

# New England Daylily Society Of The American Hemerocallis Society

**NEDS Bulletin**

Debbie Carpenter, Editor

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Suburban Experiment Station  
240 Beaver St., Waltham, MA



## **Agenda for Next Meeting December 8, 2007**

- 9:00am** Set up time (volunteers are welcome)/Board Meeting
- 9:30am** Social Time (Donations of food items from members with last names A –N)
- 10:00am** Morning program : NEDS hybridizer Charmaine Rich
- 12:00pm** Lunch break
- 1:00pm** Business meeting, including a drawing of door prize plants (Candle in the Wind, Topguns Anita Causey, Vina S. Simmons)
- 1:30pm** Guest Speaker: Gus Guzinski : Quality and Problems in Daylilies
- 3:30pm** Clean-up time (volunteers are welcome)

### *UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE*

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

12/08/07, 01/12/08, 02/09/08, 03/08/08, 04/12/08, 05/10/08(Plant Sale), 07/18/08--07/20/08 (Regional in Nashua)



## Hospitality for Next Meeting

Members whose last names begin with letters **A through N** please bring something to share at the food table. Those who have volunteered to come in early and stay late are:

**Set-up:** Sue Russell

**Clean up:** Bob Sobek

Please see the volunteer sign-up sheet next to the attendance sheet when you come to meetings.

**We are in need of someone for the morning set-up and someone for the afternoon clean up for the Jan. 12 meeting.**

Special thanks to those who bring food and those who help Larry with the food tables to make our meetings so enjoyable.

successful event. A lot of members have already stepped up to help and I know that the rest of the membership will do so when the time comes. Thanks again to Kim for taking the reigns on this. She is doing a great job focusing everyone on his or her tasks.

This past meeting was an interesting insight into the hybridizing that is going on within our club. It is great to see what new and experienced hybridizers are working on and what they have coming up for introduction. This sharing of experience is what we are all about.

I hope to see you all at the December meeting. If not, then please have a terrific Christmas.

-Paul

## FROM THE SECRETARY

**Secretary's Report –  
November 10th, 2007**

## Board Meeting

The board meeting convened at 9:30 with Leila Cross, Carl Harmon, and Jocelyn Spragg absent. The board discussed the following items that were not covered at the general meeting.

1. A proposed questionnaire concerning membership opinion of the current meeting location was discussed. Changes to the questionnaire were suggested but no action was taken.
2. Positions to be elected in December of 2008. On even number years, at the annual business meeting, the officers and the executive board members are elected for a two-year term. In odd

numbered years, the president appoints a nominating committee chair and the members elect two nominating committee members. This committee works throughout the following year to provide a slate for election at the annual business meeting in December of that year. The president has appointed Dan Pessoni as the nominating committee chair. If any members are interested in being on this committee please contact Dan. The membership will elect the committee members at the December meeting.

3. The 2009 meeting schedule was discussed and the board voted to leave the meeting day the second Saturday of the month regardless of whether that fell on a three-day weekend.
4. The board voted to add an announcement of the board meeting to the monthly newsletter.
5. The president announced that Paul Tarmasewicz had withdrawn from the door prize plant program leaving Lisa Bourret to be the sole garden to grow these plants.
6. Action Items – President to ask the treasurer when she will present the treasurer's report and 2008 budget.

## Program Highlights

Dan Pessoni presented the July exhibition awards to members who were present.

The day was spent looking at pictures of seedlings presented by local hybridizers. The following showed us their work: Leslie Nolan, Darlyn Wilkinson, Curt Turner,

## FROM THE PRESIDENT Words from the President

Winter looks like it is going to come in boldly this year as opposed to the way it snuck in the back door last year. I think this is a good thing, as the plants will go to bed when they should. Last year there were a few trying to come up in late December like kids trying to catch a peak at Santa on Christmas Eve.

Planning is underway for the Region 4 meeting that we are hosting in July. A few of us took a tour of the Radisson hotel in Nashua where we will be hosting the event. The club has a lot of work ahead of it between now and July 18 and we will need support of all the members to make this a

Lori-Ann Jones, Sandra Schaidler, Susan Stowe, Bob Sobek, Mike Huben and Peggy Corbeil. I'm sure that the pictures of the beautiful seedlings and future intros inspired many to do a little hybridizing in their own gardens next summer.

### **Business Meeting**

The business meeting was presided over by the President, Paul Bourret. There were 47 members present.

