

NEDS Bulletin

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Meeting Agenda for November 14, 2009

- 8:00** Set- up for hospitality (volunteers needed to help)
- 9:00** Board meeting
- 9:30** Social time (Food donations from members, last names M-Z)
- 10:00** Morning program:
Guest speaker: Margo Reed/ Jim Murphy
- 12:00** Lunch break : SOUPS ON
- 1:00** Business meeting, drawing for door prize plants
- 1:30** Afternoon program: Guest Speaker—Jim Murphy/Margo Reed
- 3:30** Clean- up (volunteers needed to help)

Upcoming meetings and activities:

- Dec. 12:** NEDS Photo Contest
- Jan. 9** NEDS Hybridizers Presentations
- Feb. 13** Daylily Bingo
- Mar. 13** Guest speakers: Willet and Douglas
- Apr. 10** Guest speaker: Paul Owen / Potluck luncheon
- May 8** Members plant sale and auction
- July TBD** NEDS Exhibition

All meetings held at Tower Hill Botanic Garden
11 French Hill, Boylston, Mass

See <http://www.towerhillbg.org> for directions

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Notes from the President

I hope everyone made it to the last meeting, Sandy and Mike Holmes gave great presentations. If your taste runs toward the unusual forms – Sandy’s plants are for you, while Mike tends toward round bagel types. I was very happy to get Waltzing Flamingoes. I just have to make sure I don’t plant it too close to the cat garden, or HAPPY KITTEN will be very happy indeed.

Sandra Schaider has resigned from the executive board. We’ll miss her, she had some great ideas. I’m sure she will continue to contribute to NEDS in many other ways. Pat Wessling has agreed to join the board.

This month’s meeting is one I have been looking forward to. Beside our Soups On (please let me know what you will be bringing – a quick email is fine), our speakers are Margo Reed and Jim Murphy. I grow quite a few of Margo’s and really can’t wait to see what she has been working on.

It’s almost time to renew your AHS membership. Membership runs from January to December, so check the label of your last journal to see when your membership expires. Garden Judges, don’t forget to renew. You can lose your judgeship if your membership expires. Also remember judges serve a 5 year term. My term is expiring this year, so I’m busy filling out the renewal form I got from the AHS website. Once I finished it – off it goes to Mel Campbell, our regional president.

Once again, the national is early this year. Once again my husband and I are driving there. We will spend some time at Universal Studio (maybe a quick stop in Mecca), and some time on the beach in the panhandle before we make our way to Georgia. They are having a special drawing of daylily collections if you get your registration in early. I can’t wait to see the Eller (of duck fame) garden. I’m also looking forward to heading back to upstate NY for our regional in July.

My yard still needs its last mowing, and I still have some garden clean up that I haven’t gotten to. I did get some weedblock cloth that I want to put down to kill the grass before the snow arrives. I’m going to extend the rows from 3 to 4 deep, up and down the driveway. Everything is covered in fallen leaves, I’m just happy the snow flakes didn’t stick.

While some may say I’m a little ahead of the season, when TSO is in town, it’s Christmas (ok it’s 11-15 at the Verizon in Manchester). This will be the 6 or 7th time I’ve seen them in concert and they just get better. I was able to preorder their new 2 album CD when I got the tickets during their fan club sale. On the release day, I got an email with the link to download the album and the .pdf of the story. Night Castle is not a Christmas album like many of their others; it is similar to Beethoven’s Last Night. I’ve been listening to it constantly.

It was time to rearrange the bedroom. We moved one of our 5 book cases (I think I’ll get the new nook – so I can put some of my many books in the attic) into the bedroom. That meant we could also move the cat tree from the computer room into our bedroom (they were using it to get on top of the bookcases). It was a mess. I must have vacuumed enough hair to make 5 more cats off that tree. Rocket was unfazed. Wherever that tree was – he was going to be on top, even when I was vacuuming the base.

--Kim

2009 DAYLILY EUREKAS

2009 Daylily Eureka’s have been ordered for NEDS, CDS, and Southern Maine. If you have not signed up for one, and would like to reserve one (or more), please send me a message at jocelyn99s@verizon.net. The pickup price will be \$30.03 – this is \$1.43 more than last year, BUT – a saving of \$12.87 over individually ordered Eureka’s.

