

New England Daylily Society Of The American Hemerocallis Society

NEDS Bulletin

Leslie Nolan, Editor

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Suburban Experiment Station
240 Beaver St., Waltham, MA



Agenda for Next Meeting October 6, 2007 Fall Soups On

- 9:00am** Set up time (volunteers are welcome)/Board Meeting
- 9:30am** Social Time
- 10:00am** Dan Pessoni – Exhibition Award Presentations
- 11:45am** Setup/Soups On
- 1:00pm** Business meeting, including a drawing of door prize plants (DISTANT THUNDER, SPIDER WALK, and TOPGUNS RUFFLED SNOWFLAKE)
- 1:30pm** Bob Faulkner, www.daylilytrader.com/faulkner.htm, on Patterned Daylilies
- 3:30pm** Clean-up time (volunteers are welcome)

UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE

Note: All dates are scheduled for Waltham UNLESS indicated otherwise.
10/06/07, 11/10/07, 12/08/07, 01/12/08, 02/09/08, 03/08/08, 04/12/08, 05/10/08(Plant Sale)



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well another summer has whizzed past. As we came out of spring, it did not look like it would be a good season up here. We had spring sickness everywhere and a number of plants that we had in pots did not make it thanks to the wacky weather in early spring. But despite a sea of sad looking plants, it turned out to be a superb year. Things that looked wimpy in May turned into impressive clumps with awesome scapes. Peak was spectacular and because we have been stocking up on late bloomers, we still have bloom as I write this.

NEDS put on a terrific exhibition this past July at Tower Hill under Dan Pessoni's direction. We had terrific traffic turnout and picked up four new members.

This coming year will be a busy one for the club. We are hosting the Regional meeting for AHS region 4 next July. We will need everyone in the club to pitch in and help in order for this event to be a success. This is true not just of the regional, but of all club activities. The club is as successful as its members wish to make it. Every thing that you get out of the club is because some member has stepped up to do it. Newsletters, auctions, exhibitions, door prize plants, and guest speakers all come about because a club member was willing to volunteer some of their time to make it happen.

I ask that each club member volunteer some time to the club in some manner. That could be helping with hospitality set-up / clean up at the meetings, doing some weeding at our club sponsored gardens, volunteering time to help with club

activities and being active in participating at meetings.

Recently, Leslie announced that she needs to step down from the club newsletter. I, as I am sure all of you would agree, think that Leslie has done a fantastic job with the newsletter. If anyone has an interest in taking over the newsletter, then please let us know at or before the next meeting. Leslie promises to help make it a smooth transition.

We also have an opening for someone to take over managing the door prize plants. Carl and Elaine have done a terrific job with this for a long time, but it is time for someone to step up here also. This involves buying and raising the plants that we raffle off at each meeting.

The club also needs people to help out with hospitality and clean up at the meetings. I will put out a sign up sheet on the sign-in table for this. We are not looking for someone to do this at every meeting, but we are asking you to pick one meeting to come in at 8:00am to help with set up of coffee and munchies or to stay after the meeting to help clean up after the meeting. Please consider contributing some time to help make our meetings a success.

-Paul

FROM THE REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

At the recent AHS Convention in Minneapolis Region 4 members were presented with thirteen AHS awards. Hearty congratulations to all the recipients!

•Region 4 Regional Service Award – Melanie Mason, Buskirk, New York

•Region 4 David Hall Award for 1st Place in the Region 4 Daylily Popularity Poll – Phil Reilly, now of Enterprise, Florida

•Mildred Schlumpf Award (Best Slide of a Landscape) – Christine Petersen, Northport, New York

•2007 Georgia Doubles Award – H. 'Judy's Penthouse Double,' hybridized by Bob Schwarz, East Hampton, New York

•Four Region 4 Writers won AHS awards for Regional Newsletter Articles:

•Best Article on Electronics or New Technology: "Power Point Pointers: From Observations" – Bob Schwarz, East Hampton, New York (Region 2 Spring/Summer Newsletter 2006)