The following items were covered at the business meeting:

1. The president asked all veterans to stand and thanked them for their service to our country.
2. He also thanked all the hybridizers who shared their pictures, and all members who continually volunteer to help with the hospitality efforts.
3. The president re-emphasized the need for members to volunteer to help with hospitality. Larry Jones is at every single meeting starting at 7:30 to open up the facility and start the coffee, and after every meeting to close up and lock the building. We thank him very much for all his effort. However, we as members need to pitch in and help each month starting at 8AM and after the meeting to clean up. There will be a sign-up sheet at each meeting requesting volunteers for the following meeting. Please help out.
4. Gary Jones spoke to the members about the new **Region 4 Hybridizers Award** and the list of region 4 hybridizers who are eligible for the new award. This list is kept on the Region 4 website and he asked all NEDS hybridizers to check this list

and make sure that they are on it.

5. The following door prizes were awarded:
  - MARIETTA DREAMER – Alton Hambly
  - CATHERINE W. JONES – Mary Hubbell
  - TOPGUNS HELEN JONES – Larry Jones

-Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Campbell, Secretary

### **2008 EUREKAS**

The 2008 Daylily Eureka's have arrived and will be available at the December 8 NEDS meeting. Pickup price is \$27.25. If you'd like to have a Eureka sent to you, send a self-addressed mailing label and a check for \$31.85 made out to NEDS, Inc., to Jocelyn Spragg, 99 Whitcomb Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.  
[jspragg@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:jspragg@hms.harvard.edu)  
Jocelyn's phone is 617-522-0979

### **2008 REGIONAL**

As many of you have heard, I'm the new Chair for the 2008 Regional. We are hard at work finalizing the details. All the open garden slots have been filled. A lot of positions have been filled, but there is always room for more volunteers. Please see me at any of the meetings or email me with suggestions or to volunteer .

[ownedbycats@comcast.net](mailto:ownedbycats@comcast.net)

-Kim Walters



## **2009 Region 4 Regional Meeting - Buffalo, NY**

By Pam Hoffman, Guest Plant Coordinator

### **Attention all Region 4**

**Hybridizers.** We need to showcase the hybridizers in our Region. So, we are reaching out to you. We need your registered daylilies for our Tour Gardens where we will have them prominently displayed and labeled, along with our own group of local hybridizers.

We also need your seedlings for the Stanley Saxton Seedling Award Bed. Please contact me for more details.

We want to get them into the gardens early spring 2008 for maximum WOW factor in 2009... so this is your heads up message.

We also plan on a slide/PowerPoint presentation presenting our very own Region 4 hybridizers, from someone who may have registered many daylilies, to someone who only has seedlings so far. If you have many or a few, please contribute some images to display. So plan ahead! Start taking those photos this summer.

*All backyard hybridizers warmly welcomed.*

Anyone who can send plants or wants more details; please contact Pam Hoffman at [pamhoff@roadrunner.com](mailto:pamhoff@roadrunner.com) or 716-655-9223.

*(Editor's note: We'll repeat this notice in the spring to remind everyone, but wanted to give a heads-up now.)*

## DOOR PRIZE PLANTS FOR Dec 8



**VINA S. SIMMONS** (Shooter, J'01) Dip 26" M-RE-Dor 7"  
Large cream with chartreuse center, ruffled. Value: \$45  
(photo courtesy of Marietta Gardens)



**CANDLE IN THE WIND** (Shooter, E'01) Dip 25" M-RE-Dor 6.5"  
Cream yellow variant, lime green throat, sepals twist. Value: \$32 (photo courtesy of Marietta Gardens)



**TOPGUNS ANITA CAUSEY** (Scott, R'04) Tet 28" M-RE-Sev 5.75"  
Yellow double with burgundy eye and edge above yellow-green throat. Value: \$125 (photo courtesy of Topguns Daylilies)

Carl and Elaine Wickstrom  
Door Prize Chairs

## FROM THE BABYSITTING CHAIR

--Carl Harmon

The Babysitting Plant Drawing will be held at the January Meeting.

I have neither approved nor been notified of two babysitting winners intentions. Bob Warren and Marilyn Donnelly need to contact me ASAP or your 2007 babysitting plants will be voided and an extra plant(s) will be drawn in January.

If you are an active member of NEDS, defined as being an AHS member and having attended at least 3 NEDS meetings in 2007 you are eligible to enter for the drawing to be able to purchase a babysitting plant and the club will reimburse you up to \$100. You grow the plant for 3 years and then return the entire plant for auction, held at the August NEDS auction. Before you make your purchase you need to get approval from the babysitting chairman to confirm no one else has already purchased the same plant and for a brief discussion on likely hardiness.