I don’t know yet what the price will be to have me send one to you – it will depend on weight and shipping costs. Will get that info into the newsletter as soon as I do know. But, go ahead and sign up and let me know that you will want it sent to you.

Secretary’s Report – October 17th, 2009

Board Meeting

The board meeting convened at 9:30 with only Adele Keohan absent. The board discussed the following items not presented at the business meeting.

1. The board and the photo contest chair agreed to clarify the word “named” wherever it appears in write-up such as the photo contest rules.

- “Named” is ambiguous and will be changed to “registered” .
- The results of the August sale were discussed. Jocelyn told us that the auction part did about as well as the average of the last few years, but the bargain sale returns fell way off. All felt that it was because non-NEDS attendance was very low. Possible reasons for this were the late change in date, inadequate publicity since THBG considered the sale a private sale and did no publicity, and the location which charges \$10 to get in the door for non-NEDS people. Suggestions were to split the sale and do the bargain part along with the THBG sale after Labor Day (paying THBG a percentage of the sale), or to consider another location. Alternatively, NEDS could wait another year, after the 2010 August sale, and then make a decision. The board did not make a decision, but opted to discuss it again.
 - The subject of plant names in error was discussed in the context of sales, and it was suggested that in addition to the information required on the tag, the name of the person donating also be added. This would allow the purchaser to contact the donator if there was an error.

4. Program

Mike and Sandy Holmes were the speakers for the meeting. Sandy spoke in the morning about the beginnings of their farm and her program in large spiders and UFs, and Mike spoke in the afternoon about his program of round and eyed cultivars. They generously gave several 2010 introductions to auction off.

Business Meeting

The short business meeting was presided over by the President, Kim Walters. There were 65 members present.

The following items were discussed:

- The board appointed Pat Wessling to the board to replace Sandra Schaider. Thanks Sandra for all your work for NEDS
- The board appointed Gary Jones to fill the chair of the Society Row/Tower Hill Committee recently vacated by the relocation of Joan Dahl to Florida. Thanks Joan for all your work for NEDS.
- Jocelyn Spragg will be taking orders for the new Eureka at the November meeting.

- The next meeting is the “Soup’s On” meeting. Please email Kim (ownedbycats@comcast.net) with what you are bringing.
- Door prize plant winners were:

GERTRUDE’S MELODY	Bobbi Nicosia
SHARKEY’S REVENGE	Dan Pessoni
TANGERINE TWIST	Liam McKensie

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

For the soups on:

It’s fall - so time to warm up with our ‘Soups-On’. Soups and stews are the stars, but we always have room for salads. And don’t forget the desserts (chocolate fixes everything). There are still no refrigerators or microwaves at Tower Hill. Crockpots should be plugged in the back kitchenish area. Remember, it is a \$10 charge if you don’t bring anything. Questions or need idea’s of what to bring - call Kim at 603-275-0488 or email ownedbycats@comcast.net

-- Kim Walters

November Door Prize Plants:



WHITE CHOCOLATE (Margo Reed 2009) 36” M 7” dor.dip.ext. Unusual form – cascade. This very white bloom is consistent and high-performing. It has the strength from RADIANT MOONBEAM, and the

grace and narrowness from SKINWALKER. It is 3-way branched, with about 22 buds. The bloom has good substance and is slightly ruffled. Easily pod and pollen fertile.



REVENGE (Jim Murphy 2009) 41" ML 7" Dor Dip Cascade Unusual Form, ext., extremely clear-colored lavender bitone with purple veins on hot days. This bloom is wide open on 50F mornings and sunfast at 100F. It starts blooming ML and blooms for over a month until mid to late August here. It has a lemon throat, with green heart, cream edge, and cream midribs. Two Branches, 16 buds, Fragrant. My third intro from MARGO REED INDEED by NORTH WIND DANCER, joining PANAMA PINK and CRUISE CONTROL. It makes its place in the garden with steady, consistent performance in all weather. Fertile, limited.



MAHUKONA (Mahieu 2003) 36" Tall, 8.5" Blooms. 5 way branching, 42 bud count. Dormant, Diploid, Nocturnal, Extended Bloom, Blooms Midseason. Fragrant. Unusual Form Spatulate. Pod and pollen fertile. Diamond-Dusted, Ruffled, Creped, Pink Melon and Gold Polychrome above a Gold to Chartreuse Throat.