•Best Article on Daylily Culture: "Daylily Q & A" – Sue Bergeron, Almonte, Ontario (Reg 4 Newsletter, Fall 2006/Winter 2007)

•Best Article on a Non-Listed Topic: "Tips for Selecting New Daylily Introductions" – Gary Jones, Woodstock, CT (Reg 4 Newsletter, Fall 2006/Winter 2007)

•Best Article on AHS Historical Data: "The New England Daylily Society: A Reminiscence of its People & Places" – Don Marvin, Mattapoissett, MA (Reg.4 Newsletter, Spring/Summer 2006)

•Five Region 4 Daylilies won Honorable Mention Certificates:

★ 'Early and Often' - Mike Huben, Arlington, MA

★ 'Reyna' – John Peat, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

★ 'Rainbow Towers' - Bob Schwarz, East Hampton, NY

★ 'Mister Bubbles' - Mimi Schwarz, East Hampton, NY

★ 'Autumn Minaret' – Stout

-Gary Jones

FROM THE TREASURER

The August 2007 NEDS bargain tables and live auction featured some amazing values! Nevertheless, we grossed about \$4600. Many thanks to new auction chairman Harold Cross, to our intrepid auctioneer Mike Huben, and to all of the donors and bidders, the clerks and runners, and everyone else who helped make this a successful day.

-Jocelyn Spragg, Treasurer

FROM THE AUGUST AUCTION CHAIR

I would just like to give a great big thank you to all that helped out on the Annual Fall Auction. From those who donated plants, helped with set up & clean up, the clerks, the runners, the buyers, and the auctioneer (AKA: Mike Huben) your help was very much appreciated. NEDS could not be the great club it is without the ongoing support and participation of its many members. Although some great bargains were to be found both on the tables and on the auction block, I am very pleased that the auction was still very much a successful fund raising event.

THANK YOU and
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

-Harold Cross

WORDS FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR

A new season is beginning and the promises of new and exciting speakers for the club are about to be made!!! We have secured the talents of Bob Faulkner of patterned eyed breeding fame, for the October meeting. Bob has a fascinating program that awed the Can Am audience last year. He had the Stamiles quite interested in his work to the point that they sought him out to speak with him regarding his program. He really has some amazing stuff to see that is northern hardy as well, as he hails from Ohio.

I am also working on getting a couple more "northern" hybridizers in to speak, but thought I would try to get the new kid on the block down in Enterprise, Florida, Guy Pierce, to come up and speak about the program at Floyd Cove(Stamile's garden) as he is there working now as a hybridizer. Guy has agreed to come up and is very excited about the opportunity and promises to bring some great plants to auction!

November's meeting will be our own hybridizers efforts display. If everyone interested in this please be so kind as to contact me in advance so I may put you into a slot on the schedule. I am hoping to have something typed for that day so that it will be well organized. I will put together a schedule and email it to all concerned and give one chance for a revision, the week before the exhibit. I hope this works for all concerned. Anyone wishing to volunteer to organize this event is invited to contact me.

December we will have a wonderful clinic with Gus Guzinski, speaking on plant problems and habits. Gus is

well known on the "cold climate" robins and is highly respected for his knowledge in these areas.

I am also currently working with a professional photographer to come in and give a clinic on digital photography and an overall clinic in taking better pictures.

As you can see, your suggestions have kept me busy and I want you to keep them coming as that is what keeps this club so vital and so well attended. I thank you for all the helpful suggestions as it makes my job easier and I look forward to another productive and truly enjoyable year!