So please either email Carl Harmon at [harmonhill25@comcast.net](mailto:harmonhill25@comcast.net) or complete the form included here and either give it to me at the Dec or Jan meeting or mail to me at 49 Ledge Road Hudson NH 03051. There will be up to 10 winners.

### ENTRY FOR BABYSITTING PLANT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MAILED or EMAILED ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 12th. SEND TO:

Carl Harmon 49 Ledge Road Hudson NH 03051 or email [harmonhill25@comcast.net](mailto:harmonhill25@comcast.net) or call 603 880-6228

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Cameron Stern, 15 years old,  
from Hollis, New Hampshire**

I'm a sophomore at Hollis-Brookline High School in Hollis, NH. I moved to Hollis a few months ago from Williston, Vermont where I grew up. I first became interested in daylilies in the summer of 2005 when I spent time at my aunt's house in Braintree, VT. She is starting her own daylily business and she showed me how to hybridize daylilies. I started collecting pollen from her plants and storing the vials of pollen in our freezer at home so I could use it on the plants we already had at home. After that, I wanted to buy daylilies everywhere we went. When I went back to school in the fall I had to start my 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Challenge, which was a year-long project on any topic, and I chose daylily hybridizing. My aunt was my mentor.



*With my aunt Ellen Shephard*

I got my first seeds from my aunt and from Chris Darrow at Olallie's. My aunt told him about my school project and when we went there to buy daylilies, he took me to collect seeds from his early-

blooming plants. I ended up with about 300 seeds from Chris, and a few hundred seeds from my own mixes. I planted as many as I could and grew them under grow lights in my basement during the winter. I ended up with about 200 seedlings. I was able to plant my best seedlings in a temporary raised bed in my backyard. When we got ready to sell our house I moved the seedlings to a seedling bed at my aunt's house.

I did really well on my 8th Grade Challenge at school, and one of my teachers asked me to present my project to the School Board. I also planted some of my seedlings in the perennial garden in front of the school. I hope they didn't end up with a prize-winning hybrid!



*Presenting to the schoolboard*

When I started my project, I joined AHS and NEDS, and got a lot of my first plants at the NEDS sale and auction. We also visited many gardens that summer, including Cross View, Harmon Hill, Olallie's and Seawright's. I couldn't stop buying daylilies – there were so many that I liked. Since I knew we were moving, my aunt let me clear out an area in her yard for my new plants. And we dug up all the plants from our yard and brought them to her house. All of our daylilies are still planted there. I now have over 200 plants and about 200 seedlings. A few of my seedlings had flowers last summer and I'm hoping that the rest

of them will have flowers this summer.

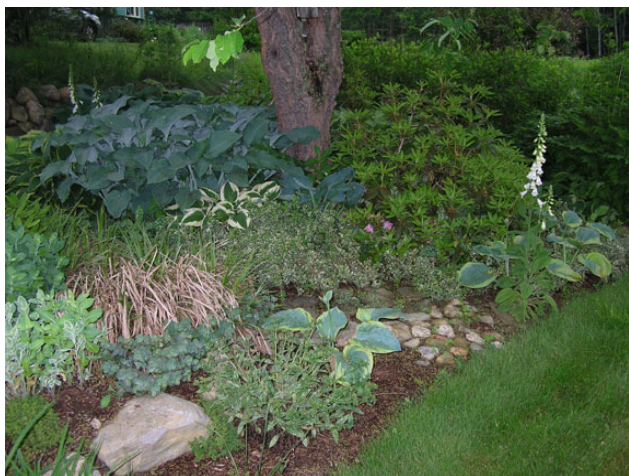


*Planting seedlings with my uncle's dog*

My favorite daylily is Sprinkled With Paprika from Gold Coast Daylilies in California. It was a purple ribbon winner at the Daylily Exhibition last summer. Stippled daylilies are my favorite and I hope I can hybridize more of them. I also really like daylilies with very small flowers, such as Cricket. A really small stippled daylily would be cool! And if it were blue, it would be even better! I've got a new batch of seeds to plant this winter. And next summer I'll be moving my plants from my aunt's house in Vermont to our new house in New Hampshire. I hope they do well in their new home.

I want to thank all of the NEDS members who have generously given me plants and seeds to get me started in hybridizing. Thanks to Carl Harmon for letting me work at his gardens, and also, thanks to everyone for all your time and advice. I hope I have a daylily business of my own someday.