Member Spotlight

From the editor: Many thanks to all NEDS folks who have graciously agreed to write something about themselves, both in past bulletins and for the future. If you would like to share a bit about yourself and your gardening/daylily interests, please contact me. Deb Carpenter

This month the spotlight is on Les Turner from New Durham, NH, owner of Merrymeeting Daylilies.



Les and Wonder of it All-Carr (2005) Fans sold for \$100/ fan in 2007. Les's "Goldmine Plant"

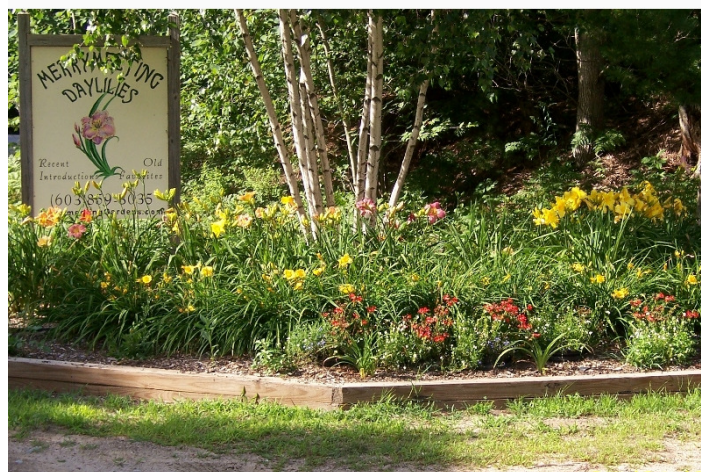
My interest in daylilies grew out of a (long?) lifetime of gardening experience. My parents grew substantial vegetable gardens and they also raised chickens and ducks to assist with feeding our family. Much canning and storing of root crops for the winters. In the 1930s and 40's folks were more concerned with food crops than ornamentals, but I did have an aunt who raised mums so I got a chance to help with her perennial flower gardening. (Her division of mums utilized an ax.). Of course those were REAL hardy mums, not the pretty but prissy modern mums. Digression alert!

After 4 years in the US Navy and another 4 attending college, I began to get serious about life, got married, got another degree, sired our first child (of four), bought our first house (of 10) and at every house renovated old gardens or built new ones. Our family grew very fast, 3 kids in the first 4 years of our

marriage (did I mention serious?) and a rapid succession of jobs, teaching English, (3 years), Guidance Director (1 Year), Assistant Registrar at Umass-2 years, Registrar at UNH (8 years), University Registrar at Univ. of Oregon, 2 years and then a venture into business for 8 years and then back to educational administration as Dean of Academics at what is now Lakes Region Community and Technical College. This brief history is by way of explaining the excessive number of homes owned and gardens built but also that along the way I compiled a zillion hours of trial-and-error gardening.

I took an early retirement in 1990 shortly ahead of a coming restructuring of the Vocational College system that eliminated half of the deans and presidents, but at a mere 57, needed to keep busy and supplement my income. So, consistent with my lifelong habit of plunging into new and untested possibilities, I leased a former produce stand in New Durham, took a couple of courses at Thompson School, put up a new 100' greenhouse for growing tomatoes, found suppliers of wholesale produce, and annual flowers and perennials, and went into business. I rapidly learned a lot about growing and selling fresh veggies and ornamental plants, and soon moved the sales mix to mostly plants and less produce. At that site also I planted 200 feet of garden "border" to make the site more attractive, and used daylilies extensively.

At that time my personal daylily inventory of DLs was lots of clump divisions of Dark Star and Hyperion, originally acquired from a gardening friend many years before. But now with a vast inventory of newly-acquired DLs from wholesalers, the possibilities were endless so the "borders" became display beds for daylilies and I was astounded at the results. I was HOOKED. I was a hemaholic! Only one cure available-buy more hems. When the lease expired, I bought land on Route 11, moved the greenhouse, added more, gave up selling produce, built a 500' sq. ft. daylily display bed with a few lesser perennials for company, and featured an extensive array of daylilies, shade plants and nursery-grown native wildflowers.