-Pat Wessling

OCTOBER SOUPS ON

As we end the gardening season and start up NEDS meetings, it is once again time for Soups On. Soups On is a soups and stews pot luck (also with desserts, breads, beverages, and maybe a salad or two). Please contact me at either 603-275-0488 or ownedbycats@comcast.net with what you are bringing or if you need suggestions. There will be a \$10 charge for those who do not bring anything. And remember, the field station does not have stoves/microwaves/refrigerators. See you there. ☺

-Kim Walters, Soups On Chair

INTERNATIONAL SEED BANK

Americans and Canadians, please send me your seeds!! Earlier this year, I took over from Gisela Meckstroth as International Membership Chair and now I look after this seed bank. If YOU have ANY extra seeds and don't have room to plant them, I would LOVE to receive them on behalf of the seed bank. Hanne

and Karl Rupp of Germany are my contacts for the co-ordination of requests and distribution of seeds for European members but I do receive requests directly from other International members.

As far as I know at the current time, you will have no difficulty in sending seeds to me in Canada for this project. No phyto or paperwork is required, just a customs sticker from your post office where you write "seeds - no commercial value". (If any of you have different or more info, please share it.) It is SO easy for you fellow Canadian members - just put the packages, envelopes, Ziplocs, whatever in a padded envelope and send to me. This year I've spent a lot of time making crosses specifically for the seed bank because this bank is almost flat broke. To those few who have already sent seeds to me, our sincere thanks! I hope the recipients will be sending along their notes of thanks to you personally.

Please fill my mailbox! Many thanks in advance,

Maureen Strong
48 Lakeshore Drive
Stoney Creek Ontario L8E 5C7
Canada

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE NEXT NEDS BULLETIN EDITOR?

NEDS is looking for a new Bulletin Editor. Please email me at leslienolan@hotmail.com and I will send you the job description and answer any questions.

-Leslie Nolan

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 and I will assist you.

-Leslie Nolan

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 and I will be glad to make the change.

• If any member would prefer to have the bulletin mailed to you, please send \$5.00, made out to New England Daylily Society and mail it to the following address:

Leslie Nolan, 155 Ogden Ave., Warwick, RI 02889. If anyone wishes to be removed from future e-mailings, please email me at leslienolan@hotmail.com.

-Leslie Nolan

AUGIE KRUPIEN, 1916-2007

I received a call from a club member yesterday who had been notified by Augie Krupien's family that he had passed away. This was somewhat of a surprise to me. While Augie's health had been failing recently, he seemed to be on the upswing when I saw him about two weeks ago.

He had fallen in March and developed complications while in the hospital. I don't think they ever figured out what was actually wrong with him. Augie thought that it was his liver.

I feel like I should be conveying something profound at a time like this, but the words are not there. I feel a deep sense of loss.

Augie was 91 and lived a full life. He had never married and lived alone in a house in Bethany, CT. He had a real passion for hybridizing and introduced several very nice daylilies, including Big George, Roguish Imp, Ruffled Vintage Burgundy, and Late Summer Fling. I will be registering another one for which Augie signed the papers a few weeks ago called "It's Unique" as soon as I verify the stats from another club member. It is a yellow-orange broken color Tet. No two blooms ever look the same. Augie had picked the name a few months ago.

His Big George won the Region 4 clump award at the recent Regional meeting here in CT, and he was obviously proud of this. When I went

to see him in his small room at the Rehab facility, I brought a poster board that club members had made up which showed some of his intros as well as images of him working in the garden. He asked that I leave it, as I am sure it took him back to a happier time. He had told me several times how it was so difficult having a mind which still worked well but a body that was slowly giving out.

He would travel to other clubs' meetings in previous years when doing so was not so onerous for him, and I know he had many friends in LIDS, particularly John Stahl, of whom he spoke fondly.

Augie was a quiet unassuming man, who never had a bad word to say about anyone. We would have lunch a couple of times a year and chat about all aspects of daylilies. I truly enjoyed his company and will miss him.

-Richard Howard

Editor's Note: Taken from AHS Robin post on August 7, 2007. August Krupien passed away August 6, 2007 at the age of 91.

