous Chuck Hubbell came to my rescue and asked if he could help me carry the clump. Gratefully, I accepted because it was really heavy! I helped wash and sort divisions of Frans Hals. Barbara told me to lay divisions from a single variety next to each other on the grass to dry a little before bagging. I thought they'd dry well on a stepping stone, and walked across a garden bed to get there. Barbara said it was better if I avoided walking in the bed because she had "babies" growing there. Once again, I had truly made an impression! Luckily, I had done no damage to the daylily seedlings. I looked around me to see everyone working tirelessly in their different tasks.

Paul was cutting into clumps with his knife, Denise was stabbing one clump with a long screwdriver, Chuck was using a knife and his hands to pry divisions apart, Judy, Mary and Rita tagged and trimmed the divisions before bagging them, and Barbara would lend a hand wherever needed in addition to determining the weeding that would need to be done in the garden and where. After rethinking the 'jobs' available, I appointed myself a "re-planter", and would replant smaller clumps of the daylilies which had been dug up for dividing. The soil in the display garden is friable and smells wonderful, and since I love digging with my (gloved) hands, I was in heaven! Barbara had noticed a rebellious clump of 'Lexington' growing quite out of place and into the side of another daylily and asked me to remove it. I had been given a task! I used a soil knife to make an incision in the rootball so that my fork would go through it, and after a bit of maneuvering, the rebel was removed. Barbara gave me an encouraging word. I had redeemed myself! She turned to Paul who was looking on and asked him if he wanted a 'Lexington' to take with him. I'm sure she was about to offer one to me as well, but then she stopped herself and said something like 'Oh, but you said you have no more room'. Oops! I quickly suggested I could find space for a little chunk of it, and Paul washed, divided, and bagged divisions, and

gave me one. Mary and Rita were busy bagging and labeling the many divisions which will be sold, the proceeds of which will benefit the NEDS May member's sale. I urge you to attend the sale! At only \$5 you will get a strong division of a very healthy, hardy plant. I had brought my camera along with me, and had volunteered to take some pictures for the NEDS bulletin. At one point, I saw Denise Pavlovich wrestling with a huge clump of 'Orange Man', and felt compelled to document her grand effort. I don't know if she appreciated her photo being shot at that particular time, but she had the courtesy to smile beautifully in the midst of battle. Later, with the battle behind her, Denise labeled, and I bagged some divisions. At about 12:30, and although no one else seemed close to taking a break (workaholics!), I could not stand the hunger any longer and pulled out my peanut butter and jelly and banana sandwich. Before I left at 1pm, Barbara explained how the soil testing would proceed so that it could be determined which amendments needed to be added, if any. I truly had a wonderful time at Elm Bank. The weather was beautiful, I met some new friends, and came away with 2 free daylilies! Now let's see..perhaps I can remove just a little more lawn...

-Adele Keohan

**Editor's Note:** NEDS welcomes new member Adele and thanks her for her report on this event! We encourage all members to submit articles and/or images for inclusion in the Bulletin that are daylily and NEDS related.



Judy Hertel, Mary Hubbell, and Barbara Provest. Photo courtesy of Adele Keohan.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The Member Spotlight for the Summer Season shines on Dan Robarts. Dan gardens in Lancaster, New Hampshire and Columbus, Ohio.



Dan with seedling.

### Dan Robarts

I was born and raised in northern New Hampshire - Lancaster pop. 3,200 - a fertile river valley, where business is primarily agricultural, with small family farms and forestry for paper or building materials.

Growing up, my family had a vegetable garden, so weeding and cultivating plants at a very early age - "pulling weeds and picking stones" to quote a familiar song. It was quite a family affair, and none of us were strangers to garden work 🌱.

My interest in daylilies started through a summer job working at a local greenhouse, nursery, landscape operation. Saw durability, versatility, and variety of daylilies, so started growing some in 1998. I became enthused and sought out more "fancy" varieties, on which I made my first crosses in 2000 - H. 'Strawberry Candy', 'Wineberry Candy', 'Mask Of Time', Tet 'Siloam Gumdrops', and others.