## FROM THE BULLETIN EDITOR



Since I'm usually kind of quiet and a lot of people don't know me yet, I decided to introduce myself. My husband Jim and I have 3 grown children: 2 married girls and one son still single, no grandkids (yet). We live in a small, rural town called Deering, near Hillsboro, NH and have been here since Oct 1989. Before that, we lived in Hudson, NH, very near Carl and Marlene, but that was BD. (Before Daylilies) and didn't know them then.

Flower gardening was always something my mom and Memere did, but I didn't have a great interest or time when the kids were really young as I was teaching and earning my Masters at night. Even then, we grew a few vegetables and herbs. After moving out here, there was plenty of room and as the kids grew-- more time to make flower gardens.

In 2004, I retired from Nashua High. For most of 30 years, I taught general biology, but for the last ten I taught anatomy, zoology, and horticulture. Nashua High North has an indoor greenhouse classroom, which became my domain by default, as the only hort teacher. It was fun to teach city kids how to transplant, maintain and propagate plants. Some were afraid to get their hands dirty and had never planted a seed or used a spade. Eventually, our "Plant Doctors" helped care for plants in all the classrooms and offices at the high school.

As time passed, I became more interested in flora and less in fauna. Also, I became less happy with the 2-hours of commuting each day and wanted to spend more time in my gardens at home in spring and fall. It was time to find a new occupation. I'm more than happy with my decision to retire early. Finally had the time to become a UNH Master Gardener and I really enjoy my volunteer activities with them .

In 2005, Judy Avery introduced me to modern daylilies. She invited me to a garden tour in the Lakes region of NH. That was really a revelation, since I'd grown only plain yellow, orange and red daylilies in my perennial gardens for years. Wow! I'd never seen daylilies so fancy and so different. I fell in love with pinks and purples. It was all downhill from there as I sank into true addiction. Being a flower lover already, it didn't take long to become fascinated with the many faces of *Hemerocallis*. I agree with someone who said at NEDS that he's never met a daylily he didn't like.

Judy then invited me to join her at a meeting in Waltham where I would meet others with my affliction. What a wealth of knowledge I found here! There's so much to learn and so many here are willing to share their experiences and expertise.



Since then, I have really gone nuts and more than doubled my garden beds to make room for just a "*few more*"; spend way too much time on the computer perusing daylily websites; and even started a small selling garden to help justify new purchases. I've done some pollinating for fun, but not seriously keeping records or deciding on goals. For now, just enjoying the fruits of the experts' labor is fine with me.

Jim and I are looking forward to welcoming you all to our open garden next July. We're about 50 minutes from Nashua, a bit out of the way, but all the roads that lead here are paved !

The **Member Spotlight** feature is a way to share your story with other members. Don't be shy. You don't have to be an expert or a hybridizer to share what you love about our favorite plant and gardening in general.

--Deb Carpenter

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## DAYLILY INTERNET WEBSITE LISTINGS

Check out the NEW website for NEDS at [www.nedaylily.org](http://www.nedaylily.org) Past bulletins are posted on the website.

**Region 4 Home Page:** Tom Rood has been working on changes to the Region #4 web site. Our new Region #4 domain address is [www.ahsregion4.org](http://www.ahsregion4.org). Please advise RVP Gary Jones of any necessary corrections or additions at: [jonesg@mindspring.org](mailto:jonesg@mindspring.org).

Please consult the Region 4 home page for details on any of the region's various club events and activities.

## AHS WWW Home Page

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

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## Have you sent in your renewal for 2008 yet?

**Membership:** Membership in NEDS is complementary to membership in the AHS. There are no additional NED's dues and the e-mail bulletin is included. SO....

**Join the AHS and keep your membership current.** Membership in AHS is by calendar year – Jan-Dec.

**Membership Renewal is due by January 1<sup>st</sup>**

each year. Individual dues are \$25 year, or \$70/ 3 years. Family membership (2 persons) is \$30, or \$83 for 3 years. Life membership: \$500. Youth membership: \$10.

*Payment must be made to AHS Executive Secretary. Pat Mercer P.O. Box 10, Dexter, GA 31019*

## FUTURE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### NED's programs for 2007

Dec 8 Morning program: NEDS hybridizer- Charmaine Rich  
Afternoon program: Guest speaker— Gus Guzinski: Quality and Problems in Daylilies

### NEDS Programs for 2008

Jan. 12 Guest Speaker: Guy Pierce from Floyd Cove Nursery  
Feb 9 Digital Photography Contest coordinated by Lori-Ann Jones

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