DOOR PRIZE PLANTS FOR OCTOBER 6, 2007

DISTANT THUNDER (Shooter, E.'02) Dip 32" M-RE 6.25" Dormant -Blue-purple, silvery blue watermark, edged in white. **Value: \$32**



Thanks to the Shooter's for use of photo.

SPIDER WALK (Shooter, E.'02) Tet 33" E-M-RE 9" Dormant - Dark black-red spider-like, large yellow-green center. **Value: \$100**



Thanks to the Shooter's for use of photo.

TOPGUNS RUFFLED SNOW-FLAKE (Scott,R.'99) Dip 24" M-RE 6" Dormant- Near-white with a pink overcast and a green throat. **Value: \$30**



Thanks to Bob Scott for use of photo.

-Elaine & Carl Wickstrom, Door Prize Chairs

FUTURE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

NEDS Programs for 2007

Oct 6	Bob Faulkner, Ohio patterned daylily hybridizer and 'Soups On'
Nov 10	NEDS Hybridizer Presentations
Dec 8	Gus Guzinski, "Quality and Problems in Daylilies"

FROM THE EXHIBITION CHAIR

Most of us have heard the term "location, location, location." What a difference 'location' makes! Our 2007 NEDS Daylily Exhibition was by far our most successful.

After years of struggling with the aging facilities in Waltham, our venue changed to Tower Hill Botanic Gardens in Boylston. The weather was perfect, the site incredible, our member participation good (240 scapes), and our show attendance (the reason we sponsor the exhibition) was well over 1,000, compared to only about 100 last year.

Top Award Winners

Member	Purple	Blue	Red	Yellow
Ellen Laprise	4	9	5	1
The Hubbles	1	7	5	4
Cameron Stern	3	6		3
Michael Sczerzen	1	6		2
The Ruuskas	1	5	4	2
Jocelyn Spragg	2	4	1	
Jim Brennan	1	3	5	1
Peggy Corbeil		3	5	4
Denise Pavlovich	3	3		
Leslie Nolan	1	2	3	2
Barbara Provest	1	2	3	1
Lori Ann Jones	1	2		2
Christine Surette		2		4
Sandra Schaidler	2	2		
Adele Keohan	1	2	1	

AHS Rosette Winners

Member	Section	Variety
Denise Pavlovich	Best in Show	Swiss Diplomat
Denise Pavlovich	Best Large	Swiss Diplomat
Leslie Nolan	Best Extra Large	Ram
Jocelyn Spragg	Best Small	Siloam David Kirchhoff
Barbara Provest	Best Double	Little Carnation
Ellen Laprise	Best Spider	Grey Witch
Ellen Laprise	Best Unusual Form	Spider Miracle
Cameron Stern	Best Youth	Bertie Ferris
Lori Ann Jones	Best Seedling	03-372

Congratulations to all.

Thanks to all who helped make our Exhibition such a success, and a special thank you to Lori Ann Jones and her husband, Dan, for the beautiful pictures documenting the event from start to finish.

But most of all, thank you to Joan Dahl for her insistence on moving our Exhibition to Tower Hill. The change has lifted our show to a whole new level.

Dan Pessoni
Exhibition Chair

EXHIBITION AND PROGRAMS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

Our first daylily exhibition and special programs, held at Tower Hill, were a great success. I'd like to thank those individuals who graciously agreed to participate in the programs held while the exhibition judging was being done.

Thanks to Bob King for his informative talk and slide show on hybridizing daylilies. He did a great job, and the audience asked many questions.

Thanks Sandra Schaidler for the PowerPoint presentation on seed starting daylilies. She included pictures of three seeds from a single seedpod showing how different a single cross results in such different daylilies. Those in the audience had many questions and seemed to enjoy it very much.

Thank you to my friend Debbie Peters who passed out the handouts to the audience.

The membership table, manned by Paul & Lisa Bourret, was successful in recruiting two new AHS members. The new members are Maureen Cowie and Denna Dow. Great Job!