My interest continued through college (Bates College, Lewiston, Maine) as independent studies were undertaken, including daylily tissue culture and induced polyploidy (dip-tet conversion). I graduated in 2004 *Magna Cum Laude*, with a B.S. in Biology. During summers, I started landscaping the house in Lancaster, buying unique and interesting plants for these beds.

My first seedlings bloomed in 2003, of which two were selected - a peach-orange polychrome double with 42 buds and 5-6 way branching, and also a 6-7" kid of a 'Mask of Time' kid with a dark eye and narrow double edge - both entered into the seedling competition for the 2008 Region 4 meeting.

The fall after college, I moved to the Boston area where I had accepted a two-year position as the

Senior Research Technician in a neurobiology lab at Boston University. It was here I was finally close enough to a regional daylily club to regularly visit - and I found my beloved NEDS. I came to know many enthusiastic daylily growers and hybridizers in the New England area.

In 2005 I toured the Northern Mecca of Ohio, and yes, I was completely blown away. I joined Carl Harmon, Bill Chambers and crew that visited Ohio every year to visit breeders and most importantly help out at Moldovan gardens. I got to spend a great deal of time with Steve and Roy, listening intently to everything they said about daylilies and I learned a great deal - and also laughed until sore in the midsection.

That summer in Moldovan gardens, I fell in love with patterned and blue eyes - both lines of breeding Steve had become excited about. From his 'Friar's Lantern' and Tet 'Lady Violet Eyes' (Salter) came 'Digital Imagery', an extremely important parent in passing on patterned eyes - bands, white hashes, etc. When crossed with his 'Vertical Horizon', the result was the blue-eyed 'Piece Of Sky'.

Steve noted my interest in the patterned and blue eyes, and when the whole working group piled into cars to visit other hybridizers' gardens, I walked rows with Steve looking for good flower color, oak-like scapes, and of course, those blue and patterned eyes.

Since that visit, I have oriented my hybridizing toward those goals - patterned and blue eyes. I have spent virtually every available penny buying plants to help me achieve blue coloration in daylilies - I can see how it becomes addiction! I would like to note that without the generosity of the daylily community, I would not be as excited or as advanced as I am in my daylily work - very special thanks go to Bill Chambers, Carl Harmon, Steve Moldovan and Roy Woodhall. They have given me more than I could ever ask for in plants, time, information, and friendship.

Though introductions with blue and patterned eyes on hardy, northern bred plants are limited in number, I have tried to base my breeding program on them - including those from Moldovan, Hanson, Mason, and Korth. Southern breeders whose work I have acquired for breeding include Carpenter, Lambertson, and Stamile.

Plants I have or plan to use extensively:

LONGLESSON SUMMER GIFT	MASON
POINT OF DIVERGENCE	HANSON
INQUIRE WITHIN	HANSON
VERTICAL HORIZON	MOLDOVAN
PLATO'S PUZZLE	MOLDOVAN
ARNOLD'S DAUGHTER	KORTH
PLEASING TO THE EYE	KORTH
MULBERRY WAY	CULVER
REACH FOR THE SKY	BROOKER
OH HAPPY DAY	BROOKER
YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW	CARPENTER
ORCHID ELEGANCE	CARPENTER
CERULEAN WARBLER	LAMBERTSON
DESTINED TO SEE	GRACE
HUCKLEBERRY CANDY	STAMILE
LAKE EFFECT	STAMILE

As of Fall 2006, I have been a graduate student in the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science, at the Ohio State University. I am currently working on my Masters and am working to transition into the PhD program, working on a project involving the ancestry of the modern garden pansy - tracing it back to the wild species. I'll be reviewing the inheritance of traits from the involved wild species, scoring phenotypic differences of these and the resulting F1 and F2 generations, as well as making other genetic comparisons.

I have also started collecting rare and unique perennials - including heuchera, ferns, and gingers. Also, hosta breeding has become a side project, working with blue and streaked hosta, all with shocking contrast between colors of the leaves and their respective centers or margins.



Dan Robarts seedling.

*Editor's Note: Dan has created a video of the first batch of his 2006 seedlings planted in June 2007. You can view it at the following link:*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjStu4hqwk>

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