Merrymeeting Daylilies sign and garden at entrance

Meanwhile, at my home I was rapidly collecting DLs from other hemaholics and doing a bit of DL hybridizing all while converting a former gravel mine (really) into daylily beds. (Dear spouse had enough of moving and encouraged me onto this path.) By this time my youngest daughter had amassed experience working at other garden centers and mine also and she agreed to take over my garden center and allow me to concentrate on my addiction. So Merrymeeting Daylilies came to life and now includes about 700 cultivars, ranging from the earliest registered hybrid daylily to a few 2009's and an increasing number of carefully selected hardy DLs. To support my habit, I sell as many DLs as I can, give away hundreds to garden clubs and church fund-raisers, etc. The center of New Durham (also known as the center of the universe) sports my gardens at the general store, the library, the Town Hall, the school and the post office and most recently, the Food Pantry. (The fire station is all pavement so has escaped my blessing.)

Early on I wearied of the slow pace of hybridizing in the north and the methodology, (call me casual) but retain a few simple crosses, prefaced by "Merrymeeting" as garden names. I have no registrations. My collection leans toward large, open-faced DLs, thus has a lot of Reilly's and Stamiles and others. I have a nearly-complete collection of Valente's, lacking only five of his intros-10 counting the newest 5 introduced by 5acrefarm. From this point new acquisitions will be mostly spiders and unusual forms from northern hybridizers.

ANNUAL NEDS DIGITAL PHOTO CONTEST

The Contest will take place at the December 2009 NEDS Meeting.

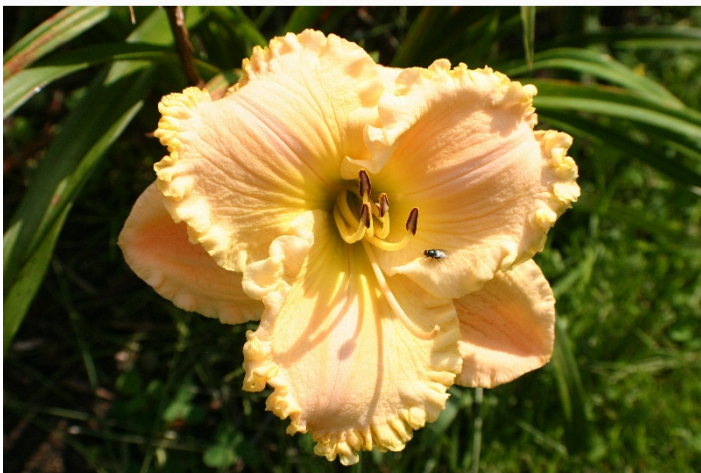
CATEGORIES:

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, Single, Multiple or Clump.
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, 2008 National Convention or Regional Convention



Castle Camelot on double-double day

Being in New England during the Fall for the first time in 7 years is a real pleasure. Our retired-life pattern has been to bolt to warmer places by Mid-October, ostensibly for my wife's comfort (chronic and worsening breathing problems) but this year a combination of other pressing concerns is holding us here till December. I am very contented with the change since too many loose ends were left to others to manage and the slow-down of the season feels very natural and satisfying. I hope to get enough transplanting and organizing accomplished that I can take more time next summer to travel to other hemaholically afflicted folks to see and maybe collect some of their intros and favorites.



H. Fat Albert-lush white/pink by Phil Reilly. NEDS guest plant for auction 2010

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.

Please mail to: Lisa Bourret, 11 Keepaway Lane, West Newfield, ME 04095.
Phone: 207-793-4521.

If you send me your photos over the internet, all photos are to be sent one at a time to: nedsphotocontest@gmail.com. Please include your name and category in the subject line.

The subject line for the email must read: **NEDS 2010 Digital Photo Contest.**

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

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 21, 2009.**

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

YOUR NAME _____

CATEGORY 1: Single Hem (Registered Var.)

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

CATEGORY 2: Landscape

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

CATEGORY 3: Clump (Entire Plant)

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

CATEGORY 4: Seedling (Single, or clump)

Unregistered

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

CATEGORY 5: Cluster (2+Flowers)

CATEGORY 6: Daylilies & Companions

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

CATEGORY 7: Daylily People

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

\$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.

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