A final thank you goes to Jocelyn Spragg, for donating daylilies for the raffle. With Jocelyn's donation and mine we were able to give free daylilies to the two new members and raffled off the rest.

The winners of the free AHS memberships are Joanne Geneva and Preston Tong (youth membership). Welcome and hope to see you at our next meeting.

-Denise Pavlovich

2007 NEDS EXHIBITION

There were many beautiful daylily blooms to view during this summer's NEDS sponsored daylily exhibition, which was held on July 21st at the scenic Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, Massachusetts. Open year round, and governed by the Worcester County Horticultural Society, a nonprofit organization, the site at Tower Hill boasts: a theatre; a library of over 8,000 titles including horticultural publications over the past 500 years; classrooms; garden shop and café; a Great Hall and an exhibition gallery. The indoor spaces at Tower Hill were put to very good use by NEDS judges, exhibitors, AHS members--- and the general public who seemed very eager to view the award-winning scapes as well as all other blooms which were on display during this exhibition.



photo by Adele Keohan

I should not neglect to mention the gardens at Tower Hill as well. Visitors were free to tour the Cottage and Vegetable Gardens, the Wildlife Garden—where a vernal pool serves to attract butterflies, bats and birds, as well as a garden called the “Systematic Garden” where I had the pleasure of eating lunch during the time when the exhibition judges were examining all entries and determining the winning scapes. This “Systematic Garden” is designed to educate visitors as to the different plant families in the plant kingdom. In this Italianate-style garden, 26 distinct plant families are well represented and the arrangements are enhanced by structures such as fountains and statuary.



Barbara Provest, photo by Adele Keohan

The daylily exhibitors, including myself, prepared scapes in an 18th century style greenhouse called the “Orangerie”. During the winter, the Orangerie’s 4,000 square foot area is used for the display of specimen plants for the purposes of enjoyment and education. Inside this well sun-lit structure, scapes and blooms were carefully prepped for judging time. Any brown on the scape, including scars left by past blooms, needed to be removed to reveal the green beneath. I noticed some exhibitors using a razor blade to remove bud scars and other brown blemishes, but I found myself less deft with this tool than the others were. Another exhibitor, Mary Hubbell, kindly suggested I try a craft knife instead. Luckily, I had brought one with me, and I found the craft knife easier for me to maneuver than the razor blade. I had left my home with 6 scapes to show but only 4 made it to judging due to mishaps! Some other exhibitor’s tables were crowded with buckets containing the many scapes they had brought to be entered. Peggy Corbeil, another exhibitor, brought so many scapes that I wondered if she’d be able to groom them by the 11am entry deadline! Ever helpful, Mary and Chuck Hubbell offered to aid Peggy with her scape grooming.



Alisson Nolan grooming her scape of H. “Coal Miner”, photo by Lisa Bourret

The green display vases and cultivar tags were easily accessible to all, as well as answers to any of our questions thanks to Exhibition Chair Dan Pessoni who was circulating among the exhibitors. After my 4 scapes had been entered, I walked around with my camera to take pictures of--as well as chat with-- other exhibitors. I met two youth exhibitors readying their scapes for judging-- Alisson Nolan and Cameron Stern. Alisson, with mom Leslie Nolan, was finishing up her grooming of scapes, and dissecting a discarded scape. She quickly informed me that all parts of a daylily are edible. I introduced myself to Cameron Stern and his parents, and asked Cameron to single out his favorite cultivar among those he had brought to exhibit. He indicated a small bloom covered in reddish speckles aptly named 'Sprinkled With Paprika' (Holley).



Cameron Stern, photo by Nancy Stern

Gradually, all groomed scapes were brought into the judging room, and cultivar registration was checked by the Classification Chair, Dorothy Campbell. Placement Chair Lisa Bourret, along with other NEDS members, positioned each scape alphabetically within the proper division on the long tables in the judging room. For example, doubles were judged alongside other doubles, large flowers were compared and judged against other large flowers, etc. Several of us were ushered out of the judging room so that deliberation could get underway.

