

# New England Daylily Society Daylily Exhibition

Saturday, July 11th, 2026

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill  
11 French Drive, Boylston, MA

Our upcoming exhibition is on **July 11<sup>th</sup>**, and we need lots of people to participate. We **especially need volunteers so please sign up today or e-mail Lis Murphy at [Lis.Murphy@outlook.com](mailto:Lis.Murphy@outlook.com)** (please note the new email address)

If you have never taken part in a daylily exhibition, it's a time for our members to show the public the wide variety of sizes, shapes, colors and patterns of the modern daylily. I'm sure you have heard many times the comment "I did not know that daylilies are coming in other colors than orange and yellow" So, it's time to educate the public about daylilies, sign up new members to the ADS and NEDS, and to see what plants others are growing and add them to your wish list. This is also a great opportunity for hybridizers to exhibit their new cultivars.

## ***We need your entries!!***

**Please make the time to exhibit at least 2 or 3 scapes.** It's easier than you think, and it only takes 1 scape to win Best in Show. You can also submit "off-scape" flower blooms. This requires little time in grooming and the public will get to see cutting edge daylilies. We hope you will try your hand at grooming, but if you do not want to groom your scapes you can put your entries in the Display Only section. The success of our exhibition depends on members getting involved. Remember, you can exhibit current or older daylilies. We look forward to seeing everyone there! **If you have any questions, you can contact Lis Murphy, Exhibition Chair, at [Lis.Murphy@outlook.com](mailto:Lis.Murphy@outlook.com) or Nancy Stern at [sternnancy@aol.com](mailto:sternnancy@aol.com).**

## ***Upon Arrival***

If you are bringing scapes to display, you can arrive anytime starting at 7:30 am. Drive past the "do not enter" sign to the rear of the building. You can park briefly to unload your car and then move your car to the main parking lot. Please stop at the front desk to check in and get an admission sticker. If you are not exhibiting, selling, or volunteering at the show you will be charged regular admission to Tower Hill. **This year we will not be able to groom the scapes in the Orangerie, because this area is under construction. We will use the covered area in front of the Servery and the area in the NW Link – before the Classroom A/B / exhibition hall where the daylily sale will take place afterwards. The daylily sale will start after all cultivars have been entered in the show.** In both places you will find the vases and hangtags for display. If you have any questions about how to groom your daylilies, there will be others there to help answer your questions. After grooming your scapes, fill out a hangtag with your name, address, name of cultivar, and Division number – Division I is for on-scape daylilies and Division II is for off-scape daylilies. **Your scapes need to be in Classroom A/B by 10:30 am at the very latest for classification and placement.**

If anyone has a daylily that was introduced by a New England hybridizer and wants to enter it in that category let the classification volunteers know so it can be placed correctly. This category cannot win Best in Show but can win the New England Daylily Award.

**If you will be bringing scapes to the show** and have not yet signed up, please respond to Lis Murphy so your name can be added to the list of exhibitors, vendors, and volunteers for Tower Hill.

## ***Judging of Scapes***

Judging will begin promptly at 11:00 am. Clerks should arrive by 10:30 am. **Note: Clerks can exhibit scapes and are encouraged to do so.**

## ***Friday, July 10th Set-up***

**We NEED two volunteers**

Vases will need to be unpacked and filled 1/3 full of water and placed on carts for use by daylily exhibitors the following morning. With a couple of people helping, this work should only take about an hour. Tower Hill will set up the tables for us. **Please email Lis Murphy at [Lis.Murphy@outlook.com](mailto:Lis.Murphy@outlook.com) if you can help.**

## ***Daylily Sales and Membership Table***

**We NEED volunteers to help at the Membership Table**

Membership Table: We need one or two people to man the membership table for a couple of hours to explain the benefits of joining the daylily society and sign up anyone wanting to join. Please email Lis Murphy at [Lis.Murphy@outlook.com](mailto:Lis.Murphy@outlook.com) if you can help.