During the wait to see which blooms would take home awards, there were several programs produced and designed by Denise Pavlovich and presented in Tower Hill's theatre. The first presentation was entitled "Daylilies Through The Ages". Denise Pavlovich's PowerPoint presentation included photos and information regarding the early species daylilies, the modern hybrids, and some of the newest cultivars available today as well as photos of the last 20 Stout Silver Medal winners. Her program was informative and the photos were stunning. After Denise's presentation, I stayed for a brief demonstration and presentation by Bob King on "Hybridizing Daylilies". As someone who's new to hybridizing, I wanted to make sure I wasn't missing any vital information. Luckily, I learned that I was on the right track and hadn't been skipping any vital steps in the hybridization process.

The next program was a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Daylilies From Seed". Sandra Schaidler provided a handout containing pictures and text covering the development of a daylily seed from pod to germination. She also offered information regarding the treatment of seeds to increase germination and finally, planting your seedlings outdoors.

Following Sandra's presentation was a "how-to" demonstration on dividing a daylily clump, something of which I feel quite capable, so I decided to leave the theatre and eat my sandwich in the Systematic Garden, at a bench beneath a small citrus tree.

At 1pm, a crowd of people were milling about waiting for the doors of the judging room to open and for the winning scapes to be placed on pedestals. Shortly thereafter, the doors did open, and folks were asked to make way for the judges coming through the crowd carrying the winning scapes. I circled the display of winning scapes and looked for the names of people I knew or had just met. Of course, I looked for my name as well!

I saw that Denise Pavlovich had won a best in show for her scape of 'Swiss Diplomat' (Reilly), Leslie Nolan had taken a best in the large flower division with 'Ram' (Whatley), and Cameron Stern had won a best youth award for 'Bertie Ferris' (Winniford). I hurried into the judging room to see if I had won an award. After I located my 4 blooms, I was very excited to learn that I had won a purple ribbon for my scape of 'Siloam Space Age' (Henry)! I honestly had very little to do in the way of grooming to prepare this scape for

judging---I think that only one bud scar needed to be removed. Still, I was very proud of myself, and my head started spinning with thoughts of entering future exhibitions! There were so many gorgeous blooms displayed during this exhibition and I enjoyed looking at each of them. I noticed that Cameron Stern had also won a purple ribbon for his 'Sprinkled With Paprika'(Holley).



Denise Pavlovich, photo by Dan Jones

For anyone who is the least bit nervous to enter a scape which will be judged, I suggest you start slowly and bring some pretty blooms for off-scape viewing. These blooms won't be judged. Instead, they are displayed for purposes of enjoyment. At this exhibition, there

were under ten flowers displayed off-scape, though the table could have displayed many more if exhibitors had brought one or two each. I loved looking at so many cultivars which seemed very happy to grow here in New England! By the end of the exhibition, I had quite a few names on my cultivar wish list.



photo by Lisa Bourret

Those attending the NEDS daylily exhibition at Tower Hill, whether as exhibitors or as members of the general public, were presented with informative, entertaining and educational programs, and given an excellent opportunity to meet others who share similar interests. I am looking forward to the next daylily exhibition---whenever that may be--- the opportunity to learn more about the hobby I love, and the pleasure of networking with wonderful people who share a love of daylilies as well as gardening in general. Look out for the next exhibition and mark it down on your calendar. It is not to be missed!

-Adele Keohan

2008 ANNUAL A.H.S. DIGITAL PHOTO CONTEST

Last years Photo Contest had me doing all of this during the Holiday Season. Hopefully no one will mind the change and I would appreciate everyone's effort to get me your Digital Images no later than **November 10, 2007**. The Digital Photo Contest will not be run until 2008, but at least if I choose to travel to visit family over the Holidays, I will not be worried that I will not finish in time if it is decided to run the Contest in January. In the past, the Contest was run in February, so there was not a problem but due to the availability of speakers, last year we had to change to January and I do not know the status for this coming year. The participation last year was phenomenal with around 400 digital images and I am looking for the same participation for this contest as well.

We will again be voting for **1st**, **2nd**, and **3rd** place.

Thank you for all of your patience and good luck to everyone!

Lori-Ann Jones

2008 ANNUAL A.H.S. DIGITAL PHOTO CONTEST

CATEGORIES:

1. **Single Flower:** Named & Introduced Variety
2. **Landscape:** Flowering Daylilies Predominating
3. **Clump:** Named & Introduced Variety, View of Entire Plant
4. **Seedling:** Seedling not Named or Introduced Variety
5. **Cluster:** Named & Introduced Variety, 2 or More Flowers
6. **Daylilies & Companions:** Show off your flowering daylilies in the garden with companion plants
7. **Daylily People:** Photos showing the people in our daylily lives, hybridizers with cultivars, people at meetings, garden tours, in the greenhouse, 2007 National Convention or Regional Convention

I would prefer all contestants to send me a disc if they can. It makes it so much easier for me to download into the Category Files in my computer.

My address is: Lori-Ann Jones, 216 Belanger Road, Southampton, MA 01073-9399

My phone number is: 413-533-5622

When you send a disc, please include **your phone number** so that I may call you if I encounter any difficulty and your **e-mail address** so that I can notify you that your photos have been received and entered in the contest.

If you must send me your photos over the internet, all photos are to be sent **one at a time** to: knollcottage@yahoo.com

The subject line for the email must read: **NEDS 2008 Digital Photo Contest.**

Category/name of entrant/variety name or number has to be included with each e-mail photo attachment. Example: Category 1, Lori Jones, SPIDERMAN.

PHOTO RULES:

The dimensional size of the photo should be no larger than 3.5 MB in JPEG format.

The photo should not be written on nor should the photo be framed.

The same daylily (taken at different angles) or landscape picture as is or cropped cannot be entered in more than one category.

Maximum of 3 digital photos for each category

Everything must be received no later than **November 10, 2007**.

Please copy and list your entries for each category below and sent it along with your disc to me.

\$25 prize will be awarded for best in each category

The purpose of the contest is to improve the photographic abilities of the members and not to choose the best variety. Qualities to keep in mind when selecting entries and in judging are: Correct Exposure; Color Harmony; Sharpness of Focus; Absence of Distraction; Composition.

Editors Note: The 2008 Digital Photography Contest is scheduled for the February 2008 meeting.

YOUR NAME _____

CATEGORY 1: Single Hem (Registered Var.)

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

CATEGORY 3: Clump (Entire Plant)

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

CATEGORY 5: Cluster (2+Flowers)

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

CATEGORY 7: Daylily People

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

CATEGORY 2: Landscape

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

CATEGORY 4: Seedling (Single, or clump)
Unregistered

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

CATEGORY 6: Daylilies & Companions

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

SEEING DAYLILY NO-SEE-UMS

Thrips? Oh, you can't see them.... That was the response from professional nursery folks and fellow gardeners this summer when I asked if thrips could be the tiny, black insects causing all kinds of damage to my daylilies. Thanks to numerous articles and comments on websites I have learned more than I could ever want to know about thrips and, yes, you CAN see them, and you say "thrips" whether you are referring to one or many.

Looking like the upper part of a small exclamation mark, a thrips can be found in the crevices and recesses of various plant parts. It could be one of several species associated with daylilies. The two common ones are *Frankliniella tritici* (the flower thrips) and *F. hemerocallis* (the daylily thrips). These insects scrape through the surface of plant tissue to feed on sugary fluids.



photo by Sandra Schaidler

Buds can become deformed and develop scabby lesions and can even yellow and fall prematurely.



photo by Sandra Schaidler

When damaged buds open the flowers show splotchy, creamy white areas where pigmented cells have been affected. Other parts of daylilies can also be affected. Scapes can be marred with brown lesions caused by the rasping activity of thrips, and foliage can become stippled with puncture wounds and be left vulnerable to diseases such as leaf streak.



photo by Sandra Schaidler

The pod on which this thrips was discovered appears damaged and underdeveloped measuring just under 1/2 inch across.



photo by Sandra Schaidler

This thrips and others I saw seemed content to remain in the same place for extended periods of time, but I could prompt them to crawl by touching them with something and by exposing them to bright sunlight. However, when provoked too much they flew elsewhere.