Daylily Sales - A reminder to those selling their daylilies: NEDS gets 20% of your gross sales.

## ***Agenda for the Day***

<b>7:30 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Grooming of scapes in the assigned areas – see above</b>
<b>8:30 am – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Classification and Placement of Entries</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Clerks assemble in Classroom A/B</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Judging begins in Classroom A/B</b>
<b>11:00 am – 12:00 noon</b>	<b>Presentation by Susan Stowe in the Southeast Link</b>
	<b>Title: Daylilies 101</b>
<b>11:00 am – 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Membership and Information Table open in the Northwest Link</b>
<b>11:00 am – 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Daylily Sales Tables open in the Northwest Link</b>
<b>12:30 pm – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Demonstration of Dividing a Daylily In the Southeast Link</b>
<b>1:30 pm – 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Daylily Exhibition open to the public in Classroom A/B</b>
<b>3:30 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Cleanup – We need volunteers to empty and pack up vases – please take home daylily scapes from the exhibition <b>after all hangtags and awards have been collected.</b> The exhibition chair needs the tags for reports and will return them to the participant at the next NEDS meeting.</b>

## TIPS FOR ENTERING THE EXHIBITION

### Selecting Flowers

- Take a walk around your garden a few days before the show to see what may be opening on show day
- Select scapes with little or no insect damage on buds or scapes
- Look for even budding and branching
- Look for strong scapes that are straight and close to registered height
- Scapes that will require extensive grooming to correct problems should be left in the garden
- To prevent water spotting on blooms, avoid overhead watering the night before
- Decide how many scapes you want to bring and how to transport them to the show; don't select more daylilies than you can groom in time to enter them in the show

### Making a grooming kit:

These are items that you'll want to put together ahead of time and bring to the show to groom your scapes:

- Band-Aids to protect your thumb when making cuts on your scape
- Small scissors to trim brown from bracts
- Exacto knife to trim scapes
- Pen for filling out entry hangtags
- Stick-on address labels to make filling out the hangtags faster
- Q-tips to clean off pollen or little insects from scapes and blooms

### Grooming tips:

- The idea is to make everything look green
- Freshen up or trim off bud scars where previous blooms have been, using an Exacto knife or small scissors
- Trim to a point any brown on bracts
- Remove seedpods and spent blooms
- Remove buds or other open flowers that distract from the best blooms on a scape, or touch another bloom
- Clean off pollen that has fallen onto the petals and sepals with a Q-tip
- Do not remove any anthers
- Nothing below the vase lip is judged so don't waste time grooming there
- If you can do any of your grooming before arriving at the show it will save time

## GENERAL SHOW RULES

1. Exhibition is open to all daylily growers. Horticultural entries must have been grown, groomed and entered by the exhibitor(s). Entries may not be entered by anyone not at the same physical address as the owner/grower of the daylily. (Exhibitors may not ask anyone to enter their flowers for them).
2. Only AHS members are eligible to win AHS rosettes and other society sponsored awards. However, they may be new members who join at show.
3. All entries will be received (checked by Classification Committee) between the hours of 07:30 am and 10:30 am. Late entries arriving after 10:30 am (acknowledged by Classification Committee) may be entered **FOR DISPLAY ONLY and will not be judged. Entries will not be placed in the display area after 11:00 am.** No entry may be removed before 3:30 pm. Exhibits not removed by 4:00 pm will be discarded. Ribbons and awards, if not claimed at this time, will be made available at a later date upon request.
4. Uniform containers and official AHS entry tags will be furnished by the *New England Daylily Society*.
5. **Only members of the Placement Committee are permitted to place entries in the display area.**
6. Judging will begin promptly at 11:00 am. Only Judges, Clerks, General Show Chair, Judges' Chair, Classification Chair and the Photographer will be allowed in the exhibition area during judging.
7. Show officials and the *New England Daylily Society* will exercise all precautions for protecting exhibits but neither they *nor the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill* will be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.