From photographs and diagrams on the Web I learned thrips possess double sets of fringed wings. I also read that these insects can be inadvertently brought into the home and be difficult to eliminate--and they can bite. In fact, while I was outside considering daylilies for the NEDS exhibition and feeling dismayed at all the damage done by thrips I suddenly felt a sting on my hand. Quickly I looked down to see a thrips that immediately disappeared before my eyes. Talk about adding insult to injury! Next year, it's Neem.

-Sandra Schaidler

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The Member Spotlight for October shines on Sallyann King. Sallyann gardens in Bolton, Massachusetts.



Sally in front of her wall garden, photo by Bruce King

Sallyann King

Bolton, Mass. has been home to Bruce and I for the last 36 years. When we moved here there was only the occasional car traveling on route 495. We used to laugh and say, "There goes another family heading to Maine for the summer!" Well, I think we have planted or dug a daylily for every one of those families we watched traveling to Maine over the past 36 years. Our gardens are busy and full just like route 495.

Bruce's main hobby is amateur radio (WICSM). I also have my radio license and my call is W1GDW. My main hobby however, is gardening. Bruce shares this hobby with me. We have 4 married children and 9 grand children who are a delight to us. Eight of them are boys! Needless to say we attend many sporting events. Several have interest in gardening. A few walk through on or over the plants and a few help edge and weed. Lannae, our grand daughter likes zinnias. Zinnias are nice flowers I tell her and have some planted to show her my support. Violets on the other hand were my first flowers of choice. I picked them in my neighbor's yard and sold little bunches of them to several neighbors for five cents each. I was about Lannae's age at the time, six.

One day when I was looking at my friend's grandmother's garden, I asked how she had different flowers blooming each time I came by. She told me that flowers had different blooming times and that was a great revelation to me. I thought that was so neat and went home to reveal this wonderful new knowledge to my parents. I have always remembered how I was mentored and as a teacher, mother and grandmother mentor children whenever I have the chance.



Some people don't know enough to come in out of the rain! Photo by Bruce King.

When I was a young teenager, I raised gladioli with the help of my dad. We spent hours picking out bulbs. Some of those bulbs cost one dollar each! That was very expensive. We had fantastic flowers, which I sold to my grandmother and great aunts who placed them at the cemetery. It worked well. They had their flowers and I had money to buy more bulbs. Raising daylilies seems to work the same way.

My first daylily was purchased from Fern Pilly who lived in Oregon. I ordered all evergreen plants. Fern didn't think that was the best choice for my money and promptly sent it back with a note suggesting that I

reorder dormant plants. My son John, in the meantime, built a three-sided fence and some raised boxes. When the daylilies arrived he urged me to get them planted and that was the beginning of my daylily journey. He has rebuilt the fence three times.

One of the things I like to do is garden in the rain. I find it very peaceful. Bruce has often called out to me from the house and said, "Some people just don't have enough sense to come in out of the rain!"

In 1995 we became an official display garden. We have sold plants from the garden for 17 years and are looking forward to next year's blooming and selling season. We have met many nice people, including all of you and made many lasting friends through gardening.

One of my favorite flowers is Gerry Deschenes' H. Claire Margaret Deschenes. I find that H. Round Table, H. Barbara Mitchell, H. Segramoor (red), H. Summer Wind, and H. Lady Tiger never disappoint me.

I have introduced one plant, H. Barbara Bush, registered in 2006



H. Barbara Bush, photo by Bruce King

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